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## ARCHAISMS AND PROVINCIALISMS.

## JAC

- J**A. A tenon for a mortise. *West*.
- J**ABBER. To talk nonsense. *Var. dial.*
- J**ABELL. A term of contempt, more usually applied to a woman than to a man.
- J**ACE. A kind of fringe. *Deron.*
- J**ACK. (1) A figure outside old public clocks made to strike the bell. It was also called Jack of the Clock, or Clock-house. Till a very recent period, the clock of St. Dunstan's church was furnished with two of these jacks. Dekker gives the phrase to a company of sharpers. See his *Lanthorne and Candle-Light*, ed. 1620, sig. G. "Strike, like Jack o' th' clock-house, never but in season." *Sturges Floating Island*, sig. B. ii. *Jacks*, the chimes, *Hallaush. Gloss.* p. 53.
- (2) A coat of mail; a defensive upper garment quilted with stout leather. The term was more latterly applied to a kind of buff jerkin worn by soldiers; and a sort of jacket, worn by women, was also so termed. See *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 41; *Collier's Old Ballads*, p. 7. *To be upon their jacks*, i. e. to have the advantage over an enemy.
- (3) A whit. *Somerset.*
- (4) Half, or a quarter of a pint. *North.* Perhaps from *Black-Jack*, q. v. It also has the same meaning as black-jack, as in the *Troubles of Queene Elizabeth*, 1639, sig. C. ii.
- (5) To beat. *Craven.*
- (6) The knave of cards. *North.*
- (7) The male of an animal. *West.*
- (8) A farthing. An old cant term.
- (9) A kind of water-engine, turned by hand, used in mines. *Staff.*
- (10) An ape. Hence, a young coxcomb; a sly crafty fellow; a man of any description.
- (11) *Jack-at-a-pinch*, a sudden unexpected call to do anything. Also, a poor parson. *Jack-at-warts*, a little conceited fellow. *Jack of the wad*, an ignis fatuus. *Jack in the basket*, a sort of woollen cap or basket on the top of a pole to mark a sand-bank, &c. *Jack in the box*, an irreverent name for the Sacrament. *Jack with the lanthorn*, an ignis fatuus. *Jack of all trades*, one who has a smattering know-

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- ledge of all crafts. *Jack by the hedge*, the herb sauce-alone. See Gerard, p. 650. *Jack of long legs*, the summer fly generally called daddy-long-legs. *Every Jack-rag of them*, every person in the party. *Jack in office*, an insolent fellow in authority. *Jack nasty face*, a common sailor. *Jack of Dover*, some article mentioned in the *Canterbury Tales* as having been sold by the cook, but its precise nature has not been ascertained. *Jack-in-the-green*, a man inside a small house made of flowers and evergreens, who carries it in the procession of the sweeps on May-day morning.
- J**ACK-ADAMS. A fool. *Var. dial.*
- J**ACK-A-DANDY. A pert smart little impertinent fellow. *North.*
- J**ACK-A-LEGS. A large clasp knife. Also, a tall long-legged man. *North.*
- J**ACK-A-LENTS. Stuffed puppets which used to be thrown at during Lent. See *Cleveland's Poems*, 1660, p. 64. It is a term of reproach in various instances, as in the *Bride*, by Nabbes, *Itto. Lond.* 1640, sig. G. ii. In the West of England the name is still retained for a scarecrow, sometimes called *jacomite*.
- J**ACK-AN-APES. An ape. See *Fletcher's Poems*, p. 190. Now used for a coxcomb.
- J**ACK-A-NODS. A simple fellow. *North.*
- J**ACK-BAKER. A kind of owl. *South.*
- J**ACK-BARREL. A minnow. *Warw.*
- J**ACK-BOOTS. Large boots coming above the knees, worn by fishermen. *Var. dial.*
- J**ACK-DRUM. See *Drum* (3), and *Topsell's Historie of Serpents*, 1608, p. 262.
- J**ACKED. Spavined. A *jacked* horse.
- J**ACKET. A doublet. Sometimes, the upper tunic; any kind of outer coat.
- J**ACKEY. English gin. *Var. dial.*
- J**ACK-HERN. A heron. *I. Wight.*
- J**ACK-IN-BOX. A sharper who cheated tradesmen by substituting empty boxes for similar looking ones full of money. *Dekker.*
- J**ACK-LAG-KNIFE. A claspd knife. *Glouc.*
- J**ACK-MAN. (1) A cream-cheese. *West.*
- (2) A person who made counterfeit licenses, &c. *Fraternity of Vacabondes*, p. 4.

**JACK-NICKER.** A goldfinch. *Chesh.*  
**JACK-PLANE.** A coarse plane. *North.*  
**JACK-PUDDING.** A buffoon attendant on a monthebank. See Jones's Elymas, 1682, p. 7; Brand's Pop. Antiq. i. 81.  
**JACK-ROBINSON.** *Before one could say Jack Robinson*, a saying to express a very short time, said to have originated from a very volatile gentleman of that appellation, who would call on his neighbours, and he gone before his name could be announced. The following lines "from an old play" are elsewhere given as the original phrase,—  
 A warke it ys as easie to be doone,  
 As tys to saye, *Jacke / robynson.*  
**JACK-ROLL.** The roller for winding the rope in a draw-well. *North.*  
**JACKS.** (1) The turnip fly. *Suffolk.*  
 (2) The servitors of the University.  
**JACK'S-ALIVE.** A game, played by passing round and twirling a match or lighted paper, and he in whose hand it dies, pays a forfeit. Moor mentions it, p. 238.  
**JACK-SAUCE.** An impudent fellow. It occurs in How to Choose a Good Wife, 1634.  
**JACK-SILARP.** A prickleback. Also called *Jack-Sharping*, and *Jack-Sharpnails*.  
**JACKSON.** A silly fellow. *East.*  
**JACK-SPRAT.** A dwarf. *Var. dial.*  
**JACK-SQUEALER.** The swift. *Salop.*  
**JACK-STRAW.** The black-cap. *Somerset.*  
**JACK-WEIGHT.** A fat man. *Var. dial.*  
**JACOBIN.** A grey friar.  
**JACOB'S-STAFF.** A mathematical instrument used for taking heights and distances.  
**JACOB'S-STONE.** A stone inclosed in the coronation chair, brought from Scotland by Edward I. where it was regarded with superstitious veneration. See Hentzner's Travels, p. 252; Heywood's Royall King, sig. A. iv.  
**JACOUNCE.** A jacinth. Skelton, ii. 18.  
**JACU.** The cry of the pheasant.  
**JADDER.** (1) Shaky; infirm. *East.*  
 2. A stone-cutter. *Glouc.*  
**JADY.** A term of reproach. *Shak.*  
**JAG.** (1) To carry hay, &c. *West.* As a subst. a parcel, or load. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) To trim a hedge, tree, &c. *North.* In old English, to cut or slash. "Jaggede hym thorowe," Morte Arthure, MS. Line. f. 75.  
**JAGE.** A violent motion. *Craven.*  
**JAGGEDE.** The fashion of jaggging garments has already been mentioned, in v. *Dagge.*  
 A jupone of Jerodync jaggede in schredcz.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 63.*  
**JAGGER.** One who works draught horses for hire. *North.*  
**JAGGING-IRON.** An instrument with teeth used in fashioning pastry. *Var. dial.*  
**JAGOUNCE.** The garnet stone. (*A.-N.*) See Ashmole's Theat. Chem. Brit. p. 224.  
**JAGS.** Rags and tatters. *North.*  
**JAGUE.** A ditch. *Somerset.*  
**JAISTER.** To swagger. *North.*  
**JAKES.** A privy. The term is applied in Devon

to any kind of filth or litter. *Jakes-farmer*, a person who cleaned out jakes.  
**JALITE.** Lively; sprightly. (*A.-N.*)  
**JALLOWES.** Jealousy. *Dekker.*  
**JAM.** To press, or squeeze. *Var. dial.*  
**JAMB.** The upright side of window, door, chimney, &c.; any upright distinct mass of masonry in a building or quarry.  
**JAMBALLS.** Rolls made of sweet bread.  
**JAMBEUX.** Armour for the legs. (*A.-N.*) *Jambler* in Gy of Warwike, p. 325, perhaps an error for *jambier*, which is the Anglo-Norman word. See Roquefort.  
**JAMBLEUE.** Gambolling. (*A.-N.*)  
**JAMMOCK.** A soft pulpy substance. Also, to beat, or squeeze. *East.*  
**JAMMY.** Short for James. *North.*  
**JAMS.** Wire shirt-buttons. *West.*  
**JAM'S-MASS.** St. James's day. *North.*  
**JAN.** John. *Var. dial.*  
**JANDERS.** The jaundice. *West.*  
**JANE.** A coin of Genoa; any small coin. See Tyrwhitt, iv. 284.  
**JANGELERS.** Talkative persons. Sometimes minstrels were so termed. (*A.-N.*) The verb *jangle*, to prate, is still in use.  
**JANGLE.** To rove about idly. *North.*  
**JANGLESOME.** Boisterous; noisy; quarrelsome. *Suffolk.*  
**JANNAK.** Fit; proper; good; fair and honourable; smart, or fine. *North.*  
**JANNOCKS.** Oaten bread made into hard and coarse large loaves. *North.*  
**JANT.** Cheerful; merry. *North.*  
 Where were dainty ducks and jant ones,  
 Wenches that could play the wantons.  
*Barnaby's Journal.*  
**JANTYL.** Gentle; polite. *Lydgate.*  
**JANUAYS.** The Genoese. Hornan, 1530.  
**JANYVERE.** January. (*A.-N.*)  
 And the fyrste monyth of the yere  
 Was clepyd aftur hym *Janyvere.*  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 140.*  
**JAPE.** To jest, mock, or cajole. (*A.-S.*) It is often used in an indelicate sense, similar to *game*. Also a substantive, a jest. *Japer*, a jester, or mocker. *Japerie*, buffoonery.  
 Notwithstandyng, she was wrothe, and said to the senysshalle, *jape ye with me?* *MS. Digby 185.*  
 Bot then in hert full gladdé was he,  
 And ron up and down in myrthe and *jape.*  
*Chron. Flodun. p. 122.*  
 Demosthenes his hondis onis putte  
 In a wommanis bosum *japynge*ly.  
*Decelev., MSS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 272.*  
**JAPE-WORTHY.** Ridiculous. *Chaucer.*  
**JAPING.** Copulation. *Palsgrave.*  
**JAR.** (1) Discord; anger. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) To tick, as a clock. *Shak.*  
 (3) A jar of oil is a vessel containing twenty gallons of it. *West.*  
**JARBLE.** To wet; to bemire. *North.*  
**JARCK.** A seal. An old cant term, mentioned in Frat. of Vacabondes, 1575. *Jarkemen* are given in a list of vagabonds in Harrison, p. 184; Dekker's Lanthorne and Candle-light.

- JARGLE. To make a jarring noise. Not peculiar to Hall's Satires, p. 99, as supposed by the editor. "Jargles now in yonder bush," England's Helicon, p. 46.
- JARME. To bawl, or cry. *Yorksh.*
- JARROCK. A kind of cork. *Minsheu.*
- JARSEY. A kind of wool which is spun into worsted. Also called *jarnsey*; properly, Jersey yarn. Bailey explains *jarsey*, the finest wool, separated from the rest by combing.
- JARWORM. An ngly insect peculiar to wet marshy places. *South.*
- JASEY. A bobwig. *Var. dial.*
- JATTER. To split, or shatter. *Suffolk.*
- JAUL. To scold or grumble. *North.*
- JAUM. The same as *Jamb*, q. v.
- JAUNCE. (1) To ride hard. (*A. N.*)  
(2) A jaunt. Romeo and Jul. ii. 5. 4to. ed.
- JAUNDERS. The jaundice. *Var. dial.* Jaunes. Reliq. Antiq. i. 51. *Jauuis*, Brockett.  
Envyus man may lyknyd be  
To the *jaunes*, the whyche ys a pyne  
That men mow se yn mennys ynw.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 27.*
- JAUP. To splash; to make a splashing noise; to strike; to chip or break by a sudden blow. *North.* See Brockett.
- JAUPEN. Large; spacious. *North.*
- JAVEL. (1) A gaol, or prison. *North.*  
(2) A worthless fellow. "The Lieutenant of the Tower advising Sir Thomas Moor to put on worse cloathis at his execution, gives this reason, because he that is to have them is but a *javel*; to which Sir Thomas replied, shall I count him a *javel* who is to doe me so great a benefit." MS. Lansd. 1033. *Javelyn*, Hall, Henry VI. f. 77. See Digby Mysteries, p. 20.
- JAVVER. Idle silly talk. *North.*
- JAVVLE. To contend; to wrangle. *Yorksh.*
- JAW. (1) A jest. *Lanc.*  
(2) Coarse idle language. *Var. dial.*
- JAWDEWYNE. A term of reproach, here applied to a Lollard.  
Thow *jawdewyne*, thou jangler, how stande this togider?  
By verré contradiccoun thou concludist thi-ill.  
*MS. Digby 41, f. 11.*
- JAWDIE. The stomach of cattle. *North.*
- JAWLED-OUT. Excessively fatigued. *Sussex.*
- JAWMERS. Stones used for the jams or jawms of a window.
- JAY. A loose woman. *Shak.*
- JAYKLE! An exclamation, or oath. *Devon.*
- JAYLARDE. A jailor. Chron. Vilodun. p. 82.
- JAYPIE. The jay. *Cornw.*
- JAZZUP. A donkey. *Linc.*
- JEALOUS. Fearful; suspicious; alarmed. A common sense of the word in old plays, and still in use in some counties. "Before the rain came, I *jealoused* the turnips," i. e. was alarmed for them.
- JEAN. Genoa. See Strutt, ii. 71.
- JEANT. A giant. Other MSS. *journey*.  
What, seyde the erle, yf thys be done,  
Thou getyst anodur *jeant* sone.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 65.*
- JED. Dead. *Warw.*
- JED-COCK. The jack-snipe. Arch. xiii. 343.
- JEE. Crooked; awry. Also, to turn, or move to one side. *North.*
- JEEPS. A severe beating. *North.*
- JEFFERY'S-DAY. St. Jeffery's day, i. e. never.
- JEGGE. A gigot or leg of mutton.
- JEGGLE. To be very restless. *North.*
- JELLIING. Jovial. *Craven.*
- JELL. A large quantity. *Warw.*
- JELU. Gay. "Be thi wimpil nevere so *jelu*," MS. Cott. Cleop. C. vi.
- JEMEWDE. Joined with hinges.
- JEMMY. A great coat. *Var. dial.*
- JEMMY-BURTY. An ignis fatuus. *Cambr.*
- JEMMY-JESSAMY. A fop, or dandy.
- JENK. To jaunt; to ramble. *North.*
- JENKIN. A diminutive of *John*.
- JENKIT. A Devonshire dish, made partly of milk and cinnamon.
- JENNETS. A species of fur. See Test. Vetust. p. 658; Strutt, ii. 102.
- JENNY-BALK. A small beam near the roof of a house. *North.*
- JENNY-COAT. A child's bed-gown. *West.*
- JENNY-CRONE. A crane. *North.*
- JENNY-CRUDLE. A wren. *South.* More commonly called a jenny-wren.
- JENNY-HOOKER. An owl. *North.* It is also called a jenny-howlet.
- JENNY-QUICK. An Italian iron. *Devon.*
- JENNY-TIT. Parus cœruleus. *Suffolk.*
- JENTERY. Good breeding; gentility.  
And specially in youth gentilmen ben taught  
To swere gret othis, they sey for *jentery*:  
Every boy wenyth it be annex to curtesy.  
*MS. Laud. 416, f. 39.*
- JEObERTIE. Jeopardy. *Harrington.*
- JERICHO. A prison. Hence the phrase, to wish a person in Jericho.
- JERK. To beat. See Florio, p. 138. *Jerker*, Beaumont and Fletcher, iv. 161. Now pronounced *jerkin*. See Craven Gl. i. 250
- JERKIN. (1) A kind of jacket, or upper doublet, with four skirts. A waistcoat is still so called in the North of England.  
(2) The male of a gerfalcon. See Gent. Rec.
- JEROBOAM. A large goblet. *East.*
- JERONIMO. See *Go-by*.  
That he that is this day magnifico,  
To-morrow may goe by *Jerónimo*.  
*Taylor's Workes, 1630, f. 35.*
- JEROWNDE. See *Jeryne*.  
Thorowe a *jerotende* schelde he jogges hym thorowe.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 84.*
- JERRYCUMMUBLE. To shake, or tumble about confusedly. *Var. dial.*
- JERYNE. Some part of the armour. See the quotation in v. *Aeres*.
- JESP. A flaw in cloth. *North.*
- JESSE. The Tree of Jesse was a representation of the genealogy of Christ, in the form of a tree. It was formerly a common subject for the professors of the various arts.
- JESSERAUNT. A kind of jacket without sleeves, composed of small ohlong plates of

iron or steel overlapping each other, and sometimes covered with velvet. The term seems also to have been applied to a chain of small gold or silver plates worn round the neck, and likewise to a kind of cuirass.

Aboven that a *jesseraunt* of jentylle maylez.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 63.*

**JESSES.** The short leather straps round a hawk's legs, having little rings to which the falconer's leash was fastened.

**JESSUP.** Juice; syrop. *Warw.*

**JEST.** A mask, pageant, or interlude; a tale, or representation of one.

**JESTERNES.** Part of light armour, mentioned in Holinshed, Hist. Scotland, p. 32.

**JET.** (1) To jet, according to Cotgrave, "wantonly to goe in and out with the legs." Palsgrave has, "I jette, I make a countenance with my legges."

(2) A large water ladle. *East.*

(3) To strut, or walk proudly. Also, to exult, rejoice, or be proud. It seems sometimes to mean, to encroach upon.

(4) To throw, jog, or nudge. *Devon.*

(5) A descent; a declivity. *Heref.*

(6) To turn round, or about. *North.*

(7) To contrive. Hence, a device.

(8) To jet the heck, to put one to the door. Yorkshire Dial. 1697, p. 104.

**JETSEN.** Goods cast out of a ship, when in danger of foundering. *Blount.*

**JETTER.** A strutter, or bragger. *Palsgrave.*

**JEUPERTYE.** Jeopardy. (*A.-N.*)

His lyf upon so zonge a wyzte

Besette wolde in *jeupertye.*

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 59.*

**JEWEL.** This term was often used by early writers not merely for a gem or precious stone, but for any piece of jewel-work, or a trinket or ornament worn about the person; sometimes, even, a ring, and constantly a brooch. "A collar, or *jewell*, that women used about their neckes," Baret, 1580, l. 38.

**JEWERIE.** A district inhabited by Jews.

**JEWISE.** Judgment; punishment. See Deposition of Richard II. p. 26.

Avise him if he wolde flitte

The lawe for the covetise,

There sawe he redde his *juise.*

*Gower, ed. 1554, f. 153.*

And every man schalle thanne aryse

To joye or ellis to *juise.*

Wher that he schalle for ever dwelle.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 37.*

O beste of helle! in what *juise*

Hast thou deservid for to dye.

*Ibid. MS. Ibid. f. 69.*

**JEW'S-EARS.** A fungus of a beautiful bright red colour, found in old banks adhering to sticks, or trees. See Cotgrave, in v. *Judas, Oreille*; Thomasii Dictionarium, 1644, in v. *Bolus*; Brand's Pop. Antiq. iii. 155.

**JEW'S-EYE.** Worth a Jew's eye, i. e. a great deal. A very common phrase, and sanctioned by Shakespeare.

**JEWS'-MONEY.** A name given to old Roman

coins, found in some parts of England, mentioned by Harrison, pp. 72, 218.

**JEW'S-TRUMP.** A Jew's-harp. *Yarksh.* See Kind-Harts Dreame, 4to. Lond. 1592.

**JEYANT.** A giant. Torrent, p. 18.

**JIB.** (1) Said of a draught-horse that goes backwards instead of forwards. *Var. dial.*

(2) A stand for beer-barrels. *West.*

(3) The under-lip. Hence to *hang the jib*, to look cross. *Var. dial.*

**JIBBER.** A horse that jibs. *Var. dial.*

**JIBBET.** Same as *Spang-whew*, q. v.

**JIBBY.** A gay frisky girl. *East.* Jibby-horse, one covered with finery.

**JIB-JOB-JEREMIAH.** A juvenile game mentioned in Moor's Suffolk Words, p. 238.

**JICE.** A very small quantity. *Essex.*

**JICKS.** The hiccough. *Cornw.*

**JIDDICUMJIDY.** A see-saw. *North.*

**JIFFLE.** To be restless. *Var. dial.*

**JIFFY.** An instant. *Var. dial.* In a jiffy, a very common phrase. It implies excessive rapidity: momentary action.

**JIG.** (1) To rove about idly. *North.*

(2) A trick. An old cant term.

(3) Cotgrave, in v. *Farce*, mentions "the jig at the end of an enterlude, wherein some pretie knaverie is acted." A jig was a ludicrous metrical composition, often in rhyme, which was sung by the clown, who occasionally danced, and was always accompanied by a tabor and pipe. The term is also constantly used for any scene of low buffoonery, and many old ballads are called jigs. *Jigmaker*, a maker of jigs or ballads.

**JIGE.** To creak. *North.*

**JIGGAMAREE.** A manœuvre. *Var. dial.*

**JIGGER.** (1) A swaggerer. *North.*

(2) A vessel of potters' ware used in toasting cheese. *Somerset.*

(3) A cleaner of ores. *North.*

(4) A constable. *Hants.*

**JIGGER-PUMP.** A pump used in breweries to force beer into vats.

**JIGGETING.** Jolting; shaking; flaunting; going about idly. *Var. dial.*

**JIGGIN-SIEVE.** A fine cloth which sifts the dust from oats or wheat when they are ground. Salop. Antiq. p. 474.

**JIGGS.** Dregs; sediment. *Suffolk.*

**JIGGUMBOBS.** Trinkets; knickknacks.

Kills monster after monster, takes the puppets

Prisoners, knocks down the Cyclops, tumbles all

Our *jiggumbobs* and trinkets to the wall.

*Brome's Antipodes, 1640.*

**JIG-PIN.** In mining, a pin used to stop a machine when drawing.

**JIKE.** To creak. *North.*

**JILL.** A pint of ale, &c. *North.*

**JIM.** (1) A timber-drag. *East.*

(2) Slender; neat; elegant. *Var. dial.* Spruce, very neat, Tim Bobbin.

**JIMCRACKS.** Knick-knacks. *Var. dial.*

**JIMMERS.** Hinges. See *Gimmer*.

**JIMMY.** The same as *Jim* (2).



- JIMP. Slender; indented. *North*.
- JINGLE-BRAINS. A wild thoughtless fellow.
- JINGLE-CAP. The game of shake-cap. *North*.
- JINGLE-JANGLES. Trinkets.  
For I was told ere I came from home,  
You're the goodliest man ere I saw beforne;  
With so many jingle-jangles about his necke,  
As is about yours, I never saw none.  
*The King and a poore Northerne Man.*
- JINGO. *By-jingo*, a common oath, said to be a corruption of St. Gingoulph.
- JINK. (1) To jingle; to ring money. *East*.  
(2) To be very gay and thoughtless. *North*.
- JINKED. Said of an animal hurt in the loins or back. *East*.
- JINNY-SPINNER. The crane-fly. *North*.
- JIRBLE. To jumble. *Northumb.*
- JITCHY. Such. *Somerset*.
- JITTY. A narrow passage. *Lincol.*
- JOAN. A kind of cap.
- JOB. (1) To scold; to reprove. *Cambr.*  
(2) Stercus. *Var. dial.*  
(3) To strike, hit, or peck. *East*. It occurs in Pr. Parv. p. 36. *byllen* or *jobbyn*.  
(4) An affair, or business. *Var. dial.*  
(5) A small piece of wood. *North*.
- JOBARDE. A stupid fellow. (*A.-N.*)  
Tho seyde the emperour Sodenmagard,  
Then was the erie a nyse jobarde.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 140.*
- JOBATION. A scolding. *Var. dial.*
- JOBEL. A small load, generally of hay or straw. *Oxon.* Sometimes called a *jobbet*.
- JOBBER. A dealer in cattle. *Var. dial.*
- JOBBERHEADED. Dull; stupid. *South.*
- JOBBERNOWL. The head. Generally a term of contempt, a blockhead.
- JOBBY. (1) Joseph. *Cumb.*  
(2) A joist, or beam. *Yorksh.*
- JOBLIN. A stupid boy. *Somerset*.
- JOBLOCK. A turkey's wattle. *West.*
- JOCAUNT. Merry; gay. (*A.-N.*)
- JOCE. The deuce. *Warw.*
- JOCK. To jolt. *Kent*.
- JOCKEY. (1) Gay; very lively. *Suffolk*.  
(2) A thin walking-stick. *Devon*.  
(3) Rough; uneven. *Kent*.
- JOCLET. A small manor, or farm. *Kent*.
- JOCONDE. Joyous; pleasant. (*A.-N.*) *Jocundnes*, gladness, *Audelay*, p. 26.
- JOCOTIOUS. Jocose. *Yorksh.*
- JOD. The letter J. *Var. dial.*
- JOE. A master; a superior. *North*.
- JOE-BEN. The great tit-mouse. *Suffolk*.
- JOG. To jog his memory, i. e. to remind him of anything. A common phrase.
- JOGELOUR. A minstrel; a jongleur; one who played mountebank tricks. (*A.-N.*)
- JOGENNY. A donkey. *Somerset*.
- JOGGELY. Unsteady; shaky. *Northumb.*
- JOGGER. To shake, or jog. *Suffolk*.
- JOGGES. Hits; strikes. See the quotation given under *Jerownde*.
- JOGGING. A protuberance on the surface of sawn wood. *East*.
- JOGGLE. (1) Same as *Jogger*, q. v.
- (2) A mason's term for the fitting of stones together. *Var. dial.*
- JOG-TROT. A gentle pace. *Var. dial.*
- JOLIAN. St. John's wort. *Arch.* xxx. 409.
- JOHN. *Sir John*, an old phrase for a priest. *John Sanderson*, the cushion dance, mentioned under this name in Playford's *Dancing Master*, 1698. *John in the Wad*, an ignis fatuus. *John's sileer pin*, a single article of finery amidst a lot of dirt and sluttery. *John-a-dreams*, a stupid dreaming fellow. *John-anoug-the-mails*, a man who is always dangleing after the ladies. *John-and-Joan*, an hermaphrodite. *John-hobb-my-staff*, a parasite. *To stay for John Long the carrier*, to wait a very long time; *to send it by John Long the carrier*, i. e. at an indefinite period. See *Cotgrave*, in v. *Attendre, Bogue, Envoyer*. The phrase occurs in Taylor. *John of Nokes*, a fictitious name formerly used in legal proceedings, similar to John Doe and Richard Roe.
- JOHN-APPLE. Same as *Apple-John*, q. v.
- JOHN-DORY. A French pirate, whose name seems to have been proverbial. A popular old song or catch so called is frequently referred to. See *Nares*, in v.
- JOHNNY. (1) A jakes. These terms are clearly connected with each other. Also called *Mr. Jones* by country people.  
(2) A foolish fellow. *Var. dial.* *Johnny-Bum*, a jackass. *Grase*.
- JOHNNY-WOPSTRAW. A farm-labourer.
- JOHN-O-LENT. A scarecrow. *South*.
- JOIGNE. To enjoin. *Rom. Rose*, 2355.
- JOINANT. Joining. (*A.-N.*)
- JOINT. To put a man's nose out of joint, to supplant him in another's affection.
- JOINT-GRASS. Yellow bed-straw. *North*.
- JOINT-STOOL. A stool framed by joinery work, at first so called in distinction to stools rudely formed from a single block. *Joynt stole*, *Unton Inventories*, p. 1.
- JOIST. To agist cattle. *North*.
- JOIT. A sudden storm. *Northumb.*
- JOLE. To bump. *Yorksh.*
- JOLIF. Jolly; joyful. (*A.-N.*)
- JOLIFANT. When two persons ride on one horse, the one on a pillion behind, they are said to ride jolifant. *Devon*.
- JOLL. The beak of a bird, or jaw-bone of an animal. Hence, to peck. *Norf.*
- JOLLACKS. A clergyman. *Suffolk*.
- JOLLE. To sit. *Po. syraue*.  
Ther they jollidae Jewes thorow.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 147.*
- JOLLIFICATION. A merry feast.
- JOLLITRIN. A young gallant. *Minshcu*.
- JOLLOP. The cry of a turkey. *Holme*.
- JOLLY. Fat; stout; large. *North*. In *Devon*, pretty. A hitch when *maris appetens* is said to be jolly. *Chesh.*
- JOLLY-DOG. A bon vivant. *Var. dial.*
- JOLLY-NOB. The head. *Grase*.
- JOLTER-HEAD. A stupid fellow. *South*. Properly, thick-headed. *Joulthead*, *Cotgrave*.

**JOLTS.** Cabbage plants that in the spring go to seed prematurely. *Warw.*  
**JOMBRE.** To jumble. *Chaucer.*  
**JONAS.** The jaundice. *Yorksh.*  
**JONATHAN.** An instrument used by smokers to light their pipes with. It is a piece of iron, of the size of a short poker, fitted at one end with a handle of wood, and having at the other a protuberance or transverse bar of iron, which is kept heated in the fire for use.  
**JONGLERIE.** Idle talk. *Chaucer.*  
**JOOK.** To crouch suddenly. *North.*  
**BOOKINGS.** Corn which falls from the sheaf in throwing it off the stack. *North.*  
**JOOPE.** A job. *Hampsh.*  
**JOP.** To splash in the water. *Yorksh.*  
**JOPES.** Braces in roofs.  
**JOR.** To jostle, or push. *North.*  
**JORAM.** A large dish or jug of any eatables or liquids. *Var. dial.*  
**JORDAN.** A kind of pot or vessel formerly used by physicians and alchemists. It was very much in the form of a modern soda-water bottle, only the neck was larger, not much smaller than the body of the vessel. At a later period the term came to be used for a chamber-pot, having been anciently used occasionally for an urinal.  
**JORDAN-ALMOND.** A kind of large sweet almond, mentioned by Gerard.  
**JORNAY.** A day's journey, or work.  
*In this courte thai ar twenty  
 At my bidding to bidde redy  
 To do a gode jorney.*  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. v. 48, f. 53.*  
 But if I do Robyn a gode jorney,  
 Ellis mot I hangyt be. *MS. Ibid. f. 54.*  
**JORNET.** A kind of cloak.  
**JOSEPH.** An ancient riding-habit, with buttons down to the skirts.  
**JOSKIN.** A clownish fellow. *Var. dial.*  
**JOSS.** To crowd together. *East.*  
**JOSSA.** Stand still! An address to horses. See Chaucer, Cant. T. 4099. It appears from Moor, p. 188, that *joss* is still in use in the same sense. *Justy, come to, Tim Bobbin Gl. Joss-block, jossing-block, a horse-block.*  
**JOSSIL.** A hodge-podge. *North.*  
**JOSTLE.** To cheat. A cant term.  
**JOSYNG.** Rejoicing. *Sevyn Sages. 92.*  
**JOT.** (1) To touch; to jog, or jolt roughly; to nudge one's elbow. *East.*  
 (2) Plump; downright. *Suffolk.*  
**JOT-CART.** A cart which has a rough motion, or jolts. *East.*  
**JOT-GUT.** The intestinum rectum. *East.*  
**JOUDER.** To chatter with cold. *Somerset.*  
**JOUDS.** Rags. *Devon.*  
**JOUSANCE.** Enjoyment. *Peele, i. 15.*  
**JOIK-COAT.** A great coat. *North.*  
**JOCKE.** To sleep. A hawking term.  
**JOCKERY-PAUCKERY.** An artifice. *North.*  
**JOCKES.** Rushes. *Maundeveile, p. 13.*  
**JOUL.** A blow. See *Jolle* and *Jowl.*  
**JOUN.** Joined. *Essex.*

**JOUNCE.** To bounce, or jolt. *East.*  
**JOURINGS.** Scoldings. *Devonsh. Dial. 1839, p. 72.* It seems to be the same word as that quoted by Nares from Hayman's Quodlibets, 1628, explained *suearings*. *Brawlings; quarrellings, Exmoor.*  
**JOURMONTE.** To vex. *(A.-N.)*  
**JOURNAL.** Daily. *Shak.*  
**JOURN-CHOPPERS.** Reegraters of yarn, mentioned in statute 8 Hen. VI. *Blount.*  
**JOURNEY.** The same as *Jornay*, q. v. It is also a day of battle.  
**JOURS.** Cold shiverings. *South.*  
**JOUSED.** Finished; completed. *Worc.*  
**JOUSTE.** A just, or tournament. *(A.-N.)*  
**JOUSTER.** A retailer of fish. *Cornw.*  
**JOUTE.** A battle, or combat. *(A.-N.)*  
**JOUTES.** An ancient dish in cookery so called. See *Ord. and Reg. p. 426.*  
**JOVE'S-NUTS.** *Acorns. Somerset.*  
**JOVIAL.** Belonging to Jupiter. It occurs in Shakespeare and Heywood.  
**JOWD.** A jelly. *Devon.*  
**JOWE.** A jaw. *Maundeveile, p. 288.*  
**JOWEL.** The space between the piers of a bridge. Also, a sewer.  
**JOWER.** To tire out. *Suffolk.*  
**JOWL.** (1) The same as *Jolle*, q. v.  
 (2) A large thick dish. *Devon.*  
**JOWLER.** Clumsy; thick. The term is applied to a thick-jawed hound. *North.*  
**JOWR.** To push, or shake. *Cumb.*  
**JOWS.** Juice. *Arch. xxx. 409.*  
**JOWYNE.** To peck, as birds do. *Pr. Parc.*  
**JOY.** To enjoy. Also, to rejoice, as in the *Bride*, by Nabbes, 4to. 1640, sig. I. *Joyance, enjoyment, rejoicing.*  
**JOYFNES.** Youth. *Gawayne.*  
**JOYNE.** To enjoin. *Apol. Loll. pp. 11, 17.*  
**JOYNETES.** Joints. *Nominal MS.*  
*And the joynetes of ilk lym and bane.  
 And the waynes ware strydand ilkane.*  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 180.*  
**JOYNTERS.** The joints of armour. "Joynter and gemows," *MS. Morte Arthure, f. 84.*  
**JUB.** A very slow trot. *East.*  
**JUBALTARE.** Gibraltar. *Chaucer.*  
**JUBARD.** The house-leek. *(A.-N.)*  
**JUBBE.** A vessel for ale, or wine.  
**JUBBIN.** A donkey. *Var. dial.*  
**JUBE.** A rood-loft. *Britton.*  
**JUBERD.** To jeopard, or endanger.  
**JUCK.** (1) A yoke; the oil in the fleece of wool. *Cornw.*  
 (2) The noise made by partridges.  
**JUDAS-COLOUR.** Red. A red beard was called a Judas-coloured beard.  
**JUDAS-TORCHES.** Large torches formerly much used in ceremonial processions.  
**JUDGESE.** A female judge. See Heywood's *Iron Age*, 4to. Loud. 1632, sig. C. iv.  
**JUDICIAL.** A "judicial man," a man of judgment. It was reversed with *judicious*.  
*I confesse it to me a meer toy, not deserving any judicial man's view.* *Pierce Penitence, 1592.*

**JUE.** To shrink; to flinch. *North.*  
**JUG.** (1) To nestle together. *North.* It occurs in N. Fairfax. Bulk and Selvedge of the World, 8vo. Lond. 1674.  
 (2) The nickname of Joan.  
 (3) A common pasture. *West.*  
**JUGAL.** Nuptial. Middleton, iii. 480.  
**JUGGE.** To judge. Also, a judge. (*A.-N.*)  
**JUGGLE.** To jog, or shake. *West.*  
**JUGGLEMEAR.** A swamp, or bog. *Devon.*  
 Also called a *juggle-mire*.  
**JUGII.** A judge. *Hampole.*  
**JUL.** The month of July. *Chaucer.*  
**JUISE.** The same as *Jeuise*, q. v.  
**JUKE.** The neck of a bird. A term in hawking. *Gent. Rec.* ii. 62.  
**JULIAN'S-BOWERS.** Labyrinths and mazes made of earthwork, the scenes of former rustic amusements.  
**JULIO.** An Italian coin, worth about sixpence. See Webster's Works, i. 70.  
**JULK.** To shake; to splash; to jolt; to give a hard blow. *West.*  
**JULTY.** To jolt. *Devon.*  
**JUM.** (1) The plant darnel. *West.*  
 (2) A jolt; a concussion; a knock. *Suffolk.*  
**JUMBLE.** Futuo. Florio, p. 75.  
**JUMBLEMENT.** Confusion. *North.*  
**JUMENTS.** Cattle. (*Lat.*)  
**JUMP.** (1) A coffin. *Yorksh.*  
 (2) A leathern frock; a coat. *North.* "A jump, a half gown or sort of jacket; likewise a sort of boddice used instead of stays." Milles' MS. Holme has the term, 1688. Mr. Hunter explains *jumps*, short stays.  
 (3) Compact; neat; short. Hence the adverb, nicely, exactly. *North.* "How *jumpe* he hitteth the naile on the head," Stanilhurst, p. 34. It is used by Gosson, 1579.  
 (4) To take an offer eagerly. *Var. dial.* Also, to risk or hazard. *Shak.*  
 (5) To meet with accidentally. *North.*  
 (6) *Jump with*, matched. To agree.  
 And thou to be *jump with* Alexander.  
*Lily's Alexander and Campaspe*, 1584  
**JUMPER.** (1) A miner's borer. *North.*  
 (2) A maggot. *Yorksh.*  
 (3) The fieldfare? Florio, p. 109.  
**JUMPING-DICK.** A fowl's merry-thought. *North.*  
**JUMPING-JOAN.** A country dance, mentioned in the Bran New Wark, 1783, p. 7.  
**JUMP-SHORT.** Mutton from sheep drowned in the fen ditches. *East.*  
**JUNAMEY.** Land sown with the same grain that it grew the preceding year.  
**JUNCKER.** A contrivance for letting off the superfluous water from a pond or moat. *Suffolk.*  
**JUNE-BUG.** The green beetle. *South.*  
**JUNIPER.** Was formerly burnt to sweeten a chamber. See Ben Jonson, ii. 6.  
**JUNK.** A lump, or piece. *South.*  
**JUNKET.** (1) A sweetmeat; a dainty. See Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593, in v. *Dragée*.

In Devonshire the term is still used, but restricted to curds and clouted cream.  
 (2) A long basket for catching fish.  
 (3) A feast, or merry-making. Also, to gad about, to gossip. *North.* "Junket, or banquet." Palsgrave.  
**JUNO'S-TEARS.** The herb vervain.  
**JUNT.** A whore. Middleton, ii. 96.  
**JUPARTE.** To jeopardy. *Palsgrave.*  
**JUPITER'S-BEARD.** Houseleek. *Devon.*  
**JUPON.** The pourpoint, or doublet. It was generally of silk or velvet, and was worn over the armour, being frequently emblazoned with the arms of the owner. In much later times the petticoat seems to have been so called.  
 Thor; out ys scheld and is habergone,  
 Plates, and jakke, and *jupon*.  
*MS. A-Juoule* 33, f. 48.  
**JUR.** To hit, strike, or butt. *North.* A corruption of jarr? The noise made by certain birds was termed *jurring*.  
**JURDECTOUN.** Jurisdiction. (*A.-N.*)  
 And fynally bothe oure liberte  
 Goeth uato nought of our *jurdectoun*.  
*Lydgate, MS. A-Juoule* 39, f. 23.  
**JURMUNGLE.** A mess; confusion. *Yorksh.*  
**JURNUT.** An earth-nut. *North.*  
**JUS.** Juice. *Nominale MS.*  
 Also the *jus* of selyame and powder of brymstone temperyd togedyr al cold is goode therfore.  
*MS. M-d Rec. zv. C-nt.*  
**JUSSELL.** A dish in ancient cookery, described in Ord. and Reg. p. 462-3. Two receipts for it are given in MS. Sloane 1201, f. 35.  
**JUSTE.** (1) A kind of vessel with a wide body and long straight neck.  
 (2) To joust, or tilt. (*A.-N.*)  
 Mekylle was the chevalry,  
 That then come to Hungary  
 To go *juste* with ther myghte  
*MS. Cantab.* ff. ii. 38, f. 75  
**JUSTEMENT.** Agistment, q. v. See Manners and Household Expences of England, p. 295.  
**JUSTERS.** Horses for tilting. *Weber.*  
**JUSTICE.** To judge. (*A.-N.*) *Justicer*, a judge, a justice of the peace. "A perfect patterne of an upright justicer," Holinshed, Historie of Scotland, p. 63.  
**JUSTILICHE.** Justly; exactly. (*A.-S.*)  
**JUSTMEN-HOLDERS.** Freeholders. *Devon.*  
**JUST-NOW.** Lately; now; presently; immediately. This very common phrase is perhaps most generally used in the Western counties.  
**JUSTS-OF-PEACE.** Peaceable tilts or justs. The method of crying them is given in Arch. xvii. 291. Compare Degrevant, 1261.  
**JUSTY.** The same as *Juste* (2).  
 Then seyde Befyse to Tarry,  
 Wyll we to-morowe *justy*.  
*MS. Cantab.* ff. ii. 38, f. 121.  
**JUT.** (1) To throw; to strike. *South.* "To jut, hit, or run against," Barct, 1580.  
 (2) A pail with a long handle. *Kent.*  
**JUTER.** The fertile coagulating saltish nature of earth. *Morp.*  
**JUTTES.** Low persons. (*A.-N.*)

JITTY. A part of a building which projects beyond the rest. *Shak.*  
 JI'UM. Empty. *North.*  
 JUVENAL. A youth. *Shak.*  
 JUVENTEE. Youth. (*A.-N.*) See Piers Ploughman, p. 402; Dial. Creat. Moral. pp. 157, 209.

JUWET. Jndith. *R. de Brunne.*  
 JYE. To stir; to turn round. *North.*  
 JYMIAN. A knick-knaek. It occurs in Nash's Pierce Penilesse, 1592, and in the Appendix to Skelton's Works, p. 446. Absurdly spelt *jyu jam* in Pr. Parv. p. 257.

**K**A. (1) Quoth. *Suffolk.* "Ka the cloyster-master." Mar-Prelates Epitome, p. 52.  
 (2) *Ka me, ka thee*, a proverb implying, if you will do me one favour, I will do you another. See the Merie Tales of Skelton, p. 65.  
 (3) To look; to perceive. *East.*  
 KAMKE. To stare vacantly. *Cumb.*  
 KABANE. The cabin of a vessel.  
*Mony kabane clevede, cabilles destroyede, knyghtes and kene mene killde the braynes.*  
*Morte Arthur, MS. Lincoln, f. 91.*  
 KACHIONE. To catch. Const. Freem. 380.  
 KADES. The dung of sheep. *Lioc.*  
 KAE. (1) A cow. J. de Wageby, p. 8.  
 (2) An interj. of disbelief, or contempt.  
 KAF. Chaff. *North.* "Ful of kaff," Apol. Lollards, p. 56.  
 KAFF. A gardener's hoe. *North.*  
 KAFFLE. To entangle. *Somerset.*  
 KAIE. A key. Rom. of the Rose, 2080.  
 KAIL. Greens; cabbage. *Kail-garth*, a kitchen-garden. *Kail-pot*, a pottage pot, a large metal pot for cooking meat and cabbages together, &c. The term and article are nearly out of use. It is a heavy globular iron vessel, holding three or four gallons, and resting on three little spikes. *Kail-yard*, an orchard.  
 KAILLE. To decline in health. *North.*  
 KAIN. Rent paid in kind. *East.*  
 KAIRE. To go; to proceed; to depart.  
*Comandez the keneiy to kaire of his landes,*  
*Ore elles for thy knyghthede encontre hyme ones.*  
*Morte Arthur, MS. Lincoln, f. 67.*  
 KAIRNS. Rude heaps of stones generally found on hills or other conspicuous situations, and supposed to be very ancient funeral monuments. *North.*  
 KAITE. A dresser of wool.  
 KAKELE. To cackle. Reliq. Antiq. ii. 80.  
*Kaklynge* is applied by Chaucer to the noise made by geese, in MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 32.  
 KAL. Hard. A mining term.  
 KALDE. Cold. Also, cooled, refreshed. It occurs in MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii.  
 KALENDAR. A kind of wood, mentioned in Holinshed, Historie of Scotland, p. 59.  
 KALENDER. A guide, or director. (*Lat.*)  
 KALTS. Quoits. *Salop.*  
 KAM. (1) Crooked. *Clean kam*, quite wrong or crooked. "To doe a thing cleane kamme, out of order, the wrong way," Cotgrave.  
 (2) Came. See Havelok, 863.  
 KAME. A comb. *North.*  
*Me thoghte come to me the speryte of this wo-*  
*mane Margarete, the whilke I sawe before in paynes,*

and me thoghte scho was fulle of stronge wondes, als scho hade bene drawene withe kamme.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 231.*  
 KAMPE. Contest; war. (*A.-S.*)  
*Alle the kene mene of kampe, knyghtes and other,*  
*Killyd are colde dede, and castyne over burdez.*  
*Morte Arthur, MS. Lincoln, f. 92.*  
 KANC. A large forest. See Lambarde's Perambulation, ed. 1596, p. 210.  
 KANDLEGOSTES. Goose-grass. *Gerard.*  
 KANEL. Collar; neck. *Gawayne.*  
 KANGY. Cross; ill-tempered. *Cumb.*  
 KANSH. A strain. *Salop.*  
 KANT. Strong; courageous.  
*He come in at a coste,*  
*With his brage and his boste,*  
*With many kant knyght.*  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 131.*  
*The knyghte coueride on his knees with a kant herte.*  
*Morte Arthur, MS. Lincoln, f. 76.*  
 KANTELED. Different pieces of cloth worked together. See Hall, Henry IV. f. 49.  
 KAPE. Sleeve of a coat. *Weber.*  
 KARDEVYLE. Carlile. Launfal, 8.  
 KARECTIS. Characters; marks.  
*I make a cercle large and round.*  
*With karectis and figures.*  
*MS. Cott. Tiber. A. vii. f. 44.*  
 KARER. A sieve. *Derbysh.*  
 KAREYNE. A carcass; carrion. (*A.-N.*)  
 KARKE. Care; anxiety.  
*Whene maydens ere maryede, it es thaire maste karke*  
*Lesse thay be maryed to menne that has bene in the*  
*parke.*  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 149.*  
 KARL-HEMP. Late grown hemp. Brockett says, "the largest stalk of hemp."  
 KARROWS. A set of people formerly in Ireland, who did nothing but gamble. They appear to have been a bad set, and are described by Barnaby Rieh as playing away even their clothes. According to Stanhurst, p. 45, "they plaie awaie mantle and all to the bare skin, and then trusse themselves in straw or leaves; they wait for passengers in the high waie, invite them to game upon the greene, and aske no more but companions to make them sport. For default of other stuffe, they pawne their glibs, the nailles of their fingers and toes, their dimissaries, which they leefe or redeeme at the courtesie of the winner."  
 KARS. Cresses. Howell, sect. xvi.  
 KARVE. Sliced; cut. See *Carf.*  
*When hir fadur on slepe was,*  
*She hyed to hym a gret pas,*  
*And karve his hart in twoo.*  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 46.*  
 KAS. A case. Wright's Seven Sages, p. 52.

Kepe the now fro swych a kas,  
Ajen God no more to trespas.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 3.*

KASARDLY. Unlucky. *North.*

KASKE. Strong. Havelok, 1841.

KASSYDONYS. The calcedony, which is thus  
spelt in Emaré, 128.

KATE. To be lecherous. *North.*

KATERYNIS. Quadrains; farthings.

KAUCE. The same as *Cauci*, q. v.

KAVERSYN. A hypocrite. (*J.-N.*)

Okerers and *kaversyns*,

As wykked they are as Sarasyns.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 37.*

KAW. To gasp for breath. *Devon.*

KAY. Left. *Syr Gawayne.*

KAYLES. The same as *Cailos*, q. v.

KAYN. A nobleman. Havelok, 1327.

KAYNARD. A rascal. (*J.-N.*)

A *kaynard* and a olde folte,

That thryfte hath loste and boghte a bolte.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 55.*

KAYRE. Cairo. Also as *Kaire*, q. v.

Straughte unto *Kayre* his wey he fongeth,

Where he the souldan thanne fonde.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 154, f. 78.*

KAYSERE. An emperor. (*J.-S.*)

Es there any kyde knyghte, *kaysere* or other.

*Morte Arture, MS. Lincoln, f. 70.*

KAYTEFTEE. Wretchedness. (*J.-N.*)

Thus es ylk mane, als we may see,

Borne in care and *kayt-ftee*,

And for to dre with dole his dayes,

Als Job sothely hymselfe saye.

*Hampole, MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 277.*

Thus es a man, als we may see,

In wrychednes borne and *kayt-ftee*.

*Ibid. MS. Boves, p. 27.*

KAZZARDLY. Lean; ill-thriven. *North.*

Kennett says, "spoke of cattle subject to dis-  
eases and death, or other casualties."

KEA. Go! (The imperative.) *North.*

KEACH. To lade out water. *Warw.* "To  
keach water," Florio, p. 46. *Keach-hole*, a  
hole in a brook where the cottagers dip for  
water. *Var. dial.*

KEAK. (1) A sprain. *Yorksh.*

(2) To raise, or prop up, a cart. *North.*

KEAL. A cough; a cold. *Line.*

KEALER. A small shallow tub used for cooling  
liquids. *Sussex.*

KEALT. Cowardly. *Lanc.*

KEAME. To comb. See *Kame*.

Thy hands see thou wash,

Thy head likewise *keame*,

And in thine apparel

See torne be no seame.

*Schoole of Vertue, n. d.*

KEAMER. A kind of ferret. *South.*

KEAMY. Covered with a thin white mould,  
applied to cider. *West.*

KEANE. To scamper. *Cumb.*

KEANS. The scum of ale, &c. *Yorksh.*

KEATCH. To congeal. *Wilts.*

KEATHER. A cradle. *Lanc.*

KEAUSTRIL. Explained by Meriton, "a great  
boned coarse creature." *Yorksh.*

KEAVE. To plunge; to struggle. *Cumb.*

KEB. (1) A villain. *Yorksh.*

(2) To pant for breath; to sob. *Line.*

KEBBERS. Refuse sheep taken out of the  
flock. "Kebbers or cullers, drawne out of the  
flocke of sheepe," Nomenclator, 1585, p. 50.

KEBBLE. A white opaque spar. *Derb.*

KEBLOCK. The wild turnip. *North.*

KECCHE. To catch. Kyng Horn, 1377.

KECHYNE. A kitchen. *Pereval, 455.*

KECK. (1) To be pert. *Lanc.*

(2) To lift; to heave. Hence, to reach; to  
choke. *Var. dial.* It occurs in Gammer  
Gurton's Needle, meaning the noise made in  
coughing. See Hawkins, i. 216.

KECKCORN. The windpipe. *West.* More  
commonly called the *kecker*.

KECKER. (1) Squeamish. *North.*

(2) An overlooker at a coal-mine. *Newc.*

KECK-HANDED. Wrongly. *Oxon.*

KECKLE. (1) Unsteady. *Lanc.*

(2) To laugh violently. *Yorksh.*

KECKLE-MECKLE. Poor ore. *Derb.*

KECKLOCK. Wild mustard. *Leic.*

KECKY. Anything hollow, like a kex. *Line.*

KEDD. Known; shown. (*J.-S.*)

Wherfore ther passyth here no men

Wyth strenkyth, but they he *kedd*,

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 10*

Tho thai were monoted, y sigge, a plight,

Thai *kedden* her noble might.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 145.*

KEDGE. (1) To fill; to stuff. *North.* Hence  
*kedge-belly*, a glutton.

(2) To adhere; to unite. *Cornw.*

(3) Brisk; active. *East.* It occurs in Prompt.

Parv. p. 274, spelt *kygge*.

KEDGER. A fisherman. *Yorksh.*

KEDGY. Pot-bellied. *North.*

KEDLOCK. The charlock. *Salop.*

KEE. Kine; cows. *Devon.*

KEECH. (1) A cake. *Somerset.*

(2) The internal fat of an animal, as rolled up  
for the tallow-chandler.

(3) To cut grass and weeds on the sides of rivers.  
*West.* Dean Milles' MS. Glossary.

KEEK. To peep; to look slyly. *North.*

"Kekyne, or prively waytynne, *intuor*," Pr.  
Parv. p. 269. See Brockett.

KEEL. (1) A strong clumsy boat used by the  
colliers at Newcastle. "Bottoms or keeles,"  
Harrison, p. 6. A keel of coals, 21 tons. 4 cwt.

(2) To cease; to give over. *Cumb.*

(3) A kiln, as for lime, &c. *South.* "A brick-  
keele," Florio, p. 304.

(4) To cool anything. "While greasy Joan doth  
keele the pot;" certainly not to *scum*, as  
stated by certain editors. See *Kele*, the  
earlier form.

(5) A ruddle for sheep. *North.*

(6) "To give the keele, to carene, as mariners  
say," Florio, p. 137.

KEELAGE. Keel dues in port. *North.*

KEEL-ALLEY. A bowling alley. *Devon.*

KEEL-BULLIES. Keel-men. *North.* See  
the Bishopric Garland, 1792, p. 19.

**KEEL-DEETERS.** The wives and daughters of keel-men, who sweep and clean the keels. See *Deet* (4).

**KEELS.** Nine-pins. See *Caies*.

**KEELY-VINE.** A black-lead pencil. *North*.

**KEEN.** Kind. *Yorksh.* A cow, *maris appetens*, is said to be *keen to the bull*.

**KEEN-BITTEN.** Frost-bitten. Also, keen, hungry, sharp-set. *North*.

**KEENDEST.** *Any keenest thing*, any kind of thing, ever so much. *Devon*.

**KEEP.** (1) To dwell; to inhabit. *Var. dial.* It occurs in *Pierce Penlesse*, 1592.

(2) *To keep one short*, to restrain his liberty. *To keep residence*, to reside. *To keep well*, to live on good terms with any one. *To keep the door*, to be a bawd. *To keep cut with*, to follow the example of. *Keep-and-creak*, a hook and eye. *To keep crows*, to guard newly-sown fields from their ravages. *Keep the pot a boiling*, go on with anything furiously.

(3) Pasture. *Out at keep*, said of animals in hired pastures. *Var. dial.*

(4) To maintain. Also, maintenance.

(5) To keep company with. *Var. dial.*

(6) The chief stronghold of an ancient castle.

(7) A large basket. *Somerset*.

(8) To catch. *Lane*.

(9) A reservoir for fish by the side of a river.

(10) A safe to preserve meat in summer.

**KEEPER.** A small clasp. *Suffolk*.

**KEEPING.** The lair of a hart.

**KEEPING-ROOM.** The room usually sat in by the family. *East*.

**KEEP-TOUCH.** To keep faith; to be faithful. And trust me on my truth,  
If thou *keep touch* with me,  
My dearest friend, as my own heart  
Thou shalt right welcome be.

*Songs of the London Prentices*, p. 37.

**KEER.** The mountain ash. *Devon*.

**KEEVE.** (1) A large tub or vessel used in brewing. *West*.

(2) To heave, or lift up. *North*. Some writers say, to overturn.

**KEEVER.** A tub. *MS. Lansd. 1033*.

**KEEZER.** A sieve. *Devon*.

**KEFANS.** The same as *Keans*, q. v.

**KEFFLE.** An inferior horse. *Var. dial.*

So Richard, having no more to say,  
Mounted his *keffle* and rode away.

*Richard of Dalten Dale*, *MS.*

**KEFT.** Purchased? *Havelok*, 2005.

**KEGGED.** Affronted. *Lauc*.

**KEGGY.** Soft and pulpy, applied to vegetables when decaying. *Lauc*.

**KEIED.** Locked. *Harrison*, p. 185.

**KEIGHT.** Caught. *Spenser*.

**KEIK.** To stand crooked. *Lauc*.

**KEIL.** A cock of hay. *North*.

**KEILD.** A spring. *Grose*.

**KEINTLICIL.** Nicely; curiously. *Pegge*.

**KEISTY.** Dainty; squeamish. *North*.

**KEIVER.** A bumper of liquor. *Yorksh.*

**KEKE.** The cry of the cuckoo.

**KEL.** A kind of soup.

Thy breakfast thowe gott every day,

Was but pease-bread and *kel* full gray.

*MS. Lansdowne 241*.

**KELCH.** A thump. *Lauc*.

**KELD.** (1) The smooth part of a river when the rest of the water is rough. *North*.

(2) A well. *Craven*.

(3) Killed. *Octovian*, 1063.

(4) To become cold. *Reliq. Antiq. ii. 211*.

(5) To thump. *Northumb.*

**KELE.** (1) To cool. *Chaucer*.

And leyde hym flatlyng on the grounde,  
To *kele* hys woundys in that stounde.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 99*.

Bot eftywarde when it cesses, and the herte *keis* of love of Jhesu, thanne entrys in vayne glorie.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 221*.

(2) Time; place; circumstance. *Lauc*.

**KELF.** (1) A foolish fellow. *West*. *Kelfin*, a great lubberly fellow, or boy.

One squire *Eneas*, a great *kelf*,

Some wandering hangman like herself.

*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 85.

(2) To twist; to wrench. *Worce.*

(3) The incision made in a tree by the axe when felling it. *Ware.*

**KELIAGE.** The herb arse-smart.

**KELING.** A large kind of cod.

*Keling* he tok, and tumberel,

Hering, and the makerel.

*Havelok*, 757.

**KELK.** (1) To groan; to belch. *North*.

(2) To beat severely. *Yorksh.*

(3) The roe or milt of fish. *North*.

(4) A large detached rock. *Cumb.*

**KELL.** (1) A kiln, as lime-kell, &c. *South*.

"A furnace or kell," *Cleveland*, p. 40. See also *Harrison's England*, p. 233.

(2) A child's caul; any thin skin or membrane.

Hence, any covering like network; the cell of a small animal. "Rim or *kell* wherein the bowels are lapt," *Florio*, p. 340. A woman calle (q. v.) was so called. Sir John "rofe my kelle," said a young lady describing the evils attendant on waking the well. *MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 111*.

Sussanne cawghte of her *kelle*,

Butt fele ferles her byfelle.

*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 1*.

With *kelle* and with corenalle clenliche arrayede.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 87*.

**KELLEN.** (1) The same as *Keffle*, q. v.

(2) A batch of bricks. *Suffolk*.

**KELLICH.** To romp. *Susse.*

**KELLOW.** Black-lead. *North*.

**KELLUS.** A white soft stone found in tin-mines in Cornwall. See *MS. Lansd. 1033*.

**KELP.** (1) A young crow. *Cumb.*

(2) A crook for a pot or kettle, to hang it over a fire. *North*.

(3) Seaweed burnt to make a cinder or pot-ash for the potters. *Keut*.

**KELTER.** (1) Rubbish; stupid talk; a confused mass of persons or things. *North*.

(2) Condition; order. *East*. It is occasionally used as a verb.

(3) An awkward fall. *North*.

(4) Money; cash. *Yorksh.*

- KEM.** Came. Octovian, 1552.  
Whau he to lond *kem*,  
Men tolde the bischop was is em.  
*Beers of Hamtown*, p. 93.
- KEMB.** (1) A stronghold. *North*.  
(2) To comb. Still in use. *Kemith*, Reliq. Antiq. ii. 176. (*A.-S.*)
- KEMBING.** A brewing-vessel. *Line*. Chaucer has *kemelin*, a tub.
- KEMBOLL.** Arms on kemboll, i. e. a-kimbo.
- KEMELING.** The same as *Comeling*, q. v.
- KEMMET.** Foolish; rather silly. *Salop*.
- KEMP.** (1) A boar. *Suffolk*.  
(2) A kind of eel. *Palsgrave*.  
(3) To strive for superiority. *North*.  
There es no kyng undire Criste may *kemp* with hym one.  
*Morte Arthure*, MS. Lincoln, f. 81.  
(4) A knight; a champion. See *Perceval*, 47, 118, 1004, 1403, 1422. *Kempere-man*, soldier, warrior. *Percy's Reliques*, p. 18.  
I slue ten thousand upon a day  
Of *kempes* in their best aray.  
*Chester Plays*, i. 259.
- KEMPS.** Hair among wool. *North*. *Kempster*, a female who cleaned wool. "*Peetrix*, a *kempster*," *Nominale MS.*
- KEMSE.** A light and loose kind of female garment. See *R. de Brunne*, p. 122.
- KEMYN.** Came. See *Old Christmas Carols*, p. 12; *Songs and Carols*, st. xi.
- KEN.** (1) A churn. *North*.  
(2) A measure of corn. *Yorksh.* It is a hundred-weight of heavier substances.  
(3) Kine; oxen. Octovian, 672.  
(4) To know; to be acquainted with. Also, to see; a sight. *North*. Sometimes, to teach. (*A.-S.*) Cf. *Tundale's Visions*, p. 43.  
For the emperyce of ryche Rome  
Fulle welle he hur *kende*,  
*MS. Cantab.* ff. ii. 33, f. 85.  
Cristofere cristenye thamme ryghte ther,  
And *kend* thamme to leve on Cristis lare.  
*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 128.  
And 3yve my body for to brenne,  
Opunly other men to *kenne*.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 47.
- KENCH.** A twist, or sprain. *North*. Also the same as *Couch*, q. v.
- KENDAL-GREEN.** A kind of forester's green cloth, so called from Kendal, co. Westmoreland, which was famous for their manufacture. *Kendal-stockener*, a little thick-set fellow.
- KENE.** Sharp; earnest; bold. (*A.-S.*)  
He drank, and made the cuppe ful clene,  
And sith he spake wordis *kene*.  
*MS. Cantab.* ff. v. 46, f. 50.
- KENEDE.** Kennelled. *Hearne*.
- KENET.** (1) Ash-colour. *Palsgrave*.  
(2) A small hound. See *Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 7; *Wright's Seven Sages*, p. 60.  
Fore ferdnesse of hys face, as they fey were,  
Cowhede as *kenetez* before the kyng selvyne.  
*Morte Arthure*, MS. Lincoln, f. 54.
- KEN-GOOD.** A warning. *North*. Also, a mark or example.
- KENLED.** Brought forth young. (*A.-S.*)
- KENNECIS.** Some kind of bird, mentioned in the *Archæologia*, xiii. 350.
- KENNEL.** To harbour. A term applied to the fox. See *Hunting*.
- KENNELL.** A kind of coal. It burns very brilliantly, and is much esteemed.
- KENNEN.** Half a bushel. *North*.
- KENNES.** Kind; sort of. *Ritson*.
- KENNETS.** A coarse Welsh cloth.
- KEN-NIFE.** A knife. *Corru*.
- KENNING.** (1) An inkling. *North*.  
(2) The same as *Dalk*, q. v.  
(3) The distance a person can see. Also called a *kenny*. See *Harrison*, p. 60; *Hawkins' Engl. Dram.* ii. 270; *Hall*, *Henry V.* f. 5. "I am withyn syght, as a shyppes is that cometh within the *kennyng*, *je blanchis*," *Palsgrave*, verb. f. 148. See *Pr. Parv.* p. 272.
- KENSBACK.** Perverse. *Yorksh.* Sometimes, conspicuous, evident, clear.
- KENSILL.** To beat. *North*.
- KENSPECKLED.** Speckled or marked so as to be conspicuous. *North*.
- KENT.** Was so famous a place for robberies in Elizabeth's time that the name was given to any nest of thieves.  
Some hookes are arrogant and impudent;  
So are most thieves in *Cristendome* and *Kent*.  
*Taylor's Worke*, 1630, ii. 124.
- KENTAL.** For quintal, a cwt. (*Fr.*)
- KENTE.** Taught. *Chester Plays*, i. 32.
- KENTERS.** Kentish-men. *Hearne*.
- KENYNG.** Recognition. *Sevyn Sages*, 3235.
- KEO.** A jackdaw. *Prompt. Parv.*
- KEOUT.** A mongrel cur. *North*.
- KEOVERE.** To recover; to obtain. (*A.-N.*)
- KEP.** To reach, or heave. *North*.
- KEPE.** (1) Care; attention. (*A.-S.*) Also, to take care, to care.  
(2) To meet. *Towneley Myst.* p. 323.  
(3) To leave. *Nominale MS.*
- KEPPEN.** To hoodwink. *North*.
- KEPPING.** Lying in wait. *Yorksh*
- KEPPY-BALL.** The game of hand-ball.
- KEPT.** (1) Caught. *North*.  
(2) Guarded. See *Tyrwhitt*, iv. 148.  
(3) Resided; lived. See *Keep*.
- KEPTE.** Cared for. See *Kepe* (1).
- KER.** Occasion; business. (*A.-S.*)
- KERCII.** A kind of pan. *Devon*.
- KERCHE.** A head-cloth. (*A.-N.*) "Upon hir hed a *kerché* of Valence," *Lydgate's Minor Poems*, p. 47.
- KERCHEEF-OF-PLESAUNCE.** An embroidered cloth presented by a lady to her knight to wear for her sake. This he was bound in honour to place on his helmet.
- KERCHER.** An animal's cant. *Devon*.
- KERCHERE.** A *kerché*, q. v. See *Cov. Myst.* p. 54; *kerchy*, *ibid.* p. 318. "*Kerchew*, *ricula*," *MS. Arund.* 249, f. 88.
- KERCHUP.** The cry of partridges.
- KERE.** To recover; to cure. (*A.-S.*)
- KERF.** (1) An incision. *South*. It occurs in *Hampole*, cut, carved.  
(2) A layer of hay or turf. *West*.  
(3) A company of panthers. *Coles*.

**KERL.** A loin; a kidney. *West.* Lhuyd's MS. additions to Ray.

**KERLEY-MERLEY.** A gimcrack. *North.*

**KERLOK.** The charlock. It is Latinized by *vapistrum* in MS. Sloane 5, f. 9.

**KERM.** To dig, or hoe. *Somerset.*

**KERN.** (1) To turn from blossom to fruit, spoken of vegetables. *West.* "To kerne as corne," Florio, p. 217.

(2) To curdle, or turn sour. *West.* Butter-milk is called kern-milk, though perhaps from *korn*, to churn.

(3) To set corn or fruit. *Devon.*

(4) To simmer. *Somerset.*

**KERN-BABY.** An image dressed up with corn, carried before the reapers to their harvest-home supper, or *kern-supper*. To win the kern, to conclude the reaping.

**KERNE.** (1) An Irish foot-soldier, of the very lowest and poorest rank. Hence the term was used as one of contempt. Blount says, "we take a *kern* most commonly for a farmer, or countrey-bumkin," and the term occurs in that sense in the King and a poore Northerne Man, 1640.

Acquainted with rich and eke with poore,  
And kend well every *kerne* whoore.  
*Gubler of Canterbury*, 1608.

(2) To sow with corn. (*A.-S.*)

Perseyve ȝe and heete ȝe my speche, wher he that  
erth schal ere al day for to sowe, and schal he  
*kerne*, and purge his lond. *Wycliffe*, MS. Bodl. 277.

**KERNED-BEEF.** Salted beef. *Hants.*

**KERNEL.** (1) A grain. *Var. dial.* See Harrison's Descr. of Britaine, p. 110. Also, the pip of an apple, orange, &c.

(2) The dug of a heifer. *North.*

(3) The bundle of fat before the shoulder; any swelling or knob of flesh. *Var. dial.*

(4) A battlement. (*A.-N.*)

The ewntas of Crasnye, with hir clere maydyns,  
Knells downe in the *kyrnelles* thare the kyng hoveide.  
*Morte Arthure*, MS. Lincoln, f. 85.

The maydene, whitt als lety-floure,  
Laye in a *kirnelle* of a towre.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 107.*

**KERNING.** Corn-bearing. *Kent.*

**KERP.** To carp, or scold; to speak affectedly; to tyrannize. *Devon.*

**KERRE.** Rock. *Gawayne.*

**KERRY.** (1) A large apron. *West.*

(2) With great and rapid force. *Yorksh.*

**KERRY-MERRY-BUFF.** A kind of material of which jerkins were formerly sometimes made. The phrase seems to have been proverbial, and is often used jocularly.

**KERSE.** (1) To cover a wall with tile or slate, especially the latter. MS. Lansd. 1033.

(2) Boldness; courage. *North.*

(3) A water-cress. (*A.-S.*)

Men witen wellic whiche hath the werse,  
And so to me nis worth a *kerse*.  
*Chaucer*, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 63.

(4) A crease in linen, &c. *Linc.*

**KERSEN.** To christen. *North.* See Middleton, i. 429; Beaum. and Flet. iv. 53. *Kersmas*, Christmas, Middleton, v. 139.

**KERSOUNS.** Water-cresses. *North.*

**KERVE.** (1) To curdle. See *Carve*.

(2) To cut; to carve. (*A.-S.*) Hence *kervinge*, cutting, sharp.

So couched them after thel schuld serve,  
Sum for to flee, and sum for to wounde and *kerve*.  
*Chaucer*, MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 25

**KESH.** A kex, or hollow stem. *North.*

**KESLINGS.** White bullace. *Devon.*

**KESLOP.** A stomach used for rennet. *North.*

**KESS.** A cap. *Devon.*

**KESSE.** To kiss. (*A.-S.*)

**KESSON.** A Christian. *Ermoor.*

**KEST.** (1) To cast. *North.* It has several of the meanings of *Cast*, q. v.

Sore he spwed, and alle up he *kest*  
That he had receyvd in his brest.  
*Colyn Bloubof's Testament*.  
So was the mayden foyre and fre,  
That alle hyr love on hym had *keste*.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 92.*

Into the see he hyt *keste*. *MS. Ibid. f. 123.*

(2) Twist; knot. (3) Stratagem. *Gawayne.*

**KESTER.** Christopher. *North.*

**KESTERN.** Cross; contentious. *North.*

**KESTIN.** A kind of plum. *Devon.*

**KESTRAN.** A worthless fellow. Perhaps from *kestril*, a castrel, q. v.

I forbad any *kestran* on am aw to play boe at my  
buckler. *MS. Ashmole 326, f. 106.*

**KET.** Carrion; filth. Hence a term of reproach, a slut, an untidy person. *North.*

**KETCH.** (1) A tub; a barrel. *West.*

(2) To consolidate, as melted wax or tallow when cooling. *West.*

(3) To seize, or catch hold of. *South.* See Doctour Double Ale, p. 234.

**KETCHER.** An animal's caul. *West.*

**KET-CRAW.** The carrion-crow. *North.*

**KETE.** Bold; fierce. (*Teut.*)

**KETERINS.** Irish Scots; marauders who carried off cattle, corn, &c.

**KETIE.** To make known? (*A.-S.*)

**KETLER.** Apparently some term of reproach. See Middleton, v. 543. Perhaps from *ket*, q. v.

**KETMENT.** Filth; rubbish. *North.*

**KETTE.** To cut. *Lydgate.*

**KETTER.** (1) Peevish; perverse. *North.*

(2) To diminish in size. *Somerset.*

**KETTLE.** (1) To tickle. *Northumb.*

(2) A kettle-drum. Hamlet, v. 2.

**KETTLE-CASE.** The purple orchis. *South.*

**KETTLE-HAT.** An ancient hat formed of leather. See Pr. Parv. p. 273. "Keste of his kettle-hatte," MS. Morte Arthure, f. 90.

**KETTLE-NET.** A kind of net used for taking mackerel. *South.*

**KETTLE-PINS.** Skittles; nine-pins.

**KETTLE-SMOCK.** A smock-froek. *Somerset.*

**KETTY.** Nasty; worthless. *North.*

**KEVAL.** A hard mineral. Also, a coarse sort of spar. *Derb.*

**KEYECHER.** A head-cloth. *Kevercheffes*, Plumpton Correspondence, p. 202.

**KEVEL.** (1) A bit for a horse; a gag for the mouth. See Perceval, 424, and my note.

(2) A large hammer. *North.*



**KEVERAUNCE.** Recovery. (*A.-N.*)  
And how of thraldome bi no chaunce  
Of his foos miȝt he have *keveraunce*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 61.*

**KEVERE.** (1) To cover. (*A.-N.*)  
(2) To recover. *Chaucer*.  
The fleſche that fastenyth them amonge,  
They *kever* hyt nevr more.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 65.*  
Whom so thai hitten with ful dent,  
*Keve*d he never vtrament.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 303.*

(3) To gain; to arrive; to accomplish; to obtain; to bring; to descend. *Gawayne*.

**KEVIN.** Part of a round of beef. *Heref.*

**KEVIR.** To blubber; to cry. *Linc.*

**KEVISS.** To run up and down; to rollick about; to beat. *Linc.*

**KEVEL.** To walk clumsily. *Cumb.*

**KEW-KAW.** Awry; not right. See *Depos.* Richard II. p. 24. It is spelt *keuwaw* in Taylor's *Workes*, fol. Lond. 1630, ii. 233.

**KEWS.** Irous used for the bottoms of shoes. *South.*

**KEWTING.** Kittening. *Palsgrave.*

**KEWTYNE.** To mew. *Pr. Parv. p. 274.*

**KEX.** A dry hollow stalk of hemlock or similar plant. *Var. dial.* Cotgrave has, "*Canon de subs, a kex, or elder sticke.*" It was sometimes used as a substitute for a candle.

**KEY.** (1) The principal claw in a hawk's foot. *Berners.* Compare the *Gent. Rec.*  
(2) *Palsgrave* has, "key to knytte walles to guyder, *clif.*" Compare *Prompt. Parv. p. 269*, "key, or knytyng of ij. wallys, or trees yn an unſtabyle growude, *loramentum.*"  
(3) The fruit of the ash. *Var. dial.* Also called *eats and keys*.

**KEY-BEER.** Superior ale or beer, kept under lock and key. *East.*

**KEY-COLD.** As cold as a key. "Key-cold ground," *Honest Ghost*, 1658, p. 29.

**KEYH-WUSS.** The left hand. *Lanc.*

**KEYS.** To wear the keys, i. e. to have the domestic management. *North.*

**KEYSAND.** Squeamish; nice. *Cumb.*

**KEYTE.** Caught. *Anturs of Arther*, p. 23.

**KI.** Quoth. *North.*

**KIBBAGE.** Small refuse; riff-raff. *East.*

**KIBBED.** Fenced; hedged. *Devon.*

**KIBBLE.** (1) To bruize or grind coarsely, as malt, beans, &c. *Salop.* Also, to clip stones roughly.  
(2) The bucket of a draw-well, or of the shaft of a mine. *Devon.*  
(3) A stick with a curve or knob at the end, used for several purposes, but generally for playing the game of nurspell, which is somewhat similar to golf, or trap-ball. The game is sometimes called *Kibble* and *Nurspell*, or *Kibble* and *Brig*.  
(4) To walk lamely. *Eds.*

**KIBBLE-COBBLE.** To crease. *Oxon.*

**KIBBLING-AXE.** An axe used for cutting kiddles, or fire-wood. *West.*

**KIBBO-KIFT.** Any proof of great strength or muscular power. *Chesh.*

**KIBBY.** Sore; chapped. *Devon.*

**KIBE.** To jerr, or flout. *Lanc.*

**KIBRICK.** Sulphur. See *Ashmole's Theat.* *Chem. Brit.* 1652, p. 375.

**KICHEL.** A small cake. (*A.-S.*)

**KICK.** (1) *To kick the bucket, to kick stiff,* to expire. *To kick the wind,* to be hung. "To die or kicke up ones heeles," *Florio*, p. 180. *A kick up,* a disturbance. *A kick in one's gallop,* a strange whim.  
(2) A novelty; a dash; quite the top of the fashion. *Var. dial.*  
(3) To sting, as a wasp. *Heref.*  
(4) To oppose anything. *Var. dial.*  
(5) To stammer. *Devonshire Dial.* p. 72.  
(6) The herb *Palma Christi*.

**KICKHAMMER.** A stammerer. *Devon.*

**KICKING.** Smart; showy; well-dressed. *West.* In some counties, *kicky*.

**KICKISH.** Irritable. *North.*

**KICKLE.** Uncertain; fickle; unsteady; tottering. *West.*

**KICKS.** Breeches. A cant term.

**KICKSEE-WINSEE.** A strange term, implying restlessness. One of Taylor's pieces, *Workes*, 1630, ii. 33, is entitled, "The Scourge of Basenese, or the old lerry, with a new kicksey, and a new-cum twang, with the old wiuſey." As a substantive it may be explained an unruly jade, and figuratively, a wife. Shakespeare has *kicky-wicky* in *All's Well that Ends Well*, ii. 3.

**KICKSHAW.** A dish in French cookery; applied metaphorically to a fantastic coxcomb.

**KID.** (1) Made known; discovered. (*A.-S.*)  
This ſelkouth miȝe the nouth ben hyd,  
Ful ſone it was ful loude *kid*. *Havelok*, 1960.  
(2) A small tub. *Staffolk.* The term is also applied to a pannier or basket.  
(3) A faggot. To bind up faggots. *West.* "Kydde a fagotte," *Palsgrave*.  
(4) The pod of a pea, &c. *Dorset.*

**KIDCROW.** A calf-crib. *Chesh.*

**KIDDAW.** "In *Corawal* they call the guilham a *kiddaw*," *Ray*, ed. 1674, p. 61.

**KIDDER.** A huckster. *East.*

**KIDDLE.** (1) A dam or open wear in a river, with a loop or narrow cut in it, accommodated for the laying of engines to catch fish. *Blount*.  
(2) Saliva; spittle. *West.*  
(3) To embrace; to cuddle. *East.*  
(4) To collect gradually into a heap. The farmer calls a heap of dung collected by small quantities at different times his *kiddle-heap*.  
(5) Unsettled, generally applied to the weather. *Kent*.

**KIDDLE-KITTLE.** To tickle. *South.*

**KIDDON.** A loin of meat. *Devon.*

**KIDE.** A calf-kide, a place made of boughs in the field, or near the cow-house, in which the calf is kept when sucking.

**KID-FOX.** A young fox. *Shak.*

**KIDNEY.** Disposition; principles; habits; humour. *Var. dial.*

**KIDS.** Kidney potatoes. *North.*

**KIDWARE.** Peas, beans, &c. *Kent.*

**KIE.** Cows; kine. *North.*

**KIEVEL.** A lot, or quantity. *Yorksh.*

**KIFFE.** Kith; kindred. "For kiffe nor for kin," Tusser, p. xxvii.

**KIFT.** Awkward; clumsy. *West.*

**KHIT.** Caught; taken away. *Ritson.*

**KIKE.** To kick. (*A.-S.*)

**KILE.** An ulcer; a sore. In MS. Med. Linc. f. 283, is a receipt "for kiles in the eres."

Mak it righte hate, and bynd it on a clathe, and hynde it to the sare, and it sal do it away or garre it togedir to a kile. MS. Linc. Med. f. 300.

Thai fare as dos a rotyen kile,

That rotyes and warkys sore,

Ay to hit be brokene oute;

And afterward no m re.

MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 85.

**KILES.** Small leathers used to fasten chains. A mining term.

**KILK.** Charlock. *Sussex.*

**KILL.** (1) A kiln. *Var. dial.*

(2) To kill up, to kill the remainder where many have been already killed.

**KILLAS.** A clay slate. *Derb.*

**KILL-CLOTH.** Some kind of hood.

**KILL-COW.** A matter of consequence; a terrible fellow. *North.* "You were the onely noted man, th'onely kill-cow, th'onely terrible fellow," Cotgrave.

**KILLESSE.** In architecture, a gutter, groove, or channel. A hipped roof is said to be *killed*, and a dormer window is sometimes called a *killess* window. See Oxf. Gl. Arch.

**KILLICUP.** A summerset. *North.*

**KILLIMORE.** An earthnut. *Cornw.*

**KILLING-THE-CALF.** A kind of droll performance occasionally practised by vagrants in the North of England. It is said to be a very ancient amusement.

**KILL-PRIEST.** Port wine. *Var. dial.*

**KILLRIDGE.** The herb arsestuart. *Colgrave.*

**KILPS.** Pot-hooks. *North.*

**KILSON.** The keel of a barge. *West.*

**KILT.** (1) Small; lean; slender. *Yorksh.*

(2) To tuck up clothes. *North.*

(3) Killed. *Var. dial.* (Spenser.)

**KILTER.** To dawdle; to gossip. *East.*

**KILTERS.** Tools; instruments; the component parts of a thing. *Essex.*

**KILVER.** The same as *Culver*, q. v.

**KIMBERLIN.** Strangers. *Dorset.*

**KIME.** A silly fellow. *Kennett.*

**KIMED.** Cross; ill-tempered; awry; cracked, or silly. *Salop.*

**KIM-KAM.** Quite wrong; erroneous.

**KIMNEL.** Any kind of tub for household purposes. See *Kenning*.

**KIMY.** Fusty; mouldy. *Linc.*

**KIN.** (1) Kindred. (*A.-S.*)

That hire kin be ful wel queme.

Havelok, 393.

(2) To kindle; to light. *Staff.*

(3) A chap, or chilblain. *North.*

**KINCH.** A small quantity. *Linc.*

**KINCHIN-CO.** A youth not thoroughly instructed in the art of vagabond knavery. See Dekker's *Lanthorne and Candle-Light*, 1620, sig. B. iii. *Kinching-morts*, according to Dekker, Belman of London, 1608, are "girlles of a yeare or two old, which the mortis (their mothers) cary at their backes in their slates; if they have no children of their owne, they will steale them from others, and by some meane disfigure them, that by their parents they shall never be knowne."

**KIND.** (1) A cricket. *Somerset.*

(2) Intimate. *Not kind*, unfriendly. *North.*

(3) Nature; natural disposition. *Kindly*, naturally. *Var. dial.* A very common archaism.

He that made kynde may follelle

Azeyn kynde what is His wille.

*Cursor Mundi, Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 68.*

(4) Thriving; prosperous. *West.*

(5) Soft; tender. *North.*

(6) Kindred. Sir Tristrem, p. 145.

Thys ys the fyrst that y fynde,

Unbuxunnesse ajens thy kynde.

MS. Hart. 1701, f. 20

**KINDA.** Look yonder. *Suffolk.*

**KINDER.** Rather. *Var. dial.*

**KIND-HART.** A jocular term for a tooth-drawer. It seems there was an itinerant dentist of this name, or, perhaps, nickname, in Elizabeth's time. He is mentioned in Rowlands' *Letting of Humours Blood in the Head Vaine*, 1600.

**KINDLE.** To bring forth young, a term generally applied to rabbits. *North.* Berners calls a litter of cats a *kindle*.

**KINDLESS.** Unnatural. *Shak.*

**KINDLY.** (1) Heartily; well. *Var. dial.*

(2) Natural; native. (*A.-S.*)

Uche kyng shulde make him boun

To com to ber kyndely toun.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 70.*

**KIND-O.** In a manner; as it were. *East.*

**KINE.** (1) A small chink or opening of any kind. *North.*

(2) A weasel. *Sussex.*

**KINER.** A child's clout. *Suffolk.*

**KINES.** Kind. (*A.-S.*)

**KING.** Friday is sometimes called the king of the week. *Devon.*

**KING-ARTHUR.** A game used at sea, when near the line, or in a hot latitude. It is performed thus:—A man, who is to represent King Arthur, ridiculously dressed, having a large wig made out of oakum, or some old swabs, is seated on the side, or over a large vessel of water. Every person in his turn is to be ceremoniously introduced to him, and to pour a bucket of water over him, crying, Hail, King Arthur! If, during this ceremony, the person introduced laughs or smiles, to which his majesty endeavours to excite him by all sorts of ridiculous gesticulations, he changes place with him, and then becomes King Arthur, till relieved by some brother tar,

- who has as little command over his muscles as himself.
- KING-BY-YOUR-LEAVE.** "A playe that children have, where one sytting blyndefolde in the myddle, bydeth so tyll the rest have hydden themselves, and then he going to seeke them, if any get his place in the meane space, that same is kyng in his romme," Huloet, 1572. This game is mentioned in Florio, pp. 3, 480; Nomenclator, p. 298.
- KINGEUX.** The herb crowfoot.
- KING-GAME.** The pageant of the three kings of Cologne. *Nares.*
- KING-GUTTER.** A main-drain. *Devon.*
- KING-HARRY.** King Harry Redeap is the gold-finch, and King Harry Blackap is the blackcap. *King-Harry cut*, a slash over the face.
- KING'S-CLOVER.** The melilot. It is likewise called the *king's crown*.
- KING'S-CUSHION.** A temporary seat made by two boys crossing their hands. *North.*
- KING'S-PICTURE.** Money. *North.*
- KINIFE.** A knife. *Somerset.*
- KINK.** (1) To twist; to entangle. Also, a twist in a rope. *North.*  
 (2) To revive; to recover. *East.*  
 (3) To laugh loudly. *North.* "With ever-kincking vain," Optick Glasse of Humors, 1639, p. 156. "To lose breath in coughing," Tim Bobbin. "I laghe that I kynke," Towwley Mysteries, p. 309.
- KINKER.** An icicle. *Dorset.*
- KINK-HAUST.** The chineough. *North.*
- KINKLINGS.** Periwinkles. *Dorset.*
- KINREDE.** Kindred. (*A.-S.*)
- KINSE.** Kind; sort. *Yorksh.*
- KINSING.** Some operation for the cure of a mad dog. *Hall.*
- KINSMAN.** A eousin-german. *Norf.* A nephew, in Suffolk.
- KIP.** The hide of a young or small beast. *Var. dial.* "Kyppe of lambe, a furre," Palsgrave. *Kip-leather*, the tanned hide of a kip.
- KIPE.** (1) Wrong. *Lauc.*  
 (2) An osier-basket, broader at top than at bottom, left open at each end, used in Oxfordshire, principally for catching pike.
- KIPLIN.** The more perishable parts of the cod-fish, cured separately from the body. *East.*
- KIPPE.** To take up hastily. "Thus y kippe ant cacche," Wright's Political Songs, p. 152.
- KIPPER.** (1) Amorous. *Lauc.* Also, lively, nimble, gay, light-footed.  
 (2) A term applied to salmon after their spawning. *North.* Hence, kippered salmon.
- KIPPER-NUT.** An earth-nut. "Th' earth nut, kipper nut, earth chestnut," Cotgrave.
- KIP-TREE.** The horizontal roller of a draw-well. Dean Milles' MS. Glossary.
- KIRCHER.** The midriff. *Somerset.*
- KIRK.** A church. *North.* Hence *kirk-garth*, a church-yard; *kirk-master*, a churchwarden; *kirk-mass*, a fair.
- Kyng Robert wakenyd, that was in the *kyrke*,  
 Hys men he thogt woo far to wyrke.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 240*
- KIRKED.** Turning upwards. *Skinner.*
- KIRNE.** A churn. *North.*
- KIROCKS.** The same as *Kairns*, q. v.
- KIRSOME.** Christian. *Nares.*
- KIRTLE.** A tunic, gown, or jacket. (*A.-S.*)  
 The form of the kirtle underwent various alterations at different times. Palsgrave translates it by *corpsel*. It was worn by both sexes. The woman's kirtle of the fourteenth century was a close-fitting dress described in Strutt, ii. 238; and the kirtle is mentioned in Launfal (233) as being laced tightly to the body. It seems to have been a mark of servitude or disgrace to appear in a kirtle only. The term is still retained in the provinces in the sense of an outer petticoat. When a long kirtle is spoken of, or when it is implied that the kirtle is long, it must be understood as having a kind of train or petticoat attached to it; and a half-kirtle is either part of this joint article of dress. See Gifford's Ben Jonson, ii. 260. The upper-kirtle was a garment worn over a kirtle.
- KIRTYNE.** A kind of sauce in ancient cookery. See the Ord. and Reg. p. 460.
- KIRVE.** To cut coal away at the bottom. A mining term.
- KISK.** The same as *Kex*, q. v. Hence *kisky*, dry, juiceless, husky.
- KISS.** *Kiss me at the garden gate*, the garden pansy. *Kiss me ere I rise*, *ibid.* *To kiss the hare's foot*, to kiss the post, to be too late for any thing. *To kiss the master*, a term at bowls meaning to hit the jack.
- KISSES.** Small sugar-plums. *Var. dial.*
- KISSING-BUNCH.** A garment of evergreens ornamented with ribands and oranges, substituted for mistletoe at Christmas, when the latter is not to be obtained.
- KISSING-COMFITS.** Sugar-plums perfumed, for sweetening the breath.
- KISSING-CRUST.** That part where the loaves have stuck together in baking. *Var. dial.*
- KIST.** (1) A chest. *North.*  
*A kist ther was in that place,*  
*That men put in ther offrande.*  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 89*  
 (2) To cast. *Somerset.*  
*The grave hd away thei kist,*  
*And Jhesus loked into the chest.*  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 49.*  
 (3) Kissed. In the first line it is of course used in the first sense.  
*Fy on the baggis in the kiste,*  
*I hadde i-nowe, yf I hire kiste.*  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 128.*
- KISTING.** A funeral. *North.*
- KISTRESS.** A kestrel hawk. *Blome.*
- KIT.** (1) A smear, or dab. *Corau.*  
 (2) Cut off. Batman upon Bartholome, 1582.  
 (3) A wooden vessel. *North.*  
 (4) Brood; family; quantity. *Var. dial.*  
 (5) Working implements. *North.* Also, the box containing them.

- (6) An outhouse for cattle. *West.*  
 (7) A straw or rush basket for herrings or sprats. *East.* Also used for any kind of basket.  
 (8) A kind of fiddle. "Fiddlers kit," Florio, p. 433.  
 (9) A country clown. *Line.*

**KIT-CAT.** A game played by boys in the East of England easier to play than to describe. Three small holes are made in the ground triangularly, about twenty feet apart to mark the position of as many boys, each of whom holds a small stick about two feet long. Three other boys of the adverse side pitch successively a piece of stick, a little bigger than one's thumb, called *cat*, to be struck by those holding the sticks. On its being struck, the boys run from hole to hole, dipping the end of their sticks in as they pass, and counting one, two, three, &c. as they do so, up to thirty-one, which is game, or the greater number of holes gained in the innings may indicate the winners as in cricket.

Then in his hand he takes a thick bat,  
 With which he us'd to play at *kit-cat*.

*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 83.

**KIT-CAT-CANNIO.** A sedentary game, played by two, with slate and pencil, and decided by the position of certain marks.

**KIT-CAT-ROLL.** A kind of roller not cylindrical, but somewhat in the form of a double cone meeting in the middle. *East.*

**KITCHEN.** (1) All sorts of eatables, bread only excepted. *North.* Kitchen-physic, substantial good fare. *Kitchen-stuff*, refuse fat or meat from the kitchen. See the *Bride*, 1640, sig. C. iii, and *Cotgrave*.

(2) To be careful, or thrifty. *Line.*

(3) A tea-urn; a large kettle. *North.*

**KITCHEN-BALL.** A woodlouse. *North.*

**KITCHEN-BREAD.** Thin soft oat cakes made of thin batter. *Line.*

**KITE.** (1) The belly. *Northumb.*

(2) To strike, beat, or cut. *Glouc.*

(3) A sharper. An old cant term.

(4) To keep; to preserve. *Somerset.*

**KITELING.** A kitten. "*Catalus*, a *kytylyng*." *Nomine MS. Kitting*, *Hollyband's Dictionary*, 1to. Lond. 1593.

**KITELLYNGE.** Tickling. (*A.-S.*)

That nowe er deceyved thurgh quayntes of the  
 devel, and *kitellynge* of thaire fleshe.

*MS. Coll. Eton*, 10, f. 4.

**KITH.** (1) Kindred; acquaintance. *North.*

(2) Knowledge. *Kyth*, *Perceval*, 1281.

(3) Country; region. (*A.-S.*)

**KITHE.** To show, or make known. (*A.-S.*)

Hence, to exhibit in fighting, &c.

What did ze in that place

Swyjk maystris to *kythe*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 131.

The sothe y wylle the *kythe*.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 85.

For at the justyng wolde y bene,

To *kythe* me with the knyghtys kene.

*MS. Ibid.* f. 75.

**KITING.** A worthless fellow. *North.*

**KIT-KARL.** Careless. *Suffolk.*

**KIT-KEYS.** Ash-keys. *Bullokar*, 1656.

**KIT-OF-THE-CANDLESTICK.** A vulgar name for the *ignis fatuus*, mentioned in *Aubrey's Wilts*, *Royal Soc. MS.* p. 39. See also *R. Scot's Discoverie of Witchcraft*, 1584, as quoted in *Ritson's Essay on Fairies*, p. 45.

**KITONE.** A kitten. (*A.-N.*)

**KIT-PACKS.** A kind of buskins. *West.* Spelt *kittibats* by *Palmer*, p. 59. *Dean Milles* gives the following enigma:—"Kitteback has what everything has, and everything has what kitteback has," *MS. Glossary*, p. 160.

**KITPAT.** The old clogged grease in the stocks of wheels. *Dorset.*

**KIT-POLE.** A wheel placed horizontally on an upright piece of wood, on which horse-flesh is kept for hounds. *Suffolk.*

**KITTEDEX.** Cut. (*A.-S.*)

**KITTLE.** (1) To tickle. *North.* Hence, ticklish, hard, difficult, uncertain, skittish.

(2) To kitten, as cats. *Var. dial.* "Caller, to kittle, as a cat," *Cotgrave*.

(3) *A pretty kittle of fish*, a very bad business, generally meant jocularly. *Kittle-busy*, officious about trifles. *Kittle the chumps*, to stir the fire. *Kittle of hand*, free of hand, apt to strike. *Kittle-pitchering*, a jocular method of effectually interrupting a troublesome teller of long stories by frequent questions.

**KITTLE-REAP.** Old, young, or unskilful hands, unable to assist in the harvest on equal terms with first-rate workmen, but who help them and do other work at that busy time at higher wages than usual. *Suffolk.*

**KITTLE-SMOCK.** A smock-frock. *West.*

**KITTY.** (1) A kit, or company. *West.*

(2) The house of correction. *Newc.*

(3) The bundle of straw by which mines are blasted. *North.*

**KITTY-COOT.** The water-rail. *West.*

**KITTY-KYLOE.** A kitten. *Worc.*

**KITTY-WITCH.** A kind of small crab; a species of sea-fowl; a female spectre. *East.*

**KITTY-WREN.** The common wren. *Var. dial.*

**KITY.** To lade out water. *Beds.*

**KIVE.** (1) Quoth. *North.* See *Ki*.

(2) The same as *Keere*, q. v.

**KIVER.** (1) A cover. *Var. dial.*

(2) A kind of shallow tub. *Susser.*

**KIWING.** Carving. *Havelok*, 1736.

**KIX.** (1) The same as *Kex*, q. v.

(2) A huddle or wild plum. *South.*

**KIZENED.** Parched; husky; dry. *North.* Also pronounced *kizzard*.

**KLEG.** A fish, *gadus barbatus*.

**KLEMEYN.** A claim. See *Manners and Household Expences of England*, p. 171.

**KLEPE.** To clip, or embrace. (*A.-S.*)

Howe *klepet* seche the dede corse, allas!

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. i. 6, f. 35.

**KLEVYS.** Rocks; cliffs. (*A.-S.*)

Here es a knyghte in theis *klevys* eneclesside with hilles,  
 That I have cowayte to knawe, because of his wordes.

*Morte Arthure*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 78.

**KLICK.** (1) A nail, peg, or knob, for hanging articles upon. *North.*

(2) To catch; to hold; to seize. *Var. dial.*

KLICK-HOOKS. Large hooks used for catching salmon by day-light. *North.*

KLICKET. A fox. The following lines describe the properties of a good horse.

Hedel of an ox,  
Tayled as fox,  
Comly as a kyng,  
Nekkyd as a dukyng,  
Mouthyd as a *k. ket*,  
Witted as a wookok,  
Wyhad as a w. dronke.

*MS. Cott. Galba E. ix. f. 110.*

KLITE. To take, or pull up. *North.*

KLOTE. The same as *Clote*, q. v.

Take the rote of the *klote*, and stampe it, and turne it on whyte wyne or ale, and drynk at zeve hoot and at morow kolle. *MS. Med. Rec. xv. Cent.*

KLUCKS. Claws; clutches. *North.*

KLUTSEN. To shake. *North.*

KLINTES. Chasms; crevices. *West.*

So on rockes and *klintes* thay runne and dr, ve,  
That all brekes in pecies and sodenly doith ryve.

*MS. Lansdowne 263, f. 8.*

KNAA. To know. *North.*

KNAB. To snatch. *To knob the rust*, to get the worst of a bargain. *South.*

KNABBLER. A person who talks much to little purpose. *Sussex.*

KNACK. (1) To gnash the teeth; to snap; to strike; to crack nuts; to clash; to nick; to speak affectedly. *North.* Knack-and-rattle, a noisy and rapid mode of dancing.

(2) A trick; a dexterous exploit. Hence, a joke, a pretty trifler.

(3) A kind of figure made of a small quantity of corn at the end of the harvest, and carried in the harvest-home procession. *Devon.*

KNACKER. (1) A collar and harness-maker, chiefly employed by farmers. *East.* Knacker's-brandy, a sound beating.

(2) A collier's horse. *Glouc.*

KNACKERS. Two pieces of wood struck by moving the hand. A boy's plaything.

KNACK-HARDY. Fool-hardy. *Somerset.*

KNACK-KNEED. Baker-legged, q. v. *Var. dial.*

KNACKS. The game of nine-holes.

KNACKY. Ingenious; handy. *Var. dial.*

KNAD. A knife. *Cov. Myst.* p. 384.

KNAG. (1) To gnaw. *Lin.*

(2) The rugged top of a hill. *North.*

(3) A wooden peg for clothes. *Devon.* The term occurs in a similar sense in Le Bone Florence of Rome, 1795, and in Syr Gowgltter, 194. *Knaged*, nailed, riveted.

(4) The antler of a deer.

KNAGGY. Ill-tempered. *Var. dial.*

KNAMANDEMENT. Commandment. It occurs in Gascoigne's *Supposes*, 1566.

KNANG. Grumbling; discontent. *North.*

KNAP. (1) The top of a hill. *North.* "A hillocke, or knap of a hill," *Cotgrave*.

(2) To strike. Also, a blow. "Knap boy on the thumbs," *Tusser*, p. 261.

(3) To talk short. *North.*

(4) The bud of a flower. *South.*

(5) To break off short; to snap. *Yorksh.*

*Knap* the thread, and thou art free,

But 'tis otherwise with me. *Herrick's Works*, i. 170.

KNAPE. A lad; a page. (*A.-S.*)

Ac right now a lired *knape*

To Bedingham com with rape.

*A. Thom. and Merlun*, p. 269.

So felle it that this cherlische *knape*

Hath lad this mayden where he wolde.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 23v.

KNAP-KNEES. Knock-knees. *Suffolk.*

KNAPP. To browse. Said of deer.

KNAPPE. A knob; a button. (*A.-S.*)

KNAPPISH. Cross; peevish. "Answering your snappish *quid* with a knappish *quo*."

*Stanburst's Desc. of Ireland*, p. 35.

KNAPPLE. To bite, or nibble. *North.*

KNARLE. A dwarfish fellow. *North.*

KNARLY. Strong; hearty. *Somerset.*

KNARRE. A rock, or cliff. *Gawayne.*

KNARRY. Knotty. *Chaucer.*

KNAST. The snuff of a candle.

KNATCH. To strike, or knock. *Lin.*

KNATTER. To nibble. Metaphorically, to find fault with trifles. *North.*

KNATTLE. The same as *Knatter*, q. v.

KNAVATE. A knave. *Skelton.*

KNAVE. A lad; a servant. (*A.-S.*)

We ne have to hete, ne we ne have

Herinne neyther knith ne *knave*. *Have'sk.*, 456.

KNAVE-CHILD. A boy. (*A.-S.*)

In holy churche, as clerkes fynde,

On his dougter, agayne kynde,

Ther he gate a *knave-child*.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 43.

KNAWANDE. Gnawing. *Arch.* xxx. 355, l. 191.

KNawe. To know. *North.* See *Have'sk.*

2785; *Kyng Alisaunder*, 724. In some coun-

tries we have *knawed*, *knew*.

KNE. Degree. *Hoarne.*

KNEDDÉ. Kneaded. (*A.-S.*)

KNEE. A bent piece of wood. A term used by carpenters. *North.*

KNEE-HAPSED. Said of wheat, when laid by wind and entangled. *South.*

KNEE-HOLLY. The butcher's broom. *South.*

KNEE-KNAPT. Knock-kneed. *Devon.*

KNEELER. Explained by *Holmes*, "Stones that stand upright, that makes a square outward above, and inward below."

KNEEN. Knees. (*A.-S.*)

KNEESTEAD. The place of the knee. *Lin.*

KNEESTRADS. Pieces of leather fastened to the knees to protect them from the ladder worn by thatchers. *Devon.*

KNEP. To bite gently. *North.*

KNEPPARS. Wooden tongs used for pulling up weeds in corn. *Yorksh.*

KNET. Knit; tied. *Weber.*

KNETTAR. A string, or cord. *South.*

KNEW. A knee. (*A.-S.*)

And sehe began mercy to crye,

Upon hire bare *knewe*, and seyde,

And to hire fadir thus sehe seyde.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 25.

KNIBBERS. Young deer when they first begin to have horns; pricklers.

**KNICK-A-KNACKS.** Same as *Knackers*, q. v.  
**KNIFE.** Appears sometimes to be used by old writers for a sword or dagger.

**KNIFE-GATY.** Hospitable. *Line.*

**KNIFE-PLAYING.** Tossing up knives and catching them, a sport practised by the ancient jogelours. See Weber, iii. 297.

**KNIFLE.** To steal; to pilfer. *North.*

**KNIGHT.** A servant. Generally, a servant in war, a soldier; a knight. (*A.-S.*)

**KNIGHTHOOD.** Valour. *Chaucer.*

**KNIGHTLE.** Active; skilful. *North.*

**KNIGHT-OF-THE-POST.** A hired witness; a person hired to give false bail in case of arrest. Hence generally, a cheat or sharper; a robber. On this account, all those whose fortune's crost,  
 And want estates, may turn *knights of the post.*  
*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 258.

**KNIP.** To pinch; to bite. *North.*

**KNIPPERDOLLINGS.** A sort of heretics, followers of one Knipperdoling, who lived in Germany about the time of the Reformation. Blount's *Glossographia*, 1681, p. 359.

**KNIT.** (1) *To knit one up*, to reprove him. *To knit up a matter*, to finish it. See Holinshed, *Hist. England*, i. 65. *To knit up a man*, to confine him. The phrase occurs in Palsgrave.

(2) Joined; bound; agreed. (*A.-S.*)

(3) To unite; to hang together. *West.* Also, to set, as fruit blossoms.

**KNIT-BACK.** The herb comfrey.

**KNITCH.** A bundle. *Somerset.*

**KNITS.** Small particles of lead ore.

**KNITSTER.** A female who knits. *Devon.*

**KNITTING-CUP.** A cup of wine handed round immediately after the marriage ceremony to those who assisted in it.

**KNITTING-PINS.** Knitting-needles. *East.*

**KNITTLE.** A string fastened to the mouth of a sack to tie it with. *Sussex.*

**KNOB.** A round tumour. *South.*

**KNOBBED-STICK.** A walking-stick, with a knob at the end. *Var. dial.*

**KNOBBER.** The hart in its second year. See further in v. *Hunting.* Spelt *knobler* in *Genl. Rec.* ii. 75.

**KNOBBLE.** To hammer feebly. *West.*

**KNOBBLE-TREE.** The head. *Suffolk.*

**KNOBBLI.** (1) Full of knots or lumps. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) Stylish. *Somerset.*

**KNOBLOCKS.** Small round coals. *Lanc.*

**KNOBBS.** To make no knobs of a thing, i. e. to make no difficulty about it.

**KNOCK.** (1) To move about briskly. *East.*

(2) *To knock a man over*, to knock him down. *Knock back ore*, ore mixed with a coarse sort of spar. *Knocked up*, worn out with fatigue. *Knock me down*, strong ale. *To knock at end*, to persevere.

**KNOCKING.** The cry of hare-hounds.

**KNOCKING-MELL.** A large wooden hammer used for bruising barley. *Knocking-trough*, a kind of mortar in which that operation was performed.

**KNOCKINGS.** Native lead ore. *Derb.*

**KNOCK-KNOBBLER.** The name of the person who perambulates the church during divine service to keep order. *North.*

**KNOCKLEDEBOINARD.** A term of reproach; a hard-working clown. *Palsgrave.*

**KNOCK-SALT.** A stupid lout. *Suffolk.*

**KNOCKSTONE.** A stone used for breaking ore upon. A mining term.

**KNODDEN.** Kneaded. *North.*

**KNOGS.** (1) Ninepins. *Yorksh.*

(2) The coarse part of hemp. *West.*

**KNOKLED.** With craggy projections.

**KNOLL.** (1) To toll the bell. Still a common word in the provinces.

(2) A little round hill. *Kent.* It occurs in MS. Egerton 614, xiii. Cent.

(3) A turnip. *Kent.* (Kennett, p. 54.)

**KNOP.** (1) A large tub. *Cumb.*

(2) The bud of a plant. (*A.-S.*) "Out of the knop," Du Bartas, p. 370.

Take half a pound of rede roses floures that be galeryd erly whyle the dewe lastys, and ben fulle sprad, and pulle of the *knoppes*, and clippe hem with a peyre sherys. *MS. Med. Rec.* xv. Cent.

(3) A knob, or handle; the woollen tuft on the top of a cap.

(4) The knee-cap. *Nominale MS.*

(5) A button. *Rom. of the Rose*, 1080.

**KNOPPED.** A term applied to clothes when partially dried. *Line.*

**KNOPPEDE.** (1) Buttoned; fastened. (*A.-S.*)

(2) Full of knops, or knobs. (*A.-S.*)

**KNOPPIT.** A small lump. *East.*

**KNOR.** A dwarfish fellow. *North.*

**KNORNED.** Rugged. *Gawayne.*

**KNORRISH.** Knottish; full of knots.

**KNOT.** (1) A rocky summit. *North.*

(2) A boss, a bunch of flowers, &c. An architectural ornament. *Oxf. Gl. Arch.* p. 221.

(3) *To seek a knot in a rush*, to look for a needle in a bottle of hay. See Elyot, in v. *Scirpus.*

(4) A puzzle. *Var. dial.*

(5) A parterre, or garden plat. *West.*

(6) The key or boss of a vault. It means sometimes a finial.

**KNOTCHEL.** To cry a woman knotchel is when a man gives public notice he will not pay his wife's debts. *Lanc.*

**KNOTLINS.** Chitterlins. *Somerset.*

**KNOTSTRINGS.** Laces. *Devon.*

**KNOTTE.** A bird, the *Cinclus Bellonii* of Ray. See the *Archæologia*, xiii. 341. Blount calls it a "delicious sort of small fowl," and says its name is derived from Canute, or Knout, who was said to have been very fond of it.

**KNOTTILLES.** Knobs. *Somerset.*

He had a heved lyke a bulle, and *knottilles* in his front, as thay had bene the hygyynyng of hornes. *MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 1.

**KNOTTINGS.** Light corn. *Chesh.*

**KNOTTLED.** Stunted in growth. *South.*

**KNOTTY-TOMMY.** Oatmeal eaten with boiled milk poured over it. *North.*

**KNOULECIE.** To acknowledge. (*A.-S.*)

**KNOUL.** King Canute. (*A.-S.*) *Knoule*, Chro-  
 mon Vilo-anense, ed. Black, p. 92.

**KNOW.** (1) Futuo. Still in use.  
 (2) Knowledge. Also, to acquire knowledge.

**KNOWLECHING.** Knowledge. (*A.-S.*)  
 Of hur for to have a syghte,  
 Of hur to have *knowleching*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 140.*  
 O sothfast Lorde, that haste the *knowlechyng*  
 Of every thyng, thorowe thy grete myght.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 46.*

**KNOWLEDGE.** Took his knowledge, knew him.  
 See Sir Perceval, 1052.

**KNOWN.** Knew. *Var. dial.*

**KNOW-NOTHING.** Very ignorant. *East.*

**KNOWTH.** To know; to acknowledge.

**KNOWYNG.** Acquaintance. (*A.-S.*)  
 That ar aperte of my *knowyng*,  
 That shall speke for the to the kyng.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 53.*

**KNUBBLE.** (1) A small knob. *Suffolk.*  
 (2) To handle clumsily. *East.*

**KNUBLINGS.** Small round coals. *Worc.*

**KNUCHER.** To giggle; to chatter. *Surrey.*

**KNUCKER.** To neigh. *Kent and Sussex.*

**KNUCKLE-DOWN.** A phrase at marbles, ordering an antagonist to shoot with his hand on the ground. *Var. dial.* Knuckle-to, to yield or submit. Also, to adhere firmly.

**KNUCKLES.** The bands of a book.

**KNUR.** (1) A round hard piece of wood used in the game of knurspell. *North.*  
 (2) A knot. *Var. dial.* "A bounche or knur in a tree." Elyot, in v. *Bruscum*, ed. 1559.

**KNURL.** A dwarf. *Northumb.*

**KNUTTE.** (1) Knights. (2) Knit; tied. *Weber.*

**KNYCCHIS.** Bundles; sheaves. *Baber.*

**KNYLED.** Knelt. Percy's Reliques, p. 4.

**KNYLLE.** To knoll. *North.*  
 To wakyne Mildore the bright,  
 With belles for to *knylle*. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 136*

**KOCAY.** A jakes. *Prompt. Parv.*

**KOCOK.** A cuckoo. Arch. xxx. 409. It occurs in Nominale MS. spelt *kokoke*.

**KOD.** Quoth. Robin Hood, i. 92.

**KOF.** The same as *Kof*, q. v. It means keen, eager, in R. de Brunne, p. 66.  
 Allas! queth Beves, whan he doun cam,  
 Whilom ichadde an erldam,  
 And an hors gode and snel,  
 That men clepede Arondel;  
 Now ich wolde geve hit *kof*  
 For a schiver of a lof. *Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 71.

**KOISTER.** Ill-tempered. *North.*

**KOK.** A cook. Havelok, 903.

**KOKWOLD.** A cuckold.  
 And, as I rede in story,  
 He was *kokwold* sykely,  
 Forsothe it is no lesyng. *MS. Ashmole 61, f. 59.*

**KOLING.** The crab-apple. *Salop.*

**KOMBIDE.** Combed. "Crispid and kombide," Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 64.

**KONE.** To know. (*A.-S.*)  
 Thys ensample were gode to *kone*,  
 Bothe to the fadyr and eke to the sone.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 8.*

**KONNE.** Boldly? (*A.-S.*)  
 And alle in fere sey *konne*  
 That Degary the pryce hath wonne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 247.*

**KONSYONIS.** Conscience. *Lydgate.*

**KONY.** Canny; fine. *North.*

**KONYNGESTE.** Most learned, or clever.  
 The *konyngeste* cardynalle that to the courte lengede  
 Knelis to the conquerour, and karpes thire wordes.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 37*

**KOO.** A jaekdaw. *Palsgrave.*

**KOOLESTOCKE.** The colewort. *Ortus Voc.*

**KOPPED.** Proud; insulting. *North.*

**KORBEAU.** The miller's thumb. *Kent.*

**KOREN.** Corn. Havelok, 1879.

**KORWE.** Sharp. Nominale MS.

**KOSTANT.** Constantine. *W. Werv.* p. 52.

**KOTE.** A tunic or coat. (*A.-S.*)  
 He dede to make yn the somers tyde  
 A *kote* perced queyntly with pryde.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 23.*

**KOTTE.** Caught; eatched. *Hearne.*

**KOTEDE.** Cut. *Lydgate.*  
 The *kotede* here forer- of ermin,  
 The younge children wende therin.  
*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 136

**KOUP.** To bark, or yelp. *Salop.*

**KOUS.** The same as *Kex*, q. v. *Lauc.*

**KOUSLOPPES.** Cowslips. Arch. xxx. 409.

**KOUTH.** Kindred; acquaintance. (*A.-S.*)  
 To mi neghburs swithe ma,  
 Radnes to mi *kouth* als-swa.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 19.*

**KOVE.** *A-kove*, suddenly. (*A.-S.*)

**KOWEYNT.** Quaint; cunning.

**KOWKE.** A cook. Reliq. Antiq. i. 82.

**KOWPE.** The same as *Chop*, q. v.

**KOYCHES?** The Cambridge MS. reads *theres*.  
 Fifteen *kyches* com in a stounde  
 Al slap, and gaf thay me thys wounde;  
 I mun dye tharof, wol I wate,  
 Swa icham in ivel state:  
 Of myself ne nys me noht,  
 On my lemman es almy thoht.  
*Guy of Warwick, Middlehill MS.*

**KRAFTY.** Skilfully made. "Fowre crosselettes krafty," MS. Morte Arthure, f. 88.

**KRAIM.** A booth at a fair. *North.*

**KRAKE.** To crack; to break. (*A.-S.*)  
 With coronus of clere golde that *krakede* in sondire.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 87.*

**KREEKARS.** See *Crakers*; Hall, Henry VIII. f. 119; Baker's Chronicle, ed. 1696, p. 272.

**KREEL.** A worsted ball, the worsted being generally of different colours. *North.*

**KRESS-HAWK.** A hawk. *Cornw.*

**KRESTE.** A crest. Nominale MS.  
 A *kreste* he beryth in blewe,  
 Syr Barnarde then hym knewe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 80.*

**KREWELLE.** Stern; severe.  
 With *krewelle* contenance thane the kyng karpis thes  
 wordes,  
 I praye the *karw* noghte, syr knyghte, ne caste you no  
 dredis.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 95.*

**KRIB.** A hundred square feet of cut glass.  
 Holme's Academie of Arms, 1688.

**KRIKE.** A creek. Havelok, 708.

**KRINK.** A hend, or twist. *East.*

**KROCES.** Crosses. *Hearne.*

**KROUCHEN.** Perched. *North.*

**KRYE.** To cry; to shout.

With knyghtly contenance sir Clepis hymselfene  
*Kryps* to the company, and carpes thees wordez.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 70.*

KRYVE. The grave. Laughtoft, p. 91.

KU. A cow. (*A.-S.*)

KUCKUC. A cuckoo. See Mr. Wright's collection of Latin Stories, p. 74.

KUDDE. Showed. (*A.-S.*)  
 I-hered be oure Lord Crist  
 That here *kudde* his myst.  
*MS. Coll. Trin. Oxon. 57.*

KUKE. A cook. Nominale MS.

KULLACK. An onion. *Devon.*

KULN. A windmill. *North.*

KULPY. Thick-set; stout. *Suffolk.*

KUNDERE. Nearer of kin. (*A.-S.*)

KUNGER. A conger. *Reliq. Antiq. ii. 174.*

KUNTEYNED. Sat; held himself. *W. Werv.*

KUNTIPUT. A clown. *Somerset.*

KUNY. Coin. *Prompt. Parv.*

KUSSYNS. Cushions.  
 These fresh ladies and these lordes ben sette  
 On *kussyngs* of silk togedir to and to.  
*MS. Cott. Vesp. D. vii. f. 142.*

KUTHTHES. Manners; habits. (*A.-S.*)

KUTTE. To cut. (*A.-S.*)

KUTTER. A swaggerer; a bully. *Kutting*, the adjective, is also found in the same MS.  
 I serve the ruffler as the rest,  
 And all that bragge and swashe;  
 The kuttinge *kutters* of Queen-hyve,  
 And all that revells dashe. *MS. Ashmole 200.*

KYBYTE. A cubit. *Prompt. Parv.*

KYDE. Famous; renowned. (*A.-S.*)  
 Thane aftyre at Carlelele a Cristynnese he haldes,  
 This ilke *kyde* conquerour, and helde hym for lord.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 53.*

KYDEL. A dam in a river for taking fish. See Statute 2 Henry VI. c. 15, quoted in Chitty's Treatise on the Game Laws, 1812, i. 373.  
 Fishes love soote smell, also it is trewe  
 Thei love not old *kydes* as thei doe the new.  
*Ashmole's Theat. Chem. Brit. 1652, p. 71.*

KYE. (1) She. *Hearne.*  
 (2) To cry. *Middleton, ii. 485.*

KYGHIT. Caught. *Hartshorne, p. 122.*

KYISH. Dirty. *Suffolk.*

KYKE. To look steadfastly. (*A.-S.*)

KYKNYTES. Knights. *Cov. Myst. p. 180.*

KYLE. A cock of lay. *North.*

KYLOES. Small Highland cattle. *North.*

KYMENT. Stupid. *Heref.*

KYNDE. Begotten. (*A.-S.*)

KYNDONE. A kingdom. (*A.-S.*)  
 That my fadres dere chyldren bene  
 Into hys blys and *kyndone* with me.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 71*

KYNE. Kin; kindred. (*A.-S.*)  
 Now hafe I tauide the the *kyne* that I ofe come.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 81.*

KYNELD. Brought forth young. It occurs in MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii.

KYNE-MERK. A mark or sign of royalty. *Kyne-gerde*, a sceptre. (*A.-S.*)

KYNG-RYKE. A kingdom. (*A.-S.*)  
 I make the kepare, syr knyghte, of *kyng rykes* manye,  
 Wardayne wyrchipfulle to weilde al my landes.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 60.*

KYNLYME. The hearth-stock. *Pr. Parv.*

KYNREDENE. Kindred. (*A.-S.*)  
 And here es the *kyredene* that I ofe come.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln. f. 81.*

KYNTES. Knights. *Hearne.*

KYPE. (1) An ugly grimace. *Chesh.*  
 (2) A coarse wicker basket, containing nearly a bushel. *Heref.*  
 (3) To be very stingy. *Line.*  
 (4) Heed; care; attention; study. *West.*  
 (5) To belch; to vomit. *North.*

KYPTE. Caught; drew out. *Hearne.*

KYRED. Changed; altered. (*A.-S.*)

KYRRE. Quarry. A hunting term. (*A.-N.*)  
 To make the quarry, to cut up the deer, and feed the hounds.  
 And after, whenne the hert is splayed and ded,  
 he undoeth hym, and maketh his *kyrré*, and en-  
 quyrrereth or rewardeth his houndes, and so he hath  
 gret lykynge. *MS. Bodl. 546.*

KYRST? A wood. *Oxon.*

KYSE. Chester Plays, i. 80. *Qu. byse?*

KYTTED. Caught. *Weber.*

KYX. The bung of a cask. *Prompt. Parv.*  
 Also the same as *Ker*, q. v.

L A. (1) Lo; behold. (Kennett, MS.)  
 (2) Low. *North.*

LAA. Law. Nominale MS.

LAB. A tittle-tattle; a blab. Also called a lab-o-the-tongue. *West.* It occurs in Chaucer.

LABARDE. A leopard. *Isambas, 189.*

LABBER. (1) To bathe. *Northumb.*  
 (2) To loll out the tongue; to lick up anything. *Somerset.*  
 (3) To splash; to dirty. *North.*

LABECYDE. Whipped?  
 Lett not thy tonge thy esyn-crysten dy-pyse,  
 Ande than plesyst more myn excellens  
 Than yff thu *labecyde* with grett dylygens  
 Upon thy nakyde feet and bare,  
 Tyll the blode folwude for peyn and vyolens.  
*Mind, Will, and Understanding, p. 20.*

LABELL. A tassel. *Hulbet.* "Labelles hanging lowne on garlands, or crownes," *Baret.*

LABLYNG. Babbling. See Urry, p. 535.  
 He speketh here repreeffe and vyl-nyse,  
 As mannys *lablyng* tonge is wont away.  
*Chaucer, MS. Cantab. FE i. 6. f. 61*

LABONETTA. An old dance, beginning with the pavian. (*Ital.*)

LABOUR. To cultivate the earth. *To labour on the way*, to go onwards.

LABOURSOME. Laborious. *North.*

LABRUN. To labour. *Const. Mas. 273.*

LACCHESSSE. Negligence. (*L.-N.*)  
 The firste poynte of slouthe I calle  
*Lachesse*, and is the chef of alle.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. latiq. 134, f. 103.*

LACE. (1) To beat, or thrash. *Var. dial.* The phrase often is, to lace the jacket. *To lace the skin*, to eat enormously, (to tighten it?).  
 (2) To mix with spirits. *North.* *Lac'd coffee.* Praise of Yorkshire Ale, 1697, p. 3.



(3) To streak, as with laces on dress; to ornament; to embellish. "What envious streaks do lace the severing clouds," Shakespeare. Compare Macbeth, ii. 3; True Trag. of Richard III, p. 47. Still in use in the North of England. A person splashed with dirt would said to be laced.

(4) A beam. Sharp's Cov. Myst. p. 37.

Whenne al was purveide in place,  
And bounden togider beam and lace,  
Thwi foud greet merryng in her merk.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 55*

(5) To tie; to bind. (*A.-N.*)

LACED-MUTTON. A prostitute. According to Moor and Forby, the term is not yet obsolete. It occurs in Shakespeare.

LACED-TEA. See *Lace* (2).

LACERT. According to Cotgrave, a fleshy muscle, so termed from its having a tail like a lizard. The author of Dial. Creat. Moral. p. 92, compares its shape to that of a crocodile.

LACHE. (1) Sluggish. (*A.-N.*)

(2) A muddy hole; a bog. *Yorksh.*

(3) To catch; to take. (*A.-S.*) "To *lache* fische," Legend of Pope Gregory, p. 17. Hence sometimes, to embrace.

LACHRYMÆ. The title of a musical work by Dowland, frequently alluded to in old plays.

LACK. To blame. *South.* "With-owten lac," without fault, Ywaine and Gawin, 264.

LACKADAISICAL. Very affected, generally applied to young ladies. *Var. dial.*

LACKADAISY. Alack; alas! *Var. dial.*

LACKE. To beat. *Weber.*

LACKEE. To wander from home. *West.*

LACKES. Lackeys; companions. *Hearne.*

LACKEY. To run by the side, like a lackey. Heywood's Edward IV, p. 16.

LACKITS. Odd things; odds and ends; small sums of money. *North.*

LACK-LATIN. A person ignorant of Latin; an uneducated man. "A silly clarke, an in-fomer, a pettefogger, a promooter, a Sir John Lacke-Latine," Florio, p. 162.

LACKY. To beat severely. *Deron.*

LACKY-BOYS. Very thin soled shoes.

LACTURE. A mixture for salads.

LAD. (1) A man-servant. *North.* In old English, a low common person.

(2) A thong of leather; a shoe-latchet.

LADDE. Led; carried. (*A.-S.*)

LADDERS. The frame-work fixed on the sides of a waggon. *Var. dial.*

LADDY. The diminutive of *lad*.

LADE. (1) To leak or admit water.

Withynne the ship wiche that Argus made,  
Whiche was so staunche it mygte no water lade.  
*MS. Digby 230.*

(2) Laden. Todd's Gower, p. 215.

(3) To fasten anything with bands of iron. A joiner's term. *North.*

(4) A ditch, or drain. *Norfolk.*

(5) To abuse a person thoroughly.

LADÉ-GORN. A pail with a long handle to lade water out with. *Derb.* Also called a *lade-pail*. See Jennings, p. 51.

LADÉS. The same as *Ladders*, q. v. In Somerset they are called *ladeshrides*.

LADÉ-SADDLE. A saddle for a horse carrying a load or burthen on its back.

LADGE. To lay eggs. *Deron.*

LADGEN. To close the seams of wooden vessels which have opened from drought, so as to make them hold water. *Chesh.*

LADIES-THISTLE. The *Carduus Benedictus*, Lin. See Palmer, p. 59.

LADILY. Ugly; hideous. (*A.-S.*) Brockett has *ladily* in the same sense.

LADLE. To dawdle. *Norfolk.*

LADLICKED. Licked or beaten by a youth or lad. *Salop.*

LADRON. A thief. (*Span.*)

LAD'S-LOVE. Southernwood. *Var. dial.*

LADUN. A burthen. *South.*

LADY. "The ladie of the wicket, a hy-word for a midwife," Cotgrave, in v. *Madame*.

LADY-BIRD. A cant term for a whore.

A cast of lacquyes, and a *lady-bird*,  
An oath in fashion, and a guided sword.  
*Fletcher's Poems, p. 176 (cr. 676.)*

LADY-BUDDICK. An early kind of apple.

LADY-CLOCK. The lady-bird. *Yorksh.*

LADY-OF-THE-LAKE. A cant term for a courtesan, perhaps taken from the well-known character of that name in the Mort d'Arthur.

LADY'S-HOLE. A game at cards.

LADY'S-SMOCK. Canterbury bells. This flower is also called the lady's-nightcap.

LADY'S-TASTE. The same as *Clagwan*, q. v.

LAER. A barn. *Yorksh.* (Kennett, MS.)

LAFF. Remainder; remnant. *North.*

LAFF. To laugh. *North.* "Then wold you *laffe*," Collier's Old Ballads, p. 60.

LAFT. Left; remained. (*A.-S.*) "And laften the gold," Chron. Vilodun, p. 102.

What foule that sittes or flye,  
Whether it were ferre or nye,  
Some with hym it *lafte*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 51*

LAFTER. The number of eggs laid by a hen before she sits. *North.*

LAG. (1) To crack; to split. *West.*

(2) Late; last; slow. *Var. dial.* Also, the last or lowest part. "The weight would *lagge* thee," Heywood's Iron Age, sig. K. iii.

(3) A game at marbles.

(4) The stand for a harrel. Also, the narrow wood or stave. *North*

(5) A law. Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.

LAGABAG. A lazy fellow. *Suffolk.* Forby has it, but spelt *lagarag*.

LAGE. To wash. *Lagge*, a bundle of clothes for washing. Old cant terms.

LAGGED. Dirtied; splashed. *Palsgrave.*

LAGGEN. (1) The stave of a cask. *North.*

(2) The angle between the side and bottom of a wooden dish. *Northumb.*

LAGGENE. They lay?

Thane there launces they lachene, theis lordlyche byernez,

*Laggene* with longe spores one lyarde stedes.  
*Morte Arturie, MS. Lincoln, f. 80*

**LAGGER.** A green lane; a narrow strip of ground. *West.*

**LAGIL.** Law. (*A.-S.*) It occurs in MS. Cotton. *Vespas. D. vii. Ps. 1.*

**LAGLIBERER.** A ruler. (*A.-S.*)

**LAGHTE.** Taken; caught. (*A.-S.*)  
And he lordely lyghtes, and laghte of his brydille,  
And lete his burlyche blonke baite on the flores.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 81.*

**LAG-LAST.** A loiterer. *North.* "Lastly, lagly, behind all." Florio, p. 149. *Lagnan*, the last of a company of reapers.

**LAG-TEETH.** The grinders, so called because the last in growth. See Florio, p. 511.

**LAG-WOOD.** The larger sticks from the head of an oak tree when felled. *Dorset.*

**LAIID.** (1) Killed; dead. *Suffolk.* The common phrase is, *laid by the wall.*

The kyng of Lebe es laide, and in the felde levyde,  
And manye of his lege mene that there to hym lan-  
gede. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 73.*

(2) Laid down for a nap. *East.*

(3) Just or slightly frozen. *Norf.*

(4) Plotted; designed; contrived. *Shak.*

(5) *Laid out*, bedecked with finery. *Laid up*, confined from sickness. When a coal-pit ceases working, it is said to be *laid in*.

(6) Trimmed, as with lace, &c.

**LALIE.** A lake. (*A.-S.*)

The blod ran in the valaie,  
So water out of a laie. *Arthur and Merlin, p. 197.*

**LAIER.** Soil; dung. *East.*

**LAIHTON.** A garden. *Yorksh.*

**LAIN.** A layer of anything. The term occurs in Harrison's England, p. 187.

**LAINCH.** A long stride. *North.*

**LAINÉ.** (1) To lay. (*A.-S.*) It is the imperf. pl. in the following example.

And in a chare they hym layne,  
And ladd hym home into Almayne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 77.*

(2) To conceal. (*A.-S.*) "The sothe es noghte to laine," the truth must not be concealed, a very common phrase in old romances.

Sir Degrevaunt, es noghte to layne,  
His swerd hase he owr-drawene.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 137.*

(3) Concealment. From the verb.

Whan Robyn came to Notyngham,  
Sertely withoutene layne,  
He prayed to God and myld Mary  
To bring hym out save agayne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 126.*

Lady, he sayd, withouten layne,  
This is Launcelottis sheld de Lake.  
*MS. Hart. 2252, f. 94.*

**LAINERS.** Straps; thongs. (*A.-N.*)

**LAIIR.** Soil; land. "Layre of a grounde, terroy," Palsgrave. Brockett explains it, mire, dirt. "*Laire*, open pasture, common field," Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.

Of water his body, is fleshe laire,  
His heer of fuyr, his honde of ayre.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Col. Trin. Cantab. f. 4.*

**LAIIRD.** (1) Learned. (*A.-S.*)

Ne ríche, ne pour, ne bond, ne fre,  
Laird, ne lawed, what sa he be.  
*John de Wagesby, p. 7.*

(2) A proprietor of land. *North.* Properly, a lord of the manor.

**LAIIRIE.** An aery of hawks. Florio, p. 129.

**LAIIRING.** Wading through mire, &c. *North.*

**LAIIRLY.** Idle; base, *Cumb.*

**LAIISTOWE.** "The ancient gardens were but dunghills and laistowes," Harrison, p. 209. See further in *Lay-stall*.

**LAIITCH.** To be idle and gay; to loiter; to laugh; to titter. *North.*

**LAIITCHETY.** Idle; careless. *South.*

**LAIITE.** To search; to seek for. Still in use in the North of England.

**LAIITER.** The same as *Lafter*, q. v.

**LAIITH.** (1) Loath; loathly. *North.*

(2) To bid, ask, or invite. *Yorksh.*

**LAK.** Vice; sin; little. *Hearne.*

**LAKE.** (1) A kind of fine linen. Shirts were formerly made of it. It is mentioned in a laundress's list of articles in MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 141, and by Chaucer. The following passage establishes its colour.

The daisé y-corowned white as lake,  
An violetis on bankes be bedene.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 11.*

(2) Fault. (*A.-S.*) Octovian, 1394. Kennett explains it, disgrace, scandal.

So ere these bakhytes won,  
Thai say the wrast that thai con,  
Ever behynde a manys bake  
With ille thai fynde to hym a lake.  
*R. de Brunne, MS. B. 100, p. 31.*

For yn the syxte ther y spake,  
Y touched of thys yche lake.  
*MS. Hart. 1701, f. 20.*

(3) To lap up. *Lanc.*

(4) Any small rivulet. *Decon.*

(5) To be costive. *North.*

(6) To play. Also, a play. *North.* Hence *laker*, a player or actor.

William wel with Meliors his wille than dede,  
And layked there at lykng al the long daye.  
*William and the Werwolf, p. 33.*

(7) To pour water gently. *North.*

(8) To like; to please. *Sevyn Sages, 1212.*

(9) A den? See *Cov. Myst.* p. 387.

(10) Lack of anything. *Palsgrave.*

**LAKE-WAKE.** The ceremony of watching a corpse previously to burial. It is mentioned by Chaucer, *Cant. T. 2960*, spelt *liche-wake*, more in accordance with its etymology.

**LAKIN.** (1) See *Byrlakin*.

(2) A plaything; a toy. *North.* "He putt up in his bosome thes iij. lakayns," *Gesta Rom.* p. 105. *Lakyues*, *Nominale MS.*

**LAL.** A petted, spoiled child. *East.*

**LALDRUM.** A very great simpleton. *East.*

**LALL.** (1) Little. *North.*

(2) To lounge, or loiter. *Norfolk.*

**LALLOP.** To beat, or thrash. *Far. dial.*

**LALLOPS.** A slattern. *North.*

**LAM.** To beat soundly. *Var. dial.* "I le lambe your jacked, sirrah," MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 2. Hence *lamb-pie*, a sound beating; and, perhaps, *lambback*, to beat. "*Dob*, beaten, lammed, bethwacked," *Cotgrave*.

LAMB-HOGS. Lambs before shearing. *North*.  
 LAMBOYS. The drapery which came from below the tassels over the thighs, sometimes imitated in steel. See Hall, Henry IV. f. 12.  
 LAMBREN. Lambs. (*A.-S.*)  
 LAMBS. Ruffians employed at elections to impress upon the persons and property of the peaceable inhabitants the "physical force" doctrine. Times, Nov. 4th, 1844.  
 LAMBSKIN. A glutinous substance sometimes found in vinegar. *Line*.  
 LAMBSKINES. Strokes. See *Lam*.  
 And because therof, I did give her three or four lambskines with the yerd. Thou servedst her well ynough, said he. *MS. Ashmol.* 208.  
 LAMBSKINET. A juvenile game at cards. *Salop*. From Fr. *Lausquet*.  
 LAMB'S-LEG. Nasal dirt. *Var. dial*.  
 LAMB'S-QUARTERS. The white goose-foot. *Lamb-sucklings*, the flowers of bird's foot clover. *North*.  
 LAMB-STORMS. Spring storms, often prejudicial to young lambs. *East*.  
 LAMB'S-TONGUE. Rib-grass. *South*.  
 LAMB'S-WOOL. Apples roasted, beaten into a pulp, and well mixed with strong ale.  
 LAMB'S-WOOL-SKY. A collection of white orbicular masses of cloud. *Devon*.  
 LAMBYSKE. An alembic. Arch. xxx. 409.  
 LAME. (1) Often. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) A lamb. "*Agnus*, a lame; *agna*, a new lame," Nominale MS.  
 (3) Loam; mud; clay. (*A.-S.*)  
 Of erthe and *lame* as was Adam  
 Makede to noye and nede,  
 We er als he maked to be,  
 Whilles we this lyfe salle lede.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1.* 17, f. 213.  
 Ther is a mon that het Jhesus,  
 With *lame* he anoynt myne egen two.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 84.  
 (4) A person wounded or injured in any limb was formerly said to be *lame*.  
 LAMENTABLE. Very. *Var. dial*.  
 LAMETER. A cripple. *North*. In the West of England a *lamiger*.  
 LAM-FLOOR. At Wednesbury, co. Staffordshire, the fourth parting or laming in the body of the coal is called the lam-floor.  
 LAMINGS. The partings of coal. *Staff*.  
 LAM-LAKENS. See *Bulls-and-Cows*.  
 LAMM. (1) A plate or scale of metal. An armourer's term. Florio, p. 19.  
 (2) To catch eels. *Suffolk*.  
 LAMMEL. Same as *Lambskinet*, q. v.  
 LAMMING. Huge; great. Formed similarly to *wapping*, &c. from *lamming*, a beating.  
 LAMMOCK. To slouch. *Var. dial*.  
 LAMP. (1) To shine. *Spenser*.  
 (2) An iron cradle let down with fire into a coal-pit to make a draught of air. *Staff*.  
 LAMPASS. An excrescence of flesh about the teeth in horses, which prevents their eating. Topsell's Beasts, 1607, p. 362.  
 LAM-PAY. The same as *Lam*, q. v.  
 LAMPER-EEL. The lamprey. *East*.

LAMPLOO. An outdoor boy's game.  
 LAMPORS. A kind of thin silk. (*Dut.*)  
 LAMPURNS. Lampreys. Ord. and Reg. p. 449.  
 LAMPSED. Lamed; injured. *West*.  
 LAMPUS. The same as *Lummox*, q. v.  
 LAM'S-GRASS. Spring, or early grass. *West*.  
 LANCASHIRE. "Lancashire law, no stakes, no draw," a saying to avoid payment of a bet when verbally made.  
 LANCE. Explained by Hearne, "rouse, start, raise, stir up, shoot at." Apparently connected with *Launche*, q. v.  
 LANCEGAY. A sort of lance. Blount mentions it as prohibited by statute.  
 Me thouzte a fyry lancegay  
 Whilom thorow myn herte he caste.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 247.  
 LANCE-KNIGHT. A foot-soldier. "*Lasquet*, a lanceknight, or Geruane footman," Cotgrave. "*Lansyght, lancequet*," Palsgrave. These quotations establish the correctness of Gifford's explanation, which is doubted by Nares. "Our lansquenight of Lowe-Germanie," Dekker's Knights Conjuring, p. 59. Blount says, "lance-knights were anciently such horsemen in war as were armed with lances."  
 LANCELET. A lancet. *Baret*.  
 LANCEPESADO. "The lowest range and meanest officer in an army is called the *lancepesado*, or *pezado*, who is the leader or governor of half a file," The Soldier's Accidence. The name is variously written.  
 LAND. (1) That part of ground between the furrows in a ploughed field. *North*.  
 (2) Freehold, in contradistinction to copyhold, or leasehold. *Devon*.  
 (3) The same as *Launde*, q. v.  
 LAND-CRESS. Winter-cress. *South*.  
 LAND-DAMN. This word is a Shakespearean puzzle. Perhaps the following passage will explain the mystery,—"*Landau, lantan, rantan*, are used by some Gloucestershire people in the sense of scouring or correcting to some purpose, and also of rattling or rating severely," Dean Milles' MS. Glossary, p. 164.  
 LAND-DRAKE. The land-rail. *Glouc*.  
 LANDED. Covered or thickly coated with dirt. *Line*. It is generally followed by *up*.  
 LANDER. A man who attends at the mouth of a shaft to receive the kibble, &c.  
 LANDERER. A person who washed clothes.  
 LANDERN. A grate. *North*.  
 LANDFEATHER. A bay of the sea.  
 LANDLOUPERS. Persons who fly from the country for crime or debt. *North*. Stanhurst, p. 50, has *landleapers*, apparently in the sense of invaders.  
 LAND-LUBBER. A sailor's term (in ridicule) for any one not a seaman.  
 LAND-LUNG. The ash-coloured ground liverwort. *Suffolk*.  
 LANDMALE. A reserved rent, or annual sum of money, charged upon a piece of land by the chief lord of the fee, or a subsequent mesne owner. Finchale Ch.

LAND-MATE. In Herefordshire he that in harvest time reaps on the same ridge of ground or land with another, they call land-mates. Blount, ed. 1681, p. 366.

LAND-MEND. To level ground with a shovel after wheat has been sown. *Glouc.* This is taken from Milles' MS. Glossary.

LANDREN. Ladders. *Hearne.*

LAND-SCORES. Anciently the greatest part of the country lay in common, only some parcels about the villages being enclosed, and a small quantity in *land-scores* allotted out for tillage. Carlisle's Accounts of Charities, p. 295.

LANDSCRAP. A landscape. *Shirley.*

LAND-SHARE. The headland of a field. *Devon.*

LANDSHUT. A land-flood. *Hercf.*

LANDSKIP. A landscape. *Arch. x.* 405.

Love's like a *landskip*, which doth stand smooth at a distance, rough at hand.

*Uxueland's Poems*, 1669, p. 70.

LAND-VINE. A native vine. *Barel.*

LAND-WHIN. The plant rest-harrow. *East.*

LAND-YARDS. Two staves or 18 ft. in Cornwall are a land-yard, and 160 land-yards an acre.

LANE. Reward? (*A.-S.*)

Thorowe Goddis heipe and his knefe,  
Thus base the geant loste his lye,  
Ho loves Gode of his lare.

*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 149.

LANEING. Concealment. *North.*

LANG. Long. *North.* (*A.-S.*)

LANGABERDE. Lombards. *Gawayne.*

LANGAN. The socket of a spade or shovel. *West.* Also called *langt*.

LANGAR. The lash of a whip. *Cumb.*

LANG-AVIZED. Long-visaged. *North.*

LANGDEBEEF. The herb bugloss.

LANGEE. To long for. *Devo.*

LANGELLE. To bind together. *Pr. Parc.* Still in use in the North, to huddle a horse. *Langts*, chains for binding horse's feet. *Langt* occurs in Towneley Myst. p. 26, meaning a strap or thong. "Langot of the shoe, the latchet." Keunett.

LANGELLS. Blankets. Fuchale Ch.

LANGET. A strip of ground. *West.* At Islip, co. Oxon, is a field called *Langot*.

LANGEZ. Belongs to; appertains.

Thow has clepy the cure that to my crowne *langez*,  
of alle my werde wite, and my wyffe cke.

*More Athale, MS. Line in.* f. 60

LANGHOLDS. Spaniels upon the feet of horses fastened with a horse-lock to keep them from leaping wrong. *North.*

LANGLE. To saunter slowly. *East.*

LANG-LOANING-CAKE. A cake made for schoolboys in the vacation. *North.*

LANGLY. A long time. (*A.-S.*)

The horse strekede oute his nekke als ferre als he myghte,  
and likked Alexander hand; and he knelid doune on his kneesse,  
and bihilde Alexander in the vantage *langly*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 1.

LANGOON. A kind of wine, mentioned in the Praise of Yorkshire Ale, 1697, p. 3.

LANGOT. See *Langt*.

LANGOURE. Weakness; faintness. (*A.-N.*)

LANGREL. Very tall; long; lanky. *Line.*

LANGRETS. False dice, loaded so as to come up *quater* or *tray* more frequently than the other numbers.

His *langrets*, with his hie men and his low,  
Are ready what his pleasure is to throw.

*Rowlands' Humors Ordinarie*, n. d.

LANGSAMENESS. Listlessness. Ellis, iii. 339. *Langsam*, tedious, tiresome.

LANGSYNE. Long ago. *Langsyners*, persons who lived long since. *North.*

LANGTOE.

Shee added, withall, the report of her better fortunes;  
how shee had a swifter and more profitable mutation of her ale in former time, how that first her ale was ale, and then it was *langtoe*, and then it was ale againe.

*Rowley's Search for Money*, 1609.

LANGUAGER. A linguist. Thynne, p. 30.

LANGURE. To languish. *Chaucer.*

LANGWORT. The white hellebore.

LANIER. A thong of leather. (*A.-N.*) "Lanyer of lether," Palsgrave. The lash of a whip is still so called in Suffolk.

LANK. (1) The groin. *Devon.*

(2) Lean; miserable. *North.*

LANSARD. The laner hawk. The *lanier* is the male, and the *laneret* the female. See Markham's Countrey Farme, 1616, p. 714.

LANSOCK. A long narrow piece of land. *Wills.* See *Langel*.

LANSELE. The herb nibwort. (*A.-N.*)

LANT. (1) Urine. *North.* Cotgrave has, "Ecloy, lant, urine."

(2) To beggar, or make poor. *Yorksh.*

(3) Lent. *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 259.

In cuntre som tyme was a man  
That *lant* penyces of that he wan.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Col. Trin. Cantab.* f. 87.

LANTERED. Hazarded. *Northumb.*

LANTERLOO. A game mentioned in Games Most in Use, 12mo. n. d. The game of *loo* is still termed *lant* in the North.

LANTERN. (1) A lantern. Davies, p. 17.

(2) *Lantern and candle-light*, the old cry of the London belman at night. Its origin is ludicrously accounted for in Hobson's Jest, 1607. One of Dekker's tracts is entitled, "Lanthorne and Candle-Light, or the Bellmans second Nights-walke, in which he brings to light a brood of more strange villanies then ever were till this yeare discovered," 4to. Lond. 1620. (First ed. 1609.)

LANTERN-FISH. The smooth sole. *Cornw.*

LANTERN-LEET. The horn or glass at the sides of a lantern. *North.*

LANTERN-PUFF. A hurry. *Warw.*

LANTERN-STAFF. A logger tied to a horse's foot, to enable a person to catch him more easily. *Beds.*

LANTERN-SWASH. A great consternation.

LANTHORN-JAWED. Thin-faced. *Var. dent.*

LANFREE. The bar hooked to a plough or harrow, to which the traces are attached. *Hercf.*

LANYELLS. Horse-hopples. *Yorksh.*

- LAP. (1) To wrap up; to inclose; to cover. Hall, Richard III. f. 3, describing the murder of the infant princes, says, "this Miles Forest and John Dighton about mydnight, the sely children lying in their beddes, came into the chaumbred and sodenly *lapped* them up amongst the clothes." Still in use.  
They *lapped* hym in on every syde,  
Ther was no bote but to abyde.  
MS. *Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 78.*  
Sewed theme in sendelle sexti faulde afire,  
*Lappede* them in lede, lesse that they schulde  
Chawng or chawffe, jif thay myghte escheffe.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 77.*
- (2) Leaped; vaulted. *North.*
- (3) The end or bottom of a garment; the skirt or lappet. (*A.-S.*)
- (4) To flog, or beat. *Somerset.*
- (5) To lay anything in a person's lap, i. e. to put it totally in their power. *To lap up*, to relinquish anything; to express in a proper manner.
- (6) Porridge. An old cant term. Forby calls it, "thin broth, weak tea." &c.
- (7) A covering? See *Lappe*.  
Apes outwardly resemble men very much, and Vesalius saith that their proportion diffeeth from mans in moe things then Gallen observeth, as in the muscles of the breast, and those that move the armes, thelbow and the ham, likewise in the inward frame of the hand, in the muscles moving the toes of the feet, and the feet and shoulders, and in the instrument moving the sole of the foot, also in the fundament and mesentary, the *lap* of the liver, and the hollow vein holding it up which men have not.  
*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts, 1607, p. 3.*
- LAPARD. The female pudendum. *Devon.*
- LAPASSARELLA. The name of an old dance described in Shak. Soc. Papers, i. 27.
- LAP-BANDER. Anything that binds two articles more closely together. *North.*
- LAP-CLAP. A loud kiss. *Devon.*
- LAP-CLOTH. An apron. *Chaucer.*
- LAPE. To walk about in the mud; to go slovenly, or untidily. *North.*
- LAPISE. Hounds are said to lapise when they open in the string. *Genl. Rec. ii. 78.*
- LAPLOVE. Corn convolvulus. *North.*
- LAPPE. Covering. (*A.-S.*)  
And alle ledis me lowttede that lengede in erthe,  
And nowe es lefte me no *lappe* my lygham to hele.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 88.*
- LAPPIOR. A dancer. *Cornw.*
- LAP-STONE. The stone on which a shoemaker beats his leather. *North.*
- LAQUEAR. A ceiling. (*Med. Lat.*)
- LARAS. Any round pieces of wood turned by the turners. *Devon.*
- LARD. To baste meat. *North.*
- LARDER. Railing; noise. (*A.-N.*)  
Tho was Otuwel fol of mood,  
And faught as he were wood.  
Al the kinges ost anon  
Foleuweden Otuwel echon,  
Routound and Oliver,  
And maden a foul *larder*.  
*Romance of Otuel, p. 64.*
- LARDERY. A larder. See *Ord. and Reg. p.*
21. "*Lardarium*, a lardyrhows," *Nomiale MS.* Still used in Yorkshire.
- LARDING-STICK. An instrument for piercing holes, used in cookery for larding certain fowls, &c.
- LARDOSE. A screen behind an altar in a cathedral. *Kennett.*
- LARE. (1) A rate or tax. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) Learning; lore; doctrine. (*A.-S.*)  
The whilke gladely resayves the *lare* of haly kirke  
thaire moder. *MS. Coll. Eton. 10, f. 12.*  
Thay lett by thi *lare* lyghte,  
And coveted the golde bryghte.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 232.*
- (3) A quagmire, or bog. *North.*
- LAREABELL. The sun-flower. *Lincol.*
- LARE-FATHER. A schoolmaster. *North.*  
According to Kennett, an adviser, a counsellor. See *MS. Lansd. 1033.*
- LAREOVERS. When children are over inquisitive as to the meaning or use of any articles, it is sometimes the custom to rebuke them by saying they are *lareovers* for *meddlers*.
- LARGE. (1) *Large and long* were characters in old music. One large contained two longs; one long two breves.  
(2) Range. *Skelton, ii. 239.*  
(3) *At my large*, at my liberty.  
I salle at Lammese take leve, and loge at my *large*  
In delitte in his laundeze wyth lordes y-nowe.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 57.*
- (4) Spacious; free; prodigal. (*A.-N.*)
- LARGELY. Fully. *Chaucer.*
- LARGENESS. Liberality. (*A.-N.*)  
And that Nature the godesse  
Wylle, off hyre fre *largynesse*,  
With erbys and with flourys bothe  
The feldys and the medwys clothe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 1.*
- LARGESS. A bounty. The reapers in the Eastern counties ask passengers for a largess, and when any money is given to them, all shout together, *Largess! Largess! Largesse* is not uncommon in early English, meaning bounty, liberality. "Crye a larges when a rewarde is geven to workemen, *stipem vociferare*," *Huloet, 1552.* It was anciently the cry of minstrels at feasts.
- LARGYLYCHE. Largely. *Rob. Glouc.*
- LA-RI. An excl. denoting surprise.
- LARIOT. The witwal. *Florio, pp. 99, 106.*
- LARK. A wild fellow; a mad prank. Also, to play mad trieks. *Var. dial.*
- LARK-HEEL. Long-heeled. *Lincol.*
- LARKS-LEERS. Arable land not in use; any poor or barren land. *Somerset.*
- LARME. An alarm. *Palsgrave.*
- LARMY. Sorrowful. *Somerset.*
- LARONE. A thief. (*A.-N.*) "Greasis *larone*," *Nabbes' Bride, 1640, sig. F. ii.*
- LARRICK. Careless. *Yorksh.*
- LARRS. Elves, or spirits. *Warner.*
- LARRUP. To beat. *Var. dial.*
- LARRY. A scolding, or lecture. *West.*
- LART. (1) Taught. *Yorksh.*  
(2) A wooden floor. *Somerset.*

LARTIN-NAILS. Nails used for fixing laths in floors. *Somerset*.

LARUM. To beat a larum on a woman's stiddy, *rem cum aliqua habere*.

Tell me, I pray thee, what did he, Tribby?

Did he beat a larum on thy stiddy?

*Yorkshire Dialogue*, 1697, p. 53.

LARY. Empty. *West*.

LARYDOODLE. The penis. *Devon*.

LAS. A lace; a snare. (*A.-N.*)

LAS-CHARGEABLE! Be quiet! *West*.

LASCHE. In MS. Sloane 1698, f. 9, is a receipt "for to make rede lasche or lether."

LASE. Less. Sir Degrevant, 262.

LASER. Leisure. Plumpton Corr. p. 116.

LASH. (1) To lash out, to kick; to be prodgal; to dilate. To leave in the lash, in the dirt, mud, or lurch. Lash, extravagant, Holiushed, Conq. of Ireland, p. 30.

(2) To comb the hair. *North*.

(3) A string or cord in which beasts are held; a snare. See *Las*.

(4) To beat severely. *North*.

(5) Soft; watery; insipid. *East*.

LASH-COMB. A wide-toothed comb. *North*.

LASH-EGG. A soft-shelled egg. *Suffolk*.

LASHER. A wear. *Oxon*.

LASHIGILLAVERY. A superfluity, especially applied to articles of food. *North*.

LASHING. Lavish. *Taylor*.

LASHINS. Great quantities. *Northumb*.

LASHINESS. Slackness; dullness. (*A.-N.*)

LASK. A diarrhoea. See Fletcher's Differences, 1623, p. 33; MS. Sloane 1585, f. 121. There is a receipt "to stop a laske" in the same MS. f. 152. It is not quite obsolete.

LASKE. To shorten; to lessen; to bring to an end. See Will. Werw, pp. 21, 35.

LASS. Lazy. *L. Wright*.

LASSCHYNGE. Rushing.

For lyfte lasschynge flame alle the londe over.

*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 111.*

LASSE. To lessen, or decrease. (*A.-S.*)

So that his oven pris he lasseth,

Whan he suche mesure overpasseth

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134. f. 54.*

The dayls gon, the moneth passid,

Hire love encreseth and his lasseth.

*Gower, MS. Ibid. f. 108.*

For shame woche may not be laseyde

Off thyng that was to-fore passyde.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 1.*

LAST. (1) The groin. *Suffolk*.

(2) To stretch out; to extend. *North*.

(3) On his last legs, nearly undone. *Of the last edition*, of the newest fashion.

(4) A measure. It is eighty bushels of eorn, twelve barrels of fish, fourteen barrels of pitch, tar, or ashes, twelve dozen hides or skins, twenty thousand herrings, twelve sacks of wool, twenty dickers of leather, &c. "White herringes a laste, that is to saye, xij. barrells," Ord. and Reg. p. 102.

(5) A court held in the marshes of East Kent, consisting of twenty-four jurats, who levy rates for preserving the marshes.

LASTAGE. "Ballesse or lastage for shippes, *saburra*," Hulcot, 1552.

LAST-DAY. Yesterday. *West*.

LASTE. Loss. Reynard the Foxe, p. 85.

LASTENEST. Most lasting. *Var. dial.*

LASTER. The coming-in of the tide. Also the same as *Lafter*, q. v.

LASTREL. Some kind of hawk.

LASTS. The peridium. *Suffolk*.

LASTY. Lasting. *North*.

LAT. (1) A lath. (*A.-S.*) *Lat-river*, a person who makes laths. *North*. "A latt. asser," *Nominale MS.*

(2) Slow; tedious. *West*. Lat-a-foot, slow in moving. Wilbraham, p. 53.

(3) To hinder. More usually *let*.

(4) Wet, unseasonable, generally applied to the weather. *North*. See Ray's Words, ed. 1672, p. 29 (wrongly paged 26).

(5) Fashion, or manner. *Scott*.

(6) Leadeth. (*A.-S.*)

Ac ther the blynde lat the blynde,

In dich thei fallen to the two.

*Vernon MS. Bodleian Libr.*

LATAND. Letting. (*A.-S.*)

In that mene tyme Alexander sent a lettre tille Olympas, his moder, and tille his mayster Aristotle, *latand* thame witte of the batelles and the dyssese that thay suffred. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 46.*

LATBRODS. Lath-nails. Finchale Ch.

LATCH. (1) Fancy; wish. *Somerset*.

(2) To measure under the surface of a mine to ascertain how much of it has been used. *North*.

(3) To light or fall. *Suffolk*. Kennett gives these meanings as current in Durham.

(4) To support; to hold. *Var. dial.*

(5) To tarry behind; to loiter.

(6) To catch. See Macbeth, iv. 3. We have had the older form in v. *Lache*. "Latching, catching, infecting," Ray, ed. 1674, p. 29. In the following passage, MS. Bodl. 294 has *lacche*, the best reading.

How Polyphemus whilom wrought,

When that he Galathea besought

Of love, whiche he maie not *latche*,

That made him for to waite and watche.

*Gower, ed. 1554, f. 27.*

(7) A cross-bow. Meyrick, iii. 10.

(8) The same as *Catch* (1).

(9) The same as *Las*, q. v.

(10) To latch on, to put water on the mash when the first wort has run off.

LATCH-DRAWER. See *Drawlatch*.

LATCH-PAN. The dripping-pan. *East*. Every cook in Suffolk could settle the dispute on a passage in Mids. Night's Dream, iii. 2. The Athenian's eyes were Puck's *latch-pans*.

LATE. (1) The same as *Laitte*, q. v.

(2) An evil, or injury. (*A.-S.*)

He sal whet his tuskes on Paris gates;

Almayn sal he ful ferd for his *lates*.

*Old Prophecies, Cotton MSS.*

(3) Feature; countenance. In the following passage, manner, behaviour.

Bot thow in this perelle put of the bettere,

Thow saile be my prasonere for alle thy prowde *lates*.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 100.*

- LATED. Belated. *Shak.*
- LATLEST. Most loathly. (*A.-S.*)
- LATERED. Delayed. *Chaucer.*
- LATESOME. (1) Loathful. It also means, tiresome, tedious. *Warw.*  
But to here of Cristis passioun,  
To many a man it is ful *latsom.*  
*MS. Ashmole 60, f. 5.*
- He es swyft to speke on hys manere,  
And *latsome* and slawe for to here;  
He prayes awlike men and haldes thaim wyse.  
*Hampole, MS. Boices, p. 35.*
- (2) Late; backward. Plumpton Corr. p. 21.  
*Lateward, Cotgrave in v. Discourtois.*
- LATH. (1) An annual court held at Dymchurch, co. Kent. Kennett, *MS. Lansd.* 1033.  
(2) Moveth; bent down.  
(3) To place, or set down. *Line.*
- LATHIE. (1) A great part or division of a county, containing three or more hundreds. See *Lambarde's Perambulation*, ed. 1596, p. 567; *Harrison*, p. 153.  
(2) A barn. *North.* An old word. It occurs in *Plumpton Correspondence*, p. 257.  
(3) Hatel; injured? Also, injury, harm.  
Some the crle wexe wrathe,  
And sware many grete athe  
He soide his message be *lathre.*  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 131.*
- (4) Ease; rest. *North.*
- (5) To ask; to invite. *Chesh.*
- (6) A thistle, or weed of any kind. *Somerset.*
- LATHER. (1) Rather. *West.*
- (2) Part of a mill. *Var. dial.*
- (3) A ladder. See *Palsgrave*, verb. f. 360; *Collier's Old Ballads*, pp. 33, 105.
- LATHING. An invitation. Kennett says "the use of this word is most proper to Staffordshire." It occurs, however, in *Watson, Grose*, and *Palmer*, and is still in use.
- LATHY. (1) Strong. *Herf.*
- (2) Thin; slender, like a lath. *Var. dial.*
- LATIMER. An interpreter. (*A.-N.*) "Lyare wes mi *latymer*," *Wright's Lyric Poetry*, p. 49. It is spelt *latyneres* in *Maundevice*, p. 58, which is the more correct form. *Latin* having been formerly applied to language in general.
- LATING. The same as *Lathe* (1).
- LATITAT. A noise; a scolding. *West.*
- LATTAGE. An impediment, generally applied to a defect in speech. *West.*
- LATTEN. Plate-tin. *Palmer* says the word is very common in this sense in Devon, and it is also found in the North country glossaries. *Shakespeare* is said to have given his godson, a child of *Ben Jonson*, a dozen *latten* spoons, and told the parent he should translate them. The pun is not uncommon in writers of *Shakespeare's* time, but the old word *latten*, or *latom*, was not plate-tin, and the provincialism now in use must not mislead us, as it has *Brockett*, to attribute the same meaning to the archaism. It was a kind of mixed metal, very much resembling brass in its nature and colour. Various articles were made of it, as a cross, *Chaucer, Cant. T.* 701: a

basin, *Piers Ploughman*, p. 462, &c. According to *Mr. Hunter*, the old brasses in churches are for the most part *latten*.

LATTER. To run about idly. *North.* Also the same as *Lafter*, q. v.

LATTER-END. The seat of honour. *South.*

LATTERMATH. See *Aftermath*. "Lateward hay, latermath," *Hollyband's Dictionary*, 1593. Still in use.

LATTICE. (1) Plate-tin. *Cornw.*

(2) An ale-house. Many inns formerly had this sign, and the ancient ale-house was generally distinguished by a lattice, not by a glass window, the latter substance being, as *Gifford* supposes, too fragile for the nature of the customers. See *Ben Jonson*, i. 96.

LATTING. Late; backward. *West.*

LAU. (1) Low. (2) A low or flame. (*A.-S.*)

LAUCHAIDS. Terraces, natural or artificial, on the sides of hills. *Devon.*

LAUDATION. Praise. (*Lat.*) It occurs in *Hawkins' Engl. Dram.* i. 22.

LAUDE. Praise. *Chaucer.*

LAUDES. The service of matins.

LAUGH. To laugh the other side of one's mouth, i. e. to cry. *Var. dial.*

LAUGH-AND-LAY-DOWN. A juvenile game at cards, in which the winner, who holds a certain combination of cards, lays them down upon the table, and laughs at his good success, or, at least, is supposed to do so. Old writers generally call it *laugh and lie down*, as *Florio*, p. 74. Sometimes the *double entendre* is not of the most delicate description. At *laugh and lie down* if they play.  
What asse against the sport can bray?

*Lilly's Mother Bombe*, ed. 1632, sig. Dd ii.

LAUGHIE. Taken; captured.

Lords of Loryne and Lumbardye bothene  
*Laughie* was and lede in with oure lele knyghtez.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 65.*

LAUGHT. (1) A loit. *Devon.*

(2) Took; caught; received.

The paiem fel ded to grounde,  
His soule *laught* helle hounde.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 256.

Boldely hys swyrde he *laughte*,

To the gyaunt soche a strok he raghte.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 89.*

(3) The same as *Laughie*, q. v.

And ther was Lowlyne *laughte*, and Lenlyr's brothre,  
With lordes of Lebe, and lede to theire strenghez.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 72.*

LAUK. (1) To weed. *Var. dial.*

(2) To strike; to beat. *North.*

(3) A common exclamation of surprise.

LAUM. To swoon. *Somerset.*

LAUNCE. The sand-eel. *West.*

LAUNCELEY. The herb ribwort. (*A.-N.*)

LAUNCEYNGE. Throwing lances. *Weber.*

LAUNCH. (1) To cry out; to groan. *Warw.*

(2) To launch leeks is to plant them like celery in trenches. *West.*

(3) A trap used for taking eels, &c.

LAUNCHE. To skip. Forby has it, "to take long strides." It occurs in *Sevyn Sages*, 1904 meaning, to throw or place.

Who lukes to the lefte syde, whenne his horse *lauches*,  
With the lyghte of the sonne men myghte see his lyvere.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 80.*

LAUNDE. A plain place in a wood; an unploughed plain; a park; a lawn. "*Saltus*, a lawnud," Nominale MS.

Now is Gij to a *launde* y-go,  
Wher the dragoun duelled tho.

*Gy of Warwike, p. 262.*

For to hunt at the hartes in thas hie *launde*  
In Glamorgane with glee, thare gladchipe was evere.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 53.*

LAUNDER. (1) Any kind of gutter or channel for conveying water. *Far. dial.*

(2) A washer. Also, to wash. "*Buandière*, *launderer*." *Hollyband's Dictionary*, 1593. *Laundryng gold*, washing it.

LAUNDRE. A landress. *Palsgrave*.

LAUP. To leap. *Yorksh.*

LAUREAT. Crowned with laurel. (*Lat.*) The laureatship at our universities was a degree in grammar, including poetry and rhetoric, so called because the person who graduated was presented with a wreath of laurel.

LAUREOLE. Spurge-laurel. (*A.-N.*)

LAURER. A laurel. *Chaucer*.

LAUS. Loose. (*A.-S.*)

LAUTER. The laurel. (*A.-N.*)

That worthy was the *lautre* to have  
Of poetrie, and the palme to atteyne.

*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 48.*

LAUȚT. Caught; received. (*A.-S.*)

Thonne was Marie Joseph butauȚt,  
And he hir in spousaile lauȚt.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab, f. 67.*

LAVALTOE. Same as *Lavolta*, q. v.

For lo! the liveless Jacks *lavaltoes* take  
At that sweet musick which themselves do make.

*Brome's Songs, ed. 1661, p. 133.*

LAVANDRE. A landress. "A tretise for *lavandres*," *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 26.

LAVANT. A land-spring. *South.*

LAVAS. Lavish. *Romeus and Juliet*, p. 20.

LAVAST. Uninclosed stubble. *Kent.*

LAVE. (1) The rest; the remainder. *North.*

(2) To lade or draw water. *Chaucer*. Also, to pour, as in *Perceval*, 2250; to wash, *Piers Ploughman*, p. 273.

(3) To gutter, as a candle. *Wills.*

(4) To hang, or flap down. *Hall.*

LAVE-EARED. Long, or flap-eared. See *Topsell's Beasts*, p. 366; *Hawkins*, iii. 357; *Lavelugged*, Northumb. Holloway has *lav-eared* in use in Sussex and Hants.

LAVEER. To work a ship against the wind. An old sea term.

LAVELL. The flap that covers the top of the windpipe. Still used in Devon.

LAVENDER. To lay in lavender, to pawn. This is a very common phrase in old plays. "To lay to pawns, as we say to lay in lavender," *Florio*, p. 27.

LAVENDREY. Washing. (*A.-N.*)

LAVER. (1) The remainder. *North.*

(2) A cistern, trough, or conduit, to wash in. "Laver to washe at, *lavogr*," *Palsgrave*. Also, a basin. See *Florio*, p. 89; *Cotgrave*, in v.

*Esguere*; *Leg. Cathol.* p. 154; *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 7; *Davies' Ancient Rites*, 1672, p. 130.

Aod fulle glad, certys, thou schalt bee,

Yf that y wylle suffer the

To holde me a *lavour* aod bason to my honde.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 144.*

(3) A dish composed of a kind of sea-weed well washed and boiled. It is also called *laverbread*, *Kennett, MS. Lausd.* 1033.

(4) *Laver lip*, a hanging lip.

LAVERD. Lord. (*A.-S.*)

That tay after thaim ne went

To du thayr *laverd* comandment.

*Gy of Warwick, Middlehill MS.*

LAVEROCK. The lark. *North.* See *Wright's Lyric Poetry*, pp. 26, 40; *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 86; *Wright's Purgatory*, p. 55; *laverkes*, *Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 138.

Sche made many a wondir soune,

Sumtyme liche unto the cok,

Sumtyme unto the *laverok*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 152.

Tyrlery lorpyrn, the *laverocke* songe,

So meryly pypes the sparow;

The cow brake lose, the rope ran home,

Syr, God gyve yow good morow.

*Bliss's Bibl. Miscell.* p. 54.

LAVISII. Rank, as grass, &c. *West.*

LA-VOLTA. A kind of very active bouncing waltz, formerly much in fashion. The man turned the woman round several times, and then assisted her in making a high spring.

Leave protestations now, and let us hie

To tread *lavolta*, that is women's walk.

*Soliman and Perseda*, p. 214.

LAVY. Lavish; liberal. *North.*

LAW. (1) To give a bare good law, i. e. a good start before the hounds. It is in very frequent use by boys at play.

(2) A bill, or eminence. *North.*

(3) Custom; manner. See *Ellis*, ii. 335.

(4) Low. *North.*

He wist not that hym was gode,

But then he putte doune his hode

On knees he fel doune *lawer*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 55.*

LAWAND. Bowing; humbling.

Anely *lawand* thameselfe to the sacramentes of haly kyrke, thof it be swa that thay hafe bene cunbyrde in syne and with syne alle thaire lyfe tyme.

*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 229.*

LAWE. (1) To laugh. Nominale MS.

(2) Rough; violent; brutal. *West.*

LAWED. Ignorant. See *Laird*.

LAWES. The same as *Kairs*, q. v.

LAWESTE. The lowest. *North.*

Lenges all at layser, and lokes one the wallys

Whare they ware *laweste* the ledes to assalle.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Line in, f. 79.*

LAWFUL-CASE. An interj. of surprize.

LAWGHE. Low. *Hampole.*

LAWING. (1) Going to law. *Line.*

(2) Lawing of dogs, i. e. cutting out the balls, or three claws of the fore-feet.

LAWLESS-MAN. An outlaw. (*A.-S.*)

LAWN. The same as *Launde*, q. v.

LAWNDER. The sliding iron in the fore-part of a plough. *Far. dial.*



LAWNGELLE. A blanket. *Prompt. Parv.*

LAWNSETYS. Small javelins. (*A.-N.*)

And also *lauensetys* were leyde on hey,

For to schete bothe ferre an ney.

*Archæologia*, xxi. 52.

LAWRENCE. An imaginary saint or fairy who presides over idleness. *Var. dial.*

LAWRIEN. A kind of oil, formerly used to anoint the ears of deaf people.

LAWSON-EYE. Low Sunday Eve. Hampson, *Med. Kalend.* ii. 236.

LAWȚE. To laugh. (*A.-S.*)

I pray yow alle and warne betyme

That ȝe me calle Joly Robyne,

And ȝe shalle *lawȝ* your fille.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 52.

These *lawȝen* for joye ther ben in lende,

These others wepen in wo withouten ende.

*Cursor Mundi*, *MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 141

LAX. (1) A part. *Somerset.*

(2) Salmon. Wright's *Pol. Songs*, p. 151.

LAXATIF. A purging medicine. (*A.-N.*)

LAY. (1) A poor rate. *Line.*

(2) Law; religious faith. (*A.-S.*)

(3) Summer pasturage for cattle. *North.*

(4) To deliver a woman. *Var. dial.*

(5) A very large pond. *Norf.*

(6) To intend; to lay a plan; to provide; to study; to contrive. *East.*

(7) To lay an edged tool, to re-steel its edge. *Var. dial.*

(8) Belonged. Chron. Vilodun. p. 110.

(9) A wager. See Othello, ii. 3.

(10) Unlearned. *Joujou.*

(11) To lay in wait. It occurs in Shakespeare.

(12) Butter-milk. Dekker's *Belman*, 1616.

(13) Lay of wind, i. e. a calm.

(14) To strike; to beat. *Somerset.*

(15) Any grass land; a bank. *West.*

(16) A low or flame of fire. *North.* See Kennett, *MS. Lansd.* 1033.

(17) *To lay in one's dish, or one's light*, to object to a person, to make an accusation against him. *To lay on load*, to strike violently and repeatedly. *To lay down*, to sow ploughed land with grass. *To lay in steep*, to soak. *To lay on*, to fatten; to beat. *To lay the table*, to prepare the table for dinner. *To lay to one's hand*, to help. *To lay an ear*, to listen. *To lay away*, to put out of the way, to lay aside; to break up school. *To lay by*, to cease. *To lay out a corpse*, to prepare it properly for a coffin.

When tablys were *layd* and clothes sprad,

The scheperde into the halle was lad.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 54.

LAY-BAND. A small roller. *West.* It is explained a *towel* in one MS. glossary.

LAYBLANDS. Untilled lands. *Blount.* "Lay lande, *terre nouvellement, labourée*," Palsgrave. See Sir *Cauline*, 107.

LAYEN. A stratum, or layer. *South.*

LAYER. (1) A field of clover or grass; young white thorn; quick. *East.*

(2) A slice of meat. *Var. dial.*

(3) The ordure of cows. *North.*

(4) Land; earth.

Laughte hym upe fulle lovelyly with lordliche knyghttez,

And ledde hym to the *layere* thare the kyng lygges

*Morte. Arthur*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 77.

LAYERLY. Idle; rascally. *North.*

LAYER-OVER. A whip; a term for any instrument of chastisement. *East.*

LAYERS. The pieces or wood cut and laid in a hedge in spalshing it. *West.*

LAYERY. Earthly.

For it es heghe, and alle that it duellis in it lyftes

abowne *layery* lntes, and vile covaytes.

*MS. Lincoln* A. i. 17, f. 146.

LAY-FEE. The laity. Henry VIII. uses the term in several of his letters.

LAYSERLY. Leisnrely. *Laysyr* occurs in Wright's *Seven Sages*, p. 43.

LAY-STALL. A dunghill. It is spelt *lay-stour* in More's MS. additions to Ray.

LAYTE. Lightning. (*A.-S.*)

And that ys not full moche wonder,

For that day cometh *layte* and thounder.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 43.

LAYTH. Lay; faith. *Hardyng*, f. 88.

LAYTHE. Loathsome; bad. (*A.-S.*)

ȝyf thou herdyst a fals thyng or *layth*,

That were spoke aȝens the feyth.

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 4.

LAYTHIELY, Loathly. *Laytheste*, most loathly.

"Lucyfer, *lathetheste* in helle," Syr *Gawayne*,

p. 99. Compare *Audelay's Poems*, p. 32.

The editor of Syr *Gawayne* prints *layeth este*.

We hafe no *laysere* now these lordys to seke,

For ȝone *lythely* ladde me lamede so sore.

*Morte. Arthur*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 98.

Thaselicherouse lurdanes *laytheste* in lede.

*MS. Lincoln* A. i. 17, f. 232.

LAYVERE. The rest of a spear.

The schafte was strong over aile,

And a weile shaped corynalte,

And was gyrd into the *layvere*,

That he myght not fle ferre noi nere.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 247.

LAZAR. A leper. (*A.-N.*)

LAZAROUS-CLAPPER. A door-knocker. This singular phrase occurs in *Hollyband*, 1593.

LAZE. To be lazy. *East.* "To laze it when he hath most need to looke about him," *Cotgrave*, in v. *Eudormir*.

LAZY. Bad; wicked. *North.* Lazy-weight, a scant, or deficient weight.

LAYS. To laugh. See *Audelay*, p. 49.

A scheperde abides me in halle;

Oif hym shalle we be alle.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 52.

LE. Lie; falsehood. (*A.-S.*)

The kyng that had grete plenté

Oif mete and drinke, withoutene le,

Long he may dyge and wrote,

Or he have hys fyll of the rote.

*MS. Ashmole* 61, xv. Cent.

LEA. (1) A scythe. *Yorksh.*

(2) The seventh part of a hank or skein of worsted. *North.*

(3) Meadow; pasture; grass land.

LE-ACH. Hard work, or fatigue. *North.*

LEACH. (1) A lake, or large pool. *Lauc.*

- (2) A common way. *Devon*. Leach-road, a road used for funerals.
- (3) The leather thong fastened to the jesses of the hawk, by which she is held firmly on the fist. *Gent. Rec.* ii. 62.
- (4) A kind of jelly, made of cream, isinglass, sugar, and almonds, &c. *Holme*.
- LEACHMAN. A surgeon. See Nares.
- LEACH-TROUGHS. At the salt works in Staffordshire, they take the corned salt from the rest of the brine with a loot or lute, and put it into barrows, the which being set in the *leach-troughs*, the salt drains itself dry, which draining they call *leach-brine*, and preserve it to be boiled again as the best and strongest brine. Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.
- LEAD. (1) To cart corn. *Var. dial.* Also, to carry trusses on horseback. "Cartyne, or lede wythe a carte," Pr. Parv.
- (2) A vat for dying. &c. *North*. A kitchen copper is sometimes so called.
- (3) To cover a building with lead.
- (4) To chance, or happen. *Devon*.
- LEADDEN. A noise, or din. *North*.
- LEAD-EATER. Indian rubber. *Yorksh.*
- LEADER. (1) A tendon.
- (2) A branch of a vein of ore in a mine. *North*.
- LEAD-NAILS. Nails used by plumbers in covering the roof of a house with lead.
- LEADS. Battlements. *Var. dial.*
- LEAD-WALLING. "The brine of twenty-four hours boiling for one house," More's MS. additions to Ray, Mus. Brit.
- LEAF. (1) Fat round the kidneys of a pig. *Var. dial.* Also, the kidney itself.
- (2) To turn over a new leaf, i. e. to change one's conduct. "To advise the kyng to turne the lefe and to take a better lesson," Hall, 1548.
- LEAGUER. A camp. See the Autobiography of Joseph Lister, ed. Wright, p. 25.
- LEAK. (1) A gutter. *Durham*.
- (2) Mingere. Kennett's MS. Glossary. Also, tap a barrel of beer, &c.
- LEAM. (1) To teach. *North*.
- (2) A collar for hounds; a leash.
- LEAM-HOUND. A kind of hound mentioned in Topsell's *Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 39, the same as *Liam*, q. v.
- LEAN. The same as *Laine*, q. v. "It is not for to leane," *Chester Plays*, i. 69.
- LEAN-BONES. "A dry, a greedie and hungry fellow, a leane bones," Florio, p. 85. Old writers have the phrase, *as lean as a rake*.
- LEANING-STONES. Stone seats, such as are sometimes seen in ancient bay windows.
- LEAN-TO. A penthouse. *East*.
- LEAP. (1) Half a bushel. *Sussex*.
- (2) A weel to catch fish. *Lauc*. "Weele or leape," Palsgrave's *Acolastus*, 1540.
- (3) Lutuo. *The City Match*, 1639, p. 13.
- (4) To leap over the hatch, i. e. to run away.
- LEAP-CANDLE. An Oxfordshire game mentioned by Aubrey. Young girls set a candle in the middle of the room, and "draw up their coats in the form of breeches," then

dance over the candle backwards and forwards, saying these verses—

The tailor of Bicester he has but one eye,  
He cannot cut a pair of green gallicaskins if he were to try.

The game is, I believe, obsolete, but the verses are still favourites in the nursery.

LEAPERS. Grey peas. *West*.

LEAPERY. Leprosy. Ryder, 1640.

LEAP-FROG. A boys' game, in which they jump over one another's backs successively.

LEAPING. The operation of lowering tall hedges for the deer to leap over.

LEAPING-BLOCK. A horse-block. *Glouc*. Also called a leaping-stoek,

LEAPINGS. Leaps. Florio, p. 97.

LEAPING-THE-WELL. Going through a deep and noisome pool on Alnwick Moor, called the Freeman's Well, a *sine qua non* to the freedom of the borough; a curious custom, well described by Brockett.

LEAR. (1) To learn. *North*.

(2) Hollow; empty. The lear ribs, the hollow under the ribs. *Var. dial.*

(3) Pasture for sheep. *Chesh*. Stubble-land is generally called leers.

LEARN. To teach. *Var. dial.* "Scole to lerne chyldre in, *escole*," Palsgrave.

LEARNING. Correction; discipline.

LEAR-QUILLS. Very small quills, such as are used to wind yarn on. *Somerset*.

LEARS. The same as *Layers*, q. v.

LEA-SAND. The whetting-stone with which a scythe is sharpened. *North*.

LEASE. A pasture. *Var. dial.* In some places a common is so called.

Brooke lime (Anagallis Aquatica) &c. the banks enamel'd with it in the *lease*, cowslip (Arthritica) and primroses (Primula Veris) not inferior to Primrose Hills. *Aubrey's Wills, Royal Soc. MS.* p. 119.

LEASES. Corbel stones. *Glouc*.

LEASH. A thong or string by which a dog is led. Hence a pack of hounds was formerly called a leash.

Lo! wher my grayhundes breke ther *leashe*,  
My raches breke their coupuls in thre;  
Lo! qwer the dere goos be too and too,  
And holdis over *zonde* mowntene hye.  
*MS. Cantab. FF. v. 48, f. 121.*

LEASING. An armful of hay, or corn, such as is leasid or gleaned. *North*.

LEASOW. A pasture-ground. *West*.

LEASTEST. Smallest. *Var. dial.*

LEASTWAYS. At least. *East*. "At the leastwise," Harrison's *Britania*, p. 6.

LEASTY. Dull; wet; dirty. *East*.

LEAT. (1) To leak; to pour. *Dorset*.

(2) An artificial brook. *Devon*. Properly one to convey water to or from a mill.

LEATH. (1) Ease or rest. *North*.

(2) Cessation; intermission. *North*.

(3) Soft; supple; limber; pliant. *Derb*.

(4) Loath; unwilling. *Yorksh*.

LEATHER. (1) To beat. *Var. dial.*

(2) Skin, not tanned. *North*. To lose leather, to rub the skin off by riding. In hunting,

- only to certain integuments. See *Hunting*, art. 5, and the *Gent. Rec.*
- (3) Rather. *Yorksh.* (Kennett MS.)
- LEATHER-COAT. The golden russeting. It is mentioned by Shakespeare.
- LEATHERHEAD. A blockhead. *North.*
- LEATHER-HUNGRY. An inferior sort of cheese made of skimmed milk. *North.*
- ATHERING. Huge; large. *Warw.*
- ATHERN-BIRD. A bat. *Somerset.* Also called leathern-mouse, leathern-wings.
- ATHER-TE-PATCH. A particular kind of step in a dance. *Cumb.*
- ATHE-WAKE. Nimber; flexible; pliable. *Yorksh.* "Safe, uncorrupte, flexible, and *leathwake*," Davies' *Ancient Rites*, ed. 1672, p. 105. It is given in MS. Lansd. 1033.
- LEAUTE. Loyalty. (*A.-N.*)
- LEAVANCE. The barm and meal laid together for fermentation; "to lay the leavance," to put them together for that purpose. *Glouc.* Dean Milles' MS.
- LEAVE. (1) To change one's residence; to give leave, or permit; to pass over for others. *Leave hold*, let me go! *Leave tail*, a great demand for anything.
- (2) The first offer. *North.*
- LEAVEN-KIT. A vessel for preparing the batter for oat-cakes in. *Yorksh.*
- LEAVENOR. A luncheon. *Kent.*
- LEAVES. Folding-doors, anything shutting or folding up, as the leaves of a table. *North.*
- LEAZE. To clean wool. *West.*
- LEBARD. A leopard. "Lebarde, a beest, *leopard*," Palsgrave. "*Leopardus*, a leberde," Nominale MS.
- LECH. Liege. Sir Cleges, 409.
- LECHE. (1) A physician. *Lechecraft*, the art of healing. (*A.-S.*)  
So longe at *leche-crafte* can he dwelle.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 68.
- (2) To heal. It occurs in Chaucer.  
And openly bigan to preche,  
And alle that seke were to *leche*.  
*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 2.
- (3) A deep rut. *Yorksh.*
- (4) To stick, to adhere. *Lincol.*
- (5) *Leche-lardys*, a dish in ancient cookery, *Ord.* and *Reg.* p. 439. *Leche-fryes*, *ibid.* p. 449. *Leche-Lumbarde*, *ibid.* p. 472. *Leches* are sometimes cakes or pieces. The term is of constant use in old cookery, meaning generally those dishes which were served up in slices.
- LECHOUR. A leacher. (*A.-N.*) It was also applied to a parasite and blockhead.
- LECHYDE. Cut into slices.  
Seyne bowes of wyldre bores, with the braune *lechyde*.  
*Morte Arthure*, MS. Lincoln, f. 55.
- LECK. To leak. *To leck on*, to pour on. *To leck off*, to drain off. *North.*
- LECKER-COST. Good cheer.  
They lyv'd at ease in vile excesse,  
They sought for *lecker-cost*.  
*Riche's Ailrme to England*, 1578.
- LECKS. Droppings. *Yorksh.*
- LECTER. A reader. (*Lat.*)
- LECTORNE. A reading-desk. (*Lat.*)  
*Lectornes* he saw befor hem stande  
Of gold and bokys on hem lyggande.  
*Visions of Tundale*, p. 60
- LECTUARY. An electrolyte. *Skellon.*
- LEDDE. Completely prostrated. (*A.-S.*)  
Pers fyl yn a grete syknes,  
And as he lay yn hys bedde,  
Hym thoughte weyl that he was *ledde*.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 38.
- LEDDER. A ladder. *Ledder-staffs*, the transverse bars or rounds of a ladder.
- LEDDY. A lady. *North.*
- LEDDYRE. Leather; skin. *R. de Brunne.*
- LEDE. (1) People. (2) Land. It sometimes signifies a man, Towneley Myst. p. 21.  
That same hopping that they fyrst rede,  
That daunce jede they thurgh land and *lede*.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 61.  
In him was al his trust at nede,  
And gave him bothe lond and *lede*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 4.  
Herde ever eni of yow telle,  
In eni *lede* or eni spelle,  
Or in feld, othir in toun,  
Of a knight Beves of Hamtoun?  
*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 83.  
Thys tydynges had bothe grete and smalle,  
For fayrer fruyt was nevyr in *lede*,  
Thorow hys myst that bought us alle,  
Very God in forme of brede.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 46.
- LEDENE. Speech; language. (*A.-S.*)
- LEDER. Lithier; bad.  
Of my kyngdome me grevyth noȝt,  
Hyȝ ys for my gylt and *leder* thoughte.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 243.
- LEDGE. (1) To lay hands on; to beat; to lay eggs. *Somerset.*
- (2) To allege. *Chaucer.*  
Othar dysagrements thou shalte not read ne se,  
Amonge the ancyaut writers, than ys *ledged* to the.  
*MS. Lansdowne* 208, f. 2.
- LEDGER. A horizontal slab of stone, a horizontal bar of a scaffold, &c. A door made of three or four upright boards, fastened by cross-pieces, is called a ledger-door. The bar of a gate, stile, &c. is termed the *ledge*.
- LEDGING. Positive. *Leic.*
- LEDRON. A leper; a mean person. (*A.-N.*)  
See Kyng Alisaunder, 3210.
- LED-WILL. A strange phrase, applied to one led away by following false lights, Wills o' the Wisp, &c. *East.*
- LEE. (1) Joy; pleasure; delight.
- (2) A lie. Still in use.
- (3) Shelter. See *Lew* and *Loo*.
- (4) Urine. Cotgrave, in v. *Escloy*.
- (5) Lye of ashes. See *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 53.
- (6) *Lee-lang*, live-long. *Northumb.*
- LEECH. A vessel hored with holes at the bottom for making lye. *East.*
- LEED-BOWLS. Milk leads. *Yorksh.*
- LEEF. Willingly; equally. *Var. dial.*
- LEEFKYN. A term of endearment, occurring in Palsgrave's *Acolastus*, 1540.
- LEEFEST. Dearest. (*A.-S.*)

Go, soule, and flye unto my *lovest* love,  
A fayrer subject then Elysium.

*The Woman in the Moone*, 1597.

- LEEFTAIL. Quick sale. *Cumb.*  
LE-EGGING. Waddling. *Somerset.*  
LEEMER. Anxious; miserly; keen after money or gain, and not very scrupulous. *North.*  
LEEMERS. Ripe nuts. To leem, to shell or drop out of the husk. *Var. dial.*  
LEENER. One who lends. (*A.-S.*)  
LEENY. Alert; active. *Grose.*  
LEER. (1) Leather. *North.*  
(2) The same as *Lear*, q. v. Empty. Hence, perhaps, *leer horse*, a horse without a rider. *Leer* is an adjective, meaning uncontrolled. Hence the *leer drunkards* mentioned by Ben Jonson.  
(3) To go or sneak away. *North.*  
(4) The flank or loin. *Somerset.*  
LEERE. Tape. *Kent.* See Nares, p. 281, who was unacquainted with the term.  
LEERSPOOLE. A cane or reed.  
LEES. A leash for dogs. (*A.-N.*) "The for-said leese." Arch. xxix. 336, i. e. a pack? See *Leash*. "A brace or leese of bucks." *Gent. Rec.* ii. 75.  
LEESE. The same as *Lese*, q. v.  
LEESH. Active. *Northumb.*  
LEET. (1) A manor court.  
(2) Little. *Leet vather*, a little while ago. *Leet windle*, a small redwing. *Var. dial.*  
(3) To pretend; to feign. *Yorksh.*  
(4) To happen; to fall out. *North.*  
(5) A meeting of cross-roads. *South.*  
(6) To alight. "*Leet*, sir, light off your horse," Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.  
LEETEN. To pretend. See *Leet* (3).  
LEETLY. Lightly; little. *Yorksh.*  
LEETS. Windows; lights. *North.*  
LEEVEN. Believe, pl. Maundevile, p. 108.  
LEF. (1) A leaf. W. Mapes, p. 342.  
(2) Love; one who is loved.  
And seyde how that a-bedde alle warme  
Hire *lef* lay naked in hire arme.  
*Concer*, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 77  
LEFE. (1) To believe. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) Pleasing; dear; agreeable. It sometimes signifies *pleased*. (*A.-S.*)  
Be he never so strong a theif,  
Ȝyf he may ȝyve he shal be *lefe*.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 9.  
The soule of this synfulle wyjt  
Is wonnen into heven bright,  
To Jhesu *lefe* and dere  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 47.  
(3) To leave.  
Bot if thou come for to feght with us, feghte  
one, for I late the wele witt that oure sympienes  
wille we on na wyse *lefe*.  
*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 47, f. 20.  
LEFE-LONG. Long; tedious.  
She seid, Thomas, thou likes thi play,  
What byrde in boure may dwel with the?  
Thou marris me here this *lefe-long* day,  
I pray the, Thomas, let me be!  
*True Thomas*, MS. Cantab.  
LEFMON. Lemman; lover. "Bicom his lef-mon," Wright's Anec. Lit. p. 11.

- LEF SILVER. A composition paid in money by the tenants in the wealds of Kent to their lord for leave to plough and sow in time of pannage. Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.  
LEFSOME. Lovely. *Ritson.*  
LEFT. (1) Believed. (2) Remained.  
(3) *Left over*, left off. *Over the left shouldr*, entirely wrong. I believe you over the left, i. e. not at all.  
LEFTNESS. The state of being left-handed. Metaphorically, wrong, bad.  
LEFULL. Lawful. *Chaucer.*  
LEG. (1) A bow. It is very often, if not generally, used in a jocular manner. "Make a curtesie instead of a legge," Lilly, ed. 1632, sig. P. xi. Still in use in Craven.  
(2) To walk nimbly. *Var. dial.*  
(3) *To put the best leg foremost*, to act energetically. *He has broken his leg*, he has had a child sworn to him. *Black leg*, a great rascal. *To give leg bail*, to fly from justice. *Leg-banded*, said of cattle when the head and leg are joined by a band or cord to prevent their straying.  
(4) At marbles, the boy who commences the game last is called a *leg*.  
LEGEANS. Leave; license. (*A.-N.*)  
He bethought hym and undurstode  
In how synfulle life he ȝede,  
His synnes he wolde forsake;  
And if he myȝt have *legeans*  
For his synnes to do penaes,  
Schrifte he thought to take.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 44.  
LEGE-M-PONE. A curious old proverbial or cant term for ready money.  
There are so manie Danaes now a dayes,  
That love for lucre, paine for game is sold;  
No true affection can their fancie please,  
Except it be a Jove, to r. ine downe gold  
Into their laps, which they wyde open hold;  
If *lege-m-pone* comes, he is receav'd,  
When *Vix haud habet* is of hope bereav'd.  
*The Affectionate Shephard*, 1594.  
LEGER-BOOK. A monastic cartulary.  
LEGESTER. A lawyer. *R. de Brunne.*  
LEGGE. (1) To lay; to lay down; to lay, or bet a wager. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) To ease. *Chaucer.*  
LEGGEREN. A layer. *North.*  
LEGGET. A kind of tool used by reed-thatchers. *Norfolk.*  
LEGGINGS. Gaiters. *Var. dial.*  
LEGHE. To lie; to speak false. It occurs in MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii.  
LEG-RINGS. Fetters. *Marston.*  
LEG-TRAPES. A sloven. *Somerset.*  
LEIE. To lay. (*A.-S.*)  
LEIFER. Rather. *North.* See Topsell's Four-footed Beasts, 1607, p. 25.  
LEIGER. A resident ambassador at a foreign court. See Arch. xxviii. 121  
LEIGHIER. A liar. (*A.-S.*)  
The messenger was foule y schent,  
And oft y cleped foule *leighier*.  
*At thour and Merlin*, p. 95  
LEIK. Body. Havelok, 2793.

LEIKIN. A sweetheart. *North*. From *like*.

LEIL. Faithful; honest. *North*.

LEISER. Leisure; opportunity. (*A.-N.*)

LEISH. Stout; active; alert. *North*.

LEISTER. A kind of trident used in the North of England for striking fish.

LEITE. Light; lightning. (*A.-S.*)

LEITHS. Joints in coal. *Staff*.

LEITS. (1) Meetings appointed for the nomination or election of officers. *North*.

(2) Tracks; footsteps. *North*.

LEKE. (1) Caught; taken. (*A.-S.*)  
Then harde he noyse grete  
In a valey, and dyntys leke.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 246.*

(2) A leek. (*A.-S.*) *Not worth a leke*, a common expression in early poetry.

(3) To lock; to shut. *Weber*. Also the part. past, fastened.

(4) To grin frightfully. *Line*.

LELAND. A cow pasture. *West*.

LELE. Loyal; faithful; true.  
Hir love is ever trewe and lele,  
Ful swete hit is to monnes hele.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 1.*  
Bot a clene virgine that es lele  
Was ȝit more that has the angele.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 120.*  
Tho loved Jordains and sir Bretel  
Sir Arthur with hert lel.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 113*

LELELY. Truly; faithfully. The copy in the Cambridge MS. reads *leliche*.  
My lufe es lelely lyghte  
On a lady wyghte. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 132.*

LELEN. To sanction, or authorise. (*A.-N.*)

LELLY. Same as *Lelely*, q. v.  
To ȝelde hym his lufe hafe I na myghte,  
Bot lufe hym lelly I sulde therefore.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 219.*  
They sal thourne holy kyrke rede  
Mynystre lely the godes of the dede.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 50.*  
That for I trewly many a day  
Have lovid lyllest in loud,  
Dethe hath me fette of this world away.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 101.*

LEMANDE. Shining; glittering.  
The lawnces with loraynes and lemande scheldes,  
Lyghtenande as the levenyng and lemand al over.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 73.*

LEME. (1) Brightness; light. (*A.-S.*) In the North of England, a flame. "The leme of a fyre," *Prompt. Parv.* p. 38.  
The lyght of heven in a leme,  
Bryȝter than is the some beme,  
Upon that hert gane lyght.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 1.*  
The sterres, with her lemyng lemen,  
Shul sadly falle down fro heven.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 134.*

(2) Limb. Richard Coer de Lion, 3362.

LEMPEG. A doe-fig. *Willis*.

LEMING-STAR. A comet. From *Leme*, q. v.

LEMMAN. A lover, or gallant; a mistress. (*A.-S.*) See *Maundevile's Travels*, p. 24; *Greene's Works*, i. 59; *Perceval*, 1802. In very early English, the term is sometimes used simply for a dear or beloved person.

Toward the court he can goo,  
His douȝtur lemman met he thoo,  
And alle his cumpanye.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 51.*

He sayse, *Lemane*, kysse me be-lyve,  
Thy lorde me hase the graunte to wyefe,  
And Paresche I hafe hym hyght;  
And I hete the witterly,  
The kynges hevede of Fraunce certanly,  
To morowe or it be nyghte!  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 103.*

It is a proverbe in England that the men of Tividal, borderers on the English middle marches, have likers, *lemmons*, and lyerbies.  
*Melbancke's Plautinus, 1583.*

LEMON-TREE. The verbena. *South*.

LEMYERED. Glimmered; shone. (*A.-S.*)

LEMYET. Limit.  
A breife of the Bounderes, Wayes and Passages of the Middle Marche, all a longe the Border of Scotland beginning at Chiveat Hill, being the *lemyet* of the Easte Marche, and ending at Kirsop, the Boulder of the Weste Marche of England.  
*Egerton Papers, p. 278.*

LEN. (1) To lend. Still in use.

(2) To lean. *North*.

LENAGE. Lineage; birth. (*A.-N.*)

LENARD. The linnet. *Palsgrave*. Brockett has it, spelt *lenert*, p. 186.

LENCE. A loan. *Dorset*.

LENCH. To stoop in walking. *Line*.

LENCHEON. A kind of shelf in a shaft. A miner's term.

LENDE. (1) The loin. (*A.-S.*) It occurs in MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii. Ps. 37. "Gur-dithe youre lendys," *Gesta Rom.* p. 107.  
And a grete gyrdelle of golde, withoute gere more,  
He leyde on his lendes with lachettes fulle monye.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 116.*

(2) Given. *Constit. Freemas.* p. 27.

(3) To dwell; to remain; to tarry.  
The abbot and the convent with good chere  
Worschipeden God al i-feere;  
And so do we him that sit above,  
That he wolde for that maydenes love  
Graunten us hevene withouten ende  
With him therein for to leunde;  
God graunte us grace that hit so be:  
Amen! amen! for charite.  
*Life of St. Euphrosane, Vernon MS.*  
Thay putt up pavilyons ronde,  
And lendid there that nyghte.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 131.*

(4) To land; to arrive. (*A.-S.*)

LENDY. Lumber; pliable. *Devon*.

LENE. To give. Hence our word *lend*. The editor of *Havelok* absurdly prints *lene*.  
To hys lorde he can meene,  
And preyed hym that he wolde hym leene  
Wepyn, arnowre, and stede.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 75.*

LENGE. To dwell, rest, or remain. (*A.-S.*)  
Hence, perhaps, our *lounge*.  
Lenge at home pur charyte,  
Leve soon, y prey the.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 150.*  
I salte at lammesse take leve to lenge at my lerge  
In Lorayne or Lumberdye, whethire me leve thynkys.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 17.*

LENGER. Longer. *Chaucer*.

LENGTH. Stature. *North*. Speaking of cannon, it means the barrel.

LENGTHE. To lengthen; to prolong.  
Now have we noon wherwith we may  
*Lengthe* oure lif fro day to day.

*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 34.

LENKETHE. Length. See the Boke of Cur-tasye, p. 29; Wright's Seven Sages, p. 91.

A feyter chylde nevyr y syc,  
Neither of *lenkyth* nor of brede.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. li. 33, f. 98.*

LENOCK. Slender; pliable. *North*.

LENT. (1) A loan. *Somerset*.

(2) Remained; stopped. (*A.-S.*) It has also the meaning of *placed*.

A doufe was fro heven sent,  
Ligt down and theronne *lent*.

*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 67.

On a laund are thay *lent*

By a forest syd. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 133.*

LENT-CROCKING. A custom of boys at Shrove-tide going round in the evening to pelt the doors of the inhabitants with pieces of broken crockery. *West*.

LENTED. Stopped; glanced off. *Lauc*.

LENTEN. (1) A linden tree. (*A.-S.*)

(2) The fare in Lent was not very substantial some centuries ago, and accordingly our ancestors seemed to have used the adjective *Lenten* constantly in a sense of deterioration. "A Lenten lover, a bashfull, modest, or maidenly woer, one thats afraid to touch his mistress," Cotgrave, in v. *Caresme*. *Lenten-fig*, a dried fig, a raisin. *Lenton-stuff*, provision for Lent. A ballad by Elderton under this title commences as follows:—

Lenton Stuff ys cum to the towne,

The clensynge wecke cumis quicklye;

Yow knowe well inowghe yow must kneele downe,

Cum on, take ashes trykly,

That nether are good fleshe nor fyshe,

But dyp with Judas in the dyshe,

And keepe a rowte not worthe a ryshe.

*MS. Ashmole 48, f. 115.*

LENT-EVIL. The ague. *MS. Med. Rec.*

LENT-GRAIN. The spring crops. *West*.

LENTINER. A hawk taken in Lent.

LENT-ROSE. The daffodil. *Devon*. It is also called the *Lent-hily*.

LENTIE. Given. From *Lene*. (*A.-S.*)

A fulle harde grace was hir *lentie*

Er she owt of this worde wentte.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 33*

L'ENVOY. A kind of postscript, *sent* with poetical compositions by early authors. It was sometimes used for a conclusion generally. Cotgrave defines it, the "conclusion of a ballet, or sonnet, in a short stanza by itselfe, and serving, oftentimes, as a dedication of the whole."

LENYT. Leaned. Lydgate, MS. Bodl.

LEO. The lion. (*A.-S.*) "Wildore then the leo," Reliq. Antiq. i. 125. *Leomine*, belonging to a lion.

LEOPART. A leopard. (*A.-N.*)

LEOS. People. *Chaucer*.

LEPANDE. Leaping. (*A.-S.*)

With luffy launcez one lofte they luysehene togedyres  
In Lorayne so lordlye on *leppande* stedes.

*Morte Arthure*, MS. Lincoln, f. 68.

LEPE. A largeasket, such as is used for carrying seeds, corn, &c. *Var. dial.*

The spensere seide, methougte I bere

A *lepe*, as I was wont do er.

*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 28.

LEPES. Stories; lies. Ritson, i. 4.

LEPI. Single. See *Alepi*.

Wrothlich he seyde to Gli,

Here is gret scorn sikerly,

When that o *lepi* knight

Schal ous do so michel unright!

*Gy of Warwike*, p. 78.

Ne mete ete, ne drank drynke,

Ne slepte onely a *lepy* wynke.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 61.*

LEPPIS. Jumps; leaps. (*A.-S.*)

Here my trouthe I the plyghte,

He that *leppis* fulle lyghte

He salle by it, and I fyghte,

For alle your mekille pride.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 133.*

LEPROSY. The *lues venerea*. This is a very unusual sense of the word. *Shak*.

LERAND. Learning, part. (*A.-S.*)

Bot it sal be notefulle *lerand* the way til heven.

*MS. Coll. Eton. f. 3.*

LERARE. A learner; a teacher. *Pr. Parr.*

LERCH. To cheat or trick. *North*.

LERE. (1) To learn; to teach. (*A.-S.*) Hence, learning, knowledge, precept.

Then he frayned hym in his er

If he wolde passilodion *lere*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 54.*

Bot thai on the erth Cristes wordes here,

That sal be to thaim withouten ende a *lere*.

*MS. Egerton 927, xv. Cent.*

(2) Countenance; complexion. (*A.-S.*)

For sorow he leste both strength and might,

The colours changid in his *lere*.

*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 93.*

(3) Shame. *Nominale MS.*

LERENDE. Learnt. From *Lere* (1).

So that nother one the see ne on the lande ze seke  
na helpe, and that ze geime another manere of doc-  
tryne thane we hafe *lerende* of oure doctours.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 32.*

LERENESS. Emptiness. Batman, 1582.

LEREP. To trail slovenly. *South*. Also, to limp or walk lamely.

LERRICK. To beat; to chastise. *Devon*.

LERRY. Learning; lesson. Middleton, i. 281.

LES. Lost. *Hearne*.

LESE. (1) To gather; to select. (*A.-S.*) "To leyse, to pick the slain and trucks out of wheat," Hallamsh. Gl. p. 116. In Devon, picking stones from the surface of the fields is called *leasing*; and throughout the Western counties no other word is used for gleanng corn. "To lese here in hervest," Piers Ploughman, p. 121. *Lesinge*, gleanng, Wright's Pol. Songs, p. 149. "To lease straw for thatching, *seligere et componere*; to lease stones, to pick stones in a field," Dean Milles, MS. Glossary, p. 167.

(2) To lose. Still in use. (*A.-S.*)

(3) To deliver; to release. It occurs in MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii. Ps. 7.

(4) Lie; falsehood. (*A.-S.*)

At every ende of the deyse  
Sate an erle, without *lese*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 54.*

(5) Leash; hand. Octavian, 767.

LESER. Releaser; deliverer. This occurs several times in MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii.

LESESE. To lose. See Hycke-Scorner, p. 102. It is perhaps an error of the press.

LESEVE. To pasture, or feed. (*A.-S.*) Drayton has *lessow* in this sense.

LESING. A lie; a falsehood. (*A.-S.*) *Lesynge berare*, a liar. See Prompt. Parv. p. 238.

Then shalle I gif the a cote  
Without any *lesyng*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 48.*

Lord, he seyð, thou ryche kyng,

Ût it wer a foulere thing

To here a *lesyng* of thy mouthe,

That thou me seyest nowþe,

That I schuld have what I wold,

Bot nedys a kyng mot hold.

*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*

LESK. The groin or flank. In Lincolnshire the word is in very common use, and frequently implies also the *puendum*, and is perhaps the only term for that part that could be used without offence in the presence of women.

The laste was a llytle mane that laide was benethe,  
His *leskes* laye alle lene and latheliche to schewe.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 38.*

LESNESSE. Forgiveness; absolution. See Roh. Glouc. p. 173; Reliq. Antiq. i. 42.

LESSE. (1) *Lesse than*, unless. *Maketh less*, extinguishes. *Weber*. *Lesse ne mare*, i. e. nothing at all.

(2) To lessen; to decrease. This occurs in MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii. Ps. 11.

LESSES. See *Hunting*, art. 1.

And gif men speke and aske hym of the fumes, he  
shal clepe fumes of an hert croteyng, of a bukke  
and of the roo-bukke, of the wilde boor, and of  
blake beestys, and of wolfes, he shal clepe it *les-es*.

*MS. Bodl. 546.*

LESSEST. Least of all. *Var. dial.*

LESSIL. A wanton woman. *Cumb.*

LESSON. To give lessons. *Var. dial.*

LESSOW. The same as *Lesere*, q. v.

LEST. (1) Listen. Imperative, sing.

*Lest*, my sone, and thou schalt here  
So as it hath bifalle er this.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 162.*

(2) Inclination; pleasure. (*A.-S.*)

LESTAL. (1) Saleable, applied to things of good and proper weight. *North.*

(2) A mire; a jakes. *North.* Urry's MS. additions to Ray. *Leystals* occurs in Ben Jonson, i. 59.

LESTE. To please. *Chaucer.*

LESTEN. Lost. (*A.-S.*)

Of Greece and Troie the stronge stryve,  
Ther many a thousand *lesten* her lyve.

*MS. Ashmole 60, xv. Cent.*

LESTYGH. Lasteth. *Cov. Myst.*

LESUR. A leasow, or pasture. "*Hec pascua*

*pascua est locus herbasus pascendis animalibus aptus*, Anglice a lesur," MS. Bibl. Reg. 12 B. i. f. 13.

LET. (1) Leased off. *Line.*

(2) To leave; to omit; to leave, or permit; to cause; to hinder. (*A.-S.*) *Let be*, leave off. *To let in*, to cheat. *To let fly at any one*, to abuse him severely. *To let drive*, to attack with violence. *To let light*, to inform, to disclose. *To let wit*, to make known. *Let on*, to light upon. *Let to gate*, went home.

(3) To counterfeit; to pretend. *North.*

LETCIL. (1) A vessel for making lye. *East.*

(2) A wet ditch or gutter. *North.*

(3) An absurd foppish fancy. *Line.*

LETE. (1) To think, account, or esteem. (*A.-S.*)

(2) Left. See Kyng Alisaunder, 5812. Also, to leave or dismiss any thing.

Yf thou can a stede welle ryde,

Wyth me thou schalt be *lete*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 92.*

(3) To be nearly starved. *Yarksh.*

(4) To look? See Gl. to Syr Gawayne.

Childre, he seide, ȝe luste and *lete*,

I saw chaf on the watir flete.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 30.*

LETEWARYE. An electuary. (*A.-N.*)

LETGAME. A hinderer of pleasure.

LETH. Soothing? See Towneley Myst.

Thus sal man in heven ay fynd joye and *leth*,

Above him, withinne him, *aboute* and beneth.

*MS. Egerton 927.*

LETHAL. Deadly. (*Lat.*) See Fletcher's Differences, 1623, p. 7. It appears from the Nat. Hist. Wilts, Royal Soc. MS. p. 165, that Aubrey considered the bite of newts *lethal*.

LETHE. (1) Death. *Shak.*

(2) Supple; limber; pliant. *Palsgrave.*

LETHIER. (1) To make a noise, said of horses travelling with great speed. *North.*

(2) Vile; hateful. *Letherand*, Reliq. Antiq. i. 82; *letherly*, MS. Morte Arthure.

Thou grevyst me, I am not glad,

To me thou art a *lether* leche.

*MS. Harl. 3954.*

A prowde wrech and a yonge,

And a *lether* gaddelynge.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 115.*

Ûys, for sothe, a wyle can I,

To begyle owre *lethur* pye.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 136.*

(3) The skin. Still in use.

Than wete men never whether ys whether,

The ȝclughe wympel or the *lether*.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 23.*

LETHET. Moderated itself.

Bright and faire the son schone,

But hit *lethet* soone anon.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 36.*

LETHY. (1) Nasty; filthy. *Cumb.*

(2) Weak; feeble; supple. "His ere-lappes waxes *lethy*," Reliq. Antiq. i. 54.

LET-IN. To strike. *South.*

LETTASES. Lattices. Florio, p. 469.

LETTE. Impediment; hinderance.

Uppon a dey, withouten *lette*,

The duke with the kyng was sette.

*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 60.*

LETTER. To make an entry in a ledger or book. *Somerset*.

LETTERON. The ancient reading-stand in churches. See Davies, ed. 1672, p. 17.

LETTERS-OF-MART. Letters of marque were formerly so called.

LETTICE. A kind of grey fur. "Lettyce a furre, *letice*," Palsgrave. Whether the *lettice-cap* was a cap in which this fur was introduced I am not certain, but mention is made in an early MS. of "an ermine or lattice bonnet," Plauché, p. 262. Nares has fallen into unnecessary conjectures by not understanding this meaning of the term.

LETTIRDE. Lettered; learned. (*A.-N.*)

And than scho sayd, everylk mane and womane that were *lettirde*, that were in any temptacione, whike that I rehersed before, saye he this ympne *Veni creator spiritus*, and the devele and the temptacione salle sooe voyde fra hym.

*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 257.*

LETTOWE. Lithuanian.

Chasez one a courseur, and to a kyng rydys,  
With a lance of *Lettove* he thrilze his sydez,  
That the lyver and the Junggez on the launce lungez.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 76.*

LETRURE. Learning; literature.

LEUF. The palm of the hand. *North.*

LEUGH. Laughed. Robin Hood, i. 49.

LEUKE. Luke-warm. Reliq. Antiq. i. 52. It is still in use in Yorkshire.

LEUTERER. A thief; a vagabond.

LEUTH. Shelter. *South.*

LEUWYN. A kind of linen, of which tablecloths were formerly made.

LEUÛE. Laughed. See *Leugh*.

Than men myght se game i-nowze,  
When every cokwold on other *leuze*.

*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 60.*

LEVABLE. Able to be levied. See the *Archæologia*, i. 91.

LEVACION. The elevation of the Host, in the Roman Catholic service. See *Gesta Rom.* p. 266; *Ord. and Reg.* p. 89.

LEVAND. Living. *Lydgate.*

LEVE. (1) To leave. Also, to believe. Both senses occur in this couplet.

Tho sayde Maxent to Kateryn,  
*Leve* thy god and *leve* on myn.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 38.*

Sche *leuyd* nothyng in the masse,  
That very God was in forme of bredd.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 46.*

(2) Leave; permission. (*A.-S.*)

(3) Desire; inclination. (*A.-S.*)

(4) Dear; willing. See *Lefe*.

LEVEL. (1) To assess, or levy. *East.*

(2) A straight ruler. *Palsgrave.*

LEVEL-COIL. A rough game, formerly much in fashion at Christmas, in which one hunted another from his seat. Florio, p. 138, mentions "a Christmas game called *rise up good fellow*, or *itch buttocke*," which refers to the same amusement. "*Jouër à ent-leve*, to play at level-coyle," Cotgrave. Hence the phrase came to be used for any noisy riot. It was also called *level-sice*, and Skelton, ii. 31, spells

it *levell suse*. Blount gives the following very curious explanation, "level-coile is when three play at tables, or other game, by turns, onely two playing at a time, the loser removes his buttock, and sits out; and therefore called also *hitch-buttock*," ed. 1681, p. 374.

LEVELLERS. Persons who advocate an equalization of property &c. The term was common during the civil wars, when there were many who professed those opinions.

LEVEN. To alleviate. *Lydgate.*

LEVENE. Lightning. (*A.-S.*)

The thondir, with his fry *levene*,  
So cruel was upon the *hevene*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 191.*

With sodeyne tempest and with fry *levene*,  
By the goddes sente down from *hevene*.

*Lydgate, MS. Digby 230*

This is the auctor of the hyze *hevne*,  
Sette in the sunne clere as any *levenen*.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 16.*

LEVENER. The same as *Bever* (1).

LEVER. (1) One of the chief supporters of the roof-timber of a house, being itself not a prop, but a portion of the frame-work. Also, the lower moveable board of a baru-floor.

(2) Rather. (*A.-S.*)

I shalle the whyte, be hode myne,  
How hade I *lever* a conyne.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 50.*

(3) Better; more agreeable.

Ther come to hym never a *lever* sonde  
Then the fyscher and the fostere.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 121.*

(4) To deliver to. Plumpton Corr. p. 189.

LEVERS. The yellow-flag. *South.*

LEVESELE. A lattice. Chaucer mentions the gay *levesele* at the tavern as a sign of the wine there sold, and up to a much later period lattices were the distinguishing features of inns. The explanations of this word given in Tyrwhitt, the Oxford Gloss. Architecture, Pr. Parv. p. 300, &c. are certainly erroneous.

Alle his devocion and holinesse  
At taverne is, as for the moste delle,  
To Bachus signe and to the *levesele*.

*Oceleve, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 253.*

LEVET. The blast or strong sound of a trumpet. (*Fr.*) It occurs in *Hindibras*.

LEVETENNANTE. A deputy. *Leretent*, Reliq. Antiq. ii. 22.

Salle be my *levetennante* with lordchipez y-neve.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 60.*

LEVEYNE. Leaven.

He is the *leveyne* of the bred,  
Whiche soureth alle the paste aboute.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 87.*

LEVORE. Lever; mace. *Ritson.*

LEVYNG. Life. Chron. Vilodun. p. 5.

LEVYNGE. Departure; death.

The angelle gaf hym in warnyng  
Of the tyme of his *levyng*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 243.*

LEW. (1) To get into the lew, i. e. into a place sheltered from the wind. *Var. dial.* "Soulgrove sil lew" is an ancient Wiltshire proverb, i. e. February is seldom warm.



- (2) Luke-warm. Still in use. *Lewe water*, Ord. and Reg. p. 471.
- (3) Weak; faint. Nominale MS.
- LEWCOME. See *Lucayne*.
- LEWD. Ignorant; lay; untaught; useless. (*A.-S.*) In some later writers, vile, base, wicked. In the remote parts of Yorkshire a vicious horse is termed *lewd*.
- LEWDSTER. A lewd person. *Shak*. I follow the usual explanation, but should be rather inclined to consider it as meaning a wretch, and perhaps connected with *leuterer*.
- LEWESODE. Loosened. "His fedris weron *lewesode* yehou," Chron. Vilodun. p. 125.
- LEWINS. A kind of bands put about a hawk. See Florio, p. 289.
- LEWIS. A kind of machine used for raising stones. *Archæologia*, x. 127.
- LEWN. A tax, or rate, or lay for church or parish dues. *Chesh*. A benefaction of forty shillings is payable to the parish of Walsall to ease the poor inhabitants of their *lewnes*. See Carlisle on Charities, p. 296.
- LEWSTRY. To work hard. *Devon*.
- LEWTE. (1) Loyalty. (*A.-N.*)  
(2) A kind of cup or vessel.  
(3) The herb restharrow. *Somerset*.
- LEWTH. Warmth; shelter. *West*.
- LEWYTH. That which is left.
- LEWZERNE. A kind of fur.
- LEXST. Lyest; speakest false.  
Morgadour answerd aoon,  
Stalworth knight as he was on,  
Thi *lexst* amidward thi teth,  
And therefore have thou maugreth.  
*Gy of Warwick*, p. 154.  
Cy, quath the justice, swiche mervaile,  
Thou *lext*, damisel, sann faille.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 35.
- LEY. (1) Latitude; room; liberty; leisure; opportunity; law. *North*.  
(2) A lea, or pasture. *West*. "One a launde by a ley," Degrevant, 239. *Ley-breck*, sward once ploughed.  
(3) Law; faith; religion. (*A.-N.*)  
(4) The standard of metals. *Derb*.  
(5) To lie. *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 60.  
(6) A flame, or low. (*A.-S.*)  
For y am yn endles peyne,  
Yn fyre and yn *leye* certeyne.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 44.
- (7) A lake. Still in use.  
He made alle a valaye,  
Al so it were a brod *leye*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 350
- LEYARE. A stonemason. *Pr. Parr.*
- LEYCERE. Leisure.  
Now, syres, ye seeya the lytylle *leycere* here.  
*Chaucer, MS. Cantab.* Ff. i. 6, f. 30.
- LEYD. Laid. See *Feyre*.
- LEYGIT. Lyeth. *Lydgate*.  
With harmes to greve in wayte *leyght* shee  
To reveue mene of welthe and prosperyté.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. i. 6, f. 157.
- LEYNE. Laid; placed. (*A.-S.*)
- LEYOND. Laying.

At the see Jame and Jon he fonde  
As thei were lynes *leyond*.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 82.

- LEYTH. Loathly. *Audelay*, p. 31.
- LEYSTLOCURE. More easily. (*A.-S.*)
- LIHNNE. A lake. *Lhuyd's MSS.*
- LIJALE. Loyal. *Wright Pol. Songs*, p. 303.
- LIANCE. An alliance. *Palsgrave*.
- LIAR. "Liar, liar, lick dish," a proverbial address to a liar, chiefly used at schools. It is an old saying, being found in the Tragedy of Hoffman, 1631, sig. I. ii.
- LIARD. A horse, properly one of a grey colour. *Palsgrave* mentions a horse called *Lyarde Urbyn*. "One *lyarde stedes*," *Morte Arthure*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 80.  
*Stedis stabillede in stallis,*  
*Lyarde* and sore. *MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 130.
- LIB. (1) To castrate. *North*. "To capon, to geld, to *lib*, to splaie," Florio, p. 5. See *Topsell's Four-footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 68.  
(2) A basket, or leep. *South*.  
(3) Half a bushel. *Kennett MS.*  
(4) To lay down. A cant term mentioned in *Dekker's Belman of London*, 1616.
- LIBARDINE. The herb wolfbane. See *Topsell's Four-footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 40. Also called *libbard's-bane*.
- LIBBARD. A leopard. *Skelton*.  
Then owte starte a *lumbarte*,  
Felle he was as a *lybarte*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 170.
- LIBEGE. A bed. This old cant term is given by *Dekker*, *Lanthorne* and *Candle-Light*, 1620, sig. C. ii.
- LIBBEING. Living. (*A.-S.*)  
For to drawn up all thing  
That nele was to her *libbeing*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 33.
- LIBBER. A man who libs or gelds. *North*.  
"A *gnelder*, a *libber*," Florio, p. 89.
- LIBBET. A billet of wood; a staff, stick, or club. *South*.
- LIBBETS. Rags in strips. *West*.
- LIBERAL. Licentious; free to excess. It occurs often in this sense in old plays.
- LIBERARIE. Learning. *Lydgate*.
- LIB-KEN. A house to live in. An old cant term, given by *Dekker*, *Lanthorne* and *Candle-Light*, 1620, sig. C. ii.
- LICAME. The body. (*A.-S.*)  
And *Jhesus* heut up that *licame*  
That lay deed before the thronge.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Col. Trin. Cantab.* f. 75.  
That ani man to hir *cam*  
That ever knewe hir *licham*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 37.
- LICCHORIE. Leachery. *Hearne*.
- LICHE. (1) The body. *Weber*. Hence the term *liche-wake*, or *lake-wake*, q. v.  
(2) Abke. (*A.-S.*)  
In kirtels and in copis *riche*,  
They weren clothid alle *liche*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 111.
- LICHFOUL. The night-raven. *Rowlands*.  
*Drayton* mentions it as the *litch-owl*.
- LICH-GATE. The gate through which the

- corpse was carried into the church. It had always a roof over it under which the bier was placed, and the bearers rested until the clergyman met the corpse, and read the introductory part of the service as he preceded the train into the church. Several liehates are still preserved.
- LICHWORT.** The herb pellitory.
- LICIBLE.** Pleasant; agreeable.  
 Percas as when the liste what thi wyf pley  
 Thi conceyte holdeth it good and licible.  
*Oceleve, MS. Sor. Antiq.* 134, f. 259.
- LICK.** To beat, or thrash. Hence, to surpass or excel in anything; to do anything easily. *To lick the eye*, to be well pleased.
- LICK-DISH.** A term of contempt. See the phrase given in *v. Liar*. A sycophant is still termed a lick-pan. "A lick-sauce, lick-box, *licheron*," Howell.
- LICKEN.** To compare; to liken. *Craven*.  
 These ben the enemies that fawnyng slays,  
 And sleying fawneeth, that *lycken* y can  
 To Joas, that toke be the chynne Amas.  
*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 33, f. 14.*
- LICKER.** To grease boots or shoes.
- LICKLY.** Likely. *North*.
- LICKOROUS.** Dainty; affected. Used also in the sense of lecherous, or voluptuous. "To coeker, to make *likerish*, to pamper," *Hollyband's Dictionarie*, 1593.  
 From women light and *lickorous*  
 Good fortune still deliver us.  
*Catgrave, in v. Femme.*
- LICK-POT-FINGER.** The fore-finger.
- LICKS.** A good beating. *North*.
- LICKSOME.** Pleasant; agreeable. *Chesh.*
- LICKSPITTLE.** A parasite. *Var. dial.*
- LICK-UP.** A small pittance. *East*.
- LICLIARE.** Likelier; more likely.
- LID.** A coverlet. *Kent*. It is applied to a book-cover in *Nomenclator*, p. 7, and I find the term so used as late as 1757, in *Dr. Free's Poems*, p. 47.
- LIDDED.** The top of the bearing part of a pipe is said to be lidded when its usual space is contracted to a small compass or width. A mining term.
- LIDDEN.** (1) Long. *Somerset*.  
 (2) Saying, song, or story. *West*.
- LIDDERON.** A lazy idle bad fellow. From *liddor*, or *lither*, q. v.
- LIDE.** (1) Lydia. *Chaucer*.  
 (2) The month of March. An old provincial term, now obsolete.
- LIDGITTS.** Some thirty or forty years ago, when the fields in the Isle of Oxholme were uninhabited, there were gates set up at the end of the villages and elsewhere to prevent the cattle from straying upon the arable lands; these gates were termed lidgitts. *Lincol.*
- LIDS.** (1) Manner; fashion; way; kind; resemblance. *North*.  
 (2) Transverse bars of wood supporting the roof of a coal-mine.
- LIE.** (1) To lay down. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) To subside, as the wind. *Devon*
- (3) *To lie with a latchet*, to tell a monstrous falsehood. *To lie in wait of one's self*, to be very careful. *To lie by the wall*, to lie on the cold floor, to lie a bier, to lie dead before interment.
- (4) To reside. Still in use.
- (5) The lees of wine. *Pr. Parv.*
- LIE-BOX.** (1) A great liar. *West*.  
 (2) A box wherein the lie from wood-ashes is made. *Var. dial.*
- LIEF.** The same as *Lef*, q. v.
- LIEF-COUP.** A sale or market of goods in the place where they stand. *Kent*.
- LIEGEMAN.** A subject. *Shak.*
- LIEGER.** An ambassador. See *Leiger*. Spelt *ligier* in Hall, Henry VIII. f. 158.
- LIEGES.** Subjects. (*A.-N.*)
- LIEKD.** Loved. *Cumb.*
- LIE-LEACH.** A box, perforated at bottom, used for straining water for lie. It is also called a lie-latch, lie-dropper, or lie-lip.
- LIE-LEY.** To lie in grass. *Yorksh.*
- LIEEN.** Laim. *Chaucer*.
- LIENDE.** Lying. See *Lien*.  
 And therto lyonnes tweyne *lyende* ther under.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. n. fol. 111.*
- LIES.** Lees of wine. (*A.-N.*)
- LIE-TON.** A church-yard. *Wills.*
- LIEVER.** Rather. *Var. dial.*
- LIF.** Permission. (*A.-S.*)  
 For if that we have *lif* therto,  
 Soure commaundment shul we do.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 32.*
- LIFE-DAYS.** Life-time. "By his lyfe dayes, *de son playn vivant*," Palsgrave.
- LIFELICHE.** Active; piercing. *Liffly*, like the life, *Lydgate's Minor Poems*, p. 257.  
 And that *lifliche* launce that lepe to his herte  
 When he was crucyfyede on crose, and alle the kene  
 nayhs,  
 Knyghtly he salle conquere to Cristyne men hondes.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 39.*  
 Lyche *lyfly* men among hem day by day.  
*MS. Dugby 232, f. 2.*
- LIFERS.** Leavers; deserters.
- LIFFY.** In Devon, when a man seduces a girl with strong protestations of honour, and afterwards leaves her to her fate, he is said to *liffy* her, and she is said to be *liffied*.
- LIFLODE.** Living; state of life. (*A.-S.*)  
 Whedir salle we now gaa, or whate partye may  
 we now chese? Whare schalle we now get any  
 helpe tilleoure *lyfelode*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1 17, f. 49.*
- LIFT.** (1) The air; the sky. (*A.-S.*)  
 Somme in the erthe, somme in the *lift*.  
 There thei dreze ful harde drift  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 4.*  
 Now at the erthe, now at the *lift*,  
 Or however thou wolt the shift.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Ibid. f. 139.*
- (2) To aid, or assist. *Var. dial.* Perhaps the usual meaning in this passage.  
 Son, alle the seyntes that be in heven,  
 Nor alle the angels undir the Trinite,  
 On here-breyde out of this peyne  
 Thei have no pouere to *lift* me.  
*MS. Cantab. FF. v. 48, f. 63.*

- (3) A coarse rough gate without hinges, and moveable. *East*.
- (4) A joint of beef. *West*.
- (5) To carve up a swan. See the Booke of Hunting, 1586, f. 81.
- (6) A trick at whist or other games at cards. To lift for dealing, to draw or cut for the deal.
- (7) A falsehood. *Somerset*.
- (8) To steal. Still retained in the modern term *shop-lifting*. The lifting law, says Dekker, "teacheth a kind of lifting of goods cleane away." Belman of London, 1608.
- (9) A bad character. *Devon*.
- LIFTER. A thief. See *Lift* (8).
- LIFTERS. An old term for mortises.
- LIFTING-MONDAY. Easter Monday, when it was the custom for every couple of men to lift up and kiss each woman they met. Lifting on Easter Tuesday, when the women returned the compliment to the men. This was a common custom in Lancashire about fifty years ago, till the disturbances to which it gave rise called for the interference of the magistrates, and it gradually became obsolete; but it is still retained in some parts of the country.
- LIFT-LEG. Strong ale. An old cant term, mentioned in Harrison's England, p. 202.
- LIG. The same as *Ligge*, q. v. It is sometimes used for a lie, a falsehood.
- LIG-A-LAME. To maim. *North*.
- LIGEANCE. Allegiance. (*A.-N.*)
- LIGGE. To lie down. (*A.-S.*) Still in common use in the North of England.  
And they here bidden for to slepe,  
*Liggende* upon the bed alofte.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 44*
- LIGGEE. A carved coil made of hard wood, used at the game of doddart.
- LIGGEMENE. Subjects.  
Was warre of syr Lucius one launde there he hovys,  
With lordez and *liggemene* that to hymselfe lengede.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 76.*
- LIGGER. (1) A plank placed across a ditch for a pathway. *East*.
- (2) A line with a float and bait used for catching pike. *East*.
- (3) The same as *Ledger*, q. v.
- (4) A coverlet for a bed. *Line*.
- LIGGET. A rag or fragment. *West*.
- LIGGLE. To lug or carry. *Norfolk*.
- LIGGYNG-STEDE. A couch or bed. It occurs in MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii.
- LIGHT. (1) An example. *East*.
- (2) To be confined. *Salop*.  
And I shalle say thou was *lyght*  
Of a knave-childe this nyght.  
*Towneley Mysteries, p. 107.*
- (3) To descend, or alight. *Var. dial.* "Set a Begger on horsebacke, and they say he will never *lyght*," Greenes Orpharion, 1599, p. 19. Sometimes *lighten*, as in the English version of the *Te Deum laudamus*.
- (4) To enlighten; to make light or pleasant; to grow light. (*A.-S.*)
- The lettres of syr Lucius *lyghtys* myne herte;  
We hafe as losels hiffyde many longe daye.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 56.*
- (5) *Light timbered*, sickly, weak; also, active, nimble. To *light on*, to meet. *Light day*, clear day, open daylight. *Light-headed*, delirious. *Light-heeled*, active, nimble. *Light-o'-fire*, a term of abuse.
- (6) Weak; sickly. *Somerset*.
- LIGHTENING. The break of day. *North*.
- LIGHTER. (1) A less number. *North*.
- (2) The same as *Lafter*, q. v.
- LIGHT-HEELED. Loose in character. "She is sure a light heeld wench," the Bride, 1610, sig. G. A light-housewife, a married woman of bad character. "An harlot, a brothel, an hoore, a strompet, a light housewyfe," Elyot, in *v. Meretric.*
- LIGHTING. Light. This occurs in MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii. Ps. 26.
- LIGHTING-STOCK. A horse-block. *West*.
- LIGHTLOKER. More lightly, or easily. (*A.-S.*)
- LIGHTLY. (1) Commonly; usually; in ordinary cases. See Tusser, p. 71.
- (2) Readily; easily; quickly. (*A.-S.*)
- LIGHTMANS. The day. A cant term, given in Dekker's Lanthorne and Candle-Light, 1620, sig. *v. ii.*
- LIGHTNING. *Lightning before death*, a proverbial phrase, alluding to the resuscitation of the spirits which frequently occurs before dissolution.
- LIGHT-O'-LOVE. The name of an old dance-tune. It was a kind of proverbial phrase for levity, and a loose woman was frequently so called.
- LIGHT-RIPE. Corn has this epithet applied to it, when the stalk or straw appears ripe, and yet the ear contains nothing but a milky juice. *Line*.
- LIGHTS. (1) The lungs. *Var. dial.*
- (2) The openings between the divisions of a window, and hence occasionally used by later writers for the windows themselves.
- LIGHTSOME. (1) Gay; cheerful. *North*.
- (2) Light; full of light. "Lightsome glass-window," Davies, ed. 1672, p. 52.
- LIGLY. Likely. *Northumb.*
- LIGMANE. Liegeman; subject. (*A.-S.*)  
Gret wele Lucius thi lorde, and layue noghte these  
wordes,  
Ife thou be *lygmane* icle, late hyme wiet sove  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 57.*
- LIGNE. Lineage; lineal descent. (*A.-N.*)
- LIGNE-ALOES. Lignum aloes. *Chaucer*.
- LIGNEY. (1) Active; strong; able to bear great fatigue. *Cumb.*
- (2) To lighten. Nominale MS.
- LIGS. Ucleers on a horse's lips.
- LIKE. (1) Likeness.  
That in a mannes *lyke*  
The devel to this mayde com. *MS. Coll. Trin. Oxon. 57.*
- (2) To please; to delight; to be pleased.  
What so thar have it may be myne,  
Corne and brede, ale and wyne,  
And alle that may *like* me. *MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 50*

- (3) In the main. "He is a good sort of man like." It is frequently used as a mere expletive. *Like much*, an equal quantity of each. *I am like to do it*, I must do it. *To like oneself*, to like one's situation. This appears to be the second meaning, to please. *To go upon likes*, to go on trial. *To go a liking*, *ibid.* *And like your majesty*, if it please your majesty. *Like lettuce like lips*, a proverb implying that bad things suit each other. *Good like*, well looking. *Better nor like*, better than was expected. *Life of*, to approve. *Every like*, every now and then.
- (4) To grow; to thrive; to agree with one, as food, drink, &c.
- (5) To liken; to compare. (*A.-S.*)
- (6) Likely; probably. *Var. dial.* "I and my man wer like to byn bothe kild by Captin Hammon that was droune," Forman's Diary, MS. Ashmole, 208.
- LIKELY. Suitable; promising; good-looking; resembling. *Likeliness*, resemblance; probability.
- LIKEN. Likely. *Suffolk.* I had likened, i. e. I was in danger of.
- LIKER. More like. (*A.-S.*)  
His lps wer great, they hanged aside,  
His eyes were hollow, his mouth wide.  
He was lothly to looke on;  
He was lyker a devill then a man.  
*Bevis of Hampton, n. d.*
- LIKES. Likelihood; prospect. *West.* It is sometimes pronounced *likesence*.
- LIKFULIST. Most pleasant. (*A.-S.*)
- LIKING. (1) Appearance; condition. *North.*  
(2) Delight; pleasure. *Chaucer.*
- LIKKERWISE. Delightful; pleasant. (*A.-S.*)
- LIKNE. To imitate; to mimic; to liken, or make a simile. (*A.-S.*)
- LILBURN. A heavy stupid fellow.
- LILBYLOW. Perspiration; fever. *Line.* It is also pronounced *lillipoo*.
- LILLE. Little. *North.*  
Full lile we know his hard griefe of mied,  
And how he did long London to ken;  
And yet he thought he should finde it at last,  
Because he met so many men.  
*The King and a Poore Netherne Man, 1640.*
- LILLEWORTH. Of little value. *North.*
- LILL. (1) To pant; to loll out the tongue. *Wills.*  
"I lylle out the tonge as a beest clothe that is chafed," Palsgrave. "To pant and bee out of breath, or *lill* out the tongue, as a dog that is weary," Florio, p. 15.  
(2) To assuage pain. *North.*
- LILLILO. A bright flame. *North.*
- LILLY. The wild convolvulus. Lilly-royal, the herb penny-royal. *South.*
- LILLYCONVALLY. The May-lilly.
- LILLYWHITECAKE. A short-cake. *South.*
- LILLYWUNS. An exclamation of amazement.
- LILT. To jerk, or spring; to do anything cleverly or quickly. *North.*
- LILTY-PATTEN. A whore. *North.*
- LIMALE. Filings of metal. (*A.-N.*)
- LIMATIKE. A crooked person; a cripple.

- LIMB. Explained by Forby, "a determined sensualist." The term seems generally to imply deterioration. A limb of Satan, a limb of the law, &c. The first of these phrases is retained from the early English *feendes lynx*. See Hoccleve, p. 29. According to Pegge, a man addicted to anything is called a *limb for it*. Glossary, p. 98.
- LIMBECK. An alembic. *Shak.*
- LIMBER. Supple; flexible. *Var. dial.* "His eares is *limber* and weake," Topsell's Beasts, 1607, p. 185.
- LIMBERS. Thills or shafts. *West.*
- LIMB-MEAL. Limb by limb. (*A.-S.*)
- LIMBO. Hell. Properly, the *limbus* or place where the righteous were supposed to have been confined before the coming of Christ. "Limbo or hell," Florio, pp. 105, 158. It was also used for a prison, in which sense it is still retained.  
Beholde now what owre Lord Jhesu dide one the Saterday, as sune as he was dede. He went downe to helle to owre holy fadyrs that ware in *lymbo* to tyme of his Resurreccione.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 106.*
- LIMB-TRIMMER. A tailor. *North.*
- LIME. (1) A limb. (*A.-S.*)  
He was a moche man and a longe,  
In every *lyn* styff and stronge.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 75.*
- (2) To smear, as with bird-lime  
For who so wol his hondis *lyme*,  
They mosten be the more unclene.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. f. 65.*
- (3) Lime was mixed with wine, sack, &c. to remove the tartness. Egg-shells are now often used for that purpose, and perhaps lime.
- (4) Any glutinous substance, as glue, bird-lime, gum, &c. *North.*
- (5) Limit; end.  
Ry3t as we cleye 3et the same,  
And herratter shulde withoute *lyme*.  
*Chron. Filodun. p. 4.*
- (6) A thong. See *Lime-hound*.
- LIME-ASH. A composition of sifted ashes and mortar, beaten together, and laid down as a flooring for kitchens and outhouses. *West.*
- LIME-BURNER. A dwarfish fellow.
- LIMED. Polished; filed. (*A.-N.*)
- LIME-HOUND. A common hound or sporting dog, led by a thong called a lime. *Lyme-hounds*, Cotgrave, in v. *Mut.* See Ord. and Reg. p. 325. *Limer*, a blood-hound, Tyrwhitt. "A dogge engendred betwene an hounde and a mastive, called a *lymmer* or a mungrell," Elyot in v. *Hybris*.  
There ovirtoke I a grete rout  
Of huntirs and of foresters,  
And many relaes and *lymers*,  
That bided hem to the forest fast,  
And I with hem, so at the last  
I askid one lad, a *lymere*,  
Say, felowe, who shal huntin here?  
Quod I, and he answered ayen,  
Sir, the emperour Octovyen,  
Quod he, and he is here faste by.  
*The Dreame of Chaucer, 365.*
- LIME-ROD. A twig with bird-lime; more

- usually called a limc-twig. *Lyme-yerd*, Piers Ploughman, p. 170.  
He lend thee *lyme-twigs*, and fine sparrow calls,  
Wherewith the fowler silly birds intralls.  
*The Affectionate Shepheard*, 1594.
- LIMIT. A limb. *Shak.*
- LIMITATION. A certain precinct allowed to a limitour. (*Lat.*)
- LIMITOUR. A begging-friar. Hence in later times, *limit*, to beg.  
The *lymtour* that vesiteth the wietffis,  
I-wys a mane of him ynough may leere,  
To geve pynnys, gerdyllis, and knyeffis,  
This craft is good. *MS Cantab.* Ff. i 6, f. 156.  
For they go yelley a *limiting* abrode, living upon  
the sweat of other mens travels.  
*Northbrooke's Treatise*, 1577.
- LIMITROPIES. Boundaries. This word occurs in the *Historie of Palmeudos*, 1589.
- LIM-LIFTER. A term of contempt, perhaps derived from *limitour*. "A scornefull nickname, as we say a lim-lifter," Florio, p. 92.
- LIMMER. Mischievous; base; low. Still in use, applied to females.  
Then the *limmer* Scottes hared me, burnt my  
guddes, and made deadly feede on me, and my  
barnes.  
*Bullen's Dialogue*, 1573, p. 3
- LIMMOCK. Very limp. *Var. dial.*
- LIMOUS. Sticky; glutinous. *Pr. Parv.*
- LIMP. (1) An instrument used for separating lead ore from the stone. Mander explains it, "a small board to skim the sieve with when washing the ore."  
(2) Flaccid; limber; supple. *Var. dial.* Also called *limpey*. Stanilurst, p. 11, has *limpeth*, is weak, or unsatisfactory.  
(3) Inefficient. *Somerset.*  
(4) To chance, or happen.  
The fyfte was Josue, that joly mane of armes,  
That in Jerusalem ofte fulle myche joye *lympede*.  
*Morte Arthure*, MS. *Lincoln*, f. 89.
- LIN. (1) Flax; linen. (*A.-S.*) It is sometimes used for female apparel generally. *Lyn*, MS. Med. Rec. *Lin.* f. 286, xv. Cent. *Lyne-webbers*, Cocke Lorelles Bote, p. 9.  
He dronk never cidre ne wyn,  
Ne never wored clooth of *lyn*.  
*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. *Trin. Cantab.* f. 79.  
Bothe pallis, clothes and baudekyn,  
And other of wolle and of *lyn*.  
*MS. Addit.* 10036, fol. 49.
- (2) To cease; to stop. *North.*  
And never did *lin* towing upward, and still upward,  
for the space, as I might guess, of one whole  
hour.  
*The Man in the Moon*, 1657, p. 46.  
Her husband, a reccasant, often caunc,  
To hear mass read, nor would he ever *lin*.  
*Billingstj's Beachy-Martyrologia*, 1657, p. 200.
- (3) A carcass. *Cumb.*
- (4) A pool, a cascade, or precipice. "Linnes and huge pooles," Harrison, p. 88. A lake, *ibid.* p. 130. Still in use in the North.
- (5) Lain, or laid. *Sir Tristrem.*
- LINAGE. Lineage; family. (*A.-N.*)
- LINCELS. Tares in corn.
- LINCEUS. Linx-seeing.  
But yet, in the end, their secret driftes are laide  
open, and *linceus* eyes, that see through stone walls,  
have made a passage into the close coverture of  
their hypocrisie. *Noah's Pierce Pennilessse*, 1592.
- LINCH. (1) To beat, or chastise. *North.* Urry's  
MS. additions to Ray.  
(2) A balk of land. *Kent.* Any bank or boundary for the division of land. Also called *lincher* and *linchet*.  
(3) A haunch of mutton. *North.*  
(4) A hamlet. *Glouc.*  
(5) A small step; a narrow steep bank, or foot-path. *West.*  
(6) A ledge; a rectangular projection.  
(7) A small inland cliff, generally one that is wooded. *South.*  
(8) To prance about lively. Hollyband mentions a *linching horse* as the translation of *cheval coquelineux*, *Dictionarie*, 1593.
- LINCIPIN. A stag's penis. *Salop.*
- LINCOLNSHIRE. A primitive custom in Lincolnshire of washing with the excrement of the pig, and burning dried cow-dung, is memorialized in a proverb occasionally quoted:  
What a wonderful county is Lineolnshire,  
Where pigs [emit] soap and eows [void] fire.  
The words between brackets have been changed from the original *causa pudoris*, but put it how you will, the couplet is not very elegant. It is quoted at full by Aubrey, MS. Nat. Hist. Wilts. p. 292.
- LINDABRIDES. A mistress. An old term, derived from a character in an early Spanish romance. See Nares.
- LINDE. The lime-tree. (*A.-S.*) Sometimes used perhaps for a tree in general.  
As he rood undir a *lynde*,  
Beside a roche, as I the telle.  
*Gower*, MS. *Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 53.  
Than were y gladd and lyjt as *lynde*,  
Of *parce michi Domine*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 21  
A hert he found ther he ley  
Welle feyre under the *lynde*.  
*MS. Ashmole* 61, f. 1.  
There come a knyght them fulle here,  
That hyght sir Barnard Messengere,  
Hunting aftur an hynde,  
And founde that lady lovely of chere,  
And hur some slepyng in fere,  
Lyeng undur a *lynde*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 71.
- LINE. (1) To beat. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To lean; to incline. *Somerset.*  
(3) "To line a bitch or cover a mare." Florio, ed. 1611, p. 25. *Lyming*, Topsell's Beasts, 1607, p. 139. Still in use.  
(4) *Line of life*, one of the lines in the hand, a term in palmistry.  
(5) A place for laying down. *East.*
- LINED. Intoxicated. *North.*
- LINENER. A linen-drapeer. See Nares.
- LINERS. Bundles. *Devon.*
- LINES. *Marriage lines*, a certificate of marriage. *Yorksh.*
- LINET. Tinder. *Wilts.*
- LINE-WAY. A straight direct path.
- LING. Heath; furze. *North.* "Ling or

heath for brushes," Florio, p. 69. *Ling collins*, burnt ling, West. and Cumb. Dial.  
Ther thei beryed hem both  
In nouthter mosse nor *lyng*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 129.*

LINGE. (1) To work hard. *Yorksh.*

(2) To loll out the tongue. *Oxon.*

LINGEL. A shoemaker's thread. "*Corigea*, *lyngel*," MS. Lansd. 560, f. 45. "Lyngell that souters sowe with, *cheffgras*," Palsgrave. "Lynger to sowe with, *ponlecier*," *ibid.*

The cobbler of Caunterburie, armed with his aul, his *lyngel*, and his last, presents himselve a judicial censor of other mens writings.

*The Cobbler of Caunterburie, 1590.*

LINGER. To long for anything. *Kent.*

LINGET. A linnet. *Somerset.*

LINGY. (1) Active; strong; tall. *North.*

(2) Idle and loitering. *Kent.*

(3) The same as *Limber*, q. v.

LINHAY. An open shed attached to a farm-yard. *West.* When attached to a barn or house, it is called a hanging-linhay.

LINATION. Mensuration. (*Lat.*)

LINIEL. The same as *Lingel*, q. v.

LINING. (1) The loins. *Somerset.*

(2) A person who succeeded with a woman was said to get within the lining of her smock.

But as one of the three chapmen was imployed in his traffike abroad, so the prettie poplet his wife began to be a fresh occupieng giglot at home, and by report fell so farre acquainted with a religious cloister of the towne, as that he gat within the *lining* of hir smocke.

*Stanhurst's Ireland, p. 26.*

LINK. (1) A sausage. *East.* Hollyband, 1593, explains *linkes*, "a kinde of meate made of hogges guts kept in brine;" and Holme, 1688, calls them, "a kind of pudding, the skin being filled with pork flesh, and seasoned with diverse spices, minced, and tied up at distances." Howell has, "a link, sausage, or cluttring." Lex. Tet. 1660.

(2) To burn, or give light. (*A.-S.*)

(3) To walk quickly. *North.*

(4) See *Linch* and *Ling*.

LINKERING. Idle. *Salop.*

LINK-PINS. Linch-pins are called *link-pins* and *lin-pins* in the provinces. *Lynpyn* occurs in the Finchale Charters.

LINKS. Sand-hills. *North.*

LINMAN. A flax-seller. *West.*

LINNEN. London. *Devon.*

LINNIT. Lint; tinder. *Dorset.*

LINN-TREE. A lime-tree. *Derb.*

LINNY. The same as *Linhay*, q. v.

LINOLF. Shoemaker's lingel. *Pr. Parv.*

LINSE. To beat severely. *Devon.*

LINSET. The name of the stool on which women sat while spinning.

LIN-SHORDS. To throw lin-shords, i. e. Lent-shords, a custom practised at Hfracombe, which consists in throwing broken shords into the windows of the houses on one of the days of Lent.

LINSTOCK. A stick with a match or lint at the end used by gunners.

LINT. A halter. *Var. dial.*

LINTEL. When a door or window is square-headed, the upper piece is called a lintel. It is sometimes termed a *lynton* in early writers.

LINTELS. The same as *Lineels*, q. v. Tares are called *lints* in Lincolnshire.

LINTEREL. The same as *Lintel*, q. v.

LINT-WHITE. A lark. *Suffolk.*

LINTY. Idle; lazy; fat. *Var. dial.*

LION. The main beam of a ceiling. *West.*

Perhaps from *lie on*.

LIOUR. (1) A mixture. MS. Med. Rec.

(2) The binding or fringe of cloth. "Sett on *lyour*," Boke of Curtasye, p. 19.

LIP. The same as *Lepe*, q. v.

LIPARY. Wet; rainy. *Somerset.*

LIP-CLIP. A kiss. A cant term. *Lip*, to kiss, Lilly, ed. 1632, sig. Dd. ii.

LIPÉ. A fragment; a slip, or portion. *Cumb.* "Of every disshe a *lipet* out to take," Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 52.

LIPIN. To forewarn. *South.*

LIPKEN. A house. See *Lib-ken*.

LIPPED. (1) Laid down. A cant term.

(2) Free; loose; ravelled. *West.* Most probably from *Lipe*, q. v.

LIPPEN. (1) The same as *Lipary*, q. v. *Lippy* is also used in the same sense. *Lipping-time*, a wet season. *Glouc.*

(2) To expect; to rely; to trust to, or place confidence in. *North.*

LIPPER. The spray from small waves, either in fresh or salt water. *North.*

LIPPING-CLOUT. A piece of steel welded to the front of a horse's shoe. *West.*

LIPPIT. Wanton. (*Fr.*)

LIPSEY. To lisp. *Somerset.*

LIP-SHORD. A chip. *Devon.*

LIP-WINGLE. A lapwing. *Beds.*

LIP-WISE. Garrulous. *I. of Wight.*

LIQUIDNESS. Moisture. *Palsgrave.*

LIQUOR. To oil, or anoint. *Glouc.*

LIQUORY-STICK. The plant rest-harrow.

LIRE. (1) Flesh; meat. (*A.-S.*) *Suynes live*. Ord. and Reg. p. 442. *Lyery*, abounding with lean flesh. *North.*

(2) Face; countenance. (*A.-S.*)

Hir coloure fulle white it es,  
That lully in *lyre*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 132.*

So bytterly sche wepyd withall,  
By hyre *lyres* the terys gon fall.

*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 67.*

(3) To plait a shirt. *Line*. Perhaps connected with the old word *lire*, fringe or binding of cloth.

LIRICUMFANCY. The May lily.

LIRIPOOPS. An appendage to the ancient hood, consisting of long tails or tippets, passing round the neck, and hanging down before reaching to the feet, and often jagged. The term is often jocularly used by writers of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. "A lirripoop *vel* lerripoop, a silly empty creature,

- an old dotard," Milles, MS. Devon Gloss. A priest was formerly jocularly termed a *lerry-cum-poop*. It seems to mean a trick or stratagem, in the London Prodigal, p. 111. "And whereas thou takest the matter so farre in snuffe, I will teach thee thy *lyrripups* after another fashion than to be thus malepertlie cocking and billing with me, that an thy governour," Stanilhurst, p. 35.  
Theres a girle that knowes her *lerrygoope*.  
*Lilly's Mother Bombe*, 1594.
- LIRK. To crease; to rumple. *North*. Perhaps to jerk in the following passage. *Lirt*, to toss, West, and Cumb. Dial. p. 368.  
I *lyrke* hyme up with my hond,  
And pray hyme that he wolle stond.  
*MS. Pockington* 10.
- LIRP. (1) To snap the fingers. "A *lyrp* or clack with ones fingers ends, as barbers doe give," Florio, p. 199.  
(2) To walk lamely. *Somerset*.
- LIRRY. A blow on the ear. Also, to reprove, to upbraid. *Kent*.
- LIS. (1) To lose. *Arch.* xiii. 203.  
(2) Forgiveness. Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.
- LISER. The list or fringe of cloth.
- LISIL. Active; strong. *North*.
- LISNEY. Flexible; limber. *Kent*.
- LISK. The same as *Lesk*, q. v.
- LISSE. (1) To ease, or relieve. (*A.-S.*) See *Hardyng*, f. 90; Wright's *Lyric Poetry*, p. 57.  
How that they myȝte wyne a speche,  
Hire wofulle peyne for to *lysse*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 93.  
That myȝt yow *lysse* owte of thys peyne.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 49.  
I have herde of an erbe to *lyss* that peyne,  
Mene seyth it bereth a doubylle flour.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. i. 6, f. 46.  
*Lys* me now in my longoure,  
And gyf me *lyssens* to lyve in ease.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. i. 6.
- (2) Joy; happiness; bliss. (*A.-S.*)
- LISSEN. A cleft in a rock. *Glouc.* The word is used by Sir Matthew Hale, but spelt by him *lyse*. It is not in common use.
- LISSOM. Excessively limber or pliable; light, nimble, or active. *Var. dial.*
- LISSUM. A narrow slip of anything. *Somerset*.
- LIST. (1) A list house or room, when sounds are heard easily from one room to another. *Kent*.  
(2) Cunning; artifice. (*Germ.*) "Tech him alle the listes," Kyng Horn, 239.  
(3) "Le molde l'oreille, the lug or list of th'care," Cotgrave, in v. *Mol*.  
(4) A boundary line. See Twelfth Night, iii. 1. Toppell, *Historie of Serpents*, 1608, p. 87, mentions worms "having a black *list* or line running along their backs."  
(5) The close dense streak which sometimes appears in heavy bread. *West*.  
(6) The flank. *North*. "A list of pork, a bony piece cut from the gammon," Kennett, MS.  
(7) The salvage of woollen cloth. It is also called listen. "*Forigo*, a lystynge," Nominale
- MS. This is a variation of our fourth meaning. Anything edged or bordered was formerly said to be *listed*. "A targe *listed* with gold" is mentioned in Gy of Warwike, p. 312.
- LISTE. To please. (*A.-S.*) Also a substantive, pleasure, inclination. Hence *meat-list*, appetite. *Devon*.  
ȝe that *liste* has to lyth, or luffes for to here.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 53.
- LISTEN. To attend to. *Shak*.
- LISTLY. Quick of hearing. *East*. Also, easily, distinctly.
- LISTOW. Liest thou. *Weber*.
- LISTRE. A person who read some part of the church service. (*A.-S.*)
- LISTRING. Thickening. *North*.
- LISTRY. Strong; powerful. *North*. "Listy mene and able," Lincoln MS. f. 3.
- LIT. To colour, or dye. *North*. "He'll lie all manner of colours but blue, and that is gone to the litting," Upton's MS. additions to Junius.  
We use na clathes that are *littede* of dyverse coloures: oure wiffes ne are noȝte gayly arayed for to please us.  
*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 33.
- LITANY-STOOL. A small low desk at which the Litany was sung or said.
- LITARGE. White lead. (*A.-N.*)
- LITE. (1) Few; little. *North*. "Lithum and lithum," by little and little, Piers Ploughman, p. 329, an Anglo-Saxon phrase.  
(2) To depend upon, or rely. *Lincol.*  
(3) Strife. Towneley Mysteries, p. 71.  
(4) To hinder, tarry, or delay. (*A.-S.*)
- LITEN. A garden. *North*.
- LITERATURE. Learning. (*Lat.*)  
Wors-hyppfull maysters, ye shall understand  
Is to you that have no *litterature*.  
*The Pardoner and the Friere*, 1533.
- LITH. (1) A body. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) Possessions; property. "Lond ne *lith*," a common phrase in early poetry. See Langtoft, p. 194; Sir Tristrem, p. 220; W. Mapes, p. 341; Havelok, p. 239.  
(3) Alighted. *Sevyn Sages*, 571.
- LITHE. (1) To tell; to relate.  
*Lysten*th now to my talkynge  
Of whome y wyll yow *lythe*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 62.
- (2) A limb, or joint. (*A.-S.*)  
Fendys bolde, with crokys kene,  
Rente hys body fro *lyth* to *lythe*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 49.  
Hur sone that than dwellyd hur wyth,  
He was mekyll of boon and *lythe*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 74.  
Was never arowe that greved hym,  
Ne that hym towched *lythe* nor lyme.  
*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 128.
- (3) Tender; mild; gentle; agreeable; glad. Also, gladly, tenderly. "*Lithe*, calm, quiet," Kennet. It is used in different shades of meaning, implying *softness*. Alleviation, comfort, Havelok, 1338.  
Sche toke up hur sone to hur,  
And lapped hyt fulle *lythe*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 74.

- (4) Supple; pliant. *Var. dial.* "Lythe, delyver, *souple*." Palsgrave. Also, to soften, to render lithe or supple.
- (5) To thicken. Kennett, MS. Broth is said to be *lithened* when mixed with oatmeal.
- (6) Obsequious; humble. *North.*
- LITHER. (1) Wicked. (*A.-S.*) Still used in the North, meaning *idle, lazy*.  
How they whanne wyth were wyrchippis many,  
Slonghe Lucyns the *lythyre*, that lorde was of Rome.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 53.*
- (2) Supple; limber; pliant. *South.* It is not an uncommon archaism.
- LITHERNESS. Idleness. *North.*  
Idlennesse, moste delectable to the fleshe, which deliteth above measure in sloth, *lithernesse*, ceasing from occupation. *Northbrooke's Treatise, 1577.*
- LITHESOME. Gay; cheerful. *Yorksh.*
- LITHEWALE. The herb gromwell.
- LITHE-WURT. The plant forget-me-not. The term is still sometimes used.
- LITILICHE. Easily. (*A.-S.*)
- LIT-HOUSE. A dyeing house. *North.*
- LITRY. (1) Pliant; supple. *South.*  
(2) Heavy, warm, applied to the weather.
- LITIGIOUS. Injurious. *Var. dial.*
- LITLING. Very little. *Chaucer.*
- LITLUS. The same as *Little-house*, q. v.
- LITSTER. A dyer. It is translated by *tinctor* in the Nominale MS. *Lyttesters, York Records, p. 235.*  
Tak the greia of the wyne that mene fyndis in the tonnes, that *litsters* and goldsmithes uses.  
*MS. Linc. Med. f. 313.*
- LITT. A sheep-cot. *Somerset.*
- LITTEN. A church-yard. *South.* Ray has *liten*, a garden, q. v.
- LITTER. (1) Nonsense. *Somerset.*  
(2) *To litter up, or down*, to put bedding under the horses. *West.*
- LITTERMAN. A groom. *Warw.*
- LITTLE-A-DOW. Worthless. *Northumb.*
- LITTLE-EASE. The pillory, stocks, or bilboes. Also, a small apartment in a prison where the inmate could have very little ease. "A streite place in a prisone called littell ease," Elyot, 1559, in v. *Arca.* The *little ease* at Guildhall, where unruly apprentices were confined, is frequently mentioned by our early writers.
- LITTLE-PLINT-COAL. A thin measure of coal, the nearest to the surface. *West.*
- LITTLE-HOUSE. A privy. *Var. dial.*
- LITTLE-MASTER. A schoolmaster. *Baber.*
- LITTLE-SILVER. A low price. *East.*
- LITTLEST. Least. Common in the provinces, and sanctioned by Shakespeare.
- LITTLE-WALE. The herb gromwell.
- LITTOCKS. Rags and tatters. *Berks.*
- LITTY. Light; active; nimble. *West.*
- LIVAND. Living. *Chaucer.*
- LIVE. (1) Life. (*A.-S.*) *On live, alive. Lives creatures, living creatures, lives body, &c.*  
So fayre ȝit never was figure,  
Ryȝt as a *lyvis* creature.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, fol. 105.*

- (2) *To live under, to be tenant to. To live up-right, to retire from business.*
- (3) Fresh, as honey, &c. *Somerset.*
- LIVELIHOOD. Liveliness; activity. *Shak.*
- LIVELODE. Income; livelihood. Also, a pension, largess, or dole to soldiers.
- LIVELY. Fresh; gay; neat. *North.* It is so used in Davies' *Rites, 1672, p. 8.* Sometimes living.
- LIVER. (1) To deliver. *North.*  
And to his men he *liverd* hym hole and feere.  
*MS. Lansdowne 208, f. 3.*
- (2) Quick; active; lively. *Palsgrave.*
- LIVERANCE. A delivery. *North.*
- LIVERED. Heavy, or underbaked. *South.*
- LIVEREDE. Red. Roh. Glouc. p. 39.
- LIVERING. A kind of pudding made of liver, and rolled up in the form of a sausage. "Two blodynge, I trow, a *leveryng* betwene." Towneley Myst. p. 89. N. Fairfax, Bulk and Selvedge 1674, p. 159, mentions liverings.
- LIVERSAD. Caked and matted together, applied to ground. *North.*
- LIVERSICK. A hangnail. *South.*
- LIVERY. (1) A badge of any kind; the uniform given by a baron or knight to his retainers in battle. Hence the different regiments or parts of an army were termed liveries. "In iche leveré." *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 85.* The term is used in a variety of senses, and may be generally explained as any grant or allowance at particular seasons. "*Corrodium, leveraye*," Nominale MS. "One that bestowes a livery, or cast of his wit, upon every one he sees," Cotgrave, in v. *Donne-Lardon.*  
like nyghte to *lyveré*  
Bathe corne and haye.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 134.*
- (2) Delivery. A common law term. *Livery of seisin* is the delivery of property into possession. *To sue one's livery*, to issue the writ which lay for the heir to obtain the seisin of his lands from the King.
- (3) Sticky; adhesive. *South.*
- LIVERY-CUPBOARD. An open cupboard with shelves, in which the liveries intended for distribution were placed.
- LIVING. A farm. *Leic.*
- LIVING-DEAR-ENE. An excl. of distress.
- LIVISH. Lively.  
If there weré true and *livish* faith, then would it work love in their hearts.  
*Bacon's Works, 1843, p. 37.*
- LIXOM. Amiable. *Heref.*
- LIZENED. Shrunken, as corn. *Sussex.*
- LIZZAU. Anything easily bent. *West.*
- LIZZY. Elizabeth. *Var. dial.*
- LJST. Little. See *Lite*.  
Fel w, he seid, herkyn a *ljst*,  
And on myne errand go thou tyte.  
*MS. Cantab. FF. v. 48, f. 52.*
- LO. A large pond. *Yorksh.*
- LOACH. A term of contempt for a fool. It occurs in Peele's *Jests, p. 26.*
- LOADED. Bloating. *Devon.*



**LOADS.** The ditches for draining away the water from the fens. *Load-stone*, a leading-stone for drains.

It was by a law of sewers decreed that a new drayn or *lode* should be made and maintained from the end of Chauceours *lode* unto Tylnay smethe.

*Dugdale's Imbanking*, p. 275.

**LOADY.** Heavy. *Loady-nut*, a double nut.

**LOAK.** A small quantity. *North*.

**LOAL.** To mew like a cat. *Yorksh.*

**LOAMY.** Damp. *Suffolk.* Loamie, Topsell's Beasts, p. 495, coloured like loam?

**LOAN.** A lane, or passage. *North.*

**LOANING.** (1) A lane. (2) A place near a village for milking cows. *North.*

**LOAST.** A wheel-rut. *Sussex.*

**LOB.** (1) To throw gently. *Sussex.*

(2) A very large lump. *Line.*

(3) To kick. *East Anglia.*

(4) To hang down; to droop. Still in use in Somerset, according to Jennings, p. 53. *To lob along*, to walk loungingly.

(5) A clown; a clumsy fellow. "A blunt countrie lob," Stanhurst, p. 17. In Somersetshire, the last person in a race is called the lob.

(6) That part of a tree where it first divides into branches. *Beds.*

(7) To cast or throw. *Durham.*

(8) A very large taw. *Hants.*

**LOBBATING.** Large; unwieldy. *West.*

**LOBBING.** Tumult; uproar.

What a *lobbing* makest thou.

With a twenty Devil!

*Marriage of Witt and Wisdoms*, 1579.

**LOBBS.** Irregular veins of ore. Also, stairs under-ground for the miners.

**LOBCKOCK.** A lubber. A very common term of contempt. "*Baligant*, an unweldie lubber, great lobcocke," Cotgrave. See Jacke of Dover, p. 49; Hawkins, iii. 32; Roister Doister, p. 39; Cotgrave, in v. *Disne*.

Much better were the *lobcock* lost then woune,  
Unlesse he knew how to behave himselfe.

*The Mous-Trap*, 1606.

**LOBKIN.** A house, or lodging. *Grose.*

**LOBLOLLY.** Thick spoon meat of any kind. It is thus mentioned by Markham:—"If you rost a goose and stop her belly with whole greets beaten together with egges, and after mixt with the gravy, there cannot be a more better or pleasanter sawce; nay if a man be at sea in any long travel he cannot eat a more pleasant or wholesome meat than these whole *grits* boyled in water till they burst, and then mixt with butter and so eaten with spoons, which though seamen call simply by the name of *loblolly*, yet there is not any meat, however significant the name be, that is more toothsome or wholesome."

**LOB'S-COURSE.** A dish composed of small lumps of meat mixed up with potatoes and onions, seasoned, and made into a kind of solid stew. It is mentioned in Peregrine Pickle, and is still common.

**LOB'S-POUND.** An old jocular term for a

prison, or any place of confinement. The term is still in use, and is often applied to the juvenile prison made for a child between the feet of a grown-up person.

**LOBSTER.** The stoat. *East.*

**LOBSTERS.** Young soles. *Suffolk.*

**LOBSTROUS-LOUSE.** A wood-louse. *North.*

**LOBURYONE.** A snail. *Pr. Parv.*

**LOBY.** A lubber, or looby, q. v.

**LOCAL.** A local preacher is a dissenting clergyman who preaches at different places.

**LOCAND.** Looking. *Lydgate.*

**LOCH.** (1) A lake. *North.*

(2) The rut of a cart-wheel. *Sussex.*

(3) A cavity in a vein. *Derb.*

(4) A place to lay stone in. It is spelt *looch* in *Archæologia*, x. 72.

**LOCK.** (1) A lock of hay or wool is a small quantity of it hanging together, a bundle of hay, a fleece of wool. It occurs in Palsgrave, and it is still in use.

(2) To move the fore-wheels of a waggon to and fro. *Devon.* A waggon is said to lock when it is drawn out of its rectilinear motion, so that the fore-wheels make an angle with the hinder ones.

(3) *To be at lock*, to be in a difficulty. *Lock* was any close place of confinement.

(4) A puddle of water. *Heref.*

(5) To grapple. A term in fencing or wrestling, used by Gosson, 1579.

**LOCKBANDS.** Binding-stones in masonry.

**LOCKCHEST.** A millepe or wood-louse. I have heard this term in Oxfordshire, and it may probably be used in other counties. "*Loklore*, wyrme, or loccheester, *multipes*," *Pr. Parv.* p. 311. [Since writing the above, I have made more particular inquiries, and as I find the word is not in common use, I take the opportunity of substantiating the correctness of my explanation by stating that I am informed by the Rev. Henry Walker of Blethington, co. Oxon, that a gardener in his employ used to call the wood-louse *lockchester*, which is precisely the term found in the *Promptorium*.]

**LOCKED.** (1) Faced, as cards are. *North.*

(2) Caught; fixed; appointed.

**LOCKER.** (1) A small cupboard or closet; an inner cupboard within a larger one. A drawer under a table or cupboard is still so termed.

(2) Pieces of wood which support the roof of a pit. *Salop.*

(3) To entangle; to mat together. *North.*

**LOCKERS.** Wooden cells for pigeons fixed to the outer walls of houses. *Oxon.*

**LOCKET.** The same as *Chape*. (2)

**LOCK-FURROW.** A furrow ploughed across the balks to let off the water. *South.*

**LOCKING.** The hip-joint. *Somerset.*

**LOCKRAM.** A kind of cheap linen, worn chiefly by the lower classes. There was a finer sort, of which shirt-bands, &c. were made.

A wrought waste-coate on her backe, and a *lockram* smocke worth three pence, as well rent behind as before, I warrant you. *Maroccus Estaticus*, 1595.

LOCKRUM. Glibberish; nonsense. *Beds.*  
 LOCKS-AND-KEYS. Ash-keys. *West.*  
 LOCKS-AND-LICE. A kind of cloth.  
 LOCK-SPIT. A small ent with a spade to show the direction in which a piece of land is to be divided by a new fence.  
 LOCUSTS. Cockchafers; beetles. *North.*  
 LOD. Load; cargo. (*A.-S.*)  
 LODAM. An old game at cards, mentioned in Taylor's *Motto*, 12mo. Lond. 1622, sig. D. iv; Hawkins, iii. 203; Arch. viii. 149. One way of playing the game was called losing-lodam. "*Coginbert qui gaigne pert, a game at cards like our loosing lodam,*" Cotgrave.  
 LODDEN.  
 But had I thought he'd been so lodden  
 Of his bak'd, fry'd, boil'd, roast and sodden.  
*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 153.  
 LODGE. (1) A leaning-wall. *Glouc.*  
 (2) A regular vein of metal ore.  
 (3) A ford. Dean Milles' MS.  
 (4) Guidance; behaviour? *Gawayne*.  
 LODEMANAGE. Pilotage. See Lydgate's *Minor Poems*, p. 152; Hartshorne, p. 131. Courts of Lodemanage are held at Dover for the appointment of the Cinque Port pilots.  
 Mariners that bene discrete and sage,  
 And experte bene of here *lodemanage*.  
*M.S. Dugl'n*, 230.  
 LODEMEN. Carters; carriers. Nominale MS.  
 LODE-PILOT. A flat lode. See *Lode* (2).  
 LODERS. The same as *Lode-men*, q. v.  
 LODE-SHIP. A kind of fishing-vessel, mentioned in an early statute. See Blount.  
 LODESMEN. Pilots; guides. (*A.-S.*)  
 LODESTAR. The pole-star. *Shak.* It is a very common archaism.  
 LODE-WORKS. Metal works in high places where shafts are sunk very deeply. *Cornw.*  
 LODEWORT. The plant water-crowfoot.  
 LODGE. (1) A meeting or convention of the society of freemasons.  
 (2) To entrap an animal. *Lin.*  
 (3) A hunting term. See *Hunting*, sect. 3.  
 LODGED. Said of grass or corn beaten down by wind or rain. *West.*  
 LODLY. Loathly. See Tundale, p. 24.  
 He shal him travaille day and nyght,  
 And lodly his body dyght.  
*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 46.  
 LODOLLY. A diminutive girl. *West.*  
 LOEGRIA. England. This name is sometimes found in old works, and is taken from Geoffrey of Monmouth.  
 LOENGE. Praising?  
 To hewe and brenne in thy service,  
 To loenge of thy sacrifice.  
*Gower*, MS. Soc. Antiq. 154, f. 113.  
 LOERT. (1) Lord; sir, but this title was applied to both sexes. *Derb.*  
 (2) To travel quickly. *Devon.*  
 LOFF. (1) Low. *Loffer*, lower. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) To offer. *West.* and *Cumb. Dial.* p. 368.  
 (3) To laugh. It occurs in the tale of Mother Hubbard, and is a genuine old form.  
 LOFT. (1) *On left*, on high, a-loft. (*A.-S.*)

(2) An upper chamber. *North.* "The thirde loft," Acts. xx. 9.  
 (3) Lofty. Surrey, quoted by Nares.  
 (4) The floor of a room. *Spenser.*  
 LOFTY. Massive; superior. *Derb.*  
 LOG. (1) To oscillate. *Cornw.*  
 (2) A perch in measure. *Wills.*  
 LOG-BURN. An open drain running from a sink or jakes. *West.*  
 LOGE. (1) A lodge, or residence. (*A.-N.*)  
 He has with hym tong men thre,  
 Thei be archers of this contré  
 The kyng to serve at wille,  
 To kepe the dere bothe day and nyght;  
 And for thaire luf a loge is dyjt  
 Fulle hie upon an hille.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 49.  
 (2) Laughed. Wright's *Seven Sages*, p. 107.  
 LOGGATS. An old game forbidden by statute in Henry VIII.'s time. It is thus played, according to Steevens. A stake is fixed in the ground; those who play throw loggats at it, and he that is nearest the stake wins. *Loggats* or *loggets* are also small pieces or logs of wood, such as the country people throw at fruit that cannot otherwise be reached. "*Loggats*, little logs or wooden pins, a play the same with nine-pins, in which boys, however, often made use of bones instead of wooden pins," Dean Milles' MS.  
 LOGGEN. To lodge, or reside. (*A.-N.*)  
 LOGGER. (1) The same as *Hobble* (2).  
 (2) The irregular motion of a wheel round its axle. *Suffolk.*  
 LOGGERHEAD. (1) The large tiger moth. *North.*  
 (2) A blockhead. See Florio, p. 69. *To go to loggerheads*, to fight or squabble.  
 LOGGIN. A bundle, or lock. *North.*  
 LOGGING. A lodging. *Chaucer.*  
 LOGGY. Thickset, as cattle. *West.*  
 LOGH. A lake. See Anturs of Arther, p. 2; Holinshed, *Conq. Ireland*, p. 23.  
 LOGHE. Laughed. See *Lughe*.  
 Than sir Degrevaunt *to che*  
 Ther he stode unthir the boghe.  
*MS. Lincoln A.* f. 17, f. 133.  
 Then *loghe* oure kyng and smyled stille,  
 Thou on-weris me not at my wille.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 47.  
 There-att alle the kynges *loghe*,  
 There was joye and gamene y-noghe  
 Amonges thame in the haulle!  
 The kyng of Fraunce with hert ful fayne,  
 Said, Clement, brynge the mantlis agayne,  
 For I salle paye for alle.  
*Octavian*, Lincoln MS.  
 LOGHER. Lower. *Rob. Glouc.*  
 LOGHT. Taken away?  
 The fieth case es gode or oght,  
 That he fro holy kyrk has *loght*.  
*Hampole*, MS. Boves, p. 7.  
 LOINED. Covered. See Harrison, p. 232. This appears to be another form of *line*.  
 LOITERSACKE. A lazy loitering fellow.  
 If the *loitersacke* be gone springing into a taverne,  
 He fetch him reeling out.  
*Lilly's Mother Bombie*, 1594.

- LOKE. (1) To see; to look upon; to guard, or take care of. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) A private road or path. *East.*  
 (3) Locked; shut up. *Weber.*  
 (4) The wicket or hatch of a door.
- LOKEDES. Ornaments for the head?  
 And than the same develle tok worines, and pykk,  
 and tarre, and made *lokedes*, and sett thame appoue  
 hir hede. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 253.*
- LOKER. A carpenter's plane. *Line.*
- LOKINGIS. Looks.  
 Forth with his pitous *lokynsis*,  
 He wolde make a woman weine  
 To gon upon the fayre grene.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 42.*
- LOKKEDEEN. Locked.  
 They wanne with moche woo the walles withinne,  
 Mene lepen to anone and *lokkeeden* the gates.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 115.*
- LOLL. (1) To fondle; to dandle. *North.*  
 He *loll'd* her in his arms,  
 He *lull'd* her on his breast.  
*North Country Ballad.*  
 (2) A pet; a spoilt child. *Oxon.*  
 (3) To box one's ears.
- LOLLARDS. Heretics. The followers of Wickliffe were termed Lollards or Lollers, but the term was in use long before the time of that distinguished reformer. It was commonly used as one of reproach for religious hypocrites. A loller is thus described by Audelay,—  
 Lef thou me a *loller* his *dedis* thai wyl hym deme,  
 ȝif he withdraue his *dentis* from holé chere away,  
 And wyl not worchup the cros, on hym take good eme,  
 And here his matyus and his masse upon the haleday.  
 And belevys not in the sacrament, that hit is God veray,  
 And wyl not schryve him to a prest on what deth he dye,  
 And settis noȝt be the sacramentis sothly to say,  
 Take him fore a *liller* y tel ȝou treuly,  
 And false in his fay;  
 Deme hym after his saw,  
 Bot he wyl hym withdraue,  
 Never fore hym pray.
- LOLLIGOES. Idle fellows. *Milles' MS.*
- LOLLIKER. The tongue. *Somerset.*
- LOLLIPOP. A coarse sweetmeat made of treacle, butter, and flour. *Var. dial.*
- LOLLOCK. A lump, or large piece. *North.*
- LOLLOP. To lounge, or loll about idly. Hence *lollops*, a slattern. *Var. dial.*
- LOLL-POOP. (1) A lazy idle fellow. (2) A coaxing wheedling child. *Suffolk.* Called *lolly-pot* in Somerset.
- LOLLY-BANGER. Very thick gingerbread, enriched by raisins. *Somerset.*
- LOLLY-COCK. A turkey-cock. *Devon.*
- LOLLY-SWEET. Unconsciously sweet. *East.*
- LOLOKE. To look. Possibly an error of the scribe in MS. Sloane 213 for *loke*.
- LOMBARD. A banker. The Italian bankers who settled in this country in the middle-ages gave the name to Lombard-street. See a curious notice of Lombards in Arch. xxix. 286.
- LOMBARD-FEVER. A fit of idleness.
- LOMBREN. Lambs. *Reliq. Antiq. i. 264.*
- LOME. (1) Frequently. "Of and lome," Octovian, 1944; Ritson's Ancient Songs, i. 72. A common phrase in old English. And with his mowthe he cust hit oft and *lome*.  
*Chron. Filodun. p. 98*  
 (2) A weaver's loom. *Palsgrave.*  
 (3) An instrument, or weapon; a household utensil. It seems to be some kind of vessel in Holinshed, *Hist. England. i. 194*; *Reliq. Antiq. i. 54*. "Loom, any utensil, as a tub," *Grose*. Still in use.  
 I se never a wars *lome*  
 Steadyng e opone mone. *MS. Porkeington 10.*
- LOMERE. More frequently. (*A.-S.*)
- LOMEY. A spoilt child. *Devon.*
- LOMMAKIN. (1) Love-making. *Heref.*  
 (2) Very large; clumsy. *Var. dial.*
- LOMPER. (1) To idle. (2) To walk heavily.
- LOMPY. Thick; clumsy; fat. *Kent.*
- LONCHIE. A loud noise. *Pr. Parr.*
- LONCHING. "Quasi *launching*, citato gradu et passibus ingentibus incedens," *Milles' MS.*
- LOND. (1) Land. (*A.-S.*) *In lond*, on the ground. *God of lond*, Lord of the world.  
 (2) To clog with dirt. *East.*
- LONDAGE. Landing. "Awaytynge upon his *londage*," *Mort d'Arthur. ii. 433.*
- LOND-BUGGERE. A buyer of land. (*A.-S.*)
- LONDENOYS. A Londoner. *Chaucer.*
- LOND-EVIL. The epilepsy. It is misread *lond euel* in the *Archæologia. xxx. 410.*
- LONDON-FLITTING. The removal of parties by stealth before the laudlord is paid.
- LONDREIS. Londoners. *Ilwærne.*
- LONE. (1) *Lone-woman*, a woman unmarried, or without a male protector. *Lonely woman*, a widow, *Hallamsb. Gloss. p. 61.* *Lone-man*, a man living unmarried by himself. The first of these phrases is used by Shakespeare.  
 (2) The palm of the hand.  
 (3) A lodging-house. *Somerset.*  
 (4) A supplication for alms. *Devon.*
- LONG. (1) Two breves in music.  
 (2) *Long horned one*, a native or inhabitant of Craven. *A long hundred*, six score. *Long length*, at full length. *Long last*, at length, in the end. *In the long run*, *ibid.* *Long streaked*, at full length. *A long way*, much. *By long and by late*, after a long time and trouble. *To lie in the long feathers*, to sleep on straw. *For the long lane*, when a thing is borrowed without any intention of repayment. *Long in the mouth*, tough.  
 (3) Tall. *Isumbras. 13, 258.*  
 (4) To belong; to belong to. (*A.-S.*)  
 (5) To long for; to desire. *Chaucer.*  
 (6) Great. See *Forby. ii. 200*. This meaning is also given by *Grose*.  
 (7) Tough to the palate. *East.*  
 (8) To reach; to toss. *Suffolk.*
- LONGART. The tail or end-board of a cart or waggon. *Chesh.*
- LONG-BOWLING. The game of skittles. It is described by *Strutt. p. 269.*
- LONG-BULLETS. A game played by casting stones in the North of England.
- LONG-CRIPPLE. The speckled viper. *Devon.*

**LONG-CROWN.** A deep fellow. "That caps Long-Crown, and he capped the Devil," A Lincolnshire saying in reference to a great falsehood.

**LONG-DOG.** A greyhound. *Var. dial.*

**LONGE.** Lungs.

With hys swyrde the bore he stonge  
Thorow the lyyr and the longe.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 100.*

**LONGFULL.** Long; tedious. *Var. dial.*

**LONG-HOME.** To go to one's long home, i. e. to depart this life.

And thy travyle shalt thou sone ende,  
For to thy long home sone shalt thou wende.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 61.*

**LONGING-MARKS.** The indelible marks on the skins of children. See Digby of Bodies, 1669, p. 425.

**LONG-LADY.** A farthing-candle. *East.*

**LONG-LANE.** The throat. *Var. dial.*

**LONG-LIFE.** The milt of a pig. *Linc.*

**LONG-OF.** Owing to.

Petur, sche seyde, thou myxt welle see  
Hyt was long of my keyes and not on me.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 132*

I have spyed the false felone,  
As he stonies at his masse;  
Hit is long of the, seide the munke,  
And ever he fro us passe.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 127.*

Alasse, why dost thou me suspect  
Of such a haynous cryme?

It was not long of me, in faith,  
That I went at this time.

*Gaulfido and Barnardo, 1570.*

**LONG-ONE.** A hare. *Var. dial.*

**LONG-OYSTER.** The sea cray-fish.

**LONG-SETTLE.** A long wooden seat, with back and arms, somewhat like a sofa. "Sedile, a longsetyle," *Nominalia MS.*

**LONGSOME.** Tedious. *Var. dial.*

**LONG-TAILED-CAPON.** The long-tailed tit-mouse. *South.*

**LONG-TAILS.** An old nick-name for the natives of Kent. See Howell's English Proverbs, p. 21; *Musarum Deliciae*, 1656, p. 7. In the library of Dulwich College is a printed broadside, entitled, "Advice to the Kentish long-tails by the wise men of Gotham, in answer to their late sawcy petition to the Parliament," fol. 1701.

Truly, sir, sayd my hoastesse, I thinke we are called *Longtayles*, by reason our tales are long, that we use to passe the time withall, and make our selves merry. Now, good hoastesse, sayd I, let me entreat from you one of those tales. You shall (sayd shee), and that shall not be a common one neither, for it is a long tale, a merry tale, and a sweete tale; and thus it beginses.

*Robin Goodfellow, his Mad Prankes, 1628.*

**LONG-TO.** Distant from. *Var. dial.*

**LONG-TONGUE.** A tale-teller. "A long-tongued knave, one that uttereth all he knowes," Florio, p. 17.

**LONGUT.** Longed; desired. (*A.-S.*)

The kyng red the letters anon,  
And seid, So mot I the,

Ther was never soman in mery England

I longut so sore to see. *MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 130.*

**LONG-WAYS.** Lengthways. *South.*

**LONGWORT.** Pellitory of Spain.

**LONIR.** A blanket. *Devon.*

**LONK.** (1) The hip-joint. *Heref.*

(2) A small dingle; a hollow. *West.*

(3) Long; tedious. *North.*

(4) A Lancashire man. A sheep bred in that county is also so called.

**LONNING.** A lane, or by-road. *North.*

**LONT-FIGS.** Dried figs. *Somerset.*

**LOO.** Under the loo, the leeward. To loo, to shelter from the wind. *Kent.*

**LOOBS.** Slime containing ore. *Derb.*

**LOOBY.** A silly awkward fellow. "Long-back, or ill-shaped, *loobie*," Cotgrave.

**LOOED.** Supplanted; superseded. *West.*

**LOOF.** To bring a vessel close to the wind, now pronounced *buff* by seamen. It occurs in Wendover's Chronicle. "Louffe you from him," Bourne's Inventions or Devises, 1578.

**LOOINDY.** Sullen; mischievous. *North.*

**LOOK.** (1) To weed corn. *Cumb.*

(2) To look as big as bull beef, to look very stout and hearty, bull beef having been formerly recommended to those who desired to be so. You look, you may well look, you are greatly surprised. To look at the nose, to frown, to look out of temper. *Lookee d'ye see*, look ye! do you see? a common phrase for drawing one's attention to any object. To look on, to regard with kindness and consideration. To look sharp, to be quick, to make haste.

(3) To look for; to expect. *North.*

(4) To behold. Kennett says, "in some parts of England they still say, loke, loke."

**LOOK-ABOUT-YE.** An old game mentioned in Taylor's Motto, 12mo. Lond. 1622, sig. D. iv.

**LOOKER.** (1) A weeding-hook. *North.*

(2) A shepherd or herdsman. *South.*

**LOOM.** (1) To appear larger than in reality, as things often do when at sea.

(2) A chimney. *Durham.*

(3) The track of a fish. *West.*

**LOON.** An idle fellow; a rascal; a country clown; a low dirty person. *Var. dial.*

**LOOP.** (1) A length of paling. *East.*

(2) The hinge of a door. *North.*

(3) To melt and run together in a mass, said of iron ore. A mining term.

(4) A gap in the paling of a park made for the convenience of the deer.

(5) A loop-hole; a narrow window.

**LOOR.** To stoop the head. *North.*

**LOOS.** Honour; praise. (*A.-S.*)

**LOOSE.** (1) To discharge an arrow from the string; to let off any projective weapon. It is still in use, according to *Salopia Antiq.* p. 491. "I spyed hym behynde a tree redy to loose at me with a crosbowe," Palsgrave.

(2) To be at a loose end, to be very idle. *Loose-ended*, lewd. *Loose hung*, unsteady. "Elyb, weakened or loose-hangled," Cotgrave. To be loosed, out of service or apprenticeship. *Loose ladder*, a loop slipped down in a stocking.

(3) Indecent, as language. *Var. dial.*

(4) The privilege of turning out cattle on commons. *North*.

LOOT. A thin oblong square board fixed to a staff or handle, used in boiling brine to remove the scum. *Staff*.

LOOTH. The same as *Loo*, q. v.

LOOVER. An opening at the top of a dove-cote. *North*. See *Lover* (2).

LOOVEYD. Praised. *Ritson*.

LOOVEYNG. Praise; honour.  
That was a feyre tokenyng  
Of pees and of loveyng.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 33, f. 162.*

LOOZE. A pig-stye. *West*.

LOO5. Laughed. "At hym ful fast thei loo5,"  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. v. 48, f. 53.*

LOP. (1) A flea. *North*. (*A.-S.*)  
Ys joy y-now so ye your lyggys streyne,  
Ye lade longe-sydyde as a lopper.  
*MS. Fairfax 16.*

2 To lollop or lounge about. *Kent*.

3 To hang loosely; to hang down, or droop. *Var. dial.*

(4) The faggot wood of a tree.

LOPE. Leapt. Also, to leap. It seems to be a subst. in the second example.  
As sone as the chyld had spoke,  
The fende ynto hym was loper.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 40.*

Tyme goth fast, it is full lyght of loper,  
And in abydyng men seyn ther lyghte hope.  
*MS. Raoul. Post. 118.*

LOP-EARED. Having long pendulous ears like a hound. *Var. dial.*

LOPEN. Leapt. See the *Sevyn Sages*, 739.  
Whan thy mouthe with shryfte ys opun  
Deth and synne are bothe oure lopen.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 70.*

The portar set the yatys opun,  
And with that Befyse ys owt lopen.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 33, f. 108.*

Anoon was al that feire gederyng  
Lopen undir oure lor tes wyng.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 111.*

Sythen he ys lopen on hys stede,  
He with hyn Harrawde dud lede.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38, f. 154.*

LOPE-STAFF. A leaping-staff. "A lope-staffe wherewith men leape ditches." *Cotgrave*.

LOPIRD. Coagulated. Still in use. See *Forby*, *Brockett*, *Grose*, *Kennett*, &c.  
Thare he fande none other fode,  
Bot wlatosome glete and lopird blade  
*MS. Liv. coln A. 1. 17, f. 276.*

Thare dwelled a man in a myrke d-mjowne,  
And in a fowle stede of corrapeyowne,  
Whare he had no fode,  
Bot wlatosome glette and loppird blade.  
*Hampole, MS. Bowers, p. 25.*

LOP-LOACH. The leech used by surgeons for drawing blood. *North*.

LOPLOLLY. A lazy fellow. *West*.

LOPPING. Lame. *Darset*.

LOP-SIDED. One-sided. *Var. dial.*

LOP-START. The stoat. *East*. It is mentioned in *Harrison's England*, p. 230.

LOPUSTER. A lobster.

LOPWEBBE. A spider's web. (*A.-S.*)

As a *lopwebbe* fleth fome and gnattis.  
Taken and suffren gret files go.  
*Oceleye, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 267.*

LOQUINTUE. Eloquent. *Weber*.

LORD. (1) A title of honour given to monks and persons of superior rank. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) *Lord have mercy upon us* was formerly the inscription on houses infected with the plague. *Lord have mercy upon me*, a disease thus mentioned in the *Nomenclator*, "the Illiack passion, or a paine and wringing in the small guts, which the homelier sort of phisicians doe call, *Lorde haec mercy upon me*."

LORDEYN. See *Fever-Lurden*. "The lurgey-fever, idleness," *Craven Glossary*, p. 304.  
I trow he was infecte certeyn  
With the fatour, or the fever lordyn.  
*MS. Raoul. C. 36, av. Celt.*

LORD-FEST. Excessively lordly. (*A.-S.*)

LORDINGS. Sirs; masters. (*A.-S.*) It is often used by later writers in contempt.

LORD-OF-MISRULE. The person who presided over the Christmas revels, by no means an unimportant personage in the olden times. He began his rule on All-hallow eve and continued it till Candlemas day. See a list of examples, dated in 1552, in *Kempe's Loseley Manuscripts*, pp. 44-54. For further information on the subject, see *Brand*, i. 272; *Arch.* xviii, 313-335; *Hawkins' Engl. Dram. iii. 156*; *Strutt*, ii. 200; *Lilly's Sixe Court Comedies*, 12mo. 1632, sig. F.

LORDS-AND-LADIES. See *Bulls-and-Cows*.

LORDSHIP. Supreme power. (*A.-S.*)

LORD-SIZE. The judge at the assizes.

LORD'S-ROOM. The stage-box in a theatre was formerly so called. *Jonson*.

LORDSWYK. A traitor. *Ritson*.

LORE. (1) Knowledge; doctrine; advice. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) Lost. Still in use in Somerset.  
The kyog seid, Take me thy taylor,  
For my hors I wolde not the fayle,  
A peny that thou lore.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. v. 48, f. 51.*

LOREFADYR. A teacher. *Lorenastir*, *Dial. Creat. Moral*, p. 243.  
Of al men they do most evyl,  
Here lorefadyr ys the devyl. *MS. Harl. 1701, f. 24.*

LOREINE. A rein. See *Launfal*, 888.  
Hys loreine lemys alle with pride,  
Stede and armure alle was blake.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 104.*

LOREL. A bad worthless fellow. (*A.-N.*)  
*Lorels den*, *Holinshed Chron. Ireland*, p. 93.  
*Coeke Lorel* was formerly a generic title for a very great rascal. "Lasy lorrels." *Harriman*, 1567.

LOREMAR. A bit-maker. *Palsgrave*. "Lorimers or bit-makers," *Harrison*, p. 97.

LORENCE. Iron. (*A.-N.*)

LORER. The laurel-tree. *Chaucer*.  
This Daphne into a lorere tre  
Was turnid, whiche is ever grene.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 95.*

And plaunted trees that were to prelse,  
Of cidre, paltre, and of lorere.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 54.*

**LORESMAN.** A teacher. (*A.-S.*)  
**LORING.** Instruction. *Spenser.*  
**LORNE.** Lost; undone; destroyed. Still in use, in the sense of *forsaken*. Also, to lose anything.  
 Thys cawse y telle wele for the,  
 The ordur of preste he hath *lorne*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 48.*  
 The stewardys lyfe ys *lorne*,  
 There was fewe that rewjd ther on,  
 And fewe for hym wepyth.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 74.*

**LORNYD.** Learned.  
 I can hit wel and perfitely;  
 Now have I *lornyd* a play.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 54.*

**LORRE.** A dish in ancient cookery. It is described in MS. Sloane 1201, f. 23. See also Reliq. Antiq. i. 81.

**LORRIE-UP.** A brawl. *Northumb.*

**LORRY.** A laurel-tree. Arch. xxx. 368.

**LORTY.** Dirty. *Northumb.*

**LOSARD.** A coward. *Wæter.*

**LOSE.** (1) Praise; honour. (2) To praise. (3) Fame; report. It is used both in a good and had sense. *Chaucer.*  
 There he had grete chyvalry,  
 He slewe hys enemyes with grete envy,  
 Grete worde of hym aroos:  
 In hethennes and yn Spayne,  
 In Gaskyn and in Almayne  
 Wyt thay of hys *loos*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 72.*

**LOSEL.** The same as *Lorel*, q. v. Cocke Lorel was also called Cocke Losel.  
 I holde you a grotā,  
 Ye wyll rede by rota,  
 That he may wete a cota  
 In Cocke *Losels* bota.  
*Doctour Double Ale, n. d.*

**LOSENJOUR.** A flatterer; a liar. (*A.-N.*)  
 What sey men of thes *loserjours*  
 That have here wurdys feyre as flours.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 24.*

**LOSERS.** "Such losers may have leave to speak," 2 Henry VI. iii. 1. It has escaped the notice of the commentators that this is a common proverb. See my notes to the First Sketches of Henry VI. p. 93. It occurs in Stephens' *Essays and Characters*, 2d ed. 1615, p. 50.

**LOSH.** To splash in water. *North.*

**LOSSE.** The lynx. Reynard, p. 146.

**LOSSET.** A large flat wooden dish used in the North of England.

**LOSSUM.** Lovesome; beautiful.

**LOSSY-BAG.** Lucky-bag. A curious word used by low pedlars and attendant upon fairs, wakes, &c. "Come, put into the lossy-bag, and every time a prize," is the invitation, and the adventurer puts a penny or halfpenny into a bag, and draws out a ticket, which entitles him to a toy or other article of greater or less value than his money, according to his luck.

**LOST.** (1) Famished. *Heref.*  
 (2) *To be lost*, to forget one's self. *He looks as if he had neither lost nor won*, i. e. stupid, unconcerned. This phrase occurs in Ben Jonson.

*Lost and won*, a redundant idiom, is found in many early writers.

**LOSTÉLL.** The cry of the heralds to the combatants that they should return home.

**LOT.** (1) To allot. (2) To imagine. *West.*  
 (3) The shoot of a tree.  
 (4) Dues to the lord of the manor for ingress and egress. A miner's term.

**LOTCH.** To limp; to jump. *Lanc.*

**LOTE.** (1) A tribute. (*A.-S.*) Ritson, ii. 288, reads *lok*, not explained in glossary.  
 In Inghond he arered a *lote*  
 Offiche house that comes smoke.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 99.*  
 (2) A loft; a floor. *South.*  
 (3) Gesture; aspect. "With grucchande *lotes*," Morte Arthure, MS. Linc. f. 68.

**LOTEBY.** A private companion or bedfellow; a concubine.  
 Now ȝif that a man he wed a wyfe,  
 And hym thynke sche plesse hym noȝt,  
 Anon ther rysis care and stryfe;  
 He wold here selle that he had boȝt,  
 And schenchy pus here that he hath soȝt,  
 And takys to hym a *loteby*.  
 These bargeyn wyl be dere aboȝt,  
 Here ore hennis he schal aby.  
*Audelay's Poems, p. 5.*  
 For almost hyt ys every whore,  
 A geuntl man hath a wyfe and a hore;  
 And wyves have now comunly,  
 Here husbondys and a *loteby*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 29.*  
 But there the wyfe haunnteth foly  
 Undyr here husbunde a *loteby*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 12.*

**LOTIL.** *Loth to depart*, the name of a popular old ballad tune, frequently referred to in old plays.

**LOTIE.** (1) To offer for sale. Kennett gives this as a Cheshire word.  
 (2) Harm; hurt; danger.  
 Mete and drynke I ȝaf hem bothe,  
 And had hem kepe hem ay fro *lotie*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 31.*  
 Why was God moste with hym wrothe,  
 For he dyd the pore man *lotie*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 45.*  
 Hurr twey hostes stoden still and duden no *lotie*.  
*Chron. Filodun, p. 92.*

(3) Perverse; hateful. (*A.-S.*) *Lothes*, that which is hateful.  
 We ar neightburs I and he,  
 We were never *loth*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 52.*

**LOTHER.** (1) More hateful. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) To splash in water. *North.*  
 (3) Unwilling. *Salop.* (*A.-S.*)

**LOTHLY.** Loathsome. *Chaucer.*

**LOTIEN.** To lay in ambush. (*A.-S.*)

**LOT-TELLER.** A witch. Maunsell. 1595.

**LOTTERY.** (1) Witchcraft; divination.  
 (2) A child's picture or print. *Lottery-habs*, juvenile prints.  
 (3) To go to lottery, i. e. to quarrel.

**LOTYNGE.** Struggling; striving together.

**LOU.** Laughed. Reliq. Antiq. ii. 275.

**LOUCH.** To walk slovenly. *West.*

- LOUD-AND-STILL.** *Bothe loude and stille,* always. This is a very common phrase in old romances.  
 Thanne it is guod bothe *loude and stille,*  
 For to don al his wille.  
*MS. Laud.* 108, f. 12.  
 Then wende sche sche schulde be schente,  
 And me be-het loude and rente.  
 And hyght me to do my wylle,  
 But y myselve wolde noght.  
 Ye were evyr in my thought  
 Bothe *loude and stille!*  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 72.
- LOUGH.** (1) See *Lou.* (2) See *Loch.*  
 (3) A cavity in a rock. *Linc.*
- LOUK.** (1) A blow; a thump. *North.*  
 (2) Coarse grass on the moors. *Linc.*  
 (3) A window lattice. *Suffolk.*  
 (4) To put in place. *Somerset.*
- LOUKED.** Locked; fastened.  
 For thou buriedest Jhesu licame,  
 In an hous therfore we *louked* the.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* t. 103.
- LOUKERS.** Weeders. *North.* "Runcator, lowker," Nominale *MS.*
- LOUKING.** Gawky; awkward. *North.*
- LOULE.** To carry anything. *Var. dial.*
- LOUME.** Soft; gentle. *Chesh.*
- LOUN.** (1) See *Lou.* (2) See *Loon.*  
 (3) To heat; to thrash. *North.* It is also pronounced *louader.*
- LOUNDER.** To run or scamper about. *North.*
- LOUNDREIS.** Londoners. *Hearne.*
- LOUNDSING.** Lingering. *Camb.*
- LOUNER.** A large lump of bread. *West.*  
 Brockett has *lounge.*
- LOUNT.** A small piece of land in a common field. *Chesh.*
- LOUP.** To leap; to cover. *Loup the loup lonnin,* leap-frog. *North.*
- LOUPY-DIKE.** A term of contempt, applied to an imprudent person. *North.*
- LOURAND.** Discontented. *Sevyn Sages,* 462.  
 Sir Amoraunt withdrough him  
 With *loueand* chere wroth and grim.  
*Gy of Warwick,* p. 320.
- LOURDE.** Disagreeable. (*A.-N.*)  
 And thouste it was a gret pité  
 To see so lusty one as sche  
 Be couplid with so *leurd* a wyte.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 131
- LOURDY.** Sluggish. *Sussex.*
- LOURE.** To look discontented. (*A.-N.*) *Loury-face,* *Lydgate's Minor Poems,* p. 52.  
 Tydynges of Tryamowre herde he none,  
 The kyng began to *loure.*  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 73.
- LOURY.** Threatening rain. *Var. dial.*
- LOUSE.** (1) To take lice from the person and garments, as beggars do.  
 (2) To think; to consider. *South.*
- LOUSE-TRAP.** A small tooth-comb.
- LOUSH.** The same as *Losh,* q. v.
- LOUSTER.** (1) To make a clumsy rattling noise; to work hard. *South.*  
 (2) To idle and loll about. *Devon.* "Lowtryng and wandryng," *Ilye Way to the Spyttyell Hous,* p. 11.
- LOUTE.** (1) To bend; to bow. (*A.-S.*) "Aile the crthe lowttede," *MS. Morte Arthure,* f. 81.  
 (2) To lnrk. See *Lotion.* "To sneak and creep about," *MS. Lansd.* 1633.  
 (3) To low, or bellow.  
 (4) To loiter, tarry, or stay. *Hearne.*  
 (5) To neglect. Shakespeare has the word in this sense, incorrectly explained by all his editors. See *1 Henry VI,* iv. 3.  
*Loeted* and forsaken of them by whom in tyme he myght have bene ayded and relieved.  
*Hail, Henry IV,* f. 6.  
 (6) To milk a cow. *Liddesdale.*
- LOVAND.** Praising. This occurs in *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii. Ps. 17.*
- LOVE.** (1) To praise. See *Lorand. Loveynges,* praises, *MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii.*  
 For to wynne me *loveyng*  
 Bothe of emperowre and of kyng.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 152.
- (2) To prefer; to choose. *East.*
- (3) "Digitus, a play used in Italie, where one holds up his finger, and the other, turning away, gives a guesse how many he holds up; it is called here, and in France and Spain, the play of *lore.*"—*Thomasii Dictionarium,* 1644.
- (4) To set a price on anything. *Lowfys,* *Towneley Mysteries,* p. 177.
- (5) To play for love, without stakes. At whist, a party is *two love, three love,* &c. when their adversaries have marked nothing. *Love in idleness, love and idles,* the herb heart's-ease.
- LOVE-ACHE.** The herb lovage.
- LOVE-BEGOTTEN-CHILD.** A bastard. Also called a *love-begot, a love-child,* &c.
- LOVE-BIND.** The herb travellers'-joy.
- LOVE-CARTS.** Carts lent by one farmer to another. *Oxon.*
- LOVE-DAY.** A day appointed for the settlement of differences by arbitration. Later writers seem to use the term for any quiet peaceable day.  
 But helle is fulle of suche disorde,  
 That ther may be no *love day.*  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 37.
- LOVE-DREWRY.** Courtship. See *Drury.*
- LOVE-ENTANGLE.** The wigella. *Cornue.*
- LOVE-FEAST.** An annual feast celebrated in some parishes on the Thursday next before Easter. See *Edwards's Old English Customs,* 1842, p. 60.
- LOVEL.** A common name formerly for a dog. According to *Stowe,* p. 847, William Collingborne was executed in 1484 for writing the following couplet on the king's ministers:  
 The Ratte, the Catte, and *Love!* our dogge,  
 Rule all England under the bogge.
- LOVE-LIKINGE.** Graciousness; peace. (*A.-S.*)
- LOVE-LOCKS.** Pendant locks of hair, falling near or over the ears, and cut in a variety of fashions. This ridiculous appendage to the person is often alluded to by the writers previous to the Restoration.  
 Why should thy swete *love-locke* hang dangling downe,  
 Kissing thy girdle-stud with falling pride?  
 Although thy skin be white, thy haire is browne;  
 Oh, let not then thy haire thy beautie hide.  
*The Affectionate Shepherd,* 1594.

- LOVELOKER. More lovely. (*A.-S.*)
- LOVE-LONGING. A desire of love. (*A.-S.*)
- LOVE-POT. A drunkard. "To gad abrode a gossiping, as a prattling *love-pot* woman," Florio, p. 59.
- LOVFR. (1) Rather. (*A.-S.*)  
That him was *lover* for to chese  
His owen body for to lese,  
Than see so gret a mordre wrouȝte.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 92.
- (2) A turret, lantern, or any apparatus on the roof of a building for the escape of smoke, or for other purposes. "*Lover*, a chimney," Hallamsh. Gloss. p. 155. See *Loover*. It means an opening in a chimney in Honoria and Mammon, p. 48. Hall spells it *lovery*. "A loover, or tunnell in the rooffe or top of a great hall to avoid smoke," Baret, 1580.
- LOVERDINGES. Lords. *Hearne*.
- LOVESOME. Lovely. *North*.  
Owe emperour bath a sone feyre,  
A *lovesome* chylde shalle be hys eyre.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 127.*  
Take thi wyf in thi honde,  
Leve ge shul this *lovesome* bonde.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 6.*
- LOVIER. A lover. *Var. dial.* Lovien is the old English verb, to love.
- LOVING. Praising. *MS. Cott. Vesp. D. vii.*
- LOVING-CUP. The same as *Grace-cup*, q. v.
- LOVIS. Loaves.  
With *lovis* fyne, thorow his gret foysons,  
Fyve thousande y fynde that he dide fede.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 26.
- LOW. (1) A flame; heat. *North*. It occurs in the first sense in *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii. Ps. 28.* "Lowe of fyre," *Pr. Parv.* p. 38. "Rayse a grete lowe," *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 11.* *Lowynge*, Degrevant, 1436.
- (2) To heap, or pile up. *Devon*.
- (3) Low-spirited; melancholy. *Var. dial.*
- (4) A small hill or eminence. *North*. "*A low*, a small round hill, a heap of earth or stones; hence the barrows or congregated hillocks, which remain as sepulchres of the dead, are called loughs," *MS. Lansd.* 1033. It frequently means a bank or hill in early English, as in *Chester Plays*, i. 120; *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 120; *Kyng Alisaunder*, 4348; *Sharp's Cov. Myst.* p. 89; but it should be noticed that the *A.-S.* word is more usually applied to artificial hills, as tumuli, than to natural mounds. The names of many places ending in *low* are thus derived, as *Ludlow*, &c.; see *Mr. Wright's History*, p. 13. "A fire on low," *Sir Degoré*.  
He is, he seide, ther he is won  
With oure sheep upon the *lowe*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 46.*
- (5) Langued. *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 60.
- LOWANCE. Allowance; largess. *Var. dial.*
- LOWANER. To stint in allowance. *West*.
- LOW-BELL. A bell used formerly in bird-batting, q. v. It was rung before the light was exhibited, and while the net was being raised, to prevent the birds from flying out too soon. It is not likely that the unexplained phrase "gentle low-bell" in *Beaumont and Fletcher*

- refers to this. It more probably means *gentle lamb*, or *sheep*, in allusion to the low-bells hung on the necks of those animals. "A low-bell hung about a sheep or goats neck," *Howell, Lex. Tet.* 1660.
- LOWE. (1) Love. *Warton*, i. 24.  
(2) Lied. *Amis and Amiloun*, 836.
- LOWEDE. Lewd; unlearned. *Weber*.
- LOWEN. To fall in price. *East*.
- LOWER. (1) To frown, or lour. *West*.  
(2) To strike as a clock with a low prolonged sound; to toll the curfew. *Devon*.  
(3) To set up the shoulders. *North*.  
(4) A lever. *North*.  
(5) Hire; reward. (*A.-N.*)  
Thurch ous thou art in thi power,  
Gifous now our *lower*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 15.
- LOWERST. To exert. *Devon*.
- LOW-FORKS. "*Donne toy garde qu'elle ne t'pende en ses basse-fourches*, take heed shev hang thee in her *lowefurkes*," *Hollyband's Dictionarie*, 1593.
- LOWINGS. The same as *Lunes*, q. v.
- LOWL-EARED. Long-eared. *Wills*.
- LOW-LIVED. Low and base. *Var. dial.*
- LOWLYHEDE. Meekness. (*A.-S.*)  
And whanne the aungelle saw hire *lowlyhede*,  
And the hooly rednesse also in hire face.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 2.
- LOW-MEN. False dice so made as to turn up low numbers. See *Taylor's Travels of Twelve-Pence*, 1630, p. 73.
- LOWNABYLLE. *Qu. lowebylle?*  
And if thou wille lelely doo this, ferre fra drede,  
thou salle be gloryus, and *lownabyll* overcommere.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 192.*
- LOWNE. Loo; sheltered. *North*. "Still and lowne," *Du Bartas*, p. 357.
- LOWNGES. Lungs. *Nominale MS.*
- LOWRE. Money. A cant term. *Dekker's Lanthorne and Candle-Light*, 1620, sig. C. ii.
- LOW-ROPE. A piece of rope lighted at one end. *North*.
- LOWS. Low level land. *Suffolk*.
- LOWSEN. To listen. *Dorset*.
- LOW-SUNDAY. The first Sunday after Easter. See *Cotgrave*, in v. *Quasimoda*; *Hobinshed, Conq. Ireland*, p. 25. It was also called *Little-Easter-day*.
- LOWTHE. (1) Loud. *Ritson*.  
(2) Lowness. *Becon's Works*, p. 272.
- LOWTHS. Low-lands. *Yorksh.*
- LOWTYN. To be quiet. "*Conquiesco, Anglice*, to lowtyn," *MS. Bibl. Reg.* 12. B. i. f. 88.
- LOWJEN. Laugh, pres. pl.  
And alle the lordynges in the halle  
On the herd thei *lowjen* alle.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 55.*
- LOYNE. To carve a sole. This term occurs in the *Booke of Hunting*, 1586.
- LOYOTOUR.  
In a surecott of sylke full skouthely hewede,  
Alle with *loyotour* over laide lowe to the hemmes.  
*Morte Arthur, MS. Lincoln, f. 87.*
- LOYT. A lute. *Percy*.
- LOZENGE. A lollipop. *East*.



- LOZIN.** A feast or merry-making when a cutler comes of age. *Sheffield.*
- LUBBARD.** A lubber. *North.* This form occurs in Florio, p. 50.
- LUBBER-COCK.** A turkey-cock. *Cornw.*
- LUBBER-HEAD.** A stupid fellow. *Var. dial.*
- LUBBER-LAND.** See *Cockney.*
- LUBBER-WORT.** Any food or drink which makes one idle and stupid.
- LUBBY.** A lubber-head. *Devon.*
- LUBRICITY.** Incontinency. This word occurs in a rare tract, printed by Pynsoo, entitled *The Churche of yvell Men and Women*, n. d., in the Bodleian Library.
- LUC.** A small pool of water near the sea-shore. *South.*
- LUCAYNE.** A window in the roof of a house. Moor spells it *lowcome*, p. 212. Still in use.
- LUCÉ.** (1) Arnt. *South.*  
(2) A pike, which was thus called in its stages of life; first a jack, then a pickerel, thirdly a pike, and last of all a luce. "*Lucus, a lewse.*" Nominae, MS. "*Lucys or pykys,*" Piers of Fullham, p. 118. Still in use.
- LUCENSE.** Light. (*L.-N.*)  
O lux vera, graunt us *gowr lucense,*  
That with the spryte of errorr I nat seduct be.  
*Diaba Mysteries*, p. 96.
- LUCERN.** (1) A lamp. *Lydgate.*  
(2) A lynx, the fur of which was formerly in great esteem. *Lucardis*, Arch. ix. 245. In a parliamentary scheme, dated 1549, printed in the Egerton Papers, p. 11, it was proposed that no man under the degree of an earl be allowed to wear *luzarnes*.
- LUCINA.** The moon. *Chaucer.*
- LUCK.** (1) To make lucky; to be lucky. (2) Chance. *Palsgrave.*
- LUCKE.** (1) To look. *Hampole.*  
(2) To frown; to knit the brows. *North.*
- LUCKER.** Sort or like. *Devon.*
- LUCKING-MILLS.** Fulling-mills. *Kent.*
- LUCK-PENNY.** A small sum of money returned to a purchaser for luck. *North.*
- LUCKS.** Locks of wool twisted on the finger of a spinner at the distaff. *East.*
- LUCKY.** (1) To make one's lucky, to go away very rapidly. *Var. dial.*  
(2) Large; wide; easy. *North.*
- LUCKY-BAG.** See *Lossy-bag.*
- LUDDOKKYS.** Loins. *Towneley Myst.* p. 313.
- LUE.** To sift. A mining term.
- LUEF.** Love. *Lufers*, lovers. There are several forms similar to this.  
Let be your rule, seid Litul Jon,  
For his *luf* that dyed on tre;  
þe that shulde be dusy mon  
Hit is gret shame to se.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 128.  
His verray *lufers* folowes hym fleande honours  
and loynges in erthe, and nocht lufaode vayn  
glorye. *MS. Coll. Eton.* 10, f. 2.
- LUEF.** The open hand. *North.* "*Towch with my lufe,*" *Towneley Myst.* p. 32.
- LUFES.** The ears of a toad. *North.*
- LUFF.** The wooden case in which the candle is carried in the sport of low-belling.
- LUFF.** Fellow; person. (*L.-S.*)
- LUG.** (1) A measure of 16½ ft. It consisted anciently of 20 ft. It is spelt *log* in MS. Gough (Wilts) 5. "*Lug, a pole in measure,*" Kennett. Forty-nine square yards of coppice wood make a *lug*.  
(2) The ear. *North.* Hence the handle of a ptecher is so called.  
If sorrow the tyrant invade thy breast,  
Draw out the foul fiend by the *log*, the *lug*.  
*Songs of the London Penitentes*, p. 121.
- (3) A pliable rod or twig, such as is used in thatching. *West.* Any rod or pole. *Wills.*
- (4) To pull or drink. *Var. dial.*
- (5) A small worm for bait in fishing.
- (6) *I cry log, I cry sluggard, I am in no hurry.* The term *log* was applied to anything slow in movement.
- LUG-AND-A-BITE.** A hoy flings an apple to some distance. All present race for it. The winner *bites* as fast as he can, his compeers *lugging* at his ears in the mean time, who hears it as long as he can, and then throws down the apple, when the sport is resumed.
- LUGDOR.** The multipe or woodlouse.
- LUGE.** A lodge, or hut. Also, to lodge.  
And he saw thame ga naked, and duelle in *luzes*  
and in caves, and thaire wyfes and thaire childre  
away fra thame. *MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 30.  
Whenne Darius hadde redde this lettre, ther com-  
another messenger tulle hym, and tulle hym that  
Alexander and his oste had *lugede* thame appone  
the water of Strame. *MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 9.
- LUGEOUS.** Heavy; unwieldy. *Devon.*
- LUGGARD.** A sluggard. From *Lug*, q. v.
- LUGGER.** A strip of land. *Glouc.*
- LUGGIE.** A wooden dish. *North.*
- LUGGISH.** Dull; heavy; stupid. *Luggy* - also heard in the same sense.
- LUGHIE.** Laughed. See *Loghe*.  
Yhit lyffed he etyr fyteene ybeire,  
Bot he *lughe* never, ne made blythe chere.  
*Hampole, MS. Bowes*, p. 192.
- LUG-LAIN.** Full-measure. *Somerset.*
- LUG-LOAF.** A heavy awkward fellow.
- LUGSOME.** Heavy; embrous. *East.*
- LUIK-LAKE.** To be playful. *Yorksh.*
- LUKE.** (1) To protect, or defend. (*L.-S.*)  
(2) The leaf of a turnip. *South.*
- LUKES.** A kind of velvet.
- LUKEWARD.** A species of cherry which ripens in June, mentioned in MS. Ashmole 1461.
- LULLIES.** Kidneys. *Chesh.*
- LUM.** (1) A woody valley. (2) A deep pool.  
(3) A cottage chimney. *North.*
- LUMBARD-PIE.** A highly seasoned meat-pie, made either of veal or lamb. The term *Lumbard* was given to several ancient dishes.  
*Fruitour lumbert*, Reliq. Antiq. i. 88.
- LUMBER.** (1) Harm; mischief. *Var. dial.*  
(2) Dirty foolish conversation. *East.*  
(3) To stumble. More usually *lumper*.
- LUMBISH.** Heavy; awkward. *Line.*
- LUMBRIKE.** An earth-worm. *Pr. Parv.*
- LUMES.** Beams. *Ritson.*

LUMMACK. To tumble. *Suffolk*.  
 LUMMAKIN. Heavy; awkward. *Var. dial.*  
 LUMMOX. A fat heavy and stupid fellow; an awkward clown. *East*.  
 LUMP. (1) To beat severely. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) A kind of fish. See Florio, p. 109; Lilly's Sixe Court Comedies, 1632, sig. D.  
 (3) To be or look sulky. *Devon*.  
 LUMPER. The same as *Lumber*, q. v.  
 LUMPING. Large; heavy. *Var. dial.*  
 LUMPS. Hard bricks for flooring. *East*.  
 LUMPY. Heavy; awkward. *South*.  
 LUM-SWOOPER. A chimney-sweeper. *North*.  
 LUN. The same as *Loo*, q. v.  
 LUNARY. The herb moon-wort. This herb was formerly believed to open the locks of horses' feet. See Harrison, p. 131. Some of our early dramatists refer to it as opening locks in a more literal sense.  
 LUNCH. A thump; a lump. *Var. dial.*  
 LUNCHEON. A large lump of food. It is spelt *lunshin* in Hallamshire Gl. p. 116.  
 LUNDGE. To lean or lounge. *Devon*. Batchelor has it *lundy*, Orth. Aual. p. 137.  
 LUNDY. Heavy; clumsy. *Var. dial.*  
 LUNES. (1) Lunacy; frenzy. (*Fr.*)  
 (2) Long lines to call in hawks. "Lunys about her feet," Monte d'Arthur, i. 180.  
 LUNGE. (1) To beat severely. *East*.  
 (2) A plunge. (3) To plunge. *Var. dial.* To make a long thrust with the body inclining forward, a term in fencing.  
 (4) To hide, or skulk. *Northampton*.  
 (5) To lunge a colt in breaking him in, is to hold him with a long rope, and drive him round in a circle. Still in use.  
 LUNGEOUS. Awkward; rough; cruel; vindictive; mischievous; quarrelsome; ill-tempered. *Var. dial.* No doubt connected with the older term *lungis*, q. v.  
 But somewhere I have had a *lungeous* faw,  
 I'm sure o' that, and, master, that's neet aw.  
*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 339.  
 LUNGIS. A heavy awkward fellow. "Lungis, a lungis, a slimme, slow backe, dreaming buske, drowsie gangrill; a tall and dull slaugam, that hath no making to his height, nor wit to his making; also, one that being sent on an errand is long in returning," Congrave.  
 Let *lungis* lurke and druges worke,  
 We doe defie the r. slaverie;  
 He is but a foole that goes to schole,  
 All we delight in braverie.  
*Play of Mosgottus*, circa 1560.  
 LUNGS. A fire-blower to a chemist.  
 LUNGSICKNESS. A disease in cattle. See the Dial. Creat. Moral. p. 57.  
 LUNGURT. Tied; hopped. *Lanc.*  
 LUNT. Short, or surly. *East*.  
 LUR. Loss; misfortune. *Gawayne*.  
 LURCH. (1) To lie at lurch, i. e. to lie in wait. To give a lurch, i. e. to tell a falsehood, to deceive, to cheat.  
 (2) A game at tables.  
 (3) An easy victory. *Coles*.  
 LURCHER. (1) A glutton. *Palsgrave*. It is

spelt *lurcare* and *lurcard* in Pr. Parr. p. 317.

(2) A potato left in the ground.  
 LURCH-LINE. The line by which the fowling-net was pulled over to inclose the birds.

LURDEN. A clown; an ill-bred person; a sluggard. (*A.-N.*) It is still in use in the last sense. See Reliq. Antiq. i. 82, 291; Cov. Myst. pp. 45, 184.

And seyde, *lurden*, what doyst thou here?  
 Thou art a thefe or thefeys fere.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 240.*

LURDY. Idle; sluggish. *North*.

LURE. (1) A sore on a cow's hoof. *West*.

(2) The palm of the hand. *North*.

(3) A liar. Sir Amadace, lxxv. 11.

(4) A handspike, or lever. *East*.

(5) Is explained by Latham, "that whereto falconers call their young hawks, by casting it up in the aire, being made of feathers and leather in such wise that in the motion it looks not unlike a fowl."

(6) To cry loudly and shrilly. *East*.

LURGY. The same as *Lurdy*, q. v.

LURKEY-DISH. The herb pennyroyal.

LURRIES. Clothes; garments. *Coles*.

LURRY. (1) To dirt, or daub. *East*.

(2) To lug, or pull. *Northumb.*

(3) A disturbance, or tumult.

How durst you, rogues, take the opinion  
 To vapour here in my dominion,  
 Without my leave, and make a *lurry*.

That men cannot be quiet for ye?

*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 13.

(4) To hurry carelessly. *South*.

LUSH. (1) To splash in water. *Cumb.*

(2) A twig for thatching. *Devon*.

(3) Limp. Topsell's Beasts, 1607, p. 343. Ground easily turned is said to be *lush*.

LUSKE. A lazy, idle, good-for-nothing fellow.

"Here is a great knave, i. a great lyther *luske*, or a stout ydell lubbar," Palsgrave's Acolastus, 1540. "A sturdie *luske*," Albion, Knight, p. 61. *Luskysheuesse*, *luskysheley*, Elyot in v. *Socordia*, *Socordiliter*, ed. 1559. *Lusking*, Mirrour for Magistrates, 1578. *Luskysch*, Ilye Way to the Spytell Hous. p. 10.

LUSKEP. Let loose?

These lions bees *lusked* and lased on sondir,  
 And thaire landes shalbe lost for longe tyme.

*MS. Soc. Antiq.* 101, f. 72.

LUSSEBURWES. A sort of base coin, resembling and passing for English pennies, strictly prohibited by Statute 25 Edward III. See Blount's Law Dictionary.

LUSSUM. Lovesome; beautiful.

Therefore he gaf him to bigynne  
 A *lussum* lond to dwellen inne,  
 A lond of hif joyes and delices  
 Whiche men callen Paradis.

*Cursor Mundis*, *MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 4.

LUSTE. (1) Liked; to like. Also a substantive, liking, desire. *Lustes*, delights, *MS. Cotton*.

Vespas. D. vii. Ps. Antiq.

And write in suche a myner wise,  
 Whiche may be wisdom to the wyse,  
 And pley to hem that *luste* to pleye.

*Gower*, *MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 31

- In him fonde y none other bote,  
For lengr *luste* him nougt to dwelle.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 39.*
- (2) A number, or quantity. *East.*  
(3) To bend on one side. *Norf.*
- LUSTICK. Healthy; cheerful; pleasant.  
LUSTRE. A period of five years. This term occurs in Florio, p. 61.  
LUSTREE. To bustle about. *Exmoor.*  
LUSTRING. A kind of plain silk.  
LUSTY. Pleasant; agreeable; quick; lively; gay in apparel.  
Of *lusti* and off swet odoris,  
And froit on tre both gret and smale.  
*MS. Cott. Galba E. ix. f. 2.*
- LUSTY-GALLANT. A kind of colour in some articles of dress, formerly so called.  
LUSTYHEDE. Pleasure; mirth. (*A.-S.*)  
LUT. Bowed down. See *Loute*.  
On his arsoum downward he *lut*.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 195.*
- LUTE. (1) To lie hid. (*A.-S.*) In use in Northumberland, according to Kennett.  
It *luteth* in a mannis herte,  
But that ne schalle not me asterte.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 51.*
- (2) Little. See St. Brandan, p. 9.  
LUTHER. Bad; wicked. See *Lither*.  
LUTHEREN. Leathers; strings. *Hearne*.  
LUTHOBUT. But only look! *North.*  
LUTTER. To scatter about. *Glouc.*  
LUTTER-PUTCH. A slovenly fellow. *Cornw.*  
LUXOM. The same as *Lussum*, q. v.  
LUXURIE. Lechery. (*A.-N.*) This and *luxurious* are common in early works.  
LUSCHENE. To rush on violently.  
With *lufy launcez* one lofte they *luschene* togedyres.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 6.*
- LYAM. A thong or leash. See a curious relation in the *Archæologia*, xviii. 97. Hence the *lyam*, or lime-bound, q. v. Blome makes a distinction between *leash* and *lyam*, "the string used to lead a greyhound is called a *leese*, and for a hound a *lyame*." See the *Gent. Rec.* ii. 78.  
A youthfull hunter with a chaplet crown'd  
In a pyde *lyam* leading foorth his hound.  
*Drayton's Poems, p. 21.*
- LYCANTHROPI. Madmen who imagined they were turned into wolves.  
LYCCED-TEA. Tea and spirits. *North.*  
LYCE. Lies.  
If hit be any man so strong,  
That come us foure among,  
And bryng with hym men of price  
To stole Jhesu ther he *lyce*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 40.*
- LYCHE. A liege. *Prompt. Parr.*  
LYDFORD-LAW. This proverbial phrase, which very significantly explains itself,—  
First hang and draw,  
Then hear the cause by Lydford law!  
is often alluded to in old works. The earliest notice of "the lawe of Lydford" yet discovered is contained in the curious poem on the Deposition of Richard II. ed. Wright, p. 19.  
LYE. (1) Kindred. *Prompt. Parr.*  
(2) A flame of fire. Kennett MS.
- LYERBY. A kept mistress. It occurs in Melbancke's *Philotimus*, 4to. 1583.  
LYING-DOWN. A woman's accouchement.  
LYING-HOUSE. A prison for great offenders. See *Davies' Ancient Rites*, ed. 1672, p. 138.  
LYKUSSE. Likes. See *Tundale*, p. 21.  
LYLSE-WULSE. Linsey-woolsey. *Skelton*.  
LYMPHAULT. Lame. *Chaloner*.  
LYMPTWIGG. A lapwing. *Exmoor*.  
With lowde laghturs one lofte, for lykyn of byrdez,  
Of larkes, of *lynkechyttez*, that lufflyche so geue.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 31.*
- LYNDECOLE. Charcoal made of the wood of the linden tree. "Half an unce of *lyndecole*."  
*MS. Soc. Antiq. 101, f. 76.*
- LYNYE. A line. *Prompt. Parr.*  
LYRIBLIRING. Warbling, or singing.  
LYTHE. The same as *Lith* (2).  
We are comene for the kyng of this *lythe* ryche,  
That knawene es for conquerour corowde in erthe.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 7.*
- LYȚET. Lieth.  
Now, lord, I pray the  
That thou wold ȝiff to me  
The feyre lady bryȝt off ble,  
That *lyȝet* under this impe tre. *MS. Ashmole 61.*
- LYȚTH. Alighted. *Degrevant*, 1625.  
LYȚTHERELY. Badly; wickedly. (*A.-S.*)
- M** To have an M. under the girdle, i. e. to keep the term *Master* out of sight, to be wanting in proper respect.  
MA. (1) To make. *Perceval*, 1728.  
(2) More. See *Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 281.  
His Ave Maria he lerid hym als wa,  
And other prayers many *ma*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 142.*
- MAAK. A maggot. *Yorksh.*  
MAAPMENT. A rigmarole. *Cumb.*  
MAAT. Mett; measure. *Wickliffe*.  
MAB. A slattern. *North.* Also a verb, to dress negligently. Sandys uses the term *mabble*. See *Upton on Shakespeare*, p. 320.  
MABAR. A young hen. *Lhuyd's MS.* additions to *Ray's Words*, 1674.
- MACAROON. A fop. *Donne*. This word is still in use, according to *Forby*.  
MACE. (1) A club. (*A.-N.*) *Macer*, one who carries a mace, *Piers Ploughman*, p. 47.  
(2) Masonry. *Weber*.  
(3) Makes. *Auturs of Arther*, p. 19.  
MACE-MONDAY. The first Monday after St. Anne's day, so called in some places on account of a ceremony then performed.  
MACE-PROOF. Free from arrest.  
MACHACHINA. A kind of Italian dance mentioned by Sir John Harrington.  
MACHAM. A game at cards, mentioned in the *Irish Hudibras*, 8vo. Lond. 1689.  
MACHIE. (1) To match. (2) A match.

They hafe bene *machede* to daye with raene of the marchez. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 60.*

**MACHINE.** To contrive. *Palsgrave.*

**MACHOUND.** "A machound, a bugbeare, a raw-head and bloudie bone," Florio, p. 297. Perhaps Mahound, or Mahomet, a character in old mysteries.

**MACILENT.** Lean. "Lesse venerous then being macilent," Topsell's Beasts, 1607, p. 231.

**MACKE.** An ancient game at cards, alluded to in *Kind-Harts Dreame*, 1592.

**MACKEREL.** A bawd. *Grose*. Middleton, iv. 497, has *macrio*. It is derived from the A.-N. *maquerel*, and means also a procuress. "Nyghe his bows dwelld a *maquerel* or bawde," *Caxton's Cato Magnus*, 1483.

**MACKERLY.** Shapely; fashionable. *North*. *Maekish*, smart.

**MACKS.** Sorts; fashions. *North*.

**MACSTAR.** A poulterer, or egg-seller.

**MACULATION.** Spot; stain. (*Lat.*)

**MAD.** (1) Angry. *Var. dial.*  
(2) An earth-worm; a maggot. *North*.  
(3) Madness; intoxication. *Glouc.*  
(4) A species of nightshade.

**MADAM.** A title used in the provinces to women under the rank of *Lady*, but moving in respectable society.

**MADDE.** To madden; to be mad. (*A.-S.*)

**MADDER.** Pus, or matter. *North*.

**MADDERS.** The stinking camomile. *West*.

**MADDLE.** (1) To be fond of. *North*.  
(2) To confuse; to be confused; to perplex; to rave, or be delirious. *North*.

**MADDOCKS.** Maggots. Kennett MS.

**MAD-DOG.** A cant term for strong ale, mentioned in Harrison's *England*, p. 202.

**MADE.** (1) Fastened, as doors. *North*.  
(2) *What made you there*, what caused you to be there, what business had you. *You are made for ever*, your fortune is made. See Lilly's *Six Court Comedies*, 1632, sig. Q. ii. A similar phrase occurs in Shakespeare.  
(3) Wrote; written. See *Make*.  
(4) Made up of different materials. Hence the term *made-dish*, which was formerly used for any dish containing several meats.

**MADER-WORT.** The herb mug-wort.

**MADE-SURE.** Affianced; betrothed.

**MADGE.** (1) Margaret. *Var. dial.*  
(2) An owl. "*Chat kuant*, an owle, or madge-howlet," Cotgrave. Some call it the magpie.  
(3) The pudendum muliebre. *South*.

**MADGETIN.** The Margaret apple. *East*.

**MADLIN.** A bad memory. *Cumb.*

**MADNING-MONEY.** Old Roman coins, sometimes found about Dunstable, are so called by the country people.

**MAD-PASH.** A mad fellow. *North*.

**MADRILL.** Madrid. Middleton, iv. 101.

**MESTERS.** Employment. *Weber*.

**MA-FEIE.** My faith! (*A.-N.*)

**MAFFLARD.** A term of contempt, probably the same with *Maffling*, q. v.

**MAFFLE.** To stammer; to mumble. *North*.

"Somme *mafful* with the mouth," Depes. Ric. II. p. 29. "To stammer or maffle in speech," Florio, p. 55. The term seems to be applied to any action suffering from impediments. "In such staggering and maffling wise," Holinshed, *Chron. Ireland*, p. 88. See Stanhurst, p. 13; Cotgrave, in v. *Bredouillard*, *Bretouant*.

**MAFFLING.** A simpleton. *North*.

**MAG.** (1) To chatter; to scold. *Var. dial.* Sometimes, to tease or vex.  
(2) The jack at which coits are thrown.

**MAGE.** A magician. *Spenser*.

**MAGECOLLE.** To fortify a town wall with machicolations. (Lydgate.) "Wel matchecold al aboute," *Morte d'Arthur*, i. 199.

**MAGES.** The hands. *Northumb.*

**MAGGLED.** Teazed. *Oxon.*

**MAGGOTY.** Whimsical; frisky; playful. *Maggots*, whims, fancies. *Var. dial.*

**MAGGOTY-PIE.** A magpie. Shakespeare has *maggot-pie*, and the term occurs under several forms. It is still in use in Hertfordshire; and is retained in a well-known nursery song. See Florio, pp. 204, 412; Cotgrave, in v. *Agasse, Dame*. It is given as a Wiltshire word in MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 2. Brockett has *Maggoty*.

**MAGGY-MANY-FEET.** The wood-louse. *West*.

**MAGINE.** To imagine. *Palsgrave*.

**MAGNEL.** An ancient military engine used for battering down walls. It threw stones and other missiles, which themselves were also termed *maguels* or *mangouels*. See Kyng Alisamnder, 1593, 3223; Gy of Warwike, p. 86; Langtoft, p. 183.  
With bewelng and with mineinge.  
And with *mangouels* casteinge.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 91.

**MAGNIFICAL.** Magnificent; splendid. *Magnificent* is often put for *munificent*.

**MAGNIFICATE.** To magnify. *Janson*.

**MAGNIFICO.** A grandee. (*Ital.*) It is properly applied to a grandee of Venice.

**MAGNIFY.** To signify. *Devon*.

**MAGNOPERATE.** To increase greatly. (*Lat.*)  
Some in the affectation of the oeconomicks, some in philosophy, others in poetry, have all brought the depth of their golden studies to bide the touch of your noble allowance; so that after-ages may rightly admire what noble Meeenas it was that so mechnayed the aspiring wits of this understanding age to his only censure, which will not a little *magnoperate* the splendor of your well knowne honour to these succeeding times.  
*Hopton's Baculum Geodeticum*, 1614.

**MAGUDER.** The stalk of a plant.

**MAHEREME.** Wood; timber. (*Med. Lat.*)

**MAHOITRES.** Large waddings formerly used for padding out the shoulders. (*Fr.*)

**MAHOUN.** Mahomet. The term was often used for an idol or pagan deity.  
Hefe uppe your hartis ay to *Mahounde*.  
He will be nere us in oure nede.  
*York Miracle Plays, Walpole MS.*

**MAID.** (1) The iron frame which holds the baking-stone. *West*.

- (2) A girl. See Warton, iii. 38.
- (3) There is a joke of Mrs. Quickly's in the Merry Wives of Windsor, ii. 2, implying she was as much a maid as her mother, which, if I mistake not, alludes to an old saying quoted in the following passages:
- If evor Ice doe come heare againe, Ice zaid,  
Chull give thee my mother vor a maid.  
*MS. Ashm.* 36, f. 112.
- So smug she was, and so array'd,  
He took his mother for a maid.  
*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 25.
- MAIDKIN. A little maid. (*A.-S.*)
- MAIDEN. A fortress which has never been taken. *Maiden-assize*, a session where no prisoners are capitally convicted. *Maiden-tree*, a tree which has not been lopped. *Maiden-wife-widow*, one who gives herself up to an impotent person, a curious phrase, which occurs in Holme, 1688.
- MAIDENHEDE. The state of a maiden.
- MAIDEN-RENTS. A noble paid by every tenant in the manor of Bulth, co. Radnor, at their marriage, in lieu of the ancient *marchet*.
- MAIDENS-HONESTY. The plant honesty.
- About Michaelmass all the hedges ab ut Thicketwood (in the parish Colerne) are (as it were) hung with *mayden's honesty*, which looks very fine.  
*Aubrey's Wals.* *MS. Royal Soc.* p. 120.
- MAID-MARIAN. A popular character in the old morris dance, which was often a man in female clothes, and occasionally a strumpet. Hence the term was sometimes applied with no very flattering intention.
- MALK. (1) To milk a cow but once a day, when near calving. *North.* Maillen, the quantity of milk given at once.
- (2) To pinion a hawk. See Gent. Rec.
- (3) Rent or annual payment formerly extorted by the border robbers.
- (4) That part of a clasp which receives the spring into it.
- (5) A defect in vision. *Devon.*
- (6) A spot on a hawk. *Mailed*, spotted, Cotgrave, in v. *Gouct.* (According to Blome, ii. 62, the mailles are the breast-feathers.)  
"To *male*, to discolour, to spot, *Northumb.*"  
Kennett, *MS. Lansd.* 1033.
- MAIN. (1) Very; great. *Var. dial.* Hence, a main man, a violent politician, &c.
- (2) The thick part of meat.
- (3) A throw at the dice.
- (4) The chief or ruler.
- (5) To lame. *Hallamsh. Gloss.* p. 116.
- (6)
- Observing Dick look'd *main* and blue.  
*Clins' Miscellanes*, 1762, p. 81.
- MAIN HAMPER. A kind of basket used for carrying fruit. *Somerset.*
- MAIN-PIN. A pin put through the fore-axle of a waggon for it to turn upon in locking. *Var. dial.*
- MAINS. A farm, or fields, near a house, and in the owner's occupation. *North.*
- MAINS-FLAID. Much afraid. *Yorksh.*
- MAINSWORN. Perjured. *North.*

- MAINTAIN. To behave; to conduct. *Maintenance*, behaviour. (*A.-N.*)
- MAINTE. To maintain. *Lydgate.*
- MAINTENANTLY. Mainly. *North.*
- MAIR. A mayor. (*A.-N.*) It occurs in 1405 Ploughman, and *Archæologia*, i. 94.
- MAISLIKIN. Foolish. *North.*
- MAISON-DEWE. A hospital. (*A.-N.*) Till within the last few years, there was an ancient hospital at Newcastle so called.
- Myusters and *masendewes* they malle to the erthe.  
*Maite Arthur*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 85.
- So many *masendewes*, hospytals and spyttle howses,  
As your grace hath done yettens the worlde began.  
*Bale's Kinge Johan*, p. 82.
- MAIST. Most; almost. *Var. dial.*
- MAISTE. Makest. *Chester Plays*, i. 49.
- MAISTER. A skilful artist; a master. *Maister town*, a metropolis. *Maister street*, the chief street. *Maister temple*, the chief temple, &c.
- MAISTERFUL. Imperious; headstrong. *North.* It occurs in *Lydgate* and *Chaucer*.
- MAISTERIE. Skill; power; superiority. *Maistryes*, conflicts, *Perceval*, 1445.
- Who so dose here sich *maistrye*,  
Be thou wel secur he shalle abyte.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 49.
- And lytulle *maystryes* may ye do,  
When the grete nede comyth to.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 123.
- MAISTERLYNG. Master. See *Weber*, i. 21. *Maisterman*, ruler, governor, husband.
- MAISTLINS. Mostly; generally. *North.*
- MAISTRESSE. Mistress; governess. (*A.-N.*)
- MAISTRISE. Masterly workmanship. (*A.-N.*)
- MAKE. (1) To make a die of it, to die. To make bold, to presume. To make ready, to dress provision. Also, to clothe. To make unready, to undress. To make a noise, to scold. To make a hand on, to waste or destroy. To make on, or upon, to caress, or spoil. Also, to rush on with violence. To make count, to reckon, or reckon upon. To make all split, a phrase expressing immense violence. To make danger, to try, to make experiment. To make nice, to scruple or object. To make fair weather, to coax a person, to humour him by flattery. To make forth, to do. To make a matter with one, to pick a quarrel with him. To make naught, to corrupt. To make room, to give place. To make sure, to put in a safe place. To make to the bow, to form to one's hand. To make mouths, to jeer or grin. To make up, to wheedle; to make a reconciliation. Also, to approach. To make fair, to bid fair or likely. To make much of, to caress or spoil.
- (2) An instrument of husbandry, formed with a crooked piece of iron and a long handle, used for pulling up peas. *Suffolk.*
- (3) To fasten a door. *Yorksh.* Shakespeare uses the term in this sense.
- (4) A mate, or companion. (*A.-S.*) It is applied to either husband or wife.  
Rise up, Adam, and awake;  
Heare have I formed thee a make.  
*Chester Plays*, i. 25.

- (5) To compose, or make verses. (*A.-S.*)  
 (6) To do; to cause. See *Made*.  
 (7) To dress meat. *Peqye*.  
 (8) A halfpenny. See Dekker's *Lanthorne and Candle-Light*, ed. 1620, sig. C. ii. "Brummagem-macks, Birmingham-makes, a term for base and counterfeit copper money in circulation before the great recoinage," Sharp's *MS. Warwickshire Gloss*.  
 (9) To prepare, or make ready. Jonson, i. 145.  
 (10) To assist, or take part in. *Yorksh.*  
 (11) A sort, kind, or fashion. *North.*  
 (12) The mass. Sir John Oldcastle, p. 22.  
**MAKE-BATE.** A quarrelsome person. "A *make-bate*, a busie-bodie, a pick-thanke, a seeke-trouble," Florio, p. 89. See also p. 72, and Nares.  
**MAKE-BEGGAR.** The annual pearl-wort.  
**MAKE-COUNT.** A make-weight. *North.*  
**MAKE-HAWK.** An old staunch hawk which will readily instruct a young one.  
**MAKELES.** Without a mate. (*A.-S.*)  
**MAKELESS.** Matchless. *North.*  
**MAKER.** A poet. Jonson, ii. 114.  
**MAKERLY.** Tolerable. *North.*  
**MAKE-SHIFT.** A substitute, generally used contemptuously. It occurs in Halle's *Hist. Expostulation*, ed. Pettigrew, p. 19.  
**MAKE-WEIGHT.** Some trifle added to make up a proper weight. *Var. dial.*  
**MAKE-WISE.** To pretend. *Somerset.*  
**MAKRON.** A rake for an oven.  
**MALACK.** A great disturbance. *Yorksh.*  
**MALAHACK.** To carve awkwardly. *East.*  
**MALAKATOONE.** A kind of late peach.  
**MALAN-TREE.** The beam in front of or across an open chimney. *East.*  
**MALARY.** Unhappily. (*Fr.*) *Maleuryd*, ill-fortuned, Skelton, ii. 219.  
**MALCH.** Mild. *Craven.*  
**MALDROP.** A ruby. Nominale *MS.*  
**MALE.** (1) A budget, or portmanteau; a box, or pack. (*A.-N.*)  
 (2) Evil. Kyng Alisaunder, H153.  
 That the dewke in hys perlement  
 Hym forgeve hys *male* entente.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 181.*  
 (3) The plant dandelion. *Dorset.*  
**MALEBOUCHE.** Calumny. (*A.-N.*)  
 And to conferme his accione,  
 Hee hath withholde *malebouche*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 63.*  
**MALECOLYE.** Melancholy. *Malicholly* occurs in Middleton's play of the *Honest Whore*.  
 And prey hym pur charyte  
 That he wyll forgeve me  
 Hys yre and hys *malecolye*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 163.*  
 My sone, schryve the now forthi,  
 Hast thou ben *malecolyen*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 84.*  
**MALEDICT.** Cursed. (*A.-N.*)  
 Cometh a child *maledict*  
 Aȝeyn Jhesu to rise he tist.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 75.*  
**MALEES.** Uneasiness. (*Fr.*)

But yn herte y am sorry,  
 For y have nothyng redy,  
 Whereof the kyng to make at ese,  
 Therefore y am at moche *malces*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 146.*

- MALEFICE.** Enchantment. (*A.-N.*)  
**MALEK.** Salt. Dr. Forman's *MSS.*  
**MAL-ENGINE.** Wicked artifice. (*A.-N.*) It occurs in Hall, Henry VI. f. 31.  
**MALE-PILLION.** A stuffed leathern cushion behind a servant who attended his master in a journey to carry luggage upon. Also, a male-saddle, or saddle for carrying luggage upon.  
**MAL-TALENT.** Ill-will. (*A.-N.*)  
 And sire Beves tho veraiment,  
 Forgaf him alle is *mauntalent*.  
*Beves of Hamtoun, p. 145.*  
**MALGRACIOUS.** Ungracious.  
 Bothe of visage and of stature  
 Is lothely and *malgracious*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 131.*  
**MALGRADO.** Maugre; in spite of. (*Ital.*)  
**MALICE.** (1) The marsh-mallow. *Devon.*  
 (2) Sorcery; witchcraft. See *Malfeice*.  
 (3) To bear malice to. *Line.* "That hatu malice'd thus," Hawkins, ii. 46.  
**MALICEFUL.** Malicious. *North.*  
**MALICIOUS.** Artful. (*A.-N.*)  
**MALHOTE.** A mallet. Nominale *MS.*  
**MALISON.** Malediction; curse. (*A.-N.*) Still in use, according to Kennett.  
**MALKIN.** (1) A slattern. *Devon.* It was formerly a common diminutive of Mary. Maid Marian was so called. "No one wants Malkin's maidenhead, which has been sold fifteen times," prov. Milles' *MS.* Chaucer apparently alludes to this phrase. *Malkintrash*, one in a dismal-looking dress.  
 (2) A scarecrow. *Somerset.*  
**MALL.** (1) A hammer, or club. Also a verb, to knock down with a mall; to beat. "Malle hym to dede," *MS. Morte Arthure*. "Malled, felled, or knocked downe," Cotgrave.  
 (2) A plough-share. *Somerset.*  
 (3) A court or pleading-house.  
 (4) A kind of game.  
 But playing with the boy at mall,  
 I rue the time and ever shall,  
 I struck the ball, I know not how,  
 For that is not the play, you know,  
 A pretty height into the air.  
*Cotton's Works, 1734, p. 231.*  
**MALLANDERS.** Sore places on the inside of the fore-legs of horses. "*Mal feru*, a malander in the bought of a horse's knee," Cotgrave. And some are full of *mallanders* and scratches.  
*Taylor's Motto, 12mo. Lond. 1622.*  
**MALLERAG.** To abuse. See *Ballerag*, *Mallock*, to scandalize. *Line.*  
**MALLIGO.** Malaga wine. *Nares.*  
**MALLS.** The measles. *Ermoor.*  
**MALLY.** A hare. *North.*  
**MALSHRAGGES.** Caterpillars, palmers, and canker-worms. Also called *mallishags*.  
**MALSKRID.** Wandered. *Will. Werve.*  
**MALT-BUG.** A drunkard. This cant term occurs in Harrison's *England*, p. 202.

- MALT-COMES.** The little beards or shoots when malt begins to run. *Yorksh.* Malting-corn, corn beginning to germinate.
- MALTE.** Malted. (*L.-S.*)  
Tille that the sonne his wyngis cau3te,  
Whereof it *malte* and fro the hey3te,  
Withouren helpe of eny sh3y3te,  
He felle to his destruc3oun.  
*Concer, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 110.
- MALTEN-HEARTED.** Faint-hearted. *North.*
- MALTER.** A maltster. *Var. dial.*
- MALT-HORSE.** A slow dull heavy horse, such as is used by brewers. Hence Shakespeare has it as a term of contempt. See Nares. He would simper and mump, as though hee had gone a wooing to a *malt-mare* at Roebester," Lilly, ed. 1632.
- MALUE.** A mallow. *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 53.  
Take *malues* with alle the rotes, and sethe thame in water, and wasche thi hevede therwith.  
*MS. Lincoln.* A 17, f. 202
- MALURE.** Misfortune. (*L.-N.*)
- MALVESIE.** Malmsy wine. See Harrison's England, p. 170; *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 3; Degrevant, 1415.  
Thane spyces unsparly thy spendyde thereafyre,  
*Malvesye* and muskadelles, thase marvelous drynkes.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln.* f. 55.  
Ye shall have Spayneshe wyne and Gaseoyne,  
Rose coloure, whyt, claret, rampyon,  
Tyre, capryck, and *malvesyne*,  
Sak, raspree, alycaunt, rumney,  
Greke, ipocrase, new made clary,  
Suche as ye never had;  
For yf ye drynke a draught or too,  
Yt wyll make you or ye thens go  
By Goggs body starke madde.  
*Interlude of the Four Elements,* n. d.
- MAM.** Mammy; mother. *North.*
- MAMBLE.** Said of soil when it sticks to agricultural implements. *East.*
- MAMELEN.** To chatter; to mumble. (*L.-S.*)
- MAMERI.** A pagan temple.  
Aboute the tyme of mid dai  
Out of a *mameri* a sai  
Sarasin com greet foisoun,  
That hadde anoured here Mahoun.  
*Beves of Hamtoun,* p. 54.
- MAMMER.** To hesitate; to mumble; to be perplexed. Still in use. "I stand in doubt, or stande in a *mammoryng* betwene hope and feare," Palsgrave's *Acolastus*, 1540.  
That where before he vaunted  
The conquest he hath cot,  
He sits now in a *mammeryng*,  
As one that mudes it not.  
*A Quest of Emorye,* 1795.
- MAMMET.** A puppet. See *Mammel*.
- MAMMOCK.** (1) A fragment. *Var. dial.*  
"Small mammocks of stone," Optick Glasse of Humors, 1639, p. 120. See Florio, pp. 4, 67, 197.  
Salt with thy knife, then reach to mid take,  
Thy bread cut faire and no *mammos's* make.  
*The School of Vertue,* n. d.
- (2) To mumble. *Suffolk.* Moor says, "to cut and hack victuals wastefully." Hence, to maul or mangle; to do any thing very clumsily.
- MAMMOTHREPT.** A spoilt child.
- MAMMY.** Mother. *Mammysick*, never easy but when at home with mammy.
- MAMPUS.** A great number. *Dorset.*
- MAM'S-FOOT.** A mother's pet-child.
- MAM-SWORN.** Perjured. *North.*
- MAMTAM.** A term of endearment.
- MAMY.** A wife. *Leic.*
- MAMYTAW.** A donkey. *Devon.*
- MAN.** (1) Was formerly used with much latitude. Thus the Deity was so called with no irreverent intention. Forby tells us the East Anglians have retained that application of the word.  
(2) The small pieces with which backgammon is played are called men. "A queene at chesse or man at tables," Florio, p. 136.  
(3) *A man or a mouse*, something or nothing. See Florio, p. 44. *Man alive*, a common and familiar mode of salutation. *Man in the oak*, an ignis fatuus. *Man of war*, a sharp, clever fellow.  
(4) To man a hawk, to make her tractable. See Harrison's England, p. 227.
- MANACE.** To menace, or threaten. Also, anything which threatens. (*L.-N.*)
- MANADGE.** A box or club formed by small shopkeepers for supplying poor people with goods, the latter paying for them by instalments. *North.*
- MANAUNTIE.** Maintenance. Langtoft, p. 325
- MANCH.** To munch; to eat greedily.
- MANCHET.** The best kind of white-bread. See Hobson's Jests, repr. p. 9.
- MANCIPATE.** Enslaved. (*Lat.*)
- MANCIPL.** An officer who had the care of purchasing provisos for an Inn of Court, a college, &c.
- MANCOWE.** This term is the translation of *sinozophalus* in Nominale MS.
- MAND.** A demand; a question.  
The emperour, with wordes myld,  
Askyd a *mand* of the chyld.  
*MS. Ashmole* 61, f. 47.
- MANDEMENT.** A mandate. (*L.-N.*)
- MANDER.** To cry. *Suffolk.*
- MANDILION.** The mandilion or mandevile was a kind of loose garment without sleeves, or if with sleeves, having them hanging at the back. "*Cassacchino*, a mandilion, a jacket, a jerkin," Florio, p. 87. Harrison, p. 172, mentions "the mandilion worn to Colhe Weston ward," i. e. awry. This curious early notice of the Colly-Weston proverb was accidentally omitted in its proper place. French dublet, and the Spanish hose to breach it; Short cloakes, old *mandilions* (we beseech it).  
*Rowland's Knyght of Buz,* 1643.
- MANDRAKE.** The mandragora, Lat. It is often mentioned as a narcotic, and very numerous were the superstitions regarding it. It was said to shriek when torn up. "Mandrakes and night-ravens still shriking in thine eares," Dekker's *Knights Conjuring*, p. 49.  
The male mandrake hath great, broad, long, smooth leaves, of a deepe greene colour, that stand upon the ground; among which come up the flowers of a pale whitish colour, standing every one upon a

- single smal and weak footstalk, of a whitish green colour; in their places grow round apples of a yellowish colour, smooth, soft, and glittering, of a strong smel; in which are contained flat and smooth seedes, in fashion of a little kidney, like those of the thorn apple. The roote is long, thick, whitish, divided many times into two or three part, resembling the legs of a man, with other parts of his bodie adjoining thereto, as the privie parts, as it hath bene reported; whereas in truth it is no otherwise then in the rootes of carrots, parsneps, and such like, forked or devided into two or more parts which nature taketh no account of. There have been many ridiculous tales brought up of this plant, wneither of old wives or some runnagate surgeons or phisickmongers, I know not (a title bad inough for them) but sure some one or more that sought to make them-selves famous in skillfull above others were the first brochers of that errour I spake of. They adde further, that it is never or verie seldome to be founde growi g naturally but under a gallows, where the matter that hath fallen from the dead bodie hath given it the shape of a man; and the matter of a woman, the substance of a female plant, with many other such doltish dreames. They fable further and affirm, that he who woulde take up a plant thereof must tie a dogge therunto to pull it up, which will give a great shriek at the digging up; otherwise if a man should do it, he should certainly die in short space after; besides many fables of loving matters, too full of scurrilitie to set foorth in print, which I forbear to speake of; all which dreames and old wives tales you shall from hencefoorth cast out of your bookes and memorie, knowing this that they are all and every part of them false and most untrue. For I myselve and my servaunts also have digged up, planted, and replanted verie many; and yet never could either perceive shape of man or woman, but sometimes one straight roote, sometimes two, and often sixe or seven branches, coming from the maine great roote; even as nature list to bestowe upon it as to other plants. But the idle drones that have little or nothing to do but eate and drinke, have bestowed some of their time in carving the rootes of Briome, forming them to the shape of men and w men, which falsifying practise hath confirmed the errour amongst the simple and unlearned people, who have taken them upon their report to be the true mandrakes. *Gerard's Herbal, ed. 1597, p. 269.*
- MANDY.** Sauey; impudent; frolicsome; unmanageable. *West.*
- MANE.** Moan. *Reliq. Antiq. i. 60.*
- MANER.** A seat or dwelling. Used in Staffordshire, according to Kennet, *MS. Lansd. 1033.*  
The kyng soyourayd in that tyde  
At a maner there be-yde.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 78.*
- MANERLY.** Correctly; politely.
- MANEST.** Menaced. *Apol. Loll. p. 21.*
- MANFESOURS.** Malefactors. *Langtoft, p. 211.*
- MANG.** (1) To mix, or mingle. *West.* Hence, a mash of bran or malt.  
(2) To become stupified.  
What say ye, man? Mas! for teyn  
I trow ye mang. *Croft's Extracta Antiqua, p. 103.*
- MANGE.** To eat. (*A.-N.*)
- MANGERING.** Perplexing.  
The simple people might be brought in a mangering of their faith, and stand in doubt whom they might believe. *Phillips's Works, p. 315.*
- MANGERY.** A feast. (*A.-N.*)
- There was yoye and moche game  
At that grete mangery. *MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 173.*  
To the kyng he sente them tyllie,  
And preyed hym, yf hyt were hys wylle,  
That he fayld hym not at that tyde,  
But that he wolde come to Hungary  
For to worschyp that mangery.  
Ther of he hym besoght.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 31.*
- MANG-FODDER.** Fodder for cows mixed with hay and straw. *Yorksh.*
- MANG-IIIANGLE.** Mixed in a wild and confused manner. *Somerset.*
- MANGONEL.** The same as *Magnel*, q. v.
- MANGONIZE.** To traffic in slaves. (*Lat.*)
- MANHED.** Manhood; race.  
Off women com duke and kynz,  
I 3ow tell without lesyng,  
Of them com owre manhed.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 60.*
- MANICON.** A kind of nightshade.  
Bewitch Hermetic men to run  
Stark staring mad with manicon.  
*Hucubras, III. i. 324.*
- MANIE.** Madness. (*A.-N.*)
- MANIFOLD.** To multiply, or increase. It occurs in *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii.*
- MANIPLE.** A bundle, or handful. It is also the same with *Faon*, q. v.
- MANK.** A trick, or prank. *Yorksh.*
- MAN-KEEN.** Marriageable. *North.*
- MANKIND.** Masculine; furious. A furious beast is still so called. See *Craven Gl.*
- MANKIT.** Maimed; impaired. *Gawayne.*
- MANLICH.** Humane. (*A.-S.*) It occasionally has the sense of *manfully*.
- MANNED.** Waited on; attended.
- MANNER.** (1) Manure. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To be taken with the manner, to be caught in a criminal act.
- MANNERS-BIT.** A portion left in a dish "for the sake of manners." *North.*
- MANNIE.** A little man. *Lincol.*
- MANNINGTREE.** Formerly a famous place for feasting and sports, and often alluded to by our early writers. "Drink more in two daies then all Manning-tree does at a Whitsunale." *Dekker's Knights Conjuring, p. 38.*
- MANNISH.** (1) Manly. It occurs in *Palsgrave's Acolastus*, 4to. *Lond. 1540.* *Manny*, to approach to manhood.  
(2) Fond of man's flesh. *Palsgrave.*
- MAN-QUELLER.** A destroyer of men.
- MANRED.** Vassalage; dependence. (*A.-S.*)  
Misdoon no messangere for meuske of thiselvyne,  
Sen we are in thy manrede, and mercy the besekes.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 54.*
- MANSBOND.** Slaves. *Langtoft, p. 115.*
- MANSCHPELICHE.** Manfully.  
His lord he served trefeliche,  
In al thing manschpeliche.  
*Guy of Warwick, p. 1.*
- MANSE.** (1) A house, or mansion. (*A.-N.*)  
(2) To curse, or excommunicate.
- MANSIEN.** A kind of cake. *Somerset.* Perhaps from the old word *manchet*, q. v.
- MANSIIP.** Manhood; courage.



**MANSLEARS.** Murderers.  
*Manslears* they wer had most odious.  
*MS. Lamb. 410, f. 70.*

**MAN'S-MOTHERWORT.** The herb *Palma Christi*. It occurs in Gerard.

**MANSUETE.** Gentle. (*A.-N.*) *Mansuete*, gentleness, Old Christmas Carols, p. 20.

**MAN-SWORE.** Forsworn; perjured.

**MANT.** (1) To stutter. *Cumb.*  
 (2) Plan; method; trick?  
 I have effected my purpose in a great many, some by the aliquote parts, and some by the cubitall *mant*, but this soure crab I cannot deale wi h by no method. *Letters on Scient. fic. Subj. etc., p. 105.*

**MANTEL.** A term applied to a hawk, when she stretches one wing along after her leg, and then her other wing.

**MANTELET.** A short mantle. (*A.-N.*)  
 That thay be trapped in gete,  
 Bathe telere and *mantelote*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 134.*

**MANTEL-TREE.** "Mantyl tree of a chimney, *manteau d'une cheminée*," Palsgrave. The same writer spells it *mantry*. A strange phrase, "as melancholy as a mantle-tree," occurs in Wily Beguiled, 1623. Mantle-piece for the chimney-piece is very common.

**MANTLE.** (1) To embrace kindly. *North.*  
 (2) To ape the fine lady. *Line.*  
 (3) To winnow corn. Holme, 1688. Mantlewind, a winnowing machine.  
 (4) To rave about angrily. *Line.*  
 (5) To froth, as beer does, &c. *Erinore.*

**MANTO.** A gown. Properly, a garment made of *manto*, a kind of stuff.

**MANUAL.** The mass-book. (*Lat.*)

**MANURANCE.** Cultivation. It occurs in the Trial of Wits, 4to. Lond. 1604, p. 242.

**MANUS-CHRISTI.** A kind of lozenge.

**MANY.** (1) A late form of *Meiny*, q. v.  
 (2) Much. *West.* The A. S. use.  
 (3) *Many a time and oft*, frequently. *Var. dial.* It occurs in Shakespeare.

**MANYEW.** The mange in dogs.  
 The houndes haveth also another siknesse that is clepid the *manyew*, and that cometh to hem for cause that they be malencolyous. *MS. Bodl. 546.*

**MANY-FOLDS.** The intestines. *North.*

**MAPP.** The same as *Maulkin*, q. v.

**MAPPEN.** Probably; perhaps. *North.*

**MAQUERELLE.** See *Mackerel*.

**MAR.** A small lake. *Northumb.*

**MARA-BALK.** A balk of land. *East.*

**MARACOCK.** The passion-flower.

**MARBLES.** The lues venerea. *Greene.*

**MARBRE.** Marble. (*A.-N.*)  
 A tombe riche for the nonis  
 Of *marbre* and eek of *Jaspre* stonis.  
*Gower, MS. Soc., Antiq. 134, f. 127.*

**MARCI.** (1) A land-mark, or boundary. (2) To border on, or be contiguous to. (*A.-N.*)  
 Hence the marches of Wales, &c. "Marches bytwene two landes, *frontieres*," Palsgrave. *Marcher*, a president of the marches. *Marcher-lords*, the petty rulers who lived on the Welsh borders.

**MARCHALE.** A marshal.

Of a thousande men bi tale  
 He made him ledere and *marchale*.

*Cusor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 43.*

**MARCHALSYE.** Horsemanship.

**MARCHANDYE.** Merchandize.

Sertanly withowte lye,  
 Sum tyme I lyve be *marchandye*,  
 And passe welte ofte the see

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 48*

**MARCH-BIRD.** A frog. *East.*

**MARCHE.** (1) The herb smallage.

(2) Mercia. Chron. Vilodun. p. 2.

**MARCH-HARE.** *As mad as a March hare*, a very common phrase. "As mad not as Marche hare, but as a madde dogge," More's Supplycaeyon of Soulys, sig. C. ii.

Than they begyn to swere and to-stare,

And be as braynles as a *Marche hare*.

*MS. Revelson C. 16.*

As mad as a March hare, where madness compares,

Are not Midsummer hares as mad as March hares?

*Heywood's Epigrammes, 1567, no. 95.*

**MARCHING-WATCH.** A brilliant procession formerly made by the citizens of London at Midsummer. It is fully described by Stowe.

**MARCH-LAND.** An old name for Mercia.

**MARCH-PANE.** "Marchpanes are made of verie little flower, but with addition of greater quantitie of filberds, pine nuts, pistaces, almonds, and rosed sugar," Markham's Country Farme, 1616, p. 585. According to Forby, ii. 208, the term was retained up to a very recent period. Marchpane was a constant article in the desserts of our ancestors. See Ben Jonson, ii. 295; Topsell's Serpents, p. 165; Warner's Antiq. Culin. p. 103; Harrison's England, p. 167; Florio, p. 134.

As to surresse by message sad,

The feast for which they all have had

their *march-pane* dream so long,

*Songs of the London Prentices, p. 31.*

**MARDLE.** (1) To gossip. *East.*

(2) A pond for cattle. *Suffolk.*

**MARE.** (1) An imp, or demon; a hag. "Yond harlot and mare," Towneley Mysteries, p. 198. It was often a term of contempt. See *Meer* in Brockett, p. 201.

And shame hyt ys aywhare

To be kalle a pre-tes *mare*.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 53.*

(2) To win the *mare* or *iose* the halter, to play double or quits.

(3) The sport of *craying the mare* has been already mentioned. It is thus more particularly described in Blount's Glossographia, ed. 1681, p. 398:—"To cry the mare is an ancient custom in Herefordshire, viz. when each husbandman is reaping the last of his corn, the workmen leave a few blades standing, and tie the tops of them together, which is the mare, and then stand at a distance and throw their sickles at it, and he that cuts the knot has the prize; which done, they cry with a loud voice, I have her, I have her, I have her. Others answer, What have you, what have you, what have you? A mare, a mare, a

mare. Whose is she, whose is she, whose is she? J. B. (naming the owner three times). Whither will you send her? To John-a-Nokes, (naming some neighbor who has not all his corn reapt). Then they all shout three times, and so the ceremony ends with good cheer. In Yorkshire upon like occasion they have a Harvest Dame, in Bedfordshire a Jack and a Gill."

**MAREFART.** The herb yellow ragwort.

**MAREIS.** A marsh. (*J.-N.*) "Maresh grounds," Holinshed, *Hist. England*, i. 55; *maresse*, Hall, Richard III. f. 33; *mareys*, W. Mapes, p. 351; Maundevice, p. 130; *marise*, Harrison's *England*, p. 166; Brit. Bibl. iv. 70.

The mosse and the *marresse*, the mountez so hie.  
*Morte Arthur*, MS. Lincoln, f. 74.

**MARE'S-FAT.** *Inula dysenterica*, Lin.

**MARE'S-TAILS.** Long, narrow, and irregular clouds, of a dark colour. *Var. dial.*

**MARET.** Merit; deserving conduct.

Thaj he syng and say no mas the pre t unwothele.  
Both your *marret* and your made in heven 3e schul have,  
Fore God hath grauntyd of his grace be his auctoreté,  
Be he never so synful youre soulys may he save,  
*Andelap's Poems*, p. 44

**MARGAN.** The stinking camomile.

**MARGARETTIN.** Same as *Malygetin*, q. v.

**MARGARITE.** A pearl. (*J.-N.*) A "margery perl" is mentioned in *Fr. Parv.* p. 214.

No man right honorable, findeth a precious stone, bearing the splendor of any rich *margarite*, but straigh hasteth unto the best lapidiste, whose happy allowance therof begetteth a rare affectation, and inestimable valew of the gem.  
*Huyton's Brevium Geodesicorum*, 1614.

**MARGARITON.** A legendary Trojan hero, frequently alluded to. See *Nares*.

**MARGE.** A margin. See Johnson. *Margent*, now a common vulgarism, is sanctioned by our best writers.

**MARGERIE-HOULET.** An owl. Kennett MS.

**MARGINAL-FINGER.** The index mark.

**MARGIT.** Margaret. *North*.

**MARGTHE.** Marrow. *Nominale MS.* *Marie* is the form used by Chaucer.

**MARICHE.** A disease of the matrix. A certain receptacle in the matrix is termed *marveys* in MS. Addit. 12195, f. 158.

**MARIOLE.** Little Mary. *Hearne*.

**MARK.** (1) A hawk is said to *keep her mark*, when she waits at the place where she lays game, until she be retrieved.

(2) A coin worth thirteen shillings and 4d.

(3) Dark. Tundale's *Visions*, p. 13.

The nyght waxed soon black as pycke,  
Then was the miste bothe *marke* and thyeke,  
*MS. Cantab.* Fl. ii. 39, f. 201.

(4) A wide gutter. *Devon*.

**MARK-BOY.** A lad employed by gamblers to mark the scores.

**MARKE.** Mars. The reading in MS. Douce 291 is "Mars." The whole chapter is omitted in MS. Digby 233.

Right so thos that bene ordeynyd to the werk of *Marke*, that is god of bataile.

*Vegecius*, MS. Laud. 416, f. 241.

**MARKEL.** A kind of night-cap.

**MARKES.** A marquis. Ord. and Reg. p. 12. *Markisesse*, the wife of a marquis.

**MARKET-BETER.** A swaggerer. See Tyrwhitt's Gl. p. 151. A person in a cozy, comfortable, merry humour, is said in Worcestershire to be *market-pearl*. *Market-fresh*, on the verge of intoxication. *Salop. Antiq.* p. 199. *Market-merry*, tipsy.

**MARKET-PLACE.** The front teeth. *Line*.

**MARKETS.** Marketings; things bought at markets. *Yorksh.*

**MARKET-STEDE.** A market-place. (*A.-S.*)

**MARL.** (1) Marvel. See Middleton, iii. 390. Still in use in Exmoor.

And such an I, I slight your proud commands;  
I *marle* who put a bow into your hands.  
*Randolph's Poems*, 1643, p. 19.

(2) "To dresse any maner of fish with vinegar to be eaten colde, which at Southampton they call *marling* of fish," Florio, ed. 1598, p. 3.

(3) To manure with marl. See Florio, p. 111; Lambard's *Perambulation*, 1596, p. 445.

(4) To ravel, as silk, &c. *Devon*.

**MARLION.** The merlin hawk. See Harrison's *England*, p. 227; *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 81.

**MARLOCK.** (1) A fool. *Yorksh.*

(2) A frolic, gambol, or vagary. *North*.

**MARM.** A jelly. *Kent*.

**MARMIT.** A pot with hooks at the side.

**MARMOL.** The same as *Mormual*, q. v.

**MARMOSET.** A kind of monkey. *Mare mussett*, Chester Plays, i. 244.

**MAROT.** A nipple. (*A.-N.*)

**MARQUEESSE.** Marchioness. *Shak*.

**MARR.** To spoil a child; to soil or dirty anything. *Palsgrave*.

**MARRAM.** The sea reed-grass. *Norf.*

**MARRET.** A marsh, or bog. *North*.

**MARRIABLE.** Marriageable. *Palsgrave*.

**MARROQUIN.** Goat's leather. (*Fr.*)

**MARROW.** (1) A companion, or friend; a mate or lover. See Ben Jonson, vii. 406. "Porousbondes that had no *marowes*," Huntting of the Hare, 247. "A marrow in Yorkshire a fellow or companion, and the relative term in Paris, as one glove or shoe is or is not marrow to another," MS. Lansd. 1033.

(2) A kind of sausage. *Westm.*

(3) Similar; suitable; uniform. *North*.

**MARROW-BONES.** The knees. *To bring any one down on his marrow-bones*, to make him beg pardon on his knees. *Marrow-bones and cleavers*, important instruments in rough music, performed by butchers on the occasion of marriages, &c.

**MARROWLESS.** Matchless. *North*.

**MARRUBE.** Lavender cotton.

**MARRY.** An interj. equivalent to, indeed! *Marry on us, marry come up, marry come out*, interjections given by Brockett. *Marry and shall*, that I will! *Marry come up, my diercy*

- cousin*, a saying addressed to any one who affects excessive delicacy. "*Magna*, marry gip sir, true Roger," Cotgrave. Here *marry gip* seems to mean an affirmation, but Gifford says it is a phrase of contempt. See Lilly, ed. 1632, sig. Z. x. "By Mary Gippy." Skelton, i. 419. "*Marry*, verily, truly," MS Lansd. 1033. *Marry muff*, nonsense.
- MARSHALL.** The *marshall of the hall* was the person who, at public festivals, placed every person according to his rank. It was his duty also to preserve peace and order. The *marshall of the field*, one who presided over any out-door game.
- MARSHALSEA-MONEY.** The county-rate. *East*. It is nearly obsolete.
- MARSI.** Mercy.  
A man without *marsi* no *marsi* shall have,  
In tyme of ned when he dothe it crave,  
But all his lyve go lick a slave.  
*MS. Ashmole 46*
- MART.** (1) Lard. *South*.  
(2) Mars. Also, war. *Spenser*.  
(3) To sell, or traffic. See Todd. *Martner*, one who marts, Florio, p. 54.  
(4) An ox or cow killed at Martinmas, and dried for winter use. *North*. "Biefe salted, dried up in the chimney, Martlemas biefe," *Hollyband's Dictionary*, 1593.
- MARTE.** Wonders; marvels. (*A.-S.*)
- MARTEL.** To hammer. *Spenser*.
- MARTERNS.** The fur of a martin. See Test. *Vetusta*, p. 658. *Marterons tawed*, Booke of Rates, 1545. In an inventory printed in the *Archæologia*, xxx. 17, mention is made of "an olde eascock of satten, edged with *matrons*."  
Ne *martryn*, ne sabil, y trowe, in god fay,  
Was none founden in hire garnement.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 25.*
- MARTIALIST.** A martial man; a soldier. See Dekker's Knight's Conjuring, p. 70.
- MARTILL.** A marten. Topsell's Beasts, p. 491.
- MARTIN.** A spayed heifer. MS. Gough (Oxon) 46. See *Free-Martin*.
- MARTIN'S-HAMMER.** "She has had Martin's-hammer knocking at her wicket," said of a woman who has twins.
- MARTIN'S-RINGS.** St. Martin's rings were imitation of gold ones, made with copper and gilt. They may have been so called from the makers or venders of them residing within the collegiate church of St. Martin's-le-Grand. See *Archæologia*, xviii. 55; and Brand's *Pop. Antiq.* ii. 60.
- MARTIRE.** To torment. (*A.-N.*) *Martyrd*, spoilt, Erle of Tolous, 1110.  
To mete hym in the mountes, and *mar tyre* hys knyghtes,  
Stryke theme doune in strates and struye theme fore evere. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 59.*
- MARTLEMAS.** Martinmas. *North*.
- MARTRONE.** The marten. See *Marterns*. Spelt *martryns* in *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 295.
- MARVEDI.** A very small Spanish coin, thirty-four to a sixpence.
- MARVEL.** The herb boarhound.
- MARVELS.** Marbles. *Suffolk*.
- MARWE.** Marrow. *Nominales MS.* "Mary in a bone, *mouelle*," Palsgrave; *mary-bone*, Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 165; Collier's Old Ballads, p. 69.  
The grece of the fox and the *mary* be good for the hardyng of the synowes. *MS. Bodl. 546*
- MARY-MAS.** The Annunciation B. V.
- MARYN.** The sea-coast. (*A.-N.*)
- MAS.** (1) Master.  
(2) A mace, or club. (*A.-N.*)  
(3) Makes. Perceval, 1086.  
Thou pynnyst hyt on, grete yoye thou *mas*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 46.*  
We wol se for what resoun  
That he suche baptizing *mas*,  
And whether he be Messias.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 79.*  
Arghnes also me thinke is harde,  
For that *mas* a maad a cowarde.  
*MS. Sloan. 1765, f. 53.*
- MASCAL.** A caterpillar. *Devon*. "Mascale et maltscale, a palmer-worm," MS. Gloss.
- MASCLE.** Male. Stamihurst, p. 19.  
Nathes comuneliche hure moste love is the monethe of Janver, and yn that monethe thei renne fastest of eny tyme of the 3eer bothe *mascle* and femel.  
*MS. Bodl. 546.*
- MASE.** (1) To be confounded; to doubt. Still in use, to turn giddy. Also, a substantive, amazement. "A mazed man, an idiot," *Devon*. *Mazy pack*, the parish fool. *Maze-lins*, silly persons, *Cumb.* "Maze Jerry Pattick, mad simpleton," Cornwall Gl.  
Here the people are set in a wonderfull *maze* and astonishment, as if witches could plague men in their wrath, by sending their spirits, because they confesse they did it, when their spirits do lye and had no power, but the torments came by natural causes. *Gifford's Dialogue on Witches, 1693.*
- (2) A wild fancy. *Chaucer*.
- MASEDERE.** More amazed (*A.-N.*)
- MASEDNESSE.** Astonishment; confusion.
- MASELIN.** A kind of drinking-cup, sometimes made of maslin or brass, a metal mentioned in Gy of Warwike, p. 421, "bras, *maslyn*, yren and stel."  
Tables, clothes, bred and wine,  
Plater, disse, cop and *maseline*.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 257.*  
iiij. c. cuppys of golde fyne,  
And as many of *maskyn*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 122.*  
Take a quarte of gnod wyne, and do it in a cleue *maselyn* panne, and do therto an ownee of salgemme.  
*MS. Med. Rec. xv. Cent.*
- MASER.** A hawl, or goblet. Tyrwhitt seems to make it synonymous with *maselin*. Cotgrave has, "*Jadeau*, a bowle or mazer." Masers made of hard wood, and richly carved and ornamented, were formerly much esteemed. Randolph, Poems, p. 92, speaks of "carv'd mazers." Davies, Ancient Rites of Durham, ed. 1672, pp. 126-7, mentions several mazers; one "largely and finely edg'd about with silver, and double-gilt with gold;" another, "the outside whereof was of black mazer, and the

inside of silver, double-gilt, the edge finely wrought round about with silver, and double-gilt." The maser was generally of a large size. "*Trulla*, a great cuppe, brode and deepe, suche as great masers were wont to bee," Cooper, ed. 1559. "A mazer, or broad piece to drinke in," Baret, 1580. Mazer wood is said to be maple.

Off lanycolle thou shall prove,  
That is a cuppe to my behove,  
Off *maser* it is ful cene.

*MS Cantab* Ff. v. 48, f. 50.

MASH. (1) A preparation for a horse, generally made of malt and bran. *Var. dial.* "A com-mixture, a masl," Florio, p. 111.

(2) To act furiously. *Line.*

(3) A marsh; fen land. *Var. dial.*

MASHIELTON. The same as *Maslin*, q. v.

MASHES. A great deal. *Corru.*

MASH-FAT. The vat which contains the malt in brewing. It is stirred up with a mash-staff, formerly called a mashel or masherel. *Masfattus*, Reliq. Antiq. i. 86. *Maskefatte*, Nominale MS.

MASH-MORTAR. All to pieces. *West.*

MASIDNESSE. Astonishment. *Palsgrave.*

MASK. To infuse. *North.*

MASKEDE. Bewildered. (*A.-S.*) Still in use, spelt *maskerd*, and explained, choked up, stupefied, stilled.

MASKEL. A kind of lace. The method of making it is described in a very curious tract on laces of the fifteenth century in MS. Harl. 2320, f. 62.

MASKELIN. A masking, or disguising. *Maskery*, *ibid.* *Masculer*, a masker.

MASKERD. Decayed. *North.*

MASKIN. An abbreviation of *Mass*. Still in use. See Craven Gl. i. 312. *Matkins*, London Prodigal, p. 18.

MASKS. Mashes; meshes. *Park.*

MASLIN. Mixed corn. *North.* It is generally made of wheat and rye.

But alleonly of wete,  
The *maslyne* shul men lete.

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 67.

I say nor cow, nor wheate, nor *maslyne*,  
For cow is sorry for her castlyn.

*Men Menaces* 1656, p. 6.

MASNEL. A mace, or club.

With an uge *masnel*  
Beves a hite on the helm of stel.  
That Beves of Hamtoun, veraiment,  
Was astoned of the dent.

*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 163.

MASONER. A bricklayer. *Leic.* "A mason-schype, *petronius*," Nominale MS.

MASSELADE. A dish in ancient cookery, described in MS. Sloane 1201, f. 38.

MASSELGEM. The same as *Maslin*, q. v.

MASSER. (1) A mercer. *Lanc.*

(2) A privy, or jakes. *Somerset.*

MASSING. Belonging to the mass. Holmshed, Chron. Ireland, p. 177.

MAST. "Of wax a mast," a tall wax candle. And brought with hym of wax a *mast*.

*Chron. Filodun*, p. 90.

MASTED. Fattened, as pigs are with mast, &c. See Prompt. Parv. p. 151.

MASTER. (1) Husband. *Var. dial.*

(2) The jack at the game of bowls.

MASTERDOM. Dominion; rule. *Masterful*, imperious, commanding.

MASTER-TAIL. The left handle of a plough.

MASTERY. A masterly operation. So the finding the grand elixir was called.

MASTIEDE. Majesty. This occurs in MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii.

MASTICOT. The mastie gum.

MASTY. (1) A mastiff. *North.* "To lead a masty dog," Hobson's Jests, p. 11. *Masty currs*, Du Bartas, p. 46.

(2) Very large and big. *Line.* Possibly connected with *Masted*, q. v.

MASYE. Confounded; stupefied.

Alas! for syth and sorow sad,  
Mornyng makes me *masye* and mad.

*Croft's Excerpta Antiqua*, p. 167.

MAT. May. Songs and Carols, xv.

MATACHIN. A dance of fools, or persons fantastically dressed, who performed various movements, having swords and bucklers with which they made a clashing noise.

MATCH. The wick of a candle.

MATCHILY. Exactly alike. Kennett says, "mightily, greatly, extremely." *Norf.* In Lincolnshire, when things are equal or alike, they say they are *matleg* or *matler*.

MATE. To stupefy, confound, puzzle, defeat, deject, or terrify. "He wase ny mate," i. e. confounded, Torrent, p. 29. *Matesye*, state of confusion. Hardyng, f. 96.

MATERE. The matrix or womb.

MATEFELON. The herb knap-weed.

MATH. A mowing. *Somerset.*

MATHEBRU. A kind of wine, mentioned in a list in MS. Rawl. C. 86.

MATHEN.

N. w hadde al tho theves hethen  
Ben to-frust doun to *mathen*.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 300.

For he lete Cristen wedde hathen,  
And meynt our blod as flesche and *mathen*.

*Ibid.* p. 19.

MATHER. The great ox-eyed daisy.

MATHUM. A fool or changeling. *Westm.*

MATRES. A kind of rich cloth.

MATRIMONY. A wife. (*Lat.*)

MATTER. (1) To approve of. *North.* Mr. Scatcherd gives exactly the opposite sense.

(2) To burst, as a sore does.

(3) *A matter of*, about. *What is the matter of your age*, how old are you. *No great matters*, no great quantity; not very well.

MATTHEW-GLIN. An old comical term for metheglin, mentioned by Taylor.

MATTRESS. "Mattresse for a crossbowe, *martelas*," Palsgrave.

MATTY. Matted; twisted. *Var. dial.*

MATWOURTH. The herb spragus.

MAUD. A plaid worn by Cheviot shepherds.

MAU DLIN-DRUNK. Said of persons who weep when tipsy. "Some maudlin drunken

- were, and wept full sore," Yorkshire Ale, 1697, p. 8.  
The fifth is *mawden dronke*; when a fellowe will weepe for kindnes in the midst of his ale, and kisse you, saying, By God, captaine, I love thee.  
*Nash's Pierce Pennilesse*, 1592.
- MAUDLIN-FAIR. A great uproar. *North*.
- MAUDRING. Mumbling. *Kent*.
- MAUG. A brother-in-law. *North*.
- MAUGHT. Might. *Gy of Warwike*, p. 188.
- MAUGRE. In spite of. (*A.-N.*) As a substantive, misfortune. A verb, to defy, Webster's Works, ii. 175.  
That sille he, *mau cō* his tethe,  
For alle his gret aray e. *MS. Lincoln A* i. 17, f. 132.  
Je, seid the kyng, be my leute,  
And ellis have I mycul *mauge*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff.* v. 43, f. 50.
- MAUKY. Maggoty; whimsical. *Mauky-headed*, *ibid.* *North*.
- MAUL. (1) A mallow. (2) A moth. *North*.  
(3) Clavey, sticky soil. *East*.  
(4) A hammer or mallet. *Var. dial.*
- MAULARD. A drake, or mallard.  
And with a holt afterward,  
Anon he hitt a *maulard*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 154.
- MAULES. The measles. *Somerset*.
- MAULKIN. A cloth, usually wetted and attached to a pole, to sweep clean a baker's oven. This word occurs in the dictionaries of Hollyband and Miege, and is still in use in the West of England.
- MAULMY. Clammy; sticky. *East*. Probably the same as *Mauin* (1).
- MAUM. (1) Soft; mellow. *MS. Lansd.* 1033.  
(2) Sedate; peaceable; quiet. *North*.  
(3) A soft brittle stone. *Oxon*.
- MAUMET. An idol; a puppet. *Mawnetric*, idolatry. From *Mahomet*. *Mawments*, puppets, trifles. *North*.
- MAUNCE. A blunder; a dilemma. *North*.
- MAUNCHES. The sleeves of a coat.
- MAUND. (1) To command. *Maundement*, a commandment. (*A.-N.*)  
The king *maunded* him her strayght to marry,  
And for killyng her brother he must dye.  
*2d Part of Promos and Cassandra*, iv. 2.  
(2) To beg. An old cant term. *Mawnding*, asking. Dekker's *Lanthorne and Candle-Light*, ed. 1620, sig. C. ii.  
(3) A basket. "A maund or huteh," Florio, p. 5. Still in use. Kennett describes it, "a handbasket with two lids or opening covers, chiefly used by market-women to carry butter and eggs; a maund of merchandise in the Book of Rates is a large hamper containing eight bales or two fats."
- MAUNDER. (1) A beggar. See *Mauul* (2). Still in use, according to Pegge.  
The devill (like a brave *maunder*) was rid a begging himselfe, and wanted money.  
*Routley's Search for Money*, 1669.  
(2) To mutter, or grumble; to wander about thoughtfully; to wander in talking.
- MAUNDREL. A pickaxe sharpened at each end. Howell, 1660, sect. 51.  
ii.
- MAUNDY. Abusive; saucy. *Glouc.*
- MAUNDY-THURSDAY. The day of Christ's commandment on instituting the Lord's Supper. See Hampson, ii. 265.
- MAUNGE. To gormandize. *Line*.
- MAUNSE. Threatening. *Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 54.
- MAUNT. My annt! *North*.
- MAUP. To mope about stupidly. *Maups*, a silly fellow. *North*.
- MAUT. May; can; might. *North*.
- MAUTHER. A girl. *East*. The term is used by Ben Jonson, and others.
- MAUTHERN. The ox-eyed daisy. *W. Us.*
- MAVEIS. Bad; wicked. *Hearne*.
- MAVIN. The margin. *Susse.*
- MAVIS. The singing thrush. See Ray's *Diet. Tril.* p. 29. Still in use.  
Crows, poppingays, pyes, peckocks, and *maues*.  
*Ashmole's Theat. Chem. Brit.* 1652, p. 113.
- MAVORTIAL. Martial.
- MAW-BOUND. Costive. *Chesh.* Evidently from *maw*, the stomach. (*A.-S.*)
- MAWE. An old game at cards. It was played with a piquet pack of thirty-six cards, and any number of persons from two to six formed the party.
- MAWKS. A slattern. *Var. dial.*
- MAWL. "To make dirty; to cover with dirt. e. g. when persons are walking along a muddy road, they will say, What *mawling* work it is; and when they arrive at their journey's end, their friends are very likely to say of them, that they are quite *mawled* up." *MS. Glossary of Lincolnshire Words* by the Rev. James Adcock. "Malde up in shame," covered up in shame. First Sketches of Henry VI. p. 91, where the amended play reads *maw'd up*. I added in a note, "from the spelling of the word in our text, it seems to be a question whether *maw'd* is not the true reading, at least of the old play." Mr. Dyce, in his Remarks, p. 128, chooses to construe this explanation of the older text into an absurd conjectural emendation of my own. *Mawled* is, however, most certainly the correct reading. "Mayling-clothes," cloths for wrappers, Privy Purse Expences of Henry VIII. p. 159.
- MAWMENEE. A dish in ancient cookery, described in the *Forme of Cury*, p. 19; *MS. Sloane* 1201, f. 24; Warner's *Antiq. Culin.* p. 76; *Ord. and Reg.* pp. 430, 455.
- MAWN. Peat. *Heref.*
- MAWPUSES. Money. *Line*.
- MAWROLL. The white-horshound.
- MAWSEY. Soft and tasteless. *Worc.*
- MAWSKIN. The stomach of a calf, when prepared for rennet. *Var. dial.*
- MAWTH. The herb dog's-fennel.
- MAW-WALLOP. Any filthy mess.
- MAXEL. A dunghill. *Keat.* Sometimes *maxon*, a form of *maxen*.
- MAY. (1) The blossom of the white-thorn. *As welcome as flowers in May*, heartily welcome. "As mery as flowres in May," *MS. Cantab. Ff.* v. 48, f. 111.

(2) Maid. A common poetical word.

(3) A maze. *Somerset*.

(4) This proverb is still common :

For who that doth not whenne he may,  
Whenne he wolde hit wol be nay.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Col. Trin. Cantab. f. 142.*

MAY-BE. Perhaps. *Var. dial.*

MAY-BEETLE. The cockchafer. *Oxon.* It is also called the May-bug.

MAY-BLOSSOMS. The lily of the valley.

MAY-BUSH. The white-thorn. *Var. dial.*

MAY-DAY. The first of May. It was formerly customary to assemble in the fields early on this day, to welcome the return of spring. Many sports were rife on this occasion.

MAYDEWODE. The herb dog's-fennel.

MAY-GAME. A frolic; a trifle, or jest. A may-game person, a tritler, now often corrupted to *make-game*. The expression occurs in Holinshed, *Chron. Ireland*, p. 79. "A may-game or simpleton," *West. and Cumb. Dial.* p. 370.

MAYHAP. Perhaps. *Var. dial.*

MAYMOT. Maimed. (*A.-S.*)

The pore and the maymot for to clothe and fede,  
*Chron. F. & Dan.*, p. 31.

And crokette and maymotte fatton thare hurre hele.  
*Ibid.*, p. 66.

MAYNE. To manage. (*A.-N.*)

MAYNEFERE. That part of the armour which covered the mane of a horse. It is mentioned in Hall, Henry IV. f. 12. *mainferres*.

MAYNPURNOÛRE. One who gives bail or mainprise for another person.

Whan Cryste schall schewe hys woundys wete,  
Than Marye be oure *maynpurvoire!*  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 5.*

MAY-POLE. An ale-stake. *Coles*.

MAY-WEED. The feverfew. *Var. dial.*

MAZE. A labyrinth ent or trodden on the turf, generally by schoolboys. I have seen one recently on a hill near Winchester, but the practice is nearly obsolete. "The quaint mazes in the wanton green," Shakespeare.

MAZLE. To wander as if stupefied. *Cumb.*

MAZZARD. (1) The head. Sometimes corrupted to *mazer*. Still in use.

Where thou might'st stickle, without hazard  
Of outrage to thy hide and mazzard.  
*Hudibras*, l. ii. 708.

(2) A kind of cherry. *Var. dial.* It is in good esteem for making cherry-brandy.

MAZZARDLY. Knotty. *Somerset*.

ME. (1) Men. *Weber*.

(2) Often used redundantly by our old writers. See Johnson and Nares.

MEACOCK. A silly effeminate fellow.

And shall I then being fed with this hope prove  
such a *meacock*, or a milkesop, as to be feared with  
the tempestuous seas of adversitye.

*Greene's Gorydonius*, 1593.

Having thus a love beside her husband, although  
hee was a faire man and well featured, yet she found  
fault with him, because he was a *meacock* and  
milksoppe, not daring to drawe his sword to re-  
venge her wrongs; wherefore she resolved to enter-  
taine some souldier; and so she did; for one Signyer  
Lamberto, a brave gentleman, but something hard

face, sought her favour and found it, and him she  
entertained for her champion.

*Newses out of Purgatorie*, 1590.

MEADER. A mower. *Corruv.*

MEAD-MONTH. July. So called because it is the season for mowing.

MEADOW. A field shut up for hay, in distinction to a pasture. *Yorksh.*

MEAK. The same as *Make* (2). It is spelt *meak* by Tusser, p. 14; *meeck*, Howard, Household Books, p. 113.

MEAKER. The minnow. *Devon.*

MEAKING. Poorly; drooping. *West.*

MEAL. (1) The milk of a cow produced at one and the same milking. *North.*

(2) A sand heap. *Norfolk.*

(3) A speck or spot. *Westm.*

(4) *Meal-bread*, bread made of good wheat, ground and not sifted. *Meal-poke*, a meal-bag, Robin Hood, i. 98. *Meal-kail*, hasty pudding. *Meal-mouthed*, delicate mouthed, using delicate language. *Meal-seeds*, the husks of the oats. *Meal-time*, dinner time.

(5) To melt. *Becon.*

MEAL'S-MEAT. Meat enough for a meal. Forby has *Meal's-rixtuak*. See, ii. 212.

MEAN. (1) To moan, or lament. *Shak.* Sometimes in a supplicatory manner, as in Chester Plays, i. 209.

(2) To signify, or matter. *Yorksh.*

(3) To beckon or indicate. *West.*

(4) A female who advocates any cause.

(5) A term in music. "Meane a parte of a songe, *moyen*," Palsgrave. According to Blount, "an inner part between the treble and base." *Glossographia*, ed. 1681, p. 404.

Thi organys so hihe begynne to syng ther messe,  
With treble *meene* and tenor discording as I gesse.

*Lydgate's Minor Poems*, p. 54.

(6) To go lamely. *North.*

MEANELICHE. Moderate. (*A.-S.*)

MEANELS. Spots called flea-bites in white-coloured horses. *North.*

MEANEVERS. Meanwhile. *Salop.*

MEANING. An indication, or hint. *East.*

MEAN-WATER. When cattle void blood, they are said to make a mean-water. *Staff.*

MEAR. To measure. *Somerset.*

MEARLEW-MUSE. "Agius, blessings and crossings which the papistieall priests doe use in their holy water, to make a *mearlewe muse*,"—Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593.

MEASLED. Diseased, as hogs. *Var. dial.*

MEASLINGS. The measles. *East.* Skinner gives *meslings*, a Lincolnshire word.

MEASURE. (1) A slow solemn dance, suited even to the most grave persons. It is the translation of *bransle* in the French Alphabet, 1615, p. 150.

(2) A Winchester bushel of corn.

(3) A vein or layer of ore. MS. Lansd. 1033.

MEASURING-CAST. A term at the game of bowls, meaning that two bowls are at such equal distances from the mistress that the spaces must be measured in order to determine who is the winner. It is used metaphorically.

MEAT. (1) Food for cattle. (2) To feed. *Meat-ware*, beans, peas, &c. *West*.  
 MEATCHLEY. Perfectly well. *South*.  
 MEAT-EARTH. Cultivated land. *Decon*.  
 MEATH. (1) Metheglin. Ben Jonson, v. 15.  
 (2) "A word frequent in Lincolnshire, as, *I give thee the meath of the buying*, I give you the option, or let you have the refusal," MS. Lansd. 1033.  
 MEAT-LIST. Appetite. *Devon*. The Craven Glossary gives *meat-haal*, i. 316.  
 MEATLY. Tolerably. *Leland*.  
 MEAT-WARD-PEAS. Dry peas that boil tender and soft. Dean Milles' MS.  
 MEATY. Fleishy, as cattle. *West*.  
 MEAWT. To think; to imagine. *Yorksh*.  
 MEAZE. The form of a hare.  
 MEAZLE. (1) A sow. *Ermoor*. It is also a common term of contempt.  
 (2) "A meazell or blister growing on trees," Florio, ed. 1611, p. 97.  
 MEAZON. Mice. *Suffolk*.  
 MEBBY-SCALES. To be in the meby-by-scales, i. e. to waver between two opinions. The *may-be* scales?  
 MEBLES. Moveable goods. (*A.-N.*)  
 MECHALL. Wicked; adulterous. Heywood has *mechall*, altered by editor to *nickle!* See Nares, in v. *Michall*.  
 MECHE. A kind of lamp. "*Lichinus*, a meche," Nominale MS.  
 MECREDE. Reward. (*A.-N.*)  
 In hope of suche a glad *mecrede*,  
 Whiche aftir schalle bifalle in dede.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 139.  
 MED. May. *I. Wight*.  
 MEDDLE. (1) To mix together. Hence it is occasionally used for *fituo*.  
 Thus *medlyde* sche with joy wo,  
 And with hyre sorwe joy alle so.  
*Gower, MS. Cantab.* Ff. 1. 6, f. 2.  
 (2) *To neither meddle or make*, not to interfere, *To meddle or make*, to interfere, Merry Wives of Windsor, i. 4.  
 MEDE. (1) A reward. (*A.-S.*) *Medefully*, deservedly, Apol. Loll. p. 25. Palsgrave has *medefulaess*.  
 Sertanty, as I the telle,  
 He wille take no *mede*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 49.  
 (2) Humble. R. de Brunne, MS. Bowes.  
 MEDEST. Midst. Chester Plays, ii. 36.  
 MEDETARDE. Mead cress.  
 MEDING. Meed, or reward. (*A.-S.*)  
 MEDIN-HILLS. Dung-hills.  
 And like unto great stinkyng mucle *medin-hilles*,  
 whiche never do pleasure unto the lande or grounde,  
 untill their heapes are caste abroad to the profites  
 of many. *Bullein's Dialogue*, 1573, p. 7.  
 MEDLAY. Multitude. *Weber*.  
 MEDLE. A medlar?  
 A sat and dined in a wede,  
 Under a faire *medle* tre.  
*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 52.  
 MEDLEE. Of a mixed stuff, or colour.  
 MEDRATELE. The herb *germandria*. See a list of plants in MS. Sloane 5, f. 5.

MEDSINE. Medecine. *Lydgate*.  
 MEDWE. A meadow or lawn.  
 MED-WURT. The herb *regina*.  
 MEDYLSOMES. The cords or traces extending from the first to the last of a team of oxen in a plough.  
 MEDYOXES. Masks divided by the middle, half man half skeleton. (*Lat.*)  
 MEECH. To creep about softly. *Kent*. Sometimes *meecher*. See *Mich*.  
 MEEDLES. The wild orach.  
 MEEDLESS. Unruly; tiresome. *North*.  
 "Without measure," Hallamsh. Gloss. p. 116.  
 MEEF. To move. Cov. Myst. p. 243.  
 MEE-FLOOR. At Wednesbury in Staffordshire in the nether-coal, the second parting or laming is called the mee-floor, one foot thick.  
 MEELE. To meddle. *Devon*.  
 MEEENE. Poor; moderate; middle.  
 MEENING. A little shivering or imperfect fit of an ague. *Kent*.  
 MEEON. "Anything enjoyed between two," Hunter's Hallamsh. Gl. p. 155.  
 MEER. (1) A mare. *North*.  
 (2) A cooked kidney. *Yorksh*.  
 (3) *Meer cot*, a country clown. *Meer cit*, a citizen ignorant of rural matters.  
 (4) A boundary. A balk of land which Kennett terms a *meer walk*, is so called in Gloucestershire. "An auncient meere or bound whereby land from land and house from house have beene divided," Cotgrave in v. *Sangle*. Hulot has *merestafe*, 1552. "*Meer-stakes*, the trees or pollards that stand as marks or boundaries for the division of parts and pareels in coppices or woods," MS. Lansd. 1033. *Meer-stone*, a boundary stone, Stanilhurst, p. 48, called a *meer-stang* in Westmoreland. Harrison, p. 234, mentions a kind of stone called *meere-stone*.  
 (5) "Meer is a measure of 29 yards in the low peak of Darbyshire, and 31 in the high," Blount's Glossographia, ed. 1681, p. 410.  
 MEESE. A mead, field, or pasture. A certain toft or *meese* place, Carlisle's Accounts of Charities, p. 297.  
 MEET. Even. See Tarlton's Jests, p. 14; Middleton, iii. 262. Still in use. *Meets*. Palmer's Gloss. p. 63. *To meet with*, to be even with, to counteract.  
 MEETERLY. Tolerably; handsomely; modestly; indifferently. *North*. Meetelie, tolerably, Holinshed, Hist. of England, i. 54.  
 MEETINER. A dissenter, one who frequents a meeting-house. *East*.  
 MEET-NOW. Just now. *North*.  
 MEEVERLY. Easily; slowly. *Yorksh*.  
 MEG. The mark pitched at in playing the game of quoits. *West*.  
 MEGGY-MONNY-LEGS. The millepes. *North*.  
 MEG-HARRY. A rough hoyden girl. *Lanc*.  
 MEGIOWLER. A large moth. *Cornu*.  
 MEGRIMS. Whims; fancies; bad spirits. *West*. Perhaps from the disease so called. "*Megre*, a sicknesse, *maigre*," Palsgrave.

As touching the diseases incident to martialistes, they be tertian fevers, jaundice, phrensies, hot agewes, inflammations, bloodie flux, *megrimes*.  
*Green's Planetomachia*, 1565, f. 11.  
A fervent *mygreyn* was in the rytt syde of hurri hedde.  
*Chron. Filodun.*, p. 12.

**MEG-WITH-THE-WAD.** The ignis-fatuus.

**MEHCHE.** A fellow, or companion.

**MEIGNTENAUNT.** Immediately. (*A.-N.*)

**MEINT.** Mixed; mingled. (*A.-S.*)

This white dove with here yeu meke,  
Whose chekes were hir beauté for to eke,  
With lylhes *meynt* and freshe rooses rede.

*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 9.*

**MEINY.** A company of followers, or household attendants; an army. (*A.-N.*) Still in use in the North of England. "Meiny, a family,"

Kennett, *MS. Lansd.* 1033.

He had with hym a *meyne* there,  
As he had ellys where,  
Of the rounde table the kynghtes alle,  
With myrth and joye yn hys halle.

*MS. Rawlinson C. 86.*

Marrok thocht utturly  
To do the queene a velanye,  
Hys luste for to fulfyll;  
He ordeygnyd hym a companye  
Of hys owne *meynye*,

That wolde assente hym tulle.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 73.*

**MEITCH.** To measure; to compare. *North.*

**MEKE.** To become meek. (*A.-S.*) *Mekehede*, meekness. *Mekeliche*, meekly. *Mekusly*, Audelay, p. 30.

**MEKILNESSE.** Bigness. *Mekil*, much, great. After this ther com apooe thame thane a grete multitude of swyne, that ware alle of a wonderfulle *mekilnesse*, with tuskes of a cubett lenth.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 23.*

Syr, sche seyde, yf ye wylle wytt,  
My name at home ys Margaret,  
V swere be God a vowe!

Here have y *mekylle* grefe,  
Helpe me now at my myschefe,  
At some towne that y were.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 74.*

**MELANCHOLY.** Used to describe every form of insanity. Hallamsh. Gloss. p. 65.

**MELCH.** Mild; soft. *North.* Also, damp, drizzling, foggy.

**MELDER.** A kiln full of oats, as many as are dried at a time for a meal. *North.*

**MELE.** (1) To speak, or talk.

Of many mervayles I may of *mele*,  
And al is warnyng to beware. *Fernon MS.*  
He seide, gode mon, with me thou *mele*,  
Desires thou to have thin hele.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 85.*

To Loth and to Lyonelle fulle lovely he *melys*,  
And to syr Lawncclot de Lake, lordliche wordys.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 91.*

This Jacob, that I of *melle*,  
Het bothe Jacob and Israelle.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 34.*

(2) A cup or bowl. (*A.-S.*)

Also they had tool to dyke and delve with, as plkforkis, spadus, and schovelis, stakes and rakes, bokettis, *meles*, and payles.

*Fragecius, MS. Douce 291, f. 47.*

**MELERE.** A kind of cake.

**MELET.** The millet. "*Molanus*, Anglice a melet," Nominale *MS. f. 7.*

**MELE-TIDE.** Dinner-time. (*A. S.*)

**MELL.** (1) To mix, or mingle. *North.* Derived from the old word *Melle*, q. v.

I halde this *mellde* lyfe beste and maste byhovely  
to thame als lange als thay ere bowdene therto

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 223.*

(2) A warming-pan. *Somerset.*

(3) A stain in linen. *North.*

(4) "In Yorkshure, at carrying in of the last corn, the labourers and servants by way of triumph cry, Mel, Mel, and 'tis a proverbial question among them, When do you get mel? i. e. when do you bring harvest home," Kennett, *MS. Lansd.* 1033. The harvest-home supper is called the mell-supper.

(5) To swing or wheel round; to turn anything slowly about. *East.*

(6) Between. Nearly obsolete.

(7) The nose. A cant term.

**MELL-DOORS.** A passage through the middle of a dwelling-house. *North.*

**MELLE.** (1) To meddle with. (*A.-N.*) Hence, to fight or contend with. Still in use in the provinces.

Drede hyt ys with them to *melle*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 79.*

But with swyfte pase, as lyones stronge and fell,  
Together thay mette and ferceley dyd *mell*.

*MS. Lansd.* 208, f. 20.

In dyspyte of alle the develys of helle,  
Untrowthe wyt many oon scholde no more *melle*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 135.*

(2) A blackbird; a kite. (*A.-N.*)

(3) Honey. (*Lat.*)

And I for the tyme of the 3ere shelle  
Be bothe corne and *melle*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 76.*

(4) A hammer, or mallet.

Tharefore the deeveles sal stryke thaim thare  
With hefy *melles* ay, and none spare.

*Hampole, MS. Bowes, p. 206.*

The ix. wyffe sete hem nyge,

And held a *melle* up on hyge.

*MS. Parkington 10.*

(5) Company. *In melle*, together. *Gawayne.*

**MELLING.** Mixing. (*A.-S.*) Hence, copulation, as in the following passage. Modern editors repudiate the indelicate meaning of *mell* in *All's Well that Ends Well*, iv. 3, but its meaning (*futuo*) is clear beyond the shadow of a doubt. "And a talle man with her dothe *melle*," *Cov. Myst.* p. 215.

Like certeyn birdes called vultures,

Withouten *mellyng* conceyven by nature.

*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 32.*

**MELLOTTE.** A garment worn by monks during laborious occupations.

**MELSH-DICK.** A sylvan goblin, the protector of hazel-nuts from the depredations of mischievous boys. *North.*

**MEL-SILVESTRE.** Honeysuckle.

**MELT.** Spoke. See *Mele*.

For this tithé that thei delt,

Caym, that I tofore of *melt*,

To his brothere ire bare.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 7.*



- MELTE. Two bushels of coals. *Kent*.
- MELTED. Heavy, as bread. *Devon*.
- MEMAWS. Trifles. *Yorksh.* In some counties it means *grimaces*.
- MEMERED. Murmured. *Gawayne*.
- MEMORAND. Memorable.  
Are he were ded and shuld fro hem wende  
A memorand thyng to have yn mynde.  
*MS. Hart. 1701, f. 84*
- MEMORIAL. A bill of fare.
- MEMORIZE. To render memorable. Some use *memory* for *memorial*. Chaucer has *memorie*, remembrance.
- MEN. Them. *West*.
- MENAGE. Family. (*A.-N.*)
- MENALTIE. The middle-classes of people.  
Which was called the evyll parlamente for the nobilitie, the worse for the *menaltie*, but worse of all for the commonaltie. *Hals Union, 1548.*
- MENAWE. A minnow. It is the translation of *solimicus* in *Nominale MS.*
- MENCH. To bruise; to beat up. *Lincol.*
- MENCIONATE. Mentioned.
- MENDE. Mind; mention.  
As the bokis maken mende.  
*Gover, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 200.*
- MENDENESSE. Communion. (*A.-S.*)
- MENDIANTS. Begging friars. (*A.-N.*)
- MENDING. A sort of delicate, Christian-like oath, which at the same time that it expresses a certain degree of anger, holds out a wish for the amendment of the offending person.  
"A *mending* take you."
- MENDING-THE-MUCK-HEAP. A coarse romping bout of both sexes tumbling over one another in a heap. *East*.
- MENDMENT. Amendment. *Palsgrave*. *Manure* is called *mendment* in some places, as improving land.  
Such a grace was hir lent,  
That she come to *mendment*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 43.*
- MENDS. Amends; recompense; satisfaction; reformation; recovery. *Var. dial.*
- MENE. (1) A mean, or instrument. In the following passage, a mediator. See Arrival of Edw. IV. p. 32.  
Whiche for man be so good a mene.  
*Lyciate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 1.*
- (2) To speak, say, or tell. Also, to remember, *Isunbras*, 639; to devise, *ibid.* 651.  
The knyghtes hert bygane to tene,  
Bot he ne wold not hym to no manne mene,  
Bot satt ay stille als stane.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 147.*  
The folke of Egipte coom bidene  
Bifore Joseph bem to mene.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 34.*  
Leve we styll at the quene,  
And of the greyhound we wyll mene  
That we before of tolde;  
Vij. yere, so God me save,  
Kepyd he hys maystys grave,  
Tyll he that he wexyd olde!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 74.*
- (3) Some kind of blast on the horn, mentioned in *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 152.
- (4) To moan. Still in use.
- The kyng lovyd wel the quene,  
For scho was semely on to scene  
And trewe as stele on tree;  
Ofte tyme togedur can they mene,  
For no chylde come them betwene,  
Sore syghed bothe sche and hee!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 71.*
- MENELD. Spotted, as animals. It means, I believe, spotted white and black.
- MENEMONG. Of an ordinary quality.
- MENESON. The dysentery. (*Fr.*)  
Sende Ipcras, for hys tresou,  
Soon aftur the *meneson*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 139*
- MENGE. To mix; to mingle. Still in use in the North of England.  
All my dedys ben full derke,  
For they ben *menged* with deedly synne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 4.*  
For the *menggyng* of the noyse of the see,  
And of the fodes that than salle be.  
*Hampole, MS. Bores, p. 141.*
- MENGY. A minnow. *Devon*. Called a *menam* in the North of England. *Mennard*. *Craven Gl. i. 319.* *Mennous*, *Reliq. Antiq. i. 85.* "*Menusa, serullus, a menys,*" *Nominale MS. f. 6.* Ducange was apparently unacquainted with the exact meaning of *menusia*.
- MENNYS. A large common. *Kent*.
- MEN-OF-MARK. Marked men; men picked out by the enemy.
- MENOUR. A Minorite. (*A.-N.*)
- MENSAGER. A messenger. *Weber*.
- MENSAL. The book of accounts for articles had for the table.
- MENSE. Comeliness; decency; propriety; kindness; hospitality. Hence, to grace or ornament. It is of course from the older word *menske*, given below. *Menshed*, honoured. *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii.*
- MENSES. Charity. *Yorksh.*
- MENSKE. Decency; honour; manliness; respect. Also, to do honour to.  
He lovede almous dede,  
Povre folke for to fede  
With *menske* and with manhede.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 130*  
*Menskede* with messes for mede of the saule.  
*Myrte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 95.*  
For *mensked* wit tun maner o scatt  
Wald he be that kyng o craft.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. A. iii. f. 4.*
- MENSONE. Menses.  
Bot evene the very trowth y chull þou say,  
Itȝt as y chawe lu trewe story full oft y-redde,  
That a ȝong lady of Seynt Ede Abbey  
Of the bloody *mensone* lay so seke styll in hurr  
bedde.  
*Chron. Filodun. p. 89.*
- MENSTRACIE. Minstrelsy. (*A.-N.*)
- MENT. (1) Made mention of. (*A.-S.*)
- (2) To aim at. *Palsgrave*.
- (3) To be like; to resemble. *South*.
- (4) Mixed; mingled. *North*.
- MENTLE. A coarse apron. *East*.
- MENUSE. The minnow. From the *Med. Lat. menusia*. See *Mengy*.
- MENY. The same as *Meiny*, q. v. *Menzee* is not an uncommon form. "*Familia, a menze.*" *Nominale MS.*

And whenne tythyngez hereof come to kyng  
Philippe, he went to miche hym in the felde with a  
few *menye*. MS. *Lincoln A. 1. 17. f. 3.*

MEOLLEN. Mills. (*A.-S.*)

MEPHOSTOPHILUS. A well-known character in the old legend of Dr. Faustus. It was formerly so common as to be used as a term of jocular reproach.

MER. Mayor. *Hearne*.

MERCENRIKE. The kingdom of Mercia.

MERCERYE. Goods sold by a mercer.  
The chapmen of suche *mercerye*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134. f. 81.*

MERCHANT. (1) Formerly a familiar form of address, equivalent to *chap. fellow*.  
(2) A merchant-vessel; a trader.

MERCHANT-VENTURERS. A company of merchants, who traded with Russia, Turkey, and other distant parts.  
Well is he termed a *merchant-venturer*,  
Since he doth venter lands, and goods and all,  
When he doth travell for his traffique far,  
Little he knows what fortune may befall,  
Or rather, what mis-fortune happen shall;  
Sometimes he splits his ship aginst a rocke;  
Losing his men, his goods, his wealth, his stocke.  
*The Affectionate Shepheard, 1594.*

MERCHE. The herb smallage.

MERCIBLE. Merciful. (*A.-N.*)  
Nowe, lady, sith thou canst and eke wilt  
Bee to the stele of Adam *mercible*.  
*Romance of the Monk, Sonn College MS.*  
That God wol nougt be *mercible*  
So gret a synne to forseve.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134. f. 125.*  
The height of the heavens is not so present over  
the earth, as is his *mercible* goodnesse over them  
that worship him. *Bacon's Works, p. 421.*

MERCIE. To thank. (*A.-N.*)

MERCIFY. To pity. *Sponser*.

MERCURY. (1) The wild orache. *Line*.  
(2) White arsenic. *North*.

MERCY. *I cry you mercy*, an old idiom nearly equivalent to our *I beg your pardon*.  
And thi luff-som eyne two  
Loke on me, as I wer thi fo!  
God lemane, I cry the *merseye*,  
Thou late be all this reufull crye,  
And telle me, lady, fore thi prow,  
What thing may the helpe now.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*

MERD. Dung, or excrement.

MERE. (1) A lake. Still in use. "A mere, or water whereunto an arme of the sea floweth," Baret, 1580.  
(2) Whole; entire; absolute.  
(3) A private carriage-road. *North*.

MERECROP. The herb pimpinell.

MERELLE. The world.  
So that undir the clerkis lawe,  
Men sen the *merelle* almis drawe.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134. f. 33.*

MERELY. Simply; wholly; absolutely. See Cotgrave, in v. *Nu*.

MERESAUCE. Brine for pickling or soaking meat in. *Palsgrave*. See the Ordinances and Reg. pp. 435, 459.

MERESWYNE. A dolphin.

Grassede as a *mereswyne* with cokes fulle hogg.  
*Morte Arthur, MS. Lincoln, f. 67.*

MEREWIS. Marrow. *Babar*.

MERGHE. Marrow. "The *merghe* of a fresche calfe" is mentioned in MS. Med. Line. f. 283; "the *merghe* of a gose-wenge." MS. *ibid.* f. 285. It occurs in *Nominale MS.*

MERGIN. The mortar or cement found in old walls. *Norfolk*.

MERGORE. Merrier. *Hearne*.

MERILLS. The game of morris. (*Fr.*)

MERIT. Profit; advantage.

MERITORIE. Meritorious. (*A.-N.*)  
And all thy dedes, though they ben good and  
*meritorie*, thou shalt sette at nought.  
*Carton's Divers Fruyful Ghostly Maters.*  
How *meritorie* is thilke dede  
Of charite to clothe and fede.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134. f. 33.*

MERKE. (1) Dark; murky. (*A.-N.*)  
For he was lefte there allone,  
And *meke* nyghte felle hym upon.  
*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 33. f. 240.*  
(2) A sign, or mark. (*A.-S.*)  
(3) To be troubled, or disturbed.  
(4) To strike; to cleave in sunder.

MERKIN. False hair, generally explained *pubes mulieris ascitio*. Jordan tells us that spectators at shows often "screwed" themselves up in the balconies to avoid the fire-works which "instantly assaulted the perukes of the gallants and the *merkins* of the matians." Why dost thou reach thy *merkin*, now half dust? Why dost provoke the ashes of thy lust?  
*Fletcher's Poems, p. 25.*  
*Merkin* rubs of and often spoiles the sport.  
*MS. Harl. 7312, p. 124.*

MERLE. A blackbird. *Drayton*.

MERLIN. A very small species of hawk. See Gent. Rec. ii. 30. Chaucer spells it *merlim*.

MERMAID. A cant term for a whore.

MEROWE. Debeate. (*A.-S.*) The copy in the Auchinleck MS. reads *merugh*.  
I was so lytull and so *merowe*  
That every man callyd me *dwarowe*.  
*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 36. f. 112.*

MERROKES. The fur of the marten?

MERRY. (1) The wild cherry. Aubrey's Wilts, Royal Soc. MS. p. 136.  
(2) Fair, applied to the weather. *Merryweather* was formerly an idiomatic phrase for joy, pleasure, or delight. *Mery*, pleasantly, Hartshorne, p. 46.  
*Mery* tyne is in aperelle,  
That mekyll schewys of manys wylle;  
In feldys and medowys flowyrs spryng,  
In grovys and wodes foules syng:  
Than wex jong men jolyffe,  
And than prevyith man and wyffe.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*

Whl, doith not thi cow make *myry-teedir* in thy dish?  
*MS. Dugly 41, f. 3.*

(3) The following proverb was a great favourite with our ancestors,—  
'Tis merry in hall,  
When beards wag all!

MERRYBAUKS. A cold posset. *Derb.* "A sillibub or merribowke," Cotgrave.

MERRY-BEGOTTEN. Illegitimate. *North.*  
 MERRY-DANCERS. A name for the Northern lights, or *aurora borealis*.  
 MERRY-GO-DOWN. An old cant term for strong ale, or huffcap.  
 MERRY-MAKE. Sport. See Nares.  
 MERRYNESS. Joy. *Palsgrave*.  
 MERRY-NIGHT. A rustic ball; a night appropriated to mirth, festivity, and various amusements. *North.*  
 MERRY-TROTTER. A swing. *North.* The *meritot* is mentioned by Chaucer. "*Merry-trotter*, a rope fastened at each end to a beam or branch of a tree making a curve at the bottom near the floor, or ground, in which a child can sit, and holding fast by each side of the rope is swung backwards and forwards." MS. Yorksh. Gloss.  
 MERSEMENT. Fine or amercement. See the *Gesta Romanorum*, p. 288.  
 MERSHALLE. One who attends to horses; a farrier; a blacksmith.  
 MERSMALEWE. The marshmallow, mentioned in MS. Sloane 5, f. 2.  
 MERTIL. Greatness; extent. *Cumb.*  
 MERTILLOGE. A martyrology. It occurs in *Nominal MS.* xv. Cent.  
 MERVAILLE. Wonder; marvel. (*A.-N.*)  
 MERY. Marrow. "*The mery of a gosse*," *Berners*, sig. A. ii. See *Meryhe*.  
 MERYD. (1) Dipped; soaked.  
 (2) Merit. *Audelay's Poems*, p. 26.  
 MESANTER. Misadventure. (*A.-N.*) Still in use, pronounced *mishanter*.  
 And ther with ribbes four,  
 The painem start with *misantour*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 229.  
 MESCHAUNT. Miserable; wicked.  
 MESCHEVE. To harm, or hurt. (*A.-N.*)  
 For song mienne, oftene tymes traystand to mekillen  
 in thaire awene doghtyues, thurgh thaire awene  
 folyre mescheved. MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 3.  
 MESE. 1. To soothe. *Northumb.* It occurs in the *Towneley Myst.* p. 175.  
 (2) A meal. *Perceval*, 455, 486.  
 By Hy m that werede the crowne of thorne,  
 In warre tyme blew he never his horne,  
 Ne darrere boghte no mese.  
 MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 130.  
 (3) Moss. *Dorsal*.  
 MESELRYE. The leprosy. (*A.-N.*)  
 And sum hadde vysages of *meselrye*,  
 And some were lyke foule maumetrye.  
 MS. Harl. 1701, f. 63.  
 MESEYSE. Trouble. St. Brandan, p. 24.  
 Alle the sehe men that by myste fynde,  
 That povere and feble were,  
 In siknesse and in *meseyse*,  
 Hy hem brogite to-gydere there.  
 MS. Trin. Coll. Oxon. 57.  
 MESH. (1) A marsh. *South.*  
 (2) A gap in a hedge. *West.*  
 MESNE. Means.  
 MESON. The mizen mast. *Palsgrave*.  
 MESPRISE. To despise, or contemn. (*A.-N.*)  
 MESS. (1) To muddle. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) To mess meat, to sort it in messes for the

table. A party of four people dining together was called a mess, a term which is still retained in the army for the officers' dinner. *Lower messes*, parties at the lower end of a hall at dinner.  
 (3) Truly; indeed. *Cumb.* Perhaps from the old oath, By the mass!  
 (4) To serve cattle with hay. *West.*  
 (5) A gang, or company. *East.*  
 MESSAGE. A messenger. (*A.-N.*)  
 MESSE. (1) The mass. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) A message or tenement.  
 (3) The Messiah. *Sharp's Cov. Myst.* p. 96.  
 MESSEL. (1) A leper. It is used in old plays as a term of contempt.  
 So speketh the gospel of thys vertu  
 How a *mesyl* come to Jhesu.  
 MS. Harl. 1701, f. 77.  
 (2) A table. *Nominal MS.*  
 MESSENE. To dazzle the eyes. *Pr. Parv.*  
 MESSET. A cur. "*Dame Julia's messet*," *Hall's Poems*, 1646. Still in use.  
 MESTE-DEL. The greatest part. (*A.-S.*)  
 MESTIER. Occupation. (*A.-N.*) See the *Boke of Curtasye*, p. 15.  
 MESTORET. Needed. *Ritson*.  
 MESURABLE. Moderate. (*A.-N.*) *Mesuret*, moderation.  
 MET. (1) A bushel. Some writers say, two bushels. *Met-poke*, a narrow bag to contain a met. See *Carlisle on Charities*, p. 298.  
 (2) A limit or boundary. (*Lat.*)  
 (3) Measured. Also, to measure. A measure of any kind was so called. See *Wright's Anec. Lit.* pp. 106, 108.  
 First forthi shewe we hegh mesure, that es to  
 howe any thyng that has heght may be met howe  
 hegh it es, and this may be done in many manere.  
 MS. Sloane 200.  
 I knowe the *mett* welle and fyne,  
 The knyge of a snayle. MS. *Porkington* 49.  
 (4) Dreamed. (*A.-S.*)  
 Also he *met* that a lampe so bry;t  
 Hongede an hegye upoun that tre.  
 Chron. *Fildun*, p. 26.  
 METAL. Materials for roads. *North.*  
 METE-FORME. A form or long seat used for sitting on at dinner-time.  
 And whenne his swerde brokene was,  
 A *mete-forme* he gatt percas,  
 And there-with he ganne hym were.  
 MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 106.  
 METEING. Dreaming. (*A.-S.*)  
 In this time Lot the king  
 In bed was in gret *meteing*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 141.  
 METELLES. Dreams. (*A.-S.*)  
 In thys hest ys forhode alle manere mawmetryc,  
 ydolatrie, wycheecraft, enchantementes, redyngge of  
*metelles* and alle mysbyleve. MS. *Burney* 336, f. 83.  
 METELY. Measuredly; fidy.  
 Of heigte he was a *metely* mon,  
 Nouthor to grete ny to smal.  
*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 115.  
 METER. Fitter. (*A.-S.*)  
 In whiche dovyng he thought polecie more *meter*  
 to be used then force. *Hill's Union*, 1548.  
 METERER. A poet. *Drayton*.

METE-ROD. A measuring rod. See Withals, ed. 1608, p. 60. *Mete-wand*, Becon's Works, p. 5. "Metwand of gold," Davies' Rites, ed. 1672, p. 159.

METESEL. Dinner-time. (*A.-S.*)

METHE. (1) Courteous. (*A.-S.*)

Thou was *methe* and meke as maylone for mylde.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 231.*

Alle that meyné mylde and *meth*  
Went hem into Nazareth.

*Cursor Mundi. MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 76.*

(2) Mead; metheglin. See Holinshed, Hist. England, i. 194; W. Mapes, p. 359; Nngæ Poetica, p. 10. Metheglin was anciently made of a great variety of materials. See a receipt for it in MS. Sloane 1672, f. 127.

(3) To choke, or breathe hardly. *Cumb.*

METHFUL. Tired; weary. (*A.-S.*)

I am *methful* for I slepe,  
And I raas for Laverd me kepe.

*MS. Cotton, Vespas. D. vii. f. 2.*

METHRIDATUM. An antidote against infection, so called from Mithridates, its reputed inventor.

But what brave spirit could be content to sit in his shop, with a flapet of wood b fore him, selling *Methridatum* and dragons water to infected houses.

*The Knight of the Burning Pestle, 1635.*

METICULOUS. Timorous. It occurs in Topsell's Historie of Serpents, 1608, p. 116.

METRETIS. Measures. *Baber.*

METREZA. A mistress. (*Ital.*)

METRICIENS. Writers in verse.

METROPOLE. A metropolis. It occurs in Holinshed, Conq. Ireland, p. 4.

METTER. A measurer. *North.*

METTES. Manners? *Pleys, Harl. MS.*

For to reffe hyme wykkydly  
With wrange *mettes* or may-stry.

*R. de Brunne, MS. Boues, p. 116.*

MEVE. To move. (*A.-N.*)

MEVERLY. Bashful; shy; mild. *North.*

MEVY. The thrush. *Broune.*

MEW. (1) Mowed. *Yorksh.*

(2) To moult. Hence, to change the dress. A cage for moulting hawks was called a *meve*.

For the better preservation of their health they strowed mint and sage about them, and for the speedier *meving* of their feathers, they gave them the slough of a snake, or a tortoise out of the shell, or a green lizard cut in pieces.

*Aubrey's Wills, MS. Bosal Soc. p. 341.*

(3) A stack of corn, or hay. *North.*

MEWET. Mute; dumb. (*A.-N.*)

MEWS. (1) Moss. *Ermoor.*

(2) Public stables. *Var. dial.*

MEWT. The dung of a hawk. It is applied to a dog in Du Bartas, p. 584.

MEYND. Mixed; mingled.

Off rody colour *meynd* somdelle with rode.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 140.*

She *meynd* her weeping with his blood, and kissing all his face,

(Which now became as cold as yse) she cryde in wofull case,

Alas, what chance, my Pyramus, hath parted thee and mee.

*Golding's Ovid, 1567.*

MEYNE. The company or crew.

Whanne al was rody, *meyné* and vitalle,  
They bide not but wynde for to saille.

*MS. Deby 230, xv. Cent.*

MEYRE. A mayor. "Præses, a meyre," MS. Egerton 829, f. 78.

MEÏTE. Meat; dinner.

Off hym shalle we laj alle

At the *meyte* whan that we bene.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 53.*

MEZZIL-FACED. Red with pimples. *Lauc.* From the old word *mesel*?

MICH. To skulk, or hide secretly; to play truant. "That mite is *mieching* in this grove," Lilly, ed. 1632, sig. Aa. ix. Minshew has, "to miche, or secretly to hide himselfe out of the way, as truants doe from schoole." It is still used in exactly this sense in the provinces. "To miche, to shrug or sneake in some corner, and with pouting lips to shew anger, as an ape being beaten and grinning with his teeth," Florio, p. 6. "*Miche*, to creep softly," MS. Yorksh. Gl. *Micher*, derived from this verb, may be explained, a sly thief, one who steals things of small value, or more usually, a truant or skulking fellow. "*Mecher*, a lytell thefe, *laronceau*," Palsgrave. It occurs in Rom. of the Rose, 6541, where the A. N. original reads *hierres*, voleur. "Theyves, mychers, and cut-purse," Kennett, p. 105. Grase has, "*Michers*, thieves, pilferers," as a Norfolk word, and it is also given in the same sense in MS. Lansd. 1033. "Thefes and mychers keyn," Towneley Myst. p. 216. "A blackberry mou-her, an egregious truant," Dean Milles' MS. p. 180. The application of the word in the sense of truant is often found in later writers, as in Shakespeare, who is well illustrated by the following passage, "in the Forest of Dean to mooche blackberries, or simply to mooch, means to pick blackberries, and blackberries have thus obtained there the name of mooches," Heref. Gl. p. 69. "Ey, fy, it will not beseme us to playe the mychers," Elyot, ed. 1559, in v. *Apape*. "How like a *micher* he standes, as though he had trewanted from honestie," Lilly's Mother Bombe, 1594. "*Circumforanus*, a mycher," Nominale MS. "*Mike*, to idle, loiter," Salop. Antiq. p. 505. It was often used as a term of contempt; Hollyband gives it as the translation of *caiguard*, and Cotgrave has, "*Chicho-fure*, a chuchiface, micher, sneake-bill, wretched fellow."

Another should have spoke us two betweene,

But, like a *mecher*, hee's not to be seene.

Hee's runne away even in the very nick.

*MS. P. ems, xvii. Cent.*

MICHE. (1) Much; great. *Michel*, greatness. *Mychen*, much, Reliq. Antiq. ii. 47.

Alle the *myche* tresour that traytour had wonnene,  
To commons of the contro, clergy and other.

*Morte Arthur, MS. Lincoln, f. 116.*

For hir mi luf is *myche*, I wene.

*Guy of Warwick, p. 6.*

(2) A kind of rich fur.

(3) A loaf of bread. "With-oute wyn and *miche*," Reliq. Antiq. ii. 192.

- MICHEL.** Michaelmas. *Tusser*, p. 19.
- MICHELWORT.** *Elleborus albus*. See a list of plants in *MS. Sloane* 5, f. 5.
- MICH-WHAT.** Much the same. *North*.
- MICKLE.** Much; great. *North*. Hence *mickles*, size, greatness.  
Owe he oust *myculte* in the cuntré.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 47.
- MICKLED.** Benumbed. *Essex*.
- MID.** (1) Might. *Somerset*.  
(2) The middle; the centre. *Cumb.*  
(3) With. *Kyng Alisaunder*, 852.
- MID-ALLEY.** The nave, or middle aisle.
- MIDDEN.** A dung-hill. *North*. Ray spells it *midding*, and thinks it is derived from *mud*. It is also a contemptuous name for a very dirty woman. *Midden-crow*, the carrion crow; also called a *midden-damp*.  
A fowler *midding* of vyleyn  
Sawyst thou never in londe of peese.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 29.  
A fowler *midding* sawe you never none,  
Than a man es wyth fle-che and bone.  
*Hampsh.*, *MS. Bares*, p. 30.
- MIDDES.** The middle, or midst. *Middle-part*, the centre of anything.
- MIDDLE-BAND.** The small piece of pliable leather or skin which passes through the two caps of a flail, joining the hand-staff and swingle. *Var. dial.*
- MIDDLE-EARTH.** The world. (*A.-S.*)  
And had on the feyrest orchard  
That was yn alle thys *weald* by *Leort*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 129.
- MIDDLE-SPEAR.** The upright beam that takes the two leaves of a barn-door. In Yorkshire it is termed a *mid-feather*.
- MIDDLE-STEAD.** The threshing-floor, which is generally in the middle of a barn. *East*.
- MIDDLING.** Not in good health. *Worc.*  
Middling-sharp, tolerably well.
- MIDDLING-GOSSIP.** A go-between.
- MIDGE.** A gnat; a very small fly. Hence applied to a dwarf. *North*. "A myge, *sivoma*," Nominale *MS*.
- MIDGEN.** The mesentery gland of a pig. Also termed a *midgerin*.
- MIDIDONE.** Quickly; immediately. It is wrongly explained by Weber, the only glossary in which the word occurs.  
Gii is ogain went ful sone,  
And al his feren *mididone*.  
*Gy of Warswike*, p. 69.  
The chert bent his bowe sone,  
And smot a doke *mididone*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 154.
- MIDJANS.** Small pieces; mites. *Cornw.*
- MIDLEG.** The calf of the leg.
- MID-MORN.** Nine o'clock, a. m.
- MID-OVERNONE.** Three o'clock, p. m. It occurs in *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii*.
- MIDREDE.** The midriff. "*Diaphragma*, a *mydrede*." Nominale *MS*.
- MIDSUMMER-DOR.** The May-bug. *Cambr.*
- MIDSUMMER-MOON.** It is Midsummer Moon with you, i. e. you are mad.
- MIDWARD.** Towards the middle. (*A.-S.*)
- The bryght helme was crokod downe  
Unto the *mydcard* of hys crowne.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 161.
- MID-WINTER.** Christmas. (*A.-S.*)  
Whas never syche noblay in no manys tyme  
Mad in *Mydwinter* in the Weste marchys.  
*Morte A thure*, *MS. Lancob.*, f. 54.
- MIE.** To pound, or beat. Hence *mierre*, a mortar, an instrument for breaking or pounding anything. "*Micatorium*, a *myere*," Nominale *MS*. See *Ducange*, in v. *Micatoria*, which is glossed by A. N. *esmaeure*.
- MIFF.** (1) Displeasure; ill-humour, but generally in a slight degree. *Var. dial.*  
Deal Gainsborough a lash, for pride so stuff,  
Who robs us of such pleasure for a *miff*.  
*Peter Pindar*, l. 31.  
(2) A mow, or rick. *North*.
- MIFF-MAFF.** Nonsense. *North*.
- MIFFY.** The devil. *Glouc.*
- MIG.** Mud. (*A.-S.*)
- MIGHELL.** Michael. *Palsgrave*. Mihill is very common in old writers.  
The sothfastenes and nothing hele,  
That thou herdest of seynt *Myshele*.  
*Curses Mundi*, *MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.*, f. 119.
- MIGHTFUL.** Full of might; powerful.
- MIGHTSOMNES.** Power. It occurs in *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii*.
- MIGHTY.** Fine; gay. *Somerset*.
- MIGNIARD.** Tender; delicate. (*Fr.*)
- MIGNON.** To flatter. (*Fr.*)
- MIGHTINGE.** Power. (*A.-S.*)  
For I knew noht boke wripen swa,  
In thi *mightinges*, Laverd, in sal I ga.  
*MS. Egerton* 614, f. 47.
- MIKELAND.** Increasing. It occurs in *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii*.
- MIKELIHEDE.** Greatness; extent. (*A.-S.*)
- MILCE.** Mercy; pity. (*A.-S.*)  
Thurch his *milce* was y-bore,  
And bought al that was forlore.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 26.
- MILCH.** White. *Hamlet*, ii. 2. Douce has confused this term with *milce*, *Illust.* ii. 238.
- MILCHY.** Malted corn. *Cornw.*
- MILD.** Gentle-flavoured. *Var. dial.*
- MILDER.** To moulder; to turn to dust. *Linc.*
- MILDNESS.** Mercy. *Lydgate*.
- MILE.** Michael. *East*. Jennings has *Milemas*, Michaelmas.
- MILES-ENDWAYS.** Very long miles. *West*.
- MILFOL.** Merciful. *Hearne*.
- MILGIN.** A pumpkin. *Norf.* Pies made in that shape are called *milgin-pies*.
- MILK-BROTH.** Gruel made with milk. *East*.
- MILKEE.** To milk a little. *Somerset*.
- MILKER.** A cow that gives milk.
- MILK-FORK.** A forked branch of oak used for hanging the milk-pails on.
- MILK-LEAD.** A cistern lined with lead, used for laying milk in. *West*.
- MILKNES.** A dairy. Also, any white dishes made with milk. *North*.
- MILK-SELE.** A milk-pail. "*Multrale*, a *myl-sele*," Nominale *MS*.
- MILKY.** To milk. *Wills*.

- MILL. To rob, or steal. "Mill a ken, rob a house," Dekker's *Lanthorne and Candle-Light*, ed. 1620, sig. C. ii.
- MILLARS-COATS. Brigandines.
- MILLED. Topsy. *Newc.*
- MILLED-MONEY. Was first coined in this country in 1561. It is frequently alluded to by our early writers. "Fortie Mark Mil-sixpences," *Citye Match*, 1639, p. 14.
- MILLER. The large white moth.
- MILLERAY. A gold coin worth 14s.
- MILLER'S-THUMB. The bull-head, a small fish. "No bigger than a miller's thumb," a common simile.  
Therefore as I, who from a groom,  
No bigger than a miller's thumb.  
*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 159
- MILLETS. A disease in the fetlocks of horses. Topsell, 1607, p. 431.
- MILL-EYE. The hole through which the grinded corn falls below.
- MILL-HOLMS. Watery places about a mill-dam, MS. Lansd. 1033. *Millions*, Hallamshire Gloss, p. 117.
- MILLOX. A melon. *Palsgrave*.
- MILL-STONE. To see into a mill-stone, to fathom a secret. To weep mill-stones, not to weep at all.
- MILN. A mill. *Milner*, a miller. "Assitus, a mylnerpyt," Nominale MS. *Mylnestons*, Reliq. Antiq. i. 81.  
And so fell in the chase of them, that many of them were slayne, and, namely, at a *mylene*, in the medowe fast by the towne, were many drownyd; many rann towards the towne: many to the church, to the abbey, and els where, as they best myght.  
*Arrival of King Edward IV*, p. 30.
- MILOK. *Hic mello, mellonis*, Anglice, a meloun or mylok, MS. Bih. Reg. 12 B. i. f. 17.
- MILSFOLNESSE. Merex. (*A.-S.*) "Sheu mylsfolnesse," Reliq. Antiq. i. 88.
- MILT. (1) The rot in sheep. *West*.  
(2) The soft roe of a fish. *Yorksh.*
- MILTIE. To pity; to pardon. (*A.-S.*) It occurs in MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii. *Myllt*, made merciful, Octovian, 249.
- MILWYN. Green fish. *Lauc.*
- MIM. Primly silent. *Mimminy primminy* has a similar meaning.
- MIMMAM. A bog. *Berks.*
- MIMMOCKING. Puny; weakly. *West*.
- MIN. (1) The lesser. (*Germ.*)  
(2) Man. Used in contempt. *West*.
- MINATING. Threatening. (*Lat.*) See Hayward's Queen Elizabeth, p. 58.
- MINCE. To walk in an affected manner. "To jump about," MS. Devon Gloss. *Don't mince the matter*, do not conceal or soften anything in it.
- MINCH. A nun. *Mynchys*, Wright's *Monastic Letters*, p. 228. The nunnery at Littlemore is still called the minchery. "This house of mynchyn," MS. Cantab. Dd. viii. 2.  
There was a *mynchun* withinne that abbay tho,  
The wheche was come off heye lynage.  
*Chron. Filistun*, p. 110.
- MIND. (1) To remember; to observe; to notice particularly. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To watch; to take care of. *West*.  
(3) *Took in mind*, was offended.  
(4) To intend. Middleton, i. 179.
- MINDE. Remembrance. (*A.-S.*)
- MINDING. Recollection. *West*.
- MINE. (1) To penetrate. (*A.-N.*)  
(2) To long for. *Devon*.  
(3) Mien; countenance. *Shak.*  
(4) Any kind of mineral. *Kent*.  
(5) Was formerly a familiar adjunct, sister-mine, brother-mine, &c. "Mam, mother-mine, or mammie, as children first call their mothers," Florio, p. 297. *Mother of mee*, Hoffman, 1631.
- MINE-EARTH. A white earth near the surface of the ground, a certain sign or indication of iron ore or iron stone. *Staff.*
- MINEVER. The fur of the ermine mixed with that of the small weasel. The white stoat is called a *minifer* in Norfolk.
- MING. (1) To mind or observe. To ming at one, to mention. *North*. To ming the miller's eye out, i. e. to begin more than your materials suffer you to complete.  
(2) To mix or mingle. To ming bread, to knead it. *East*.  
Hys sorow myngyd alle hys mede,  
Whan the corps in armys he hente.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 133.*
- MINGE. To mention. Still in use. *Mingd*, Batchelor's *Orthoep. Anal.* p. 138.
- MINGINATER. "One that makes fret-work; it is a rustick word used in some prat [part] of Yorkshire," Ray ed. 1674, p. 33.
- MINGING. The same as *Meeuing*, q. v.
- MINGLE. (1) A contr. for *mine ingle*.  
(2) A mixture. *Mingle-cum-poor, mingle-mangle*, a confused mixture of anything. "A mingle mangle of manie matters in one booke," *Nomenclator*, 1585, p. 5. "Such a confused mingle mangle, and varietie of apish toys in apparrell," Wright's *Summons for Sleepers*, 1589. See Florio, pp. 93, 404.
- MING-WORT. Wormwood. *North*.
- MINIFER-PIN. The smallest sized pin of the common sort. *East*.
- MINIKE. Trifling; cheating.
- MINIKIN. (1) Small; delicate; elegant. "To *minikin* Nan," Tusser, p. xxv. "A minikin, a fine mincing lass," Kennett, MS. "A minikin wench, a smirking lasse," Florio, p. 315. Still in use in Devon.  
(2) A lute-string. It was properly the treble-string of a lute or fiddle. Nares's explanation is wrong, and the quotations given by Mr. Dyce, Middleton, ii. 127, do not establish his definition. "Leute stringes called mynikins," *Brit. Bibl.* ii. 407.
- MINIM. (1) The minnow. *Somerset*.  
(2) A kind of brown tawny colour.
- MINION. (1) A kind of gun. "Minions all," Gaulfrido and Barnardo, 1570. Bourne, *Inventions or Devises*, 1578, mentions it as requiring shot three inches in diameter.

- (2) Pleasant; agreeable. (*Fr.*)  
The straunge pagrauntes, the behavior of the lordes, the beautie of the ladies, the sumptuous feast, the delicate viander, the marciall justes, the fierce turnais, the lustie daunces, and the *minon* songes.  
*Hill, Henry VI. f. 66.*
- MINISIL. To diminish.  
Wherefore to abridge his power, and to *minishe* his authoritie, they determined to bryng hym into the hatred of the people, and into the disdain of the nobilitie.  
*Hill, Henry VI. f. 81.*
- MINISTERS. Minstrels. *Chaucer.*
- MINISTRES. Officers of justice. (*A.-N.*)
- MINK. To attempt; to aim at. *East.*
- MINK-MEAT. Mixed food for fowls, &c. *East.*
- MINKS. A kind of food. (*Fr.*)
- MINNE. To think; to remember. (*A.-S.*)  
Man, my mercy yf thou hyt *myndur*,  
I have the yt shewyd on many wyse,  
Sythen the tyme that thou fyrste synned  
Azenste my heest in par dyse.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 17.*  
The clowdys ovyr-caste, all lyt was leste.  
Hys mygt was more then ye mygt *monur*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 47.*  
Syr of one thinge I wolle you *mynde*,  
And besече you for to spede.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 89.*
- MINNETS. Small pebbles, &c. *Var. dial.*  
Small particles of anything are called *minnetsons*, or *minnettons*.  
And alle the *mynyssounis* of that mayle,  
That weron fylde of that nayle with the file.  
*Chon. Vobolan. p. 41.*
- MINNIN-ON. A luncheon. *Yorksh.*
- MINNOK. One who affects much delicacy. *East.*  
This is the reading of the 4to. ed. in *Mids. Night's Dreame*, iii. 2. Forby considers it the right reading, but the folio *minick*, an actor, is no doubt correct.
- MINXY. Mother. *North.*
- MINNYNG-DAY. The anniversary festival in which prayers were offered up for the souls of the deceased. (*A.-S.*)  
A solempne feste make and holde  
On hys wyvys *mynyng-day*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 244.*
- MIXORESSE. A nun under the rule of St. Clare. *Chaucer.*
- MINOUR. A miner; an excavator.  
*Myuus* they make yn hyllys holes,  
As yn the West cuntré men seke coles.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 71*
- MINTE. (1) To intend. Also, intended. Still used in Lincolnshire, to endeavour.  
To bere hym downe he had *mynte*,  
In hys schylde he sye the dynte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 247*
- (2) To aim; to strike, or beat.  
Tryamowre at hym come *mynte*,  
Hys swerde felle fro hym at that dynte,  
To the grownde can hyt goo!  
Then was Burlionde fulle glaad,  
And that lady was sore adraidd;  
Knyghtys were fulle woo!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 81.*  
Wyth grete wrath he can *mynte*,  
But he fayled of hys dynte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 189.*
- (3) To resemble. *Somerset.*
- (4) A mite. *Minty*, mity. *West.*
- (5) Gold. See *Brit. Bibl. ii. 521.*
- (6) To invent, or feign. *North.*  
Many times pretending an indisposition of health, or some other *mynted* excuse, to prevent her journey, by remaining there where shee had planted her fancy.  
*The Two Lancashire Lovers, 1640, p. 60*
- MINUTE. A mite. "To a minute, accurately, not only as to time, but also as to knowledge,"  
Heref. Gloss. p. 67.
- MIP. A nymph.
- MIPLIN. A delicate feeder. *Derb.*
- MIR. A marsh, or bog. (*A.-S.*)
- MIRCHIVOUS. Mischievous. *Devon.*
- MIRE-BANK. A separation. *North.*
- MIRE-DRUM. A bittern. "A myrdrummy" or a buture," *Ortus Vocab. North.*
- MIRGURRE. Merrier; more pleasant.  
That hee had delyveryd hym out of his pyenne,  
And brougt hym into a *mirgurre* plase.  
*Chon. Vobolan. p. 125*
- MIRI. Merry; pleasant. (*A.-S.*)  
Floures schewen her borjoun,  
*Miri* it is in feld and toun.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 65*
- MIRKE. (1) To darken. *Palsgrave.* (2) Dark, Holinshed, *Hist. Scot. p. 51.* (3) Darkuess.  
Jyf thou brake ever any kyrke,  
On day or yn nygt, yn *mirke*,  
Thou art acursed, thou woste weyl.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 15.*
- MIRKSHUT. Twilight. *Glouc.*
- MIRKSOME. Dark. *Spenser.*
- MIRL. To pine; to grieve. *North.*
- MIRSHITY. Mischief. *Somerset.*
- MIRTHIE. To rejoice. It occurs in *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii. (A.-S.) Mirthes*, tunes, *Tristrem. p. 204.*
- MIRTLE. To crumble, as ground, &c. *North.*
- MISAGAFT. Mistaken; misgiven. *Sussex.*
- MISAGREE. To disagree. (*A.-N.*)
- MIS-BEDEN. To injure. (*A.-S.*)
- MISBEHOLDEN. Disobliging. *North.*
- MIS-BEYETE. A bastard. (*A.-S.*)
- MIS-BORNE. Ill-behaved. *Chaucer.*
- MIS-CALL. To abuse. *North.*
- MIS-CAS. Misfortune. See *Isumbras, 784.*  
*Miscasualty*, an unlucky accident. *East.*
- MISCHEFE. (1) Misfortune. (*A.-N.*) It is in very common use for *injury*. To hurt, or injure, *Robinson Crusoe, p. 177.* Sometimes, to destroy, to kill.  
Kyng Ards of Arragone  
Come rydyng to the towne,  
And sawe them fyght in fere;  
Hyt dud the kyng mekylle grefe,  
When he sawe the chylde at *myschefe*,  
That was hym leve and dere!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 77.*
- (2) The devil. *Somerset.*
- MISCHEF-NIGHT. May-eve. *Yorksh.*
- MISCOMFORTUNE. Misfortune. *Miscomhap*, mishap. *Suffolk.*
- MISCONSTER. To misconstrue.  
Theodorus, the atheist, complayned that his schollers were woont, how plaine soever hee spake,

to *misconster* him, how righte soever hee wrote, to wrest him. *Gosson's Schoole of Abuse*, 1579.

MISCONTENT. To discontent. (*A.-N.*)

MISCOUNSEL. To counsel wrongly. (*A.-N.*)

MISCREAUNTES. Infidels. (*Lat.*)

MISCREUDENT. A miscreant. *Dorow.*

MISCREED. Discovered; detected; decried; depreciated. *North.*

MISDELE. Qu. an error for *mildelê*.  
When the fyod so hard drou,  
Saynt Austyn stod and low,  
Saynt Gregorê con grame.  
Never the less for grame he get,  
Sone after masse the Austyn he met,  
And *mysdele* mad his mone.  
*Legend, MS. Douce* 302.

MISDOUBT. To doubt, or suspect.

MISEISIORE. More troubled. (*A.-N.*)  
A *misaisiore* man than he thougte,  
No man ne nijte i-seo.  
*MS. Laud*, 108, f. 117.

MISEXTREAT. To treat one badly.

MISER. A miserable person.  
But without any watch comest to sleep like a  
*miser* and wretch. *Bacon's Works*, p. 172.

MISERERE. A lamentation. (*Lat.*)

MISERICORD. A thin-bladed dagger.

MISERICORDE. Compassion; pity. (*A.-N.*)  
For here byforne ful oft in many a wyse  
Hastowe to *mysericorde* receyved me.  
*Romanse of the Monk, Non College MS.*  
And in this wise they acorde,  
The cause was *mysericorde*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 102.

MISEROUS. Miserable. *Palsgrave.*

MISERY. Constant bodily pain. *East.*

MISEYSETE. Diseased. *Baber.*

MISFARE. Misfortune. (*A.-N.*)

MISFEET. Ill deed; wrong. (*A.-N.*)

MISFORTUNATE. Unfortunate. *Palsgrave.*

MISGEE. To be doubtful. *South.*

MIS-GIUED. Misguided. *Chaucer.*

MIS-GONE. Gone wrong. *Lydgate MS.*

MISH-MASH. A confused mass. "A chaos,  
a confused lump, a formelesse masse, a mish-  
mash," Florio, p. 95. "A confused or dis-  
ordered heape of all things together, a mish-  
mash," Nomenclator, p. 362. Bruckett has  
mixty-maxy, and mixy-maxy.

MISHTERFULL. Mischievous. *East.*

MIS-KEN. To be ignorant of. *North.*

MISKIN. (1) A little bag-pipe.  
(2) A dunghill. See *Miven*.

MISKIN-FRO. A slutish maid-servant, used  
in contempt. From *Miskin* (2).

MISLEST. To molest. *Var. dial.*

MISLIKE. To dislike. *Misliken*, to disap-  
point. *Yorksh.*

MISLIKING. Indignation. *Palsgrave.*

MISLIN-BUSH. The mistletoe. *East.*

MISLIPPEN. To disappoint. *North.*

MISMANNERED. Unbecoming. *Cumb.*

MIS-MOVE. To tease; to trouble. *North.*

MISNARE. To incommode. *Cumb.*

MISPROUD. Arrogant. 3 Henry VI. ii. 6.

MISS. Wicked; wrong.

MISSAKE. To renounce or forsake.

MIS-SATE. Misbecame. *Chaucer.*

MISSAY. To revile, or abuse. (*A.-S.*)  
Also thai sal ilkone othyr wryve,  
And *mysay* and sclander Godd Almyghty.  
*Hampole, MS. Bouves*, p. 241.

MISSEL. A cow-house. *Yorksh.*

MISSELDEN. Mistletoe. "An eater of mis-  
selden," Elyot in v. *Turdus*. Tusser has  
*mistle*, p. 79.

MISSENS. Anything missing. *North.*

MISSET.  
Hee would supply the place well enough of a ser-  
vile usher, with an affected grace to carry her *misset*,  
open her pue.  
*The Two Lancashire Loves*, 1649, p. 21.

MISSOMER. Midsummer. *West.*  
At *Misomer* on an night,  
The mone schaw fulle bright.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17*, f. 136.

MISTAKE. To transgress; to take away wrong-  
fully or by mistake.

MISTECH. A bad habit. *North.*

MISTER. (1) Kind; species; trade; occupa-  
tion; manner of life. (*A.-N.*) Hence *mis-  
tery*, an art or trade, a company or guild of  
traders.  
(2) Need; necessity.  
Kyng Arduus seyde then,  
Y have *mysur* of soche a man,  
God hath hym hedur broght!  
Fulle welle y am be-gone,  
Y trowe God hath me -ent wone,  
That shalle Moridas bryng to nocht!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38*, f. 78  
Scynt Jhonne commaunded hys ammenete  
To syve hym outhr *mysur*, for he had *mysure*.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 46

MISTHEDE. Darkness. *Chaucer.*

MIS-TREE. Dim-sighted. *Dorow.*

MISTRESS. (1) Wife. *Var. dial.*  
(2) The jack at bowls. "The mistris or black  
at bowles," Florio, p. 279.

MISTRY. To deceive. *Dreva*. A mistry m. n.,  
a very deceitful fellow.

MISTURE. Misfortune.  
Bonâ fide, it is a great *misture* that we have not  
men swine as well as beasts, for then we should have  
porke that hath no more bones than a pudding, and  
a sole of bacon that you might lay under your head  
in stead of a bolster. *Nash's Perce Peaucesse*, 1592.

MISWENT. Gone wrongly. (*A.-S.*)  
But felle alle he t to hire assente,  
And thus the whel is alle *miswent*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 55.

MISWONTED. Tender. *North.*

MISWROUGHT. Done amiss.  
Schryfte of the byschop the lady besoght,  
I have gresyd my God in woide and dede:  
The byschop seydd, Thou haste *myswroght*  
Ageyne thy God in forme of brode.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38*, f. 47.

MIT. To commit. *South.*

MITAINE. A glove. (*A.-N.*) The term was  
not restricted to gloves without fingers. Ray  
inserts *mittens* in his list of South and East  
Country Words, with the following explana-  
tion, "gloves made of linnen or woollen,  
whether knit or stitched: sometimes also they



- call so gloves made of leather without fingers." " *Meneus*, a meteyne." Nominale MS.  
Take the porter thi staffe to halde,  
And thi *mytens* also.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 52.
- MITE. A small worm. (*A.-S.*)
- MITH. Might. Still in use. *Mythy*, mighty, *Archæologia*, xxx. 365.
- MITHE. To conceal; to hide. (*A.-S.*)
- MITHER. To muffle up; to smother; to encumber. *Northampton*. Hence, occasionally, to perplex.
- MITHERS. To be in the mitthers, i. e. quite intoxicated. *Linc.*
- MITS. (1) Even. (2) Mittens. *Var. dial.*
- MITTING. Darling. A term of endearment. See *Chester Plays*, i. 124.
- MIVER. A mortar. *Somerset*.
- MIVEYS. Marbles. *Var. dial.*
- MIX. (1) To clean out. *West*.  
(2) Wretch. Hence *mix'd*, vile, bad.
- MIXEN. A dunghill. Ray says, "I find that this word is of general use all over England." The *mixen* cart, *Mirr. Mag.* p. 89. "A dunghill, a *mizen*," *Stanhurst*, p. 11. *Grose* has *Mixhill*. Still in use.
- MIX-PLENTON. The herb *less-morel*.
- MIXTELYN. Rye and wheat ground together, of which the inferior brown bread was made. See the *Archæologia*, xxv. 425. See *Mashu*.
- MIXTION. A mixture. *Palsgrave*.
- MIZ-MAZE. Confusion. Also as *Maze*, q. v.
- MIZZ'N. A boggy place. *North*.
- MIZZLE. (1) To rain softly. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To go; to run; to sneak off; to succumb, or yield. Sometimes, to get tipsy.  
Then their bo lies being sati-fied, and their heades prettily *mizzled* with wine, they walke abroad for a time, or els conferre with their familiars.  
*Stubbs' Anatomy of Abbeys*, 1595, p. 57.
- MIZZY. A quagmire. *North*.
- MO. (1) To make. *Perceval*, 1900.  
(2) More. Adv. and adj. (*A.-S.*)  
To them I wyshe even thus, and to no mo,  
That as they have hys judgement and hys yeares,  
Even so I would they had hys fayre long cares  
*Old Ballad, Bibl. Soc. Antiq.*  
Sixty knyghtes and ȝit mo,  
And also fele ladys ther-to,  
Hastely to the queene thei come,  
And in ther armys thei hyr name,  
And brouȝt hyre to bed in haste,  
And keypȝ hyre both feyre and faste.  
*MS. Ashm.* 1261, xv. Cent.  
Al fort our Dright seyð ho,  
So thai bileved ever mo.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 25.
- MOAK. Hazy; dark. *Linc.*
- MOAM. Mellow. *North*.
- MOANT. Might not. *Yorksh.*
- MOATS. To play the moats, i. e. to be angry.
- MOB. (1) To scold. *Suffolk*.  
(2) To dress awkwardly. *Yorksh.* "Mobb'd up, dresst in a coarse clownish manner," *Kennett*, *MS. Lansd.* 1033. This is, perhaps, connected with *mobled* in *Hamlet*, ii. 2.
- MOB-CAP. A cap tying under a woman's chin by an excessively broad band, generally made of the same material as the cap itself.
- MOBILE. The mob. (*Lat.*)
- MOBLES. Goods; moveables. (*A.-N.*)  
To mynystro my *mobles*, fore mede of my saule,  
To mendynnantez and mysese in myscheffe fallene.  
*MS. to Athelwe, MS. Lansd.* f. 60.
- MOCCINIGO. A small Venetian coin, worth about ninepence.
- MOCHA. A term applied to a cat of a black colour intermixed with brown. From the mocha pebble. *East*.
- MOCHE. Great. (*A.-S.*)  
She leide hym to a *moche* felde,  
So grete one never he behelde.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 22.  
When he was armed on a stele,  
He was a mykelle man of brode  
And also *moche* man of myght.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 70.  
In Parys a monyth the oost lay,  
For they had takyn a day  
With the sowdon, *moche* of myghte.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. iii. 38, f. 87.
- MOCK. (1) Ground fruit. *Deron*.  
(2) To mock the Church, not to marry after the banns have been published.  
(3) A root or stump; a large stick; a tuft of sedge. *Dorset*.  
(4) The pomage.
- MOCKADO. A kind of woollen stuff, made in imitation of velvet, and sometimes called mock-velvet.  
My dream of being naked and my skyn all over-wrought with wrk I ke some kinde of tuit *mockado*, with crosses blew and red. *D. D. D. D.* p. 6.
- MOCKAGE. Mocking. See *Collier's Old Ballads*, p. 48; *Harrison*, p. 235.
- MOCKBEGGAR. "A bug-beare, a scarerow, a mockbegger, a toy to mocke an ape," *Florio*, p. 58. *Mocke-clowne*, *ibid.* p. 255. *Florio* has *mock-beggar-hall*, a house looking w<sup>th</sup> outside, but having a poor interior. There is a house so called at Claydon.
- MOCKET. A napkin. *Cotgrave*, in v. *Embaccete*. *Mocketer*, *ib.* in v. *Baccette*.  
For eyen and nose the nede he a *mokete*.  
*Lycost's Menor Poetrie*, p. 30.
- MOCKET-HEAD. See *Arctony*.
- MOCKS. Trifles. *Somerset*.
- MOCK-SHADOW. Twilight. *Herf.* *Blount* has *mock-shado*, p. 180, ed. 1651.
- MODDER. "Lasse, girle, modder," *Cotgrave*, in v. *Putre*. See *Weather*.
- MODE. (1) Anger; passion. (*A.-S.*)  
To turne awaye from hem, Fadyr, thy *mode*,  
But whether nat evyl be gudde for gode.  
*MS. H. 1.* 1701, f. 196.  
(2) Mind. *Perceval*, 589, 1327, 1695.
- MODER. To regulate, especially the temper or disposition. "I moder or temper myselfe whan I am provoked to any passyon," *Palsgrave*, *Modyr*, *Ord.* and *Reg.* p. 61.
- MODERN. Trivial. *Shak.*
- MODER-NAKED. Quite naked.  
Sey that I bydde hem by redy, bys-hop and the,  
To-morwe or the nydday alle *moder-naked*.  
*MS. Cott. Galie*, A. ii. f. 112.

MODGE. To crush, or bruise. *Warw.*

MODI. Brave; high-minded.

Hof on ich herde saie,  
Ful modi mon and proud. *MS. Digby 86, f. 165.*

MODIR. Mother. (*A.-S.*)

MOFFLE. To do anything badly or ineffectually. *Var. dial.*

MOG. (1) To move away. *West.*

(2) To enjoy one's self in a quiet easy comfortable manner.

Wit hung her blob, ev'n Humour seem'd to mourn,  
And sullenly sat mogginc o'er his urn.

*Collins' Miscellany, 1762, p. 122.*

MOGGHETIS. The paunch.

MOGHITYS. Moths.

The moghtys that thy clothes etc.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 16.*

MOG-SHADE. The shadow of trees.

MOGWED. Mugwort. See an early list of plants in MS. Sloane 5, f. 2.

MOIDER. To distract, or bewilder. Also, to labour very hard. *North.*

MOHL. (1) To become dirty. *West.*

(2) To toil or labour very hard. Generally coupled with *tail*. See Forby, ii. 218.

I hath bin told, ben told, in proverbs old,  
That souldiares suffer both hunger and cold,  
That souldiares suffer both hunger and cold;  
And this sing we, and this sing we,  
We live by spoyle, by spoyle, we *mogle* and toyle;  
Thus Snach and Catch doth keepe a coyle!  
And thus live we, and thus live we,  
By snatchin a catchin thus live we.

*Marriage of Witt and Wisdome, 1579.*

(3) A mule. Still in use.

I geve to everyche of the cheefest men of lawe a  
*mogle* to brynge hym to hell, and two right handes  
to helpe himselfe withall to take money of bothe  
parties. *The Will of the Deyll, n. d.*  
They drewe owt of dromondaries dyverse l'rdes,  
*Moglez* mylke whitte, and mervailous bestez.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 77.*

(4) A sort of high shoe.

MOILY. Having no horns. *North.*

MOINE. A dunghill. *Berks.*

MOISE. (1) To mend; to improve. *East.*

(2) A kind of pancake.

(3) Cider. See *Apple-moise*.

MOISON. Harvest; growth. (*A.-N.*)

MOIST. (1) New, applied to liquors.

(2) Warm and *moist* were the appropriate terms in the time of Shakespeare for what we should now call an *aired* and a *damp* shirt. See Whiter's Specimen of a Commentary on Shakespeare, 1794, p. 82; and the French Schoole Maister, 1631, p. 39.

(2) To moisten. *Somerset.*

MOITHERED. Tired out. *Glouc.*

MOKE. (1) The mesh of a net. *South.* Hence applied to any wicker-work.

(2) "*Tinea*, a moke," Nominale MS.

MOKERAD. A deceiver. (*A.-N.*)

Avaryce, ryche and harde,  
Vs a thufe, a *mokerad*. *MS. Harl. 1701, f. 41.*

MOKY. Misty. *Lin.*

MOLD. (1) Earth; ground. It is constantly applied to the ground in works of art. See Degrevant, 1039.

(2) Hermodactili. See a list of plants in MS. Sloane 5, f. 5.

(3) A model used as a guide by masons when doing ornamental work.

(4) To disarrange; to crumple. *North.*

(5) The suture of the skull. Left unexplained in Archaeologia, xxx. 410.

(6) Form; fashion; appearance.

MOLDALE. Spiced or mulled ale.

MOLD-BOARD-CLOUTS. Plates of iron which protect the mold-board, or projecting side, of the plough, from the wear and tear of the earth and stones it meets with.

MOLDEN. A mole. *Warw.*

MOLD-STONE. The jamb of a window.

MOLDWARP. A mole. Also pronounced *mooldiwart*. It is still in use, and means sometimes the mole-bill.

Tak a *moldwarppe*, and sethe it wele in wax, and wryng it thorowe a clathe, and do it in boystes.

*MS. Lib. Med. f. 306.*

That king Henry was the *moldwarppe*, cursed of  
Goddles owne mouth, and that they thre were the  
dragon, the lion, and the wolffe, whiche shoulde  
devide this realme betwene them

*Hull's Union, 1548, Hen. IV. f. 20.*

And for to set us hereon more agog,

A prophet came (a vengeance take them all)

Affirming Henry to be Gogmagog,

Whom Merlin doth a *mold-warppe* ever call,

Accurst of God, that must be brought in thrall

By a wolfe, a dragon, and a lion strong,

Which should divide his kingdome them among.

*Phaer, quoted in Notes to Henry IV.*

MOLE. (1) Form. Topsell's Beasts, p. 194.

(2) A stain in linen cloth, spelt *mogle* in Erry's MS. additions to Ray in Bodleian library. *Moled*, spotted, stained. (*A.-N.*)

(3) To speak. "Moles to hir mildly," Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 85.

(4) To destroy moles. *North.*

MOLEDAY. A day of burial. *West.*

MOLEINE. Scabs; swellings; cracks.

MOLE-SHAG. A caterpillar. *Glouc.*

MOLESTIE. Trouble. (*A.-N.*)

MOLHERN. A female heron. *Warw.*

MOLKIT. An effeminate boy. *West.*

MOLL. (1) A measure of wood containing one cubic metre. (*A.-N.*)

(2) A whore. An old cant term.

(3) The familiar name of *Mary*.

MOLL-ANDREW. A merry-Andrew. *South.*

MOLLART. A maulkin, q. v. *Lanc.*

MOLLED. Mouldy?

Thy drynkes sowren thy *mollyd* mete,

Where with the feble myghte wel fare.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 16.*

MOLLEWELLE. The sea-calf. This term occurs in the Nominale MS. xv. Cent.

MOLLICRUSH. To beat severely. *West.*

MOLLIFY. To soothe. *Var. dial.*

MOLL-WASHER. The water-wagtail. *South.*

MOLLYCODDLE. An effeminate person, a term of contempt. *Var. dial.*

MOLLYPEART. Frisky; lively. *Oxon.*

MOLOUR. A grinding-stone.

MOLT. To perspire. *East.* Possibly cou-

- nected with *molte*, melted. A very hot day is often termed a *melting day*. Molt-water, clear perspiration.
- MOLTER.** The toll to the miller for grinding corn. *North*.
- MOLTLING.** The same as *Angle-berry*, q. v.
- MOM.** A mum, or soft sound. (*A.-S.*)
- MOMBLEMENT.** Confusion; disorder. *West*.
- MOME.** (1) Soft; smooth. *North*.  
(2) A blockhead. "A gull, a ninny, a *mome*, a sot," Florio, p. 81.  
Words are but wind, but blows come home,  
A stont tongu'd lawyer's but a *mome*.  
*Bome's Songs*, 1661, p. 105.
- (3) An aunt. Nominale MS.
- MOMELLYNGE.** Mumbling. (*A.-S.*)  
These makes hippynge, homerynge,  
Of medles *momelinge*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 206.*
- MOMENTANY.** Lasting for a moment. It occurs in Cornwallies' *Essays*, 1632, e. 5.
- MOMMERED.** Worried. *Oxon*.
- MOMMICK.** (1) A scarecrow. *Somerset*.  
(2) To cut anything awkwardly. *South*.
- MON-AMY.** A dish composed chiefly of cream, curds, and butter. (*A.-N.*)
- MONANDAY.** Monday. *Westm.* (*A.-S.*)
- MONCE.** Mischance. *Yorksh.*
- MONCHELET.** A dish in old cookery described in the *Forme of Cury*, p. 17.
- MONCORN.** "Beere corne, barley bygge, or moncorne." *Huloet*, 1552.
- MONE.** Many. Still in use.  
Of Frawnce he mad him anon regent,  
And wedd Kateren in his present;  
Into Engond anon he went  
And eround our queene in ryal aray.  
Of quen Kateryn our kyng was borne,  
To save our rygt that was forelorne,  
Oure fader in Frawns had won before,  
Thai han hit hold *mond* a day.  
*MS. Douce 302, f. 29.*
- (2) Money.  
Forthe thei went alle thre  
To pay the scheperde his *moné*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 53.*
- MONE.** (1) To advise; to explain; to tell; to relate; to admonish. Also a substantive, mind, opinion. (*A.-S.*)  
What may this mene, quod these mene;  
*Mone* it us mare. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 233.*  
By a tale y shal you *moné*,  
That fyl betwyx the fadyr and the sone.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 8.*
- (2) Must. *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii.*  
A-lake for low mey leyfe ys lorne.  
Yn betture balys here *moné* I be,  
Fore one of the breyteyst that ever was borne,  
With-yowtyn speyre hat wondyd me.  
*Manners and Household Expenses of England*, p. 620
- (3) A month.  
And so bifelle upon a day,  
And that was in the *moné* of May.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 51.*
- MONEKENE.** Monkish. *Hearne*.
- MONELICH.** Meanly. (*A.-N.*) Explained *moneylesse* in *Rob. Glouc.* p. 647.
- MONE-PINS.** Teeth. "Thy *mone-pynnes* bene lyche old yvory," *Lydgate's Minor Poems*, p. 30. *Mompyns, Towneley Myst.* p. 89. Still in occasional use.
- MONESTE.** To admonish. (*A.-N.*)
- MONEY.** Silver. *North*.
- MONEY-MAKERS.** Counterfeiters of coin.
- MONEY-SPIDER.** The *aranea scenica*. It is likewise called a money-spinner.
- MONGE.** To eat; to munch. *West*.
- MONGER.** A merchant, or trader. Now only used in composition. Also, a small kind of merchant vessel. From this latter meaning, which is given by Blount, may be derived *monkey*, explained by an uneducated man "a barge wot's covered over."
- MONIAL.** (1) A mullion. "Postes or monyelles," Hall, Henry VIII. f. 73.  
(2) A nun. *Archæologia*, xxii. 280.
- MONIOURS.** Coiners. (*A.-N.*)
- MONISH.** To admonish. *Monition*, admonition, Davies, ed. 1672, p. 107. "The wordes of *monisshone* of oure Lord Jhesu Crist," *MS. Ashmole 59, f. 67.*
- MONK'S-CLOTH.** A kind of worsted.
- MONMOUTH-CAP.** A kind of flat cap formerly worn by the common people.
- MONNYLICHE.** Manly. *Kyng Alis.* 3569.
- MONRADE.** Homage. (*A.-S.*)  
Whose buyth any thyng,  
Hit is hys ant hys ofspryng;  
Adam hungry com me to,—  
*Monrade* dude y him me do,  
For on appel ich zef hym,  
He is mynant al hys kun.  
*Harroving of Hell*, p. 19.
- MONSLAȚT.** Murder; manslaughter.  
The syn of sodomi to heven  
Hit crysen on God Almyt;  
And *monslaȚt* with a reful steven  
Hit askys vengans day and nyȚt.  
*Audelay's Poems*, p. 2.
- MONSOPE.** The herb orobus.
- MONSTRE.** (1) To exhibit; to show. (*A.-N.*)  
(2) A pattern. *Chaucer*.
- MONTANTO.** An old fencing term.
- MONTEM.** An annual custom at Eton, fully described by Brand, i. 237. An account of the procession *ad montem* occurs in *MS. Sloane 4839, f. 85.*
- MONTEXANCE.** Amount; extent.  
And ilk a nyghte take the *montenance* of a fische,  
and do it in thyne eghne byfore thou laye the doune,  
and it salle mend the.  
*MS. Lincoln Med. f. 283.*  
They had not ridden but a while,  
Not the *mountenance* of a mile,  
But they met with a giant,  
With a full sory semblant.  
*Beves of Hamtoun*, n. d.
- MONTERO.** "A montero, or close hood where-with travellers preserve their faces and heads from frost-biting, and weather-beating in winter," *Cotgrave*.
- MONTETH.** A kind of vessel used for cooling wine-glasses in.
- MONTHLY.** Madly. *Middleton*, ii. 552.
- MONTHLY-NURSE.** A nurse who attends the month of a woman's confinement.

**MONTH-MINDS.** Monthly remembrances of the departed.

And that no *month-minds* or yearly commemorations of the dead, nor any other superstitious ceremonies, be observed or used.

*Gravel's Remains*, p. 156.

**MONTH'S-MIND.** To have a month's mind, i. e. a strong inclination. A common phrase in our early dramatists, and still in use.

**MONTURE.** A riding or saddle horse. A French word used by Spenser. It may have also some reference to the Latin word *ascensorium*, Englished by Mamdevile as *mountour*, and explained by Ducange to be "quo quis in equum ascendit, tollitur." *Glossarium*, ed. 1772, i. 495.

**MOO.** (1) To low as a cow. *North*.

(2) To mock. *Palsgrave*. (*Tempest*, ii. 2.)

**MOOD.** (1) A sweetbread. *Devon*.

(2) The mother of vinegar. *Somerset*.

(3) Crowded; crammed. *Yorksh.*

**MOODLE.** To fold up. *North*.

**MOODY.** Angry. "Mody angerfull, ireur, attayneur," *Palsgrave*.

**MOODY-HEARTED.** Melancholy. *West*.

**MOOL.** Mould, or earth. *Yorksh.*

**MOOL.** To rumple; to disorder. *North*.

**MOON.** (1) *To level at the moon, to cast beyond the moon*, to be very ambitious, to calculate deeply, to make an extravagant conjecture.

(2) Moan; grief. Also, to moan.

For thy love hym to schende  
Wyth lytulle moon.

*M. Cantab.* ff. ii. 33, f. 95.

Then were y schente, what shall y doo,

I have no man to moone me too.

*MS. Cantab.* ff. ii. 33, f. 171.

(3) Wicked creature? (*A.-N.*)

He sende up for the lady soone,

And forth sche cam, that olde moone.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Acty.* 134, f. 49.

**MOON-CALE.** "A moonecalle, a hard swelling or shapelesse peece of flesh in the wombe, which makes women beleve they are with child when they are not," *Cotgrave*. The term was often applied to a monster, or a fool. In Somerset, a crying child is so called.

**MOONER.** A kind of dog, mentioned in *Topsell's Beasts*, 1607, p. 175.

**MOONGE.** The bellowing of cattle. *Cumb.*

**MOONLIGHT-FLITTING.** The same as *London-fitting*, q. v.

**MOONLING.** A fool; a lunatic.

**MOON-MEN.** Thieves; robbers.

**MOON-SHINE.** (1) An illusive shadow.

(2) A dish composed partly of eggs.

(3) Smuggled or illicit spirits. *South.*

**MOOR.** (1) To void blood. *Yorksh.*

(2) A heath, common, or waste land. In Suffolk, any uninclosed ground.

(3) A bailif of a farm. *North.*

**MOOR-COOT.** A moor-hen. *Somerset.*

**MOOR-GOLLOP.** A sudden squall across the moors. *Devon.*

**MOORISH.** Wishing for more. *South.*

**MOOR-MASTER.** The same as *Barnmaster*, q. v.

**MOOR-PALM.** The flower of the dock.

**MOOR-POOT.** A young moorgame. Metaphorically, an ignorant fellow. *North.*

**MOORS.** Turnips. *Devon.*

**MOOR-STONE.** A kind of granite found on the moors. *Devon.* It is fully described in *Brome's Travels*, ed. 1700, p. 242.

**MOOSLE.** To muzzle. *Somerset.*

**MOOT.** (1) To discuss a point of law in an Inn of Court. Hence, contention.

The rolling fordothe cropp and rote,  
And ryjt of tho that wulde the mote.

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 65.

(2) The stump of a tree. *West.*

(3) A note on a horn. (*A.-N.*)

**MOOT-END.** The backside. *South.*

**MOOT-HALL.** The hall of assembly. (*A.-N.*) A town-hall is still so called in the North of England.

**MOOTING-AXE.** A grubbing-axe. *West.*

**MOOYSEN.** To wonder. *Yorksh.*

**MOOZLES.** A stupid sloven. *Lincol.*

**MOP.** (1) To drink greedily. *Var. dial.*

(2) A meeting or fair where servants are hired. *West.*

(3) The young whiting. The young of any animal was so called, and the term was even applied to a girl.

(4) A tuft of grass. *West.*

(5) To muffle up. *See Mob.*

(6) A grimace, or contemptuous grin.

(7) A fool. *See Sevyn Sages*, 1414. *Mopp's* Depos. Rich. II. p. 24. A doll was so called.

(8) *All mops and brooms*, half-seas over, intoxicated. *In the mops*, sulky.

(9) A napkin. *Glouc.*

(10) To fidget about. *North.*

**MOPAN-HEEDY.** Hide-and-seek. *Devon.*

**MOP-EYED.** Short-sighted. *See the Muses' Looking Glass*, 1643, p. 58.

**MOPPO.** A nickname given by Chettle, in his *Kind-harts Dreame*, 1592, to some ballad vendor of the sixteenth century. Who he was, does not appear to be known.

**MOPPER.** A muffer. *Somerset.*

**MOPPET.** A term of endearment to a young girl. *See Mop* (3).

**MOPPIL.** A blunder; a mistake. *Yorksh.*

**MOPSEY.** A slovenly untidy woman. Also the same as *Moppet*, q. v.

**MOPSYCAL.** Low-spirited. *Suffolk.*

**MOPT.** Deceived; fooled. *Devon.*

**MOR.** A mayor. *Hearne.*

**MORAL.** (1) Model; likeness. *Var. dial.*

(2) Meaning. *Much ado about Nothing*, iii. 1.

**MORCROP.** The herb pimpernell.

**MORDYDY.** Morrowtide; early part of the morning. (*A.-N.*)

This was in the *mordydye* after that that some shone bryzt.

*Chron. Frodoen*, p. 83.

**MORE.** (1) A root. *West.* Morede, rooted up. *Rob. Glouc.* p. 499.

In our Western language *squat* is a bruise, and a route we call a *more*.

*Abbey's Writs*, *Royal Soc. MS.* p. 127

2) Greater. *King John*, ii. 1.

3) A hill. *North*

- (4) Delay. (*Lat.*)  
That gan to hem clerly certyfe,  
Withoute more, the childis dwellynge place.  
*Lyagate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 24.*
- (5) To increase. See Lydgate, p. 213.
- MORE-HERBYW. The herb devil's-bit.
- MOREL. (1) The wood night-shade.  
Tak *moreles*, and the rute of everferne that waxes  
on the ake, and stamp it wele, and temper it with  
mylk, and anoynte the scabbes therwith.  
*MS. Lanc. Med. f. 295.*
- (2) The morris. (*Fr.*)  
That can set his three along in a row,  
And that is fippeny *morrell* I trow.  
*Apollo Shroving, 1627, p. 49.*
- (3) A name for a horse, properly a dark-coloured  
one. See Towueley Myst. p. 9.  
Have gode, now, my gode *morel*,  
On many a stour thou hast served me wel.  
*MS. Ashmole 33, f. 49.*
- (4) A fungus. *North.*
- MOREN. The morning. (*A.-S.*)
- MOREOVER. *Moreover than that*, besides,  
over and above that. *East.*
- MORE-SACKS-TO-THE-MILL. A very rough  
game, mentioned in Dean Milles' MS. p. 180.
- MORE-SMEREWORT. The herb mercury.
- MOREYNE. A murrain.  
Ya Rome fyl a grete *moreyne*,  
A pestilens of men, a venjaunce to pynne.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 10.*
- MORFOND. A disease in a horse occasioned  
by its taking cold.
- MORGAN. Tares in corn. *South.*
- MORGIVE. A marriage gift. (*A.-S.*)
- MORGLAY. A sword. Beves of Hampton  
had a celebrated sword so termed, and hence  
the name. It is alluded to in the Worke for  
Cutlers, 4to. Lond. 1613. "A trusty *morglay*  
in a rusty sheath," *Cleveland Revived, 1660,*  
p. 15. See also *Greene's Works, ii. 131.*
- MORGLE. To maul; to beat. *Beds.*
- MORIEN. A blackamoor; a uegro.
- MORIGEROUS. Dutiful; obedient. This  
word is not of very usual occurrence.  
But they would honor his wife as the princesse of  
the world, and be *morigerous* to him as the com-  
mander of their soules. *History of Patient Grisel, p. 6.*  
The resigned will of a *morigerous* patient makes  
that cure easie, which to a perverse patient would  
become desperate.  
*Brathwait's Arcadian Princesse, 1635, i. 247.*
- MORINE. Dead.
- MORION. A conical skull-cap, with a rim  
round it.  
To Diprant my small coat of mail, the piece of  
plate which my Lord the Prince gave me, called  
breast-plate, the pance whch belonged to my lord  
my father, whom God pardon, my housell, and my  
iron *morion*.  
*Test. Vetust. p. 189.*
- MORISCO. See *Morris-dance*.
- MORKIN. A beast, the produce of an abortive  
birth. According to some, one that dies by  
disease or accident.
- MORK-SHRIEK. A mockery. *East.*
- MORLATION. A large quantity. *Yorksh.*
- MORLING. The wool taken off the skin of a  
dead sheep. *Blount.*
- MORMAL. A cancer, or gangrene. "*Luxiria*  
ys a lyther mormale," MS. Cantab. ff. i. 6,  
xv. Cent. Compare Tyrwhitt, iv. 157.
- MORME. The short point at the end of a spear  
to prevent injury.
- MORMERACYONE. Murrain. Arch. xxi. 66.
- MORMO. A spectre.  
One would think by this play the devils were  
mere *mormos* and bugbears, fit only to fright childrei  
and fools.  
*Culliver's Short View of the English Stage, 1690, p. 192.*
- MORN-DRINK. Morning draught.  
The bore come fro the see,  
Hys *mornu-drynke* he had tan.  
*MS. Cantab. ff. ii. 33, f. 65.*
- MORNIFLE. "Mornyle a maner of play,  
*mornifle*," Palsgrave.
- MOROSOPH. A learned fool. (*Gr.*)
- MORPHEW. A leprous eruption on the face.  
"A *morpheu* or staynyng of the skyune,"  
Elyot, in v. *Alphos*, ed. 1559.
- MORPION. A kind of louse. (*Fr.*)
- MORRIS. See *Five-penny-Morris*.
- MORRIS-DANCE. A very ancient dance, in  
which the performers were accustomed to be  
dressed in grotesque costume, with bells, &c.  
The dance is still common in many parts of  
the country. In Oxfordshire, a few ribands  
generally constitute the sole addition to the  
ordinary costume. The following curious  
notice is taken from the original accounts of  
St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1571, preserved in  
MS. Addit. 12222, f. 5.—"Item, paide in  
charges by the appointment of the parishshion-  
ers, for the setting forth of a gyaunt morres  
dauners with vj. calyvers, and iij. boies on  
horsback, to go in the watche befoore the  
Lorde Maiore uppon Midsomer even, as may  
appere by particulers for the furnishinge of  
the same, vj. li. ix. s. ix. d."  
In Fleet strete then I heard a shoote:  
I put of my hatt, and I made no staye,  
And when I came unto the rowte,  
Good Lord! I heard a taber playe,  
For so, God save mee! a *morris-dawance*.  
Oh ther was sport alone for mee,  
To see the hobby-horse how he did prauce  
Among the gungling company.  
I proffer'd them money for their coats,  
But my conscience had remorse,  
For my father had no oates,  
And I must have had the hobbie horse.  
*MS. Harl. 3910, xvii. Cent.*
- MORRIS-PIKE. A large pike. It is translated  
by *pieque* in Palsgrave.  
The French men with quareilles, *morispiques*,  
slynges, and other engynes, began to assaut the  
walles.  
*Hull, Henry VI. f. 73.*  
The fourth shilde blewe, betokenyng the assaulte,  
with such wepons as the capitain of the castle shal  
occupie, that is *Morris pike*, sworde, target, the  
poynt and edge abated. *Hull, Henry VIII. f. 133.*
- MORT. (1) A great quantity. *Far. dial.*  
He gave her a *mort* of good things at the same  
time, and bid her wear them in remembrance of her  
good friend, my lady, his mother. *Pamela.*
- (2) Death. *Northumb.* It occurs in *Rehij*.  
Antiq. i. 27. The notes formerly blown on

the horn at the death of the deer was called the mort.

(3) A female. A cant term. "A doxie, morte," Cotgrave in v. *Belistresse*.

(4) Hog's-lard. *Devon*.

MORTACIOUS. Mortal; very. *North*.

MORTAGON. *Herba martina*. Arch. xxx. 410.

MORTAISE. To give land in mortmain.

MORTAL. Very; great. *Var. dial.*

MORTALNESS. Mortality. *Palsgrave*.

MORTAR. A kind of wax-candle. "Morter of wax." Ord. and Reg. p. 341; Boke of Curtasye, p. 33.

MORTASSE. A mortise.

For they reysede the crosse with thi body,  
And fychede it in a tre *mortasse* vyolently,  
In wilke the crosse swilke a jage tuke  
That thi body thurgh the weghte al to-schoke.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 190.*

Into a *mortays* withouten more  
The cros was bore up, and he  
Thai lete down dasshe, alas! therefore  
Ho can not wepe come lerne at me.  
*MS. Bodl. 423, f. 198.*

Then up thai lyft that hevê tre,  
And gurdid into a *mortes* of stod. *MS. Douce 302, f. 15.*

MORTEAULX. A game resembling bowls.

MORTIFIE. To render quicksilver in a fit state for medicine. (*Fr.*)

MORTIFY. To teaze. *West*.

MORTLIN. The same as *Morkin*, q. v. The skin is called a *mort*.

MORTREWES. A dish in ancient cookery, very frequently mentioned in early works. See Reliq. Antiq. i. 81, 85, 86; Pr. Parv. pp. 13, 70; Ord. and Reg. pp. 438, 454.

MORUB. The periscaria.

MORWE. Morning; morrow. (*A.-S.*) *Morwening* is also often met with. *Morwen* occurs in MS. Cott. Vesp. D. vii.

MOSARE. An earthen pickle-jar. *West*.

MOSCHE. Much.

Of onest merth sche cowde rith *mosche*,  
Too danuce and syng and othre suche.  
*Gower, MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 43.*

MOSE. (1) A disorder in the chine of horses was formerly so called.

(2) A smoulder of wood. *West*.

MOSELEY'S DOLE. An annual payment so called at Walsall, Staffordshire, which the corporation are accustomed to make of a penny apiece to all the inhabitants of the parish of Walsall, and of the adjoining parish of Rushall. See Edwards's Old English Customs, 1842, p. 55.

MOSES. Grose says, "a man is said to stand Moses when he has another man's bastard child fathered upon him, and he is obliged by the parish to maintain it." This may perhaps be connected with a phrase given by Cotgrave, "Holie Moyses, whose ordinarie counterfeit having on either side of the head an eminence, or luster, arising somewhat in the forme of a horn, hath imboldened a prophane author to stile cuckolds *parents de Moysse*." He here apparently alludes to the character of Moses in the old miracle-plays.

MOSEY. Mealy. *Glouc.* Rough; hairy. *Suff-folk*. "Incipiens barba, a younge *moochie* bearde," Elyot, ed. 1559.

MOSKER. To rot; to decay. *North*.

MOSKYLLADE. A dish made of muscles, &c. See MS. Sloane 1201, f. 52.

MOSS. A morass. *North*. I can make moss nor sand of him, i. e. nothing of him.

MOSS-BEGROWN. Long out of use.

MOSS-CROP. Cotton grass. *North*.

MOSSE. "Napping, as Mosse tooke his mare," Cotgrave, in v. *Desprouveu*. This proverb is still current in Cheshire, according to Mr. Wilbraham. Mosse took his mare napping because he could not catch her when awake.

MOSSELL. A morcel.

He let serve them full tyte,  
Or he wolde any *mossell* byte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 160.*

MOSS-WOOD. Trunks and stumps of trees frequently found in morasses.

MOST-AN-END. Continually; perpetually; mostly; generally. The phrase occurs in Fairfax, Bulk and Selvedge, 1674. *Most in deal* is a similar phrase.

He that with other mens trades will be meddling,  
Doth *most-an-end* lose the fruit of his peddling.  
*Cotgrave, in v. Fache.*

MOSTE. Greatest. (*A.-S.*)

But the *moste* fynger of myn hande,  
Thorow my sonys fete y may put here.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 48.*

MOSTLY. Usually; generally. *Var. dial.*

MOSTRE. Appearance. (*A.-N.*)

MOST-WILAT. For the most part.

MOSY. A dish in cookery, described in the Ord. and Reg. p. 460.

MOT. (1) May; must. Perceval, 287, 333, &c.

Pray the porter, as he is fre,  
That he let the speke with me,  
Soo faire hym *mot* be-falle.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 48.*

They byed on hym and can hym wrye,  
In helle *note* they long lye!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 103.*

(2) A mark for players at quoits.

(3) A moat. *Var. dial.*

(4) A motto. Ben Jonson, i. 103. It occurs also in Hawkins, ii. 205.

MOTE. (1) A mite; a small piece. *South*.

(2) The large white moth. *West*.

(3) To discuss. See *Moot*.

What schalle we more of hym *mote*?  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 80.*

(4) The stalk of a plant. *Devon*.

(5) Assemblage; meeting. *Gawayne*.

MOTERE. To mutter. Pr. Parv. p. 30.

MOTH. A mote, or atom. It occurs in Florio, ed. 1598, p. 130, col. 1.

MOTIER. Phlegm. *Bacon*.

(2) Hysterical passion. Middleton, i. 186.

(3) A round piece of leather on the bladder inside a foot-ball. *West*.

MOTHERING. A custom still prevalent in the West of England of going to visit parents on Mid-lent Sunday, and making them a present of money, trinkets, or some nice eatable.

- Why, rot the, Dick! see Dundry's Peak  
Lucks like a shuggard. *M. thorn-cake.*  
*Collins' Miscellany*, 1762, p. 114.
- MOTHERSIL. Mammy-sick. *Oron*
- MOTHER-LAW. A mother-in-law. *West.*
- MOTHER-OF-THE-MAIDS. The chief of the ladies of honour was so called. Grose has the term for a bawd.
- MOTHER'S-SON. A man. This quaint phrase was formerly in common use.  
Thryes throw at them he ran  
Then for sothe, as I yow sey,  
And woundyt many a *moder sone*,  
And xij, he slew that day.  
*MS. Cantab.* *Ff.* v. 48, f. 127.  
The ys; brake als sone als Darius was paste over,  
and alle that ware on the ys; ware perischte ilk a  
*moder sone*, and drowned in the water.  
*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 19.
- MOTHER-WIT. No wit at all. An old writer gives the following as an example of mother-wit—"like that which was in a certayne country gentleman, whom the Queene of Arabia meeting, and knowing him to be a man of no great wiselome, demaunded of him when his wife should be brought to bed: who answered, Even when your highnesse shall command."  
A grave discreet gentleman having a comely wife, whose beauty and free behaviour did draw her honesty into suspition, by whom hee had a sonne almost at mans estate, of very dissolute and wanton carriage. I muse, said one, that a man of such staid and moderate gravity should have a sonne of such a contrary and froward disposition. Sir, replyd another, the reason is that his pate is stuffed with his *Mother's wit*, that there is no roome for any of his father's wiselome: besides, the lightnesse of her heeles is gotten into her sonnes braines.  
*Taylor's Wit and Morth*, 1630, p. 185.
- MOTHWOCK. Moderately flexible.
- MOTION. A puppet. Also, a puppet-show. It is of very common occurrance, especially in old plays.
- MOTIVE. Motion. *Lydgate.*
- MOTLADO. A kind of mottled cloth.
- MOTLEY. The dress of the domestic fool. Hence *men of motley*, fools.
- MOTON. (1) In armour, a plate put on the right shoulder. *Arch.* xvii. 292.  
(2) A small French gold coin, which bore the stamp of a lamb or sheep.
- MOTONE. A sheep. (*Fr.*)  
The hynde in pees with the lyone,  
The wolfe in pees with the *motone*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antig.* 134, f. 37.
- MOTONER. A wench. *Lydgate*, p. 168.
- MOTTEY. (1) The mark aimed at in the game of pitch-and-toss. *North.* Also the same as *Mot*, q. v.  
(2) Talk; speech; opinion. *Lanc.* This seems to be derived from the French.
- MOTTOWS. The rent of a piece of meadow ground, in two parcels or *mottows*, is to be appropriated to the poor of Bradley, in the county of Stafford. See Carlisle's Account of Charities, p. 298.
- MOU. Mowing. *Hearne.*
- MOUCE. Mischance. *Yorksh.*
- MOUCH. (1) To eat greedily. *Liuc.*  
(2) To stroke down gently. *West.*
- MOUCHATS. A moustachio.
- MOUCHING. Shy. *Liuc.*
- MOUDY. A mole-catcher. *Moudy-rat*, a mole.  
*Moudy-hill*, a mole-hill.
- MOUGHT. (1) Might; must.  
(2) A moth. *Palsgrave*, 1530. It also occurs in *Lydgate's Minor Poems*, p. 58.
- MOUK-CORN. The same as *Mashin*, q. v.
- MOUL. (1) Mould. Still in use.  
(2) To pull or tumble about. *West.*
- MOULDER. Mould; clay.  
Not that we are pryvy to the eternall counsel of God, hut for that by sense of our ayrie bodies we have a more refined faculty of foreseeing, than men possibly can have that are chained to such heave earthly moulder. *Nash's Piece Pennelisse*, p. 85.
- MOULDY-PUDDING. A slattern. *Yorksh.*
- MOULE. To grow mouldy. (*A.-S.*) "Moulyde brede," *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 85.
- MOULING. Digging. *Devon.*
- MOUN. May; must. (*A.-S.*)
- MOUNCH-PRESENT. "Mounch Present is he that is a great gentleman, for when his mayster sendeth him with a present, he will take a tast thereof by the waye. This is a bold knave, that sometyme will eate the best and leave the worst for his mayster." *Fraternity of Vacabondes*, 1575. The term occurs in *Palsgrave*, meaning a glutton.
- MOUND. A fence or hedge. *East.*
- MOUNDE. (1) A helmet. *Weber.*  
(2) Size. *Gy of Warwike*, p. 3.  
Fourth thousand men thai founde,  
To bataile men of grete mounne.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 128.
- MOUNGE. To whine; to low. *North.*
- MOUNT. (1) A horse-block. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To equip. *Northamptonsh.*  
(3) Futuo, said of beasts. *Var. dial.*
- MOUNTABAN. A kind of hat.
- MOUNTAIN-OF-PIETY. A society for granting loans at reasonable interest.
- MOUNTANCE. Amount; quantity. (*A.-N.*)
- MOUNT-CENT. Same as *Cent*, q. v.
- MOUNTEE. In hawking, the act of rising up to the prey.
- MOUNTFAULCON. The female pudendum. Apparently from the Italian. It occurs in Florio, and is still in use.
- MOUNTOUNS. Amount.  
And withholde therof no thyng  
The *mountouns* of a ferthyng.  
*MS Hart.* 1701, f. 38.
- MOUNTOUR. Throne. "And in the myddes of this palays is the *mountour* for the grete Cane that is alle wrought of gold and of precyous stones and grete perles," *Sir J. Maundevile's Travels*, ed. 1839, p. 217. In the Latin version we find the word *ascensorium*.
- MOUNT-ROSE. A kind of wine. See the *Sqyr of Lowe Degré*, 755.
- MOURDANT. The tongue of a buckle. (*A.-N.*)
- MOURE. A turkey. *Somerset.*

**MOURNIVAL.** A term at the game of gleek, meaning four of a sort. Hence applied to any set of four.

It can be no treason,  
To drink and to sing

A mournival of healths to our new-crown'd king.  
*Brome's Songs*, 1661, p. 56.

**MOUSE.** (1) A piece of beef. It is the part below the round.

(2) Mouth. See Tusser, p. 114.

(3) As drunk as a mouse was formerly a very common simile.

Then seke another house,  
This is not worth a louse;  
As dronken as a mouse.

*Doctor Double Ale*, n. d.

(4) A term of endearment. Alieyn, the actor, terms his wife "my good sweete mouse." See Collier's *Memoirs*, p. 25.

**MOUSE-FOOT.** An oath.

I know a man that will never swear but by cock  
and pye, or *mouse-foot*. I hope you will not say  
these be oaths. *Dent's Pathway*, p. 142.

**MOUSE-HOUND.** A weasel. *East.* Not connected with Shakespeare's *mouse-hunt*.

**MOUSELL.** A muzzle. "Moussell of a heest,  
*groing, moe*; moussell for a beare or a dogge,  
*mouseau*," Palsgrave.

**MOUSEL-SCAB.** A distemper in sheep.

**MOUSER.** A cat. *Var. dial.*

**MOUSE-SNAP.** A mouse-trap. *Somerset.*

**MOUSFICHE.**

Gyff thame at drynk therof arely at the morne,  
and late at evens, of the grettnes of a *mouffiche*.

*MS. Lincol'n A. i. 17, f. 303.*

**MOUSPECE.** Same as *Moussell*, q. v.

**MOUSTER.** (1) To moulder. *West.* Perhaps more usually pronounced *mouter*.

(2) To stir; to be moving. *Somerset.*

**MOUT.** To moult. *Var. dial.*

When fethers of charyte begynnen to *mouete*,  
Than all the prayers tune to synne.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 25.*

**MOUTCH.** *On the moutch*, shuffling. *Wilts.*

**MOUTH.** "Down i' the mouth" is an old English proverbial saying, for a person who is dejected and disheartened.

**MOUTH-HOD.** Food for cattle. *North.*

**MOUTH-MAUL.** To talk very badly; to sing quite out of tune. *West.*

**MOUTH-SPEECH.** Speech. *Devon.*

**MOVE-ALL.** A juvenile game.

**MOVED.** Angry. *Palsgrave.*

**MOW.** (1) May. (*A.-S.*)

Hym semys a fellow for to be;  
Moo bourdis yet *mow* we se.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 52.*

(2) A mock; a scornful grin.

Unto his mother they complain'd,  
which grieved her to heare,  
And for these pranks she threatned him  
he should have whipping cheare,  
If that he did not leave his tricks,  
his jeering mocks and *mowes*;  
Quoth she, thou vile, untutor'd youth,  
these pranks no breeding shewes.

*The Merry Puck*, n. d.

(3) Futuo. *North.*

(4) A stack of corn, &c. *Var. dial.*

(5) A sister-in-law.

(6) The sea-mew, a well-known bird.

**MOW-BURNT-HAY.** Hay which has fermented in the stack. *Yorksh.*

**MOWCHIE.** To spy, or eaves-drop.

**MOWEL.** The fish mullet.

**MOWER.** A mocker; a scorner. *Palsgrave.*

**MOWHAY.** A barton or inclosure for ricks of hay or corn. *Devon.*

**MOWING.** Ability. *Chaucer.*

**MOWL.** (1) Mould. *Kent.*

(2) To knead. *Yorksh.*

**MOW-LAND.** Meadow land. "And allso to have as much *mow land* for rent, as myght pleasure me sufficiently," *Dr. Dee's Diary*, p. 38.

**MOWROUN.** Morrow. Degrevant, 937.

**MOWSEPEASE.** The herb orobus.

**MOW-STEADS.** Staddles. *Devon.*

**MOWSTRYDE.** Mustered. *Arch.* xxi. 50.

**MOWTHE.** To speak, or explain. (*A.-S.*)

**MOY.** Muggy; close. *North.*

**MOYENAUNT.** By means of. (*Fr.*)

Suche, namely, as many dayes had bene lad to great inconveniences, and mischevs-daynge, *moyenaunt* the false, faynyd fables, and disclandars.

*Arrival of King Edward IV.* p. 24.

**MOYNES.** Moans; lamentations.

Nathelesse dayly came certayne personus on the sayde Erlis behalve to the kinge, and made grette *moynes*, and desired him to treat withe hym, for some gode and expedient appoyntment.

*Arrival of King Edward IV.* p. 9.

**MOYRED.** Stuck in the mire.

**MOZH.** A stirrup-cup. *Devon.*

**MOYTE.** Might. (*A.-S.*)

**MUBBLE-FUBBLES.** To be in the mubble-fubbles, to be depressed in spirits without any serious cause. A cant term.

**MUCH.** (1) A term or expression of contempt common in old plays, and generally meaning *little or none, far from it, by no means*. It is similarly used as an adjective, in all cases inferring denial.

(2) To make much of; to coax; to stroke gently. *West.*

(3) A wonder; a marvel. *Chesh.*

(4) Great; numerous. (*A.-S.*) Hence the adjective *muchly*.

The Ladie Cantabrizia speedelie,  
And all her learn'd with greate semnitie,  
Went gravelicly dight to entertaine the dame,  
They *muchly* lov'd, and honor'd in her name.

*MS. Bibl. Reg.* 17 B. 55.

**MUCH-HOW.** Indeed! *Devon.*

**MUCHNESS.** Similarity. *Var. dial.*

**MUCH-ONE.** Much the same. *South.*

**MUCH-WHAT.** For the most part. See Holinshed, *Hist. Scotland*, pp. 44, 94.

**MUCK.** (1) To manure land. *Var. dial.* Also, to clear of dung. It is a term of reproach.

(2) Moist; damp; wet. *Lanc.*

(3) To run a muck, i. e. to go out of one's mind. *Devon.*

(4) To labour very hard. *Kent.*

(5) *Muck-cheap*, very cheap. *Muck-heap*, a



- dirty untidy person. *Muck-grubber*, a miser. *Muckhill*, a dunghill.
- MUCKER. To be dirty. *West*.
- MUCKETTY. Dirty; untidy. *Suffolk*.
- MUCK-FORK. A dung-fork; a fork with crooked prongs to distribute manure. *Muckeforcus*. Reliq. Antiq. i. 86; *muckeforke*, Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 189; *mokhak*, Finchale Ch. It is also called a mud-croon, and used for other purposes.
- MUCK-HILL. A dunghill. *Var. dial.* "A muckelle, *fuarium*," Nominale MS.
- MUCKINDER. A handkerchief. Also called a *muckinger* or a *muckiter*. The term is still in use, but generally applied to a dirtied handkerchief.
- MUCKLE. To disarrange, or disorder. *East*.
- MUCKLE-DOWN. To stoop. *Devon*.
- MUCKLETON. An old male rat.
- MUCK-OF-SWEAT. Excessive perspiration. One of them, I thought, expressed her sentiments upon this occasion in a very coarse manner, when she observed that, by the living jingo, she was all of a *muck-of-sweat*. *Var. of Wakefield*.
- MUCKRE. To heap. (*A.-S.*)
- MUCKSCUTCHEON. A dirty person. *Lincol.*
- MUCKSEN. Dirty. *Muckson up to the huckson*, dirty up to the knuckles. *Muck-spout*, a foul-mouthed person. *Muck-suckle*, a filthy or very untidy woman.
- MUCKSHADE. Twilight. *North*. Grose has *muckshot*, p. 109.
- MUCK-WEED. The goose-foot. *Norfolk*.
- MUCK-WET. Very wet or sloppy. "*Enfoundu*, *mucke-wet*," Cotgrave.
- MUCK-WORM. A miser. Also, an upstart.
- MUCKY. Dirty. *Mucky-white*, said of a fallow complexion. *North*.
- MUD. (1) Must; might. *North*.  
(2) A small nail or spike used by cobblers. *North*.  
(3) To bring up. *Wills*.  
(4) A stupid fellow. *I. Wight*. Muddy, confused, muddled.
- MUDDLE. To confuse; to perplex. *East*.
- MUDDLY. Thick; foggy. *North*.
- MUDGE. Mud; dirt. *Derbysh.*
- MUDGELLY. Squashed; trampled on as straw is by cattle. *South*.
- MUDGIN. A kind of chalky clay used for daubing. *Norfolk*. Soft stone turning into and mixing with mud is called mud-stone.
- MUD-LAMB. A pet-lamb. *South*.
- MUD-PATTENS. Wide flat pieces of board which are strapped on the feet, and used to walk over the soft mud deposited in harbours by the sea. *Hants*.
- MUD-SHEEP. Sheep of the large old Tees-water breed. *North*.
- MUE. To change. (*A.-N.*)
- MUET. Dumb; mute. (*A.-N.*)
- MUFF. (1) To speak indistinctly. *Muffle* is more commonly used.  
(2) A stupid fellow. *Var. dial.*
- MUFF-COATED-DUCKS. Muscovy ducks.
- MUFFETEE. A small muff worn over the wrist. *Var. dial.*
- MUFFLED-MAN. A man in disguise.
- MUFFLER. A kind of wide band or wrapper, chiefly covering the chin and throat, but sometimes nearly all the face, worn formerly by ladies. "A kerchiefe or like thing that men and women used to weare about their necke and cheekes, it may be used for a muffler." Baret, 1580.
- MUFFS. Mittens. *Yorksh.*
- MUG. (1) A fog or mist. *North*.  
(2) The mouth. Also, the face. *Var. dial.*  
(3) A pot; an earthen bowl. *North*. A hawker of pots is a *mugger*.  
(4) A sheep without horns. *Yorksh.*  
(5) The rump of an animal. *Devon*.
- MUGED. Stirred; hovered. *Gawayne*.
- MUGEROM. The caul or fat in the inwards of a hog. *North*.
- MUGGARD. Sullen; displeas'd. *Exmoor*.
- MUGGETS. Chittrilings. Hence applied to a crispy ruffled shirt. *West*. *Muggety-pie*. *Archæologia*, xiii. 388.
- MUGGLE. (1) To be restless. *Devon*.  
(2) To drizzle with rain. *Yorksh.*
- MUGGLETONIANS. "A new blasphemous sect, which began about the year 1657 when Lodowic Muggleton, a journey man taylor, and one Reeves, declared themselves the two last witnesses of God that ever should be upon earth, and that they had absolute power to save and damn whom they pleased; to which end one called himself the blessing, the other the cursing prophet. Reeves dyed unpunish'd, but Muggleton was sentenc'd at the Old Baily, Jan. 1676, to stand on the pillory, was fined 500*l.* and to lye in prison till he paid it," Blount, p. 426.
- MUGGLETONY. A mongrel. *South*.
- MUGGY. (1) Close and damp, generally applied to the weather. *Var. dial.*  
(2) The white-throat. *North*.  
(3) Half-intoxicated. *Essex*.
- MUG-HOUSE. A pottery. *West*.
- MUGLARD. A miserly person.
- MUGLE. The mullet. *Gratarolus*, Direction for Health, 1574.
- MUGWORT. Wormwood. *North*.
- MULBREDE. To break; to crumble.
- MULCH. Straw half-rotten, saturated for manure. *East*.
- MULCKT. A blenish or defect.
- MULERE. A weasel. *Somerset*.
- MULET. A mule. *Yorksh.*
- MULFER. (1) To stife up. (2) To moulder.
- MULHARDE. A keeper of mules. It occurs in the Nominale MS. *Malett*, *Archæologia*, xxviii. 98.
- MULIERE. A wife; a woman. (*A.-N.*) *Mulierieborne*, legitimately, Holinshed, Chron. Ireland, p. 113.
- MULITER. A muleteer. *Shak.*
- MULL. (1)  
And there they fonde the cofre ful,  
sperl wyth the devylys mol.  
*MS. Hart. 1701, f. 41*

- (2) A throw of a peg-top which fails to spin. Hence *mulled*, sleepy, inactive.
- (3) Dust; dirt; rubbish. *North*.  
That other cofre of straw and mulle,  
With stonis meynde he filde also.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 141.
- (4) To pull, or tumble about. *West*. Also, to break into small pieces.
- (5) Soft, breaking soil. *Norw*.
- (6) To boil or stew.
- (7) To rub, squeeze, or bruise. *West*.
- (8) To rain softly. *Nominale MS*.
- (9) A blunder, mess, or failure. *South*.
- MULLETS. (1) Spurs. (*A.-N.*)  
The brydylle reynys were of sylke,  
The muletty's gylte they were.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 87.*
- (2) Small pincers for curling the hair.
- MULLEY. A cow. *Suffolk*.
- MULL-HEAD. A stupid fellow. *West*.
- MULLIGRUB-GURGIN. A grub which feeds exclusively on gurgin meal.
- MULLIGRUBS. To have the mulligrubs, i. e. to be ill-tempered and grumbling.
- MULLIN. Methelin. *Somerset*.
- MULLING. A term of endearment applied to a little boy.
- MULLOCK. (1) A mess; a blunder; a dilemma; an ill-managed affair.  
(2) Dirt; refuse; rubbish. Still in use in the North of England.
- (3) The stump of a tree. *West*.
- MULLS. The name by which milkmaids call their cows. *Northamptonsh.*
- MULL-WINE. A corruption of *mulled wine*.
- MULLY. To bellow. A farmer told a person who was afraid to pass through the field where his bull was, on account of the noise he made, "Don't fear, a woll *mully*, *mully*, *mully*, hut a 'out run." *Suffolk*.
- MULNE. A mill. Still in use.
- MULP. To pout; to be sulky. *East*.
- MULSE. Sweet wine.
- MULSY. Dirt; rubbish. *Beds*.
- MULTIPLICATION. The art of making gold and silver. (*A.-N.*)
- MULTIPLYING-GLASS. A magnifying-glass. See the *Bride*, 1640, sig. F. ii.
- MULTON. A sheep. (*Fr.*)
- MULVELL. The haddock? Translated by *mulcellus* in *Nominale MS*.
- MUM. (1) A beetle. *South*.  
(2) Silent, secret anger. *Essex*.
- MUMBLE. To stick together. *Suffolk*. Sticky soil is said to be *mumbly*.
- MUMBLE-A-SPARROW. A cruel sport practised at wakes and fairs, in the following manner: A cock sparrow whose wings are clipped, is put into the crown of a hat; a man having his arms tied behind him, attempts to bite off the sparrow's head, but is generally obliged to desist, by the many pecks and pinches he receives from the enraged bird.
- MUMBLE-MATINS. A Popish priest.
- MUM-BUDGET. A cant word implying silence. "*Acôir le bec gelé*, to play mumbudget, to be

tongue-tyed, to say never a word." *Cotgrave*.  
"To play at mumbudget, *demurer court ne sonner mot*," *Howell*.

In the city of Gloucester M. Bird of the chappell met with Tarlton, who, joyfull to regreete other, went to visit his friends; amongst the rest, M. Bird, of the queenes chappell, visited M. Woodcock of the colledge, when meeting, many friendly speeches past, amongst which, M. Woodcock challenged M. Bird of him, who nused that hee was of his affinity and hee never knew it. Yes, says M. Woodcock, every woodcock is a bird, therefore it must needs be so. Lord, sir, says Tarlton, you are wide, for though every woodcock be a bird, yet every bird is not a woodcock. So Master Woodcock like a woodcock bit his lip, and *mumbudget* was silent.  
*Tarlton's Jestes*, 4to. Lond. 1611.

MUMCHANCE. An old game, mentioned in *Cotgrave*, in v. *Chance*; *Apollo Shroving*, 1627, p. 49; *Taylor's Motto*, 1622, sig. D. iv. According to some writers, silence was an indispensable requisite to this game, and in Devon a silent stupid person is called a mummance, *Milles' MS. Gloss*.

MUMMER. A masker. The term *mummers* is now applied to the youths fantastically dressed who dance about at Christmas, and sometimes act a dramatic piece.

*A-mumming*, quoth you; why, there can be nothing worse then for a man to goe *a-mumminge* when he hath no mony in his purse.

*Marriage of Watt and Wisdom*, 1579.

MUMMY. (1) To beat any one to a mummy, i. e. very severely.

(2) *Topsell*, p. 83, mentions a herb so called. Egyptian mummy, or rather a substitute for it, was formerly used in medicine. "To make *mummee* of her grease," *Fletcher's Poems*, p. 256. *Blount* describes mummy, "A thing like pitch sold by apothecaries; it is hot in the second degree, and good against all bruising, spitting of blood, and divers other diseases. There are two kinds of it, the one is digged out of the graves in Arabia and Syria of those bodies that were embalmed, and is called *Arabian Mummy*. The second kind is onely an equal mixture of the Jews lime and Bitumen."

MUMP. (1) To beat; to bruise. *North*.

(2) To beg; to cheat; to intrude. *West*.

(3) To make grimaces. "*Simper and mump*," *Lilly*, ed. 1632, sig. Cc. x.

(4) A protuberance; a lump. *Somerset*. *Florio* mentions "swellings in the necke called the *mumps*," p. 425.

(5) To be sulky. *Suffolk*.

(6) Any great knotty piece of wood; a root. *Glouc*.

MUMPER. A beggar. *Var. dial*.

MUMPING-DAY. The twenty-first of December, when the poor go about the country, begging corn, &c. *Herefordsh*. See *Dunkin's History of Bicester*, p. 270, ed. 1816.

MUMPOKER. A word used to frighten naughty children. "I will send the *mumpoker* after you." *I. of Wight*.

MUMPSIMUS. An old error, in which men obstinately persevere - taken from a tale of

an ignorant monk, who in his breviary had always said *mumpsimus* instead of *sumpsimus*, and being told of his mistake, said, "I will not change my old *mumpsimus* for your new *sumpsimus*." Bentley has made good use of this tale in his Epistles on Phalaris.

Some be to stiffe in their old *mumpsimus*, other be to busy and curious in their new *sumpsimus*.

*Hail, Henry VIII* f. 261.

MUM-RUFFIN. The long-tailed tit. *Wore*.

MUN. (1) Must. *Var. dial.*

(2) The mouth. A common cry at Coventry on Good Friday is—

One a penny, two a penny, hot cross buns,

Butter them and sugar them and put them in your *muns*.

(3) *Mun fish*, rotten fish used in Cornwall for manure.

(4) A low familiar mode of address, said to be a corruption of *man*, but applied to both sexes.

MUNCH. Something to eat.

MUNCHATOES. Moustachios.

Now in my two *munchatoes* for a need,

Wanting a rope, I could well hang my-selfe.

*How to Choose a Good Wife*, 1634.

MUNCH-PRESENT. One who takes bribes. "Maunche present, *briffault*," Palsgrave.

MUNCORN. Mixed corn. *North*. In Herefordshire a muncorn team means a team of horses and oxen mixed.

MUNDAINE. Worldly possessions.

MUNDFIE. To clear; to make clean. See Toppell's Beasts, p. 343; Serpents, p. 76.

MUNDICK. "A yellow ore mixed with tinn in the stannaries of Cornwall, which is wrought into true copper, and thereby affords a great advantage." Kennett.

MUNDLE. A slice or stick used in making puddings, &c. *North*.

MUNG. (1) Food for chickens, because usually of a mixed nature.

(2) A crowd of people. *Chesh.*

MUNGE. To munch. *Var. dial.*

MUNGER. (1) To mutter; to grumble. *North*.

(2) A horse-collar made of straw.

MUNGY. Sultry; hot. *West*.

MUNITE. To strengthen; to fortify.

Their realmes and countries are fortified and *munited* wyth a double power, that is to say, with their owne strength and the ayde of their frendes.

*Hall, Richard III.* f. 18.

MUNXION. A mullion. *Monou*. Still in use. Barnes' Dorset Glossary, p. 329.

MUNSWORN. Forsworn. *Yorksh.*

MUNT. To hint. *North*.

MUNTE. (1) To give; to measure out mede.

(2) Went. Piers Ploughman, p. 461.

MUNTELATE. A dish in ancient cookery described in Ord. and Reg. p. 429.

MUNTINS. The intermediate upright bars of framing. A joiner's term.

MUR. (1) A mouse. *Devon*.

(2) A severe cold with hoarseness.

Deafe eares, blind eyes, the palse, gouthe and *mur*,

And cold would kill thee, but for fire and fur.

*Rowland's More Knaves Yet*, 1612.

MURAY. A wall. (*A.-N.*)

MURCH. A diminutive man.

MURCHY. Mischief. *Devon*. The old-mur-  
chy, a term for the devil.

MURDERER. A very destructive piece of ordnance. It is called a murdering piece by Shakespeare.

MURDERING-PIE. The butcher-bird.

MURDLI. Joyful; pleasant. (*A.-S.*)

MURE. (1) A wall. (*Lat.*) Also a verb, as in Harrison's England, p. 216.

(2) Husks or chaff of fruit after it has been pressed. *North*.

(3) Soft; meek; demure. *East*.

(3) To squeeze. *Cornw.*

MURELY. Nigh; almost. *Cornw.*

MURENGER. A superintendent of the walls of a town or city. *Chesh.*

MURFLES. Freckles; pimples. *Devon*.

MURGE. To joy; to gladden. (*A.-N.*) *Murgost*, merriest, Rob. Glouc. p. 349.

MURGIN. A bog; a quagmire. *Chesh.*

MURKINS. In the dark. *North*.

MURL. To crumble. *North*.

MURNE. Sorrowful. (*A.-S.*)

Ther lete we hem sojorne,

And speke we of chaunces hard and *murne*.

*A thour and Merlon*, p. 301

MURRAIN-BERRIES. The berries of the black briony are so called in the Isle of Wight.

MURRE. An old dish in cookery, described in Warner's Antiq. Culin. p. 83.

MURREY. A dark red colour.

MURRLE. To muse attentively. *Cumb.*

MURTH. Plenty; abundance. *North*.

MURXNS. The herb chickweed.

MUS. Muzzle; mouth. Spelt *mu*z in Tim Bobbin, Gl. ed. 1806.

MUSARD. (1) A wretch, or vagabond.

Ich wene thou art a fole *mu-sard*

When thou of love me hast bisought.

*Gy of Wareweke*, p. 10.

(2) A foolish fellow. *Devon*.

MUSCADINE. A rich sweet-smelling wine. Also called the *muscadet*.

And I will have also wyne of Ryne,

With new maid Clarye, that is good and fyne,

*Muscadell*, terantyne, and bastard,

With Ypoeras and Pynent comyng afterwarde.

*MS. Rarcl. C.* 136

MUSCET. A muscle. Nominale MS.

MUSCLE-PLUM. A dark purple plum.

MUSCOVY-GLASS. Talc.

MUSCULL. A pustule.

MUSE. (1) To wonder. *Shak.*

(2) A hole in a hedge through which game passes. Also called *musset*.

But the good and aproved hounds on the contrary, when they have found the hare, make shew therof to the hunter, by running more speedily, and with gesture of head, eyes, ears, and taile, winding to the hares *mus*, never give over prosecution with a gallant noise, no not returning to their leaders, least they loose advantage.

*Topwell's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 152.

Or with hare-pypes set in a *musset* hole,

Wilt thou deceave the deep-earth-delving coney?

*The Affectonate Shepherd*, 1594.

(3) To gaze. (*A.-N.*)

MUSH. (1) Dust; dusty refuse. *North*.  
 (2) Guardedly silent. *East*.  
 (3) Anything mashed. *Lanc*.  
 (4) To break a child's spirit by unnecessary harshness. *Warw*.  
 (5) The best kind of iron ore.

MUSHERON. A mushroom; toadstool. It occurs in Palsgrave, 1530. *Mushrump*, another form, is found in Mariowe, and Shakespeare, *Tempest*, ed. 1623, p. 16, col. 2.

MUSHROOM-HITCHES. Inequalities in the floor of a coal mine, occasioned by the projection of basaltic or other stony substances. *North*.

MUSKER. A musician.

MUSK. The herb cranes-bill.

MUSKEL. A caterpillar. *Devon*.

MUSKET. The male sparrow-hawk. See Harrison, p. 227. It is the translation of *capus* in MS. Addit. 11579.

MUSKIN. "A proper visage," Palsgrave.

MUSROLL. The nose-band of a horse's bridle. (*Fr.*) Still in use.

MUSS. (1) A mouse. Jonson, i. 49.  
 (2) A scramble. There was a scrambling game amongst children so called. "Striving as children play at musse," Florio, p. 38.  
 (3) The mouth. *North*.

MUSSELL. A lump of bread, &c.

MUST. (1) Ground apples. *West*.  
 (2) New wine. A very common term in old authors.  
 (3) *Well must ye*, an elliptical phrase for wishing good luck to any one.  
 (4) To turn mouldy. *Palsgrave*.

MUSTILER. Armour for the body.

MUSTIR. To talk together privately.

MUSTREDEVILLIARS. A kind of mixed grey woollen cloth, which continued in use up to Elizabeth's reign. It is sometimes spelt *mustard-villars*.

MUT. Must; might. *North*. This form occurs in Torrent, p. 61.

MUTE. (1) A mule of the male kind out of a she-ass by a horse, though some will have it that a mule so bred is termed a *mute* without reference to sex. *Lincol*.  
 (2) The dung of hawks.  
 One used an improper term to a falconer, saying that his hawk dung'd. The falconer told him that he should have said *muted*. Anon after this fellow stumbled, and fell into a cowshare, and the falconer asking him how he came so beray'd, he answered, In a cow mute.  
*Wite, Fittes, and Fancies*, 1595, p. 17b.  
 (3) To mew; to moult.

(4) A pack of hounds. Sometimes, the cry of hounds. *Gent. Rec*.

MUTESSE. The same as *Mute* (2).

MUTHE. An army. (*A.-N.*)

MUTIN. Mutinous. *Shak*.

MUTTING. Sulky; glumping. *Cornw*. *Mutting*, muttering, *Chester Plays*, i. 132.

MUTTON. A prostitute. *Mutton-monger*, a man addicted to muttons. Both terms are still in common use. "A notable smel-

smocke, or muttonmonger, a cunning solicitor of a wench." *Cotgrave*.

MUTTON-TOPS. The young tops or shoots of the goose-foot.

MUTTY-CALF. A very young calf. Also, a simpleton. *Yorksh*.

MUTUATE. Borrowed. (*Lat.*)  
 Whiche for to set themselves and their band the more gorgeously forward had *mutuate* and borrowed diverse and sondry summes of money.  
*Hall, Henry VII. f. 27*

MUWEN. May. (*A.-S.*)

MUX. Muck; dirt. Hence *muxen*, a dunghill. *West*. Lye has *muxy*, a Devonshire word.

MUZWEB. A cobweb. *North*.

MUZZLE. (1) The face. *Var. dial*.  
 (2) To drink excessively. *Lincol*.  
 (3) To trifle; to skulk. *Yorksh*. It seems to occur in a similar sense in Florio, ed. 1611, p. 25.  
 (4) To grub up with the snout, as swine do. *Devon*.

MUZZY. Half drunk. *Var. dial*.

MYCULLE. Much; great.  
 Now alle wynnmen that has your wytte,  
 And sees my childe on my knees ded,  
 Wepe not for yours, but wepe for hit,  
 And ge shalle have ful *myculle* mede.  
 He wolde agayne for your luf blede,  
 Rather or that ge damned were;  
 I pray yow alle to hym take hede;  
 For now hggus ded my dere son dere.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 49, f. 73.*

MYDDYNG-PYTTE. Dunghill-pit. See *Midden*.  
 That contré es so fayre on to luke,  
 And so bryght and brade, als says the buke,  
 That alle this world thare we wonne yhitte,  
 War nocht bot als a *myddyng-pytte*  
 To regarde of that contre so brade.  
*Hampole, MS. Boeces, p. 223.*

MY-EYE. A very common low exclamation of astonishment.

MY-BEN-HATH-LAID. A kind of game mentioned by Florio, p. 474.

MY-LADY'S-HOLE. A game at cards.

MYLATE. A dish in ancient cookery, described in *Forme of Cury*, p. 69.

MYR. Pleasant. (*A.-S.*) *Myrré*, merry, Torment of Portugal, p. 13.  
 Quy shuld thou leve so *myr* a thyng,  
 That is likand and swete. *MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 82.*

MYSBREYDE. Evil birth. (*A.-S.*)  
 For thys skyle hyt may be seyde,  
 Handlyng synne for oure *mysbreyde*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 1.*

MYSE. To mince, or cut in small pieces.

MYSELL. Myself. *North*. I have also heard *mysen* in the same sense.

MYSELVENE. Myself. (*A.-S.*)

MYSFARYNGE. Hurt; injured.  
 He sawe a knyghte rydyng,  
 Hys ryght arme was *mysfaryng*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 154.*

MY-SOW-PIGGED. An old game mentioned in Taylor's *Motto*, 12mo. 1622, sig. D. iv.

MYSPAYRE. Evil?  
 Syr, he seyde, the kyng Edgare  
 Dryveth the to grete *mospayre*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 123.*

MYSSE. To fail. (*A.-N.*)

- He shal have warryng for blysse,  
And of blessing shall he *mysse*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 9.*
- MYSTHROWE.** To mistrust. (*A.-S.*)  
But our Lady was evyr stedfast in the feith,  
And *mystroncid* not of his resurreccion.  
*MS. Laud. 416, f. 42.*  
Tel me, therefore, if it be so,  
Hastow thin yhe ought *mysthrowe*?  
*Gower, MS. Bodl. 294, f. 11.*  
And be no morre so *mystroward*,  
But trow trewly.  
*Craft's Excerpta Antiqua, p. 110.*

**MYSTYMED.** Skinner explains this, *male tem-  
pus in hoc mundo impendit*.  
And as he hath the world *mystymed*.  
*Gower, MS. Bodl. 294.*

**MYSȝ.** Mice.  
After this, ther come oute of the redez a grete  
multitude of *mysȝ*, als grete als foxes, and ete up  
the dede bodys. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 28.*

**MYTHE.** Mild.  
O Judas, sore ashamed thou be may  
So meke and so *mythe* a mayster to tray.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 85.*

**MYȝTVOL.** Powerful. Rob. Glone.

**NA.** No. *North.* It is even a mark of  
North country dialect in some MSS.

**NAB.** (1) A cant term for the head. See a list  
in Brit. Bibl. ii. 521.

(2) The summit of an eminence. *North.*

(3) To catch; to seize; to overtake a person  
unexpectedly. *Far. dial.* To nab the rust,  
i. e. to receive punishment unexpectedly.

(4) Kennett has, "nab of a bolt, the sholder of  
iron sticking out about the middle of the bolt  
in a lock, the use of which is to receive the  
bottom of the bit of the key, when, in turning  
it about, it shoots the bolt backwards and  
forwards."

**NABALL.** A fool. One of Rowlands' epigrams,  
in his More Knaves Yet, 1612, is addressed  
"to all London's *naballs*."

**NABBITY.** Dwarfish. *East.*

**NABCHET.** A hat or cap. An old cant term,  
given by Harman, 1567. *Nabcher*, Earle, p.  
253. Grose has nab-cheat.

**NAB-NANNY.** A louse. *East.*

**NA-BUT.** Only. *North.*

**NACKENDOLE.** Eight pounds of meal. *Lanc.*  
It is supposed to be a kneading-dole, the  
quantity usually taken for kneading at one  
time. Often pronounced *aghendole*. It oc-  
curs in Prompt. Parv. under the form *eytendele*.

**NACKER.** (1) A young colt. *Devon.*

(2) To snap the fingers. *Wilts.*

**NACKING.** A handkerchief. *Corw.*

**NADDE.** For *ne hadde*, had not. (*A.-S.*)

**NADDLING.** Nodding. *Devon.*

**N.EVE.** A spot; a fault. (*Lat.*)

**NAF.** The pudendum muliebre. *North.*

**NAFFING.** Grumbling; haggling. *North.*

**NAG.** To nick, chip, or slit. *Line.*

**NAGE.** The backside. (*A.-N.*)

**NAGGING-PAIN.** A slight but constant pain,  
as the toothache. *West.*

**NAGGLE.** (1) To gnaw. *North.*

(2) To toss the head in a stiff and affected man-  
ner. *East.*

**NAGGLED.** Tired. *Oxon.*

**NAGGY.** Touchy; irritable. *North.*

**NAGRE.** A miserly person. *North.*

**NAID.** Denied. Skelton, ii. 197.

**NAIF.** A term applied by jewellers to a stone  
of true natural lustre.

**NAIL.** (1) Eight pounds, generally applied to  
articles of food. *South.*

(2) To prick a horse in shoeing.

**NAIL-BIT.** A gimlet. *Heref.*

**NAILBURN.** A kind of temporary brook or  
intermittent land-spring, very irregular in its  
visitation and duration. There are several  
nailburns in Kent. One may be mentioned  
below Barham Downs, which sometimes ceases  
to flow for two or three years, and then breaks  
out very copiously, and runs into the lesser  
Stour at Bridge. Warkworth, Chronicle, p.  
24, gives a very curious account of these sin-  
gular streams, and mentions one "hyside  
Canturbury called Naylborne," which seems  
to be that above alluded to.

**NAILED.** Caught; secured; fixed. It occurs  
in the Pickwick Papers, p. 429, as a slang  
term, but may possibly be genuine from A.-S.  
*nealecean*.

**NAILER.** A person who sells nails.

**NAIL-PASSER.** A gimlet. *West.* Kennett  
has *nailsin* in the same sense.

**NAIL-SPRING.** A hang-nail. *Devon.*

**NAITINE.** To deuy. *Prompt. Parv.*

**NAKAR.** A naked person. Nominal MS.

**NAKE.** To make naked. (*A.-S.*)

**NAKED-BED.** A person undressed and in bed  
was formerly said to be in naked-bed, and,  
according to Brockett, the phrase is still in  
use applied to any one entirely naked. The  
term was probably derived from the ancient  
custom of sleeping without night linen, which  
was most common in this country during the  
thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth centuries.  
The Danes and Saxons appear to have been  
far more civilized in this respect. In Isun-  
bras, 102, a mother and her children are  
described as escaping from a fire "alle als  
nakede als thay were borne;" but it would  
seem from a passage in Piers Ploughman, p.  
273, that the practice was not quite universal.  
See Mr. Wright's notes, p. 557; Ritson's  
Anc. Pop. Poet. p. 49. Compare also Armin's  
Nest of Ninnies, p. 24, "Jemy ever used to  
lye naked, as is the use of a number." Two  
very curious anecdotes in Hall, Henry VII. ff.  
20, 53, may also be consulted. "In naked  
bedde, *au licet couché tout nud*; in naked

bedde, *couchez nud a nud, or on les trouca coucher ensemble nud a nud*," Palsgrave.

Ne be thi wiopil nevere so jelu ne so stroutende,  
Ne thi faire tail so long ne so trailende,  
That tu ne schalt at evin al kuttid bilevin,  
And tou schalt to bedde gon so nakid as tou were  
[borin]. *Reliq. Antiq. ii. 15.*

A noysom worm, or coverlid,  
Or side-piece of thy *naked bed*.  
*Fletcher's Poems, p. 105.*

At twelve aelock at night,  
It floude with such a hed,  
Yea, many a woful wight  
Did swim in *naked bed*.

*Ballad by Tariton, 1570.*

NAKED-GULL. An unfledged bird. This term is still used in Cheshire.

NAKED-LADIES. The plant saffron.

NAKER (1) Mother of pearl. (*Fr.*)  
(2) A kind of drum. A kettle-drum, according to Warton, i. 169. "Pipes, trompes, and nakers," Minot, p. 63. Ducange describes it to have been a kind of brazen drum used in the cavalry, and Mandeville, p. 281, mentions it as a high-sounding instrument.

With trompis and with *nakerere*,  
And with the schalmous fulle clere.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 134.*

NAKETTE. A sort of precious stone, mentioned in Emaré, 94, 142.

NAKID. Empty; unrigged.

And hath ordeyned, as sche thougjt,  
A *nakid schip* withoute sterc.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 65.*

NAKINS. No kind of. (*A.-S.*) *Nakyn*, Ywaine and Gawin, 897.

NAKKE. The neck. Perceval, 692.

NAKNED. Made naked; naked. (*A.-S.*)

NALE. Ale; ale-house. *Atte nale*, a corruption of *A.-S.* æt þan ale, is common. See Piers Ploughman, p. 531; Skelton, ii. 117; Tyrwhitt's Glossary, p. 165; Thynne's Debate, p. 53; and example in v. *Atte*.

While men loveden meri song, gamen and feire tale,  
Nou hem is wel levere gon to the *nale*,  
Ucchen out the gurdel and rume the wombe,  
Comen crliche thider and sitte ther ful longe.

*MS. Bodl. 652, f. 1.*

NALL. An awl. See Tusser, p. 10. *Naule*, Topsell's Beasts, 1607, p. 183.

NALTERJACK. A toad. *Suffolk*.

NAM. For *ne am*, am not. (*A.-S.*)

NAME. Took. (*A.-S.*)

The kyog had a croune on hys hede,  
It was no sylver ne gold rede,  
It was all off presyous stone,  
Als bryjt as any sone it schone!  
Also sone as he to me come,  
Whether I wold ore not up he me *name*.

*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*

On a day the erle to hur came,  
And yo hys armys he hur *name*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 28, f. 117.*

Goddes angeles the soule *nam*,  
And bare hyt ynto the bosum of Abraham.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 44.*

Downe be an hylle the way she *name*,  
And to the Grekeysch see sche came.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 84.*

NAMELESS. Anonymous. Reginald Scot, in his Discoverie of Witchcraft, 4to. Lond. 1584, quotes "T. R. a *nameles* author." It occurs in Two Gent. of Verona, ii. 1.

NAMELY. Especially.

NAMMET. A luncheon. *South*.

NAMMORE. No more. (*A.-S.*)

He segh the child so queinte of lore,  
He wolde techeo him *nammore*.

*The Sevyng Sages, 1018*

NAN. (1) Used for *Anan*, q. v.

(2) A small earthen jar. *Devon*.

(3) None. Still in common use.

In al Rom that riche stede,

Suche ne was ther *nan*.

*Legend of St. Alexander, MS.*

NANCY. (1) A small lobster. *East*.

(2) Miss *Nancy*, an effeminate man.

NANG. To insult. *West*.

NANGATIS. In no manner. (*A.-S.*)

NANGNAIL. A hangnail. *Var. dial.*

NANKINS. No kind of. (*A.-S.*)

NANNACKS. Valueless trifles. *East*.

NANNLE-BERRIES. See *Anberry*.

NANNY. A goat. Hence, a kept woman or whore. *Nanny-house*, a brothel.

NANNY-HEN. As nice as a nanny hen, i. e. very affected or delicate. Cotgrave has the phrase, "as nice as a nunnes henne."

Women, women, love of women

Make bare purs with some men.

Some be nyse as a *nanne hene*,

ÿit al thei be nat so;

Some be lewde, some all be shreude,

Go schrewes wher thei goo.

*MS. Lambeth 306, f. 135*

NAN-PIE. A magpie. *North*.

NANTERSCASE. In case that. *North*.

NANTHING. Nothing. (*A.-S.*)

NANTLE. To fondle; to trifle. *North*.

NAP. (1) Expert. *Yorksh.*

(2) A stroke; a blow. *Devon*. "I nawpe one in the necke," Palsgrave.

(3) A small rising; a hillock. *West*.

(4) To cheat at dice. *Grose*.

(5) To seize; to grasp. *North*.

NAP-AT-NOON. The purple goat's beard.

NAPE. (1) A piece of wood used to support the fore-part of a loaded waggon. *North*. See Kennett, p. 77.

(2) A hole, or fracture. *Devon*.

(3) To behead; to kill by a stroke in the neck. *Nominale MS.*

NAPERY. Linen. Generally table linen. "Naprie store of lynen, *linge*," Palsgrave. The term is still in use, and any kind of light ornamental ware is called *napery-ware* in the North of England. *Naprie*, MS. Cantab. Fi. i. 6, f. 58.

NAPET. A napkin; a handkerchief.

NAPIER'S-BONES. An instrument consisting of small rods, much used in the seventeenth century to expedite arithmetical calculations so called from its inventor, Lord Napier, who published an account of it under the title of *Rabdologia, seu numerationis per virgulas*.

- libri duo*, 8vo, Edinb. 1617. See a notice of Napier's bones in Cleaveland Revived, 1660, p. 32, in a poem by Hall.  
A moon dial, with *Napier's bones*,  
And several constellation stones,  
*Hudibras*, II. iii. 1095.
- NAPKIN. A pocket-handkerchief. Ray says, "so called about Sheffield in Yorkshire." It is frequently found in old plays, and is not yet obsolete.
- NAPPE. To sleep. (*A.-S.*)
- NAPPER. The head. *Var. dial.*
- NAPPERN. An apron. *North.* We have *nappern* in Pr. Parv. p. 25.
- NAPPERS. The knees. *Line.*
- NAPPING. Taken napping, i. e. taken in the fact, especially in adultery. "To take napping with rem in re." Florio, p. 126.
- NAPPY. Strong, as ale, &c. "Nippy as ale is, *vigoureux*," Palsgrave.
- NAR. Near; nearer. *North.*  
So longe we may goo seke  
For that which is not farre,  
Till ended be the week,  
And we never the narre. *MS. Cotton.Vesp. A. xxv.*
- NARD. (1) Odoriferous.  
To my smell  
Nard sent of rue, and wormwood.  
*The Muses Looking Glass*, 1643, p. 27.  
(2) The herb peppervort.
- NARE. (1) A nose. (*Lat.*)  
(2) Never. *Devon.* Also as *Nar*, q. v.
- NARES. The nostrils of a hawk.
- NARGWE. Narrow. *Narger*, narrower, is still used in Somerset.  
Make a pipe with a brod end on the stone and the *nargwe* end on the sore tothe, so that the smok may come thow the pype to the tothe.  
*MS. Med. Rec. xv. Cent.*
- NARLE. A hard swelling on the neck, arising from a cold. *Glouc.* Also, a knot in a tree; a knot in thread, &c.
- NARN. Never a one. *West.*
- NARREL. A nostril. "A haukes *narrell*, one of the little holes wheremat she draws in, and lets out, her breath," Cotgrave.
- NARROW-DALE-NOON. One o'clock. The top of Narrowdale Hills in Staffordshire is so high that the inhabitants under it for one quarter of the year never see the sun, and when it appears again they see it not till one by the clock, which they call thereabout the *narrow-dale-noon*, using it proverbially when they would express a thing done late at noon.
- NARROW-SOULED. Very stingy. *North.*
- NARROW-WRIGGLE. An earwig. *East.*
- NARRY. Not either; none. *West.*
- NAR-SIN. Never since. *North.*
- NARWE. Close; narrow. (*A.-S.*)
- NAS. Was not. (*A.-S.*)  
Our princes speken wordes felle,  
And seyed that her king  
Nas bot a bretheling.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 7.
- NASH. (1) Chilly. *Wilts.*  
(2) Firm; stiff; hard. *Derb.*
- NASK. A prison. An old cant term.
- NAST. (1) Dirt; nastiness. *West.*  
(2) For *ne hast*, hast thou not?
- NASTEN. To render nasty. *Somerset.*
- NASTIC. Short-breathed. *Devon.*
- NASTY. Ill-tempered. *Var. dial.*
- NASTY-OFF. In a bad plight; awkwardly situated. *Somerset.*
- NAT. A mat. *Palsgrave.* "A natt, *scorium*,"  
Nominale MS. [Storea.]
- NATAL. Presiding over nativity.
- NATCHES. The notches or battlements of a church-tower. *Kent.*
- NATE. (1) Naught; bad. *Kent.*  
(2) To use; to make use of. *Northumb.*
- NATELIE. Neatly; in order. (*A.-S.*)
- NATHE. The nave. "Nathe stocke of a whele," Palsgrave. Still in use.
- NATHELESSE. Nevertheless. (*A.-S.*)
- NATHEMORE. Not the more. *Spenser.*
- NATION. (1) A family. (*A.-N.*)  
(2) Very; excessive. *Var. dial.* Said to be a corruption of *damnation*.
- NATIVE. Native place. *Var. dial.*
- NATIVITY-PIE. A Christmas-pie.
- NATLINGS. Chattering. *Devon.*
- NATRELLE. The crown of the head. "*Fer-ter*, a natrelle," Nominale MS.
- NATTERED. Ill-tempered. *North.*
- NATTLE. (1) To strike; to knock. *North.*  
(2) To be busy about trifles. *East.*
- NATTY. Neat; spruce. *Var. dial.*
- NATTY-BOXES. The contribution paid periodically by the workmen in various branches of trade to the trade union to which they belong. *York.*
- NATTY-LADS. Young pickpockets.
- NATURABLE. (1) Natural. (2) Kind.
- NATURAL. (1) Native disposition.  
(2) An idiot. Still in use.  
(3) Legitimate. Constantly used in this sense by early writers.  
(4) Quite. *Dorset.*  
(5) Kind; charitable. *Line.* Sir Thomas More apparently uses the word in this sense in the Supplycacyon of Soulys, sig. l.iii. Shakespeare has *nature* for *good feeling*, *natural affection*. In Devonshire, simplicity is often denominated *good nature*.  
(6) A term at vingt-un, a game at cards, meaning a tenth card and an ace, or the whole number of twenty-one realized at once with two cards.
- NATURELIKE. Natural. *Palsgrave.*
- NATY. Fat and lean, in good order for eating. *Devon.*
- NAUFRAGIATE. To shipwreck. It occurs in Lithgow's *Pilgrimes Farewell*, 1618.
- NAUGHT. Bad; naughty. *Be naught awhile*, an oath or execration. *To be naught with*, to be adulterous. *To call one to naught*, to abuse excessively.
- NAUGHTY-PACK. An old phrase of abuse. Still in use, but generally applied to children in a softer manner.
- NAUN. Nothing. *Suffolk.*

NAUNTLE. To elevate gently. *North.*

NAUP. The same as *Nap* (2).

NAUR. Nowhere. *Hearne.*

NAVE. (1) Have not. (*A.-S.*)

That I nave childe reweth me sore;

If I miȝte have lever me wore.

*Cyclos Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 64.*

(2) A wooden instrument on which the straw is laid in thatching. *Oxon.*

NAVEGOR. An auger, a carpenter's tool. This word occurs in an inventory dated A. D. 1301, and in *Nominale MS.*

NAVEL-HOLE. The hole in a millstone for receiving the grain.

NAVET. Rape-seed. (*Fr.*) It is more generally spelt *naveu*.

If he eate spiders he instantly dyeth thereof, except he eate also wilde ivy or sea-crabs. Likewise *naveu-gentill* and oleancler, kill the hart.

*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts, 1607, p. 130.*

NAVIES. Excavators. *Var. dial.*

NAVY. A canal. *North.*

NAWDER. Neither. Still in use.

NAWEN. Own. Lydgate, p. 110. Still in use. Craven Gl. ii. 5.

NAWL. The navel. *Somerset.* It is an archaism. See *Pr. Parv.* p. 296.

NAWT. Nought.

In wordly muk ys here conscience,

For they sette at *nawt* clene consciencie.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 139.*

NAWTH. Poor; destitute.

NAWT-HEAD. A blockhead; a coward. *North.*

NAXTY. Nasty; filthy.

NAY. To deny. Also, denial, as in *Sir Eglamour, 1130.* *It is no nay,* it is not to be denied.

The cardinal, then beyng Bishop of Winchester, toke upon hym the state of cardinall, whiche was *nayed* and denyed hym by the kyng of moste noble memory.

*Hall, Henry VI. f. 61.*

NAYE. An egg.

The two eyne of the byeryne was brighttere than silver,

The tother was ȝalowere themme the ȝolke of a *naye*.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 63.*

NAYNSTE. The nonce. *Nominale MS.*

NAY-SAY. A refusal. *North.*

NAY-TIEN. A phrase implying doubt, disappointment, or wonder.

NAY-WORD. A watch-word. Also, a proverb, a hye-word. *Shak.*

NAZART. A mean person; an ass. *Derb.* Sometimes *nazzle*, in the same sense. "Some selfe-conceited *nazold*," *Optick Glasse of Humors, 1639, p. 160.* Mr. Scatcherd has, "*nazzald*, an insignificant lad."

NAZE. The same as *Bevel* (1).

NAZY. Intoxicated. *North.*

NAZZLES. Ill-tempered. *Yorksh.*

NE. Not; nor. (*A.-S.*)

Bi Appolyn, that sitteth on hie!

A fairer childe never I *ne* sye,

Neither of lengthe *ne* of brede,

*Ne* so feire lemys hede. *Beves of Hamtoun, MS.*

NEAGER. A term of reproach. *Narth.*

NEA-MAKINS. No matter. *Yorksh.*

NEAMEL. Nimble. *Yorksh.*

NEANY. None.

NEAP. A turnip. *Cornw.*

NEAPENS. Both hands full. *North.*

NEAR. (1) Empty. *South.*

(2) Close; penurious. *Var. dial.*

(3) The kidney. Forby says it is the fat of the kidney. "Neare of a beest, *roignou*," *Palsgrave.* "Ren, a nere," *Nominale MS.*

(4) The left side of a horse is usually termed the *near side*.

(5) Nearer. See *Nar.*

(6) Neither. *Liac.* See *Skinner.*

NEAR-HAND. Almost. Also, probably. *Nerehande, near, Perceval, 496.*

Madam, it is *ner-hand* passy prime,

And me behoves al for to dyne,

Bothe wyn and ale to drynke;

Whenne I have dynyd themme wole I fare,

God may covere hem off here care,

Or that I slepe a wyneke.

*Romance of Athelston, p. 92.*

NEARING-CLOTHES. The garments or linen worn next the skin.

NEAR-NOW. Not long since. *Norf.*

NEAR-SIGHTED. Short-sighted. *Var. dial.*

NEART. Night. *Devon.*

NEAT. Horned oxen. *Neat-house,* a cow-house, is still in use. *Neat-foot-oil,* oil or grease extracted from cows' feet.

NEATRESS. A female keeper of herds.

NEB. (1) The nose. Also, a bill or beak. Hence, to kiss. *North.* It sometimes means *the face* in early English, as in *Reliq. Antiq. i. 124*; *Gy of Warwike, p. 303.*

Hir gray eyghen, hir *nebbis* schene.

*Guy of Warwick, p. 6.*

Fram the cheke the *neb* he bar,

The scheld fram the schulder thar.

*Arthour and Merlin, p. 229.*

Josep cam into halle and sau; his brethren wepe;

He kisseth Benjamin, anon his *neb* he gau wipe.

*MS. Bodl. 652, f. 10.*

Into his bour he is come,

And stant bifore hire bed,

And find thar twa *neb* to *neb*,

*Neb* to *neb*, an mouth to mouth;

Wele sone was that sorwe couth!

*Flourice and Blanche-flour, 618.*

(2) The pole of an ox-cart. *South.*

(3) The handle of a scythe. *North.*

NEBBOR. A neighbour. *North.*

NEBLE. A woman's nipple. *Palsgrave.*

NECANTUR. The book of accounts of the slaughter-house. (*Lat.*)

NECE. A niece; a cousin. (*A.-N.*)

NECESSAIRE. Necessary. (*A.-N.*)

NECESSITY. Bad illicit spirit. *Devon.* See *Marshall's West of England, i. 232.*

NECK. (1) *To come in the neck,* to follow immediately afterwards. *Neck and crap,* completely.

(2) The turning up, or plait, of a cap, was formerly called its *neck*.

NECKABOUT. Any linen or garment about a woman's neck. *Sheffield.*

NECK-BAND. A gorget. *Palsgrave.*

NECK-BARROW. A shrine on which relics or images were carried in processions.

NECK-BREAK. Complete ruin. *East.*



**NECK-COLLAR.** A gorget. *Palsgrave*.

**NECKED.** When the ears of corn are bent down and broken off by wind, &c., the corn is said to be necked. *North*.

**NECKING.** A neck-handkerchief. *East*. Also called a *neck-tye*.

**NECK-OF-THE-FOOT.** The instep.

**NECK-PIT.** The bend at the back of the neck. *Neckpytt*, *Archæologia*, xxx. 411.

**NECK-ROPE.** A wooden bow to come round the neck of a bullock, and fastened above to a small transverse beam, by which bullocks are fastened with a cord.

**NECK-TOWEL.** A small towel used for wiping delicate crockery, &c. *Line*.

**NECKUM.** The three draughts into which a jug of beer is divided are called *neckum*, *sinkum*, *swankum*.

**NECK-VERSE.** The beginning of the 51st psalm, read formerly by criminals claiming the benefit of clergy.  
And it behoves me to be secret, or else my *necke-verse* can:  
Well, now to pack my dead man hence it is bye tyme  
I run. *1st Part of Promos and Cassandra*, iv. 4.  
At this assizes fear not to appear;  
The judge will read thy *necke-verse* for thee here.  
*Clobery's Divine Glimpses*, 1659, p. 119.

**NECK-WEED.** Hemp. *Var. dial.*

**NED-CAKE.** A rich girdle cake. *North*.

**NEDDER.** (1) An adder. *North*. It occurs in the Boke of Curtasye, p. 9. "*Serpens*, alle maner nedris," Nominale MS.  
(2) Lower; inferior. *North*.

**NEDDY.** A jackass. *Var. dial.*

**NEDDE.** (1) To force; to compel. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) We should probably read "ende" in the following passage:  
A rugged taile so a fende,  
And an heved at the *nede*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 57.

**NEDEFUL.** Distressed; indigent. (*A.-S.*)

**NEDELLER.** A maker of needles.

**NEDELY.** Necessarily. (*A.-S.*) *Nedelinges* is also used in the same sense.  
sithe it *nedelyngis* shall be so.  
*MS. Harl.* 2252, f. 97.  
And thay went thurgh a dry cuntree, sandye and withottene water, and *nedlynges* thame byhoved wende armede, ther was so grete plentee of neddis and cruelle wylde bestes.  
*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 27.

**NEDINGE.** Need; trouble.

**NEDIRCOP.** A spider. Nominale MS.

**NEE.** Nigh. Wright's Seven Sages, p. 48.

**NEED-FIRE.** Ignition produced by rubbing wood together. *North*.

**NEEDHAM'S-SHORE.** An indigent situation. This proverb is given by Ray. See Tusser, ed. 1812, p. 284.

**NEEDLE.** (1) To nestle; to lodge.  
(2) A piece of wood put by the side of a post to strengthen it. *East*.  
(3) To hit the needle, to strike the centre of the mark. A term in archery, often used metaphorically.

**NEEDLE-HOUSE.** A small case for needles.

"*Aquare*, a nedylhows," Nominale MS. xv. Cent. It occurs in Lydgate.

**NEEDLE-POINT.** A sharper. *Needler*, a keen active man; a niggard.

**NEEDLE-WEED.** The plant shepherd's needle.

**NEEDLE-WORK.** The curious frame-work of timber and plaster with which many old houses are constructed.

**NEEDMENTS.** Necessaries.  
Her wit a commonwealth containes  
Of *needments* for her household store.  
*Delaney's Strange Histories*, 1607

**NEEDS.** (1) Necessities. (2) Of necessity.  
(3) Forsooth; indeed. *Somersel*.

**NEELE.** A needle. Also *neehl*. It is an archaism, and is still in use.

**NEEN.** The eyes. *Yorksh.*

**NEEP.** Draught-tree of a waggon.

**NEESE.** To sneeze. *North*. This form of the word occurs in Welde's *Janua Linguarum*, 1615, Index in v. *sternuto*.

**NEEST.** Nighest; next. *North*.

**NEET.** Night. *North*.

**NEEYEE.** Descendants.

**NEEZLE.** To nestle. *Var. dial.* Bird's-nesting is often called *birds'-neezing*.

**NEGH.** Almost; nearly. (*A.-S.*)

**NEGHE.** To near; to approach. (*A.-S.*)  
For night *neghed* and thai had *nede*,  
Bot of herber might thai noght *spede*.  
*MS. Harl.* 4196, f. 13.

**NEGHEN.** Nine. See *Defawteles*.

**NEGHEST.** Nighest; nearest. *Hampole*.

**NEGLECTION.** Neglect. *Glouc.*

**NEGLEGENT.** Reckless. This stronger meaning than is usually assigned to the word is used by Shakespeare.

**NEGON.** A niggard; a miser. Wrongly explained in Gl. Towneley Myst. p. 320.  
Covaytce of wylle is os a hayt;  
Avaryce is a *negon* haldyng strayt.  
*R. de Brunne, MS. Boues*, p. 89.  
And thus men schall teche odur by the,  
Of mete and drynke no *negyn* to bee.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 32, f. 101  
What seye 3e by these streyte *negons*,  
That se al day Goddes persones.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 40.  
To 3ow therof am I no *negon*.  
*Oceleve, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 262

**NEGROES-HEADS.** Brown loaves delivered to the ships in ordinary.

**NEIF.** Fist, or hand. *North*.  
Alle lyardes meune, I warne 3owe byfore,  
Bete the cownte with 3our *niffes*, whene 3e may do  
no more.  
Thus endis lyarde, at the laste worde,  
Yf a manne thynke in kille, kepe somewhat in horde.  
*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 149.

**NEIGHBOUR.** There is a game called "Neighbour, I torment thee," played in Staffordshire, "with two hands and two feet and a bob, and a nod as I do."

**NEIGHBOURING.** Gossiping. *Yorksh.*

**NEIL.** Never.  
Whos kyngdome ever schalle laste and *neil* fynce.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 2.

**NEIST.** Near; next to. *Devon*.

NEITHER-OF-BOTH. Neither. *East.*  
NEIVEL. To give a blow with the neive or fist. *Cumb.*

NEKED. Little or nothing. *Gawayne.*

NEKIST. Nearest; next. (*A.-S.*)

NELE. Evil; cowardly.

NELL-KNEED. Knock-kneed. *North.*

NELSON'S-BALLS. A globular confection, in great esteem with boys.

NEMBROT. Nimrod.

And over that thorow synne it come,

That Nembrot suche emprise nom.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 37.*

NEME. Uncle. "Neme, neam, gossip, (Warw.)," Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.

Ther undur sate a creature,

As brigt as any son-beme,

And angels did hym gret honoure,

Lo! childe, he seid, this is thy neme.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 69.*

In evyll tyme thou dedyst hym wronge;

He ys my neme, y schall the hongre.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 151.*

NEMEL. Capable. *Lydgate.*

NEMELINE. To name; to call.

NEMLY. Quickly; sharply.

NEMPE. To name; to call. (*A.-S.*) *Nempt*, *Holmshed*, *Hist. England*, i. 81.

NENE. Neither. (*A.-S.*) It occurs in *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii.*

NENEVEN. Temperance. See *Batman* uppon *Bartholome*, 1582.

NENET. Will not. (*A.-S.*)

NENTE. The ninth.

Of this nente make we ende,

And begyne of the tendre.

*R. de Brunne, MS. Bowes, p. 11.*

NEOPHYTE. A novice. (*Gr.*)

NEP. (1) A turnip. *North.*

(2) The herb cat-mint. *Palsgrave*. Spelt *nept* in *MS. Lincoln. f. 292.*

NEPHEW. Grandson; descendant.

NEPKIN. A nectarine. *Souerset.*

NEPPERED. Cross; peevish. *Yorksh.*

NER. Never. (*A.-S.*)

As I stod on a day, me self under a tre,

I met in a mornenge a may, in a medwe;

A semilier to min sith she saw I ner non,

Of a blak hornet al was hir wede,

Purified with pellour doun to the toon.

*MS. Arundel. Coll. Aem. 27, f. 130.*

NERANE. A spider. *Nominale MS.*

NERE. (1) Nigher; nearer. (*A.-S.*)

(2) For *ne were*, were not. (*A.-S.*)

(3) The ear. *MS. Cott. Vesp. D. vii.*

NERFE. Nerve; sinew. (*A.-N.*)

NERLED. Badly treated. *North.*

NERVALLE. The following receipt is from an early *MS.* in my possession—

For to make a noyntement callyd *nervalle*; it is gode for senowys. Take wyld sage, ameroze, camemylle, betayne, sage, mynte, heyhove, horehownde, red-nettylle, lorel-leyys, walworte, of eche halfe a quartone; and than wasche them, and stampe them with a *li.* of May buttur, and than put to a quarton of oyle olyf, and medylle them well together, and than put it in a erthyn pott, and cover it welle, and than sett it in a moyste place ix. dayys,

and than take and fry hit welle, and store it welle for bornyng to the botome; and than take and streyne it into a vesselle, and when it ys streynyd, set the lekur on the fyur ayene; and than put therto halfe a quarton wax, and a quarton of wedurse talow that is fayer moltyne, and a quarton frankensens, and than store it welle together tyll it be welle medelyd; and than take it downe, and streyne it, and let it kele; and than take and kut it thyn, and let owt the watur therof, and clense it clene on the other syde, and than set it over the fyur ayenne tyl it be moltyne, and than with a feyr skome it clene, and than put it in boxus, and this ys kyndle made *nervalle*.

NESCOCK. An unfledged bird. *North.* Figuratively applied to youth. "A nesclecock, or youth o' th' towne," *Bride*, 1640, sig. A. iv.

NESEN. Nests. *Suffolk.*

NESETHIRULLUS. Nostrils. This form occurs in the *Nominale MS.* "Narus, a nest-thyrulle," *MS. ibid.*

NESII. (1) Tender; soft; delicate; weak; poor-spirited. *North.*

Take the rute of horsehelme, and sethe it lange in water, and thanne tak the *nescheste* therof, and stamp it with alde gres. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 295.*

(2) Hungry. *Suffolk.*

NESHIN. To make tender. *Chesh.*

NESP. To peck; to bite. *Line.*

NESPIE. The herb calamint.

NESS. A promontory of land. (*A.-S.*)

NESSE. Soft. Here used for good fortune.

In *nesse*, in hard, y pray the nowe,

In al stedes thou him avowe.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 110.

NESSSES. Nests. *West.* Another form, *nestis*, is common everywhere.

NESSLE. To trifle. *Sussex.*

NESSLETRIPE. The youngest or most weakly of a brood or litter. *West.* Also called a *nestle-draft*, and *nestling*.

NEST. (1) The socket of the eye.

(2) A quantity or collection of articles together. "A nest of shelves" is in common use. "A bowle for wine, if not an whole nest," *Harrison's England*, p. 189. Mr. Dyce tells us that a nest of goblets is a large goblet containing many smaller ones of gradually diminishing sizes, which fit into each other, and fill it up.

NESTARME. An intestine.

NEST-EGG. An egg left in the nest to induce the hen or other bird to lay more in the same.

*Var. dial.* Metaphorically a fund laid up against adversity.

NESTLE. To fidget about. *North.*

NET. To wash clothes. *Yorksh.*

NETHEBOUR. A neighbour.

NETHELESSE. Nevertheless. (*A.-S.*)

NETHIER. (1) An adder. (2) Lower. (*A.-S.*)

(3) To starve with cold. *North.*

NETHERSTOCKS. Stockings. It is the translation of *un has de chausses* in *Hollyband's Dictionarie*, 1593. Kennett calls them, "hoots, buskins." *MS. Lansd. 1033.*

NETT. Eat not. (*A.-S.*)

His lif him thoughte al to long,

Thre daies after he *nett* ne drong.

*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 65.

NETTING. Urine. *North*.  
 NETTLED. Out of temper; provoked. An ill-tempered person was said to have [watered] on a nettle.  
 NETTLE-HOUSE. A jakes. *North*.  
 NETTLE-SPRINGE. The nettle-rash. *East*.  
 NETT-UP. Exhausted with cold. *Sussex*.  
 NEUF. A blaze. *Devon*.  
 NEULTIES. Novelties; dainties. *Oron*.  
 NEUME. Modulation of the voice in singing. *Nominale MS*.  
 NEVE. A nephew. Also, a spendthrift, corresponding to the Latin terms.  
 NEVEDE. Had not. (*A.-S.*)  
 NEVELINGE. Snivelling. (*A.-S.*)  
 NEVENE. To name; to speak. (*A.-S.*)  
 Not fulle fele that men coude *nevne*.  
*MS. Hist.* 2252, f. 117.  
 The kyng callyd knyghtys fyve,  
 And bad them go belyve  
 And fynde hym at hys play;  
 No evyle worde to hym ye *nevyn*,  
 But sey to hym with maylde stevyn,  
 He wylle not sey yow nay!  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii 33, f. 78.  
 That the crowne in the wynters nyght  
 Of Adrian ne of the sterres seven,  
 To hir fayrenesse ne be not for to *neven*.  
*Lydgate, MS Ashmole* 39, f. 8.  
 NEVER-A-DELE. Not a bit.  
 NEVER-THE-LATTERE. Nevertheless.  
*Never-the-lattere* whanne thi that were in the castelle beseged saw that the sege was withered for fere, and the Scottes host afforde, also they came oute of the castelle and lefte them opene &c.  
*Warkworth's Chronicle*, p. 2.  
 NEVER-THE-NERE. Never the nearer; to no purpose; uselessly.  
 NEVER-WHERE. Nowhere. (*A.-S.*)  
 NEVIN. A kind of rich fur.  
 NEVY. Nephew. *Var. dial.*  
 NEW-AND-NEW. Freshly; with renovated beauty or vigour; again and again. It occurs in Chaucer.  
 NEW-BEAR. A term applied to a cow that has very lately calved. *Line*. Brockett terms it *newcal-cow*.  
 NEWCASTLE-HOSPITALITY. Roasting a friend to death. *North*.  
 NEW-COMES. Strangers newly arrived. See *Holinshed*, *Conq. Ireland*, p. 55. The time when any fruit comes in season is called a *new-come*.  
 NEW-CUT. A game at cards. It is mentioned in an epigram in *MS. Egerton* 923; *Taylor's Motto*, 1622, sig. D. iv. *Jennings*, p. 57, mentions a game called *new coat and jerkin*.  
 Cast up the cardes, the trickes together put,  
 And leaving Ruffe, lets fall upon *New Cut*.  
*Machivells Digge*, 1617.  
 NEWDICLE. A novelty. *East*.  
 NEWE. (1) Newly. *All newe, of newe*, newly, lately, anew, afresh.  
 (2) Fretted. *Holme*, 1638.  
 (3) To renew. It occurs in *MS. Cotton. Vespas.* D. vii. (*A.-S.*)  
 Now me *newethal* my wo.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 124.

Then beganne hur sorowe to *newe*.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. h. 33, f. 196

NEWEFANGELNESSE. Inconstancy.  
 NEWEL. "A pillar of stone or wood, where the steps terminate in a winding staircase," Kennett, *MS. Lansd.* 1033.  
 NEWELTIE. Novelty. *Palsgrave*.  
 NEWEYNGE. A new-year's gift.  
 NEWGATE. Nash, in his *Pierce Penillesse*, says that Newgate is "a common name for all prisons, as *homo* is a common name for a man or a woman."  
 NEWING. Yeast; barm. *Essex*.  
 NEW-LAND. Land newly broken up and ploughed. *Kent*.  
 NEWSSED. Reported; published. *East*.  
 NEWST-ONE. Much the same. *South*.  
 NEXING. Very near. *Next kin* is a very common phrase in this sense, and *next door* is also used.  
 NEXT-DAY. The day after to morrow. *Sussex*.  
 NEXTE. Nighest. *Chaucer*. *Fairfax* has *neatly*, nearest to, Bulk and Selvedge of the World, 1674, ded.  
 NEXT-WAYS. Directly. *Var. dial.*  
 NEYDUR. Neither. *Eglamour*, 883.  
 NEYE. (1) To neigh.  
 He *neyrd* and made grete solas  
 Wondrously yu that place.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii 33, f. 111.  
 (2) Near; nigh.  
 That birde bad on hir boke evere as he yede,  
 Was non with hir but hir selve a-lon;  
 With a cri gan sche me sey,  
 Sche wold a-wrenchin away,  
 But for I was so *neye*.  
*MS. Arundel. Coll. Arm.* 27, f. 130.  
 NEYTENE. Sickness; disease.  
 NI. (1) A brood of pheasants. "A ny of feysands, covey of partridges," *MS. Parkington* 10. Still in common use.  
 (2) An exclamation of amazement.  
 NIAISE. A simple witless gull. (*Fr.*) *Forby* has *nisy*, *Vocab.* ii. 233.  
 NIAS. A young hawk. "*Niard*, a nias faultcon," *Cotgrave*. See *Eyas*.  
 NIB. (1) The handle of a scythe. *Derb.*  
 (2) To cut up into small fragments. *Line*.  
 (3) The shaft of a waggon. *South*.  
 NIBBLE. To fidget the fingers about. "His fingers began to *nibble*," *Stanlurst*, *Deser. Ireland*, p. 26. "To nibble with the fingers, as unmannerly boies do with their points when they are spoken to," *Baret*, 1580.  
 NICE. (1) Foolish; stupid; dull; strange. It occurs in Shakespeare.  
 The old man seyde anon,  
 Ye be *nice*, everichon.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 73  
 He toke the wyne, and laft the spice,  
 Then wist thi wel that he was *nice*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 55.  
 (2) Clever; fine; good. *North*.  
 (3) Fastidious; fantastic. Still in use.  
 NICED. A breast-cloth; a light wrapper for the bosom, or neck.  
 NICELY. Well in health. *North*.

- NICET. Agreeable. *Yorksh.*  
 NICETEE. Folly. (*A.-N.*)  
 NICH. To stir a fire slightly. *North.*  
 NICHIL. (1) To castrate. *Yorksh.*  
 (2) A person who pays nothing. *West.*  
 NICHOLAS. The patron saint of boys. In boys' games, the cry of *Nicholas* entitles the speaker to a temporary suspension of the amusement. *St. Nicholas's clerks*, a cant term for thieves. "One of saint Nicholas clerks, or an arrant theefe," Cotgrave, in v. *Compter*. Grose has this phrase.  
 NICK. (1) Used in the proverbial expression "to knock a *nick* in the post," i. e., to make a record of any remarkable event. This is evidently an ancient method of recording. Similarly we have "cut your stick," in which the reference is clearly to the ancient tallies; it is equivalent to "make your mark and pass on." Hence also, "in the *nick* of time," i. e., just as the notch was being cut. *In the nick*, exactly. *North.*  
 (2) To *nick with nay*, to deny, a very common phrase in early English.  
 On her knees they kneleden adoun,  
 And prayden hym off hys hensoun;  
 He *nykkyd* hem with nay;  
 Neyther of cros neyther off ryng,  
 Hadde they non kyns wetyng,  
 And thanne a knygt gan say.  
*Romance of Athelstone.*  
 (3) To deceive; to cheat. *Var. dial.*  
 (4) To cut vertical sections in a mine from the roof. *North.*  
 (5) A wink. *North.* (Tent.)  
 (6) To win at dice. *Grose*. "To tye or nicke a cast at dice." Florio, p. 280.  
 (7) To *nick the nick*, to hit exactly the critical moment or time.  
 (8) A raised or indented bottom in a beer-can, formerly a great grievance with the consumer. A similar contrivance in a wine-bottle is called the *kick*. Grose has *neck-stamper*, the boys who collect the pots belonging to an ale-house sent out with beer to private houses.  
 There was a tapster, that with his pots smallnesse, and with frothing of his drinke, had got a good summe of money together. This *nickyng* of the pots he would never leave, yet divers tmes he had been under the hand of authority, but what money soever hee had [to pay] for his abuses, hee would be sure (as they all doe) to get it out of the poore mans pot againe.  
*Life of Robin Goodfellow*, 1628.  
 From the *nick* and froth of a penny pot-house,  
 From the fiddle and cross, and a great Scotch louse,  
 From committees that chop up a man like a mouse.  
*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 133.  
 Our pots were full quarted,  
 We were not thus thwarted  
 With froth-canne and *nick-pot*,  
 And such nimble quick shot.  
*Elynour Rummyngs*, ed. 1624.  
 (9) To catch in the act. *Var. dial.*  
 NICKER. (1) To neigh. *North.*  
 (2) A little ball of clay or earth baked hard and oiled over for boys to play at *nickers*.

- NICKER-PECKER. A woodpecker. *North.*  
 NICKET. A small short faggot. *West.*  
 NICKIN. A soft simple fellow.  
 NICKING. Convenient. *Somerset.*  
 NICKLE. To move hastily along in an awkward manner. *West.*  
 NICKLED. Beaten down and entangled, as grass by the wind. *East.*  
 NICK-NINNY. A simpleton. *South.*  
 NICKOPIT. A bog; a quagmire. *Kent.*  
 NICK-STICK. A tally, or stick notched for reckoning. *North.*  
 NICKY. A faggot of wood. *West.*  
 NICOTIUM. Tobacco.  
 NIDDE. To compel. (*A.-S.*)  
 NIDDERED. Cold and hungry. *North.*  
 NIDDICK. The nape of the neck. *West.*  
 NIDDICOCK. A foolish fellow. Polwhele has *nicky-cox* as a Devonshire word. "They were never such fond *niddicocks*," Hobnished, *Conq. Ireland*, p. 94.  
 NIDDY. A fool. *Devon.*  
 NIDDY-NODDY. A child's game.  
 NIDERLING. A mean inhospitable fellow. This word is not in frequent use, but may be heard occasionally. *Lincol.*  
 NIDES. Needs; necessarily.  
 Thus athe sche fullyehe overcome  
 My ydelnys tyll y sterve,  
 So that y mote *nydes* serve.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 4*  
 NIDGERIES. Trifles. *Skinner.*  
 NIDGET. (1) To assist a woman in her labour or travail. *East.*  
 (2) Part of a plough. *Kent.*  
 (3) A fool. "*Nigaud*, a fop, nidget, ideot, a doul, lobeocke," Cotgrave.  
 NIDING. A coward; a wretch. (*A.-S.*)  
 NIE. Nigh; near. (*A.-S.*)  
 NIECE. A relative in general, not confined to our meaning. *Shak.*  
 NIEGHEND. The ninth. *Hampole.*  
 NIF. If. *Somerset.*  
 NIFF. To quarrel; to be offended. *West.*  
 NIFFLE. (1) A spur for a horse. *East.*  
 (2) To steal; to pilfer. *North.*  
 (3) To whine; to snuffle. *Suffolk.* It occurs in *Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 211.  
 (4) To eat hastily. *Beds.*  
 NIFF-NAFFS. Trifles; knick-knacks. *Niffy-naffy*, a trifling fellow. *North.*  
 NIFLE. A trifle. "I weigh them not a *nifle*," Optick Glasse of Humors, 1639, p. 161.  
 "Nyles in a bagge, *de tout nifles*," Palsgrave. "Trash, rags, *nifles*, trifles," Cotgrave.  
 NIFLES. Glandules. *Yorksh.*  
 NIG. To clip money. *Grose.*  
 NIGARDIE. Stinginess. (*A.-N.*)  
 NIGG. A small piece. *Essex.*  
 NIGGED-ASHLAR. Stone hewn with a pointed hammer. *Oxf. Gloss. Arch.*  
 NIGGER. A fire-dog. *North.*  
 NIGGLE. (1) Futuo. Dekker, 1616.  
 (2) To deceive; to draw out surreptitiously; to steal. Still in use.

(3) To play with; to trifle. Hence, to walk mincingly. *North*.

(4) To eke out with extreme care. *East*.

(5) To complain of trifles from ill temper. *Dorset*.

(6) To nibble; to eat or do anything mincingly. *West*.

**NIGGLING.** Contemptible; mean. *West*.

**NIGHE.** To approach. See *Neghe*.

The batayle lasted wondur longe,  
They seyde, Be Burlonde never so stronge,  
He hath fonde hys pere.

Wyth swerdys scharpe the faght faste,  
At ylke stroke the fyre owt taste,  
They *nyghed* wondur nere.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 91.*

**NIGHTEST-ABOUT.** The nearest way. *North*.

**NIGH-ILAND.** Probably. *Leic*.

**NIGHT-BAT.** A ghost. *North*.

**NIGHT-COURTSHIP.** This custom, which appears to be now falling into disuse, is thus described in a note to Anderson's Ballads:—

A Cumbrian peasant pays his addresses to his sweetheart during the silence and solemnity of midnight, when every bosom is at rest, except that of love and sorrow. Anticipating her kindness, he will travel ten or twelve miles over hills, bogs, moors, and mosses, undiscouraged by the length of the road, the darkness of the night, or the intemperature of the weather; on reaching her habitation, he gives a gentle tap at the window of her chamber, at which signal she immediately rises, dresses herself, and proceeds with all possible silence to the door, which she gently opens, lest a creaking hinge or a barking dog should awaken the family. On his entrance into the kitchen, the luxuries of a Cumbrian cottage—cream and sugared curds—are placed before him by the fair hand of his *Dulcinea*; next, the courtship commences, previously to which, the fire is darkened or extinguished, lest its light should guide to the window some idle or licentious eye; in this dark and uncomfortable situation (at least uncomfortable to all but lovers), they remain till the advance of day, depositing in each other's bosoms the secrets of love, and making vows of unalterable affection.

**NIGHT-CROW.** A well-known bird, otherwise called the night-jar. "*Nicticorax*, a nyght-crow," *Nominale MS.* Palsgrave translates it by *cresserelle*.

**NIGHTERTALE.** Night-time. (*A.-S.*)

His men coom bi *nystertale*,

With hem awey his body stalle.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 49*  
By *nystertale* he was slayne he kyng Dacie.

*Ovelove, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 272.*

**NIGHTGALE.** The nightingale.

Wyth alkyne gladchipe thay gladdene themeselvne,  
Of the *nyghtgale* notez the noisz was swette.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 63.*

**NIGHT-KERT-CHEF.** A lady's neck handkerchief. It is the translation of *colerette* in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.

**NIGHT-MAGISTRATE.** A constable.

**NIGHT-MARE.** The charm for the night-mare mentioned in the following curious passage is quoted in Beaumont and Fletcher, and other early writers:

If this disease chancing often to a man, be not  
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cured in time. It may perhaps grow to a worse mischief, as to the falling evil, madnesse, or apoplexy. But I could never learne that horses were subject to this disease, neither by relation, nor yet by reading, but only in an old English writer, who sheweth neither cause nor signes how to know when a horse hath it, but only teacheth how to cure it with a fond foolish charme, which because it may perhaps make you, gentle reader, to laugh, as well as it did me, for recreation sake I will here rehearse it. Take a flint stone that hath a hole of his owne kinde, and hang it over him, and write in a hill,

In nomine Patris, &c.

Saint George our Ladies knight,

He walked day, so did he night,

Untill he ber found,

He her beate, and he her bound,

Till truely her troath she him plight,

That she would not come within the night.

There as saint George our Ladies knight,

Named was three times, saint George.

And hang this scripture over him, and let him alone: with such proper charmes as this is, the false friars in times past were wont to charme the money out of plaine folks purses. *Topsell's Beasts, 1607, p. 353.*

**NIGHT-RAIL.** A sort of veil or covering for the head, often worn by women at night. See Middleton's Works, i. 164. Mr. Dyce absurdly explains it night-gown, which makes nonsense in the passage referred to. Howell has, "a night-rail for a woman, *toça de muger de nochez*."

**NIGHT-RAVEN.** The bittern. "*Niticorax*, a nyte-rawyn," *Nominale MS.*

**NIGHT-SHADE.** A prostitute.

**NIGHT-SNAP.** A night-robber.

**NIGHT-SNEAKERS.** "Wanton or effeminate lads, night-sneakers," Florio, p. 105.

**NIGHT-SPELL.** A spell or charm against the night-mare.

**NIGHTWARD.** The night-watch.

**NIGHTY.** Dark. *Oxon.*

**NIGT.** A coward; a dastard.

This cleane *nygit* was a foole,

Shapt in meane of all.

*Armin's Nest of Ninnies, 1608.*

**NIGMENOG.** A very silly fellow.

**NIGROST.** Negroes. *Hall.*

**NIGRUM.** Dark; black. (*Lat.*)

**NIKIR.** A sea monster. (*A.-S.*)

**NIKLE.** An icicle. *Pr. Parv. p. 259.*

**NILE.** The upper portion of a thresher's flail. *Satep.*

**NILL.** (1) A nail. *Somerset.*

Thorow my lyfte honde a *nyl* was dryve!

Thenke thou theiron, yf thou wolte lyve.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 6.*

(2) Will not. (*A.-S.*) *Will he nill he*, whether he will or not. Hence, to be unwilling.

*Nylling* to dwell where syn is wrought.

*Ashmole's Theat. Chm. Brit. 1652, p. 117.*

(3) A needle. Still in use.

**NIM.** (1) To take. Also, to steal. Hence the character Corporal Nym.

*Nym*, he seyde, t'is theof

Faste in alle wyse,

And wyn of him the tresour,

And make him do sacrifice.

*MS. Trin. Coll. Oxon. 57*

Then boldly blow the prize thereat,  
Your play for to *nime* or ye come in.

*The Booke of Hunting*, 1586.

(2) To walk with short quick steps. *North*.

(3) To take heed; to take care.

NIMBER. Active.

The boy beinge but a xj. yers old juste at the death  
of his father, yet having reasonable wit and discre-  
tion, and being *nymber* sprited and apte to anythinge.

*MS. Ashmol.* 208.

NIMGIMMER. A surgeon.

NIMIETY. Satiety. (Lat.)

NIMIL. Large; capacious.

NIMMEL. Nimble. *North*. "Lyght and  
nymel," *Morte d'Arthur*, i. 285.

NIN. (1) None. *North*.

(2) A child's term for liquor. "The word that  
children call their drinke by, as our children  
say *ninae* or *bibbe*," Florio, p. 64.

NINCUMPOOP. A person nine times worse  
than a fool. See *Grose*.

NIND. Needs must. *Linc*.

NINE-EYED. A term of reproach.

NINE-EYES. A kind of small eel.

NINE-HOLES. A game differently described by  
various writers. According to Forby, nine  
round holes are made in the ground, and a ball  
aimed at them from a certain distance; or the  
holes are made in a board with a number over  
each, through one of which the ball is to pass.  
Nares thinks it is the same game with *nine-*  
*men's morris*, called in some places *ninepenny-*  
*marl*.

NINE-MURDER. A kind of hawk. See Florio,  
p. 205. Cotgrave apparently mentions two  
birds so called, in v. *Eseriere*, *Soucie*.

NINE-MUSES. An old dance, mentioned in *MS.*  
*Rawl. Poet.* 108.

NINE-PINS. A game somewhat similar to  
skittles. It is mentioned by Florio, ed. 1611,  
p. 15, and is still in use.

NINETED. Wicked; perverse. *South*.

NINETING. A severe beating. *West*.

NINGLE. A contracted form of *mine ingle*,  
common in old plays.

NISNY-NONNY. Uncertain. *Linc*.

NISNYVERS. The white water-lily.

NISNYWATCH. A vain hope; a silly or fool-  
ish expectation. *Devon*.

NINT. To beat; to anoint. *Var. dial*.

NIP. (1) A satirical taunt. Also a verb, to  
taunt satirically. "S'entrepicquer, to pricke,  
*nip*, taunt, quip, cut, each other," Cotgrave.  
"A dry-bob, jeast, or nip," *ibid*.

(2) A thief. An old cant term. "To nyp a  
bong," to cut a purse. Harman's *Caveat*, 1567.

(3) Cut. *Robin Hood*, i. 100.

(4) To snatch up hastily. *Yorksh*.

(5) A short steep ascent. *North*. Occasionally,  
a hill or mountain.

(6) To pinch closely. Hence applied to a pars-  
imonious person. *Var. dial*.

(7) A turnip. *Suffolk*.

NIP-CHEESE. A miserly person. *Var. dial*.  
Sometimes called a *nip-squeeze*, or a *nip-*  
*farthing*.

NIP-NOSE. A phrase applied to a person  
whose nose is bitten by frost.

NIPPER. A cut-purse. *Dekker*. Also termed  
a *nipping-Christian*.

NIPPERKIN. A small measure of beer.

NIPPET. A small quantity. *Essex*.

NIPPITATO. Strong liquor, chiefly applied to  
ale. A cant term.

NIPPLE. "A little cocke, end, or nipple  
perced, or that hath an hole after the maner  
of a breast, which is put at the end of the  
chanel of a fontaine, wherthrough the water  
runnetb forth," Baret, 1580.

NIPPY. (1) Hungry. *Dorset*.

(2) A child's term for the penis.

NIPTE. A niece; a grand-daughter.

NIRE. Nigher; nearer. *West*.

NIRRUP. A donkey. *Dorset*.

NIRT. Cut; hurt. *Gawayne*.

NIRVIL. A diminutive person.

NIS. Is not. (*A.-S.*)

NISGAL. The smallest of a brood or litter.  
*Salop*.

NISOT. A lazy jade. *Skelton*.

NISSE. Navy; ships. *Hearne*.

NIST. (1) Nigh; near. *Somerset*.

(2) Nice; pleasant; agreeable. *Linc*.

NISTE. Knew not. (*A.-S.*)

And hou Fortiger him wold have nome,  
Ac he *nist* where he was biome.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 72

That was eclipeid fer oute of my svyte,  
That for derkenesse y *niste* what to done.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 6

NIT. Not yet. *West*.

NITAMOST. Nothing like it. *South*.

NITCH. (1) Neat. *Dorset*.

(2) A small bundle. *Var. dial*.

(3) Got a nitche, i. e. tipsy.

NITHE. Wickedness.

But in pride and trichey,

In *nithe* and onde and lechery.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 139.

NITHER. A grimace. *Ware*.

NITHING. A wicked man. *Nythingy*, *Andelay*,  
p. 16. Also, sparing, parsimonious, wicked,  
mean.

NITLE. Neat; handsome. *Var. dial*.

NITOUR. Brightness.

The amber that is in common use groweth rough,  
rude, impolished, and without clearenesse, but  
after that it is sod in the greace of a sow that giveth  
sucke, it getteth that *nitour* and shining beauty,  
which we find to be in it. *Topwell's Beasts*, 1607, p. 181.

NITTICAL. Nitty; lousy. *Nitty* is not an  
uncommon word.

NITTLE. "A childish word for *little*," Urry's  
*MS. Adds. to Ray*.

NIX. (1) Nothing. A cant term.

(2) To impose upon. See *Nick*.

NO. (1) Often used ironically by our early dra-  
matists to express excess, e. g. Here's no  
rascal, implying a very great rascal.

(2) Nor; not. Still in use.

Tho were thai wounded so strong,

That thai *no* might doure long.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 359.

The effre in the riht side was first wryte, and yit he tokeneth nothunge, *no* the secunde, *no* the thridde, but thei taken that figure of 1 the more signyficatyf that comith after hem.

*Rara Mathematica*, p. 29.

NOAH'S-ARKS. Clouds in the forms of arks, indicating rain. *Suffolk*.

NOB. (1) To beat; to strike. *North*.

(2) The head. *Var. dial.* Hence, a person in a superior station of life.

(3) A young colt. *Heref.*

NOBBLE. (1) To beat; to rnh. *North*.

(2) A lump of anything. *East*.

NOBBLE-TREE. The head. *Suffolk*.

NOBBLY. Round, as pebbles, &c. *Var. dial.*

NOBBY. (1) A fool. *East*.

(2) Fine; fashionable. *Var. dial.*

NOBBY-COLT. A young colt. *Glouc.*

NOBILE. Grandeur; magnificence.

Sothly by Arthurs day

Was Bretayne yn grete *noblye*,

For yn hys tyme a grete wyle

He sojourned at Carille.

*MS. Ravlinson C. 86.*

NOBILLARY. Nobleness; nobility.

NOBLE. (1) The navel. *East*.

(2) A gold coin worth 6s. 8d.

NOBLESSE. Dignity; splendour. (*A.-N.*)

*Nobley* has the same meanings.

Of what richesse, of what *nobley*,

These bokis telle, and thus they say.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 197.*

And so they mett betwixt both hostes, where was right kynde and lovynge langage betwixt them twoo, with parfite accord knyng togethars for evar here aftur, with as hartly lovynge chere and countenance, as might be betwix two bretherne of so grete *nobley* and astate.

*Arrival of King Edward IV. p. 11.*

Ikone be worsched in hys degré

With grete *nobelay* and seere honowres.

*Hampole, MS. Bowes, p. 222.*

NOBSON. A blow; a stroke. *North*.

NOB-THATCHER. A peruke-maker.

NO-BUT. Only; except. *North*.

NOCENT. A wicked man. (*Lat.*)

An innocent with a *nocent*, a man ungylyt with a gylyt, was powdered in an egall balaunce.

*Hall, 1548, Hen. IV. f. 14.*

NOCK. (1) A notch, generally applied to the notch of an arrow or a bow. It is the translation of *coche* in Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593. To nock, to set the arrow on the string. See Drayton's Poems, p. 80. *Beyond the nock*, out of reason.

(2) To tip or finish off an article with something of a different material.

(3) The posteriors. More usually called *nock-andro*. Cotgrave has, "*Cul, tayle, nockandroe, fundament.*" (4) Florio, "*Cunno, a womans nocke; cunnita, a woman well nocked.*"

NOCKLE. A beetle, or mallet. *Norf.*

NOCKY-BOY. A dull simple fellow.

NOD. He's gone to the land of Nod, i. e. he's gone to bed.

NODCOCK. A simpleton. *Somerset.*

NODDY. (1) A fool. *Minshew.*

(2) An old game at cards, conjectured to be the

same as cribbage. It appears from the Complete Gamester, 1682, p. 76, that *Knave Noddy* was the designation of the knave of trumps in playing that game. The game is by no means obsolete. Carr mentions *noddy-fifteen* in his Craven Gl. Noddy is now played as follows: Any number can play—the cards are all dealt out—the elder hand plays one, (of which he hath a pair or a *prial* if a good player)—saying or singing "there's a good card for thee," passing it to his right hand neighbour—the person next in succession who holds its pair covers it, saying "there's a still better than he;" and passes both onward—the person holding the third of the sort (ace, six, queen, or what not) puts it on with "there's the best of all three;" and the holder of the fourth crowns all with the emphatic—"And there is *Niddy-Noddeee*."—He wins the tack, turns it down, and begins again. He who is first *out* receives from his adversaries a fish (or a bean, as the case may be) for each unplayed card. This game is mentioned in Arch. viii. 149; Taylor's Motto, 1622, sig. D. iv.

NODDY-HEADED. Topsy. *Oxon.*

NODDY-POLL. A simpleton. *Noddy-pate* is also used, and Florio, p. 214, has *noddy-peake*. "*Benet*, a simple, plaine, doltish fellow, a *noddipeake*, a *ninnyhammer*, a *pea-goose*, a *coxe*, a *sillie companion*," Cotgrave.

NODILE. The noddle or head. "*Occiput*, a *nodyle*," *Nominale MS.*

NODOCK. The nape of the neck. "*His forehead very plaine, and his nodocke flat*," *Triall of Wits, 1604, p. 25.*

NOE. To know. *Nominale MS.*

*I noe* none that is with me,

Never yet sent after the;

Never seth that my reyne begane,

Food I never none so herdy mane,

That hyder durst to us wend,

Bot iff I wold after hym send.

*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*

NO-FAR. Near; not far. *North*.

NOG. (1) A sort of strong ale.

(2) To jog; to move on. *North*.

(3) A square piece of wood supporting the roof of a mine. *Verb.*

NOGGED. Strong limbed. *North*.

NOGGEN. Made of nogs, or hemp. Hence, thick, clumsy, rough. *West.*

NOGGERHEAD. A blockhead. *Dorset.*

NOGGIN. "A mug or pot of earth with a large belly and narrower mouth; in Cheshire, a wooden kit or piggin is called a *noggin*," Kennet, *MS. Lansd. 1033.*

NOGGING. The filling up of the interstices in a building composed partly of wood.

NOGGLE. To walk awkwardly. *North*. Hence *nogglor*, a hanging person.

NOGGS. The handle of a scythe. *Chesh.*

NOGGY. Topsy; intoxicated. *North*.

NO-GO. Impracticable. *Var. dial.*

NOGS. (1) Hemp. *Satop.*

(2) The shank bones. *Yorksh.*

**NO-HOW.** Not at all. *East.*  
**NOHT.** Nought; nothing. (*A.-S.*)  
**NOIE.** To hurt; to trouble. Also a substantive. Palsgrave has *noieing*, a nuisance.  
**NOILS.** Coarse locks of wool. *East.* By a statute of James I. no one was permitted to put *noyles* into woollen cloth.  
**NOINT.** To beat severely. *Var. dial.*  
**NOISE.** (1) To make a noise at one, to scold. To noise one, to report or tell tales of. *Noise in the head*, a scolding.  
 (2) A company of musicians. "Those terrible *noyses*, with thredbare cloakes," Dekker's *Belman of London*, 1608.  
 (3) Tumult; dispute. *Heber.*  
 (4) To make a noise. (*A.-N.*)  
**NOISFLODE.** *Cataclismus*, *Nominale MS.*  
**NOK.** A notch in a bow.  
**NOKE.** (1) A nook, or corner.  
 He coverde the childe with his mantille *nok*,  
 And over the water the way he tuke.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 123.*  
 (2) An oak. *Nominale MS.*  
 Ther may no man stonde hys stroke,  
 Thogh he were as stronge as an *nok*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 166.*  
**NOKES.** A nimny; a simpleton.  
**NOKETT.** A nook of ground. *Warw.*  
**NOLDE.** Would not. (*A.-S.*)  
 And *nolde* calle hirsclfe none other name  
 But Goddis handmayde in fulle lowe maner.  
*Lyfgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 2.*  
 Forsothe harme *nold* he do nonne,  
 Bot he wold do meche gode.  
*Chron. Valodun. p. 5.*  
**NOLE.** A head. It is sometimes applied to a simpleton, as in *Mirr. Mag.* p. 222.  
**NOLT.** Black cattle. *North.*  
**NO-MATTERS.** Not well. *Suffolk.*  
**NOMBRE.** Number. (*A.-N.*)  
**NOME.** (1) Took; held. (*A.-S.*)  
 Ete ne drynke wold he never,  
 But wepyog and sorowyog evir;  
 Syres, sare sorow hath he *nome*,  
 He wold hys endyng day wer come,  
 That he myght ought of hif goo.  
*MS. Ruvelinson C. 33.*  
 Aftur thys the day was *nonyn*,  
 That the batclle ou schulde comyn.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 93.*  
 Thow ert *nome* thet y-wis!  
 Whar stels thow stude Trenchesis,  
 That thow ridest upon here?  
*B-wes of Hamtoun, p. 73.*  
 And grethur ercende to hym he there *nome*  
 Then he dudde ony tyme theby fore.  
*Chron. Valodun. p. 71.*  
 (2) Numb. *Somerset.*  
 (3) A name. *Nominale MS.*  
 Her yongest brother thei lefte at home,  
 Benjamin was his *nome*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 30.*  
**NOMELICHE.** Namely. (*A.-S.*)  
**NOMINE.** A long speech. *North.*  
**NOMMER.** To number. (*A.-N.*)  
 For I do the wele to wiete thou myghte nerehan!  
 alsoone *nommer* the sternes of hevене, as the folke  
 of the empire of Purse. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 7.*  
**NOMPERE.** An arbitrator. *Chaucer.*

And nempned hym for a *nompere*,  
 That no debat nere. *Piers Ploughman*, p. 97  
**NOMPION.** One who is possessed of more knowledge than the common people. *Lanc.*  
**NON.** Not one; none; not.  
**NONATION.** Wild; incoherent. *West.*  
**NONCE.** Purpose; intent; design; occasion. This word is not yet entirely obsolete. It is derived, as Price observes, from the *A.-S.* *for than aues*.  
 I have a slyng for the *nonzes*,  
 That is made for gret stonys.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 50.*  
 For the *nonest*, I forbare to allege the learned sort, lest the unlearned should say they could no skill on such books, nor knew not whether they were truly brought in. *Pilkington's Works*, p. 644.  
 Bot jif thow wolde alle my steryne stroye fore the *nonys*.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 73.*  
**NONE.** (1) No time. *West.*  
 (2) Not at all. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) The hour of two or three in the afternoon. (*A.-N.*)  
**NONEARE.** Now; just now. *Norf.*  
**NONE-OR-BOTH.** Neither. *Essex.*  
**NONE-SO-PRETTY.** London-pride. *East.*  
**NONE-SUCH.** Black *nonsuch* is trefoil-seed, and white non-such is rye-grass-seed. *Norf.*  
**NONINO.** A burden to a ballad. Shakespeare has it, *hey, nonny, nonny*. The term *nonny* was applied to the female pudendum, and hence many indelicate allusions. "Nonnyony or pallace of pleasure," Florio, p. 194.  
**NONKYNS.** No kind of. (*A.-S.*)  
 The lady lay in hir bedde and slepe;  
 Of tresone tuke seche *nonkyns* kepe,  
 For therof wyste sche n'ghte.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 119.*  
**NONNE.** A nun. (*A.-S.*)  
**NONNOCK.** To trifle; to idle away the time. *Nonnocks*, whims. *East.* Some use *nonny* in the same sense.  
**NON-PLUNGE.** Nonplus. *Nonpower* is also used. *Var. dial.*  
**NONSICAL.** Nonsensical. *West.*  
**NONSKAITH.** A wishing, or longing. *Cumb.*  
**NONUNIA.** A quick time in music, containing nine crotchets between the bars.  
**NOODLE.** A blockhead. *Var. dial.*  
**NOOK.** The quarter of a yard-land, which varies according to the place from 15 to 40 acres. See Carlisle's Account of Charities, p. 298. Still in use.  
**NOOKED-END.** The very farthest extremity of a corner. *Var. dial.*  
**NOOK-SHOTTEN.** Having or possessing nooks and corners. Pegge says, "spoken of a wall in a bevil, and not at right-angles wjth another wall." The term is still in use, and metaphorically means *disappointed, mistaken*.  
**NOOLED.** Curbed; broken spirited. *North.*  
**NOON.** None. (*A.-S.*)  
**NOONING.** A repast taken by harvest-labourers about noon. *Var. dial.* Pegge has *noon-scape*, the time when labourers rest after dinner. *Nooningscaup*, Hallamsh. Gl. p. 156.  
**NOONSIUN.** A luncheon. *Browne.*



- NOONSTEAD. The period of noon.
- NOORY. A young boy. (*Fr.*)
- NOOZLE. To nestle. *Somerset.*
- NOPE. A bullfinch. *Var. dial.*
- NOR. Than. Very common.
- NORATION. Rumour; speech. *Var. dial.*
- NORCIE. To nourish. *Cov. Myst.* p. 208.
- NORFOLK-CAPON. A red-larring.
- NORFOLK-DUMPLING. A small globular pudding, made merely with dough and yeast, and boiled for twenty minutes, according to the approved receipt of that county.
- Well, nothing was undone that might be done to make Jemy Camber a tall, little, slender man, when yet he lookt like a *Norfolke dumpling*, thicke and short. *Armin's Nest of Ninnies*, 1608.
- NORGANE. Norwegian.
- NORL. A foster-child. (*A.-N.*)  
For mi lordes douhter sche is,  
And ich his *no* i for-otho ywis. *Gy of Warwike*, p. 7.  
Eye on thee, feature, fie on thee!  
The devilles owne *nurys*. *Chester Plays*, ii. 162.
- NORICE. A nurse. (*A.-N.*) "*Nutrix*, *norysche*," *Nominale MS.*
- NORIE. To nourish. *Gesta Rom.* p. 215.
- NORISTRY. A nursery.
- NORLOGE. A clock. *Nominale MS.*
- NORN. Neither; nothing. *West.*
- NORRA-ONE. Never-a-one. *Devon.*
- NORREL-WARE. A bit-maker, or lorimer.
- NORRID. Northward. *Var. dial.*
- NORSTHING. Nourishment.
- NORSTHYD. Nourished; taught; educated.
- NORT. Nothing. *Somerset.*
- NORTELRIE. Nurture; eduction.
- NORTH. The following proverb is given by Anbrey in his *MS. Collections for Wiltshire in the Ashmolean Museum.*  
"The North for largeness,  
The East for health!  
The South for buildings,  
The West for wealth."
- NORTHERING. Wild; incoherent. *West.*  
A silly person is called a *northern*, and some of our old dramatists use the latter word in the sense of *clownish*, or *silly*.
- NORTH-EYE. To squint. *Suffolk.*
- NORTHUMBERLAND. Lord Northumberland's arms, i. e. a black eye.
- NORWAIS. Norwegians. *Hearne.*
- NORWAY. A whetstone. *Devon.*
- NORWAY-NECKCLOTH. A pillory.
- NOSE. (1) *To pay through the nose*, to give an extravagant credit price. *Nose of war*, a proverbial phrase for anything very pliable. *To follow one's nose*, to go straightforward. *To measure noses*, to meet. *To have one's nose on the grindstone*, to be depressed. *As plain as the nose on one's face*, quite evident. *Led by the nose*, governed. *To put one's nose out of joint*, to rival one in the favour of another. *To make a bridge of any one's nose*, to pass by him in drinking. *He cut off his nose to be revenged of his face*, he has revenged his neighbour at the expense of injuring himself. *To make a person's nose swell*, to make him jealous of a rival. *To play with a person's nose*, to ridicule him.
- (2) To smell. *Var. dial.* Hence, metaphorically, to pry into anything.
- (3) A neck of land. *South.*
- (4) To be tyrannical. *Oxon.*
- NOSE-BAG. A bag of provender fastened to a horse's head.
- NOSEBLEDE. The plant milfoil. *Millifolium*, *MS. Sloane* 5, f. 6.
- NOSE-FLY. A small fly very troublesome to the noses of horses.
- NOSE-ENT. A nun. An old cant term, given in *Brit. Bibl.* ii. 521.
- NOSE-GIG. A toe-piece to a shoe. *West.*
- NOSELING. On the nose. "*Pelle donne noselynge*," *Morte d'Arthur*, ii. 286.
- NO-SENSE. A phrase implying worthlessness or impropriety. *West.*
- NOSETHIRLES. The nostrils. (*A.-S.*) *Spelt neyse-thrilles* in *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 51.
- NOSIL. (1) To encourage or embolden an animal to fight; to set on.
- (2) To grub in the earth.
- NOSING. The exterior projecting edge of the tread of a stair.
- NOSLE. The handle of a cup, &c. The nosle of a candlestick is that part which holds the end of a candle.
- NOSSEN. Noise; rumour; report.
- NOSSET. (1) A dainty dish. *Somerset.*
- (2) To carouse secretly. *Devon.*
- NOST. Knowest not. (*A.-S.*)
- NOST-COCKLE. The last hatched bird; the youngest of a brood.
- NOSYLLE. A blackbird. *Mervla*, *MS. Arundel* 249, f. 90. It occurs in *Nominale MS.*
- NOT. (1) Know not. (*A.-S.*)  
For whane men thenken to debate,  
I not what other thyng is good  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 33.
- (2) Smooth; without horns. *Var. dial.* Hence, to shear, or poll. *Not-head*, a craven crown.
- (3) Not only. *1 Thess.* iv. 8.
- (4) A game like bandy. *Glouc.*
- (5) Well tilled, as a field. *Essex.*
- NOTABILITEE. A thing worthy of observation. *Chaucer.*
- NOTCH. (1) The female pudendum.
- (2) *Out of all notch*, out of all bounds. *Lilly*, ed. 1632, sig. Aa. xi.
- NOTCHET. A notable feat. *East.*
- NOTE. (1) Use; business; employment. To use, or enjoy. *Lanc.*  
But thefte serveth of wykked note,  
Hyt hangeth hys mayster by the throte.  
*MS. Hart.* 1701, f. 14.
- (2) A nut. *Maundeveile*, p. 158.
- (3) To push, strike, or gore with the horns, as a bull. *North.*
- (4) The time during which a cow is in milk. *North.* Kennett has, "*noyt*, a cow's milk for one year." *MS. Lansd.* 1033.
- (5) To contend with; to fight.
- (6) To eat. *Durham.* (Island.)

(7) Neat or cattle. *North*.  
 NOTELESS. Stupefied. *Esser*.  
 NOTEMUGE. Nutmeg. *Chaucer*.  
 NOTERER. A notary.  
 NOTE-SCHALE. A nutshell.  
     But alle nis worth a note-schale.  
         *Gower, MS. Soc. Antig. 134, f. 107.*  
 NOTFULHEDE. Profit; gain; utility. It occurs in MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii, and is connected with A.-S. *nytlucyns*.  
 NOTHAG. The jay. "Nothagge, a byrde, jaye," Palsgrave. Spelt *nothak* in Nominale MS. f. 6. "Ficedula, a nuthage," Vocab. Rawl. MS. "The nuthake with her notes newe," Squir of Lowe Degre, 55.  
 NOT-HALF-SAVED. Foolish. *West*.  
 NOTHELES. Nevertheless. (*A.-S.*)  
     *Notheles yn here dedys,*  
     Se was chaste as Menerhedys. *MS. Hart. 1701, f. 11.*  
 NOTHER. Otherwise; nor; neither; other; another. (*A.-S.*)  
 NOTHING. Not; not at all. (*A.-S.*)  
     His hatte was bonde undur his chyn,  
     He did hit *nothyng* of to hym,  
     He thot hit was no tyme. *MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 48.*  
 NOTORIE. Notorious. *Lydgate*.  
 NOTTLE. Foolish; trifling; absurd; wanton. Milles' MS. Glossary.  
 NOTWITHUNDERSTANDING. Notwithstanding. A curious corruption, sometimes heard, and perhaps the longest word ever used by a rustic. *Isle of Wight*.  
 NOUCHE. A jewel; a necklace. Oftener spelt *ouche*, as in Nominale MS.  
     To my Lord and nephew the king the best *nouche*  
     which I have on the day of my death.  
         *Test. Vetust. p. 141.*  
     Whan thou hast taken eny thyng  
     Of lovis gifte, or *nouche* or ryng.  
         *Gower, MS. Soc. Antig. 134, f. 54.*  
 NOUGHT-A-DOW. Worthless. *North*.  
 NOUGHT-MERCHANTABLE. Notwell. *Devon*.  
 NOUGHTY. Possessed of nothing. (*A.-S.*)  
 NOUMBRED. A number; the sum total.  
 NOUN. No. (*A.-N.*)  
 NOUSE. Sense; knowledge. *Var. dial.* Apparently from the Greek *noys*.  
     Oh I aid, as lofty Homer says, my *nouse*  
     To sing sublime the Monarch and the Louse.  
         *Peter Parlar, i. 229.*  
 NOUSLE. To nestle; to cherish; to wrap up. Also spelt *nozzle*. "See with what erroneous trumperies antiquitie hath bene *nozzled*," Batman's Golden Booke, 1577, ded. *Nuzzled*, brought up in youth, Holinshed, Hist. Engl. i. 108; nursed, habituated, Holinshed, Conq. Ireland, pp. 46, 78.  
     And *nuzzled* once in wicked deedes I feard not to offende,  
     From bad, to worse and worst I fell, I would at leysure mende.  
         *1st Part of Promos and Cassandra, ii. 6.*  
 NOUSTY. Peevish. *North*.  
 NOUT-GELD. Cornage rent, originally paid in neat or cattle. *North*.  
 NOUTHE. (1) Now. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) Nought; nothing. Hence, *nouthe-con*, to know nothing. (*A.-S.*)

(3) To set at nought; to defy.  
 NOVELLIS. News. (*A.-N.*)  
 NOVELRYE. Novelty. (*A.-N.*)  
     Ther was a knygt that loved *novelrye*,  
     As many one haunte now that folye.  
         *MS. Hart. 1701, f. 23*  
 NOVER. High land above a precipitous bank *Sussar*.  
 NOVUM. A game at dice played by five or six persons. It is mentioned in Florio, p. 210 Taylor's Motto, 1622, sig. D. iv.  
 NOW-AND-NOW. Once and again. *Now and then*, occasionally.  
 NO-WAY-BUT-ONE. A phrase implying an inevitable certainty.  
 NO-WAYS. Not at all. *Var. dial.*  
 NOWEL. A cry of joy, properly that at Christmas of joy for the birth of the Saviour. (*Lat.*) It signified originally the feast of Christmas, and is often found in that sense. A political song, in a MS. of Henry VI.'s time, in my possession, concludes as follows.—  
     Tyll home Sulle Wylekyne,  
     This joly gentylle sayle,  
     Alle to my lorde Fueryn,  
     That never dyd fayle.  
     Therefore let us alle syng nowelle;  
     Nowelle! Nowelle! Nowelle!  
     And Cryst save mery Yngland and sped yt welle.  
 NOWELE. The navel. Arch. xxx. 354.  
 NOWIE. Horned cattle. *North*.  
 NOWITE. Foolish; witless; weak.  
 NOWLE. The noddle or head. "The *nowle* refine," Lilly, ed. 1632, sig. Aa. viij.  
 NOWMER. Number. *Prompt. Parv.*  
 NOW-NOW. Old Anthony Now-now, an itinerant fiddler frequently mentioned by our old writers. Anthony Munday is supposed to be ridiculed under this name, in Chettle's Kindhart's Dreame, 1592.  
 NOWP. A knock on the head. *Line*.  
 NOWRE. Nowhere. Ismbras, 544. *Nowre-where* occurs in Hampole.  
 NOW-RIGHT. Just now. *Exmoor*.  
 NOWSE. Nothing. *North*.  
 NOWUNDER. Surely; certainly.  
 NOY. To annoy; to hurt. *North*.  
     Corporal meat, when it findeth a belly occupied  
     with adverse and corrupt humours, doth both hurt  
     the more, *noy* the more, and helpeth nothing at all.  
         *Becon's Works, p. 117.*  
     Of wilke some are *noyeand* till us kyndly,  
     And some are profytable and esye.  
         *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 189.*  
     Thus do ye reeken; but I feare ye come of clerus,  
     A very *noyfull* worme, as Aristotle sheweth us.  
         *Bale's Kynge Johan, p. 86.*  
 NOYNTÉ. To anoint. *West*.  
     I axst a mayster of fysyke lore,  
     What wold hyme drye and dryve away;  
     Elymosina ys an erbe ther-fore,  
     Oon of the best that ever I say,  
     *Noynte* hewe therwyth ay whenne thou may,  
     Thynk that Requiem shalle in the rente and sese,  
     And some after, with in a nyght and a day,  
     Thou shalt have lyses to lye in case.  
         *MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 47.*  
 NOYSAUNCE. Offence; trespass. (*A.-N.*)

- NOZZLE.** The nose. *Var. dial.*
- NOȚT.** Not. Perceval, 98, 143, 515, &c.  
The lordis seid to hym anon,  
Joly Robyn let hym *noȚt* gon  
Tille that he have etyn.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 52.
- NUB.** (1) To push; to heckon. *North.*  
(2) The nape of the neck. *East.*
- (3) A husband. A cant term.
- NUBBLE.** To bruise with the fist.
- NUBBLINGS.** Small coal. *Worc.*
- NUBILATED.** Clouded. (*Lat.*)  
About the beginning of March, 1660, I bought accidentally a Turkey-stone ring; it was then wholly serene; toward the end of the month it began to be *nubilated*. *Aubrey's Wilt.*, *MS. Royal Soc.* p. 100.
- NUCH.** To tremble. *Northumb.*
- NUCKLE.** Trifling work; uncertain and unprofitable employment. *North.*
- NUDDLE.** (1) The nape of the neck. *East.*  
(2) To stoop in walking. *Var. dial.*
- NUDGE.** A gentle push. It is also a verb, to strike gently, to give a person a hint or signal by a private touch with the hand, elbow, or foot. *Var. dial.*
- NUFFEN.** Cooked sufficiently. *Linc.*
- NUG.** (1) A rude unshapen piece of timber; a block. *Somerset.*  
(2) A knob, or protuberance. *Devon.*  
(3) A term of endearment.
- NUGGING-HOUSE.** A brothel.
- NUG-HEAD.** A blockhead. *Somerset.* Carr has *num-head*, Craven Gl.
- NULL.** To beat severely.
- NUM.** Dull; stupid. *East.* Also a verb, to benumb or stupefy. "Nums all the currents that should comfort life," Tragedy of Hoffman, 1631, sig. K. iii.
- NUMBLES.** The entrails, or part of the inwards of a deer.  
Brede and wyne they had ynough,  
And *numbles* of the dere. *Robin Hood*, i. 8.
- NUMPOST.** An imposthume. *East.*
- NUMPS.** A fool. *Devon.*
- NUN.** "A litte ritmouse, called a *nunne*, because his heade is filleted as it were numlike," Nomenclator, p. 60.
- NUNC.** A large lump or thick piece of anything. *South.*
- NUNCH.** A luncheon. *Var. dial.*
- NUNCHEON.** A lump of food sufficient for a luncheon. *Kent.*
- NUNCLE.** (1) An uncle. Still in use.  
(2) To cheat; to deceive. *North.*
- NUNMETE.** A luncheon. *Pr. Parv.*
- NUNNERY.** A brothel. A cant term.
- NUNQUAM.** One who never returns from an errand. (*Lat.*)
- NUNRYE.** A nunnery. *Isumbras*, 485.
- NUNT.** To make an effort. *North.*
- NUNTING.** Awkward looking. *Sussex.*
- NUNTY.** Stiff; formal; old-fashioned; shabby; mean; fussy. *Var. dial.*
- NUP.** A fool. *Nupson* occurs in this sense in Ben Jonson, and Grose has it in C. D. V. T.
- NUR.** The head. *Warw.*
- NURCHY.** To nourish. "*Nutrio*, to nurchy," Vocab. MS. xv. Cent. f. 72, in my possession. Said to be in use in Devon.
- NURLY.** Lumpy; knotty. Hence, metaphorically, ill-tempered. *North.*
- NURPIN.** A little person. *Heref.* Possibly connected with *nyrryl* in Pr. Parv.
- NURSE.** To cheat. A cant term.
- NURSE-CHILD.** A child before weaning. "A nource childe, or babe that sucketh," Withals. ed. 1608, p. 271.
- NURSE-GARDEN.** (1) The crab-apple tree.  
(2) A nursery-garden. "Settes of young trees, or nursegardaynes," Cooper, ed. 1559, in v. *Semen*. Still in use.
- NURSES-VAILS.** The nurse's clothes when penetrated by nepial indiscretions. *Oxon.*
- NURSPELL.** A boy's game in Lincolnshire, somewhat similar to trap-ball. It is played with a *kibble*, a *nur*, and a *spell*. By striking the end of the spell with the kibble, the *nur* of course rises into the air, and the art of the game is to strike it with the kibble before it reaches the ground. He who drives it to the greatest distance, wins the game.
- NURT.** To nurture; to bring up.
- NUSENESS.** A nuisance. *East.*
- NUSHED.** Starved; ill-fed. *East.*
- NUT.** (1) Sweet-bread. *East.*  
(2) The stock of a wheel. *Var. dial.*  
(3) The lump of fat called the pope's-eye. "*Muguette de mouton*, the nut of a leg of mutton," Cotgrave.  
(4) A silly fellow. *Yorksh.* This word is not applied to an idiot, but to one who has been doing a foolish action.  
(5) A kind of small urn.  
Also oon litel standyng peece, with a gilt cover, which hath at the foote a crown, and another on the kover, weying 22 ounces, also a standyng gilt *nut*, and the best dosen of the second sort of my spoons.  
*Test. Vetus.* t. p. 365.
- NUTCRAKERS.** The pillory.
- NUT-CRACK-NIGHT.** All Hallows' eve, when it is customary to crack nuts in large quantities. *North.*
- NUTCROME.** A crooked stick, used for lowering branches of hazels, in order to reach the fruit. *East.*
- NUT-HOLE.** The notch in a bow to receive the arrow.
- NUT-HOOK.** A bailiif.
- NUTMEGS.** The testes. *Var. dial.*  
My precions *nutmegs* doe not wound,  
For fear I should not live;  
I'll pay thee downe one hundred pound,  
If thou wilt me forgive.  
*History of Jack Horner*, ed. 1697, p. 18.
- NUTRE.** A kind of worm.
- NUTRITIVE.** That which has nourished.  
Yf ever God gave victorie to men fyghting in a juste quartell, or yf he ever ayded such as made warre for the wealthe and tuicion of their owne natural and *nutritive* countrey.  
*Hall, Richard III.* t. 31.
- NUTTEN.** A donkey. *I. Wight.*

**NUT-TOPPER.** The bird nut-pecker. Withals' Dictionary, ed. 1608, p. 21.

**NUVITOUS.** Nutritious. *Salop.*

**NUY.** Annoyance; injury.

And thare was so grete habundance of nedders  
and other vnyuous bessez, that thame byhovved  
nedez travell: armed, and that was a grete nuy  
to thame, and au heghe disese.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 27.*

**SUZZLE.** To loiter; to idle. *North.*

**NYE.** (1) An eye. *Nominale MS.*

Fro nyse japs and ribudry  
Awey thou muste turne thi nye;  
Turne thi nye, that thou not se  
Thus wyecud worldis vnynté.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 1.*

(2) Annoyance; injury; trouble.

The patryark sawe hys grete nye,  
For Befyse he wepyd, so thort hym rewly.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 109.*

(3) To neigh. *Palsgrave.*

**NYME.** To name.

For every creature of God that man can nyme,  
Is good of hymself after his first creaton.

*MS. Digby 161.*

**NYMPHAL.** A short poem relating to nymphs.  
*Dragton.*

**NYMPHS.** Young female bees.

**NYMYOS.** Excessive.

Now, gracyous Lord, of your nymyos charyté,  
With hombyll harts to thi presens complayne.

*Digby Mysteries, p. 115.*

**NYNON.** Eyes.

And wash thou thi nynnou with that water.

*Chron. Vitodun. p. 77.*

**NYTE.** To deny. See *Nick.* Qu. nyeyde?

Trewly in his entent,  
In batelle ne in tournament  
He nuytde us never with naye.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 139.*

**NYTTE.** To require; to use. (*A.-S.*)

**NYȚE.** Nigh; near. (*A.-S.*)

Fore thofe thou wyrke bothe dey [and] nyght,  
He wyll not the, I sey the ryght;  
He wones to nyte the ale-wyffe,  
And he thought ever fore to thryffe.

*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*

**O.** (1) Of. Still in use.

A! perles prynts, to the we pray,  
Save our kyng both nyght and day!  
Fore he is ful gong, tender of age,  
Semele to se, a bold corage,  
Lovely and lofte of his lunge,  
Both perles prince and kyng veray.

*MS. Douce 302, f. 29.*

The wrang to here o right is lath,  
And pride wyt bux-umpes is wrath.

*MS. Cotton. Vespas. A. iii. f. 2.*

(2) One. Also, on. *Chaucer.*

Be-teche tham the proveste, in presens of lordez,  
O payne and o pelle that pendes there-too.

*Monte Athure, MS. Lincoln, f. 70.*

Where that Merlin dede him se  
In o day in thre ble.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 74.*

(3) Anything circular; an heraldic term for a kind of spangle. Shakespeare terms the stars "those fiery o's."

(4) A lamentation. *Shak.*

(5) The arithmetical cypher.

(6) All. Bran New Wark, 1785.

(7) The woof in weaving.

**OAF.** A fool. Still in use.

**OAK.** (1) To sport the oak, to close the outer door, a phrase used at Cambridge.

(2) The club at cards. *West.*

**OAKEN-APPLE-DAY.** The 29th of May, on which boys wear oaken apples in their hats in commemoration of King Charles's adventure in the oak tree. The apple, and a leaf or two, are sometimes gilt and exhibited for a week or more on the chimney piece, or in the window. This rustic commemoration is, however, getting into disuse. Sectarians have left it off, and in a few years it will probably be seldom seen. I can recollect when not a boy in a whole village let the day pass unobserv-

ant of the oaken apple. Fears were sometimes entertained in a backward season that the apples would not be forward enough for our loyal purpose. Moor's Suffolk MS.

**OAK-WEB.** The cockchafer. *West.*

**OAMY.** Light, porous, generally spoken of ploughed land. *Norf.*

**OAR.** "A busie-body, medler in others matters, one that hath an oare in others boates," Florio, p. 37.

**OARS.** Watermen.

Tarlton being one Sunday at court all day, caused a paire of oares to tend him, who at night called on him to be gone. Tarlton, being a carousing, drunk so long to the watermen, that one of them was bumsie; and so, indeede, were all three for the most part. *Tarlton's Jestz, 1611.*

**OAST.** (1) Curd for cheese. *North.*

(2) A kiln for malt or hops. *Kent.*

**OAT-FLIGHT.** The chaff of oats. *East.*

**OATMEALS.** One of the many terms for the roaring-boys.

**OATS.** (1) To sow one's wild oats, i. e. to leave off wild habits.

(2) In the south of England, when a horse falls upon his back, and rolls from one side to the other, he is said to earn a gallon of oats.

**OAVIS.** The eaves of a house. *Esses.*

**OBADÉ.** To abide. *Tristrem, p. 178.*

**OBARNI.** A preparation of mead.

**OBEED.** A hairy caterpillar. *Derb.*

**OBEISSANT.** Obedient. *Palsgrave.*

That were obeissant to his heste.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 124, f. 54.*

**OBE SSE.** "Play at obesse, at billiers, and at cards." *Archæologia, xiv. 253.*

**OBFUSCATE.** Obscured. (*Lat.*)

Whereby the fame of all our estimation shall now bee obfuscate, utterly extinguished, and nothing set by. *Hall, Edward IV. f. 10.*

- OBIT.** A funeral celebration.  
These *obets* once past o're, which we desire,  
Those eyes that now shed water shall spe ike fire.  
*Heywood's Iron Age*, 1632, sig. H. iv.
- OBITCH'S-COLT.** "Forty sa one like Obitch's  
cowt," a Shropshire phrase.
- OBITERS.** Small ornaments.
- OBJECTION.** A subject or argument.
- OBJECTION.** A barking-at. (Lat.)
- OBLATRACION.** Fine white meal?  
With *oblanchere* or outh flour,  
To make hem whytter of coloure.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 22.
- OBLE.** A kind of wafer cake, often sweetened  
with honey, and generally made of the finest  
wheaten bread. The consecrated wafer distrib-  
uted to communicants at mass was so  
termed. "*Oblata*, oble." *MS. Lansd.* 560,  
f. 45. *Oblete*, a thin cake. (Teut.) "*Nebula*,  
obly." Nominale *MS.*  
Mak paste, and bake it in *obles-syrus*, and ett  
growelle of porke, and after ete the *obletes*, and thou  
shal have deliverance bathe abowne and bynethe.  
*MS. Lind.* In A. v. 17, f. 291.  
Ne Jhesu was nat the *oble*  
That reysed was at the sacre.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 66.
- OBLIGATE.** To oblige. *Var. dial.*
- OBLOCUTION.** Interruption. (Lat.)
- OBLYSCHED.** Obliged; compelled.  
It helpth to paye owre dettes for synne,  
In whych to God *oblyshed* hen wee.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 14.  
Thei ben *oblyshed* and thei felle, but we roos, and  
we ben righted. *MS. Tanner* 16, p. 51.  
The whole felowship, marchauntes, burgesses,  
and commonaltye of the same towne, to be bounde  
and *oblyshed* by ther presentes unto the most excel-  
lent and most mighty prince Edward.  
*Hall, Edward IV.* f. 57.
- OBRAID.** To upbraid. *Somerset.*  
Now, thus accountred and attendet to,  
In Court and citie there's no small adoe  
With this young strypling, that *obraids* the gods,  
And thinkes, 'twixt them and him, there is no o's.  
*Young Gallants Wharfigaw*, 1629.
- OBTRUD.** Overthrown. (Lat.)  
Verily, if ye seriously consider the misery where-  
with ye were *obtrud* and overwhelmed before, ye  
shall easily perceive that ye have an earnest cause to  
rejoice. *Bacon's Works*, p. 57.
- OBS-AND-SOLS.** The words *objectiones et so-  
lutiones* were frequently so contracted in the  
marginal notes to controversial divinity, and  
hence the phrase was jocularly used by more  
lively writers.
- OBSCENOUS.** Obscene; indecent.
- OBSCURED.** Disguised. *Shak.*
- OBSECRATIONS.** Entreaties. (Lat.)  
Let us fly to God at all times with humble  
*obsecrations* and hearty requests.  
*Bacon's Works*, p. 167.
- OBSEQUIOUS.** Funereal. *Shak.*
- OBSEQUY.** Obscquiousness. *Jonson.*
- OBSERVANCE.** Respect. (*A.-N.*)
- OBSERVE.** To obey; to respect; to crouch.
- OBSSESSION.** A besieging. (Lat.)
- OBSTACLE.** Obstinate. A provincial word,  
very common in Shakespeare's time. It is ex-  
plained "stubborne or wilfull" in *Batman*  
uppon Bartholome, 1582.
- OBSTINATION.** Obstinaey. *Palsgrave.*
- OBSTRACT.** Bounden. (Lat.)  
To whom he recogniseth hymself to be so moche  
indebted and *obstricte*, that non of thise your dith-  
culties shalbe the stop or let of thise desired con-  
junction.  
*State Papers*, v. 252.
- OBSTROPOLOUS.** Obstreperous. A very com-  
mon vulgarism. "I was going my rounds, and  
found this here gemman very *obstropolous*,  
whereof I comprehended him as an auspicious  
parson." This is genuine London dialect.
- OBTRECT.** To slander. (Lat.)
- OC.** But. (*A.-S.*)  
*Oc* though the grace of God almight,  
With the tronsoun that he to prlsoun tok  
A slough hem alle, so saith the bok.  
*Beres of Hamtoun*, p. 61.
- OCAPYE.** To occupy; to employ.  
Tho seyde Gye, so schalt thou noyt,  
In ydull thou *occupyst* thy thoht.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 211.
- OCCAMY.** A compound metal, meant to  
imitate silver, a corruption of the word  
alchemy. See *Nares*.
- OCCASIONS.** Necessities of nature.
- OCCIDENT.** The West. (*A.-N.*)  
Of Inglande, of Irelande, and alle thir owrt illes,  
That Arthure in the *occidente* occupyes att ones.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 78.
- OCCUPANT.** A prostitute. From the old word  
*occupy*, futno. "A bawdy, or occupying-  
house." Florio, p. 194.  
I can swive four times to a night: but thee  
Once in four years I cannot *occupie*.  
*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 110.
- OCCUPY.** To use. *Occupier*, a tradesman.
- OCCUR.** Oehre. *Palsgrave.*
- OCCURRE.** To go to. (Lat.)  
Secondarely yf he should reyse an army so so-  
dainly, he knewe not where to *occurr* and mete his  
enemies, or whether too go or where to tary.  
*Hall, Richard III.* f. 14.
- OCCURRENTS.** Incidents; qualities. *Meet-  
ings, Optiek Glasse of Humors*, 1639, p. 139.  
Julius Cæsar himselfe for his pleasure became an  
actor, being in shape, state, voyce, judgement, and  
all other *occurents*, exterior and interior, excellent.  
*Heywood's Apology for Actors*, 1612.
- OCCYAN.** The ocean.  
In verré soth, as y remembre cao,  
A certeyne kyntede towarde the *occyan*.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 22.
- OCEAN-SEA.** This phrase is often used by Sir  
Thomas More. "The greate brode botom-  
lesse ocean-see." *Supplycacyon of Soulys*, sig.  
C. ii. It occurs likewise in *Hall*.
- OCHEN.** To break; to destroy. (*A.-N.*)
- OCIVITY.** Sloth. *Hooper.*
- OCKSECRETIA.** Tipsy. A cant term.
- OCUB.** The cockchafer. *Somerset.*
- OCY.** The nightingale's note.
- ODAME.** A brother-in-law. (Germ.)
- O-DAWE.** Down. See *Adawe* (2).  
Loke ze bleake for no bronde, ne for no bryghte  
wapyne,  
Bot beris downe of the beste, and bryng theme *o-dau* e  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 92

**ODD.** (1) Only; single; alone. (2) Lonely; out of the way. *Lin.*  
 (3) *Odd and even*, a game at marbles. *Odd come shortly*, a chance time, not far off. *Odd-come-shorts*, odds and ends, fragments.  
**ODD-FISHL.** A strange fellow. *Var. dial.*  
**ODD-MARK.** That portion of the arable land of a farm which, in the customary cultivation of the farm, is applied to a particular crop. *Heref.*  
**ODDMENTS.** Trifles; remnants. *North.*  
**ODDS.** (1) To fit; to make even. Also, occasionally, to alter. *West.*  
 (2) Consequence; difference. *Var. dial.*  
**ODDY.** (1) A snail. *Oxon.*  
 (2) Active; brisk. Generally applied to old people. *Oxon.*  
**ODDY-DODDY.** A river-snail. *Oxon.*  
**ODE.** Woof for dyeing.  
**ODER.** Other. Still in use.  
 And beryd the cors with hotte her rede,  
 As she sodenly hade be ded,  
 That no man *odur* wiste.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 44.*  
**ODERWORT.** The herb dragance.  
**ODIBLE.** Hateful. (Lat.)  
 And thou shalt be maister of that worme *odible*,  
 And oppresse hym in his owne stalle.  
*MS. Laud. 416, f. 56.*  
 All suche othis be to our Lord *odible*  
 That be made and promysyd to an evill entercion.  
*MS. Laud. 416, f. 69.*  
**ODIFFERAUNT.** Odoriferous.  
**ODIOUS.** Ill-tasted; ill-scented. *East.*  
**ODORAUNT.** Sweet-smelling. (A.-N.)  
 The thrid day next my sone went doune  
 To erthe, whiche was disposed plentifulously  
 Of augels bright and hevenly soune  
 With *odoraunt* odoure ful copiously.  
*MS. Bodl. 423, f. 204.*  
**ODSNIGGERS.** An exclamation of rebuke.  
 An immense number of oaths and exclamations may be found commencing with *ods*, a corruption of *God's*.  
**OEN.** Owe; are indebted.  
 I telle it the in priveté,  
 The kynges men *oen* to me  
 A ml. pounde and mare.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 47.*  
**O'ERLAY.** A girth; a cloak. *North.*  
**OERTH-IVL.** The *hedera nigra*.  
**OERTS.** In comparison of. *West.*  
**OES.** Eyes. Nominale MS.  
 And notwithstandinge your manly hart,  
 Frome your *oes* the teres wald starte  
 To shew your hevynesse.  
 Com hit here Josephe and stande ner this rood,  
 Loo, this lame spared not to sheld his blude,  
 With most paynfulle distresse.  
*MS. Bodl. e Mus. 160.*  
**OF.** In; out of; from; at; on; off; by.  
 Many of these meanings are still current in the provinces.  
**OF-CORN.** Oifal corn. Finchale Chart. The term occurs in Tusser. *East.*  
**OF-DAWE.** To recover. *West.*  
**OF-DRAD.** Afraid; frightened. (A.-S.)  
**O-FERRE.** Afar off.

Beholde also how his modire and alle his frendes  
 stand alle *o-ferre* lokande and folowande theme  
 withe mekyllie murnyng and hertly sorowe.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 181.*  
**OFF.** (1) Upon; out of. *Off at hooks*, out of temper, or unwell. *Off and on*, changeable. *Off nor on*, neither one thing nor another.  
 (2) The line from which boys shoot in commencing a game of marbles.  
 (3) Provided; furnished. *Var. dial.*  
**OFF-AT-SIDE.** Mad. *North.*  
**OFFENCIOUS.** Offensive. Marlowe, ii. 305.  
**OFFENDEED.** Hurt. *Chaucer.*  
**OFFENSIOUN.** Office; damage. (A.-N.)  
**OFF-HAND.** A man holding a second farm on which he does not reside is said to farm it *off-hand*. *Suffolk.*  
**OFFICE.** The eaves of a house. *West.*  
**OFFICES.** The rooms in a large house, appropriated to the use of the upper servants. The term is still in common use, applied to the menial apartments generally.  
**OFFRENDE.** An offering. (A.-N.)  
 And seche bigan to biide and prey  
 Upon the bare grounde knienle,  
 And afur that made hir *offende*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 44.*  
**OFF-SPRING.** Origin. *Fairfax.*  
**OFF-TOOK.** Took by aim; hit.  
**OF-LONG.** For a long period.  
**OF-SIGH.** Saw; perceived. (A.-S.)  
**OF-TAKE.** Taken. St. Brandan, p. 19.  
**OFTER.** Oftener. *North.*  
 Ofteer byngeth on day,  
 That alle the yere not may.  
*MS. Douce 52, f. 13.*  
**OFTE-SITHES.** Often-times. (A.-S.)  
 For thou and other that leve your thying,  
 Wel *ofte-sithes* ye banne the kyng.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 48.*  
**OF-WALKED.** Fatigued with walking. (A.-S.)  
**OGAIN.** Again. Still in use.  
 Fortiger nam gode coure  
 That he no might *ogain* hem doure.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 16.*  
 And dede hem *ogain* thre thousande,  
 And acontred that carroy.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 178.*  
**OGAINSAGHES.** Contradictions. It occurs in MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii.  
**OGÉ.** Again. "Come now son ogé," Gy of Warwike, p. 110.  
**OGHE.** Ought. *Gawayne.*  
**OGLES.** Eyes. A cant term.  
**OGNE.** Own.  
 And thought ther was resone ynde,  
 And syh hys *ogne* lyc to wynde.  
*Gower, MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 38.*  
**OGOS.** Caves along the shore. *Cornu.*  
**OIL.** To oil his old wig, i. e. to make him tipsy. *North.*  
**OIL-OF-BARLEY.** Strong beer.  
**OIL-OF-HAZEL.** A severe beating.  
**OILY.** Smooth; adulatory. *Var. dial.*  
**OINEMENT.** Ointment. (A.-N.)  
 Now of the seventh the sacrament,  
 These clerkys kalle hyt *oinement*.  
*MS. Hart. 1701, f. 74.*

**OINT.** To anoint. *Palsgrave.*  
**OKE.** Aked. Pret. pl. (*A.-S.*)  
**OKE-CORNE.** An acorn. *Ortus Voc.*  
**OKERE.** To put money out to usury. Also, usury. *Okerer*, an usurer.  
 Anyt, whom men haide here rest,  
 He okeret pens yn hys cheste.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 18.*  
*Okur* hyt ys for the outrage  
 To take thy castel and have avauntage.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 16.*  
 One nyzte qeene mene had ryste,  
 He okeryde penyys unto hys kyvte.  
*Robert de Brunne, MS. Bores, p. 5.*  
 An okerer, or elles a lechoure, sayd Robyn,  
 With wronge hast thou lede thy lyfe.  
*Robin Hood, i. 10.*  
**OKERS.** "Bootes for ploughmen called *okers*," Huloet, 1552. "*Carpatina*, plowmens bootes made of untanned leather, they may be called *okers*," Elyot, ed. 1559.  
**OKY.** Moist; sappy. *North.*  
**OLD.** (1) Famous; great; abundant. *Warw.* Shakespeare uses the word in this sense. "There will be an *old* abusing of God's patience, and the king's English." It sometimes is used to denote approbation, fondness, or endearment; as, in Virginia and Maryland, the most endearing appellation by which a fond husband could address a beloved wife, used to be his calling her his *dear old woman*.  
 On Sunday, at masse, there was *olde* ryming of bels, and old and yong came to church to see the new roote, which was so ill favoured, that al the parish mislikt it, and the children they cryed, and were afraid of it. *Tariton's Newes out of Purgatorie, 1590.*  
 (2) Cross; angry. *Suffolk.*  
 (3) *Old Beady, Old Harry, Old Scratch*, terms for the devil. *Old Christmas*, Christmas reckoned by the old style. *Old coat and jerkin*, a game at cards. *Old dog, old hand*, a knowing or expert person. *Old stager*, one well initiated in anything. *Old lad*, a sturdy old fellow. *Old stick*, a complimentary mode of address to an old man, signifying he is a capital fellow. *Old file*, an old miser.  
**OLDHAMES.** A kind of cloth.  
**OLD-HOB.** A Cheshire custom. It consists of a man carrying a dead horse's head, covered with a sheet, to frighten people.  
**OLD-KILLED.** Squacnish and listless. *North.*  
**OLD-LAND.** Ground that has been untilled a long while, and is newly broken up. *Essex.*  
**OLD-LING.** Urine. *Yorksh.*  
**OLD-MAID.** The lapwing. *Ware.*  
**OLD-MAN.** Southernwood. *Var. dial.*  
**OLD-MAN'S-GAME.** The game of astragals. *MS. Ashmole 788, f. 162.*  
**OLD-MILK.** Skimmed milk. *North.*  
**OLD-SARAH.** A hare. *Suffolk.*  
**OLD-SHEWE.** A game mentioned in the Nomenclator, p. 298. It is apparently the same as King-by-your-Leave, q. v.  
**OLD-SHOCK.** A goblin said to appear in the shape of a great dog or calf. *East.*  
**OLD-SONG.** A trifle. *Var. dial.*  
**OLD-SOW.** A wood-louse. *East*

**OLD-TROT.** -An old woman who is greatly addicted to gossiping.  
**OLD-WITCH.** The cockchafer. *East.*  
**OLD-WIVES-TALE.** "This is an *old wives tale*, or a fashion of speech cleane out of fashion," Cotgrave, in v. *Langage.*  
**OLLIVANT.** An elephant. (*A.-N.*)  
 Felled was king Rion standard,  
 And the four *olyfaunce* y slawe.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 344.*  
 The scarlet cloth doth make the bull to feare;  
 The cullour white the *ollivant* doth shunne.  
*Deloney's Strange Histories, 1607.*  
**OLIVER.** (1) A young eel. *Devon.*  
 (2) To give a Rowland for an Oliver, a phrase still in use, derived from two well-known characters in ancient romance.  
 Soche strokys were never seen yn londe,  
 Syth *Olyvere* dyed and Rowlonde.  
*MS. Cantab, Fr. ii. 33, f. 169.*  
**OLIVERE.** The olive-tree. (*A.-N.*)  
**OLIVER'S-SCULL.** A chamber-pot.  
**OLLET.** Fuel. Ray inserts this in his South and East-Country Words. Aubrey, in his MS. Nat. Hist. of Wilts, tells us that cow dung and straw was used for fuel at Highworth, and called by that name.  
**OLOUDE.**  
 For-thi thou gyffe, whils thou may lyfe,  
 Or ale gase that thou may gete.  
 Thi gaste fra Godd, thi gudes *olodde*,  
 Thi flesche fo des undir fete.  
 With I, and E, fulle sekire thou be,  
 That thynne executurs  
 Of the ne wille rekke, bot skikk and skekke  
 Fulle baldely in thi boures.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 213.*  
**O-LONKE.** Along. *MS. Harl. 2253.*  
**OLY.** Oil. Nominale *MS.*  
**OLYET.** A little hole in anything, such as cloth, &c. Forby has *oylet-hole*, a perforation in a garment to admit a lace. The small openings in ancient fortifications were called *olyets*, or *oylets*. "*Oylet hole, oillet*," *Palsgrave.*  
**OLYPRAUNCE.** Gaiety? Holloway has, "*Olyprauce*, rude, hoisterous merriament, a romping match, *Northampton*."  
 Of rich attire es ther avaunce,  
 Prakkand ther bois with *olyprouce*.  
*R. de Brunne, MS. Bores, p. 64.*  
**OLYTE.**  
 For whan thou doust yn lonze *olypyte*  
 Hyt ys f. rjete that long ys *olite*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 75.*  
**OMAN.** A woman. *Var. dial.*  
**OMAST.** Almost. *Cumb.* Several of the glossaries have *ommost*.  
**OMBER.** (1) The shade. *Lanc.* Kennett has *oumer*. *MS. Lansd. 1033.*  
 2. A hammer. *Salop. Antiq. p. 523.*  
**OMBRE.** A game at cards, of Spanish origin. It appears to be merely an alteration or improvement of *primero*. It is thus described in the Compleat Gamester, ed. 1721, p. 12—  
 "There are several sorts of this game called L'Ombre, but that which is the chief is called Renegado, at which three only can play, to whom are dealt nine cards apiece; so that

discarding the eights, nines and tens, there will remain thirteen cards in the stock; there is no trump but what the player pleases; the first hand has always the liberty to play or pass, after him the second, &c."

OME. The steam or vapour arising from hot liquids. *Dunelm.*

OMELL. Among; between. See Ywaine and Gawin, 119; and *Amell* (2).

OMFRY-FLOOR. At Wednesbury, co. Staff., in the nether coal, as it lies in the mine, the fourth parting or laming is called the omfry-floor, two feet and a half thick. Kennett, MS.

OMNIUM-GATHERUM. A miscellaneous collection of persons or things.

OMPCURLODY. To contradict. *Beds.*

ON. (1) In. It is a prefix to verbs, similar to a. "The kinge of Israell on-huentyge wente," MS. Douce 261, f. 40.

(2) One. *After on*, alike. *At on*, agreed. *Ever in on*, continually. *I mine on*, I singly, I by myself. *On one*, together, MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii. of the thirteenth century.

(3) Of; onwards. *Var. dial.* To be a little *on*, i. e. to be approaching intoxication. A female of any kind, when *maris appetens*, is said to be *on*. It is sometimes an expletive, as *cheated on*, *cheated*, &c.

ONANE. Anon. *Ritson.*  
Hys hors fet wald he noht spare,  
To he cam thar the robbour ware:  
He yed unto thayr loge *onane*.  
*Cy of Warwike, Middlehill MS.*

ONARMED. Took off his armour.  
Tryamowre wened to have had pese,  
And *onarmed* hym also tyte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 36, f. 76.*

ONBEAR. To uncover, applied to the opening of a quarry. *West.*

ON-BOLDE. Cowardly; not fierce.  
A man oon he ys holde,  
Febulle he wexeth and *on-boide*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 95.*

ONBRAID. To upbraid; to reproach. *Palsgrave.*

ONCE. Once for all. A common sense of the word in old plays.

ONDE. (1) Zeal; envy; malice; hate; hatred; breath. (*A.-S.*)  
Aschamid with a pitous *onde*,  
Sche tolde unto hire husbondte  
The sothe of alle the hole tale.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 44.*

(2) Ordained. *Yorksh.*

ONDEDELY. Immortal. (*A.-S.*)

ONDINE. To breathe. *Prompt. Parc.*

ONDOAR. One who expounds.

ON-DREGHE. Back; at a distance.

ONE. (1) A; an individual; a person. *Var. dial.*

(2) Singular. *Leic.*

(3) Alone; singly. (*A.-S.*) "By zoureselfe one," MS. Morte Arthure, f. 62.  
And ther y gan my woo compleyne,  
Wisschyng and wepyng alle myn *one*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 31.*

ONE-AND-THIRTY. An ancient and very favourite game at cards, much resembling vintg-un. It could be played by two persons,

as appears from Taylor's *Workes*, 1630, ii. 181. It is mentioned in the *Interlude of Youth*, ap. Collier, ii. 314; Earle's *Microcosmography*, p. 62; Taylor's *Motto*, 1622, sig. D. iv; Florio, p. 578; Upton's MS. Adbs. to Junius.

ONED. (1) Made one; united. (*A.-S.*)

(2) Dwelt; remained.  
Than axed anon sir Gii,  
To the barouns that *oned* him bi.  
*Gy of Warwike, p. 27.*

ONEDER. Behind. *Chesh.* According to Ray, this is the Cheshire pronunciation of *aunder*, the afternoon.

ONEEHEDE. Unity. (*A.-S.*)  
For Gode walde ay with the Faeder and the Sonne,  
And wythe the Holy Gost in *oneheede* wonne.  
*Hampole, MS. Bowes, p. 13.*  
And stere them all that ever they may,  
To *onehedd* and to charitye.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 3.*

ONELOTE. An oblation.

ONEMENTE. A reconciliation. (*A.-S.*)  
Bot *onemente* thar hym neyr wene,  
Or eyther other herte have sought.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 115.*

ONENCE. Against. *Sevyn Sages*, 2872.

ONE-O'CLOCK. Like one-o'clock, i. e. very rapidly, said of a horse's movement, &c.

ONE-OF-US. A whore.

ONE-PENNY. "*Basilinda*, the playe called, one penie, one penie, come after me," *Nomenclator*, p. 298.

ONERATE. To load. (*Lat.*)

ONERLY. Lonely; solitary. *North.*

ONES. Once. (*A.-S.*)  
Evyr on hys maystys grave he lay,  
Ther myght no man gete hym away  
For oght that they cowde do,  
But yf hyt were *ons* on the day,  
He wolde forthe to gete hys praye,  
And sythen ageyne he wolde goo.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 74.*

ONE-SHEAR-SHEEP. A sheep between one and two years old. *Var. dial.*

ONFANG. Received. (*A.-S.*)

ON-FERROME. Afar off. (*A.-S.*)  
Bot Alexander went bi hym ane uppone an beghe cragge,  
whare he myghte see *ou-ferrrome* fra hym,  
and thane he saw this pestellencius beste the basilisc.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 38.*

ONGOINGS. Proceedings; goings on. *North.*

ONHANDE. In the hand; to the will. It occurs in MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. the Egerton MS. reading *wiht wille*.

ON-HELD. Bowed down.

ON-HENELY. Ungently; uncourteously.

ONICLE. The onyx. *Onycle*, Wright's *Lyric Poetry*, p. 25. (*A.-N.*)

ONID. Mixed and joined. *Batman* uppon Bartholome, 1582.

ONIMENT. Ointment. *Vocab. MS.*

ONING. The only one. (*A.-S.*)  
And in the tenth men myhte se  
The *onyng* and the unyté.  
*MS. Cott. Vitell. C. xiii. f. 98.*

ONION-PENNIES. "At Silchester in Hampshire they find great plenty of Roman coins, which they call *onion-pennies* from one Onion,



- whom they foolishly fancy to have been a giant, and an inhabitant of this city," Kennett, *MS. Lansd.* 1033.
- ON-LENTHE.** Afar. *Gawayne.*
- ONLEPI.** The same as *Anlepi*, q. v. *Onlepiliche* occurs in *MS. Arund.* 57, f. 28.  
Ich leve the God, Vader Almihti, makere of hevene and of erthe; and ine Jesu Crist, his zone *onlepi*, oure Lord. *MS. Arundel.* 57, f. 94.
- ONLIEST.** Only. *Chesh.* It is singularly used as a superlative.
- ONLIGIT.** To alight, or get down. *West.*
- ONLIKE.** Alone; only. (*A.-S.*)  
Blissed Laverd God of Israel  
That dos wondres *onlike* wele.  
*MS. Egerton* 614, f. 48.  
Of thi bapteme and of thi dedes,  
Of *onlych* lif that thou here ledes.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 79.
- ON-LOFT.** Aloft.  
And gat up into the tre esely and soft,  
And hyng hymself upon a bowgh *on-loft*.  
*MS. Laud.* 416, f. 61.
- ONNETHE.** Scarcely. (*A.-S.*)  
Hum thougte that he was *onnethe* alive,  
For he was al overcome.  
*MS. Laud.* 103, f. 117.
- ONNISH.** Somewhat tipsy. *North.*
- ONONE.** Anon; immediately. (*A.-S.*)  
And as [they] satt at the supere, they knewe hym  
in brekyng of brede, and *onone* He vanyste awaye  
fro hem. *MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 183.
- ON-O-NENA.** Always. *Lanc.*
- ON-RYGHTE.** Wrong.  
Hys owa lyfe for hur he lees  
Wyth mekulle *on-ryghte*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii.* 33, f. 95.
- ONSAY.** An onset.
- ONSET.** A dwelling-house and out-buildings.  
*North.* A single farmhouse is called an *onstead*.
- ONSETTEN.** Small; dwarfish. *North.*
- ON-STAND.** The rent paid by the out-going to the in-going tenant of a farm for such land as the other has rightfully cropped before leaving it. *North.*
- ONSTE.** Once. Chester Plays, ii. 109.
- ON-STRAYE.** Apart.  
The stede strak over the force,  
And strayed *on-straye*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 137.
- ONSWERID.** Answered.  
Kyng Edward *onswerid* agayne,  
I wil go to these erles twane.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v.* 43, f. 53.
- ONT.** Will not; w'out. *West.*
- ON-THENDE.** Abject; out-cast.
- ONTHER.** Under. Octovian, 609.
- ON-TYE.** To untie.  
And yede Arondell all to nye,  
And wolde have hym *on-tye*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii.* 30, f. 120.
- ONWILLI.** Unwillingly. *Pr. Parr.*
- ONYOLBUN.** A herb mentioned in *MS. Bill.* Reg. 12 B. i. f. 14.
- OO.** (1) One. See O.  
And at oo worde sche platly gan him telle  
The childis mygte his power dide eccelle.  
*Ldgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 16.
- (2) Aye; ever. Tundale's Visions, p. 48.
- OOBIT.** The larvæ of the tiger-moth.
- OON.** An oven. *North.*
- OONABLE.** Awkward; unwieldly.
- OONE.** Alone, only. (*A.-S.*)  
Alle nakid but here schertis *oone*,  
They wepte and made moche mone.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 52.
- OON-EGG.** A soft-egg, one laid before the shell is formed. *West.*
- OONRYGHTTWYSLYE.** Unrighteously.  
He was in Tuskeyne that tyme, and tuke of oure knyghttes,  
Areste theme *oonryghttwyslye*, and rounsoud thame aftyre.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln.* f. 56.
- OONT.** A want, or mole. *West.*
- OONTY.** Empty. *Devon.*
- OOR.** Hoary; aged.
- OOSER.** A mask with opening jaws along with a cow's skin, put on for frightening people. *Dorset.*
- OOST.** An host, or army. (*A.-N.*)
- OOTH.** Wood; mad. *Pr. Parr.*
- OOZLING.** Hairy. *North.*
- OP.** To get up. *Somerset.* Also *opyy*.
- OPE.** An opening. *West.*
- OPE-LAND.** Land in constant till, ploughed up every year. *Suffolk.*
- OPEN.** (1) A large cavern. When a vein is worked open to the day, it is said to be *open-cast*. A miner's term.  
(2) Not spayed, said of a sow, &c. *East.*  
(3) Mild, said of the weather. *Var. dial.*
- OPEN-ERS.** The medlar. (*A.-S.*) "Oponhers, medler," *MS. Sloane* 5, f. 6; *openarces*, *MS. Bodl.* 30. Palsgrave has *opynars*.
- OPEN-HEDED.** Bare-headed. *Chaucer.*
- OPEN-HOUSE.** To keep open-house, i. e. to be exceedingly hospitable.
- OPEN-TIDE.** The time between Epiphany and Ash-Wednesday, wherein marriages were publicly solemnized, was on that account formerly called open-tide; but now in Oxfordshire and several other parts, the time after harvest, while the common fields are free and open to all manner of stock, is called open-tide. Kennett, *MS. Lansd.* 1033.
- OPER.** A bumper of wine. *North.*
- OPERANCE.** Operation; effect.
- OPERANT.** Operative; fit for action. Heywood's *Royall King*, sig. A. iv.
- OPIE.** Opium. (*A.-N.*)
- OPINION.** (1) Credit; reputation.  
(2) To opine; to think. *Suffolk.*
- OPILATIONS.** Obstructions. (*Lat.*)  
This Crocus is used very successfully for the green-sickness stopping of the Terms, Dropsy and other diseases, that proceed from *Opilations*; the Dose is from 15 grains to a Drachm.  
*Aubrey's Wills, MS. Royal Soc.* p. 111
- OPPORTUNITY.** Character; habit.
- OPPOSE.** To question; to argue with.  
Problemes and demandes eke  
Hys wysdom was to finde and seke,  
Wherof he wolde in sondry wyse  
*Opposene* hem that weren wyse.  
*Gower, MS. Cantab. Ff. i.* 6, f. 9.

OPPRESSE. To ravish. (*A.-N.*) Hence *oppression*, rape.

OPTIC. A magnifying-glass. "Not legible but through an optick," Nabbes' *Bride*, 1610, sig. G. i. Coles has the term.

OPUNCTLY. Opportunely. *Greene*.

OQWERE. Anywhere?

If his howsholde be *oqwere*,  
Thu parishen is he there.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 5.*

OR. (1) Ere; before. *North*.

Punysche patiently the transgressions  
Of mene disreuled redressing thaire error.  
Mercy preferring or thou do rigour.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 129.*

(2) Lest. Perceval, 911.

(3) Than. "Rather or that," an idiom still current in the midland counties.

He wolde ageyn for youre love blede  
Rather or that ye dampned were.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 48.*

(4) Their. Wright's Seven Sages, p. 47.

ORANGE-TAWNEY. A dull orange colour.

OR-A-ONE. Ever a one. *South*.

ORATION. Noise; uproar. *Var. dial.*

ORATORIE. A private chapel; a closet for the purposes of prayer. (*A.-N.*)

ORBELL.

In the lowest border of the garden, I might see a curious *orbell*, all of touch, wherein the Syracusan tyrants were no lesse artfully portrayed, than their severall cruelties to life displayed.

*Braithwaite's Arcadian Princess, 1635. ii. 148.*

ORBS. Panels. Nominale *MS.*

ORCEL. A small vase. (*A.-N.*)

ORD. A point, or edge. (*A.-S.*) *Ord and cade*, the beginning and end, Gy of Warwike, p. 33, a common phrase. In Suffolk, a promontory is called an *ord*.

And touchede him with the speres *ord*,  
That never eft he ne spak word.

*Romance of Otuel, p. 74.*

He hit him with the speres *ord*,  
Thurch and thurch scheldes bord.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 276.*

Saul himself drowe his sword,  
And ran even upon the *ord*.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 49.*

ORDAIN. To order; to intent. *Devon.*

ORDENARIE. An ordinance. (*A.-N.*)

ORDER. Disorder; riot. *West.*

ORDERED. Ordained; in holy orders.

ORDERS. A North-country custom at schools.

In September or October the master is locked out of the school by the scholars, who, previous to his admittance, give an account of the different holidays for the ensuing year, which he promises to observe, and signs his name to the *orders*, as they are called, with two bondsmen. The return of these *signed orders* is the signal of capitulation; the doors are immediately opened; beef, beer, and wine deck the festive board; and the day is spent in mirth.

ORDERS-FOUR. The four orders of mendicant friars. *Chaucer*.

ORDINAL. The ritual.

ORDINANCE. (1) Fate. *Shak.*

(2) Orderly disposition. (*A.-N.*)

(3) Apparel. Palsgrave, 1530.

ORDINATE. Regular; orderly. (*Lat.*)

For he that ston-leth cleve and *ordinate*,  
And proude happis suffreth underslide.

*Boutius, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 206.*

ORDONING. Ordinance. Palsgrave.

ORE. (1) Over. *Var. dial.*

(2) Grace; favour; mercy. (*A.-S.*)

Syr, he seyde, for Crystys ore,  
Leve, and bete me no more.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 86.*

(3) Sea-weed, used for manure. *South*. Holinshed, Chron. Ireland, p. 183, mentions *orewads*.

(4) A kind of fine wool.

ORF. Cattle. (*A.-S.*)

Into the breris they forth kacche  
Here *orf*, for that they wolden lacche.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 33.*

ORFRAYS. Embroidery. (*A.-N.*) The term is perhaps most generally applied to the borders of embroidery or needle-work, down the cope on each side in front. See Cotgrave. "Orphrey of red velvet," Dugdale's *Monast.* iii. 283. It occurs in Chaucer.

Fretene of *orfrays* feste appone scheldez.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 76.*

ORGAMENT. Wild marjoram.

The blood of harts burned together with herbedragon, orchanes, *orgament*, and mastick have the same power to draw serpents out of their holes, which the harts have being alive.

*Topsell's Four Footed Beasts, 1607, p. 130.*

ORGAN. The herb pennyroyal.

ORGANAL. An organ of the body.

ORGLES. Organs. *Weber*.

Oure genty! ser Jone, joy hym mot hetyde.

He is a meré mon of mony among compané.

He con harpe, he con syng, his *orgles* ben herd ful wyd,  
He wyl nojt spare his prese to spund his selaré.

*MS. Douce 302, f. 3.*

ORGULOUS. Proud. (*A.-N.*) *Orgulist*, proud-est. *Morte d'Arthure*, ii. 432. *Orgulyte*, pride, *ibid.* ii. 111.

ORIEL. This term is stated by Mr. Hamper to have been formerly used in various senses, viz. a penthouse; a porch attached to any edifice; a detached gate-house; an upper-story; a loft; a gallery for minstrels. See a long dissertation in the *Archæologia*, xxiii. 106-116. Perhaps, however, authority for an interpretation may be found which will compress these meanings, few words having really so comprehensive and varied an use. It may generally be described as a recess within a building. Blount has *oriel*, "the little waste room next the hall in some houses and monasteries, where particular persons dined;" and this is clearly an authorised and correct explanation. *Nisi in refectorio vel oriole pranderet*, Mat. Paris; *in introitu, quod porticus vel oriolum appellatur*, *ibid.* The oriel was sometimes of considerable dimensions

See a note in Warton, i. 176.

ORIENT. The east. (*A.-N.*)

ORIGINAL. Dear; beloved. *Linr.*

ORISE. To plane, or make smooth. *West.*

ORISON. A prayer.  
 When thai had made theire *oryson*,  
 A voyce came fro heven down,  
 That alle men myjt here;  
 And seid, The soule of this syfulle wyjt  
 Is wouen into heven bright,  
 To Jhesu lefe and dere.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 47.*

ORISONT. The horizon. (*A.-N.*)

ORISSE. To prepare, or make ready.

ORL. The alder-tree. *West.*

ORLAINCE. Orleans. (*A.-N.*)  
 Rede wyo, the claret, and the white,  
 With Teynt and Alycaunt, in whom I delhte;  
 Wyn ryvers and wyn sake also,  
 Wyne of Langdoke and of *Orlauce* therto,  
 Sengle here, and othir that is dwobile,  
 Which causith the brayo of man to trouble.  
*MS. Rawl. C. 86.*

ORLING. An ill-grown child. *North.*

ORLINGS. The teeth of a comb.

ORLOGE. A clock, or dial. (*A.-N.*)  
 Gelosye salle kepe the *orloge*, and salle wakkyne  
 the other ladyse, and make thame arcy to ryse and  
 go the wyllylere to thaire servysse.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 275.*

ORLOGER. A man who keeps clocks.

ORN. (1) Either. *Somerset.*  
 (2) To run; to flow. (*A.-S.*)  
 He *orn* aȝen him with grete joie,  
 And biclupte him and custe.  
*MS. Laud. 108, f. 2.*

ORNACY. Cultivated language.

ORNARY. Ordinary. *Var. dial.*

ORNATE. Adorned. (*Lat.*)  
 The milke white swannes then strai'd in stile  
 sublime,  
 Of *ornate* verse, rich prose, and nervous rime.  
 In short, to telleu all, doth not behove,  
 Whereare wellcome, sat weare pow'd in cuppe of love.  
*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17. B. xv.*

ORNATELY. Regularly; orderly.

ORNDERN. Same as *Andorn*, q. v.

ORNIFIED. Adorned. *Oxon.*

ORPED. Bold; stout. The term is used by late  
 writers. It occurs in Golding's Ovid, and in  
 the Herrings Tale, 1598.  
 Houndes ther be the whiche beth holde and  
*orpede*, and beth cleped bolde, for thi be bolde and  
 goode for the hert.  
*MS. Bodl. 546.*  
*Orpedlich* thou bistere,  
 And thi lond thou fond to were.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 65.  
 Doukes, kinges and garouns,  
*Orped* squiers and garouns  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 81.  
 That they wolde gete of here acorde  
 Sum *orpid* knyȝte to sle this lorde.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 55.*

ORPHARION. A kind of unsical instrument in  
 the form of a lute.

ORPINE. Yellow arsenic. "Orpine or arse-  
 nike," Hollyhand's Diet. 1593.

ORR. A globular piece of wood used in playing  
 at doddart.

ORRI. A name for a dog. See MS. Bibl. Reg.  
 7 E. iv. f. 163.

ORROWER. Horror. *Pr. Parv.*

ORSADY. Tinsel. See *Arsedine*.

ORTS. Scraps; fragments. *Var. dial.* It is a  
 common archaism.

ORUALE. The herb orpin.

ORUL. To have a longing for. *West.*

ORYBULLY. Terribly.  
 He apperyd fulle *orybully*, but not as he dud before.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 52.*

ORYELLE. The alder-tree. *Pr. Parv.*

ORYNALLE. An urinal.  
 Anon he askud an *orynalle* schene,  
 And sawe theryn of kyng and quene.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 138.*

ORYONS. The orient, or east.  
 Stonys of *oryons* gret plente,  
 Hir here aboute hir hed hit hong;  
 She rode out over that lovely le,  
 A-while she blew, a-while she song.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 116.*

ORYTHIE. Aright. Arch. xxx. 357.

OSCHIVES. Bone-handled knives.

OSEY. A kind of wine, mentioned in the Squyr  
 of Lowe Degré, 762; Harrison, p. 167; Nugé  
 Poetica, p. 10; MS. Morte Arthure, f. 55.  
 Her land hath wine, *osey*, waxe, and graine,  
 Figges, reysins, hony and cordoweyne.  
*Hakluyt's Navigations, 1599, f. 189.*

OSIARD. An osier-bed. *Palsgrave.*

OSKIN. An oxgang of land, which varies in  
 quantity in different places.

O-SLANTE. Aslant; slanting.  
 His hand sleppid and slode *o-slante* one the mayles.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 93.*

OSMOND. A kind of iron. Manners and  
 Household Expences, p. 301.

OSNY. To forbode; to predict. *West.*

OSPREY. The sea-eagle. Palsgrave calls it  
 the *ospring*.

OSPRYNG. Offspring.  
 I wolde that Bradmonde the kyng  
 Were here with all his *ospryng*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 169.*

OSS. To offer, begin, attempt, or set about  
 anything; to be setting out; to recommend a  
 person to assist you. *Chesh.* Ray gives the  
 Cheshire proverb, "ossing comes to hossing."  
 Edgeworth, temp. Hen. VIII., uses to *oss* for  
 to *prophesy*.

OSSELL. Perhaps. *Yorksh.*

OSTAYLE. An inn, or lodging.  
 And in her place he toke his *ostayle*,  
 Supposyng a lytull while ther to duelle.  
*MS. Laud. 416, f. 59.*  
 Men taghte hym sone to hem weyl,  
 He come and toke ther hys *osteyl*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 13.*

O-STEDE. Instead.  
 The whyche, as the custum was,  
 Songe a balad *o-stede* of the masse.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. l. 6, f. 42.*

OSTENTS. Appearances; prodigies.  
 When ambitious Pyles, th' *ostents* of pride  
 To dust shall fall, and in their ruins hide.  
*Randolph's Poems, 1643.*

OSTERY. An inn. This word occurs in MS.  
 Addit. 11812, f. 12. The term *osthouse* is  
 used in Yorkshire. Palsgrave has *ostry*.

**OSTILLER.** An oster. *Vocab. MS.*  
**OSTRECE.** Austria. *Hearne.*  
**OSTREGIER.** A falconer. This term was generally limited to a keeper of goshawks and terrels. *Ostringer* occurs in Blount's Gloss. p. 459, and Shakespeare has *astringer*.  
**OSTRICH-BORDE.** Wainscoting.  
**OSTYLMENT.** Furniture. *Quilibet utensile in domo, Anglice, ostylment of howse, MS. Bibl. Reg. 12 B. 5, f. 13.*  
**OSTYRE.** An oyster. *Nominale MS.*  
**OTE.** Knows. (*A.-S.*)  
**OTEN.** Often. *Somerset.*  
**OTHE.** To swear. Still in use, according to Moor's Suffolk Words, p. 258. "*Adjurare, to othe,*" *MS. Egerton 829, f. 17.*  
**OTIHER.** Or; either; or else. (*A.-S.*)  
**OTIHER-GATES.** Otherways. *North.*  
**OTHER-SOME.** Some other. A quaint but pretty phrase of frequent occurrence. *Other-where*, in some other place.  
 Some blasfemede hym and said, fy one hym that distroyes; and othersome side, othire mene saved he, bot hymselfe he may nott helpe.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 103.*  
 How she doth play the wether-cocke,  
 That turne with every winde;  
 To some she will be foolishse stout,  
 To othersome as kinde.  
*Gaufrido and Bernardo, 1570.*  
**OTIHER-WHILE.** Sometimes. *Var. dial.*  
 Than dwellyd they togedur same,  
 Wyth mekyllie yoye and game,  
 Therof they wantyd ryght noght;  
 They went on hawkyng be the rever,  
 And other-whyte to take the dere,  
 Where that they gode thought.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. 4. 38, f. 80.*  
**OTTOMITES.** The Ottomans. *Shak.*  
**OTTRE.** To utter. *Lydgate, p. 150.*  
**OTWO.** In two; asunder. (*A.-S.*)  
 Al hem thoughte they wulde here slo,  
 For they clove here mouthe evyn *otwe*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 11.*  
**OTYRE.** An otter. It is the translation of *lutricius* in *Nominale MS.*  
**OU.** How. *MS. Digby 86.*  
**OUCH.** A jewel. "*Ouche a jowell, haque,*" *Palsgrave*; "*ouche for a bonnet, affiequet, affichet,*" *ibid.* The term seems to have been sometimes applied to various ornaments.  
 Of gyrdils and broochis, of *ouchis* and rynggis,  
 Pottys and pens and bollis for the fest of Nowell.  
*MS. Laud. 416, f. 97.*  
**OUGHEN.** To owe; to possess, or own. (*A.-S.*)  
 A certain kyng, which, when he called his servants to accompts, had one brought to him which *ought* him ten thousand talents.  
*Becon's Works, p. 154.*  
 Amaris he hight, that many a tonne *ought*,  
 Prince was of Portingall, proudest in thought.  
*Roband, MS. Lansd. 388, f. 300.*  
**OUGHIT.** Something suitable. *Sussex.*  
**OULE.**  
 But *oule* on stok and stok on *oule*,  
 The more that a man defoule.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 38.*  
**OUMER.** The grayling fish. *North.*

**OUNDE.** (1) A kind of lace. (2) A curl. *Ondy*, waving, curly, said of hair laid in rolls. (*A.-N.*)  
 Cloth of gold of tissue entered *ounde* the one with the other, the *ounde* is warke wayynge up and doune, and all the borders as well trapper as other was garded with letters of fine golde.  
*Hall, Henry VIII. f. 79.*  
 The hynder of hym was lyk purpure, and the tayle was *ounded* overthwert with a colour reede as rose.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 39.*  
**OUNFERD.** Displeasure?  
 To thi neybour fore love of me,  
 To make debate ny dyscorde,  
 And thou dust me more *ounferd*,  
 Then thaj thou wentust barefote in the strete.  
*MS. Douce 302, xv. Cent.*  
**OUNGOD.** Bad; wicked. (*A.-S.*)  
**OUNIN.** A weak spoiled boy. *North.*  
**OUNSEL.** The devil. From the old word *ounseli*, wicked. "*Ich were ounseli,*" *MS. Digby 86. (A.-S.)*  
**OUTH.** A fairy, or sprite. *Shak.*  
**OUR.** (1) Hour. Still in use.  
 There may areste me no pleasaunce,  
 And *our* be *our* I fele grevaunce.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 117.*  
 (2) Anywhere. *Weber.*  
 (3) Over. Still in use. This would generally be printed *orre*.  
 Hit was leid *oure* a broke,  
 Thorto no man hede toke;  
*Oure* a streme of watur elene,  
 Hit servyd as a brygge I wene.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 30.*  
 (4) A term implying relationship. *Our Thomas*, Thomas belonging to our family. *Var. dial.*  
**OURN.** Ours. *Var. dial.*  
**OURY.** Dirty; ill-looking; untidy. *Line.*  
**OUSE.** The liquor in a tanner's vat.  
**OUSEL.** The blackbird.  
 House-doves are white, and *ousels* blackebirds bee,  
 Yet what a difference in the taste we see?  
*The Affectionate Shepherd, 1594.*  
**OUSEN.** Oxen. *North.*  
**OUSET.** A few small cottages together, like a Highland clachan. The word is originally *oustead*, *one-stead*, i. e. one farmhouse and its appurtenances standing *solus*, all alone by itself, and no other one near it. *North.*  
**OUST.** To turn out. *Var. dial.*  
**OUT.** (1) Away! It is often an exclamation of disappointment. (*A.-S.*) *Out, alas!* occurs in Shakespeare.  
 The gentill prynce and his pepull to London dld passe,  
 Into the cite he enteryd with a company of men and trew,  
 For the wiche his emys cryed, *Oute* and alas!  
 Thayre red colowrus chaungid to pale hewe;  
 Thanne the nobyll prynce began werkys new,  
 He toke prisoners a kyng and a clerke, loo,  
 How the will of God in every thyng is doo!  
*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D. xv.*  
 (2) Full; completely. Tempest, i. 2. Still in use. *Heref. Gl. p. 76.*  
 (3) An excursion of pleasure.  
 (4) *Out o'ery*, out of measure. See the Comedy of Patient Grissel, p. 20. *Out of heart*, worn out, applied to land; down-hearted, to a man,

- Out at heels, out at the elbows*, very shabbily dressed. *Out at ley*, said of cattle feeding in hired pastures. *Out of hand*, immediately, without delay. *Out of temper*, too hot or too cold. *Out of the way*, extravagant, uncommon. *To be at outs*, to quarrel. *To make no outs of a person*, not to understand him.
- OUTAMY.** To injure, or hurt?  
 Ac the helm was so hard y-wrojt,  
 That he myjt *outamy* him nojt  
 Wyth no dynt of swerde.  
*MS. Ashmole, 33, f. 49.*
- OUT-AND-OUT.** Throughout; entirely; completely. *Out-and-outer*, a slang phrase implying anything supremely excellent.  
 The kyng was good alle aboute,  
 And she was wyckyd *outs and outs*,  
 For she was of suche comforte,  
 She lovyd mene ondir her lorde.  
*MS. Rawlinson C. 86.*
- OUTAS.** (1) The octaves of a feast.  
 (2) A tumult, or uproar. *Nominale MS.*
- OUT-ASKED.** On the third time of publication, the couple are said to be out-asked, that is, the asking is out or over. Used in the South-East of England.
- OUT-BEAR.** To bear one out; to support one in anything. *Palsgrave.*
- OUT-BORN.** Removed. (*A.-S.*)
- OUT-BY.** A short distance from home.
- OUT-CAST.** The refuse of corn. *Pr. Parr.* It is explained in *Salop. Antiq.* p. 524, "the overplus gained by maltsters between a bushel of barley, and the same when converted into malt."
- OUT-CATCH.** To overtake. *North.*
- OUT-CEPT.** To except. *Palsgrave.*
- OUTCOME.** A going out. It occurs in *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii.*
- OUT-COMLING.** A stranger. *Laue.*
- OUT-CORNER.** A secret or obscure corner. "An *out-nooke* in a towne where poore folkes dwell," *Florio*, p. 97. *Out-place*, *Palgrave.*
- OUT-CRY.** An auction. An auctioneer was called an *out-crier*.
- OUT-DONE.** Undone.  
 A supper was drest, the king was a guest,  
 But he thought 'twould have *outdone* him.  
*Robin Hood, ii. 169.*
- OUT-DOOR-WORK.** Field-work. *West.* Also called *outen-work*.
- OUTELICHE.** Utterly; entirely.
- OUTEN.** Strange; foreign. *Outener*, a non-resident, a foreigner. *Liuc.*
- OUTENIME.** To deliver. (*A.-S.*)
- OUT-FALL.** A quarrel. *North.*
- OUT-FARING.** Lying without. *Somerset.*
- OUTGANG.** A road. *North.*
- OUT-GO.** To go faster, or beat any one in walking or riding.
- OUT-HAWL.** To clean out. *Suffolk.*
- OUTHEES.** Outcry. (*Med. Lat.*)
- OUTHER.** Either. Still in use.  
 And 3yf y were de yn *outher* werlde,  
 Hys preyer shuide for me be herde.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 70.*
- For *outher* it wille falle on the umbre toward or on the umbre froward. *MS. Sloane 213.*
- OUTHOLD.** To hold out; to resist.
- OUT-HORNE.** An outlaw.
- OUTING.** (1) A feast given to his friends by an apprentice, at the end of his apprenticeship; when he is *out* of his time. In some parts of the kingdom, this ceremony is termed by an apprentice and his friends burying his wife. *Liuc.*  
 (2) An airing. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) An evacuation, or letting-out. *North.*
- OUTLAY.** Expenditure. *Var. dial.*
- OUTLER.** An animal not housed. *North.*
- OUTLERS.** Out-standing debts. *Yorksh.*
- OUT-LESE.** The privilege of turning cattle out to feed on commons. *North.*
- OUT-LESS.** Unless. *Yorksh.*
- OUTNER.** A stranger. *North.*
- OUT-OF.** Without.  
 Neither can anything please God that we do, if it be done *out-of* charity. *Bacon's Works, p. 154.*
- OUTPARTERS.** Thieves.
- OUT-PUT.** To cast out. (*A.-S.*)
- OUTRAGE.** Violence. (*A.-N.*)
- OUTRAIE.** To injure; to ruin; to destroy. (*A.-N.*) *Palsgrave* explains it, to "do some outrage or extreme hurt."  
 Sir Arthure, thyne enemy, has *oustrayed* thi lordez,  
 That rode for the rescowe of 3one riche knyghttez  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 74.*
- OUTRAKE.** An out-ride or expedition. To *raik*, in Scottish, is to go fast. *Outrake* is a common term among shepherds. When their sheep have a free passage from inclosed pastures into open and airy grounds they call it a good *outrake*. *Percy.*
- OUTRANCE.** Confusion. (*A.-N.*)
- OUTRE-CUIDANCE.** Pride. (*Fr.*)
- OUT-REDE.** To surpass in counsel. (*A.-S.*)
- OUTRELY.** Utterly. (*A.-N.*)
- OUT-RIDERS.** (1) Bailiffs errant, employed by the sheriff's to summon persons to the courts. See *Blount's Law Dictionary*, in v.  
 (2) Highwaymen. *Somerset.*
- OUT-ROP.** A public auction. *North.* "An out-cry or out-rope." *Howell, 1660.*
- OUTSCHETHE.** To draw out a sword.
- OUTSCHONNE.** To pluck out. (*A.-S.*)
- OUTSETTER.** An emigrant. *Yorksh.*
- OUT-SHUFTS.** The outskirts. *East.*  
 And poore schollers and souldiers wander in backe lanes, and the *out-shuftes* of the cite, with never a rag to their backs. *Nash's Pierce Pennlesse, 1592.*
- OUTSHOT.** A projection of the upper stories in an old house. *North.* Hence *outshot-window*.
- OUTSIDE.** (1) At the most. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) Lonely; solitary; retired. *North.* In Dorsetshire it is *outstep*.
- OUTSTEP.** Unless.  
 My son's in Dybell here, in Caperdochy, i'tha gaol, for peeping into another man's purse; and, *outstep* the king be miserable, he's like to totter.  
*Heywood's Edward IV. p. 73.*
- OUT-TAKE.** To deliver. (*A.-S.*)

**OUT-TAKEN.** Taken out; excepted. *Out-take*, except, is also common. It occurs several times in Lydgate.

Bot he myȝte noȝte wyne over, the water was so depe and so brade, bot if it had bene in the monethe of July and Auguste; and also it was fulle of ypo-taynes and scorpyones, and cocadrilles, *out-takene* in the forsaid monethes. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 31.*

Alle that y have y graunt the  
*Ouettake* my wyfe.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 96.*

**OUTWALE.** Refuse. *North.*

**OUTWARD.** An outside. *Shak.*

**OUTWERINGNES.** Abuse. (*A.-S.*)

**OUT-WINDERS.** Bow-windows. *South.*

**OUT-WRIGHE.** To discover. (*A.-S.*)

**OUZE.** Mud. Still in use.

To voyage his large empire, as secure  
As in the safest *ouze*, where they assure  
Themselves at rest.

*Heywood's Marriage Triumphe, 1613.*

**OUȝTE.** Aught; anything.

But that thyng may y not embrace  
For *ouȝte* that y can speke or doo.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134 f. 46.*

Hou faryth that noble clerk,  
That mekyl can on Goddys werk,  
Knowest thou ouȝt hys state?  
And come thou ouȝt he the eerl off Stane,  
That wurthy lord in hys wane,  
Wente thou ouȝt that gate?

*Romance of Athelston.*

**OVEN.** (1) The following proverb is given by Ray, and is still in use.

A suspicious ill liver, for the wife would never have sought her daughter in the oven unless she herself had beene there in former times.

*The Man in the Moone, 1609, sig. F. iii.*

(2) A great mouth. *Var. dial.*

**OVEN-BIRD.** The long-tailed titmouse. Its nest is called an *oven's-nest*.

**OVENED.** Sickly; shrivelled. *Line.*

**OVEN-RUBBER.** A pole used for stirring the fire in a large oven.

**OVER.** (1) Compared with. *West.*

(2) Upper. Still in use.

(3) Above; besides; beyond. (*A.-S.*)

(4) To recover; to get over. *North.*

(5) Important; material. *Exmoor.*

(6) Too. Sir Perceval, 1956.

(7) To put one over the door, to turn him out.

*Over the left*, disappointed.

**OVERAIGNES.** Gutters.

**OVER-ALL.** Everywhere.

**OVERANENT.** Opposite. *Var. dial.*

**OVERBLOW.** To blow hard. *Chesh.*

**OVERBOD.** Remained or lived after. (*A.-S.*)

**OVER-BODIED.** When a new upper part is put to an old gown. *Lanc.*

**OVER-BUY.** To give more for anything than it is really worth.

**OVER-CLOVER.** A boy's game, so called in Oxfordshire, the same as *Warner*, q. v. They have a song used in the game, commencing,

"Over clover,  
Nine times over."

**OVER-CRAPID.** Surfeited. *Devon.*

**OVERCROW.** To triumph over; to sustain.

"Labourd with tooth and naile to *overcrow*"  
Holinshed, Chron. Ireland. p. 82.

**OVER-DREEP.** To overshadow.

The aspiring nettles, with their shadie tops, shall no longer *over-dreep* the best hears, or keep them from the smiling aspect of the sunne, that live and thrive by comfortable beams.

*Nash's Pierce Pennilesse, 1592.*

**OVERE.** Shore. (*A.-S.*) Jennings has *overe*, the perpendicular edge, usually covered with grass, on the sides of salt-water rivers.

For michulle hongur, I undurstonde,  
She come out of Sexlonde,  
And rived here at Dovere,  
That stonde upon the sees *overe*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 96.*

**OVERESTE.** Uppermost. (*A.-S.*)

An appille *overeste* lay on lofte,  
There the poyson was in dighte.

*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 98.*

**OVERFACE.** To cheat. *Somerset.*

**OVER-FARE.** To go over. It occurs in *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii.*

**OVER-FLOWN.** Intoxicated.

**OVER-FLUSH.** An overplus. *East.*

**OVER-FRET.** Made into fretwork.

Scho come in a velvet,  
With white perle *overfret*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 133.*

**OVERGANGER.** One who escapes.

By Jacob in haly writt es undristande ane *over-ganger* of synnes.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 224.*

**OVERGET.** To overtake. *Var. dial.* It occurs in Palsgrave, 1530.

**OVERGETH.** Passed over.

The tyme of ȝeris *overgeth*  
That he was a man of brede and lengthe.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 97.*

**OVERGIVE.** (1) To ferment. (2) To thaw. *East.*

**OVER-GO.** To pass over. (*A.-S.*) It is here used for the part. pa.

As I went this undyre tyde,  
To play me be myn orcherd syde,  
I fell on slepe all-be-dene,  
Under an ympe upon the grene;  
My meydens durst me not wake,  
Bot lete me lyze and slepe take,  
Tyll that the tyme *over-passyd* so,  
That the undryne was *over-go*.

*MS. Asmole 61, xv. Cent.*

**OVER-HAND.** The upper-hand. *North.*

Thurgh the helpe of our goddis, he schalle hafe the *over-hand* of alle ȝoure nightheours, and ȝour name schalle spred over alle the werlde.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 3.*

He sent us never no schame ne schenclipe in erthe,  
Bot ever ȝit the *over-hand* of alle other kynges.

*Morte Artoure, MS. Lincoln, f. 96.*

**OVERHED.** A cut given over the head in fencing. Kyng Alisaunder, 7396.

**OVERHERRE.** Superior. (*A.-S.*)

Spaynardis also that withoute doute bothe in nombre of peple and strengthe of bodies of olde tyme have ben oure *overherre*.

*Vegecius, MS. Douce 201, f. 5.*

**OVERHEW.** To overgrow and overpower, as strong plants do weak ones. *East.*

**OVERHIE.** To overtake. *North.*

- OVER-HILT.** Covered over. (*A.-S.*)
- OVER-HOP.** To hop, or pass over.
- OVER-HOPE.** Sanguineness. (*A.-S.*)  
on ys presumption of herte bold,  
That ys *overhope* on Ynglische told.  
*MS. Bodl.* 48, f. 123.
- OVER-HOUSE-MEN.** Small wire drawers.
- OVERING.** Passing over. *Var. dial.*
- OVERIST-WERKE.** The clerestory.  
He beheld the werke full wele,  
The *overyst-werke* above the walle  
Gane schyne as doth the crystallle.  
A huodreth tyretes he saw full stout,  
So gooly thei wer bateyled aboute.  
*MS. Ashmole* 61, xv. Cent.
- OVER-KEEP.** Good living. *Var. dial.*
- OVERLAND.** A roofless tenement. *Overland-farm*, a parcel of land without a house to it. *Devon.*
- OVERLAYER.** A piece of wood used to place the sieve on, after washing the ore in a vat. *Derb.* A mining term.
- OVER-LEDE.** To oppress. *Lydgate.*
- OVERLIGHT.** To alight, or descend. *West.*
- OVERLING.** Ruler; master.  
I have made a kepare, a knyghte of thyn awene,  
*Overlyng* of Ynglande undyre thys-lyene.  
*Monte Athware, MS. Lincoln*, f. 60.
- OVER-LIVE.** To outlive. (*A.-S.*)
- OVERLOOKED.** Bewitched. *West.* The term occurs in Shakespeare.
- OVERLY.** (1) Slight; superficial. Sometimes an adverb. "I will doe it, but it shal be *overly* done, or to be ridden of it," Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593. "Thou doest this *overlie*, or onely for an outward shewe," Baret, 1580.  
He prayeth but with an *overly* desire, and not from the deep of his heart, that will not bend his endeavours withal to obtain what he desireth: or rather indeed he prayeth not at all.  
*Samberson's Sermons*, 1629, p. 51.
- (2) To oppress. *Overlie*, oppressively, Stanihurst's Ireland, p. 22.
- OVERMASTE.** Overgreat. (*A.-S.*)  
Gye was oon of the twelve,  
*Overmaste* he sate be hymselfe.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 215.
- OVERMASTER.** To overcome one.
- OVER-MEASURE.** One in twenty given over and above in the sale of corn.
- OVERNOME.** Overtaken. (*A.-S.*)
- OVER-PEER.** To overhang. *Shak.* It occurs in Cotgrave, in v. *Nageoire*.
- OVER-QUALLE.** Be destroyed. (*A.-S.*)  
That jere whete shalbe over alle;  
Ther shulle mony childur *over-qualle*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff v. 48, f. 77.
- OVER-RINNE.** To overtake. (*A.-S.*)
- OVER-RUN.** To leave unfinished. *West.*
- OVER-SAIL.** To project over, a term used by bricklayers. *North.* "Ere I my nalice cloake or *oversile*," Du Bartas, p. 357, which seems to be used in a similar sense.
- OVERSCAPE.** To escape.  
Whiche for to counite is but a jape,  
As thynge whiche thou myzte *overscape*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 53.
- OVER-SCUTCHED-HUSWIVES.** Whores.
- Shak.* "An overswicht houswife, a loose wanton slut, a whore," Kennett, MS.
- OVERSE.** To overlook. *Palsgrave.*  
That he should rule, *oversé*, and correct the manners and condicions of the people.  
*Hall*, 1548, *Hon. V. f. 1.*
- OVERSEEN.** (1) Mistaken; deceived. *West.* It occurs in Palsgrave.  
(2) Tipsy. "Well nigh whittled, almost drunke, somewhat *overseene*," Cotgrave. See Thoms' Anecd. and Trad. p. 54.
- OVERSEER.** (1) An overlooker frequently appointed in old wills. Sometimes the executor was so called. According to MS. Harl. 3038, "too secuturs and an overseere make thre theves."  
(2) A man in the pillory.
- OVERSET.** To overcome. Still in use.
- OVERSHOOT.** To get intoxicated.
- OVERSLEY.** The lintel of a door.
- OVER-STOCKS.** Upper-stockings. *Baret.*
- OVER-STORY.** The clerestory.
- OVERTAKE.**  
Summe of hem began to strife,  
Gret *overtake* for to dryfe.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 13.
- OVERTAKEN.** Intoxicated.
- OVERTE.** Open. (*A.-V.*)
- OVERTHROWE.** To fall down. (*A.-S.*)
- OVERTHWART.** Across; over against. (*A.-S.*)  
As an adjective, cross, contrary, contradictory, perverse, opposite. It is sometimes a verb, to wrangle.  
That stokes the nekes out als the bert,  
And als ane hors of prys that lokes *overthwert*.  
*MS. Harl.* 2260.  
He thawght his hart so *overthwart*,  
His wysdom was so suer-a,  
That nature could not frame by art  
A bewty hym to lure-a. *MS. Ashmole* 43, f. 120.
- OVER-TIMELICHE.** Too early. (*A.-S.*)
- OVER-WELTED.** Overturned. *North.* We have *over-walt*, overcome, in Syr Gawayne.
- OVERWEMBLE.** To overturn. *Beds.*
- OVER-WHILE.** Sometimes; at length.
- OVER-WORN.** Quite worn out. *East.*
- OVER-YEAR.** Bullocks which are not finished at three years old, if home-breds, or the first winter after buying, if purchased, but are kept through the ensuing summer to be fatted the next winter, are said to be kept *over-year*, and are termed *over-year* bullocks. *Norfolk.*
- OVVIS.** The eaves of a house. *Devon.*
- OW.** You. Still in use in Yorkshire.
- OWE.** To own; to possess.  
Ah, good young daughter, I may call thee so,  
For thou art like a daughter I did *owe*.  
*Chron. Hist. of King Leir*, 1605.  
When Charles the fifth went with his armye into Affricque and arived at Larghera, a noble city of sardinia, there happened an exceeding great wonder, for an oxe brought forth a calfe with two heades, and the woman that did *owe* the oxe, presented the calfe to the Emperour.  
*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 90.
- OWENNE.** Own. (*A.-S.*)  
To lese myne *owenne* lyfe therefore.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 116.

**OWERE.** An ewer. "Basyne and *owere*," MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 135.

**OWHERE.** Anywhere. (*A.-S.*)

The hegest hille that was *owhere*,  
The flood overpassed seven ellen and more.  
*Cur or Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 12.

Aȝen langoure the beste medicyne  
In alle this world that *owhere* may be founde.  
*Lydgate*, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 21.

For thogh y be bryghte of blee,  
The fayrest man that ys *oughtwchare*.  
MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 19.

Wist ich *owhar* ani bachelere,  
Vigrous and of might cler.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 244.

**OWL.** (1) A moth. *Susser*.

(2) To take owl, to be offended, to take amiss.  
*I lise too near a wood to be frightened by an owl*, I understaud matters too well to be alarmed by you. To walk by owl-light, to skulk for fear of being arrested.

(3) A kind of game so called is mentioned by Howell. Lex. Tet. 1660, sect. 28.

(4) Wool. *North*.

(5) To go prying about. *West*.

**OWLER.** (1) The alder-tree. *North*.

(2) A smuggler. *South*. Kennett says, "those who transport wool into France contrary to the prohibition are called *owlers*."

**OWLERT.** An owl. *Salop*.

**OWLGULLER.** To pry about. *Suffolk*.

**OWLSTHIEDE.** Idleness.

**OWL'S-CROWN.** Wood cudweed. *Norf*.

**OWLY.** Half stupid; tired. *Suffolk*.

**OWMAWTINE.** To swoon.

**OWMLIS.** The umbles of a deer. This occurs in Nominale MS.

**OWN.** To acknowledge. *Var. dial*.

**OWRE.** An hour. *North*.

Aftur mete a longe *owere*  
Gye went with the emperowre.  
MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 173.

**OWRISH.** Soft; wet; marshy. *Linc*.

**OWSE.** Anything. *North*.

**OWTED.** Put away.

Thee night with brightnes is *owted*.  
*Stanhurst's Virgil*, 1583, p. 20.

**OWTTANE.** Taken out. (*A.-S.*)

Sex cases there are *owttane*,  
That nane assoyles bot the pape allane.  
*Hampole*, MS. Boves, p. 5.

**OWT-ȜETTEDE.** Scattered out. "Oyle owt-ȝettede es thi name," MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 192. (*A.-S.*)

**OWUNE.** An oven. *Devon*.

Tak the a hate lafe as it comes owt of the *owune*,  
and mak soppes of the crommes in gude rede wyne.  
MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 292.

**OWYTH.** Ought. (*A.-S.*)

He was bothe mcke and mylde, as a gode chylde  
*owyth* to deo. MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 51.

**OX-BOW.** The bow of wood that goes around the neck of an ox. Still in use.

**OXENFORDE.** Oxford.

Away rode the abbot all sad at that word,  
And he rode to Cambridge, and *Oxenford*;  
But never a doctor there was so wise,  
That could with his learning an answer devise.  
*King John and the Abbot of Canterbury*.

**OXEY.** Of mature age. *Glouc*.

**OX-EYE.** The larger titmouse. *North*.

**OX-FEET.** (in a horse) is when the horn of the hind-foot cleaves just in the very middle of the fore part of the hoof from the coronet to the shoe; they are not common, but very troublesome, and often make a horse halt.

**OX-HOUSE.** An ox-stall. *Exmoor*. It occurs in Nominale MS.

**OXLIP.** The greater cowslip. *Var. dial*.

**OX-SKIN.** A hide of land.

Fabian, a chronographer, writing of the Conquerour, sets downe in the history thereof another kinde of measure, very necessary for all men to understand; foure akers (saith he) make a yard of land, five yards of land contain a hide, and 8 hides make a knights fee, which by his conjecture is so much as one plough can well till in a yeare; in Yorkshire and other countris they call a hide an *oxe-skinne*. *Hopton's Boerdum Geodæticum*, 4to. 1614.

**OXT.** Perplexed. *Warw*.

**OXTER.** The armpit. *North*.

**OXY.** Wet; soft; spongy. It is generally applied to land. *South*.

**OYAN.** Again. (*A.-S.*)

Thal seghen alle the wounded man,  
And leved hem wel, and went *oyan*.  
*The Seryn Sages*, 1348.

**OYE.** A grandchild. *North*.

**O-YES.** For *oyez*, the usual exclamation of a crier. *Shak*.

**OYINGE.** Yawning; gaping. *Weber*.

**OYNEȜONES.** Onions. This occurs in a receipt in MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 295. *Oynone*, Nominale MS.

**OYS.** Use; nature.

Als wa here es forbodene alle maner of wilfulle  
pollusyone proceuede one any maner agaynes  
kyndly *oys*, or other gates.

MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 196

**OYSE.** To use.

For a man excuses nocht hys unconnyng,  
That hys wytte *oyse* nocht in leerenyng.  
*Hampole*, MS. Boves, p. 16.

And therefore, sene Godd hymselfe made it, than  
awe it maste of alle othire *orysones* to be *oyse*de in  
alle baly kyrke. MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 209.

**OYSTER.** An oyster of veal is the blade-bone dressed with the meat on.

**OYSTERLY.** A kind of green plum, ripening in August. MS. Ashmole 1461.

**OȜT.** Out; completely.

And when the halle was rayed *oȝt*,  
The secheperde lokid al aboute.  
MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 54.



**P** To mind one's P's and Q's, i. e. to be very careful in behaviour.

**PACADILE.** A kind of collar put about a man or woman's neck to support and bear up the band or gorget. See *Piccadel*.

**PACE.** (1) To parse verbs. *Lilly*.

(2) A herd or company of asses.

(3) To pass away; to surpass. (*A.-N.*)

(4) In architecture, a broad step or any slightly raised stone above a level. See *Britton*.

**PACE-EGGS.** Eggs boiled hard and dyed or stained various colours, given to children about the time of Easter. A custom of great antiquity among various nations, and still in vogue in the North of England.

**PACEGARDES.** Part of ancient armour, mentioned in Hall's Union, 1548, Hen. IV. f. 12.

**PACEMENT.** Peace; quietness.

**PACK.** (1) A dairy of cows. *Chesh.* Properly, a flock of any animals.

(2) A heap, or quantity. *Var. dial.*

He lefte slayne in a slake

Tene score in a *pakke*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 131.*

(3) A term of reproach, generally applied to a woman. "A whore, queane, punke, drab, flurt, strumpet, harlot, cockatrice, naughty *pack*, light huswife, common hackney," Cotgrave. See *Naughty-pack*.

(4) A measure of coals, containing about three Winchester bushels.

(5) A pedlar's bundle. *Var. dial.*

(6) To collect together, to combine, especially for an unlawful or seditious purpose. *Packs*, agreements, combinations, Harrison's England, p. 246.

(7) *Pack and Penny Day*, the last day of a fair, when bargains are usually sold.

(8) To truss, or fill up. *North.*

**PACKERS.** Persons employed in barrelling or packing up herrings.

**PACKET.** (1) A false report. *Var. dial.*

(2) Any horse-pannel to carry packs or bundles upon. *Chesh.*

**PACK-GATE.** A gate on a *pack-way*, q. v.

**PACKING.** To go *packing*, to go away about one's business. *Var. dial.* "Make speede to flee, be packing and awaie," Baret's Alvearie, 1580.

**PACKING-WHITES.** A kind of cloth.

**PACKMAN.** A pedlar. *Var. dial.*

**PACK-MONDAY.** The first Monday after the 10th of October.

**PACK-PAPER.** Paper used for packing tradesmen's wares in, &c.

**PACK-RAG-DAY.** Old May-day: so called because servants being hired in this county from Old May-day to Old May-day, pack up their rags or clothes on this day preparatory to leaving their then servitudes for home or fresh places. *Line.* Forby gives the term to Old Michaelmas-day.

**PACK-STAFF.** A pedlar's staff, on which he carried his pack. "As plain as a *pack-staff*" was a proverbial simile. We now say *pike-*

*staff*. It was also a term of contempt. Thus *arrunna* is translated "a *pack-staff* misery" in Welde's *Janna Linguarum*, 1615.

**PACK-THREAD.** To talk *pack-thread*, to use indecent language well wrapped up.

**PACK-THREAD-GANG.** A gang that would not hold long together, some of whom might be induced by a reward to split upon the others. *Line.*

**PACK-WAY.** A narrow way by which goods could be conveyed only on pack-horses. *East.*

**PACKY.** Heavy with clouds packed together: thus they say before a thunderstorm, "It looks *packy*." *Line.*

**PACOB.** A kind of wine, so called from some sort of Brazilian fruit.

**PACOLET'S-HORSE.** An enchanted steed belonging to Pacolet, in the old romance of Valentine and Orson. He is frequently alluded to by early writers.

**PACTION.** Combination: contract.

Since with the soule we in soft *facti* n bee,

These soun is, sights, smells, or tastes, can nere please mee:

My soule is fled, no more in me't can move,

Alas! my soule is orly where I love.

*Troacivium Poissos, Rabel. MS.*

**PAD.** (1) A path. *Line.* In canting language, the highway was and is so called.

(2) A quire of blotting-paper, used in offices for clerks to write on. *Var. dial.*

(3) A pannier. *Nurf.*

(4) *A pad in the straw*, something wrong, a screw loose. "Here lyes in dede the padde within the strawe," Collier's Old Ballads, p. 108. Still in use.

(5) A kind of brewing tub. *Devon.*

(6) To make a path by walking on an untracked surface. *East.*

(7) To go; to walk. *Var. dial.* Especially spoken of a child's toddling.

(8) The foot of a fox. *Var. dial.*

(9) A sort of saddle on which country-market women commonly ride, different both from the pack-saddle and side-saddle, of a clumsy make, and as it were padded and quilted; used likewise by millers and maltsters.

(10) "A burthen fit either for a person on foot, or to carry behind upon a pad-nag; item a pad of yarn, a certain quantity of skains made in a bundle; a pad of wool, a small pack such as clothiers and serge-makers carry to a spinning-house," MS. Devon Gl.

**PADDER.** A footpad.

**PADDINGTON-FAIR.** An execution. Tyburn is in the parish of Paddington.

**PADDLE.** (1) A small spade to clean a plough with. *West.*

(2) To lead a child. *North.*

(3) To abuse any one. *Ecnoor.*

(4) To toddle; to trample. *Fast.*

(5) "To *paddle*, proprie aquam manibus pedibusque agitare, metaphoricè adbibere plus paulo; to have *paddled*, to have made a little too free with strong liquor; to *paddle* etiam designat mollior manibus tractare aliquid et

- agitare, as to paddle in a ladies neck or bosom," MS. Devon Glossary.
- PADDLE-STAFF.** A long staff, with an iron spike at the end of it, like a small spade, much used by mole-catchers.
- PADDLING-STRINGS.** Leading strings. *North.*
- PADDOCK.** A toad. In the provinces the term is also applied to a frog. "In Kent we say to a child, your hands are as cold as a paddock," MS. Lansd. 1033. To bring had-dock to paddock, i. e. to outrun one's expenses. It is used as a term of contempt in the following passage:  
Boys now bluberyn hostynge of a baron bad,  
In Bedlem is born be bestys, suche bost is blowe;  
I xal prune that *paddock* and prevyn hym as a pad,  
Scheldys and sperys shalle I there sowe.  
*Coventry Mysteries*, p. 164.
- PADDOCK-CHESE.** The asparagus. This name occurs in an ancient list of plants in MS. Bib. Soc. Antiq. 101, f. 89.
- PADDOCK-RUD.** The spawn of frogs. *Cumb.*
- PADDOCK-STOOL.** A toadstool. *North.*
- PAIDDY.** Wormeaten. *Kent.*
- PADDY-NODDY.** Embarrassment. *North.*
- PAD-FOOT.** A kind of goblin. *Yorksh.*
- PAD-LAND.** A parish pound. *Devon.*
- PAD-NAG.** "I immediately form'd a resolution of following the fashion of taking the air early next morning; and fix'd upon this young ass for a *pad-nag*," Life of Mrs. Charke.
- PADOWE.** Padua. Warkworth, p. 5.  
He set hym up and sawe their buside  
A sad man, in whom is no pride,  
Right a discrete confessor, as I trow,  
His name was called sir John Duclow;  
He had commensed in many a worthier place  
Then ever was *Padowe*, or Boleyn de Grace.  
*MS. Rawl. C. 86.*
- PADSTOOL.** A toadstool. *North.*  
Hermolaus also writeth this of the Lycyrium,  
that it groweth in a certaine stone, and that it is a  
kind of mn-brom, or *padstool*, which is cut off  
yearly, and that another groweth in the roome of  
it, a part of the roote or foot being left in the  
stone, groweth as hard as a flint, and thus doth the  
stone increase with a naturall fecundity; which ad-  
mirable thing (saith he) I could never be brought to  
believe, untill I did cate thereof in myne owne  
house.  
*Topsell's Beasts*, 1607, p. 494.
- PAD-THE-HOOF.** To walk. *North.*
- PAE.** A peacock. *Ritson.*
- PAFFELDEN.** Baggage. *Cumb.*
- PAFFLING.** Trifling; idle; silly. *North.*
- PAG.** To carry pick-a-back. *Line.*
- PAGAMENT.** A kind of frieze cloth.
- PAGE.** The common and almost only name of a shepherd's servant, whether boy or man. It is, I believe, extensively used through Suffolk, and probably farther. As an appendage of royalty or nobility, a page is now chiefly known to us. In old English, the term is applied to a boy-child, or boy-servant.
- PAGENCY.** A scaffold. The term pageant was originally so used, and metaphorically applied to a part in the stage of life. *Payion*, a pageant, Misfortunes of Arthur, p. 61.
- PAGETEPOOS.** Efts; lizards; frogs. *Cornw.*
- PAGYIN.** Writing?  
This boke of alle haly writes es mast usede in  
haly kirke seryyse, forthi that it es perfeccioun of  
divyne *pagyin*. *MS. Coll. Eton. 10, f. 1.*
- PAID.** (1) A sore. *Staff.*  
(2) Drunk; intoxicated.
- PAIDE.** Pleased; satisfied. (*A.-N.*)  
So excusyd he hym tho,  
The lady wende hyt had byn soo  
As Syr Marrokk sayde.  
He goth forthe and holdyth hys pese,  
More he thenkyth then he says,  
He was fulle evyll *payde*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 72.*
- PAIGLE.** The cowslip. *East.*  
The yellow marigold, the sunnes owne flower,  
*Paigle*, and pinke, that decke faire Floreses bower.  
*Heywood's Marriage Triumph*, 1613.
- PAIK.** To beat severely. *North.*
- PAILLET.** A couch. (*A.-N.*)
- PAIL-STAKE.** A bough with branches, fixed in the ground in the dairy-yard for hanging pails on. *Glouc.*
- PAIN-BALK.** An instrument of torture, probably the same as the *brake*.
- PAINCHEs.** Tripe. *North.*
- PAINCHEs-WAGGON.** A north-country phrase implying incessant labour.
- PAINE-MAINE.** A fine bread. "Payne mayne, *payn de bouche*," Palsgrave.  
*Paynedemaynes* prevail  
Scho fett fra the pantry. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 135.*
- PAINFULLY.** Laboriously. The French Alphabet, 8vo. Lond. 1615, was, as we are told on the title-page, "*painfully* gathered and set in order."  
Most happy we were, during our continuance here, in the weekly sermons and almost frequent converse of Mr. Edward Calamie, that was the preacher of that parish; and this indeed was one of the chief motives that drew us thither to partake of his *painful* and pious preaching. *MS. Harl. 646.*
- PAINING.** Pain; torture. (*A.-S.*)  
Ther he saw many a sore torment,  
How sowlis were put in gret *payning*;  
He saw his fadur how he brent,  
And be the membur how he hyng.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 67.*
- PAINT.** To blush.
- PAINTED-CLOTH.** Cloth or canvass painted in oil, a cheap substitute for tapestry. It was frequently the receptacle of verses or mottos.
- PAINTER.** The rope that lies in the ship's longboat or barge, always ready to fasten her or hale her on the shore. Whence we have the sea-proverb, *I'll cut your painter*, meaning I will prevent your doing me any hurt, injury, or mischief. See *Grose*, in v.
- PAINTICE.** Penthouse. The shed where blacksmiths shoe horses. *Derby.*
- PAIR.** (1) A number. *Cornw.*  
(2) A pack of cards.  
(3) To grow mouldy, as cheese. *West.*  
(4) Only a pair of shears between them, i. e. little or no difference.  
And some report that both these fowles have scene  
Their like, that's but a *payre* of sheeres betweene.  
*Taylor's Wakes*, 1630, i. 105.
- PAIRE.** To impair. (*A.-N.*)

Hit was wel i-wroughte and faire,  
Non egge-tol mighte it nought *paire*.

*Beves of Hampton*, p. 40.

**PAIRING.** The name of a marriage feast in Devon, when the friends of the happy couple present them with various things, and sometimes money. MS. Devon Glossary, p. 172. It is now obsolete.

**PAIR-OF-STAIRS.** A flight of stairs.

**PAIR-OF-WINGS.** Oars. *Grose*.

**PAIR-OF-WOOD.** Timber supporting the broken roof of a mine.

**PAIR-ROYAL.** A term at cards, meaning three of a sort. See *Prial*.

**PAISE.** (1) To weigh. (*J.-N.*)

*Paise* thy materes or thou deme or decerne,  
Let ryght in causes holde thy lanternne.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. i. 6, f. 129.

(2) To open a bolt or lock by shoving as with a knife point. *Northumb.*

**PAISFLIK.** Peacefully. It occurs in MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii. Ps. 34.

**PAISTER.** "I comber, I payster with over many clothes wearyng aboute one, *jemmyngle*," Palsgrave. Pester?

**PAIT.** The rut of a wheel. "*Orbita, Anglice* a paytt," Nominale MS.

**PAITRICK.** A partridge. *North.*

**PAITRURE.** Part of a horse's armour, for defending the neck.

**PAIWURT.** The herb saxifrage.

**PAJOCK.** This word occurs in Hamlet, iii. 2, altered by modern editors to peacock, a substitution by no means satisfactory, nor are far-fetched etymological conjectures more so. The nearest approach to the term I have met with in old English is to be found in the word *paphawkes* in the Coventry Mysteries, p. 179. Both are used as terms of contempt.

**PAKE.** To peep at. "What are you *paking* at?" Perhaps it would be better spelt peak. *Suffolk.*

**PALABRAS.** Words. (*Span.*)

**PALACE.** A storehouse. *Devon.* "At Dartmouth I am told there are some of these storehouses called palaces cut out of the rock still retaining the name," MS. Devon Gloss.

**PALASINS.** Belonging to the court.

**PALATE.** A thin oval plate or board with a hole at one end for admittance of the thumb, which a painter holds to spread and mix his colours while he is drawing.

**PALAUER.** To flatter. *Var. dial.*

**PALCH.** To walk slowly. *Devon.*

**PALCHIN.** This word is of very unusual occurrence. It seems to mean a kind of short spear such as is used for spearing large fish. "Pawlehyne for fysselhe, lunehus," Nominale MS. Ducange explains *lunehus* as *lancea*, *hasta*, from the Greek *λανχος*. It does not occur in the Prompt. Parv. nor in the Medulla.

**PALCHING.** Mending clothes. *Exmoor.*

**PALE.** (1) To beat barley. *Chesh.*

(2) To ornament; to stripe.

Palaisez proudliche pyghte, that *palid* ware ryche  
Of pale and of purpate, wyth precyous stones.

*Morte Arthure*, MS. Lincoln, f. 67.

(3) A ditch, or trench. (*J.-S.*) It occurs in MS. Egerton 829, f. 5.

(4) A small fortress.

(5) An inclosure for cattle. *Lincol.*

(6) A stripe in heraldry.

(7) To make pale. (*J.-N.*)

(8) A limit or boundary. *Shak.*

(9) To leap the pale, i. e. to be extravagant, to exceed one's expenses.

If you procede as you have begunne, your full feeding wil make you leane, your drinking too many healties will take all health from you, your leaping the pale will cause you looke pale, your too close following the fashion will bring you out of all forme and fashion.

*The Man in the Moone*, 1609, sig. C. iv.

**PALEIS.** A palace. (*J.-N.*)

**PALERON.** Part of the armour. "A pece of harnesse, *espalleron*," Palsgrave.

**PALESTRALL.** Athletic. It occurs in Chaucer's Troilus and Creseide, v. 304.

**PALET.** Scull; head. "Knok thi palet," Minot's Poems, p. 31. There was a kind of armour for the head also so called, as appears from Pr. Parv., probably lined with fur.

**PALEW.** Pale. It occurs in the Optick Glasse of Humours, 1639, p. 108.

It is somewhat fatty, in colour *palew*, reddish, high coloured, and without other signes of concoction.

*Fletcher's Differences*, 1623

**PALFREIS.** Saddle-horses. *Chaucer.*

And wel a *palefrey* bistride,

And wel upon a stede ride. *Havelok*, 2900.

**PALING.** Imitating pales. (*J.-N.*)

**PALINGMAN.** A fishmonger. *Skinner.*

**PALL.** "I palle as drinke or bloode dothe by longe standyng in a thyng, *je apallys*," Palsgrave. Still in use.

**PALLADE.** Palle, or rich cloth. "He dyd of his sareote of pallade," Isebras, 124.

**PALL-COAT.** A short garment, somewhat like a short cloak with sleeves.

**PALLE.** A kind of fine cloth. It was used at a very early period to cover corpses, and the term is still retained for the cloth which covers the coffin; but this was by no means its most general use, for the robes of persons of rank are constantly mentioned as made of "purple palle;" and in a passage in Launfal tapestry of that material is mentioned. An archbishop's pall is thus described by Stanburst, p. 31—"A pall is an indowment appropriated to archbishops, made of white silke the breadth of a stole, but it is of another fashion." Deser. of Ireland, 1586.

So fere he went I sey i-wys,

That he wyst not where he was,

He that sate in boore and halle,

And on hym were the purpull *palle*,

Now in herd heth he lyset,

With levys and gres-e his body Lydyth.

*MS. Ashmole* 61, xv. Cent.

For also wel to him hit fillis

As a dongehulle sprad with *paltra*.

*MS. Addit.* 10036, f. 52.

This twaylle y bordryd about was

With *palle*, the mounteneuse of han hondbrede

*Chron. Filothan*, p. 64.

**PALLED.** (1) Turned pale. *Devon.*  
 (2) Senseless, death-like, as one is from excessive drinking. In use in Yorkshire.

**PALLEE.** Broad; used only in conjunction with another word, as *pallee-foot*, a large broad foot, *pallee-paw*, a large broad hand. *Somerset.*

**PALLEN.** To knock. (*A.-S.*)

**PALLESTRE.** A child's ball. (*A.-N.*)

**PALL-HORSE.** A horse bearing a pannier. "*Sagmarius, Anglice a palhors.*" Nominale MS. f. 4. Ducange explains *sagmarius* by *equus citellaris*.

**PALLIAMENT.** A robe; the white gown of a Roman candidate. *Shak.*

**PALLIARD.** A born beggar. According to the Fraternity of Vacabondes, 1575, "is he that goeth in a patched cloke, and hys doxy goeth in like apparell." *Paliardize*, dirtiness and shabbiness, Hamlet, 1608, p. 181; Downfall of Robert, Earl of Huntington, p. 36. The following account of them is given by a writer of the last century:—A cant name for a wretched set of men and women, whose whole delight is to live by begging, thieving, &c. or any thing but honest industry, and who to move compassion in the spectators, the women go about with one, two, or more small children, in a dirty, ragged condition, who are continually crying or making wry faces, as though starved with hunger, and the women making a lamentable cry, or doleful tale, of being a distressed widow, and almost starved, &c. at the same time her male companion bes begging in the fields, streets, &c. with clymes or artificial sores, made with spearwort or arsenick, which draws them into blisters, or by unslacked lime and soap, tempered with the rust of old iron, which being spread upon leather, and bound very hard to the leg, presently so frets the skin, that the flesh appears raw, and shocking to the sight; the impostor at the same time making a hideous noise, and pretending great pain, deceives the compassionate, charitable, and well-disposed passengers, whom, when opportunity presents, he can recover his limbs to rob, and even murder, if resisted.

**PALLING.** Languishing; turning pale.

**PALLIONES.** Tents. *Northumb.*

**PALL-MALL.** A game, thus described by Cotgrave, "A game wherein a round box bowle is with a mallet stricke through a high arch of iron (standing at either end of an ally one) which he that can do at the fewest blowes, or at the number agreed on, winnes." See *Mall* (4). James I. mentions *palle maille* among the exercises to be used *moderately* by Prince Henry. "*Palle maille* a game wherein a round bowle is with a mallet struck through a high arch of iron, standing at either end of an alley, which he that can do at the fewest blows, or at the number agreed on, wins. This game is used at the long alley near St. James's, and vulgarly called Pell-Mell," Blount's Gloss. ed. 1681, p. 463.

**PALL-WORK.** Rich or fine cloth, work made of *palle*, q. v. See Degrevant, 629.

**PALM.** (1) Properly exotic trees of the tribe *palmeacea*; but among our rustics, it means the catkins of a delicate species of willow gathered by them on Palm Sunday. "Palme, the yelow that groweth on wyllowes, *chatton*," Palsgrave, 1530.

(2) The broad part of a deer's horn, when full grown. (Gent. Rec.) *Palmed-deer*, a stag of full growth.

**PALM-BARLEY.** A kind of barley fuller and broader than common barley.

**PALMER.** (1) Properly, a pilgrim who had visited the Holy Land, from the palm or cross which he bore as a sign of such visitation; but Chaucer seems to consider all pilgrims to foreign parts as palmers, and the distinction was never much attended to in this country.

Says John, if I must a begging go,

I will have a *palmer's* weed,

With a staff and a coat, and bage of all sort,

The better then I may speed.

*Robin Hood*, ii. 129.

(2) A wood-louse. "A worme having a great many feete," Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.

(3) A stick or rod.

**PALMING-DICE.** A method of cheating at dice, formerly in vogue, by secreting one of the dice in the palm of the hand instead of putting in the box, and then causing it to fall with the other, the number of the former of course being guided by the hand. Hence the expression to palm anything upon one.

**PALM-PLAY.** Temis. (*Fr.*)

**PALPABLE.** "Apte or mete to be felte, *palpable*," Palsgrave. See *Macbeth*, ii. 1.

**PALPED.** Obscured; darkened.

**PALSTER.** A pilgrim's staff.

**PALTER.** To hesitate; to prevaricate. *Line.*

"To haggle, hucke, dodge, or *palter* long in the buying of a commoditie," Cotgrave. "Most of them are fixed, and *palter* not their place of standing," Harrison's England, p. 182.

**PALTERLY.** Paltry. *North.*

**PALTOCK.** A kind of doublet or cloak which descended to the middle of the thigh. (*A.-N.*) Cotgrave explains *palletoc*, "a long and thicke pelt or cassocke; a garment like a short cloake with sleeves, or such a one as the most of our moderne pages are attired in." The paltock was worn by priests, Piers Ploughman, p. 438; and in the *Morte d'Arthur*, i. 149, Gawayne says he attended Arthur "to poynte his *paltokes* that longen to hymself." Palsgrave has, "paltocke of lether, *pellice*; paltocke a garment, *haleret*; paltocke a patche, *palleteau*." The second meaning apparently refers to some defensive garment. Paltock seems also to have been applied to some ornament or ornamental cap worn on the head of a person high in authority.

**PALTRING.** A worthless trifle. "Tridlings, *paltrings* not worth an old shoe," Florio, p. 100. Forby has *paltry*, rubbish, refuse.

**PALVEISE.** A shield. See Florio, p. 353.

PALY. A roll of bran such as is given to hounds.  
 "Paly of bryn, *cantabrum*," Pr. Parv. "*Cantabrum*, furrin caninum, quo canes pascentur," Papias. See Ducange.

PALYNGE. Turning pale. (*A.-N.*)  
 For in here face alwey was the blode,  
 Withoute *palyng*e or eny drawyng doune.  
*Lydgate, MS Ashmole 39, f. 47.*  
 For in hire face alwey was the blode,  
 Withoute *palyng*e or any drawyng down.  
*Ibid. MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 8.*

PAM. The knave of clubs.

PAME. (1) The mantle thrown over an infant who is going to be christened. *West.*

(2) The palm of the hand. *West.*

PAMENT. A pavement. *Palsgrave*. Square paving bricks are called *pamments* in Norf.

PAMFILET. A pamphlet. (*A.-N.*)

PAMMY. Thick and gummy; applied to the legs of such individuals as are at times said to have beef down to the hocks. *Line.*

PAMPE. To pamper; to coddle.

PAMPERING. "The craft of pampering or setting out saleable things," Howell, 1660.

PAMPESTRIE. Palmistry.

PAMPILION. A coat of different colours, formerly worn by servants. It occurs with this explanation in Hollyband's *Dictionarie*, 1593. There was a kind of fur so called.

PAMPINATION. Pulling leaves that grow too thick. List of old words prefixed to *Batman upon Bartholome*, 1582.

PAMPLE. (1) To indulge. *North.*

(2) To toddle, or pad about. *East.*

PAMPRED. Pampered; made plump.

PAN. (1) To unite; to fit; to agree. *North.*

Douce gives the following proverb in his *MS.*  
 Additions to Ray—

Weal and women cannot *pan*,  
 But wo and women can.

(2) Hard earth, because, like a pan, it holds water and prevents it from sinking deeper. *East.* Is this the meaning in Ben Jonson, v. 43?

(3) The skull; the head. (*A.-S.*)

That he ne smot his hed of thanne,

Whereof he tok away the *panne*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 54.*

(4) In houses, the pan is that piece of timber which lies upon the top of the posts, and upon which the beams rest.

(5) Money. A cant term.

(6) A tadpole, or frog. *Somerset.*

PANABLE. Likely to agree. *North.*

PANACHE. The plume of feathers on the top of a helmet. (*A.-N.*)

PANADE. A kind of two-edged knife. (*A.-N.*)  
 Misread *parade* by Tyrwhitt. See Wright's *Anecdota Literaria*, p. 24.

PANADO. A candle of bread, Florio, p. 353. Currants, mace, cinnamon, sack, and sugar, with eggs, were added to complete the caudle. There were different ways of making it.

To make a *Ponado*.

The quantity you will make set on in a posnet of fair water; when it boils put a mace in and a little piece of cinnamon, and a handful of currans, and so much bread as you thiok meet; so boil it,

and season it with salt, sugar and rose-water, and so serve it.

*A True Gentlewomans Delight*, 1676, p. 74.

Another receipt, which differs somewhat from this, may be worth giving.

To make *Ponado* after the best fashion.

Take a quart of spring-water, which, being hot on the fire, put into it slices of fine bread, as thin as may be; then add half a pound of currans, a quarter of an ounce of mace; boil them well, and then season them with rose-water and fine sugar, and serve them up.

*The Accomplished Ladies Rich Closet*, 1706, p. 74.

PANARY. A storehouse for bread.

PANCAKE-TUESDAY. Shrove-Tuesday, which is a pancake feast day in all England. At Islip, co. Oxon, the children of the cottagers go round the village on that day to the different houses to collect pence, singing these lines—

Pit-a-pat, the pan is hot,

We are come a-Shroving.

A little bit of bread and cheese

Is better than nothing.

The pan is hot, the pan is cold!

Is the fat in the pan nine days old?

PANCHEON. A large broad pan. *East.*

PANCIDGE. A common corruption of St.

Pancras. *Pancridge parson*, a term of contempt, *Woman is a Weathercock*, p. 30.

Great Jacke-a-Leut, clad in a robe of ayre,

Threw mountames higher then Akides heard;

Whilst *Pancridge* church, arm'd with a samphier blade,  
 Began to reason of the businesse thus.

*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, l. 120.

PANCROCK. An earthen pan. *Deron.*

PANDEL. A shrimp. *Kent.*

PANDEWAFF. Water and oatmeal boiled together, sometimes with fat. *North.*

PANDORE. A kind of lute. It is probably the same as *Bandore*, q. v.

PANDOULDE. A custard. *Somerset.*

PANE. (1) A division; a side; a piece. "A pane, piece, or pannell of a wall, of wainscot, of a glasse window," Cotgrave. "Pane of a wall, *pan de mur*," Palsgrave. The term is still in use, applied to a division in husbandry work.

In the West part of the same gate and the way into the college, on the North *pane* eight chambers for the poore men, and in the West *pane* 6 chambers.

*Nichols' Royal Wills*, p. 309.

(2) A hide or side of fur; fur. (*A.-N.*) "Pane of furre, *panne*; pane of gray furre, *panne de gris*," Palsgrave. "A pane of ermines," Ord. and Reg. p. 122. See Eglamour, 858; Gy of Warwike, p. 421. *Pane* has our first meaning in a pane or piece of cloth. "A pane of cloth, *panniculus*," Baret, 1580, an insertion of a coloured cloth in a garment. It seems to mean the skirt of a garment in Ywaine and Gawin, 204, and also in the following passage: She drouge his mantel bi the *pane*.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 29.*

Saying, him whom I last left, all repute,

For his device, in handsomg a suit,

To judge of lace, plnk, *panes*, print, cut, and pleit,

Of all the court to have the best conceit.

*Donne's Poems*, p. 121.

PANED-IIOSE. Breeches formed of stripes, with small panes or squares of silk or velvet,

- Paned*, striped, Thynne's Debate, p. 10. Forby, ii. 243, mentions *paned curtains*, made of long and narrow stripes of different patterns or colours sewed together.
- PANEL. An immodest woman. *Linc.*  
Panels march by two and three,  
Saying, Sweetheart, come with me.  
*Old Lincolnshire Ballad.*
- PANES. Parsnips. *Cornw.*
- PANG. To fill; to stuff. *North.*
- PANLIN. A small pan. *East.*
- PANICK. A kind of coarse grain like millet.  
Kennett, MS. Lausd. 1033.
- PANK. To pant. *Devon.*
- PANNAGE. The mast of the oak and heech which swine feed on in the woods.  
Besides that a man shall read in the histories of Canterburie and Rochester, sundrie donations, in which there is mention onely of *pannage* for hogges in Andred, and of none other thing.  
*Lambarde's Perambulation*, 1596, p. 211.
- PANNAM. Bread. A cant term. The following is a curious old canting song:  
The ruffian cly the nab of the harman-beck,  
If we mawnd *pannam*, lap or ruff-peck,  
Or poplars of yarum; he cuts bing to the ruffmans,  
Or els he sweares by the light-mans  
To put our stamps in the harmans.  
The ruffian cly the ghost of the harman-beck,  
If we heave a booth, we cly the jerke.  
*Dekker's Lanthorne and Candle-Light*, 1620.
- PANNEL. The treeless pad, or pallet, without cantle, with which an ass is usually rode.  
"Pannell to ryde on, *batz*, *panneau*," Palsgrave. See Tusser, p. 11.
- PANNICLE. A membrane. (*Lat.*)  
The headache either commeth of some inward causes, as of some choleric humor, bred in the *pannicles* of the braine, or else of som outward cause, as of extrem heat or cold, of some blow, or of some violent savour. Eumelus saith, that it commeth of raw digestion; but Martin saith most commonly of cold. *Topsell's Beasts*, 1607, p. 348.
- PANNIER-MAN. A servant belonging to an inn of court, whose office is to announce the dinner. See Grose.
- PANNIERS. To fill a woman's panniers, i. e. to get her with child. "*Emplir une femelle*, to fill her panniers, get her with yong," Cotgrave. The phrase is still in use.
- PANNIKELL. The skull, or brain-pan. *Spenser.*
- PANNIKIN. Fretting; *taking on*, as a sickly or wearisome child. *Suffolk.*
- PANNY. A house. A cant term.
- PAN-PUDDING. A mention of the *pan puddings* of Shropshire occurs in Taylor's *Workes*, 1630, i. 146.
- PANSHARD. A piece or fragment of a broken pan. *Dorset.*
- PANSIION. An earthenware vessel, wider at the top than at the bottom, used for milk when it has to be skimmed; also for other purposes. *Linc.*
- PANSY. The heartsease. *Var. dial.*
- PANT. (1) A public fountain; a cistern; a reservoir. *North.*  
(2) A hollow declivity. *West.*
- PANTABLES. Slippers. "To stand upon one's *pantables*," to stand upon one's honour. Baret, 1580, spells it *pantapple*.  
Is now, forsooth, so proud, what else!  
And stands so on her *pantables*.  
*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 85.
- Plutarche with a caveat keepeth them out, not so much as admitting the little crackhaler that carrieth his master's *pantables*, to set foote within those doores. *Gosson's Schoole of Abuse*, 1579.
- Hee standeth upon his *pantables*, and regardeth greatly his reputation.  
*Saker's Narbonus*, 1580, 2d part, p. 59.
- PANTALONE. A zany, or fool. (*Ital.*) In early plays, he generally appeared as a lean old man wearing spectacles. "A pantaloone or Venetian magnifico," Howell, 1660.
- PANTALOONS. Garments made for merry-andrews, &c., that have the breeches and stockings of the same stuff, and joined together as one garment.  
Bring out his mallard, and eft-soons  
Beshake his shaggy *pantalouns*.  
*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 13.
- PANTAS. A dangerous disease in hawks, whereof few escape that are afflicted therewith; it proceeds from the lungs being, as it were, baked by excessive heat, that the hawk cannot draw his breath, and when drawn cannot emit it again; and you may judge of the beginning of this evil by the hawk's labouring much in the pannel, moving her train often up and down at each motion of her pannel, and many times she cannot mute nor slice off; if she does, she drops it fast by her. The same distemper is also perceived by the hawk's frequent opening her clap and beak. *Mackbau.*
- PANTER. A net, or snare. (*A.-N.*) "Panter, snare for byrds," Pr. Parv. "The birdd was trapped and kaute with a pantere," Lydgate, p. 182. See Ashmole's *Theat. Chem. Brit.* 1652, p. 215; Apol. Loll. p. 93; Hartshorne's *Anc. Met. Tales*, pp. 122, 123, 124, 126. "Panther to catche byrdes with, *panneau*," Palsgrave.
- PANTERER. The keeper of the pantry. Grose has *panter*, a butler.  
*Pantere* yche the prey, quod the kyng.  
*Chron. Frodoan*, p. 15.
- PANTILE-SHOP. A meeting-house. *Var. dial.*
- PANTO. To set seriously about any business or undertaking. *North.*
- PANTOFLE. A slipper, or patten. "A wooden pantoffle or patin," Florio, p. 71. "*Se tenir sur le haut bout*, to stand upon his pantoffles, or on high tearmes," Cotgrave, in v. *Bout*. See *Pantables*. "The papall panton heele," Lithgow's *Pilgrimes Farewell*, 1618.
- PANTON. An idle fellow. *Somerset.*
- PANTON-GATES. "As old as Panton Gates," a very common proverb. There is a gate called Panton Gate at Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- PANTRON. A small earthen pan. *Linc.*
- PANYM. A heathen. *Palsgrave*, Hardying, f. 91, has *panymyerye*, idolatry.
- PAP. "To give pap with a hatchet," a proverbial phrase, meaning to do any kind action in an unkind manner.
- PAPALIN. A papist.

**PAPAT.** The papacy. (*A.-N.*)  
A cardinale was thilke tide,  
Whiche the *papat* longe hath desirid.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 79.

**PAPPELE.** A kind of sauce. "Hares in pappele," *Forme of Cnry.* p. 21.

**PAPELARD.** A hypocrite. (*A.-N.*) In the following passage, subtle, cunning.  
I se the aungels bere the soule of that womane to hevyne, the which so longe I have kepte in synne. He, this *papelarde* pre-ste, hathe herde oure counsaylle, ande hathe delyverede here frome synne, ande alle oure powere.  
*Gesta Romanorum*, p. 455

**PAPÉLOTE.** A kind of candle.

**PAPER.** To set down in a paper, or list. See an obscure passage in Henry VIII. i. 1.

**PAPERIN.** Made of paper. *West.*

**PAPER-SKULLED.** Silly; foolish. *Var. dial.*

**PAPER-WHITE.** White as paper.

**PAPEY.** A fraternity of priests in Aldgate ward, suppressed by Edward VI.

**PAP-HEAD.** A woman's nipple. *Palsgrave.*

**PAPISHES.** Papiests. *Devon.*

**PAPLER.** Milk-pottage. *Somerset.*

**PAP-METE.** Pappy food such as is given to children. *Pr. Parr.*

**PAPMOUTH.** An effeminate man. *North.*

**PAPPE.** (1) The female breast. (*Lat.*)  
O woman, loke to me agayn,  
That playes and kisses your childre *pappys*;  
To se my son I have gret payn,  
In his brest so gret gapis,  
And on his body so many swappys.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 72.*

(2) To pamper; to coddle.

**PAP-WORT.** The herb mercury.

**PAPYNES.** A dish in cookery, described in *MS. Sloane* 1201, f. 50.

**PAPYNGAY.** A parrot. *Maundeveile*, p. 238.

**PAR.** (1) A young salmon; also, the young coal-fish. *North.*

(2) A pen for animals. *East.*

**PARABOLES.** Parables; proverbs. (*A.-N.*)

**PARADISE.** A garden, library, or study. See *Britton's Arch. Dict.* in v.

**PARADISE-APPLE.** "Is a curious fruit, produced by grafting a permain on a quince," *Worldidge's Treatise of Cider*, 1678, p. 207.

**PARAFFYNS.** Paragraphs. "Paraffys grete and stoute," *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 63. It occurs in *Pr. Parv.* and *Nominale MS.*

**PARAGE.** Parentage; kindred. (*A.-N.*) See *Lydgate's Minor Poems*, p. 26.  
*Persones grete, and of hie parage.*  
*Lydgate, Rawlinson MS*

**PARAGON.** To excel greatly. *Shak.*

**PARAILLE.** (1) Apparel; arms. (2) Nobility; men of rank. (*A.-N.*)

**PARAMARROW.** A sow-gelder. *North.*

**PARAMENTS.** Furniture; ornaments; hangings of a room. (*A.-N.*)

**PAR-AMOUR.** Love; gallantry. (*A.-N.*)

**PARAMOUR.** A lover of either sex. (*A.-N.*)

**PARAQUITO.** A paroquet. (*Ital.*) Sometimes used as a term of endearment.

**PARASANGUE.** A measure of the roads among

the ancient Persians, varying from thirty to sixty furlongs, according to time and place.

Whatever instructions he might have [had] from his master Johnson, he certainly by his own natural parts improved to a great heighth, and at last became not many *parasanges* inferior to him in fame by divers noted comedies.

*Phillips Theatrum Poetarum*, ed. 1675, n. 157

**PARAVANT.** Beforehand; first. (*Fr.*)

**PARAVENTURE.** Happly; by chance. (*A.-N.*)

**PARAYS.** Paradise. (*A.-N.*)

Blessed be thou, levedy, ful of heovene blisse,

Suete flur of *parays*, moder of mildenesse.

*MS. Harl.* 2253, f. 81.

**PARBREAK.** To vomit.

Oh, said Scogin's wife, my husband *parbroke* two crows. Jesus, said the woman, I never heard of such a thing.  
*Scogin's Jest.*

**PARBREAKING.** Fretful. *Exmoor.*

**PARCAS.** Perhaps. *MS. Sloane* 213.

**PARCEIT.** Perception. (*A.-N.*)

**PARCEL.** (1) Much; a great deal. *Devon.*

(2) Part, or portion. *Parcel-gilt*, partly gilt, *Dugdale's Monast.* ii. 207.

Thou wilt not leave me in the middle street,  
Though some more spruce companion thou dost meet,  
Not though a captain do come in thy way,  
Bright *parcell gilt*, with forty dead mens pay.  
Not though a brsk perfum'd pert courtier  
Deign with a nod thy curtesie to answer.

*Donne's Poems*, p. 118.

(3) Parsley. *North.*

**PARCEL-MAKERS.** Two officers in the Exchequer, who make out the parcels of escheators' accounts, and deliver them to one of the auditors of that court.

**PARCEL-MELE.** By parcels, or parts. (*A.-S.*)

**PARCENER.** One who has an equal share in the inheritance of an ancestor, as a daughter or sister.

So nevertheles that the yongest make reasonable amends to his *parceners* for the part which to them belongeth, by the award of good men.

*Lambarde's Perambulation*, 1596, p. 575.

**PARCHEMINE.** Parchment. (*Fr.*)

By a charter to have and to hold,  
Under my seale of lede made the mold,  
And writen in the skyne of swyne,  
What that it is made in *parchemyn*,  
Because it shuld perpetually endure,  
And unto them be both stable and sure.

*MS. Rawl. C.* 86.

**PARCHMENT.** A kind of lace.

**PARCHMENTER.** A parchment-maker.

**PARCLOSE.** A parlour. In earlier writers the

term is applied to a kind of screen or railing.

"Parclos to parte two roumes, *separation*,"

*Palsgrave.* See the *Oxf. Gloss. Arch.*

I pray you, what is there writen upon your *parclose* door?

*Becon's Works*, p. 63.

The fader loggid hem of sly purpos

In a chambre nexte to his joyynge,

For bitwixe hem nas but a *perclose*.

*Octleve, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 275.

That the roof of that chapel be raised, the walls enhanced, the windows made with strong iron work, with a quire and *perclose*, and two altars without the quire.

*Test. Fetust.* p. 336.

PARCYAND. The character &. *North.*

PARDAL. A leopard.

The souldiors of the moores weare garments made of Lyons, *pardals*, and beares skinnes, and sleepe upon them; and so is it reported of Herodotus Megarensis the musitian, who in the day-time wore a Lyons skin, and in the night lay in a beares skin.

*Topsell's Beasts*, 1607, p. 39.

PARDE. *Par Dieu*, a common oath. *Pardy* is used by Elizabethan writers.

And for that licour is so presious  
That oft hath made [me] dronke as any mous,  
Therfor I will that ther it beryd be  
My wrecchid body afore this god *pardé*,  
Mighti Bachus that is myn owen lorde,  
Without variaunce to serve hym or discorde.

*MS. Bevel. C. 86.*

PARDONER. A dealer or seller of pardons and indulgences. (*A.-N.*)

PARDURABLE. Everlasting. (*A.-N.*)

But th' Erle, whether he in maner dispaired of any good *pardurable* continuance of good accord betwixt the Kyng and hym, for tyme to come, consyderinge so great attempts by hym comytted agaynst the Kyng.

*Arrival of King Edward IV.* p. 12.

PARÉ. To injure; to impair.

PARÉLE. To apparel. *Lylyate.*

But I am a lady of another cuntry.  
If I be *parellid* moost of price,  
I ride aftur the wilde fee,  
My raches rannen at my devyse.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 117.*

PARELL. Whites of eggs, bay salt, milk, and pump water, beat together, and poured into a vessel of wine to prevent its fretting.

PARÉLS. Perilous. *Paréll*, peril.

He knewe the markys of that place,  
Then he was in a *parels* case.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 221.*

How marvelous to man, how dowtfull to drede,  
How fer paste manys reson and mynde hath it bee!  
The comyng of Kyng Edward and his good spele,  
Owt of Duchelonde into Englonde over the salte see.  
In what *parell* and trowbill, in what payne was hee,  
Whanne the salte watur and tempest wrought hym  
gret woo,

But in adversitec and ever, Lorde, thy will be doo!

*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D. xv.*

PAREMENTS. (1) Pavements. *North.*

(2) Ornamental furniture, or clothes.

(3) The skin of deer, &c.

PARENTELE. Kindred. (*A.-N.*)

PARENTRELYNARIE. Interlineal. (*A.-N.*)

PARFAITNESS. Perfection; integrity. *Parfit*, perfect, is common both as an archaism and provincialism. (*A.-N.*)

PARFOURME. To perform. (*A.-N.*)

PARFURNISH. To furnish properly.

PARGARNWYNE. A reel for winding yarn.

PARGET. To roughest a wall. It is the translation of *crépür* in Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593, and is explained in Mr. Norris's *MS. Glossary*, "to plaster the inside of a chimney with mortar made of cow dung and lime." Ben Jonson uses the term metaphorically. It is also a substantive, as in Harrison's England, p. 187; *parjetings*, ib. p. 236.

Thus having where they stood in vaine complained  
of their wo,

Wheo night drew neare they bad adue, and ech gave  
Kisses sweete

Unto the *parget* on their side, the which did never  
meete.

*Golding's Ovid*, 1567.

To the Trinity Gild of Liuton, for the mending  
of the cawsy, and *pergetyng* of the Gild Hall, xj. s.  
viij. d.

*Test. Fetust.* p. 618.

PARIETARY. The herb called pellitory. This form of the word occurs in Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593.

PARINGAL. Equal. (*A.-N.*)

For he wolde not 3e were  
*Paringal* to him nor pere.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 5.*

PARING-AND-BURNING. Burnbeating; den-shering; sodburning. *Yorksh.*

PARING-IRON. An iron to pare a horse's hoofs with. *Palsgrave.*

PARING-SPADE. A breast-plough. *Yorksh.*

PARIS-BALL. "Lytell Pares balle, *esteuf*," Palsgrave.

PARIS-CANDLE. A large wax candle. *Periscandlelle*. Wardrobe Acc. Edw. IV. p. 121.

PARIS-GARDEN. "Paris Garden is the place

on the Thames bank-side at London, where the bears are kept and baited; and was anciently so called from Robert de Paris, who had a house and garden there in Richard the Second's time; who by proclamation ordained that the butchers of London should buy that garden for receipt of their garbage and entrails of beasts; to the end the city might not be annoyed thereby." Blount's *Glossographia*, 1681, p. 473. Paris Garden seems to have been first employed as a place for baiting wild beasts as early as Henry VIII.'s time. See Collier's *Annals of the Stage*, i. 251. A dreadful accident which occurred there on January 13th, 1582-3, by the fall of some scaffolding, is alluded to by several contemporary writers. Dr. Dee, *Diary*, p. 18, thus mentions it,—“On Sunday the stage at Paris Garden fell down all at ones, being full of people beholding the bearbaiting, many being killed thereby, more hart, and allamased. The godly expownd it as a due plague of God for the wickednes ther usid, and the Sabbath day so profanely spent.” Allusions to Paris Garden are very common; to its loud drum, to the apes, &c.

PARISHIENS. Parishioners. (*A.-N.*)

The furst princypale parte lungus to 3our levyng;

The ij. part to hole church to hold his honesté,

The iij. part to 3our *parechyngs* that al to 3oure bryng,

To hom that faylun the fode, and fallun in poverté,

*Blind Audeley's Poems*, p. 33.

The prest wote never what he menes

That for lytyl curseth hys *paryssshenes*.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 72.*

PARISHING. A hamlet or small village adjoining and belonging to a parish.

PARISIL-LANTERN. The moon.

PARISH-TOP. A large top formerly kept in a village for the amusement of the inhabitants. *Shak.*

PARIS-WORK. A kind of jewellery.

PARITOR. An apparitor. *Hall.*



- PARK. (1) A farm, field, or close. *Devon*.  
 (2) Slang term for a prison. *York*.  
 (3) A kind of fishing net. This word occurs in Hollyband's *Dictionary*, 1593.
- PARKEN. A cake made chiefly of treacle and oatmeal. *North*.
- PARKER. "Parcar, *verdiere*," Palsgrave.
- PARKLEWYS. The herb *agnus castris*.
- PARLE. To speak; to confer with. (*A.-N.*)  
 A president that any man, being a member therof, might without cause be excluded, and so letted to *parle* theare his mynd in publique matters for the wealth of the realme, and such other private causes as doo occur. *Egerton Papers*, p. 26.
- PARLEMENT. A consultation; an assembly for consultation. (*A.-N.*)
- PARLEY. To argue. *Yorksh.*
- PARLISII. Perilous; dangerous. Also, clever, acute, shrewd. *North*. *Parlous* is very common in old plays. In MS. Ashmole 59, f. 132, is a receipt "for heme that hath a *parelles* coche," i. e. perilous cough.  
 Beshrew you for it, you have put it in me:  
 The *parloest* old men that ere I heard.  
*Chron. Hist. of King Lear*, 1605.
- PARLOUR. In the cottages of poor people, if there are two rooms on the ground floor, the best room they live in is called the house; the other is called a *parlour*, though used as a bedroom. *Linc.* In ancient times, the parlour was a room for private conversation or retirement. Kennett explains it, "the common-room in religious houses into which after dinner the religious withdrew for discourse and conversation."
- PARMACITY. Spermaceti. *Shak.* Still in use, according to Craven Gl. ii. 32.
- PARMASENT. Parmesan cheese. It would seem from Dekker that there was a liquor so called, but see Ford, i. 148.
- PAROCH. A parish. *Leland*.
- PAROCK. "When the bayliif or beadle of the Lord held a meeting to take an account of rents and pannage in the weilds of Kent, such meeting was calld a *parock*," Kennett, MS.
- PARODE. An adage, or proverb. (*Gr.*)
- PAROLIST. A person given to talking much or bombastically. See Wright's *Passions of the Minde*, 1621, p. 112.
- PAROS. A parish. *Pr. Parv.*
- PAROSYNNE. Gum. MS. Med. Rec.
- PAROW. The rind of fruit.
- PARPLICT. Perplexity.
- PARRE. (1) To inclose. (*A.-S.*) "Ful straitly *parred*," Ywaine and Gawin, 3228. Forby has *par*, an inclosed place for domestic animals.  
 Bot als-swa say 3e are *parred* in, and na ferrere may passe; therfore 3e magnyfe 3our manere of lyfynge, and supposez that 3e are blyssed because that 3e er so spered in. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 37.*  
 (2) A young leveret. *Devon*.
- PARRELL. A chimney-piece. (*A.-N.*)
- PARRICK. "Parrocke a lytell parke, *parquet*," Palsgrave. Still in use. *Parroken*, to inclose or thrust in, occurs in Piers Ploughman, and Pr. Parv. The term was also applied to a cattle-stall.
- PARROT'S-BILL. A surgeon's pincers.
- PARSAGE. An old game at cards, mentioned in "Games most in Use," 12mo. Lond. n. d.
- PARSE. To pierce. Pilkington's Works, p. 273.
- PARSEN. Personal charms. *Cumb.*
- PARSEYVE. To perceive.  
 Thoghe a man *parseyve* hyt noghte,  
 Thou stelyst hyt and thette hast wroghte.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 16.*
- PARSIL. Parsley. *North*.
- PART. (1) Some; little. *North*.  
 (2) To partake; to share. (*A.-N.*)  
 (3) "I dye, I parte my lyfe," Palsgrave. "Timely-parted ghost," Shakespeare.
- PARTABLE. Partaker. Lydgate, p. 86.  
 Thoghe hyt were outher *mechyns* synne,  
 3yt art thou *partable* thereynne.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 20.*
- PARTAKER. An assistant.  
 Yet thou must have more *partakers* in store,  
 Before thou make me to stand.  
*Robin Hood*, ii. 31.
- PARTED. Endowed with abilities.
- PARTEL. A part, or portion.  
 So this playnge hath thre *partelis*, the firste is that we beholden in how many thingis God hath gyven us his gr. ce passynge oure ne3theboris, and in so myche more thanke we hym, fulfilling his wil, and more trustyng in hym a3en alle maner reprovyng of owre enmys.  
*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 57.*
- PARTENELLE. Partner; partaker. MS. Harl. 1701 reads *partable*.  
 Yf it were other mens syne,  
 3uert thou *partenelle* therein.  
*Robert de Brunne, MS. Boccas*, p. 13.
- PARTIAL. Impartial. See Nares.
- PARTICULARS. Great friends. *North*.
- PARTIE. (1) A part. (2) A party. (*A.-N.*)
- PARTISAN. A kind of short pike. See Harrison's *Britaine*, p. 2. It was used in places where the long pike would have been inconvenient. "A partison, a javeline to skirmish with," Baret, 1580.
- PARTISE. Parts; bits. (*A.-N.*)  
 And as clerkes say that are wise,  
 He wrougite hit not bi *partise*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.*, f. 3
- PARTLESS. In part; partly. *East*. In Durham, *partlings* is similarly used.
- PARTLET. A ruff or band formerly much worn about the neck by both sexes, but more latterly it seems to have been worn exclusively by women. "A maydens neckerchiefe or lymen *parlette*," Elyot, ed. 1559, in v. *Stryphium*. The term was sometimes applied to the habit-shirt. "Wyth gay gownys and gay kyrtels, and mych waste in apparell, rynges, and owchis, wyth *partelletes* and pastis garneshed wyth perle," More's *Supplycacyon of Soulys*, sig. L. ii. "A neckerchiefe or *partlet*," Baret, 1580.
- PARTNERS. The two thick pieces of wood at the bottom of a mast.
- PARTNIT. "Partuyt that bredeth under ones arme, *murt pou*," Palsgrave.
- PARTOURIE. Portion.
- PARTRICII. A partridge. *Jouson*.

**PARTURB.** To pervert, or confound.  
Mary, therefore, the more knave art thou, I say,  
That *parturbest* the worde of God, I say.  
*The Pardoner and the Frere*, 1533.

**PARTY-CLOTH.** Cloth made of different colours. *Pr. Parc.* Shakespeare has *party-coated* and *party-coloured*.  
Whose *party-coloured* garment Nature dy'd  
In more eye-pleasing hewes with richer graine  
Then Iris bow attending Aprils raine.  
*Brown's Britannia's Pastorals*, p. 115.

**PARTY-FELLOW.** A copartner. *Palsgrave*.

**PARURES.** Ornaments. "Parowr of a vestiment, *parure*," *Pr. Parc.* Ducange has *parare*, ornare.  
I bequethe to the said chirche ane hole sute of vestmytes of russet velvet. One coope, chesible diacones, for decones; with the awbes and *parures*.  
*Test. Vetust.* p. 267.

**PARVENKE.** A pink. (*A.-N.*)  
Hire rode is ase roe that red is on rys;  
With lilyewhite leres lossun he is.  
The primerole he passeth, the *parvenke* of pris,  
With alisaundre thare-to, ache and anys.  
*MS. Harl.* 2253, f. 63.

**PARVIS.** A church porch. The parvis at London was the portico of St. Paul's, where the lawyers met for consultation.  
And at the *parryse* I wyll be  
A Powlys betwyn ij. ande ij.  
*Mond, Will, and Understanding*, p. 8.

**PARWHOBBLE.** To talk quickly. *West.* "A parwhobble, a parley or conference between two or three persons." *MS. Devon. Gloss.*

**PARYARD.** The farmyard. *Suffolk.*

**PARYLE.** Peril. (*A.-N.*)  
That he wolde wende in exsyle,  
And put hym in soche *paryle*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 194.*

**PARYST.** Perished.  
So that no hare sall wante in no stede,  
For thare sall no hare be *paryst*.  
*Hampole, MS. Bowes*, p. 149.

**PAS.** A foot-pace. (*A.-N.*)  
He thoȝt more thou he seyde,  
Towarde the court he gaf a brayde,  
And jede a welle gode *pas*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 51.*  
I stalked be the stremȝ, be the strond,  
For I be the flod fond  
A hot don be a lond,  
So passed I the *pas*. *Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 7.

**PASCHAL.** A large candlestick used by the Roman Catholics at Easter.

**PASCH-EGGS.** See *Pace-Eggs*.

**PASE.** (1) To ooze out. *Dorset.*  
(2) To raise; to lift up. *North.*

**PASE-DAY.** Easter-day. The following proverbial lines refer to the Snnadays in Lent:  
Tid, mid, misera,  
Carl, Paum, good *Pase-day*.

**PASH.** (1) To strike with violence so as to break to pieces. *Palsgrave*.  
Comming to the bridge, I found it built of glasse so cunningly and so curiously, as if nature herself had sought to purchase credit by framing so curious a peece of workmanship; but yet so slenderly, as the least waight was able to *push* it into innumerable peeeces.  
*Greene's Gwydonius*, 1593.

Shall *push* his cox-combe such a knocke,  
As that his soule his course shall take.

*How to Choose a Good Wife*, 1634.

- (2) A heavy fall of rain or snow.  
(3) Anything decayed. *North.*  
(4) A great number. *North.*
- PASKE.** The passover; Easter. (*A.-S.*)  
To Moyses oure Lorde tho tolde  
What wise thei shulde *Paske* holde.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 39.*
- PASKEY.** Short-breathed; asthmatic. *West.*
- PASMETS.** Parsnips. *Wills.*
- PASS.** (1) A whipping or beating. *Cornw.*  
(2) To die. *Palsgrave*.  
(3) To surpass; to excel. (*A.-N.*) Hence, to be very extraordinary.  
(4) To judge; to pass sentence. (*A. N.*)  
(5) To report; to tell. *Devon.*  
(6) To care for, or regard. *Shak.*  
(7) A frame on which stones pass or rest in forming an arch.  
(8) To toll the bell for the purpose of announcing a death. In general use.  
(9) To go. Also, let it go, or pass. It was also a term used at primero and other games.  
The knyght *passyd* as he come.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 234.*  
(10) *Well to pass*, well off, rich; equivalent to *well to do*, which is in very common use.  
His mothers husband, who reputed was  
His father, being rich and *well to passe*,  
A wealthy merchant and an alderman,  
On forraigne shores did travell now and than.  
*Scot's Philomythie*, 1616.
- PASSADO.** A term in fencing, meaning a pass or motion forwards.
- PASSAGE.** (1) A ferry. *Devon.*  
(2) An old game at dice, thus described in the *Compleat Gamester*, ed. 1721, p. 67:—"Passage is a game at dice to be play'd at but by two, and it is performed with three dice. The caster throws continually till he has thrown doublets under ten, and then he is out and loses, or doublets above ten, and then he passes and wins; high runners are most requisite for this game, such as will rarely run any other chance than four, five, or six, by which means, if the caster throws doublets, he scarcely can throw out."
- PASSAMEN.** A kind of lace. (*Fr.*) In a parliamentary scheme, dated 1549, printed in the *Egerton Papers*, p. 11, it was proposed that no man under the degree of an earl be allowed to wear *passamen* lace.
- PASSAMEZZO.** A slow dance, very often corrupted to *passa-measure*, or *passing-measure*, and by Shakespeare to *passy-measure*. The long-disputed phrase *passy-measures parin* has thus been explained, but it is in fact the name of an ancient dance, thus described in a *MS.* quoted by Mr. Collier in the *Shak. Soc. Papers*, i. 25, "two singles and a double forward, and two singles syde, reprynce back." It is only necessary to read this, and have seen a drunken man, to be well aware why Dick is called a "passy-measures parin."

**PASSANCE.** A journey.

Thus passed they their *passance*, and wore out the weerie way with these pleasant discourses and prettie posies.

*Saker's Narbonus*, 1st part, 1500, p. 131.

**PASS-BANK.** The bank or fund at the old game of passage. See *Grose*, in v.

**PASSE.** Extent; district.

All the *passee* of Lancashyre.

He went both ferre and nere. *Robin Hood*, i. 63.

**PASSEL.** Parcel; a great quantity.

**PASSEN.** Surpass; exceed.

Hys toschys *passen* a fote longe.

*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 33, f. 65.*

**PASSENGER.** A passage-boat.

**PASSER.** A gimlet. *Leic.*

**PASSING.** Exceeding; excessive.

In sooth, he tould a *passing*, *passing* jest.

*How to Choose a Good Wife*, 1634.

An elder brother was commending his younger brother's green cloak which he wore, and said it became him *passing* well. Faith, brother, says he, but a black mourning cloak from you will become me better.

*Oxford Jest*, 1706, p. 33.

**PASSING-MEASURE.** An outrage.

**PASSION.** Sorrow; emotion.

**PASSIONAR.** A book containing the lives and martyrdoms of saints. (*Lat.*) It occurs in the *Nominale MS.* in my possession.

**PASSIONATE.** Pathetic; sorrowful. Also a verb to express passion, or sorrow.

**PASS-ON.** To adjudicate. *Shak.*

**PAST-ALL.** Uncontrollable. *Var. dial.*

**PASTANCE.** Pastime. It occurs in *Hollinshed*, *Chron. Ireland*, p. 19.

Though I sumtyme be in Englonde for my *pastance*, Yet was I neyther borne here, in Spayne, nor in Fraunce.

*Bale's Kynges Johan*, p. 8.

**PASTE.** A term in old confectionary for hard preserves of fruit.

**PASTEIS.** Pasties. (*A.-N.*)

Ther is a wel fair abbei

Of white monkes and of grei.

Ther both bowris and halles;

All of *pastens* heth the walles.

*Cornwall. ap. Wright's Purgatory*, p. 55.

**PASTELER.** A maker of pastry. See *Rutland Papers*, p. 42. More usually *pasterer*. *Palsgrave* has *pastler*.

**PASTE-ROYAL.** Is mentioned in *Ord.* and *Reg.* p. 455. The ancient manner of making *paste-royal* is thus described:

*How to make Pa-te-royal in Sauces.*

Take sugar, the quantity of four ounces, very finely beaten and seared, and put it into an ounce of cinnamon and ginger, and a grain of musk, and so beat it into paste with a little gum dragon steep'd in rose-water; and when you have beaten it into paste in a stone mortar, then roul it thin, and print it with your moulders; then dry it before the fire, and when it is dry, box it up and keep it all the year. *True Gentlewoman's Delight*, 1676, pp. 53-54.

**PASTETHE.** A perfuming-ball.

**PASTICUMP.** A shoemaker's ball. *Line.*

**PASTOREL.** A shepherd. (*A.-N.*)

*Poveralle* and *pastorelles* *passede* one aftyre

With porkes to pasture at the price 3ates.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 86.

**PASTRON.** Fetters for unruly horses, affixed to

that part of the animal's leg called the *pastern*. See *Archæologia*, xxvi. 401. "Pastron of an horse, *pasturon*," *Palsgrave*.

**PASTS.** "Payre of *pastes*, *unes passes*," *Palsgrave*. See *Partlet*.

**PASTURE.** To feed. *Gesta Rom.* p. 85.

**PAT.** (1) Pert; brisk; lively. *Yorksh.*

(2) A hog-trough. *Sussex.*

**PATACOUN.** A Spanish coin, worth 4s. 8d.

**PATAND.** The lowest sill of timber in a partition. (*A.-N.*)

**PAT-BALL.** To play at ball. *Oxon.*

**PATCH.** (1) A fool. The domestic fool was formerly so called.

Why doating *patch*, didst thou not come with me this morning from the ship? *Menæchmus*, 1595.

(2) A cherry-stone. *Devon.*

(3) A child's clout. *West.*

(4) To *patch upon*, to blame. *East.*

**PATCHES.** Black patches were formerly worn on the face, and considered ornamental. This enrious fashion is alluded to in a rare work entitled *Several Discourses and Characters*, 8vo. 1689, p. 175.

**PATCH-PANNEL.** Shabby; worn out.

**PATE.** (1) A badger. *North.*

(2) Weak and sickly. *Ermoor.*

**PATENE-CUT.** Tobacco cut up and tied, prepared for smoking. *North.*

**PATEREROS.** Chambered pieces of ordnance. See the *Archæologia*, xxviii. 376.

**PATERONE.** A workman's model, a pattern. More usually spelt *patron*.

Disfigured *pateronys* and *quaynte*,

And as a dede *kyng* thay weren *paynte*.

*Archæologia*, xxii. 331.

**PATES.** Boats; vessels. *Weber.*

**PATH.** To go in a path; to trace or follow in a path. *Shak.*

**PATHERISH.** Silly, applied to sheep that have the disease called "water on the brain." *Sussex.*

**PATHETICAL.** Affected. *Shak.*

**PATHENATE.** Patient. *West.*

**PATIENCE-DOCK.** Snakeweed. *North.*

**PATIENT.** To tranquilize. *Shak.*

**PATIENTABLE.** Patient. *Devon.*

**PATINE.** The cover of a chalice.

**PATISING.** (1) "Patisyng, a treatie of peace, as frontier townes take one of another, *pastisaiye*," *Palsgrave*. "I patyse as one frontyer towne dothe with another in tyme of warre to save them bothe harmlesse, *je patyse*," ib.

(2) Splashing in water. *Devon.*

**PATLET.** The same as *Partlet*, q. v.

**PATREN.** To pray; properly, to repeat the paternoster; to mutter. *Chaucer.*

**PATRICK'S-PURGATORY.** A celebrated cavern in Ireland, an eminent object of pilgrimages and snperstitutions. Its entire history is to be found in *Mr. Wright's* work so called, 8vo. 1814.

They that repaire to this place for devotion his sake use to continue therein foure and twente houres, which dooing otherwhile with ghostlie me-

ditions, and otherwhile a dread for the conscience of their deserts, they saie they see a plaine resemblance of their owne faults and vertues, with the horror and comfort thereunto belonging, the one so terrible, the other so joyous, that they verelie deeme themselves for the time to have sight of hell and heaven. The revelations of men that went thither (S. Patrike yet living) are kept written within the abbete there adjoining. When anie person is disposed to enter (for the doore is ever spard) he repairth first for devise to the archbishop, who casteth all pericles and dissuadeth the pilgrime from the attempt because it is known that diverse entering into that cave, never were seene to turne backe againe. But if the partie be fullie resolved, he recommendeth him to the prior, who in like maner favourable exhorteth him to choose some other kind of penance and not to hazard such a danger. If notwithstanding he find the partie fullie bent, he conducteth him to the church, injoyneth him to begin with prayer and fast of fiftene daies, so long together as in discretion can be indured. This time expired, if yet he persevere in his former purpose the whole convent accompanieth him with solemne procession and benediction to the mouth of the cave, where they let him in, and so bar up the doore untill the next morning. And then with like ceremonies they await his returne and reduce him to the church. If he be seene no more they fast and praie fiftene daies after. Touching the credit of these matters, I see no cause, but a Christian being persuaded that there is both hell and heaven, may without vanitie upon sufficient information be resolved, that it might please God, at sometime, for considerations to His wisdom known, to reveale by miracle the vision of joies and pines eternall. But that altogether in such sort and by such maner, and so ordinarilie, and to such persons, as the common fame dooth utter, I neither beleve nor wish to be regarded. I have confert with diverse that had gone this pilgrimage, who affirmed the order of the premises to be true: but that they saw no sight, save onelic fearefull dreams when they chanced to nod, and those they said were exceeding horrible. Further they added, that the fast is rated more or lesse, according to the qualitie of the penitent.

*Sanhuus's Description of Iceland*, ed. 1506, pp. 28-29.

**PATRICO.** A cant term among heggars for their orator or hedge priest. This character is termed *patriarke-co* in the Fraternity of *Vacabondes*, 1575. "a patriarke-co doth make marriages, and that is untill death depart the married folke, which is after this sort: when they come to a dead horse or any dead catell, then they shake hands, and so depart every one of them a severall way."

**PATRON.** A sea-captain. "Patrone of a gally, *patron de gallee*," Palsgrave. Generally, any superior person, and sometimes a king.

**PATTEN.** A plaister. This is given as a Wiltshire word in *MS. Lansd.* 1033, f. 2.

**PATTENS.** Stilts. *Norf.*

**PATTER.** To mutter. *Palsgrave.*

His herte was full of payne and wo,  
To kepe theyr names and shewe them ryght,  
That he rested but lytell that nyght.  
Ever he *patred* on theyr names faste;  
Than he had them in ordre at the laste.

*Howe the Ploughman learned his Paternoster.*

**PATTERN.** A pittance. *North.*

**PATTICK.** A simpleton; a fool, one that talkes nonsense; a little jug. *West.*

**PAUK.** To pant for breath. *West.*

**PAUKY.** Sly; mischievous; pettish; proud; insolent. *North.*

**PAUKY-BAG.** A bag for collecting fragments from a wreck. *Norf.*

**PAUL.** To puzzle. *North.*

**PAULING.** A covering for a cart or waggon. *Line.* Qu. from *palle*?

**PAUL'S.** As old as St. Paul's, a common proverbial saying in Devon, and is found in old writers. The weathercock of Paul's is frequently referred to in early books. "I am as very a turncote as the wethercoke of Poles," *Marriage of Witt and Wisdome*, p. 24. A chronicle in *MS. Vespas. A. xxv.* under the reign of Henry VII. thus mentions it—

M. Kneisworth, mayir. Then came in dewke Phillip, of Burgon, agaynst his wille with tempast of wethir, as he was goyng into Spayn, whiche afterward was kyng of Castelle. Then was Polles wethir-cok blown down.

Old St. Paul's was in former times a favorite resort for purposes of business, amusement, lounging, or assignations; bills were fixed up there, servants hired, and a variety of matters performed wholly inconsistent with the sacred nature of the edifice. "A poore siguis, such as forlorne forreiners use to have in Pauls Church," *Hopton's Baculum Geodeticum*, 4to. Lond. 1614.

In *Poets* hee walketh like a gallant courtier, where if hee meet some rich chuffes worth the gulling, at every word he speaketh hee makes a mouse of an elephant; he telleth them of wonders done in Spaine by his ancestors; where, if the matter were well examined, his father was but swabber in the ship where civill oranges were the best merchandize; draw him into the line of history, you shall heare as many lies at a breath as would breed scruple in a good conscience for an age. *Wits Miserie*, 1596.

**PAULTRING.** Pilfering stranded ships. *Kent.*  
**PAUL-WINDLAS.** A small windlass used for raising or lowering the mast of a vessel.

**PAUME.** (1) The palm of the hand. (*A.-N.*)  
With everyche a pawe as a poste, and *paumes* telle huge.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Arthure*, f. 61.

A bryd whynged merveyllously,

With *paumes* streyngynge mortally.

*MS. Cott. Tiber. A. vii. f. 77.*

His smale *paumis* on thy chekis leyne.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 19.*

(2) A ball. (*A.-N.*) "Paume to play at tenyns with, *paume*," Palsgrave.

**PAUMISH.** Handling anything in an awkward manner, like one who has no fingers and is obliged to do everything with his palms, or hands. *Somerset.*

**PAUNCE.** (1) The viola tricolor.

The purple violet, *paunce*, and heart's ease,  
And every flower that smell or sight can please.

*Howwood's Marriage Triumph*, 1613.

(2) A coat of mail.

Thurgh *paunce* and platez he percede the maylez,  
That the prowde penselle in his pawnebe tengz.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 76.*

PAUNCH. To wound a man in the paunch. Also, to gut an animal. *Palsgrave*.  
 PAUNCH-CLOUT. (1) Tripe. (2) A belly-band.  
 PAUNCH-GUTS. A person with a large stomach. *South*.  
 PAUNED. Striped; ornamented.  
 After the banquet ended with noise of minstrelles, entered into the chamber eight maskers with white berdes, and long and large garments of blew satyn pouned with sipres. *Hall, Henry VIII. f. 69.*  
 PAUNSONE. A coat of mail?  
 A pes me and a paunson, and a pris girdille. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 69.*  
 PAUP. To walk awkwardly. *North*.  
 PAUPUSSES. Paupers. *Suffolk*.  
 PAUSATION. A pause. *Devon*.  
 PAUSE. To kick. *North*.  
 PAUSER. Calmer; more temperate.  
 The expedition of my violent love Outran the pauser reason. *Marbeth, ii. 3.*  
 PAUT. To paw; to walk heavily; to kick; to beat. *North*. Cotgrave has *Espauter*, to paut, pelt, thrash, beat, &c.  
 PAUTCII. To walk in deep mud. *Somerset*. "Sassing and passing in the dirt," Gammer Gurton, p. 178.  
 PAVAGE. A toll or duty payable for the liberty of passing over the soil or territory of another.  
 All thes thre yer, and mor, potter, he seyde, Thow hast hantyd this wey, Yet wer tow never so cortys a man One peny of pavage to pay. *Robin Hood, i. 83.*  
 PAVED. Turned hard. *Suffolk*.  
 PAVELOUNS. Pavilions; tents. (*A.-N.*)  
 PAVES. The stall of a shop.  
 PAVIN. A grave and stately dance.  
 PAVISE. A large kind of shield.  
 And at the nether ende of the pavise he gart naye a burde, the lenthe of a culit, for to covere with his legges and his fete, so that no party of hym mygte he sene. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 33.*  
 And after that the shotte was done, whiche they defended wyth pavises, they came to handestrokes, and were encountered severally, as you shall here. *Hall, Henry VIII. f. 42.*  
 Them to help and to avane, With many a proud pavyse. *Reliq. Antiq. ii. 22.*  
 PAVISER. A soldier armed with a pavise, or buckler. (*A.-N.*)  
 Their prayes and their presoneres passes one aftyre, With pylours and pavyseres and pryse men of armes. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 65.*  
 PAVONE. A peacock. *Spenser*.  
 PAVY. The hard peach.  
 PAVYLERS. Pavilioners; the men who pitched the tents. (*A.-N.*)  
 PAWK. To throw about awkwardly. *Suff.*  
 Hence *pawky*, an awkward fellow.  
 PAWMENT. A pavement. *Pr. Parr*.  
 PAWN. (1) A peacock. *Drayton*.  
 (2) The palm of the hand.  
 PAWNCOCK. A scarecrow. *Somerset*.  
 PAWN-GROPER. A dirty miserly fellow.  
 PAW-PAW. Naughty. *Var. dial.*  
 PAWT. A similar word to *potter*. A servant is said to *pawt* about when she does her work in an idle slovenly way, when she makes a

show only of working, putting out her hands and doing in fact nothing. *Line*.  
 PAWTENERE. (1) A purse; a net-bag. "*Mer-ci-pinnur*, a pawtner," Nominale MS. probably for *morsapinnur*. Palsgrave has "pawtner, *mallette*," "Pence in thy pawkner," Ashmole's Theat. Chem. Brit. 1652, p. 192.  
 I toke hyt owt and have hyt here,  
 Lo! hyt ys here in my pawtnera. *MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 244.*  
 Clement xl. pownde can telle  
 Into a pawtenece. *MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 47.*  
 Alas he ner a parson or a vevory,  
 Be Jhesu! he is a gentyhaon and joly arrayd;  
 His gurdlis harneschit with silver, his ba-lard hongus bye,  
 Apon his parte pawtenece uche mon ys apayd. *MS. Douce 302, f. 3.*  
 (2) Wickedness. (*A.-N.*)  
 Then an-weryd the messengere,  
 Fulle false was hys pawtenece,  
 And to that lady-cyde;  
 Madame, yf y ever dyskever the,  
 I graunt that ye take me,  
 And smyte of my hedd. *MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 95.*  
 (3) A vagabond; a libertine. (*A.-N.*)  
 For themperour me seyde tho,  
 And trefwelich me bihete theerto,  
 That he me wold gret worthschipe,  
 And now he me wil se with schenschipe,  
 For the speche of a losanger,  
 And of a feloun pawtenece. *Gy of Warwick, p. 113.*  
 (4) Cruel? Ellis, i. 197, has *partener* in the following passage, where the editor (Mr. Turnbull) reads *pawtenece*!  
 Gode knight hardi, and pawtenece,  
 Y nam noither your douke no king *Arthur and Merlin, p. 6.*  
 PAX-BREAD. A small tablet with a representation of the crucifixion upon it, presented in the ceremony of the mass to be kissed by the faithful. Coles erroneously explains it by *panis osculatorius*. "Paxe to kysse, *paix*," Palsgrave, 1530.  
 PAX-WAX. See *Faxwar*. This term occurs in the Prompt. Parv.  
 PAY. (1) To beat. Still in use.  
 If they mcase a sloven and not unty their points, I so pay their armes that they cannot sometimes untye them, if they would. *Robin Hood, 1626.*  
 When he had well din'd and had filled his panch,  
 Then to the winecellar they had him straight way,  
 Where they with brave claret and brave old canary,  
 They with a foxe tale him soundly did pay. *The King and a poore Northerne Man, 1640.*  
 (2) To make amends. Also a substantive, satisfaction. (*A.-S.*)  
 Than can the maydyn up stande,  
 And a-kyd watur to hur hande;  
 The maydenys wysche withowten lett,  
 And to ther mete they ben sett.  
 Gye entendyd alle that daye  
 To serve that lady to hur paye. *MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 148.*  
 (3) To please; to satisfy. (*A.-N.*)  
 PAYEN. A pagan, or heathen. (*A.-N.*)  
 The *payens* and king Saphiran  
 Defoiled our Cristen men. *Arthur and Merlin, p. 230.*

And this was the furst passage,  
That the aposths in party  
Made among folke that were *paeny*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 122.*

- PAYL. (1) To beat, or thrash. *Salop.*  
(2) The band of a tub or barrel.
- PAYLOUNS. Pavilions; tents. *Weber.*
- PAYMAN. A kind of cheese-cake.
- PAYMENT. (1) Impairment. They say, "He'll take no *payment*," meaning, He'll take no injury, he'll be none the worse. *Liuc.*  
(2) To give a woman her payment, i. e. to get her with child.
- PAYNE. (1) A coat of mail.  
The knyght rase, and his *paynes* sett.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 143.*  
(2) Bread. *Piers Ploughman*, p. 529.  
(3) Field; plain. "I *salle dy* in the *payne*,"  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 132.*
- PAYNES. Pence. R. de Brunne, *MS.*
- PAYS. (1) Country. (2) Pitch. (*A.-N.*)
- PAYSANUCE. Pausing or stopping. *Chauc.*
- PAY-THE-PEPPERIDGE. A schoolboy having on a new suit of clothes is subjected to have a button pulled off unless he "pay the pepperidge," by giving a *douceur* to his play-fellows. *Suffolk.*
- PEA. (1) A peaben. See *Nares*.  
(2) To look with one eye. *North.*  
(3) A weight used in weighing anything with the steelyard. *South.*
- PEA-BLUFF. A tube, one, two, or three feet long, usually of tin, through which boys blow a pea with considerable force and precision. *Suffolk.*
- PEACH. To tell, or inform against. *Var. dial.*
- PEA-ESH. Pease-stubble. *West.*
- PEA-GOOSE. A silly fellow. Perhaps more properly peak-goose. *Cotgrave* has the term, in *v. Benet, Niais*. *Forby* explains it, "one who has an aspect both sickly and silly."
- PEA-JACKET. A loose rough coat, with conical buttons of a small size. *North.*
- PEAK. Lace. *Var. dial.*
- PEAKISH. Simple; rude.  
Once hunted he untill the chace,  
Long fasting, and the heat  
Did house him in a *peakish* graunge  
Within a forest great. *Warner's Albions England.*
- PEAKRELS. A name given to the inhabitants of the Peak in Derbyshire.
- PEAL. (1) A noise, or uproar. *North.*  
(2) To pour out a liquid. *Glouc.*  
(3) A batch of bread. *Devon.*
- PEALE. To cool. *Yorksh.*
- PEALING. A lasting apple that makes admirable cider, and agrees well with this climate, the tree being a good bearer.
- PEA-MAKE. See *Make* (2).
- PEAN. To strike or beat. *Cumb.*
- PEAR-COLOURED. Red.
- PEARK. To peep. *Var. dial.*
- PEARL. (1) This term was metaphorically applied to anything exceedingly valuable.  
(2) White spots in the eyes were called pearls. See *Harrison's England*, p. 234. According

- to the *Dictionarium Rusticum*, pearl, pin, and web, or any unnatural spot or thick film over a horse's eye, comes from some stroke or blow given him, or from descent of the sire, or dam; the pearl being known by a little round, thick, white spot, like a pearl, from which it had its name, growing on the sight of the eye. Among hunters, pearl is that part of a deer's horn which is about the hurr.
- PEARL-COATED. A sheep with a curled fleece is said to be pearl-coated. *North.*
- PEARLINS. Coarse bone-lace.
- PEART. Brisk; lively. *Var. dial.*  
Give your play-gull a stool, and my lady her foole,  
And her usher potatoes and marrow,  
But your poet were he dead, set a pot on his head,  
And he rises as *peart* as a sparrow.  
*Brit. Bibl. ii. 167.*
- Then, as a nimble squirrell from the wood,  
Ranging the hedges for his filberd food,  
Sits *peartly* on a bough his browne nuts cracking.  
*Browne's Britannia's Pastorals*, p. 135.
- PEAS-AND-SPORT. See *Scadding-of-Peas*.
- PEAS-BLOSSOM-DAMP. A damp in coal-pits less noisome than ordinary damp.
- PEASCOD. "I remember the wooing of a *peascod* instead of her," &c. *Shakespeare*. "The efficacy of *peascods* in the affairs of sweethearts is not yet forgotten among our rustic vulgar. The kitchen maid, when she shells green pease, never omits, if she finds one having *nine* pease, to lay it on the lintel of the kitchen door, and the first clown who enters it, is infallibly to be her husband, or at least her sweetheart," *Mr. Davy's MS. Suffolk Gloss*. *Amlerson* mentions a custom in the North, of a nature somewhat similar. A Cumbrian girl, when her lover proves unfaithful to her, is, by way of consolation, rubbed with pease-straw by the neighbouring lads; and when a Cumbrian youth loses his sweetheart, by her marriage with a rival, the same sort of comfort is administered to him by the lasses of the village. "Winter time for shoeing, *peas-cod* time for wooing," old proverb in *MS. Devon Gl*. The divination by *peascods* alluded to by *Mr. Davy* is thus mentioned by *Gay*,—  
As *peascods* once I pluck'd, I chanc'd to see  
One that was closely fill'd with three times three;  
Which, when I cropp'd, I safely home convey'd,  
And o'er the door the spell in secret laid;  
The latch mov'd up, when who should first come in,  
But, in his proper person,—Lubberkin!
- But perhaps the allusion in *Shakespeare* is best illustrated by the following passage, which seems to have escaped the notice of all writers on this subject,—  
The *peascod* greene oft with no little toyle  
Hee'd seeke for in the fattest fertilst soile,  
And rend it from the stalke to bring it to her,  
And in herosome for acceptance wooe her.  
*Browne's Britannia's Pastorals*, p. 71.
- PEASE. (1) To issue from a puncture in globules resembling peas. *Somerset.*  
(2) To appease.  
The ten commandments bring no man to peifice

- tion, and are nothing less than able to *pease* the divine wrath. *Becon's Works*, p. 49.
- (3) A single pea. *Spenser*.
- PEASE-BOLT. Pease-straw. *East*. It occurs in Tusser, ed. 1812, p. 28.
- PEASE-BRUSH. Pease-stubble. *Heref.*
- PEASE-PORRIDGE-TAWNY. A dingy yellow.
- PEASHAM. Pea-straw. *South*.
- PEASPOUSE. Peas and beans grown together as a crop. *Glouc.*
- PEA-SWAD. A peascod. *North*.
- PEAT. A delicate person.  
A citizen and his wife the other day  
Both riding on one horse, upon the way  
I overtook, the wench a pretty *peat*,  
And (by her eye) well fitting for the seat.  
*Donne's Poems*, p. 90.
- PEAWCH-WAL. A sort of coal, which reflects various colours. *Staff.*
- PEBBLE-BOSTER. A stone-breaker; a man who breaks stones for mending the roads. *Staff.*
- PECCAVI. A familiar use of this Latin phrase is common among schoolboys, equivalent to a confession of being in the wrong. It occurs in the *Historie of Promos and Cassandra*, p. 32, and in Hall.
- PECEL. A drinking-cup. *Palsgrave*. "Cateria, Anglice a pese," *Nominale MS.*  
They toke away the sylver vessel,  
And all that they myght get,  
*Peres*, masars, and spones,  
Wolde they non forgete.  
*Robin Hood*, i. 32.
- PECIL. To pant; to breathe heavily. *Cumb.*
- PECK. (1) Meat; victuals. Dekker uses it in this sense. *Linc.* To eat. *Oxon.* "We must serat before we peek."  
(2) A pickaxe. *West.*  
(3) To peck upon, to domineer over.  
(4) To stumble. *Yorksh.*  
(5) A large quantity. *Var. dial.*  
(6) To pitch. Still in use.
- PECKHAM. "It's all holiday at Peckham with me," i. e. it is all up with me.
- PECKISH. Hungry. *Var. dial.*
- PECKLED. Speckled. Still in use.
- PECTOLL.  
Beholde the rolled hodes stuffed with flockes,  
The newe broched doublettes open at the brestes,  
Stuffed with *pectoll* of theyr loves smockes.  
*A Treatyse of a Galvaunt*, n. d.
- PECTORAL. Armour for the breast. The term was also applied to a priest's stole. The second meaning of *pectorale* given by Ducange is *rationalis*, stola pontificalis.
- PECULIAR. A mistress. *Grose*.
- PECUNIALL. Belonging to money.  
It came into hys hed that the Englyshmen did litle passe upon the observacion and keepynge of penall lawes or *pecuniall* statutes, made and enacted for the preservation of the common utilytee and wealthe.  
*Hull, Henry VII.* f. 57.
- PECUNIOUS. Money-loving.
- PECURIOUS. Very precise. *East*.
- PED. A species of hamper without a lid, in which mackerel are hawked about the streets. *East*. Moor tells us, in Norwich an assemblage whither women bring their small wares of eggs, chickens, &c. to sell, is called the *Ped-market*. Ray says, "Dorsers are *peds* or panniers carried on the backs of horses, on which higglers used to ride and carry their commodities. It seems this homely but most useful instrument was either first found out, or is the most generally used, in this county (Dorset), where fish-jobbers bring up their fish in such contrivances, above an hundred miles, from Lime to London." In his North-country words he has "a whisket, a basket, a skuttle, or shallow *ped*." Tusser uses *ped*, ed. 1812, p. 11. Holme, 1688, has explained it an angler's basket.
- PEDALE. Footmen. *Hearne*.
- PEDANT. A teacher of languages.
- PED-BELLY. A round protuberant belly, like a ped, q. v. *East*.
- PEDDER. (1) A pedlar. *Var. dial.* Forby explains it, one who carries wares in a ped, pitches it in open market, and sells from it.  
(2) A basket. *Nominale MS.*
- PEDDLE. Employment. *North*.
- PEDDLE-BACKED. Said of a man carrying a ped or pack like a pedlar.
- PEDDLING. Trifling; worthless.
- PEDLION. Helleborus niger. *Gerard*.
- PEDER. A small farmer. *Linc.*
- PEDESAY. A kind of cloth.
- PEDISSEQUANTS. Followers. (*Lat.*)  
Yet still he striveth untill wearied and breathlesse,  
he be forced to offer up his blood and flesh to the rage of al the observant *pedissequants* of the hunting goddesse Diana.  
*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 136.
- PEDLAR'S-BASKET. Ivy-leaved snap-dragon.
- PEDLAR'S-FRENCH. The cant language. The term was also applied to any unintelligible jargon. Still in use.
- PEDLAR'S-PAD. A walking-stick. *North*.
- PEDNAMENE. Head to feet; as in many Cornish huts large families lie, husband, wife, and children (even grown up) of both sexes, all in one bed. *Polwhele*.
- PEDNPALY. A tomit. *Cornw.*
- PEED. Half-blind. See *Pea*.
- PEE-DEE. A young lad in a keel, who takes charge of the rudder. *North*.
- PEEK. A grudge. *Simultas*, Upton's MS. additions to Junius.
- PEEKED. Thin. *Dorset*.
- PEEKING. "A peeking fellow, one that carries favour by low flattery and carrying tales, and picks holes in the character of others by lies or ill-natur'd stories," MS. Devon Gl.
- PEEL. (1) A pillow; a bolster; a cushion for lace-making. *West*.  
(2) A square tower; a fortress. *North*.  
(3) Stir; noise; uproar. *Yorksh.*  
(4) To peel ground, i. e. to impoverish it. Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.  
(5) To strip. *Var. dial.* Peel'd priest, stripped or bald priest. There is an early receipt for "a man *pelyd* or scallyd," in Lincoln MS.

(6) The long-handled shovel with which bread, &c. is thrust into a hot oven, or taken out. "Also put into an oven with a *peele*," Florio, p. 237. "Pele for an ovyn, *pelle a four*," Palsgrave. "Pele, *pala*," Nominale MS. Thus described by an anonymous lexicographer: a wooden instrument of about a yard and a half long, and three quarters broad, on which pastry-cooks put many pies and tarts, &c. at once, either to carry them from gentlemen's houses to be baked, or from the oven to where they are to be used at feasts or great entertainments; also the name of the instrument that bakers, &c. use to put into the oven to draw their bread, pies, &c. with; also an instrument that printers hang up their sheets with, upon lines or wooden rails, as they come from the press, that they may dry.

PEEL-BEARS. Pillow-cases. *Devon.*

PEEL-CLOTH. A pillow-case. *Devon.*

PEELER. An iron crow-bar. *Kent.*

PEELING. A paring. *Var. dial.*

PEENGING. Fretful; whining. *North.*

PEEP. (1) An eye. *Somerset.* Grose has *peepers*, eyes, Class. Diet. Vulg. Tong.

(2) A flock of chickens. Also, to chirp. "*Pipio*, to peepe like a chicke," Elyot.

PEEP-BO. A nursery pastime, in which a child is amused by the alternate hiding and exposure of the face; "suited the word to the action." The term is extended to the occasional obscuration of a debtor, or of one ceased of anything rendering his visibility inconvenient.

PEEPER. An egg-pie. *Devon.*

PEEPING-TOM. A nickname for a curious prying fellow, derived from an old legendary tale, told of a tailor of Coventry, who, when Godiva Countess of Chester, rode at noon quite naked through that town, in order to procure certain immunities for the inhabitants (notwithstanding the rest of the people shut up their houses) slyly peeped out of his window, for which he was miraculously struck blind. His figure, peeping out of a window, is still kept up in remembrance of the transaction, and there is an annual procession yet held at Coventry, in which the feat of Lady Godiva is attempted to be represented, without violating the principles of public decency. A newspaper of last year tells us that,—

The Godiva procession at Coventry was celebrated with much pomp last week. The lady selected for the occasion (who was a handsome-looking woman, and conducted herself with great propriety) was very differently habited from the great original she personated, being clad, from shoulder to feet, in close-fitting woven silk tights. Over this was placed an elegant pointed satin tunic, fastened by an ornamental girdle. Two handsome lace scarfs formed the body, and was fastened underneath each arm to a blonde Polka edged with gold. A zephyr's wing, in folds, descended from the shoulders, and was fastened on the bosom by a rich brooch, attached to which was a white cord and gold tassels. The head gear consisted of a pearl coronet, surmounted by a

large plume of white ostrich feathers.—The procession was obliged, by a heavy shower of rain, to beat a premature retreat.

PEEPY. Sleepy; drowsy. Go to peepy-by, i. e. to sleep. *Var. dial.*

PEER. (1) To peep. *Shak.*

(2) To pour out liquid. *Oxon.*

(3) Tender; thin; delicate. *Line.*

(4) The minnow. *Somerset.*

PEERELLE. A pearl. See *Aboude*.

PEERK. To walk consequentially. *North.*

PEERY. Inquisitive; suspicious. It occurs in 'A Narrative of the Life of Mrs. Charlotte Charke,' 8vo. 1755, p. 155.

PEES. Peace. (*A.-N.*)

Wyth grete honowre under hys honde  
He made *pees* as he wolde.

*MS. Cantab.* Fl. ii. 30, f. 147

Gladys-more that gladis us alle,

This is begynnyng of ourre gle,

Gret sorow then shalle falle,

Wher rest and *pees* were wont to be.

*MS. Cantab.* Fl. v. 48, f. 123.

PEESE. To ooze out. *South.*

PEET. A pit. *Somerset.*

And bad with that goo make a *peet*,

Wherinne he hath his douzter set,

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 103.

PEEVISH. (1) Piercing cold. *North.*

(2) Foolish; trifling; silly. Ray gives it the meanings, witty, subtle.

PEE-WEE. To peak; to whine. *East.*

PEE-WIT. The lapwing. *Var. dial.*

PEFF. To cough faintly. *North.* In Lincolnshire, a short, dry, hacking cough is often called a peffing cough.

PEG. (1) To move briskly. *Var. dial.* To peg away, to do anything very quickly.

(2) To beat. To take down a peg or two, i. e. to humble a person.

(3) A diminutive of Margaret.

(4) A leg, or foot. (5) A tooth.

PEG-FICED. A West country game. The performers in this game are each furnished with a sharp-pointed stake. One of them then strikes it into the ground, and the others throwing theirs across it endeavour to dislodge it. When a stick falls, the owner has to run to a prescribed distance and back, while the rest, placing the stick upright, endeavour to beat it into the ground up to the very top.

PEGGY. A sort of slender poker, with a small portion of the end bent at right angles for the purpose of raking the fire together. Davy's MS. Suffolk Gl.

PEG-IN-THE-RING. At top, is to spin the top within a certain circle marked out, and in which the top is to exhaust itself, without once overstepping the bounds prescribed.

PEGNIS. Machines; erections. (*Lat.*)

PEGO. The penis. *Grose.*

PEGS. Small pieces of dough rolled up, and crammed down the throats of young ducks and geese.

PEG-TRANTUM. A wild romping girl. *East.* Gone to Peg Trantum's, i. e. dead.



PEIGH. To pant ; to breathe hardly.  
 PEINE. Penalty ; grief ; torment ; labour.  
 Also, to put to pain. (*A.-N.*)  
 PEIREN. To diminish, injure. (*A.-N.*)  
 PEISE. A weight. (*Fr.*)  
 PEITRELL. The breastplate ; the strap that crosses the breast of a horse. This word occurs in Chaucer, and in an old vocabulary in MS. Jes. Coll. Oxon. 28.  
 In the sacrifices of the goddesse Vacuna, an asse was feasted with bread, and crowned with flowers, hung with rich jewels and *peytrels*, because (as they saye) when Priapus would have ravished Vesta being asleepe, she was suddenly awaked by the braying of an asse, and so escaped that infamie : and the Lamp-sacconi in the disgrace of Priapus did offer him an asse. *Topssell's Beasts*, 1607, p. 23.  
 Hir *peytrelle* was of a rialle fyns,  
 Hir cropur was of arafe,  
 Hir bridulle was of golde fyns,  
 On every side hong bellis thre.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 116.*  
 PEIZE. To weigh down ; to oppress.  
 PEJON. A pigeon. *Lydyate*.  
 PEKE. To pry about. *Palsgrave*. Also, to peep, to jut or project out.  
 PEKISH. Ignorant ; silly.  
 PEKKE. Paek. *Reliq. Antiq. i. 84.*  
 PEL. A kind of post, at which a knight would exercise for jousting.  
 PELCH. Weak ; faint ; exhausted. *North*.  
 PELDER. To encumber. *Cumb.*  
 PELE. (1) A paling ; a rail.  
 Ryghte as he thoghte he dede eche dele,  
 He jode and clambe upp on a *pele*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 14.*  
 (2) To pillage ; to rob.  
 Namly pore men for to *pele*,  
 Or robbe or bete wouthoute skyle.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 16.*  
 PELER. A pillar.  
 To a *pelery* was bownden all the nyght,  
 Scorged and beryd tyl hyt was day lyght.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 40.*  
 PELETIR. The pellitory. *Palsgrave*.  
 PELF. Rubbish, refuse. *Warw.* Money is rubbish, and hence the term. "Pelfe, trash, *id est*, mony," Florio, p. 63. "Who steals my purse steals trash," Shakespeare. *Pelfish*, silly, trifling, Holinshed, Chron. Ireland, p. 80. Ill-gotten gains are called *pelfry*.  
 PELFIR. Spoil ; booty ; pillage.  
 PELK. To beat ; to thrash. *North*.  
 PELL. (1) A hole of water, generally very deep, beneath an abrupt waterfall. To pell, is to wash into pells or pools, as water does when it flows very violently. To pell away, is to wash away the ground by the force of water. *Sussex*.  
 (2) A heavy shower. *North*.  
 (3) To drive forth. "Sial ich forth pelle," Havelok, 810.  
 (4) Fur ; a skin of an animal. "Arayd with pellys aftyr the old gyse," Cov. Myst. p. 216. (*A.-N.*) It occurs in *Lydyate*.  
 (5) An earthen vessel. *Dorset*.  
 PELLER. A peg, or pin.

PELLERE. A loose outer covering of fur for the upper part of the body. Any fur garment was so called. *Petury*, rich fur, Hardyng, f. 72. Hall has *pellerie*.  
 And furred them with armyne,  
 Ther was never 3yt *pellere* half so fyne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 242.*  
 PELLER. A kind of oats. *Cornw.*  
 PELLETT. (1) Sheep's dung. *Palsgrave*.  
 (2) A shot, or bullet. See Holinshed, Chronicles of Ireland, p. 132.  
 PELLET-GUNS. "Two little caunons called *pellet-guns*, namely, one of iron and the other of brass, fitted with wood," MSS. in Winchester Archives, dated 1435.  
 PELL-WOOL. An inferior wool ; wool cut off after a sheep's death.  
 PELOTE. A pellet ; a small round piece of anything, not necessarily globular.  
 Of picche sche tok him a *pelote*,  
 The whiche he schulde into the throte  
 Of Minotaure caste ry3t.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 160.*  
 PELOWARE. A pillar. Vocab. MS.  
 PELRINE. A poor pilgrim. (*A.-N.*)  
 PELSE. (1) Rain ; sleet. *North*.  
 (2) Trash ; refuse ; vile stuff.  
 PELSEY. (1) Obstinate ; cross ; mischievous ; bad ; wicked ; evil. *North*.  
 (2) A stroke or blow. *Beals*.  
 PELT. (1) The skin, applied chiefly to the skin of a sheep, hence a "sheep's *pelt* ;" and a man stripped is in his pelt. *North*.  
 (2) Put. See *Sevyn Sages*, 751.  
 Thurch chaunce, and eke thurch gras,  
 In hir for sothe *pelt* y was.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 40.  
 (3) A miserly stingy fellow. "A pelt or pinch-becke," Huloet, 1552.  
 (4) In falconry, the dead body of a fowl killed by a hawk. See *Gent. Rec.*  
 (5) Rage ; passion. *Var. dial.* It occurs as a verb in Shakespeare.  
 (6) To yield ; to submit.  
 (7) A blow ; a stroke. *East*. It is a verb in the following passage :  
 Wherefore, seyl the belte,  
 With grete strokes I schalle hym *pelte*.  
 My mayster sehall full welle thene,  
 Both to clothe [and] fede his men.  
*MS. Ashmole 61.*  
 (8) A kind of game, similar to whist, played by three people.  
 PELTER. (1) Anything large. *Cumb.*  
 (2) To patter ; to beat. *North*.  
 PELTING. (1) Angry. See *Pelt* (5)  
 At which, Mistres Minerva beeing nettled, and taking the matter in dudgeon thus to be provoked, and withall reprehending the mayde very sharply for her sauncines, in a *pelting* chafe she brake all to peeces the wenches imagery worke, that was so curiously woven, and so full of varietie, with her shuttle. The mayde heereat beeing sore grieved, halfe in despayre not knowing what to doe, yielding to passion, would needs hang herselfe.  
*Topssell's Seapoints*, 1608, p. 259.  
 (2) Trifling ; paltry ; contemptible.

That Wednesday I a weary way did passe,  
Raine, wind, stones, dirt, and dabbling dewie grasse,  
With here and there a pelting scatter'd village,  
Which yielded me no charity or pillage.  
*Taylor's Workes*, l. 124.

PELT-ROT. A disease that kills sheep, arising from ill-feeding. *North*.

PELTRY. Skins. *Var. dial.*

PEN. (1) A place in which sheep are inclosed at a fair or market. *Var. dial.*

(2) To shut up, to confine. *Heref.*

(3) A spigot. *Somerset.*

(4) The root of a feather. The feather itself is also so called. *Pennes*, quills, Maundevice, p. 269.

(5) A sow's pudendum. *North.*

(6) A dam or pond-head to keep the water before a mill. In common use.

(7) A prison. A cant term.

(8) A barrel kept for making vinegar.

PENAKULL. (1) An isolated rock?  
He ys yn a castelle styffe and gode,  
Closyd with the salte flode,  
In a penakull of the see.  
*MS. Cantab.*, Ff. ii. 33, f. 104.

(2) A pinnacle.  
He ledd hym forth upon the playne,  
He was war of a penakulle pyghte.  
*MS. Cantab.*, Ff. ii. 33, f. 49.

PENANCE. Repentance. (*A.-N.*)

PENANCE-BOARD. The pillory.

PENANT. A person doing penance.

PEN-BAUK. A beggar's can.

PENCL. Thought. (*A.-N.*)

PENCILED. Painted.

PEND. (1) To distress, or to be in need. Also, a case of necessity. *East.*

(2) To depend. *I. of Wight.*

(3) A roof vaulted with masonry, but not joined.

(4) Pressure; strain; force. *Suff.* Also, to incline or lean.

PENDALL. The keystone of an arch.

PENDANT. A carpenter's level.

PENDANT-FEATHERS. The feathers at the joints of a hawk's knee. *Borners.*

PENDANTS. Hanging ornaments.

PENDBICE. A penthouse. *Strutt*, ii. 131.

PENDICLES. Lice. *MS. Devon.* Gl.

PENDID. Belonged. *Perceval*, 1936.

PENDUL. A pendulum. *North.*

PENDLE. Suddenly. *Heref.* "He came *pendle* over the hill upon him."

PENDLE-ROCK. The top stratum in the stone-quarry at Islip, co. Oxon, is called the *pendle-rock*. There is a mountain called Pendle Hill, and the word seems genuine, though it is singular how it could have found its way there. The word *pen* is said to be of Phœnician extraction, and signifies *head* or *eminence*. It was first introduced into Cornwall, where the Phœnicians had a colony who worked the tin mines. Hence we have many names in Cornwall which begin with *pen*.

PENDOLLY. A child's doll. *Line.*

PENDUGAM. The penguin. *Skelton*, ii. 344.

PENELLES. Strong wooden boards.

PENEST. Punished; pained.

PENFEATHERED. Shabby. *Line.* A horse, whose hair is rough, is so called.

PENIBLE. Industrious; painstaking.  
That wyl serve the to pay,  
*Peynable* al that he may  
*MS. Harl.*, 1701, f. 39.  
With many woundys ful terryble,  
And rebukys ful *penyble*.  
*MS. Cott. Vitell.*, C. xiii. f. 98.

PENITENCER. A priest who enjoins penance in extraordinary cases. (*A.-N.*)

PENMAN. A person who writes.

PENNER. A pen-case. "*Pennaere*, a pener," *Nominale MS.* inter nomina rerum pertinentium clerico. It is the translation of *calamar* in *Hollyband's Dictionarie*, 1593.

PENNET. An occasional pen used for sheep, or cows. *Somerset.* *Jennings* has *penain* in the same sense.

PENNE-VAIR. A kind of fur.

PENNILESS. To sit on the penniless bench, i. e. to be very poor. There was a public seat at Oxford so called. See *Brand*, i. 240.

PENNING-TIME. Bedtime. *Oxon.*

PENNITANCER. The priest who enjoins penances. "*Penytauncer*, *penitancier*," *Palsgrave*. It occurs in *Nominale MS.*

PENNOCK. A little bridge over a water-course. *Sussex.*

PENNY. *Penny wise pound foolish*, careful in small matters and extravagant in great ones. *Clean as a penny*, very clean, completely. *Head penny*, a penny formerly paid to a curate at a burial by poor people. *Penny hop*, a country club of dancers, where each person pays a penny to the fiddler on every night they meet to improve themselves in dancing. In London, a private ball of the lower gentry, admission one penny, is so called. *Penny-lattice-house*, a very low ale-house. *Penny-pots*, pimples on the face of a drunken person. *Penny-worth*, a small quantity, an equivalent. *A good penny-worth*, a cheap bargain.

PENNYD. Winged. *Palsgrave.*

PENNY-FATHER. A penurious person. "Hee (good old *penny-father*) was glad of his liquor, and beganne to drinke againe," *Pasquill's Jestes*, 1629. It occurs in *Palsgrave*.  
Ranck *peny-fathers* scud, with their halfe hammers  
Shadowing their calves, to save their silver dammes  
*Morgan's Phœnix Britannicus*, p. 33.  
Again, the great men, the rich misers and *penny fathers*, following the example of their princes and governours, they in like sort sent packing out of their doores the schoole-mistresse of all labour, diligence and vertue, and will not permit a wobble, the very pattered, index, and anathema of supernaturall wisdome, to remaine untouched.  
*Topsell's Bonista*, 1607, p. 262.

PENNY-MEASURE. A clay lying above the penny-stone, of which coarse earthenware is made.

PENNY-PRICK. "A game consisting of casting oblong pieces of iron at a mark." *Hunter's*

- Hallamsh. Gl. p. 71. Grose explains it, "throwing at halfpence placed on sticks which are called hobs."  
 Their idle houres, (I meane all houres beside  
 Their houres to eate, to drinke, drab, sleepe and ride)  
 They spend at shove-board, or at penny-pricke.  
*Scot's Philomythie*, 1616.
- PENNY-STONE. (1) A kind of coarse woollen cloth. "Transforme thy plush to pennystone and scarlet," *Citye Match*, 1639, p. 5. It was in common use for linings.  
 (2) The game of quoits, played with stones or horseshoes. *Kennett*.  
 (3) The best iron ore. *Salop*.
- PENNY-WAGTAIL. The water-wagtail. *East*.
- PENNYWEED. The plant rattle.
- PENNY-WHIP. Very small beer. *Lanc*.
- PENNY-WINKLE. The periwinkle. *Var. dial*.
- PENONCEAL. A banner. (*A.-N.*)  
 Endelonge the schippis borde to sehewe  
 Of penonceals a riche rewe.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 235.
- PENS. Pence. (*A.-S.*) *Pens-lac*, lack of pence, or money.
- PENSE. To be fretful. *East*. Hence *pensey*, fretful, complaining, dull.
- PENSELL. A small banner. *Palsgrave*.
- PENSIFIED. Pensive. *Chancer*.
- PENSIL. A large bilister. *Somerset*.
- PENSION. "That assembly or convention which in the two Temples is called a Parliament, in Lincoln's Inn a Council, is in Gray's Inn called a Pension," *Kennett*.
- PEN-STOCK. A floodgate erected to keep in or let out water from a millpond as occasion may require. *South*.
- PENSY. The pansy. *Palsgrave*.
- PENT. Pended, or appended.
- PENTACLE. The figure of three triangles, intersected and made of five lines, was so called, and was formerly worn as a preservative against demons. When it was delineated in the body of a man, it was supposed to touch and point out the five places wherein our Saviour was wounded. "Their lights and pentacles," Ben Jonson.
- PENTAUNCER. A penitent.
- PENTECOSTAL. An offering made at Whitsuntide by the churches and parishes in each diocese to the cathedral.
- PENTED. Belonged; pertained.
- PENT-HOUSE-NAB. A broad-brimmed hat.
- PENTICE. The part of a roof that projects over the outer wall of a house, and sometimes sufficiently wide to walk under; an open shed or projection over a door; a moveable canvass blind to keep the sun and rain from stores outside a door. It is the translation of *auceus* in Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593. "Pentes or paves, *estal, subtil*," *Palsgrave*. "Pentys over a stall, *aucent*," *ibid*.
- PENTICLE. A covering. *Fairfar*.
- PENCLE. The scrotum. (*Lat.*)
- PEOLOUR. A furred robe. (*A.-N.*)
- PEON. A barbed javelin.
- PEOREN. Equals; companions. (*A.-N.*)
- PEPILLES. The water purslain.
- PEPINE. A kernel. This word occurs in Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593.
- PEPINNERY. That part of an orchard where fruit-stones are set for growing.
- PEPLE. People. (*A.-N.*)
- PEPLISII. (1) To fill with people. *Palsgrave*.  
 (2) Vulgar. *Troilus and Creis*, iv. 1677.
- PEPPER. (1) To overreach. *Linc*.  
 (2) To rate, or scold. *Var. dial*.  
 (3) To beat; to thrash. *East*.  
 (4) To take pepper in the nose, i. e. to be angry, to take offence. To suspect, or mistrust, Florio, p. 11.  
 Myles, hearing him name the baker, took straight pepper in the nose, and, starting up, threw of his cardinals robes, standing in his dusty cassocke, swore I by cockesbread, the baker; and he that saies to the contrary, heere stand I, Myles, the bakers man, to have the proudest cardinall of you all by the eares. *Tarlton's Notes out of Puzgatorie*, 1570.  
 Pepper ys come to a marvelous pryce,  
 Som say, thys Lenton season;  
 And every body that ys wyse  
 May soone perceve the reson.  
 For every man takes pepper v' the nose  
 For the waggyng of a strawe, God knowse,  
 With every waveridge wynd that blowse.  
*Ederton's Lenton Stuffe*, 1570.
- (5) To rain quickly. *Var. dial*.
- PEPPERED. Infected with *lues venerea*.
- PEPPERERS. Grocers. *Stowe*.
- PEPPERGATE. There is a Cheshire proverb, "When the daughter is stolen, shut the pepper-gate." This is founded on the fact, that the mayor of Chester had his daughter stolen as she was playing at ball with other maidens in Pepper-street; the young man who carried her off came through the Pepper-gate, and the mayor wisely ordered the gate to be shut up; agreeable to the old saying, "When the steed is stolen shut the stable door."
- PEPPERIDGE. The barberry. *East*.
- PEPPERNEL. A hump, or swelling.
- PEPPERQUERN. A pepper-mill. *Palsgrave*.
- PEPPER-SQUATTER. A pair of snuffers.
- PEPPERY. Warm; passionate.
- PEPS. To throw at. *West*.
- PER. Liquid *pers* when it falls connected like a string. *Lanc*.
- PERADVENTURE. Without all peradventure, i. e. without all doubt.
- PERAGE. Rank. (*A.-N.*)
- PERAUNTER. Perchance. (*A.-N.*)  
 For in some houre, sothly this no fable,  
 Unto some man she graunteth his desyres,  
 That will not after in a thousande years  
*Peraventure*: o us co-descende  
 Unto hus will nor his lust him sende.  
*Lydgate's Troye*, 1555, sig. f. ii.  
 I dar the hete a foude or twoo,  
*Perauntur* with a conyue.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 51.
- PERCASE. Perchance. *Palsgrave*.
- PERCEIVANCE. Perception. *East*. It occurs in *Palsgrave's Acolastus*, 1510. *Perceivance*, Middleton, iii. 388.
- PERCEIVE. To understand. *Palsgrave*.

PERCEL. A parcel, or part. (*A.-N.*)  
 PERCELEY. Parsley. *Palsgrave*.  
 PERCEL-MELE. Piecemeal. (*A.-N.*)  
 PERCER. A rapier; a short sword. "Percer blade. *estoc*," *Palsgrave*.  
 PERCH. A measuring-rod.  
 PERCHE. (1) To pierce; to prick.  
 This ilke beste myt;e thay on na wyse *perche* with thaire speres, bot with mellis of yrene thay slew it. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 30.*  
 (2) To perish, or destroy.  
 And ȝif it the woman in drynkynge,  
 And she schal be dilyverd withoute *perchung*.  
*MS. Harl. 2, 69, f. 96.*  
 PERCHEMEAR. A parchment-maker.  
 PERCHER. A large wax candle, generally used for the altar. *MS. Sloane 1986.*  
 The Maister of the Roles dyd present her torches and *perchers* of wax, a good nombre.  
*State Papers, i. 533.*  
 PERCILE. Parsley. (*A.-N.*)  
 PERCLOSE. A conclusion.  
 But looke for smother matter in the midst, and most smooth in the *perclose* and wind-up of all.  
*Dent's Pathway, epist.*  
 PERCOCK. A kind of early apple.  
 PERCULLIS. A porteullis. *Hall*.  
 PERDE. *Par Dieu*, verily. (*A.-N.*)  
 Bitt were pete  
 Butt they shold be  
 Begelid, *perdi*!  
 Withowtyn grase.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 45.*  
 PERDICLE. The eagle-stone.  
 PERDU. A soldier sent on a forlorn hope; any person in a desperate state. (*Fr.*) It sometimes means, in ambush.  
 PERDURABLE. Everlasting.  
 But gain is not always *perdurable*, nor losse always continuall.  
*Hail, Henry VI. f. 53.*  
 PERDURE. To endure; to last.  
 PERDY. Same as *Perde*, q. v. It seems sometimes to mean, perchance.  
*Perdy*, seid the scheperde, now  
 Hit shalbe thouȝt if that I now.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 54.*  
 This is their practise, if *perdy* they cannot at the first time smelling, finl out the way which the deede doores tooke to escape. So at length get they that by art, cunning, and diligent indeavour, which by fortune and lucke they cannot otherwise overcome.  
*Topwell's Beasts, 1607, p. 166.*  
 PERE. (1) To appear. (*A.-N.*)  
 The xiiij. nyghte was come to ende, the goste muste *pere* ageyne. *MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 52.*  
 To a bisshop that heȝt Aubert  
 Saynt Myghell *peru* be nyȝt.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 79.*  
 2) A peer; an equal. (*A.-N.*)  
 That on was ffyftene wyntyr old,  
 That other thryttene, as men me told,  
 In the world was non her *pere*;  
 Also whyt so hlye flour,  
 Red as rose off here colour,  
 As bryȝt as blusme on bre.  
*Romance of Athelston.*  
 Then was ther a bachylere,  
 A prowde prynce withowtyn *pere*,  
 Syr James he hyȝt.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 76.*

(3) To strive to be equal.  
 In hevenc on the hyghest stage  
 He wolde have *pererd* with God of blys.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 15.*  
 PEREGALL. Equal. *Chaucer*.  
 Everyche other through great vyolence  
 By very force bare other unto grounde,  
 As full ofte it happeth and is founde,  
 Whan stronge doth mete with his *peregall*.  
*Lydgate's Troye, 1553, sig. P. v*  
 ȝit ther were any of power more than hee,  
 Or *peregalle* unto his deȝre.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 16.*  
 PEREGRINE. A kind of falcon.  
 Brave birds they were, whose quick-self-less-ning kin  
 Still won the girdlands from the *peregrin*.  
*Broune's Britannia's Pastorals, ii. 23.*  
 PERESINE. Gum.  
 PERFECT. Certain; sure. *Shak*.  
 PERFITE. Perfect; skilful.  
 Were thou as *perfite* in a bowe,  
 Thou shulde have moe dere I trowe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 56.*  
 PERFINT. Predetermined.  
 PERFORCE. To force or compel. *Palsgrave*.  
 As an adverb, of necessity. *Force perforce*, absolute necessity. *Patience perforce*, a phrase when some evil must be endured which cannot by any means be remedied.  
 PERFORMED. Complete. *Devon*. To perform up a sun. i. e. to make it up, occurs in several old writers.  
 PERFORMENTS. Performances.  
 PERFOURNE. To finish, complete, furnish.  
 PERGE. To go on. (*Lat.*)  
 PERIAPPOUS. Perhaps. *Lydgate*, p. 35.  
 PERIAGUA. A boat, or canoe. A term familiar to readers of *Robinson Crusoe*.  
 PERIAPT. A magical bandage.  
 PERICLES. Dangers. (*Lat.*)  
 PERIHERMENIALL. *Perihermeniall principles*, principles of interpretation. *Skelton*.  
 PERILLE. A pearl. "*Margarita, Anglice* a *perylle*." Noninale *MS. f. 8.*  
 PERILLOUSLI. Dangerously; rudely.  
 PERIOD. To put a stop to; to cease.  
 PERIS. Persia.  
 Inde and *Peris* and Arabia,  
 Babalone, Juda, and Sulie.  
*Cosmographie, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 14*  
 PERISH. (1) To destroy. *Shak*. *Wilbraham* has *perished*, starved with cold.  
 (2) To injure; to pain. *Essex*.  
 PERITE. Skilful. (*Lat.*)  
 No decree could demonstrate unto them anything sufficient to respect a more civill and *perite* hfe.  
*Kenelworth Parke, 1594, p. 10.*  
 PERIWINKE. A periwig. *Hall*.  
 PERJENETE. A young pear. (*A.-N.*)  
 Ac *persecoides* and *perjonettes*,  
 Plombes and cherries.  
*Piers Ploughman, Rauf. MS*  
 PERK. (1) A park. *Yorksh.*  
 H. w. k. is of noble ayere  
 On his *perke* gunne repayre.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 130.*  
 (2) To examine thoroughly. *North*.  
 (3) Proud; peart; elated. Still in use, *Craven*

Gl. ii. 38; Wilbraham, p. 107; Forby, ii. 249. To *perk one's self up*, to adorn. To *perk up again*, to recover from sickness.

(4) A perch. *Suffolk*. "Ovyr the perke to pryk," Skelton, i. 124. It also occurs in *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 294.

(5) A wooden frame against which sawn timber is set up to dry. *East*.

PERKERS. Young rooks. *North*.

PERKIN. Water cyder.

PERKY. Saucy; obstinate. *West*.

PERLATANE.

The haille also of this palace was sett fulle of ymagez of golde, and bitwix thame stode *perlatanes* of golde, in the branches of whilke ther were many maners of fewles. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 25.*

PERLESY. A pleurisy.

And smytt's hym als it were with a *perlesy*, that alle his lymes drys, that he may na gud do als he sulde. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 246.*

PERLID. Ornamented with pearls; studded with any ornaments.

And maoy a *perlid* garnement  
Embroudid was agen the day.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 54.

PERLIN. The piece of timber which runs along under the middle part of the spars or bearers of a roof, to give such bearers additional strength.

PERLOWES. Perilous. *Palsgrave*.

PERMAFAY. By my faith. (*A.-N.*)

PERMANSIE. Magic; necromancy.

PERN. (1) To prosper. *Somerset*.

(2) To pick and dress birds, particularly applied to dressing the heron.

PERNASO. Mount Parnassus.

PERNEL. The pimpernel, a flower that always shuts up its blossoms before rain.

But these tender *pernels* must have one gown for the day, another for the night.  
*Pilkington's Works*, p. 56.

PERPEND. To consider attentively.

You'll quickly know, if you do well *perpend*,  
And observe rightly what's the proper end.  
*Brome's Songs*, 1661, p. 182.

PERPENDICLE. The plumb line of a quadrant. This word occurs in an old treatise on mensuration, in *MS. Sloane 213*.

PERPENTINE. A porcupine. "Perpoynt, *hystrix*," Pr. Parv. The form *perpentine* occurs in Shakespeare, most incorrectly altered to *porcupine* by modern editors. It is the genuine old word.

PERPENT-STONE. A large stone reaching through a wall so as to appear on both sides of it. *Oxf. Gl. Arch.* p. 280. In the North of England, a thin wall, the stones of which are built on the edge, is called a *perpent*.

PERPETUANA. A kind of glossy cloth, generally called *everlasting*.

PERPLANTED. Planted secretly.

Requirynge them as his especiall truste and confidence was *perplanted* in the hope of their fidelité, that they would occurre and mete hym by the waye with all diligent preparaicon.  
*Hall, Richard III. f. 27.*

PERQUIRE. To search into. Clobery's *Divine Glimpses*, 1659, p. 73.

PERR. (1) Perry. (2) A pearl.

PERRE. A dish in old cookery, made chiefly of peas, onions, and spices.

PERRIER. A kind of short mortar, formerly much used for stone shot.

PERRIWINKLE. A periwig. *Stubbe*.

PERRONENDERE. A pardoner. *Hearne*.

PERRY-DANCERS. The aurora borealis. *East*.

PERRYE. (1) A squall.

It happened Harold his sonne to arrive at Pountiou against his will, by occasio of a sudden *perrye*, or contrarie wynde, that arose while he was on seaboorde. *Lambarde's Perambulation*, 1596, p. 357.

(2) A little cur dog. *North*.

(3) Precious stones; jewels. (*A.-N.*)

And alle was set with *perrye*,  
Ther was never no better in Crystyanté.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 242*

PERS. (1) Persia.

We woot bothe bi story and vers  
That the kyndam of Grace and *Pers*  
Were hede kyngus in forme tide.  
*Censor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 132.*

(2) Company.

Al we wite it thi defaut,  
So siggeth al our *pers*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 9.

(3) Sky, or blueish gray colour. There was a kind of cloth so called.

PERSAUNT. Piercing. (*A.-N.*)

That of the stremis every maner wyste  
Astonied was, they weren so bryte and shene,  
Aut to the ye for *persaunt* for to sene.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 23.

For thy *perseynt* charité.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 169.

PERSCRUTE. To search through. (*Lat.*) Used by Andrew Borde, *Brit. Bibl.* iv. 24.

PERSE. Equality. (*A.-N.*)

PERSEL. Parsley. *Pegge*.

PERSEVER. To persevere. *Shak.*

Whether a daw sit, or whether a daw fly,  
Whether a daw stand, or whether a daw lye,  
Whether a daw crepe, or whether a daw crye,  
In what case soever a daw *persever*,  
A daw is a daw, and a daw shall be ever.  
*Tarlton's Jestes*, 1611.

PERSIAN-WHEEL. An engine invented to raise a quantity of water sufficient for overflowing lands, that border in the banks of rivers, where the streams lie so low, as to be incapable of doing it.

PERSON. A mask, or actor. (*Lat.*)

PERSONABLE. Personally visible.

My saied lorde of Winchester saied unto the kyng that the kyng his father, so visited with sicknesse, was not *personable*. *Hall, Henry VI. f. 13.*

PERSONE. A man. Generally, a man of dignity, a parson or rector of a church.

PERSORE. A piercing-iron.

3e, 3e, seyð the *persore*,  
That at I sey it shall be sure;  
Whi chyd 3e iche one with other?  
Wote 3e wele I ame your brother!  
Therefore none contrary me,  
Fore as I sev so schall it be. *MS. Ashmole 61.*

**PERSPECTIVE.** A reflecting-glass.  
**PERSPICILL.** An optic-glass. It occurs in *Albamaazar*, 1634, sig. B. iv.  
**PERSTAND.** To understand. *Peele*.  
**PERSUADE.** Persuasion.  
**PERSUADERS.** Spurs. Also, pistols.  
**PERSWAY.** To mitigate. Ben Jonson, iv. 428.  
**PERT.** Beautifully delicate. It is the translation of *subtilis* in *Gesta Rom.* p. 142.  
 For hete her clothes down sche dede  
 Almost to her gerdyl stede,  
 Than lay sche uncovert;  
 Sche was as whyt as lylve yn May,  
 Or snow that swetheth yn wynterys day,  
 He seygh never non so *pert*.  
*Illustrations of Fairy Mythology*, p. 11.  
**PERTE.** (1) To part. Still in use.  
 Then Thomas a sorry man was he,  
 The terys ran out of his een gray;  
 Lufly lady, yett tell thou me  
 If we shalle *perte* for ever and ay.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 125.  
 (2) Of good appearance.  
 Ther was no man in the kynges laude  
 More *perte* then was he.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 244.  
**PERTELICHE.** Openly. (*A.-N.*)  
 Than syr Priamous the prynce in presens of lordes  
 Presez to his penowe, and *perte*ly it hentes.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 84.  
**PERTELOTE.** The name of a hen.  
**PERTENERE.** A partner.  
 Go I graunt us mekenesse in angurs here,  
 And grace to lede owre lyfe here soo,  
 That may aftur be *protenerere*  
 Of hevене, whan we hens schall goo.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. n. 33, f. 14.  
**PERTRYCHE.** A partridge.  
 Ryght as the *pertryche* is constreyned undir the  
 claues and nayles of the hauke, is as halfe deed for  
 drede. *Carot's Divers Fruytful Ghostly Maters*.  
**PETURBE.** To trouble. *Palsgrave*.  
**PERTY.** Part. *Lydgate*.  
 God that sittis in Trinité,  
 Gyffe thaim grace wel to the,  
 That lystyns me a wthyle;  
 Alle that lovs of melody,  
 Off hevon blisse God graunte than *perthy*,  
 Theyrr soules shelde for *peryle*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 47.  
**PERUR.** A kind of cup.  
**PERUSE.** To examine, or survey.  
 Monsieur Soubiez having *perused* the fleet, re-  
 turned to the king, and told him there was nothing  
 ready; and that the mariners and souldiers would  
 not yeld to goe the voyage till they were paid their  
 arrears. *MS. Harl.* 383.  
**PERVEY.** To provide. (*A.-N.*)  
**PERVYNKE.** The herb periwinkle. (*A.-S.*)  
**PERYE.** A pear-tree. (*A.-N.*)  
 But for hur lorde sche durste not done,  
 That sate benethe and played hym merye,  
 Before the towre undur a *perye*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 141.  
**PERYSSE.** Pears. (*A.-N.*)  
 Then was the tre ful of ripe *perysse*,  
 And began down to falle.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 114.  
**PESANE.** A gorget of mail or plate attached

to the helmet. "A pesane and a pannone,"  
*MS. Morte Arthure*, f. 89.  
**PESATE.** Is when a managed horse rises hand-  
 somely before and upon his haunches, and at  
 the same time bends his fore-legs up to his body.  
**PESE.** (1) Peace. Perceval 980, 981.  
 (2) To sooth; to appease.  
 Tylle y be sewre of youre hartys ese,  
 Nothing but hit may my grevys *pese*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. i. 6, f. 132.  
**PESEN.** Peas. This is the common early form  
 of the word, and occurs in Chaucer, *Légende*  
 of Good Women, 648. Holloway gives the  
 following complot, as seen lately on a board in  
 a pea-field in Berkshire—  
 Shut the gate after you, I'll tell you the reason,  
 Because the pigs shouldn't get into the *peason*.  
 Ben Jonson has made the same words rhyme  
 in his 133d epigram.  
 As for his sallets, better never was  
 Then acute sorrell, and sweet three-leav'd grasse,  
 And for a sawce he sellome is at charges,  
 For every erab-tree doth afford him vergis;  
 His banket sometimes is greene beanes and *peason*.  
 Nuts, peares, plumbes, apples, as they are in season.  
*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, i. 97.  
**PESIBLE.** Peaceable. (*A.-N.*)  
**PESIBLETE.** A calm. (*A.-N.*)  
**PESK.** A peach. Nominale *MS.*  
**PESON.** An instrument in the form of a staff,  
 with balls or crockets, used for weighing be-  
 fore scales were employed.  
**PESS.** A hassock. *Suffolk*.  
**PESSCOD-SCALDING.** A kind of merry-  
 making in summer evenings; the treat, green  
 field peas boiled in the shells. *Yorksh.*  
**PESSIPE.** A kind of cup.  
**PESTERED.** Crowded. *Peele*, ii. 235.  
**PESTERMENT.** Embarrassment. *North*.  
**PESTLE.** (1) A leg of an animal, generally of a  
 pig. A pestle of pork is still in common use.  
 "Pestels of venison," Warner's *Antiq. Culin.*  
 p. 98. "Pestell of flesshe, *jambon*," *Palsgrave*.  
 A pestle-pie is a large standing pie which con-  
 tains a whole gammon, and sometimes a couple  
 of fowls and a neat's tongue, a favorite dish  
 at country fairs, and at Christmas feasts.  
 (2) A constable's staff.  
**PESTLE-HEAD.** A blockhead.  
**PETE.** Pity. See *Cov. Myst*.  
 Long lay the kyng, there away wolde not her;  
 Dayly he propherid batayle: the emys durst not fyghte  
 Lacke of logynge and vitayle it was grett *pete*,  
 Causid the gentill prynce to remeve, siche was Goddes  
 myste!  
 Lowe, how the good Lorde his owne gentill knygte,  
 Because he shulde remembir hym in wele and in woo,  
 Thus in every thyng, Lorde, thy will be doo!  
*MS. Bibl. Reg.* 17 D. xv.  
**PETEOSE.** Merciful; compassionate.  
 Many men spekes of lamentacioun,  
 Off moders and of their gret desolatioun,  
 Which that thay did indure  
 When that their childer dy and passe,  
 But of his *petrose* tender moder, alasse!  
 I am verray sure,  
 The wo and payn passis alle othere.  
*MS. Bodl. e Mus.* 160.

- PETER. (1) An oath. Similar to Mary! See MS. Lincoln, ff. 140, 144, 146, and Weber's GL. It is very common.
- (2) To go through St. Peter's needle, i. e. to be subjected to severe discipline, applied to children. "To rob Peter to pay Paul," to take from one to give to another.
- (3) Cowslips. Arch. xxx. 411.
- (4) A portmanteau, or cloak bag.
- (5) A kind of wine, one of the richest and most delicate of the Malaga wines, generally termed *Peter-see-me*, a corruption of Pedro-Ximenes.
- I am mightie melancholy,  
And a quart of sacke will cure me;  
I am cholericke as any,  
Quart of claret will secure me;  
I am phlegmaticke as may be,  
*Peter-see-me* must inure me;  
I am sanguine for a ladie,  
And coole Rhenish shall conjure me.  
*Boathoat's Law of Drinking*, 1617, p. 80.
- (6) Some kind of cosmetic.
- Then her boxes of *petter*, and patches, and all her ornamental knacks and dresses she was wont every day to wast so much time about.
- Several Discourses and Characters*, 1609, p. 175.
- PETER-BOAT. A boat which is built sharp at each end, and can therefore be moved either way. *Suffolk*.
- PETER-GUNNER. A nickname for a gunner or sportsman. "Peter Gunner will kill all the birds that died last summer."
- PETERMAN. A fisherman. *East*.
- PETER'S-STAFF. *Tapsus barbatus*. *Gerard*.
- PETER-WAGGY. A harlequin toy.
- PETH. (1) A well, a pump. *West*.
- (2) A road up a steep hill. *North*.
- (3) A crumb of bread. *Heref.*
- PETHUR. To run; to ram; to do anything quickly or in a hurry. *North*.
- PETIT. Little. (*J.-N.*)
- PETITION. An adjuration. *East*.
- PETITORY. Petitory.
- PET-LIP. A hanging-lip. *North*.
- PETMAN. The smallest pig in a litter. *East*.
- PETREL. A breast-plate. *Kennett*.
- PETROLL. A kind of chalky clay, mentioned in Florio, ed. 1611, p. 327.
- PETRONEL. A kind of blunderbuss, or horse-pistol. *Sir Petronel Flash*, a boasting fellow, a braggadochio, Florio, p. 585.
- Give your scholler degrees, and your lawyer his fees,  
And some dice for *Sir Petronell Flash*.
- Give your courtier grace, and your knight a new case,  
And empty their purses of cash. *Bat. Bibl.* i. 167.
- PETTED. Indulged; spoilt. *Var. dial.*
- PETTICOAT-HOLE. A small piece of ground in the parish of Stockton-in-the-Forest, co. York. It is subject to an ancient custom of providing a petticoat yearly for a poor woman of Stockton, selected by the owner of the land. See Reports on Charities, viii. 720.
- PETTICOAT-PENSIONER. One kept by a woman for secret services or intrigues.
- PETTIES. Low or mean grammar scholars.
- PETTIGREW. A pedigree. "Petygrewe, *genealogie*," Palsgrave.
- PETTISIL. Passionate. *Var. dial.*
- PETTLE. (1) To trifle. (2) Pettish; cross; peevish. *North*.
- PETTOUNE. A spittoon.
- Tobacco by the fire was there caroused,  
With large *pettounes* in pisse perfum'de and soused.  
*Soot's Certaine Peeees*, *Sc.* 1616.
- PETTYCOAT. A waistcoat. *Kent*.
- PETTY-LASSERY. Petty larceny.
- PETTY-SESSIONS. A kind of court held in some places at which servants are hired, and the engagements registered. *Norf.*
- PETTY-SINGLES. The toes of a hawk.
- PETUYSLY. Piteously; compassionately.
- That schul be schewed ful *petuysly*  
At domysday at Cristis cumyng,  
Ther God and mon present schal be,  
And al the world on fuyte brennyng.  
*MS. Douce* 302, f. 1.
- PEUST. Snug; comfortable. *North*.
- PEVRATE. A kind of sauce, formerly eaten with venison, veal, &c.
- PEW. A cow's udder. *Glouc.*
- PEW-FELLOW. A companion; one who sits in the same pew.
- PEWKE. Puce colour. *Palsgrave*.
- PEWTNER. A pewterer. *West*.
- PEYL. (1) To weary. (2) To beat. *North*.
- PEYNE. A plain or common.
- Upon a *peyne* befounde in the cité,  
Where he was borne withoute more delay.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashm.* 39, f. 49.
- PHÆBE. The name of a dance mentioned in an old nursery rhyme. A correspondent gives me the following lines of a very old song, the only ones he can recollect:
- Cannot you dance the Phæbe?  
Don't you see what pains I take;  
Don't you see how my shoulders shake?  
Cannot you dance the Phæbe?
- PHANTASIED. Fancied.
- This wydow founde suche grace in the kynges eyes that he not only favoured her snyte, but muche more *phantasied* her person. *Hall, Edward IV.* f. 5.
- PHARISEES. Fairies. *Susser*.
- PHAROAM. Strong ale. "Old Pharaoh" is mentioned in the praise of Yorkshire Ale, 1697, p. 3.
- PHAROS. A watch-tower. (*Gr.*) See Dekker's Knight's Conjuring, repr. p. 30.
- PHASMATION. An apparition. (*Lat.*)
- PHEEERE. Companion. See *Fere* (I).
- PHEEZE. To beat; to chastise; to humble.
- West*. It occurs in Shakespeare and Ben Jonson. Forby has *pheesy*, fretful, irritable, which he supposes to be connected with this word. "To phease, i. e. to pay a person off for an injury," MS. Devon Gl.
- PHETHELE. A girdle, or belt. (*J.-S.*)
- Off oon as I koude understonde,  
That bare a *phethele* in his hand.  
*MS. Cott. Tibber.* A. vii. f. 77.
- PHILANDERING. Making love.
- PHILIP. The common hedge-sparrow, still so termed. It occurs in Middleton's Works, iii. 388.
- PHILIP-AND-CHENEY. A kind of staff, formerly much esteemed. See Narcus.

Alasse, what would our silken mercers be?  
 What could they doe, sweet hempseed, but for thee?  
 Rash, taffata, paropa, and novato,  
 Shagge, fillizetta, damaske, and mockado,  
 No velvets piles, two piles, pile and halfe pile,  
 No plush or grogrames could adorne this ile,  
 No cloth of silver, gold, or tissue here;  
*Philtre and Cheiny never would appeare.*

*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, iii. 64.

**PHILISTINES.** A cant term applied to bailiffs, sheriffs' officers, and drunkards.

**PHILOSOPHER'S-EGG.** The name of a medicine for the pestilence, described in MS. Sloane 1592, f. 151.

**PHILOSOPHER'S-GAME.** An intricate game, played with men of three different forms, round, triangular, and square, on a board resembling two chess-boards united. See Strutt, pp. 314, 315.

**PHIP.** (1) A sparrow. The noise made by a sparrow, Lilly, ed. 1632, sig. Bb. x.

(2) To snap the fingers.

**PHISNOMY.** Physiognomy. *Palsgrave.*

**PHITONESSE.** A witch. (*Lat. Med.*)

**PHIZ-GIG.** A wizened old woman dressed extravagantly, or as they say here an old yow (i. e. ewe) dressed lamb-fashion. *Linc.*

**PHRASE.** "I shall soon larn the phrases of the house;" that is, the habits of the family. *Cornuc.*

**PHUNKY.** Land completely saturated by rain is said to be phunky. *Warw.*

**PHY.** (1)

The wyche my speycall Lord hath be,  
 And I his love and cause wyll phy.

*Digby Mysteries*, p. 113.

(2) An exclamation of disgust.

**PIACLE.** A heavy crime. (*Lat.*)

**PIANOT.** A magpie. *North.*

**PICARO.** A rogue. (*Span.*) *Picaroon* is, perhaps, the more usual form.

**PICCADEL.** Is thus described by Blount, "the round hem or the several divisions set together about the skirt of a garment or other thing; also, a kind of stiff collar, made in fashion of a band. That famous ordinary near St. James's called *Pickadilly* took denomination from this, that one Higgins a taylor, who built it, got most of his estate by picadilles, which in the last age were much in fashion," *Glossographia*, ed. 1681, p. 495. Minshew describes it as "a peece fastened about the top of the collar of a doublet," ed. 1627, p. 546, and Cotgrave, "the severall divisions or peeces fastened together about the brimme of the collar of a doublet." In Middleton, v. 171, the term is apparently to the implement used by the tailor in the making of the *piccadell*. See Mr. Cunningham's notes to Rich's *Honestie of this Age*, p. 74. The piccadell was made so that it could be taken off at the pleasure of the wearer.

And in her fashion she is likewise thus,  
 In every thing she must be monstrous;  
 Her *picadell* above her crowne up heares,  
 Her fardingale is set above her eares.

*Drayton's Poems*, p. 235.

**PICCHIE.** (1) To pick. (*A.-S.*)

(2) A pike. Nominale MS. f. 6.

(3) A bee-hive. *North.*

**PICCHETTO.** A game at cards.

**PICHE.** Pitch. Nominale MS.

He was black as any *pyche* and lothely on to loke,  
 All for-faren wyth the fyre styng, and all of smoke,  
 Allas, gode fadur, seyde Wyllyam, be ye not  
 amendyd jyt?

To see yow come in thys degré, nere-hande y lese  
 my wytt. *MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33.*

**PICCHED.** Fastened; situated. *Gawayne.*

**PICHERE.** A breast-piece for a horse.

**PICK.** (1) A pitchfork. *North.*

(2) To play at pitch-and-toss. *Linc.*

(3) To go forth from a place. *To pick a matter*, to pick a quarrel with any one. *Pick a thank* to crouch for a favour. *Picks and hearts*, red spots on the body. *To turn a pick-pie*, to make a summerset.

(4) To fling or pitch; to throw. "I holde a grote I pycke as farre with an arrowe as you." *Palsgrave*. Compare *Coriolanus*, i. 1. In Lincolnshire, an animal that casts her young untimely is said to pick it.

(5) A spike; the sharp point fixed in the centre of a buekler. "The pickes of painfull woe." *Mirr. Mag.* p. 74.

(6) A fork.

(7) To worm out a secret. *West.*

(8) To glean corn. *West.*

(9) An emetic. *North.* We have *pyke* in the same sense in Nominale MS. "Pykyd, or purgyd from fylth, or other thyng grevons," *Pr. Parv.* MS. Harl. 221.

(10) A diamond at cards. *Grose* says it means a spade.

(11) Thin; delicate. *Linc.*

(12) A basket used for drawing coals up out of a pit. *Chesh.*

(13) To dress out finely.

(14) To pick up, i. e. to improve gradually in health. *Var. dial.*

**PICK-A-BACK.** To ride pick-a-back is to ride on the back and shoulders of another. *Var. dial.*

**PICKATREE.** The woodpecker. *North.*

**PICK-CHIEESE.** The titmouse. *East.*

**PICK-DARK.** Quite, or pitch-dark. *North.*

**PICKEARER.** One who robs. (*Span.*)

The club *pickearer*, the robust churchwarden,  
 Of Lincolne's Inn back corner, where he angles

For cloaks and hats, and the smale game entangles.

*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 190.

**PICKED.** Finically smart in dress.

**PICKEDEVANT.** A beard cut to a sharp point in the middle under the chin.

Boy, oh! disgrace to my person! Soundes, boy,

Of your face! You have many hoyes with such

*Pickadevaunts* I am sure. *Taming of a Shrew*, p. 184.

**PICKEER.** To rob, or pillage. (*Span.*) Properly, to skirmish before a battle begins.

Ye garrison wth some commons and the scotch horse *picquering* a while close by the walls on the east, drew off, after they had failed in snapping Col. Graye's small regiment of hors at Starwick, with much ado gott into the towne without losse.

*Tullie's Narrative of the Siege of Carlisle*, p. 6.



PICKING-HOLE. A hole in a barn to receive sheaves of corn. *North.*

PICKLE. (1) To pick. *Var. dial.*

(2) To soak wheat. *West.*

(3) A small quantity. *North.*

(4) A mess; a confusion. Harrison seems to use the word in a like sense in his Desc. of Britaine, p. 111. *To have a rod in pickle, to have one ready for correcting a boy with.*

(5) A mischievous boy. *Devon.*

(6) To glean a field. *East.*

(7) A hayfork. *Somerset.*

(8) To provide. *North.*

(9) To eat mincingly, or squeamishly.

PICKLE-HERRING. A merry-andrew.

PICKLING. (1) Providing. *North.*

(2) A sort of fine canvass used for sieves or covering safes. *Lincol.*

PICK-NIGHT. Dismal; murky. *North.*

PICK-POINT. A children's game.

PICK-PURSE. Common spurrey. *Norf.*

PICKRELL. A small or young pike, properly the fish between a jaek and a pike. It is the translation of *brocheton* in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.

PICKSOME. Hungry; peckish. *Susser.*

PICK-THANK. A flatterer. Still in use. The term was often applied to a talebearer.

*The pick-thank's bannish'd the Ansonian gate;  
The lifes of princes from their gifts take date.*

*Fletcher's Poems, p. 127.*

The *pickethawke*, a ship of great employment, that commonly sayles out of sight or hearing, her lading being for the most part, private complaints, whispering intelligences, and secret informations.

*Taylor's Works, 1630, i. 86.*

PICK-TOOTH. A toothpick. This once fashionable instrument is said by Nares to have been sometimes carried in the hat.

A curious parke pa'd round about with *pick-teeth*.

*Randolph's Amynus, ii. 6.*

PICK-UP. To vomit. *Yorksh.*

PICOISE. A kind of pick-axe. (*A.-N.*)

With *picouises*, mattoke, many a keyjt

Felde the walles to grounde rijt. *MS. Addit. 10036, f. 50.*

PICT-HATCH. A notorious haunt of prostitutes in Clerkenwell.

Borrow'd and brought from loose Venetians,

Becoms *Pickt-hatch* and Shoreditch courtizans.

*Du Bartas, p. 576.*

These be your *Picks-hatch* curtezan wits that merit (as one jeasts upon them) after their decease to be carted in Charles waine.

*Optick Glasse of Humors, 1629, p. 89.*

PICTREES. Ghosts. *North.*

PICTURE. Figure; a perfect pattern of a thing; e. g. "It's a *picter* of a horse," i. e. an excellent one; also used ironically, as "you are a pretty *picter*," i. e. a strange figure.

PIDDLE. (1) To pick straws or do any light work. *Glouc.*

(2) To go about pretending to work, but doing little or nothing, as after illness; a man is said to go *piddling* about, though as yet unable to do much. *Suffolk.*

(3) Miogere. *Var. dial.*

(4) To eat mincingly or daintily.

PIE. (1) A receptacle for rape-seed. *Yorksh.*

(2) When potatoes are taken up out of the ground wherein they have grown, they are put, for the purpose of preserving them, into a pit or grave, and covered over with earth; they are then said to be in *pie* and to be *pied*. *Lincol.*

(3) The Popish ordinal. See Blount, who was puzzled with the term.

(4) *To make a pie*, to combine in order to make money. *North.*

(5) A magpie. (*A.-N.*) Hence, a prating gossip, or telltale. *Wily pie*, a sly knave. "Howbeit in the English pale to this day they use to tearme a shie cousener a *wilie pie*," Stanilurst's Descr. of Ireland, p. 13.

Then Pandare, lyke a wyly *pye*,  
That cowlde the matter handell,  
Stept to the tabell by and by,  
And forthe he blew the candell.

*Ballad of Troilus, c. 156.*

I wylbe advysyd, he sayde,

The wynde ys wast that thow doyst blowe;

I have anoder that most be payde,

Therefore the *pye* hathe pecked yow.

*MS. Rawl. C. 256.*

(6) The sum total; the entire quantity. *Oril.* and *Reg.* p. 227. Also, a list or roll. A "pye" of the names of bailiffs, 1 Edward VI. is preserved among the miscellaneous documents at the Rolls House, i. 140.

(7) The beam or pole that is erected to support the gin for loading and unloading timber. It is also called the *pie-tree*.

PIECE. (1) A cask, or vessel of wine.

(2) A whore. "This lewde crack'd abominable *peice*," Strode's Floating Island, sig. E. i., meaning that she had the *lues cœnerea*.

(3) A little while. *North.*

(4) A field, or inclosure. *West.*

(5) *To fall in pieces*, parturio.

(6) The piece or double sovereign was worth twenty-two shillings.

(7) When potters sell their goods to the poor crate men the reckon them by the piece, i. e. quart or hollow ware, so that six pottle or three gallon bottles make a dozen or 12 pieces, and so more or less as of greater or less contents. The flat wares are also reckoned by pieces and dozens, but not (as the hollow) according to their contents, but their different breadths. *Staff.*

PIECE-OF-ENTIRE. A jolly fellow.

PIEFINCH. A chaffinch. *North.*

PIELES. Pills?

Likewise if a man be sicke of the collicke, and drink three *pieles* thereof in sweet wine, it procurth him much ease; being decocted with hony and eaten every day, the quantity of a bean in desperate cases, mendeth ruptures in the bowels.

*Topsell's Beasts, 1607, p. 57b.*

PIEPICKED. Piebald. *Devon.*

PIE-POUDRE-COURT. A summary court of justice formerly held at fairs.

PIERS. Handrails of a foot-bridge.

PIEUST. Comfortable. *Northumb.*

PIE-WIPE. The lapwing. *East.*

PIF. Pith. Nominale MS.  
 PIFLE. To steal, or pilfer. *North.* Also, to be squeamish or delicate.  
 PIG. (1) A woodlouse. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) Sixpence. A cant term.  
 (3) *To pig together*, to lie or sleep together two or more in a bed. *To buy a pig in a poke*, to purchase anything without seeing it. *Pig eyes*, very small eyes. *He can have boiled pig at home*, he is master of his own house. *Brandy is Latin for pig and goose*, an apology for drinking a dram after either. *To please the pigs*, (see *Pir.*) *To bring one's pigs to a fine market*, to be very unsuccessful. *He's like a pig, he'll do no good alive*, said of a selfish covetous man. *As happy as a pig in muck*, said of a contented person dirty in habit.  
 PIGACE. The meaning of the last line of the following passage may be best interpreted as a phrase implying superior excellence. I know not whether it has any connexion with the ordinary meaning of *pigace*, an ornament worn on the sleeve of a robe.  
 If thou gafest joyfullours of thi thinge,  
 For to be in thaire prayssynge,  
 Or thou made wry-thing in place,  
 That none ware haldyne to thi *pigace*.  
*R. de Brunne, MS. Bowers, p. 36.*  
 PIG-ALL. The whitethorn berry. *West.*  
 PIG-CHEER. All such edibles as are principally composed of pork; such as raised pork-pies, sausages, spareribs, &c. These are sent as presents to friends and neighbours about Christmas time, when it is usual in this county to kill pigs by wholesale. *Line.*  
 PIG-COTE. A pigsty. *West.*  
 PIG-EATER. A term of endearment.  
 PIGEON-HOLES. A game like our modern *bagatelle*, where there was a machine with arches for the balls to run through, resembling the cavities made for pigeons in a dove-house.  
 Three-pence I lost at nine-pins; but I got  
 Six tokens to vards that at *pigeon-holes*.  
*The Antipodes, 1638.*  
 Ox roasted whole, horse-racing, *pigin-holes*,  
 Great football matches, and a game at bowls.  
*Ballads on Frost Fair, 1684, p. 29.*  
 PIGEON-PAIR. Twins, when a boy and girl.  
 It is believed by some that pigeons and doves always sit on two eggs, which produce a male and female chick, which live and love together their lives through.  
 PIGEONS. Sharpers who, during the drawing of the lottery, wait ready mounted near Guild-hall, and as soon as the first two or three numbers are drawn, which they receive from a confederate on a card, ride with them full speed to some distant insurance office, before fixed on, where there is another of the gang, commonly a decent-looking woman, who takes care to be at the office before the hour of drawing; to her he secretly gives the number, which she insures for a considerable sum. *Grase.*  
 PIGEON'S-MILK. A scarce article, in search of which April fools are despatched.

PIGER. A pitcher. *Somerset.*  
 PIGGATORY. Great trouble. *Essex.*  
 PIGGINS. (1) Small wooden vessels made in the manner of half-barrels, and having one stave longer than the rest for a handle.  
 (2) The joists to which the flooring is fixed; but more properly the pieces on which the boards of the lower floor are fixed. *Deron.*  
 PIGGLE. To root up potatoes with the hand. *Northamptonsh.*  
 PIGGY-WHIDDEN. The little white pig, the smallest of the veers. One is generally smaller than the rest, weak and white; its whiteness denoting imbecility.  
 PIGHT. (1) Strength; pith.  
 (2) The shoulder *pight* in horses is well described in Topsell's *Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 399, and in *Dict. Rust.*  
 (3) Placed; pitched; fixed.  
 Sche had a lorde, a gentyll knyght,  
 That loved wele hys God, the sothe to say;  
 The lady was in sorowe *pight*;  
 Sche grevyd God, false was hur lay.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. n. 38. f. 46.*  
 The king being therof advertised, with great diligence brought his army to Blacke Heath, and there *pight* his tentes. *Hall, Henry VI. l. 81.*  
 At Covyntre that gentill prynce was trowblid mercelously,  
 Wyth the scourge of God thus betyn was hee:  
 Mete, dryncke, and logynge his pepull lackyd certaynly,  
 Yett he *pight* his felde in placis thre  
 To fyght with Warwicke and all his meny;  
 But he was affrayed, and his people also,  
 In every thyng, Lorde, thy wille be doo!  
*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D. xv.*  
 PIGITTLE. A small meadow; any small enclosed piece of land. *East.*  
 Also I will that my feoffees in those my said lands, tenements, rents, services, wards, marriages, rebefs, escheats, *pightys*, meadows, &c.  
*Test. Vetust. p. 372.*  
 PIG-HULL. A pigsty. *North.*  
 PIG-IRON. A flat piece of iron, which the cook interposes between the fire and meat roasting, when she wants to retard, or *put back* that operation. It is hung on the bars by a hook.  
 PIGLE. The herb shortwort.  
 PIG-LEAVES. The cotton thistle. *North.*  
 PIGLING. Trifling; insignificant.  
 PIGNOLL. The pine-apple. (*Fr.*)  
 PIGNUTS. Earth-nuts. *North.*  
 PIG-POKER. A pig-driver. *Var. dial.*  
 PIG-RUNNING. A piece of game frequently practised at fairs, wakes, &c. A large pig, whose tail is cut short, and both soaped and greased, being turned out, is hunted by the young men and boys, and becomes the property of him who can catch and hold him by the tail, above the height of his head.  
 PIG-SCONCE. A dull heavy fellow.  
 PIGS-CROW. A pigsty. *Deron.*  
 PIGS-LOOSE. A pigsty. *West.*  
 PIGS-LOUSE. A woodlouse. *Somerset.*  
 PIGSNIE. A term of endearment, generally to a young girl. See the *Tales of the Mad Men of Gotham*, p. 19.

And here you may see I have  
Even such an other,  
Squeaking, gibbering, of everle degree.  
The player foolles deare darling *pygniv*  
He calles himselife his brother,  
Come of the verie same familie.

*Tarlton's Horse loads of Fowles.*

PIGS-PARSNIP. Cow parsnip. *West.*

PIGS-SNOUT. A kind of caterpillar.

There is yet another catter-piller of yellow-blackish colour, called Porcellus, we may in English call it *pigges-snoute*, in respect of the fashion of the head, especially the greater sort of these, for the lesser have round white specks upon their sides, and these live and are altogether to be found amongst the leaves of the Marsh Trifolie, which they consume and devoure with an incredible celeritie.

*Topsell's Serpents*, 1608, p. 104.

PIGS-WHISPER. A very low whisper.

PIG-TAIL. The least candle, put in to make up weight. *Yorksh.*

PIG-TREE. A pigsty. *North.*

PIGWIGGEN. A dwarf. Drayton gives this name to one of his fairies.

What such a nazardly *pigwiggen*,

A little hand-strings, in a *biggin*

*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 197.

PIHER. A gipsej; a tramp. *Susse v.*

PIK. Pitch. *North.*

Y se men come to shryfte so thykke

Of some here soules as blak as *pykke*.

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 83.

PIKAR. A little thief. *Prompt. Parv.*

PIK-AXE. The ace of spades. *West.*

PIKE. (1) A hayfork, especially a pitching-fork. *Glouc.* In Salop, a pickaxe is so called.

(2) The top of a hill.

Not far from Warminster is Clay-hill, and Crip about a quarter of a mile there; they are *pykes* or *vulcanos*. *Aubrey's Wilts*, *Royal Soc. MS.* p. 71.

(3) To steal. (4) To peep. *Chaucer.*

(5) A large cock of hay. *North.*

(6) The crackowe or long-pointed shoe, which was introduced into England about 1384. See Vita Ricardi II. ed. Hearne, 1729, pp. 53, 126. "Pyke of a shoo," Pr. Parv.

(7) To pick. *Nominale MS.*

But ever, alas! I make my mone,  
To se my sonnys hed as hit is here;  
I *pyke* owt thornys be on and on,  
For now *higgus* ded my dere son dere.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 43, f. 72.

Y *pyke* owt thornys by oon and oon.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 47.

(8) To run away. *Grose.*

(9) A staff. See Isumbras, 497.

Both *pyke* and *palme*, alles pilgram hym scholte.

*Morte Arthure*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 90.

(10) To mark? (*A.-S.*)

And now y syng, and now y syke,  
And thus my contynauce y *pyke*.  
*Gower*, *MS. Cantab.* Ff. i. 6, f. 4  
With the upcaste on hire he siketh,  
And many a contynauce he *pyketh*.

*Gower*, *MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 43.

For alle men on hym can *pyke*,

For he rode no nodur lyke.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 242.

(11) A turnpike. *Var. dial.*

(12) To cleanse. See *Pick* (9).

PIKED. Pointed. Thynne, p. 19.

PIKE-HARNEYS. Plunderers. (*A.-N.*)

PIKEL. A pitchfork; a hayfork. *North.*

PIKELED. Fine and small. *Hearne.*

PIKELET. A kind of crumpet; a thin circular tea-cake. *Var. dial.*

PIKE-OFF. Be gone! *East.*

PIKE-PENNY. A miser. *Prompt. Parv.*

PIKER. (1) A tramp. *East Sussex.*

(2) A small vessel, or fishing boat.

PIKES. Short butts which fill up the irregularity caused by hedges not running parallel.

PIKE-WALL. A wall built in a manner diverging to a point at its summit. *West* "Pykewall, *murus pyramidalis*," Pr. Parv.

PIK-IRON. The pointed end of an anvil.

PIKY. A gipsej. *Kent.*

PIL. A heavy club. *North.*


PILCH. An outer garment, generally worn in cold weather, and made of skins of fur.

"*Pelicion*, a *pyliche*," *Nominale MS.* The term is still retained in connected senses in our dialects. "A piece of flannel or other woollen put under a child next the clout is in Kent called a pilch; a coarse shagged piece of rug laid over a saddle for ease of a rider is in our midland parts called a pilch," *MS. Lansd.* 1933. "Warme *pyliche* and warme shon," *MS. Digby* 86. In our old dramatists, the term is applied to a buff or leather jerkin, and Shakespeare has *pylcher* for the sheath of a sword.

Wha so may nochte do his dede, he salle to park,  
Barefote withotttne schone, and ga with lyarde.  
Take hym unto his *pyliche*, and to his pater noster,  
And pray for hym that may do, for he es bot a wastur.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 148.

Thy vesture that thou shalt use hen these, a warme *pyliche* for wynter, and ook hitel, and oo cote for somer.

*MS. Boll.* 423, f. 132.

PILCROW. The mark . "Pylcrafte yn a booke," *Prompt. Parv.* *MS. Harl.* 221.

PILE. (1) An arrow.

Thus he arrives unto these heroes sight,  
His vesture pierc'd with *pyles*, as oft in fight  
He did such glorious markes receive from foes.

*Howard's British Princes*, 1659, p. 11.

(2) Deeply involved. "In a *pile* of wrangle," i. e. deeply involved in the dispute.

(3) The side of a coin haviug no cross. See *Cross-and-Pile*.

(4) The head of an arrow.

(5) A small tower. *North.* See Harrison's *Deser. of Britaine*, p. 38.

(6) To break off the awns of barley with an iron. *Var. dial.*

(7) A blade of grass. *North.*

(8) A weight of anything.

(9) A kind of poker, with a large flat handle, used by bakers. A drawing of one is given in my copy of the *Nominale MS.* f. 21.

(10) To wet a coat. *Somerset.*

PILE-MOW. A wooden hammer used in fencing. *Lauc.*

PILF. Light grass and roots, raked together to be burnt. *Cornw.*

**PILGER.** A fish-spear. *East.* Most probably connected with *algere*, q. v.

**PILGRIM-SALVE.** An old ointment, made chiefly of swine's grease and isinglass.

**PILGERS.** Places on the downs interrupting their equable smooth surface, tufts of long grass, rushes, short furze, heath, &c. often matted together and often forming good cover for hares. *Cornw.*

**PILLIOL.** Wild thyme. It is mentioned in a receipt in MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 286.

**PILL.** (1) To steal; to spoil.

Thou sal nocht be tyrant til thaim, to *pylle* thaim, and spoyle thaim, als the wicked princez dus.

*MS. Coll. Eton.* 10, f. 5.

Item he assembled certain Lancashire and Cheshire men to the entent to make warre on the foresaid lordes, and suffered them to robbe and *pill* without correction or reprefe.

*Hall, Henry IV.* f. 7.

(2) To peel. Dent's Pathway to Heaven, p. 20.

(3) The kernel of a nut; the rind green shell of fruit. "The huske or *pill* of a greene nut which blacketh ones fingers and hands." Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593. "Pyll of hempe, *til*," Palsgrave.

(4) The refuse of a hawk's prey.

(5) A kind of pitcher. *South.*

(6) A small creek. *Heref.* "S. Caracs pill or creeke," Harrison, p. 61. The channels through which the drainings of the marshes enter the river are termed *pills*.

From S. Juste *pylle* or creeke to S. Manditus creeke, is a mile dim.

*Leland's Itinerary*, 1769, iii. 29.

(7) A rock. *Somerset.*

**PILLAW.** A sea dish, mentioned in the novel of Peregrine Pickle, cap. 9.

**PILL-COAL.** A kind of peat. *West.*

**PILLED.** Bald. "Pyllid as one that wanteth heare, *pellu*," Palsgrave. A bad head when the hair comes off was also so called.

The Sphinx or Sphinga is of the kinde of apes, having his body rough like apes, but his breast up to his necke, *pylde* and smooth without hayre: the face is very round yet sharp and piked, having the breasts of women, and their favor or visage much like them: In that part of their body which is bare without haire, there is a certaine red thing rising in a round circle like millet seed, which giveth great grace and comelnesse to their coulour, which in the middle parte is humaine.

*Topsell's Beasts*, 1607.

He behelde the body on grownde,

Hyt stanke as a *pyllid* bownde.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 30, f. 192.

**PILLER.** A robber. *Palsgrave.* One who committed depredations without indulging in a criminal act was also so called; a person who imposed, as an overcharging innkeeper.

**PILLERDS.** Barley. *Cornw.*

**PILLET.** A skin or hide. *Pr. Parc.*

**PILLEWORTHIS.** Pillows.

**PILLIARD.** A kind of cloak. (*A.-N.*)

**PILLICOCK.** The penis. It occurs very frequently in Florio, pp. 159, 382, 385, 409, 449, 454, &c. A man complaining of old age, in a poem of the beginning of the thirteenth century, says,—

Y ne mai no more of love done,

Mi *pyllcoc* pisseth on mi schone.

*Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 211.

The word also occurs in some lines in King Lear, iii. 4, which are still favorites in the nursery under a slightly varied form. See Collier's Shakespeare, vii. 427. It was likewise a term of endearment. "A prime-rocke, a *pyllicocke*, a darlin, a beloved lad," Florio, p. 382. See also *ibid.* p. 554; Cotgrave, in v. *Turelurrau*, *Vitault*.

**PILLION.** The head-dress of a priest or graduate. "Hic pillens est ornamentum capitis sacerdotis vel gradnati, Anglice a hure or a pyllion." MS. Bibl. Reg. 12 B. i. f. 12. In the MS. Morte Arthure, f. 89, a king is represented as wearing a "pillione hatt."

**PILLOWBERE.** A pillow-case. "vij. pyllowberys," inventory, MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 58. Also called a *pillow-slip* or *pillow-tie*.

**PILL-PATES.** Shaven heads; friars.

**PILM.** Dust. *Devon.* Grose has *pillum*.

Hence *pilmy*, dusty.

**PILMER.** Fine small rain. *Devon.*

**PILRAG.** A fallow field. *Sussex.*

**PILT.** Put; placed. (*A.-S.*)

Now am y of my lande *pylte*,

And that ys ryght that y so beo.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 30, f. 242.

And ho so curseth withoutyn *pylt*,

Hyt shal on hys hede be *pylt*.

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 9.

**PILWE.** A pillow. (*A.-S.*) "Pulvinar.

*pylwe*," MS. Lansd. 560, f. 45.

**PIME.** To peep about; to pry. *North.*

**PIMENT.** A favorite drink with our ancestors. The manner of making it is thus described in a MS. of the fifteenth century in Mr. Pettigrew's possession, "Take clowis, quibibus, maces, canel, galyngale, and make powdr therof, tempryng it with good wyne, and the thrid party hony, and clesne hem thorow a clene kloth; also thou mayest make it with good ale."

Ther was *piment* and clare,

To heighe lordinges and to meyne.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 116.

Hyt was y-do without lette,

The cloth was spred, the bord was sette,

They wente to hare sopere.

Me and drynk they hadde afyu,

*Pyment*, clare, and Reynysch wyn.

And elles greet wondyr hyt wer.

*Illustrations of Fairy Mythology*, p. 13.

And gaf him souke of the *pyment* soote.

*Lydgate*, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 9.

And yafe hym sauke of the *pyment* sote,

That spronge and grewe oute of the holy rote.

*Lydgate*, MS. Ashmole 30, f. 53.

Malmasyes, Tires, and Rumneys,  
With Caperikis, Campletes, and Osneys.  
Vernuge, Cute, and Raspays also,  
Whippet and Pyngmedo, that ben lawyers therto;  
And I will have also wyne de Ryne,  
With new maid Clarye, that is good and fyne,  
Muscadell, Terantyne, and Bastard,  
With Ypoctas and *Pyment* comyng afterwarde.

*MS. Ratcl. C. 82.*

- PIMENTARIE. Balm. *Gerard*.
- PIMGENET. A small red pimple. "Nine *pimgenets* make a pock royal." Old Saying.
- PIMPING. Little; pitiful. *West*.
- PIMPLE. The head. *Var. dial.*
- PIN. (1) A disease in hawks.
- (2) The hip. *Somerset*.
- (3) *On the pin, on the qui vive.* In a merry pin, i. e. a merry humor, half intoxicated.
- (4) A small peg of wood.  
Hit was so clene y-ta' e away withinne on ny3t,  
That there was never a *pyne* stondyng ther.  
*Chron. Valodun.* p. 117.  
*Lanc.*
- (5) To do a thing in haste.
- PIN-AND-WEB. A kind of excrescence in the ball of the eye.  
Untill some quack-salver or other can picke out that *pin and webbe* which is stucked into both his eyes.  
*A Knight's Conjuring,* 1607.  
For a *pin or web* in the eye. Take two or three lice out of ones head, and put them alive into the eye that is grieved, and so close it up, and most assuredly the lice will suck out the web in the eye, and will cure it, and come forth without any hurt.  
*The Countess of Kent's Choice Manual,* ed. 1676, p. 75.
- PINAUNTE. A penitent. (*A.-N.*)  
Thys maketh me to drowpe and dare,  
That y am lyke a *pore pynunte*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Fr. ii. 38, f. 21.
- PIN-BASKET. The youngest child of a family; often the weakest and smallest.
- PIN-BONE. The hip-bone. *West*.
- PIN-BOUK. A jar, or earthen vessel.
- PIN-CASE. A pincushion. *North*.
- PINCH. (1) To be niggardly. *Var. dial.*
- (2) To plait linen.  
Thus leud men that can sey,  
He is an honest prest in good faye,  
3if his goune be *pychit* gay.  
*MS. Douce* 302, f. 5.
- (3) The game of pitch-halfpenny, or pitch-and-hustle. *North*.
- (4) "I *pyneche* courtaysye as one doth that is nyce of condyscions, *je fays le nyce*," Palsgrave.
- PINCH-BECK. A miserly fellow. Huloet, 1552. *Pinchart*, Devon. Gloss. *Pinch-gut* is very common, and *pinch-penny* occurs in Hollyband's *Dictionarie*, 1593, as the translation of *chiche*.
- PINCHEM. A tom-tit. *Beds*.
- PINCHER. A niggard. Still in use.
- PINCHERWIG. An earwig. *South*.
- PIN-CLOTH. A pinafore. *Somerset*.
- PINCOD. A pincushion. *North*.
- PINCURTLE. A pinafore. *Devon*.
- PINCUSHION. The sweet scabious. *East*.
- PIND. (1) To imponnd an animal.  
Weddes to take and bestes to *pynd*,  
That was hym not comyn of kynd.  
*MS. Ashmole* 61, f. 3.
- (2) Tainted, mouldy, said of meat. A saw which has lost its pliancy from being over-bent is said to be *pynd*, or *pinny*. *West*.
- PINDER. The petty officer of a manor whose duty it was to imponnd all strange cattle straying upon the common. "*Incluser*, a *pynder*," *Nominales MS.*

- In Wakefield there lives a jolly *pynder*,  
In Wakefield all on a *grene*. *Robin Hood*, il. 16
- PINE. (1) Pain; grief. (*A.-S.*) Still in use, according to *MS. Lansd.* 1033.  
But some aftur come thythynges,  
Marrok mett hys lorde kyng,  
And faste he can hym *frayne*.  
Syr, he seyde, for Goddys *pyne*,  
Of a thyng that now ys yune  
Whareof be ye so fayne?  
*MS. Cantab.* Fr. ii. 38, f. 72.
- Thei goo aboute be viij. or nyne,  
And done the husbondes myculle *pyne*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Fr. v. 48, f. 48.
- Hwo haveth helle dure unloke,  
That thu art of *pyne* i-broke.  
*MS. Coll. Jes. Ozon.* 1. 29.
- (2) To torment; to torture. (*A.-S.*) In use in the provinces in the sense to starve with cold or hunger. *Pined*, reduced by hunger.
- (3) The end. *Somerset*.
- (4) Difficult; hard. *North*.
- (5) To inclose, or shut up.  
Moné men of hole cherche thai ben al to lewd,  
I lekyn ham to a bred is *pynd* in a cage;  
When he hath shertly hymselfe al be-scherwed,  
Theo he begynnys to daunce, to harpe, and to rage.  
*MS. Douce* 302, f. 3.
- PINER. A pioneer. (*Fr.*)
- PINFALLOW. Winter fallow. *North*.
- PINFOLDS. Pounds for cattle. Palsgrave has this word, "I pounde I put horse or beestes in the *pynfolde*." *Incluserium*, a *pynfold*. *Nominales MS.*
- PING. (1) To push. *West*.
- (2) A kind of sweet wine.
- PINGE. To prick. See *Ping* (1).  
He *pyngde* his stede with spores kene,  
And smot a strok that was sene.  
*Romance of Otuel*, p. 55.
- PINGLE. (1) A small inclosure, generally one long and narrow. *North*.
- (2) To eat with very little appetite. Sharp's *MS. Warw. Gl.* Nash uses the word.
- (3) To labour very hard, without a corresponding progress. *North*.
- PINGLER. Generally from *Pingle* (2), as in the following passage. It was also a term of contempt, applied to any small inferior person or animal.  
For this little beast is not afraide to leape into the hunters face, although it can doe no great harme, either with teeth or nailes. It is an argument that it is exceeding hot, because it is so bold and eager. In the uppermost chap, it hath long and sharp teeth, growing two by two. It hath large and wide cheekes, which they alwaies fill, both carrying in, and carrying out, they eate with both, whereupon a devouring fellow, such a one as Stasimus a servant to Plautus was, is called *Crycetus*, a hamster, because he filleth his mouth well, and y no *pyngler* at his meate.  
*Topsell's Beasts*, 1607, p. 536
- PINGMEDO. A kind of wine.
- PINGOT. A small croft. *Lanc.*
- PINGSWIG. A scarecrow. *Yorksh.*
- PIN-HEAD. Not worth a pin-head, i. e. of very little value indeed.
- PINIKIN. Delicate. *West*.

- PINING-STOOL.** A stool of punishment; a cucking-stool. (*A.-S.*)
- PINION.** The skirt of a gown.
- PINIONS.** Refuse wool. *Somerset.*
- PINIOUS.** Of a weak appetite. *North.*
- PINK.** (1) To dye a pink colour.  
(2) A kind of linnet. *Lincol.* In some counties, the chaffinch is so termed.  
(3) A stab. Also, to stab. *Grose.*  
(4) A minnow. Still in use.  
(5) A kind of small vessel. It occurs in the *Merry Wives of Windsor*, ii. 2. *Pinksterm*, a very narrow boat used on the Severn.  
(6) Small. *Pinky, pinky-winky*, very small, excessively small; also, peeping with small pink eyes. *North.*  
(7) To peep slyly. *North.* Hence *pinkier*, to half shut the eyes. *Pinking, winking*, Harrison's *England*, p. 170.  
(8) A game at cards, the same as Post and Pair. See MS. Egerton 923, f. 49; Collier's *Hist. Dram. Poet.* ii. 315.  
(9) A pinch. "Aye pynckes is your paye," *Chester Plays*, i. 126. *North.*  
(10) To deck; to adorn. *Somerset.*
- PINKER.** A robber, or ruffian; a cutter. "So many pinkers," Collier's *Old Ballads*, p. 6. It is left unexplained in Skelton, ii. 203. "*Eschiffeur*, a cutter or pinker," *Cotgrave.*
- PINK-EYED.** Small eyed. *Pinkany*, pink-eye, which is often a term of endearment, as in the *Two Angrie Women of Abington*, p. 68. *Pinckan-ey'd*, Soliman and Perseda, p. 274.
- PINKING.** Poorly; unwell. *Dorset.*
- PINKNEEDLE.** The herb shepherd's-bodkin.
- PINNACE.** A small vessel. Shakespeare apparently applies the term to a person of bad character, a panderer, or go-between, several instances of which use may be supplied, though not noticed by the commentators.  
Hold, sirrah, bear you these letters tightly;  
Sail like my *pinnace* to these golden shores,  
*Merry Wives of Windsor*, i. 3.  
For when all the gallants are gone out o' th' town,  
O then these five *pinnaces* lack their due lading.  
*Songs of the London Prentices*, p. 66.
- PINNE.** To bolt a door. (*A.-S.*)
- PINNER.** A narrow piece of cloth which went round a woman's gown at the top near the neck. "Pinner, the upper parts of a lady's head-dress when lappets were in fashion," MS. *Devon Glossary.*
- PINNING.** The low masonry which supports a frame of stud-work. Ground pinning or under-pinning is the masonry which supports the wooden frame-work of a building, and keeps it above the ground.
- PINNOCK.** (1) The hedge-sparrow. "A pinnock or hedge sparrow which bringeth up the cuckoes birds instead of her owne," *Withals' Dictionarie*, ed. 1608, p. 22.  
Thus in the *pinnick's* nest the cuckoo lays,  
Then, easy as a Frenchman, takes her flight.  
*Peter Pinck*, i. 416.  
(2) To bring pinnock to pannock, to bring some-

- thing to nothing, to destroy. "Brynge some-thing to nothyng, as the vulgare speache is, to brynge pynnock to pannock," Huloet, 1552.
- (3) A brick or wooden tunnel placed under a road to carry off the water. *Sussex.*
- PINNOCKS.** Fine clothes. *Salop.*
- PINNOLD.** A small bridge. *Sussex.*
- PINNOXADE.** A confection made chiefly of almonds and pines, and hence the name. See the *Forme of Cury*, p. 31.
- PINNOTE-TREE.** The round-leaved vine. (*A.-N.*) *Pynote*, MS. *Bibl. Reg.* 12 B. i.
- PIN-OF-THE-THROAT.** The uvula.
- PIN-PANNIERLY-FELLOW.** A covetous fellow. "A pin-pennible fellow, a covetous miser that pins up his baskets or panniers, or that thinks the loss of a pin to be a pain and trouble to him," Kennett, MS.
- PIN-PATCHES.** Periwinkles. *East.*
- PIN-PILLOW.** A pincushion. *Palsgrave.* *Cotgrave* has, "*Expinglier*, a *pin-pillow* or cushion to sticke pinnes on."
- PINS.** Legs. *Var. dial.*
- PINSONS.** (1) A pair of pincers. *Palsgrave.* Still in use in the Western counties.  
And this Pliny affirmeth to be proper to this insect, to have a sting in the tayle and to have armes; for by armes hee meaneth the two crosse forkes or tonges which come from it one both sides, in the toppes whereof are litle thinges like *pynsons*, to detain and hold fast, that which it apprehendeth, whiles it woundeth with the sting in the tayle.  
*Topsell's Historie of Serpents*, 1608, p. 224.  
(2) Thin-soled shoes. "*Calceolus*, pinsons," *Nominalis MS.* Compare MS. *Arundel* 249, f. 88. "Pynson sho, *caffignon*," *Palsgrave.* The copy of *Palsgrave* belonging to the Cambridge public library has "or socke" written by a contemporary hand. "*Soccatus*, that weareth stertups or pinsons," *Elyot*, ed. 1551. See *Ord. and Reg.* p. 124.
- PINSWEAL.** A boil. *Dorset.*
- PINT.** To drink a pint of ale.
- PINTLE.** Mentula. There is a receipt "for bolnyng of *pyntelys*" in MS. *Sloane* 2584, p. 50.  
For sore *pyntules* Take lyncschede, and stan p smale, and than temper it with swete mylke, and than sethe theme together, and than therof make a plaster, and ley to, and anyoite it with the joste of morell til he be whole. *MS. Med. Rec.* xv. Cent.
- PINTLEDY-PANTLEDY.** Pit-a-pat. *Lincol.*
- PIN-WING.** The pinion of a fowl.
- PINY.** The piony. *Var. dial.*  
Using such cunning as they did dispose  
The ruddy *pinny* with the lighter rose.  
*Brown's Britannia's Pastorals*, ii. 82.
- PIOL.** A kind of lace. The method of making it is described in a very curious tract on laces of the fifteenth century, MS. *Harl.* 2320, f. 59.
- PIONES.** The seeds of the piony, which were formerly used as a spice. (*A.-N.*)
- PIOT.** A magpie. *North.*
- PIOTTY.** Variously coloured. *Yorksh.*
- PIP.** (1) A single blossom. *Warw.* Also, a small seed, any diminutive object.  
(2) The lues venerea. *South.*  
(3) Anger; offence. *Ecemoor.*

PIPE. (1) A beer cask. *North*. Pipe-staves, staves for a cask, Florio, p. 159.

(2) A charge of powder, or shot, which was formerly measured in the bowl of a pipe.

(3) A small ravine or dingle breaking out from a larger one. *Chesh.*

(4) A large round cell in a beehive used by the queen bee. *West.*

(5) To cry. A cant term. From *pipe*, the throat, or voice; the windpipe. *Piping*, wheezing. Exmoor Dial. p. 7.

PIPE-DRINK. Sparkling weak ale, in great estimation by pipe-smokers. *West.*

PIPER. An innkeeper. *Devon.*

PIPERE. The lilac tree. Urry, p. 415, l. 178. The boxtre, *pipere*, holye for whippes to lasche.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 25.*

PIPE-STOPPEL. A tobacco-stopper. *North.*

PIPIN. The windpipe. Nominale MS.

PIPING. (1) The noise made by bees preparatory to swarming. *North.*

(2) The cry of young birds. Hence, metaphorically, said of anything innocent or harmless.

PIPING-HOT. Very hot. *Palsgrave.*

*Piping hot, smoking hot!*

What have I got?

You have not;

Hot grey pease, hot! hot! hot! *London Cries*, p. 12.

PIPION. A young crane. "Cranes whyche be yonge called pipions," Huloet, 1552.

PIPLE. To pipe. *Skelton.*

PIPLIN. A poplar tree. *Somerset*. Called a *pipple* in some counties.

PIPPERIDGE. The barberry tree. *East.*

PIPPIN. A pipkin. *Line.*

PIRAMIS. A pyramid. *Drayton.*

PIRE. A pear tree. (*A.-N.*)

Of good *piri* com gode perus,

Werse tre wers fruyt berus.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 1.*

PIRIE. A storm of wind. *Palsgrave.*

For sodainly there rose a straunge storme and a quicke *pirie*, so mischevous and so pernicuous, that nothinge more execrable, or more to be abhoired, could happen in any Christian region.

*Hall, Henry VI. f. 55.*

PIRL. To spin as a top; to wind wire of gold or silver. *West*. Pirling-wheel, a spinning-wheel in a clock.

PIRLE. A brook, or stream.

A broket or *pirle* of water renning out of an hille nere the toun and cumming thorough a peace of the toun withyn the walle.

*Leland's Itinerary, 1709, iii. 132.*

PIRLED. Flat. *Devon.*

PIRLY. Small and round. *Northumb.*

PIRN. A piece of wood turned to wind thread on. A stick with a loop of cord for twisting on the nose of refractory horses. *North*. "Pyne or webstars lome, *mestier à tisser*," *Palsgrave*, 1530.

PIRNED. Dried up; pined. *Cumb.*

PIROPES. A stone of a red colour.

PIRTLE. To slaver at the mouth.

Now I *partle*, I *poft*, I *poute*,

I *saurpe*, I *snobbe*, I *snepe* on *snonte*.

*Reliq. Antq. ii. 211.*

PIRTY. Pretty. *Var. dial.*

PISCINE. A shallow stone basin generally placed in a niche in old churches and furnished with an outlet for the water in which the priest washed his hands, &c.

PISHITY. A call used to a dog.

PISNET. A pump or slipper. *Holme.*

PISPER. To make mischief. *Devon.*

PISSABED. The dandelion.

PISSANNAT. The common ant. *Salop.*

PISSING-CANDLE. The least candle in a pound, put in to make up weight.

PISSING-CONDUIT. The name of a small conduit situated near the Royal Exchange, and said to have been so termed from its running a small stream.

PISSING-WHILE. "But a pyssynge whyle, *tant quon auroyt pissé, or ce pendent*," *Palsgrave*. The phrase occurs in Shakespeare.

PISSMOTE. Ants, or pismires. *West.*

PIST. Hist! An exclamation.

PISTEL. A wild disorderly fellow.

PISTELL. An epistle. (*Lat.*) *Pisteller*, one who reads or sings the epistle. *Palsgrave*, however, has, "pysteller that syngeth the masse." It occurs in Nominale MS.

PISTER. To whisper. *Exmoor.*

PISTOL. A swaggering fellow. Perhaps from *pistolfo*, explained by Florio, "a roguing begger, a cantler, an upright man that liveth by cosenage." Hence Shakespeare's character of that name.

PISTOLET. Meant both a Spanish pistole, and a small pistol.

One would move love by rythmes; but witchcrafts charms,

Bring not now their old fears, nor their old harms.

Rams and slings now are silly battery,

*Pistolets* are the best artillery. *Donne's Poems*, p. 122

PISTURE.

My fires have driven, thine have drawn it hence;

And I am rob'd of *pasture*, heart, and sense.

Dwells with me still mine irksome memory,

Which both to keep and lose grieves equally.

*Donne's Poems*, p. 195.

PIT. (1) A spot, or mark. (2) To match.

PITAILLE. Foot-soldiers. (*A.-N.*)

PITANCE. A mess of victuals. (*A.-N.*) *Pitancer*, one who gave out provisions.

PITCH. (1) A skin of fur.

(2) Weight or momentum. *Var. dial.* It occurs in Holinshed, *Conq. Ireland*, p. 60.

(3) The height to which a hawk soars before stooping on its prey.

(4) The quantity taken up at one time on a hay-fork. *West*. Also, to load hay or straw.

(5) To sit down. *Var. dial.*

(6) An iron crow-bar with a thick square point for making holes in the ground. Hence to pitch, to make holes in the ground for hurdles, &c.

(7) *Pitch and pay*, throw down your money at once, pay ready money.

(8) To pave roughly. *South.*

(9) *Pitch in*, to set to work; to beat or thrash a person.

(10) The point of the shoulder.

This is when the shoulder point or *pitch* of the shoulder is displaced, which grief is called of the Itali *inspallato*, and it cometh by reason of some great fall forward rush or straiou. The signes be these. That shoulder point wil sticke out further then his fellow, and the horse will halt right downe.

*Topwell's Four-Footed Beasts, 1607.*

(11) To fall away, or decline, as to lose flesh in sickness. *Somerset.* A liquid is said to *pitch* when it stands, and a sediment takes place at the bottom of the vessel.

PITCH-AND-HUSTLE. Chuck-farthing. The game of *pitch-and-toss* is very common, being merely the throwing up of halfpence, the result depending on a guess of heads or tails.

PITCHATS. Broken glass, china, &c.

PITCHED-AWAY. Emaciated. *Devon.*

PITCHED-MARKET. One in which corn is brought and sold by the sack, not by the sample.

PITCHER. (1) A pollard willow. *West.*

(2) The man who lifts or pitches the reaped corn or hay up on to the waggon. His work is of course called *pitchen*, his implement a *pitchfork*. Those who unload the waggons on to the stack, or goof, are called *impitchers*.

(3) A fierce mastiff. *Yorksh.*

PITCHING. Precipitation. It is used in its chemical sense. *West.*

PITCHING-AXE. A large axe used chiefly in felling timber. *Salop.*

PITCHING-NET. A large triangular net attached to two poles, and used with a boat chiefly for the purpose of catching salmon.

PITCHING-PENCE. Pence formerly paid in fairs and markets for every bag of corn. Brand, ii. 271.

PITCHING-PRONG. A pitchfork. *South.*

PITCHING-STONES. Round stones used instead of paving. *I. of Wight.*

PITCH-POLE. To make a thing pitch-pole is to make it fetch double what you gave for it. *Oxon.*

PITCH-UP. To stop. *I. of Wight.*

PIT-COUNTER. A game played by boys, who roll counters in a small hole. The exact description I have not the means of giving.

PIT-FALL. A peculiar kind of trap set in the ground for catching small hirds.

PITH. (1) A crumb of bread. *Devon.*

(2) Force; strength; might. (*A.-S.*) Still in use, according to Moor. "Pyththy, of great substance, *substancieux*; pyththy, stronge, *puissant*," Palsgrave.

Thay called Percevelle the wight,  
The kyog doubbed hym to knyghte;  
Thofe he couthe littille in sighte,

The childe was of pith. *Perceval, 1640.*

PITHER. To dig lightly; to throw earth up very gently. *Kent.*

PITHEST. Pitiful. *Devon.*

PIT-HOLE. A grave. *Var. dial.*

PITISANQUINT. Pretty well. *Somerset.*

PITMAN'S-PINK. The single pink. *Newc.*

PITOUS. Merciful; compassionate; exciting compassion. *Chaucer.*

PIT-SAW. A large saw used in pits for cutting a tree into planks. *Var. dial.*

PIT-STEAD. A place where there has been a pit. *Chesh.*

PITTER. (1) To grieve. (2) To squeak. *East.* The second meaning is an archaism.

PITTER-PATER. To go pit-a-pat; to beat incessantly; to palpitate. *North.*

PITTIER. To fidget about. *West.*

PITY. "It were pity on my life," it would indeed be a pity.

For if I should as lion come in strife

Toio this place, 'twere pity on my life.

*A Mids. Night's Dream, v. 1.*

And should I not pay your civility

To th' utmost of my poor ability,

Who art great Jove's sister and wife,

It were e'en pity of my life.

*Cotton's Poetical Works, 1734, p. 7.*

PITYFULL. Compassionate. *Palsgrave.*

PIX. (1) To glean orchards. *West.*

(2) The box or shrine in which the consecrated wafers were kept. Hence is said to be derived the phrase *please the pigs*.

(3) A name given to the custom of the goldsmiths of London making a trial of the public coin by weighing it before the privy council. See a long paper by Mr. Black in the Journal of the British Archæological Association, i. 128, and Blount's Gloss.

PIXLIQUID. A kind of oil.

PIXY. A fairy. The term is not obsolete, and like *fairy*, is common in composition. *Pixy-puff*, a broad species of fungus. *Pixy-rings*, the fairy circles. *Pixy-seats*, the entangled knots in horses' manes. *Pixy-stool*, the toadstool. "Pyxie-led, to be in a maze, to be bewilder'd, as if led out of the way by hobgoblin, or puck, or one of the fairies; the cure is to turn one of your garments the inside outward, which gives a person time to recollect himself: the way to prevent it, some say, is for a woman to turn her cap inside outward, that the pyxies may have no power over her, and for a man to do the same with some of his clothes," MS. Devon Gl.

Thee *pixie-led* in Popish piety,

Who mak'st thyself the triple crowns base drudge.

*Clobery's Divine Glimpses, 1639, p. 73.*

PIZE. (1) Fretful; peevish. *West.*

(2) A kind of oath. "What the pize ails them," Whiter's Specimen, 1794, p. 19.

PLÏT. Placed; reared.

He led hym forth upon that pleyne,

He was war of a pynapulle piÏt;

Sechan had he never seyne,

Of clothes of gold burnysshed briÏt.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48. f. 69.*

PLACARD. (1) A man's stomacher, which was frequently adorned with jewels; a kind of breast-plate.

Some had the helme, the visere, the two baviers and the two *plackardes* of the same curiously graven and conningly costed.

*Hall, Henry IV. f. 12.*



(2) A printed sheet, folded so as to form a little quarto book.

PLACE. (1) A house, or residence. (2) A barton. (3) A jakes. *Var. dial.*

(4) The pitch of a hawk or other bird of prey. See Macbeth, ii. 4.

PLACEAN. Places. *Leic.*

PLACEBO. To sing placebo, i. e. to endeavour to curry favour.

PLACIDIOUS. Gentle; placid.

There was never any thing more strange in the nature of dogs, then that which hapned at Rhodes besieged by the Turke, for the dogges did there descerne betwixt Christians and Turkes; for toward the Turkes they were most eager, furious, and unappeasable, but towards Christians, although unknowne, most easie, peaceable, and placidious.

*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 158.

PLACINACION. Satisfaction; atonement. This word occurs in a curious macaronic poem, of which there are copies in MSS. Harl. 536 and 941, and a fragment in MS. Harl. 218, f. 32. (*Lat. Med.*)

PLACING. Going out to service. *North.*

PLACK. (1) A piece of money. *Cuml.*

(2) A portion or piece of anything, a piece of ground, a portion of labour. &c. *West.*

PLACKET. A woman's pocket. Still used in this sense, according to Forby, ii. 255. It was metaphorically applied to the female pudendum; and the penis was termed the *placket-racket*. This word has been so much misunderstood that I am compelled to be somewhat plain in defining it. Grose has *placket-hole*, a pocket-hole. Nares, Dyce, and other writers, tell us a *placket* generally signifies a petticoat, but their quotations do not bear out this opinion. According to Moor, the term is in some places applied to a shift.

Deliro playing at a game of racket,  
Far put his hand into Florida's *placket*;  
Keep hold, said shee, nor any further go,  
Said he, just so, the *placket* well will do.

*Select Collection of Epigrams*, 1665.

PLAD. Played. *Somerset.*

PLADDE. Pleaded.

Aod loog for hit forsothe he *pladde*.

*Chron. Fildun*, p. 108.

PLAGES. The divisions of the globe.

PLAGGIS. Cowslips. Arch. xxx. 411.

PLAGUY. Very. *Var. dial.*

PLAIFAIER. A playfellow.

In so muche that for imprisonment of one of his wanton mates and unthrifite *playfaiers* he strake the chiefe justice with his fiste on the face.

*Hall's Union, Henry V. f. 1.*

He left the conseyle of these oide wyse meny,  
and dele after the counsel of chyldrin that weryn his  
*playferyn*.

*Wimbelton's Sermon*, 1338, MS. Hatton, 57, p. 11.

PLAIN. (1) Middling. *Dorset.* "How's your wife to day?" "Oh, very *plain*, thankee, sir."

(2) To complain. *North.*

(3) An open space surrounded by houses nearly answering to the Italian Piazza. In the city of Norwich there are several: as St. Mary's *Plain*, the Theatre *Plain*, &c.

(4) A field. *Palsgrave.*

(5) Simple; clear. Also, clearly.

Lorde, the unkyndnes was shewid to kyng Edward  
that day,

At his londyng in Holdyrnes he had grett payne;

His subjectes and people wolde not hym obey;

Off hym and his people thay had grett disdayn;

There schewed hym unkyndnes and answerid hym

*playne*,

As for kyng he shulde not londe there for wele ne

woo;

Yett londid that gentill prynce, the will of God was

soo!

*MS. Bibl. Reg.* 17 D. xv.

(6) Play; sport. *Weber.*

(7) A kind of flannel.

PLAIN-DEALING. A game at cards.

PLAIN-SONG. Simple melody.

Our life is a *plain-song* with cunning pen'd,

Whose highest pitch in lowest base doth end.

*The Return from Parnassus*, p. 277.

PLAINT. A complaint.

How miserable's he who in his mind

A minty against himself must find!

Justly this Spirit doth our *plaints* provoke,

So insupportable that makes our yolk;

That presseth our assent above the skie,

Though we are made of earth, we cannot flie.

*MS. Poems*, xvii. Cent.

From the zeale of old Harry lock'd up with a whore,

From waiting with *plaints* at the Parliament dore,

From the death of a King without why or wherefore.

*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 134.

PLAISE-MOUTHED. Small mouthed, like a plaice; and hence metaphorically used for primness or affectation.

PLAIT. A kind of small ship. Blount calls it "a hoy or water vessel."

PLANCH. To plash hedges. *Staff.*

PLANCHER. Boarded. *Dorset.* It is also

an archaism. *Planchen*, boards. *Devon.*

"Plancher made of bordes, *planché*," Palsgrave.

Forby has *plancher*, a boarded floor; and

Palmer gives *planches*, the planks of a flooring.

The goodwife, that before had provided for after-claps, had found out a privie place between two seelings of a *plancher*, and there she thrust Lionello, and her husband came sweting. What news, quoth shee, drives you home againe so soone, husband? Marrye, sweet wife, quoth he, a fearfull dreame that I had this night, which came to my remembrance.

*Tarlton's Newes out of Purgatorie*, p. 100.

PLANCHER. A plate. *Norff.*

PLANE. The shaft of a crossbow.

PLANET. Climate. *North.*

PLANETS. Rain falls in *planets*, when it falls partially and with violence. *North.* Forby has the phrase *by planets*, capriciously, irregularly, changeably.

PLANET-STRUCK. Paralytic. *Line.* This phrase appears to have been formerly in use for any sudden and violent attack not known by a familiar appellation. "A blasting or planetstreeking," Florio, p. 44. According to Markhaui, horses are said to be planet-struck when there is a deprivation of feeling or motion, not stirring any of the members, but that they remain in the same form as when the beast was first struck. It comes to a horse sometimes by cholera and phlegm superabundantly mixed together; sometimes

- from melancholy blood, being a cold and dry humour, which annoys the hinder part of the brain; sometimes of extraordinary heat or cold, or raw digestion striking into the veins suddenly; or lastly, from extreme hunger, occasioned by long fasting.
- PLANISII.** To cover anything, as a table, room, &c. with all sorts of articles untidily placed; as, when children have been playing together and a room is heaped up with their playthings. (Qu. from Plenish for Replenish?) *Linc.*
- PLANT.** (1) An aim. *Middl.*  
(2) A club, or cudgel. *Var. dial.*  
(3) The foot. See Jonson, vii. 194. *To water one's plants*, to shed tears.
- PLANTING.** A plantation. *East.*
- PLASAD.** In a fine condition. *Exmoor.*
- PLASE.** A palace. *Spenser.*  
Ho vs more worthy withyn my plase?  
Mystryst the never, man, for thy myslede.  
*Pieces of Ancient Poetry*, p. 43.
- PLASH.** (1) To lower and narrow a broad-spread hedge by partially cutting off the branches, and entwining them with those left upright. A rod cut half through, and bent down, is termed a plash.  
(2) A pool of water; a large puddle. "*Lacuna*, a playche of water." *Nominale MS.*  
Betwix a *plash* and a flode appone a flate-lawnde.  
*Morte Artoure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 83.  
Roares, rages, foames, against a mountaine dashes,  
And in recorde makes meadows standing *plashes*.  
*Bowen's Britannia's Pastoral*, p. 53.  
If thu drynke the halfe, thu shalt fynde it no se ff:  
Of terrible deathe thu wylt stacker in the *plashes*.  
*Bale's Kyngs Johan*, p. 78.  
At length, comming to a broad *plash* of water and mud, which could not be avoyded, I fetcht a rise, yet fell in over the ankles at the further end.  
*Kemp's Nine Daies Wonder*, 1600.
- PLASHY.** "Plashy waies, wet under foot; to plash in the dirt, all plash'd, made wet and dirty; to plash a traveller, to dash or strike up the dirt upon him," *MS. Lansd.* 1033. "A wet or a plashie ground," *Nomenclator*, 1585, p. 382.
- PLAT.** (1) Plaited straw, of which bonnets are made. *Linc.*  
(2) The mould-board of a plough. *Norf.*  
(3) "I platte with claye, *iardille*," *Palsgrave*. "He plateth his butter upon his breed w<sup>ch</sup>. his thombe as it were a lytell claye," *ibid.*  
(4) Place; situation. *North.*  
(5) A small bridge. *Chesh.*  
(6) A round of cow-dung. *North.*  
(7) The flat of a sword. (*A.-N.*)  
(8) Anything flat or horizontal, as a piece of timber so laid in building, &c.  
(9) A map, or plan.
- PLAT-BLIND.** Entirely blind.
- PLATE.** (1) Illegal silver money, but often applied to money generally. (*Span.*)  
(2) To clinch; to rivet. *North.*  
(3) A flat piece of metal, a term used in ancient armory; an iron glove. "Plate of a fyrr herth" is mentioned in the *Pr. Parv.* and explained by Ducange, in v. *Retrofociliun.*

- "illud quod tegit ignem in nocte, vel quod retro ponitur."
- PLAT-FOOTED.** Splay-footed. *Devon.*
- PLAT-FORM.** A ground-plan, or design; the list of divisions in a play, &c.
- PLATLY.** Plainly; perfectly.  
For she here crafte *platly* and here konnyng  
Spente upon him only in wirkyng.  
*MS. Digby* 230.  
And resoun also *platly* can y none,  
How a mayde with childe schulde gone,  
And floure forth in hire virginite.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 5.  
Whereof *platly* I am nothyng in doute.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashm.* 39, f. 55
- PLATNESS.** Flatness. *Palsgrave*
- PLATNORE.** A species of clay. *South.*
- PLATTE.** To throw down flat. (*A.-N.*)
- PLATTER-FACE.** A very broad face.
- PLATTINDE.** Journeying forth.  
Of hem ne wolde nevere on dwelle,  
That he ne come some *plattinde*,  
Hwo hors ne havede, com gangande.  
*Havelok*, 2262.
- PLATTY.** Uneven, having bare spots, as corn-fields sometimes have. *Sussex.*
- PLAUSIVE.** Plausible. *Shak.*  
The Earl again is chosen, his title is sent him,  
and he, in requital, sends many flattering and *plausive*  
letters, and, that they might be the more acceptable,  
being sent unto scholars, wrote to them in Latin.  
It is intolerable the flattery that he used.  
*MS. Harl.* 4883.
- PLAW.** To parboil. *East.* "And *plawe* is togedyr wel and fyne." *Arch.* xxx. 352.  
*Playing-hot*, boiling hot. "Bollynge owere as pottys plawyn," *Pr. Parv.* p. 43.
- PLAY.** (1) Sport; pleasure. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) A country wake. *Somerset.*
- PLAY-DAY.** A holiday. *Var. dial.*
- PLAY-FERE.** A playfellow. *Palsgrave.*  
He sayd, How I hase thou here  
Fondene now thi *playfere*?  
Je schalle haby it fulle dere  
Er that I hethene go! *Perceval*, 1902.
- PLAY-IN.** To begin at once. *South.*
- PLAY-LOME.** A weapon. (*A.-S.*)  
Gore che me my *playlome*,  
And I salle go to hym sone;  
Hym were hetter hafe bene at Rome,  
So ever mote I dryfe!  
*Perceval*, 2013.
- PLAYNESS.** The plain fact.
- PLAY-PEEP.** To offer the least opposition.
- PLAY-SHARP.** Be quick. *Var. dial.*
- PLAYTOUR.** A pleader. (*A.-N.*)  
Thyr was a man that hyghte Valentyne,  
*Playtour* he was and ryche man fyne.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 58.
- PLAY-UP.** To commence playing upon a musical instrument. *Var. dial.*
- PLAZEN.** Places. *Somerset.*
- PLEACH.** To intertwine. This term is still current in the word *plash*, q. v.
- PLEAN.** A tell-tale, or gossip. *North.*
- PLEASANT.** Merry. *Var. dial.* "Plesante, propre, *galliarde*," *Palsgrave.*
- PLEASAUNCE.** Pleasure; delight. (*A.-N.*)

- PLEASAUNTES.** A kind of lawn or gauze. It is mentioned in *MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 141.*  
 Over their garmentes were rochettes of *pleasauntes*, rouled with crymosyne velvet, and set with letters of gold like carettes, their heades rouled in *pleasauntes* and typpers lyke the Egipcians.  
*Hall Henry VIII. f. 7.*  
 On every side of her stooede a countesse holding a clothe of *pleasaunce* when she list to drinke.  
*Hardyng, Suppl. f. 78.*
- PLEASE.** To satisfy. *North.*
- PLEASURE.** To please. Still in use.
- PLEASURE-LADY.** A whore. See the *Bride*, by Thomas Nabbes, 4to. 1640, sig. E.
- PLEASURES.** Ornaments for dress.
- PLEBE.** The populace.  
 Which, borne out as well by the wisdome of the poet, as supported by the worth of the actors, wrought such impression in the hearts of the *plebe*, that in short space they excelled in civility and government.  
*Heywood's Apology for Actors, 1612.*
- PLECK.** (1) A place. *North.*  
 (2) A plat of ground; a small inclosure; a field.  
*Warw.*
- PLECKS.** A term in haymaking, applied to the square beds of dried grass. *Chesh.*
- PLECTRE.** A quill. (*Lat.*)
- PLEDGE.** To become a surety for another; to redeem one. *Palsgrave.*
- PLEDGET.** A small plug; a piece of lint, by which the nostrils are plugged when excessive bleeding takes place. *Linc.*
- PLEE.** Pleading; discord?  
 Plente maketh pride,  
 Fride maketh *plee*.  
*MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 30.*
- PLEEK.** A parcel, or small packet.
- PLEENPIE.** A talebearer. *North.*
- PLEIGHTTE.** Plucked. *Weber.*
- PLEIGNEN.** To complain. *Gower.*  
 Luke it be done and delte to my dere pople,  
 That none *pleyne* of their parte o peyne of your lyfez.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 66.*
- PLEIR.** A player. *Nominale MS.*
- PLEK.** A place, or plot. (*A.-S.*)  
 Thenne loke where a smothe *plek* of grene is, and theder bere al this upon the skyn with as muche blood as may be saved, and there lay it, and sprede the skyn therupon the heer syde upward.  
*MS. Bodl. 546.*
- PLENE.** To fill. (*A.-N.*)  
 Thai grooe and *plene* thaire stomake,  
 For thaim bus nede ille fare.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 84.*
- PLENER.** Completely; fully. (*A.-N.*)  
 He lokede yn hys alner,  
 That fond hym spendyng alle *plener*,  
 Whan that he hadde nede,  
 And ther nas noon, for soth to say,  
 And Gyfre was y-ryde away  
 Up Blauncharde hys stede.  
*Illustrations of Fairy Mythology, p. 25.*
- PLENERLICHE.** Fully. (*A.-N.*)  
 Not only upon ten ne twelve,  
 But *plenerliche* upon us alle.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 34.*
- PLENNY.** To complain fretfully. *East.*
- PLENTETHE.** Plenty.  
 Honour in Marche sygnifyes that some *plente* grett wyndes, *plente*the off cornes, and grette stryff amanges the peple.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 50.*
- PLENTEVOUSNESS.** Plentifulness.  
 Now, God, that art ful of al *plenteuousnesse*,  
 Of al vertuys, grace, and charyté.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 137.*
- PLENY-TIDES.** Full tides. *Greene.*
- PLES.** Palace. Thornton Rom. p. 194.
- PLESERY.** A flower garden. *Linc.*
- PLESINGES.** Pleasures. *Chaucer.*
- PLETE.** To plead. (*A.-N.*)  
 Thou schalt be an apersey, my sone, in mylys ij. or thre,  
 Y wolde thou had some fayre syens to amende wyth thy degree;  
 I wolde thou were a man of lawe, to holde togedur my londe,  
 Thou schalt be *pletyd* with, when y am gon, fulle wele y undurstonde. *MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 53, f. 51.*  
 Who shall than *plete* for the erly or late,  
 For all thy synys thou stondist dissolate.  
*MS. Laud. 416, f. 41.*
- PLETHAN.** To braid; to plait. *Cornw.*
- PLETTE.** To strike. (*A.-S.*)  
 He bounden him so fele sore,  
 That he gan crien Godes ore,  
 That he sholde of his hende *plette*.  
*Havelok, 2444.*
- PLEVINE.** Warranty; assnrance. (*A.-N.*)
- PLEW.** A plough. *North.*
- PLEX.** A shield. (*Lat. Med.*)
- PLEYT.** Playeth. (*A.-N.*)  
 Fortunes whele so felly wyth me *pleyt*,  
 Of my desire that I may se ryghte noghte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 13.*
- PLEYTES.** The threads or plats of a cord.  
 This corde is costome, that is of thre *pleytes*, that is of ydul thout, unoste speche and wykyd dede.  
*Wimbelton's Sermon, 1338, MS. Hutton 57, p. 23.*
- PLIERS.** A kind of tongs used by smokers for taking up a lighted wood coal. *Glouc.*
- PLIF.** A plough. *Yorksh.*
- PLIGHTE.** (1) To engage; to promise. (*A.-S.*)  
 His staffe was a yong oake,  
 He would give a great stroke.  
 Bevis wondrod, I you *plight*,  
 And asked him what he hight;  
 My name, sayd he, is Ascapart,  
 Sir Grassy sent me hetherward.  
*Beves of Hampton, n. d.*  
 The shype ax seyde unto the wryght,  
 Mete and dryoke I schall the *plyght*,  
 Cleue hose and cleue schone,  
 Gete them wer as ever thou kane.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 23.*
- (2) A measure or piece of lawn. See Blount, in v. *Plite*. Spenser uses it for a fold or pleat.
- (3) To twist, or braid. *Greene, ii. 227.*  
 The auncient horsse-men of the Romaines had no brest-plates, (as Polibus affirmeth,) and therefore they were naked in their fore parts, providing for the daunger that was behind them, and defending their breasts by their owne celerity: their shieldes were made of ox-skinnes *plighted* and pasted together, being a litle round in compasse like the fashion of a man's belly.  
*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts, 607, p. 218.*
- (4) Pulled; plucked. (*A.-S.*)

- (5) In plyght, i. e. on a promise to fight again in the morning.

Thus they justyd tyllt hyt was nyght,  
Then they departyd in *plyght*,  
They had nede to reeste;  
Sone on the morne when hyt was day,  
The knyghtes gysed them fulle gay,  
And proved them fulle preste.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 76.*

- PLIM. (1) Pliable. *Heref.*

(2) To fill; to swell. *Var. dial.* As an adjective, stout and fat.

(3) Perpendicular. *Warw.* A plummet is sometimes called a plim. *Plom* occurs in Towneley Mysteries, p. 33.

(4) To pounce down on prey.

PLISII. To excoriate. *North.*

PLITH. Harm. (*A.-S.*)

He [hath] mi load with mikel onrth,  
With michel wrong, with mikel *plith*,  
For I ne misdede him nevere nouth,  
And havede me to sorwe brouth. *Havelok*, 1370.  
The kynge upon this wrongful *plit*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 80.*

PLIYT. Same as *Plighte* (1). *I pliyt*, I promise you, a kind of expletive.

Then he tolde hym alle the case

Off passilodion what it was,

And berafrynde, *I pliyt*. *MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 54.*

PLOAT. To pull feathers; to tear off the garments. *Northumb.*

PLOCK. (1) A small field. *Heref.*

(2) A block for chopping wood on. *West.*

PLODGE. To walk in mud or water; to plunge. *Northumb.*

PLOG. To clog, or hinder. *Sussex.*

PLOGHE. Sport; pleasure.

He askede tham mete for charyté,

And thay bade hym swynke, and swa do we,

Hafe we none other *ploghe*. *Isumbras*, 397.

PLOKE. To pluck, or pull.

Whan ichave thin hed of-take,

Be the berd y schel him schake,

That him schel smerte sore;

So y schel him therbi *ploke*,

That al is teth schel roke,

That sitteth in is heved. *Romance of Rembrun*, p. 474.

PLOLL-CAT. A whore.

PLOMAILE. Plumage; feathers. (*A.-N.*)

PLOME. A plummet. *Palsgrave.*

PLOOD. Ploughed. *Northumb.*

PLOOKY. Pimpled. *North.*

PLOSHETT. A swampy meadow. *Devon.*

PLOT. A patch. (*A.-N.*)

PLOTE. To scald a pig. *North.*

PLOUCHS. Pimples. Kennett, MS.

PLOUGH. (1) Used for oxen kept to draw the plough, not for horses. (2) A wheel carriage drawn by oxen and horses.

PLOUGH-HALE. The handle of a plough.

PLOUGHING. The depth of a furrow.

PLOUGH-IRON. A ploughshare. *Var. dial.*

PLOUGHJAGS. Labourers begging on the first Monday after Twelfth-day, generally called Plough Monday. *Line.*

PLOUGH-JOgger. A ploughman. *Norf.*

On a Sunday, Tarlton rode to Hford, where his father kept; and, dning with them at his sisters,

there came in divers of the countrey to see him, amongst whom was one plaine countrey *plough-jogger*, who said hee was of Tarlton's kin, and so called him cousin. *Tarlton's Jest.* 1611.

PLOUGH-LAND. As much land as one plough will till in a year. *Pr. Parr.*

PLOUGH-MONDAY. "The Monday next after Twelfth-day, on which day, in the North of England, the plowmen themselves draw a plough from door to door, and beg plow-money to drink, which, having obtained, they plow two furrows across in the base court, or other place near the houses. In other parts of England, if any of the plowmen, after their days work on that day, come to the kitchen-hatch with his goad or whip, and cry *Cock in the pot* before the maids say *Cock on the dunghill*, then they gain a cock for Shrove-Tuesday," Blount's *Glossographia*, ed. 1681, p. 501. Tusser thus alludes to this singular custom,—

Plough Munday, next after that Twelf-tide is past,  
Bids out with the plough, the worst husband  
is last:

If plowman get hatchet, or whip to the skrecne,  
Maids loseth their cocke, if no water be seen.

PLOUGH-PADDLE. A small plate or paddle used for cleansing the plough. *Var. dial.*

PLOUGH-SOCK. A ploughshare. *North.*

PLOUGH-START. A plough handle. *Palsgrave.*

PLOUGH-STOTS. The procession of the plough-stots still continues in Yorkshire on the second Monday in the year, when a plough is drawn along without the share, preceded by a number of rustics decorated with ribands, and blowing a cow's horn.

PLOUNCE. To flounce about; to plunge in with a loud noise. *Var. dial.*

PLOUT. (1) A plant. *Somerset.*

(2) A long walking-stick carried by foot-hunters. *North.*

PLOUTER. To wade through anything; to be busied in dirty work. *North.* Grose has *plowding*, wading, p. 120.

PLOVER. A whore. An old cant term.

PLOW. A ploughed field. *Suffolk.*

PLOWDEN. "The case is altered, quoth Plowden," a very favourite old proverbial phrase. Plowden was an eminent lawyer in Queen Mary's time, who being asked what legal remedy there was against some hogs that trespassed on the complainant's ground, he answered, he might have very good remedy; but the other telling him they were his hogs, "Nay, then, the case is altered," quoth Plowden.

There *Plowden* in his laced ruff starch'd on edg  
Peeps like an adder through a quickset hedg,  
And brings his stale demur to stop the course  
Of her proceedings with her yolk of horse;  
Then fals to handling of the case, and so  
Shews her the posture of her over-throw,  
But yet for all his law and double fees  
Shee'le bring him to joy'n issue on his knees,  
And make him pay for expedition too;  
Thus the gray fox acts his green sins anew.

*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 192.

PLOWEFERE. Companion in play. (*A.-S.*)  
 PLOWKKY. Covered with pimples.

For hyme that is smetyne with his awenne blode,  
 and spredis over alle his lymmes, and waxes *plowckku*,  
 and brekes owte. *MS. Lincoln Med.*, f. 294.

PLOW-LODE. "*Caracuta*, plow lode," Nomi-  
 nale MS. It seems to be the same as  
*Plough-land*, q. v.

PLOWMELL. A small wooden hammer occa-  
 sionally fixed to the plough, still used in the  
 North; in the Midland counties in its stead is  
 used a plough-hatchet.

PLOWRING. Weeping. *Prompt. Parv.*

PLOWSHO. A ploughshare. *Kennett.*

PLOY. A merry-meeting. *North.*

PLOYE. A plough. Nominale MS.

PLUCK. (1) Courage. *Var. dial.* "To pluck  
 up one's heart," to be bold, to rejoice. Against  
 the pluck, i. e. against the inclination.

(2) To pluck a crow or goose with any one, i. e.  
 to quarrel with him.

(3) To pluck a rose, i. e. to go to the jakes, said  
 of women. *Middleton*, iv. 222.

(4) A dry pluck, i. e. a severe stroke.

This same is kind cuckolds luck :  
 These fellows have given me a drie *pluck*,  
 Now I have never a crose to blesse me.

*Marriage of Witt and Wisdome*, 1579.

(5)

Our kyngde and Rohyn rode togyder,  
 Forsoth as I you say,  
 And they shote *plucke* buffet,  
 As they went by the way. *Robin Hood*, i. 75.

(6) Same as (1) ?

I had the luck  
 To see, and drink a little *pluck*.

*Brome's Songs*, 1661, p. 167.

(7) A student who fails in an university exam-  
 ination is said to be *plucked*.

PLUCKING. The worsted plucked from the  
 machine while the wheel is turning. *North.*

PLUCERE. Weeping. (*A.-N.*)

PLUF. A tube of tin through which boys blow  
 peas. *Line*. Also called a *pluffer*.

PLUFE. A plough. *Yorksh.*

PLUFFY. Spongy; porous. *Devon*. It is some-  
 times explained, soft, plump.

PLUG. A dwarfish fellow. *East.*

PLUM. (1) Light; soft. *West.*

(2) Sensible; honest. *North.*

(3) Very; exceedingly. *Kent.*

(4) Straight; upright; perpendicular. *Plum*  
*downe*, *Cotgrave* in v. *Escarpe*.

(5) *Plum round*, quite round. "Make their  
 attire to sit *plum round*," *Harrison*, p. 172.  
*Plum fat*, *Florio*, p. 33.

PLUMAKIN. The magnum-bonum plum.

PLUME. To pick or pluck the feathers off a  
 hawk or other bird.

PLUMED-SWAN. A white colour. One of the  
 terms of ancient alchemy.

PLUMMY. Soft; wet; mouldy. *Devon.*

PLUMP. (1) Dry; hard. *Kent.*

(2) A clump of trees. *North.*

(3) A crowd of people; a mass of anything. It  
 is sometimes a verb, to collect together.

"Assemble theymselves in plumpes," *More's*  
*Supplycacyon of Soulys*, sig. F. ii.

Rydes into rowte his dede to revenge,

Presede into the *plumpe* and with a prynce metes.

*Morte Arture*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 76.

When kyng Richard perceived that the people by  
*plumpes* fled from hym to Duke Henry.

*Hall's Union*, 1548.

(4) A pump; a draw-well. *Cornw.*

(5) A hard blow. *Var. dial.*

(6) Directly; exactly. *Var. dial.* Forby has  
*plumpendicular*, perpendicular.

PLUM-PORRIDGE. Porridge with plums in  
 it, a favourite dish at Christmas in some parts  
 of the country. It is mentioned as part of  
 Christmas fare in the *Humourist*, ed. 1721,  
 p. 22, and by *Addison*.

PLUMP-PATE. A thick-headed fellow.

PLUMPY. To churn. *Cornw.*

PLUMTEN. Plunged. *Weber.*

PLUM-TREE. The female pudendum. *Have*  
*at the plum tree* seems to have been either the  
 burden of a song or a proverbial phrase. It  
 occurs in *Middleton*, although *Mr. Dyce* does  
 not seem to be acquainted with the meaning  
 of the term itself, which may be gathered  
 from *Cotgrave*, in v. *Hoche-prunier*, and the  
*Marriage of Witt and Wisdome*, p. 16.

PLUNGE. (1) A deep pool. *Somerset.*

(2) A strait or difficulty. *Greene.*

PLUNGY. Wet; rainy. (*A.-N.*)

PLUNKET. A coarse woollen cloth.

PLUNKY. Short; thick; heavy. *East.*

PLUNT. A walking-stick, generally one which  
 has a large knob. *Glouc.*

PLURISY. Superabundance. *Shak.*

PLUSHES. The thin hoops which hold a besom  
 together. *West.*

PLY. To bend; to consent, or comply. Still  
 in use in Dorset, *Barnes's Gl.*

PLYER. A very common bawd.

PLYMOUTH-CLOAK. A cane, or stick. So  
 called, says *Ray*, "because we use a staff *in*  
*cuerpo*, but not when we wear a cloak."

PO. A peacock. (*A.-S.*)

A pruest proud ase a *po*,  
 Seththe weddeth us bo.

*Wacht's Political Songs*, p. 159.

POACHED. Land is said to be *poached* when it  
 is trodden with holes by heavy cattle. *Var. dia.*

POACHING. Swampy. *Devon.*

POAD-MILK. The first milk given by cows  
 after calving. *Sussex.*

POARE-BLIND. Dim-sighted. The word  
 occurs in *Hollyband's Dictionarie*, 1593.

POAT. To kick. *Devon.*

POBS. Porridge. *Craven.*

POCHE. A pocket. (*A.-N.*)

Unto another she dyde as moche ;  
 For they love none but for theyr *poche*.

*The Complaynte of them that ben to late Marged.*

POCHIEE. A dish in ancient cookery consisting  
 principally of poached eggs. *Pegge.*

POCHERS. Potters ?

POCHIN. A hedgehog. *Somerset.*

POCHIT. A pollard tree. *Line.*

- POCK. To push. *Somerset*.  
 POCK-ARR. A pock mark. *North*.  
 POCKET. (1) A lump of bread.  
 (2) A measure of hops. *Kent*. Half a sack of wool is called a pocket.  
 POCKET-CLOCK. A watch.  
 Though as small *pocket-clocks*, whose every wheel  
 Doth each mis-motion and distemper feel,  
 Whose hands gets shaking palsies, and whose string  
 His sinews slackens, and whose soul, the spring,  
 Expires, or languishes: whose pulse, the flee,  
 Either beats not, or beats unevenly.  
*Donne's Poems*, p. 247.  
 POCK-FREDDEN. Marked with the smallpox.  
 POD. (1) A foot. *North*. Generally a child's foot, and hence the verb *pod*, to toddle.  
 (2) To put down awkwardly. *North*.  
 (3) A large protuberant belly. Hence applied to the body of a cart. *South*.  
 (4) A young jack, nearly full grown.  
 PODAGER. Gout in the feet. Berners mentions this disease in hawks as the *podagre*.  
 PODART. A young sheep. *Line*.  
 PODDEL. A puddle. *Palsgrave*.  
 The porter and hys men in haste  
 Kyng Roberd in a *podelle* caste;  
 Unsemely was hys body than,  
 That he was lyke noo odur man.  
*MS. Cantab. Fr. ii. 33, f. 241.*  
 PODDER. (1) Beans, peas, tares, or vetches, or such ware as have pods. *Kent*. Also, a gatherer or seller of peas, one who takes them to market for sale.  
 (2) "A weed called *podder*, winding about hempe or other like," *Hollyband's Dictionary*, 4to. Lond. 1593.  
 PODDER-GRATTEN. Podder stubble. The following sentence was used by the gardener of a gentleman living in Kent, describing a feat of his own. "I took up a libbet that lay by the sole, and hove it at a haggister that sat in the *podder-gratten*."  
 PODDISH. Porridge. *Craven*.  
 PDDY. Round and stout in the belly.  
 PODE. A tadpole. "Iramys, or podys, or vermyu." *Arch.* xxx. 353. Mr. Dyce, *Skelton*, ii. 104, conjectures it to mean a toad; but *Grose* has *pohead* in the sense we have given.  
 PODECHE. Pottage. *Nominale MS. Polish* occurs in the West. and Cumb. *Dial.* p. 379.  
 PODGE. (1) Porridge. Still in use.  
 A! sirra, my masters, how salst thou, Hodge?  
 What, art thou hungrie? wilt thou eat my *podge*?  
*Marriage of Witt and Wisdome*, 1579.  
 (2) To stir and mix together. *East*.  
 (3) A pit, or hole; a cesspool. *Kent*.  
 PODGER. A platter, or dish. *West*.  
 PODING. A pudding. *Palsgrave*.  
 POD-WARE. Pulse growing in pods or cods. *Kent*. See *Podder*.  
 POE. A turkey. *North*.  
 POFF. To run very fast. *Line*.  
 POG. A push, or blow. *Somerset*.  
 POGH. (1) A poke; a sack. "When me proforeth the pigge, opon the *pothe*," *MS. Douce* 52, xv. Cent.  
 (2) An interjection of contempt. See *Stai-*

- hurst's Description of Ireland, p. 13. Still in very common use.  
 POGRIM. A religious fanatic. *East*.  
 POGY. Intoxicated. *Var. dial*.  
 POHEADS. Musical notes. So called perhaps from their resemblance to tadpoles. *North*.  
 POHEN. A peahen. *Skelton*.  
 POICH. A hive to take bees in after they have swarmed. *Yorksh*.  
 POIGNIET. A wristband. (*Fr.*) "Poyniet for ones sleeves, *poignet*," *Palsgrave*.  
 POILE. Apulia. *Lydgate*.  
 POINADO. A dagger, or poniard. See *Heywood's Royall King*, 4to. 1637, sig. L.  
 POINAUNT. Sharp; cutting. (*A.-N.*)  
 POINE. (1).  
 I *poine* alle his pavelynes that to hymself pendes,  
 Dyghttes his dowbletteez for dukes and erles.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 81.*  
 (2) A little fellow, or dwarf.  
 Michel wonder had Leodegan,  
 That swiche a litel *poine* of man  
 So fele in so litel thrawe  
 So manliche had y-slawe.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 219.  
 POINT. (1) To show, or explain; to point out; to declare; to write.  
 (2) The principal business. (*A.-N.*)  
 (3) A tagged lace, used in ancient dress. *To truss a point*, to tie the laces which held the breeches, and hence *to untruss a point*, to untie them, a delicate mode of expressing *alium exonerare*.  
 (4) To fill up the open interstices of a wall with mortar. *Var. dial*.  
 (5) *To point the earth*, to put down one's foot to the ground. *North*.  
 (6) To appoint, or equip.  
 (7) *In good point*, in good condition. This phrase occurs in *Holinshed's Engl. i.* 162.  
 (8) A deed, or martial exploit.  
 Yf thou durst, par ma fay,  
 A *point* of armys undyrtake,  
 Thou broke her wille fore ay.  
*Torrent of Portugal*, p. 36.  
 (9) To paint, or portray.  
 POINT-DEVICE. With the greatest exactness; excessively exact. *Chaucer, Cant. T.* 3689.  
 The wenche she was full proper and nyce,  
 Amooge all other she bare great price,  
 For sche coude trickie *point device*,  
 But fewe like her in that countree.  
*The Miller of Abington*, n. d.  
 POINTEL. (1) A style, or pencil, for writing. (*A.-N.*) "*Stilus*, a *pointyle*," *Nominale MS. Nomina rerum pertinencium clerico*. "Poyn-tell or caracte, *esplingue de fer*," *Palsgrave*.  
 And be assayed with thilk doctrine which the secretaries of God hath set in *pointell*.  
*Philipp's Works*, p. 376.  
 Thenoe loked aftir Sir Zakary  
 Tables and *pointell* tyte.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 69.*  
 (2) Chequer work in paving floors.  
 POINTEN. To prick with a pointed instrument or with anything pointed. (*A.-N.*)  
 POINTING-STOCK. A laughing-stock; a person so silly as to be pointed at in ridicule.

POINTLET. A small promontory.

POINTMENT. An appointment.

The Sairsins be set the *pointment* to hold,  
And to God they be gevyen the bodys bold.

*Rowland, MS. Lansd. 383, f. 356.*

POINTOURE. A painter, or artist.

POINTS. The divisions in the side of a quadrant. MS. Sloane 213.

POISE. Weight.

We been informed how ye have laboured, contrary to natural kindness and duty of legiance, divers matters of great *poise*; and also how proclamations have been made in your name and our cousin's of Warwick, to assemble our liege people, no mention made of us. MS. Harl. 543.

As for his corporature, I suppose verily that if we had him here in this world to be weighed in the ballance, the *poise* of his body would shew itself more ponderous than five and twenty, peradventure thirty of ours. *The Man in the Moone*, 1657, p. 74.

POIT. (1) To push, or kick. *North.*

(2) A poker for a fire. *Yorksh.*

(3) Impertinent; very forward. *East.*

POKE. (1) A bag, or sack. *North.*

(2) A cesspool. *Kent.*

(3) To thrust the head forward; to stoop in walking. *West.*

(4) A large wide long sleeve, very much worn about the year 1400, and shortly before that period.

An hool cloth of scarlet may not make a gowne,  
The *pokes* of purchase hangen to the erthe.

*MS. Digby 41, f. 7.*

(5) Scurf in the head. *Line.*

(6) A finger-stall. *Craven.*

(7) To project, or lean forward. *Var. dial.*

(8) A cock of hay. *Devon.*

(9) To gore, as a bull does. *West.*

(10) To give an offence. *North.*

POKE-CART. A miller's cart, filled with sacks or pokes of meal. *East.*

POKE-DAY. The day on which the allowance of corn is made to labourers, who, in some places, receive a part of their wages in that form. *Suffolk.*

POKE-MANTLE. A portmanteau. *North.*

POKE-PUDDING. (1) A long round pudding.

(2) The long-tailed titmouse. *Glouc.*

POKER. (1) A single-barrelled gun.

(2) The same as *Poking-stick*, q. v.

POKE-SHAKKINS. The youngest pig of a litter. *North.*

POKEY. (1) Sancy. *Cumb.*

(2) Miserably small. *Var. dial.*

POKING-STICK. An instrument for putting the plaits of a ruff in a proper form. It was originally made of wood or bone; afterwards of steel, in order that it might be used hot.

A ruffe about his neck, not like a ruffan but inch broad, with small sets, as if a peece of a tobacco pipe had bene his *poking-stick*; his gloves are thrust under his girdle that you may see how he rings his fingers.

*The Man in the Moone*, 1609, sig. D. iv.

POKOK. A peacock.

A fair *pokok* of pris men paien to Juno.

*MS. Bodl. 264, f. 213.*

POLACK. A Polander. *Shak.*

POLANS. Knee-pieces in armour.

POLAYL. Poultry. (*A.-N.*) *Polayl briddlis*, domestic poultry, barn-door fowls.

POLBER. A kind of early barley.

POLCHER. A poacher. *Northampton.*

POLDER. A boggy marshy soil. *Kent.*

POLE. Some kind of fish mentioned in MS. Bibl. Coll. S. Johan. Cantab. B. vi.

POLEAPS. A leather strap belonging to some part of cart harness. *Var. dial.*

POLE-HEAD. A tadpole. Palsgrave has *polet*, which is still in use. See *Pode*.

POLLIN. (1) A sharp or picked top set in the fore-part of the shoe or boot. *Blount.*

(2) A pulley. Nominale MS.

POLE-PIECE. A woman's caul. *Devon.*

POLER. A barber. *Chesh.*

POL-EVIL. A kind of eruption on the neck and ears of horses. *West.*

POLE-WORK. A long tedious business.

POL-GARMENTS. Cloth for garments, smooth on one side and rough on the other, as velvet, and similar materials.

POLICE. Polley. *Nabbes.*

POLIFF. A pulley.

Than be-spake the *poluff*,

With gret strong wordes and styffe,

How, ser twyvel, me thinke you grevyd!

What devylle who hath you thus mevyd?

*MS. Ashmole 61.*

POLIMITE. Many coloured?

Of *jonge Joseph* the cote *polimite*,

Wroughte by the power of alle the Trinite.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Aniq. 134, f. 13.*

POLING. A plank of wood used in mines to prevent earth or stone from falling. *Derb.*

POLIPRAGMAN. A busy meddler.

POLISSER. A smock-frock. *Devon.*

POLK. (1) Bulk. *Hearne.*

(2) A pool. "Her hors a polk stap in," Sir Tristrem, p. 284. It seems to mean an eddy or whirlpool in Pr. Parv.

Ther was swilk dreping of the folk,

That on the feld was nevere a *polk*,

That it ne stod of blod so ful,

That the strem ran until the hul.

*Harshar, 2635*

POLKE. To place or put.

POLL. (1) To rob; to cheat. "Pilling and polling" was a very common phrase.

And have wyoked at the *polling* and extortion of hys unmeasurable officers. *Hall's Union*, 1548.

(2) To cut the hair.

(3) The head. *Var. dial.* Hence the phrase *poll by poll*, head by head, one by one.

POLLAGE. A head-tax.

POLLARD. (1) Coarse flour; bran. The coarsest bran, according to Harrison, p. 168.

(2) A clipped coin. See *Blount*.

(3) A stag without horns.

POLLAN. A heavy halberd. (*A.-S.*) This term is still used by butchers.

POLLDAVY. A coarse cloth or canvas.

Your deligence knaves, or I shall canvase your

*polldavys*; deafen not a gallant with your anon,

anon, sir, to make him stop his eares at an over-

reckoning. *The Bride*, 1640, sig. C. iii.

**POLLE.** To cut down or lop a wood.

And dystroye my castels and my townes,  
Bothe be dales and be downes,  
The *polle* my wodeys and forestes downe.

*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38, f. 211.*

So may thy pastures with their flowery feasts,  
As suddenly as lard, fat thy lean beasts;  
So may thy woods oft *poll'd*, yet ever wear  
A green, and (when she list) a golden hair.

*Danne's Poems, p. 175.*

**POLLED-COW.** One without horns. *North.*

**POLLED-OFF.** Intoxicated. *Var. dial.*

**POLLENGER.** A pollard tree.

**POLLEPIT.** A pulpit. *Nominale MS.*

**POLLER.** (1) A hen-roost. *Norf.*

(2) To beat in the water with a pole. Figuratively, to labour without effect.

(3) A robber; an extortioner.

(4) A kind of dart. *Nominale MS.*

**POLLETES.** Pieces of armour for the shoulders, mentioned in Hall, Henry IV. f. 12.

**POLLING.** Retaliation. *Var. dial.*

**POLLRUMPTIOUS.** Restive; unruly; foolishly confident. *Var. dial.*

**POLLYWIGS.** Tadpoles. "Tadpoles, pollywiggis, yongue frogs," Florio, p. 212. "Pollywyle wurm" occurs in the Prompt. Parv.

Dame, what ails your ducks to die?  
Eating o' *pollywiggis*, eating o' *pollywiggis*.

*Whiter's Specimen, 1794, p. 19.*

**POLMAD.** In a rage for fighting.

**POLRON.** That part of the armour which covered the neck and shoulders. "Avant bras d'un harnois, the *polderna* of an armoure," Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593. It is mentioned in Hall, Henry IV. f. 12.

And some only but a sure gepon,  
Over his *pollynges* reaching to the kne.

*Clariodes MS.*

**POLSHEN.** To polish. (*A.-N.*)

**POLSHRED.** To lop a tree. *Palsgrave.*

**POLT.** (1) A thump or blow. *Var. dial.*

(2) A rat-trap that falls down. *Kent.*

(3) Sancy; audacious. *Kent.*

(4) To cut, or shave. *Somerset.*

**POLTATE.** A potato. *Cornw.*

**POLT-FOOT.** A club foot. Ben Jonson terms Vulcan "this polt-footed philosopher."

**POLTING-LUG.** A long thin rod used for beating apples off the trees. *Glouc.*

**POMAGE.** (1) Cyder. Harrison, p. 170.

Where of late daies they used much *pomage*, or clder for want of barley, now that lacke is more commonly supplied with oates.

*Lambar's Perambulation, 1596, p. 10.*

(2) A pumice-stone. It is the translation of *pomer* in the *Nominale MS.* xv. Cent.

**POMANDER.** A kind of perfume, generally made in the form of a ball, and worn about the person. Sometimes the case for holding pomanders was so termed. Receipts for making this perfume differ considerably from each other. Perhaps the following will suffice.

Take pypypyns or other lyke melowe apples, and laye them upon a tyle for to bake in an oven; than take out the core and the kernels, and make theym cleane wythin, brayenge and breakynge the reste, and strayneit thorough a fyne canvesse or straynour.

Thys done, take as much fat or grease of a kyddie as you have apples, and strayne it lykewyse, boylinge it all together in a newe vessell well leaded, untill the rose water bee consumed; then adde to it muske, cloves, nutmegges, and such lyke substances of a reasonable quantitie according to your discretion; provided alwayes that they be well brayed and broken in pyeces as is above sayed; and boyle them in the like maner aforesayed; then straine them: and kepe them. *The Secretes of Mayster Alexis, 1559, p. 57.*

*To make pomanders.*

Take two penny-worth of labdanum, two penny-worth of storax liquid, one penny-worth of calamus aromaticus, as much balm, half a quarter of a pound of fine wax, of cloves and mace two penny-worth, of liquid aloes three penny-worth, of nutmegs eight penny-worth, and of musk four grains: beat all these exceedingly together till they come to a perfect substance, then mould it in any fashion you please, and dry it

*Markham's English House-Wife, ed. 1675, p. 109.*

**POME.** (1) To pelt continuously. *North.*

(2) To pummel with the fist. *Cornw.*

(3) A young rabbit. *Decon.*

**POME-GARNADE.** A pomegranate. (*A.-N.*)

**POMEL.** A ball, or knob; a globular ornament, or anything globular. (*A.-N.*). It means sometimes the top of the head. Is *pomet touris* in Lybeans Discours, 1295, an error for *pomet touris*, round towers? I have not met with the phrase elsewhere.

She saughe there many comly telde

Wythe *pomelles* bryghte as goldis beghe.

*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 118.*

On the *pumelle* yt wase wret,

Fro a pryuce yt wase get,

Mownpollyardus he hyght.

*Torrent of Portugal, p. 31.*

**POMELEE.** Spotted. *Maudivexile.*

**POME-WATER.** A kind of apple. See Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 15. In the Widow of Watling Street, p. 15, the apple of the eye is termed a *pomewater*.

**POMICE.** The residue of apples after the juice has been extracted. *West.*

**POMMADO.** Vaulting on a horse, without the aid of stirrups, by resting one hand on the saddle-bow. The *pommado reversa* was vaulting off again.

**POMON.** Lungs. (*A.-N.*)

**POMPAL.** Proud; pompos.

Thy elder sisters loves are more

Thao well I can demand,

To whom I equally bestow

My kingdome and my laod,

My *pompal* state and all my goods,

That lovingly I may

With those thy sisters be maintain'd

Until my dying day.

*Ballad of King Leir, n. d.*

**POMPED.** Pampered. *Hawes.*

**POMPILLION.** An ointment made of black poplar buds. See Cotgrave, in v. *Populeon*. A more complete account of it will be found under *popilion*.

**POMPION.** A pumpkin. (*Fr.*) It is the translation of *citrouille* in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 4to. Lond. 1593.

**POMPIRE.** Melagium. A kind of apple men-



tioned in Rider's Dictionarie, 1640. "Poun-  
per, frute," Palsgrave.  
**POMPLE.** To hobble?  
 I lench, I len, on lyme I lasse,  
 I poke, I *pomple*, I palle, I passe. *Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 211.  
**POMSTER.** To doctor or play the quack with  
 salves and slops; to apply a medicament to a  
 wound or contusion, or to administer medicine  
 internally. *West.*  
**PON.** A pond. *Drayton.*  
**PONCHONG.** A puncheon of iron, used in  
 making holes in iron or steel.  
**PONENT.** Western. (*Ital.*)  
**PONGE.** A pound. *Const. Freem.* p. 20.  
**PONIAUNT.** Poignant; acute. (*A.-N.*)  
**PONICHE.** To punish. *Lydgate.*  
 Maryes some, most of honoure,  
 That ryche and pore may *ponyche* and please,  
 Lys me now in my longoure,  
 And gyf me lysens to lyve in ease.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6.*  
**PONIET.** A wristband.  
**PONTEd.** (1) Bruised; indented. *West.*  
 (2) Tainted; not fresh. *Dorset.*  
**POO.** To pull. *North.*  
**POOCH.** (1) A pot; a jug. *South.*  
 (2) To thrust out the lips in a sullen discontented  
 manner. *West.* Grose and Polwhele have  
*poochee*, to make mouths at a person, screwing  
 up the mouth like a pouch. *Grose.*  
**POODLE.** The English Channel. *Corur.*  
**POODLER.** The young coalfish. *North.*  
**POOK.** (1) To kick. *Deron.*  
 (2) A calf's stomach for rennet. *West.*  
 (3) A cock of hay. *Somerset.* To pook hay  
 or barley, to make it up into cocks.  
 (4) The belly; the stomach. *West.*  
**POOK-NEEDLE.** The cockle in corn. *Susser.*  
**POOLE.** A measure of work in slating, or  
 covering houses with slate, where every *poole*  
 of work is either six feet broad and fourteen  
 feet upon both sides, or 168 feet in length  
 and one in breadth.  
**POOLINGS.** The fat which is stripped off  
 from the intestines of an animal. *North.*  
**POOLS.** The spaces on each side of the thresh-  
 ing-floor of a barn. *Devon.*  
**POOL-SPEARE.** A reed. *South.*  
**POOLY.** Mietna. *West.*  
**POOMER.** Anything very large. *North.*  
**POON.** To kick. *North.*  
**POOP.** (1) A puppy. *Somerset.*  
 (2) A gulp in drinking. *North.*  
 (3) To cheat; to deceive; to cozen.  
**POOP-NODDY.** The game of love.  
**POOR.** Lean, out of condition; applied to live  
 stock. *Var. dial.*  
**POOR-AND-RICH.** An old game, mentioned  
 in Taylor's Motto, 12mo. Lond. 1622, sig. D. iv.  
**POOR-BODY.** A very common expression of  
 pity or sympathy for an unfortunate person.  
**POOR-JOIN.** A kind of fish, salted and dried.  
 It was cheap and coarse.  
**POORLY.** Somewhat unwell. *Var. dial.*  
**POOT.** (1) A chicken, or pullet. *Chesh.*  
 (2) To cry; or blubber. *Somerset.*

(3) A lake, or pool of water.  
**POOTY.** A snail-shell. *Northampton.*  
**POP.** (1) Ginger-beer. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) A short space. *Lanc.*  
**POP-GLOVE.** The foxglove. *Corur.*  
**POPE.** (1) A term of contempt. "What a *pope*  
 of a thing." *Dorset.*  
 He, having no answer, began to curse and ban,  
 bidding a *pope* on all women.  
*Westward for Smelts, 1620.*  
 (2) "I know no more than the *Popc* of Rome,"  
 a very common simile.  
 A simple fellow being arraign'd at the bar, the  
 judge was so favourable to him as to give him his  
 book, and they bid him read. Read! truly, my  
 Lord, says he, I can read no more than the *Pope* of  
 Rome. *Oxford Jest, 1706, p. 93.*  
**POPE-JULIUS.** An old game, possibly similar  
 to the modern game of Pope Joan.  
**POPELER.** A kind of bird, explained by *populus*  
 in the Prompt. Parv.  
**POPELOT.** A deceiver. (*A.-N.*)  
**POPERIN.** A kind of pear. There were two  
 sorts, the summer-poperin, and the winter  
 poperin.  
**POPES.** Weevils. Urry gives this as a Hamp-  
 shire word, in his MS. adds, to Ray.  
**POPES-HEAD.** A broom with a very long  
 handle for sweeping ceilings and high places.  
**POPET.** A puppet. (*A.-N.*)  
**POP-GUN.** Elder-wine. *South.*  
**POP-HOLY.** Hypocrisy. *Lydgate, p. 46.*  
**POPILION.** The following receipt for to make  
*poppylione* is from a MS. in my possession.  
 Take iij. li. of popelere levys, and iij. li. of erbe  
 watur, and a pownde of henbane, and a li. of pete  
 morell, a li. of orpyn, a li. of syngrene, halfe a li. of  
 weybrod, halfe a li. of endyve, halfe a li. of vyiolettes,  
 halfe a li. of welle cressyn, and then wese them  
 clene, and stampe them; and than put to them ij.  
 li. and a half of molten batowse grese, and medyle  
 them welle together; and than put them in a close  
 pott ix. dayys, and than take and worche it up.  
**POPILLE.** Tares. Nominale MS. *Popyle*  
 occurs in the provincial glossaries.  
**POPINJAY.** A parrot. (*A.-N.*) *Popingaye*  
*blue*, a kind of coloured cloth.  
 And pyping still he spent the day,  
 So merry as the *popingay*;  
 Which liked Dowsabel:  
 That would she ought, or would she nought,  
 This lad would never from her thought;  
 She in love-longing fell. *Drayton's Pastoral.*  
**POPPLAIN.** The poplar tree. *West.*  
**POPLE.** To stalk about; to hobble; to go  
 prying and poking about. *Essex.*  
**POPLER.** (1) Pottage. *Dekker, 1616.*  
 (2) A sea-gull. Nominale MS.  
**POPLET.** A term of endearment, generally  
 applied to a young girl. *Poppet* is still in  
 common use.  
**POPPED.** Nicely dressed. *Chaucer.* Still in  
 use in Leicestershire.  
**POPPER.** A dagger. *Chaucer.*  
**POPPET.** An idol, or puppet.  
 Wyth lyeng and sweryng by no *poppets*,  
 But teryng God in a thousand gobbets.  
*Play of Wit and Science, Bright's MS.*

POPPIARY. The poplar tree. *Chesh.*  
 POPPIN. A puppet. *East.* "Moppe or poppyne." Prompt. Parv.  
 POPPING. Blabbing; chattering. *West.*  
 For a suretie this felowe waxeth all folyshe, i. doth utterly or all togyther dote, or is a very *poppyng* fool. *Acolastus*, 1540.  
 POPPLE. (1) The poplar tree. *East.* "Populus, a popyltre," *Nominale MS.*  
 (2) A bubble. (3) To bubble up. Still in use in the North of England.  
 (4) A pebble. *Var. dial. (A.-S.)*  
 (5) A coekle. *North.*  
 (6) To tumble about. *Suffolk.*  
 POPPY-PILL. Opium. *North.*  
 POPLAR. Common; vulgar.  
 POK. A poker. *North.* "A porr of iron," *Arch.* xi. 438. See also *ibid.* 437.  
 PORAILLE. The poor people. *(A.-N.)*  
 PORBEAGLE. A kind of shark.  
 PORCELLYS. Young pigs. *(Lat.)*  
 PORCHIANS.  
 For the better knowledge, self and sure keepinge together of the premisses, and of every parte therof, lest some lewde persons mighte or woulde imbesill, the same with the detriment of the *porchiuns*.  
*Egerton Papers*, p. 14.  
 PORC-PISCE. A porpoise. *Jonson.*  
 PORCUPIG. A porcupine.  
 Had you but seen him in this dress,  
 How fierce he look'd and how big,  
 You would have thought him for to be  
 Some Egyptian *porcupig*. *The Dragon of Wantley.*  
 PORE. (1) Power.  
 To sawe a saule everlastyngly  
 I have ful *poire* and mastery.  
*Pieces of Ancient Poetry*, p. 43.  
 (2) To look earnestly.  
 (3) To supply plentifully. *Glouc.*  
 PORE-COTE. A coat of coarse cloth.  
 PORED-MILK. Any milk that turns or curdles in the boiling is in Kent called *poired milk*, especially the first milk of a cow when she has calved.  
 PORET. A young onion. *Porrectes*, *Forme of Cury*, p. 41. *(A.-N.)*  
 PORISILLY. Weak sighted. *Palsgrave.*  
 PORISME. A corollary. *(Gr.)*  
 PORKER. A young hog fattened for the purpose of being eaten fresh. *Var. dial.*  
 PORKLING. A small pig. *East.*  
 PORKPOINT. A porcupine.  
 PORKY. Fat; plump. *North.*  
 PORPENTINE. A porcupine. *Shak.*  
 Gallus, that greatest roost-cock in the rout,  
 Swelleth as big as Bacchus did with wine;  
 Like to a hulke he beares himselfe about,  
 And bristels as a boare or *porpentine*.  
*The Mous-Trap*, 1606.  
 PORPIN. A hedgehog. *Somerset.*  
 PORR. (1) A plumber, or glazier. *North.*  
 (2) To push, or thrust. *Cornw.* This word occurs in Baret's *Alvearie*, 1580, P. 579.  
 (3) To stuff with food. *Somerset.*  
 PORRA. A kind of pottage.  
 PORRINGER. A vessel for porridge.

PORRIWIGGLES. Tadpoles. *North.*  
 PORRON.  
 I charge and pray mine executors and feoffees, to perform my will that ensueth touching these manors, advowsons, and *porrons*, chauntries, lands and tenements, abovesaid. *Test. Vetust.*, p. 260.  
 PORT. (1) Carriage; behaviour. *(A.-N.)*  
 And then y am so symple off *port*,  
 That for to fayn sum dysport,  
 Y play with here lytylle hounde,  
 Now on the bedde, now on the grounde  
*Gower, MS. Cantab.*, Ff. i. 6, f. 4.  
 Ther ben loveris of suche a *sorte*,  
 That faynen an umble *porte*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.*, 134, f. 42.  
 (2) A piece of iron, somewhat in the shape of a horseshoe, fixed to the saddle or stirrup, and made to carry the lance when held upright. It is mentioned in Hall, Henry IV. f. 12.  
 (3) Stare; attendance; company of retainers. *Shak.* "As lyberall a howse, and as greate a *porte*," *Arch.* xxviii. 108.  
 PORTAGE. A port, or porthole.  
 PORTAGUE. A Portuguese gold coin, worth about three pounds twelve shillings. "The portigue, a peece verie solemne kept of diverse, and yet oftymes abased with washing, or absolutelie counterfeited," *Harrison's England*, p. 219.  
 Ten thousand *portagues*, besides great pearls,  
 Rich costly jewels and stones infinite.  
*The Jew of Malta*, i. 2.  
 PORTANCE. Manner; department. *Shak.*  
 PORTASSE. A breviary.  
 The pavement of the chyrche the aunchent feders  
 tredes,  
 Sum tyme with a *portaz*, sumtyme with a payre of  
 bedes.  
*Bale's Kynges Johan*, p. 27.  
 And also we thank your noblesse and good fatherhood of our green gowns, now sent unto us to our great comfort, beseeching your good lordship to remember our *portez*, and that we might have some fine bonnets sent unto us by the next sure messenger for necessity so requireth.  
*MS. Cotton. Vespas.* F. iii.  
 PORT-CANNONS. See *Canions*.  
 PORTCULLIS. A coin struck in Elizabeth's reign with a portcullis stamped on the reverse.  
 PORTECOLISE. A portcullis. *(A.-N.)*  
 PORTE-HOIS. A portasse, or breviary.  
 PORTER. To portray anything. *Palsgrave.*  
 PORTER'S KNOT. A peculiar kind of knot, particularly strong and effective.  
 PORTER'S-LODGE. The usual place of chastisement for the menials and humbler retainers of great families. Our old dramatists constantly refer to it.  
 PORTE-SALE. An open sale of wares.  
 PORTINGALL. A Portuguese.  
 PORTLET. A small port. *Harrison*, p. 60.  
 PORTMANTLE. A portmanteau, of which the ancient form was sometimes port-mantua. "A port-mantua or a cloke-bagge," *The Man in the Moone*, 1609, sig. D.  
 PORTXANES. Appurtenances. "Men have a 3erd with other *portxanes*," *MS. Addit.* 12195.  
 PORTPANE. A cloth used for carrying bread from the pantry to the dinner-table.

**PORTRAITURE.** Portrait; likeness.

I will that my executors provide and ordain a marble stone, with an image and *portraiture* of our Saviour Jhesu and of a priest kneeling, with a cedula in his hand, to the foot of the said image of Jhesu.

*Test. Vetust.* p. 495.

**PORTREVE.** The chief magistrate of a town. See a brief dissertation on the origin of the portreeve of Gravesend in Lambard's *Perambulation*, 1596, p. 483.

**PORTSALUT.** Safe port. (*A.-N.*)

**PORTURE.** Carriage; behaviour. (*A.-N.*)

**POS.** A deposit, or pledge. (*A.-N.*)

**POSE.** (1) A hoard of money. *North.*

(2) To suppose; to place, or put as a supposition. (*A.-N.*) It occurs in Lydgate.

(3) A cold, a rheum in the head.

His eare erect, his cleanly nose,  
That ne're was troubled with a *poce*.

*Men Miracles*, 1656, p. 33.

**POSER.** The bishop's examining chaplain. See Harrison's *England*, p. 139. The term is still retained at Eton for the examiner for the King's College fellowships. No doubt from *posen*, which is explained by *examinio* in Prompt. Parv. p. 144. In cant language, a *poser* is an unanswerable question or argument.

**POSH.** A great quantity. *West.*

**POSNET.** A little pot. *Palsgrave.* "Urciolus, a posnet," Nominale MS. f. 8.

Then skellets, pans, and *posnets* put on,  
To make them porridge without mutton.

*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 17.

And that is this, the cunning man biddeth set on a *posnet*, or some pan with nayles, and seeth them, and the witch shal come in while they be in seething, and within a few daies after her face will be all bescratched with the nayles.

*Gifford's Dialogue on Witches*, 1603.

**POSS.** (1) To dash about. *North.* Pegge explains it, to punch or kick, and *posse*, to push, occurs in Chaucer.

And therein they keste hir, and *posse* hir up and done, and sayd, take the this bathe for thi slewthe and thi glotonye.

*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 253.*

(2) A waterfall. *Yorksh.*

**POSSE.** A number of people; no doubt derived from the sheriff's *posse comitatus*.

**POSSEDE.** To possess. *Palsgrave.*

A! lady myn, how God hath made the riche,  
Thysilfe allone alle richesse to *possede*.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 19.

**POSSESS.** To inform; to persuade; to convince. Still in use. See Craven GL.

**POSSESSIONERS.** An invidious name for those religious communities which were endowed with lands. (*Lot.*)

**POSSET.** A drink of wine or treacle boiled with milk. "Quoddam genus cibi, *o possete*," *Ortus Vocabulorum*, 1500. Junius, in the MS. notes in his copy of the book in the Bodleian, says "hodiernis in Anglis dicitur *posset*." A posset was usually taken before retiring to rest. See *Merry Wives of Windsor*, v. 5.

It is his mornings draught when he riseth, his conserves or cates when he hath well dined, his afternoones unclions, and when he goeth to bedde his *posset* smoaking hote.

*The Man in the Moone*, 1609, sig. C. i.

**POSSIBILITIES.** This word means *possessions* in the *Merry Wives of Windsor*, i. 1, in reference to the property of Anne Page, which is well illustrated by a MS. letter dated about 1610, in the library of Dulwich College, being a letter from a suitor to a father for his permission to woo the daughter, in which he says, "I ryette to you first this cisione, as Londone fashen is, to intrete you that I may have your good will and your wiefs, for if we gee the fathers good will first, then may wee bolder spake to the datter, for my *possebeletis* is abel to mantayne her."

My *possibilties* may raise his hopes  
To their first height.

*Heywood's Royall King*, 1637.

**POSSONE.** To drive away.

**POSSY.** Thick, short, and fat. *North.*

**POST.** (1) A prop, or support. (*A.-S.*)

(2) "Knock your head up against a post," an address to a blockhead.

(3) *Post alone*, quite alone. *Deron.*

(4) The stakes at cards or dice.

(5) Haste; speed. The expression *post-haste* is still in common use.

(6) A courier, or special messenger.

One night a drunken fellow josled against a post, but the fellow thought somebody had josled him, and fell a heating the post till his fingers were broken. Says one to him, Fie! what do you do to fight with a post? Is it a post? Why did he not blow his horn, then.

*Oxford Jests*, 1706, p. 101.

What though such *post* cannot ride post

Twixt Excester and this

In two months space, yet careless they

Those ten whole months to mis.

*Ballads, MS. temp. James I.*

**POST-AND-PAIR.** An old game at cards, mentioned in Florio, p. 210; Taylor's *Motto*, 1622, sig. D. iv. A game called *pops and pairs* is mentioned in the *West. and Cumb. Dial.* p. 379.

**POST-AND-PAN-HOUSE.** A house formed of uprights and cross pieces of timber, which are not plastered over, but generally blackened, as many old cottages are in various parts of England.

**POST-BIRD.** The gray birdcatcher. *Kent.*

**POSTIK.** A pestle for a mortar.

**POSTIME.** An imposthume.

**POSTISIS.** Posts. *Var. dial.*

**POSTISSER.** Pots. *Berks.*

**POSTLE.** (1) An Apostle.

Like a *postle* I am,

For I preche to mao.

*Armonye of Byrdes*, p. 7.

(2) A comment, or short gloss.

**POSTOLICON.** A white ointment.

**POST-PAST.** A kind of dessert.

**POST-PIN.** A very small pin. It is the translation of *comion* in Hollyband's *Dictionary*, 4to. Lond. 1593.

**POSTURE.** To strut. *I. of Wight.*

**POSTOURE.** A pastor.

The chapitre of a chirche cathedral,

Whan they han chosen here heed or *postoure*.

*Oceleve, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 257

**POST-POSED.** Put back. (*Fr.*)

- POT. (1) A hollow vessel made of twigs with which they take fish. *South.*
- (2) A stick with a hemisphere of wicker-work on it, used as a shield in cudgel-playing.
- (3) A helmet, or head-piece. The scull was so called. Parts of "the potte of the hede" are mentioned in MS. Sloane 965, f. 44.
- (4) *Gone to pot*, ruined.
- (5) To deceive. To make a pot at one, to make a grimace or mow. To pot verses, to cap them.
- (6) To drink. Still in use.
- (7) "The pot is a hog's black-pudding made with the blood and grits unground stuffed into pigs' guts or chitterlings, otherwise *blackpot*; the *pudding* is more of the sausage kind, and has no blood in it, but minced pork, and sometimes raisins and currants and spice to season it, and many other rich materials, stuffed commonly into the larger guts," MS. Devon. Gl.
- POTAGRE. The gout. (*Gr.*)  
Somme schul have in lymes aboute  
For slouth a potagre and a goute.  
*MS. Ashmole 41, f. 37.*
- POTATOE-BOGGLE. A scarecrow.
- POT-BOILER. A housekeeper. *East.*
- POT-CAKE. A light Norfolk dumpling.
- POTCIL. To poke; to thrust at; to push, or pierce. Still in use.
- POT-CLAME. A pot-hook. *Pot-clep*, Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.
- POT-CRATE. A large open basket to carry earthenware in. *Lanc.*
- POT-DAY. A cooking-day. *Norf.*
- POT-DUNG. Farmyard dung. *Berks.*
- POTE. (1) To push, or kick. *North.*
- (2) A broad piece of wood used by thatchers to open the old thatch and thrust in the new straw. *Oxon.*
- (3) To creep about moodily.
- POTECARY. An apothecary. *West.*  
This ressayt is bought of no *potivarye*.  
*Lydgate's Minor Poems*, p. 69.
- POTED. Plaited.  
He keepes a starcht gate, weares a formall ruffe.  
A nosegay, set face, and a *poted* cuffe.  
*Heywood's Traua Britannica*, 1609, p. 89.
- POTE-HOLE. A small hole through which anything is pushed; a confined place. *West.*
- POTENT. (1) A potentate. *Shak.*
- (2) A club, staff, or crutch. (*A.-N.*) Stilts are called *potpens* in Norfolk.  
Loke some after a *potent* and spectacle,  
Be not ashamed to take hem to thyn ease.  
*Lydgate's Minor Poems*, p. 30.
- POTENTIAL. Strong; powerful. (*A.-N.*)
- POTERNER. A pocket, or pouch.  
He plucked out of his *poterner*,  
And longer wold not dwell,  
He pulled forth a pretty mantle,  
Betweene two nut-shells.  
*The Boy and the Mantel.*
- POTESTAT. A chief magistrate. (*A.-N.*)
- POTEWS. A dish in ancient cookery, described in the *Forme of Cury*, p. 80.
- POT-GUN. A pop-gun; a mock gun, or playing for schoolboys; consisting of a wooden

- tube turned somewhat like the cylindrical part of a cannon, or the barrel of a common hand-gun, open at both ends, one of which being stuffed or stopped up with a pellet of tow, &c. another of the same kind is violently thrust into the other end by a rammer made on purpose, which so compresses the air between the two pellets, that the first flies out with a considerable force and noise. There was a kind of small cannon so called. "And yet will winke for to discharge a *potgun*," Tell-Tale, Dulwich College MS.
- POT-HANGLES. Pot-hooks. *North.*
- POTHELL-SLOTH. A puddle of water.
- POTHELLONE. To dig, or grub in the earth.
- POTHER. To shake; to poke. *West.*
- POTHERY. Hot; close; muggy. *West.*
- POT-HOOKS-AND-HANGERS. The rude strokes of a boy beginning to write.
- POT-KNIGHT. A drunken fellow.
- POT-LADLES. Tadpoles. *East.*
- POT-LUCK. To take pot-luck, i. e. to partake of a family dinner without previous invitation.
- POT-PUDDING. "A white-pot, or pot-pudding," Florio, p. 99. Markham says black-puddings are called *pots* in Devon.
- POTS. The panniers of a packsaddle. *West.*
- POT-SHARE. A potsherd, or piece of broken pottery. Also called a pot-scar.
- POT-SICK. Tipsy. Florio, p. 68.
- POT-SITTEN. Ingrimed. *Yorksh.*
- POT-STICK. "*Coutus*, potstyk," MS. Lansd. 560, f. 45. "*Potstyeke*, *batton*," Palsgrave.
- POT-SURE. Perfectly confident.  
When these rough gods beheld him thus secure,  
And arm'd against them like a man *pot-sure*,  
They stint vain storms; and so Monstrifera  
(So light the ship) touch'd about Florida.  
*Legend of Captain Jones, 1659.*
- POTTENGER. A porringer. *Palsgrave*. "A potenger or a little dish with eares," Baret, 1580. Still in use in Devon.
- POTTER. (1) To go about doing nothing; to saunter idly; to work badly; to do anything inefficiently. *Var. dial.*
- (2) To stir; to poke. *North.*
- (3) To hobble, as a horse. *Warw.*
- (4) To confuse, or disturb. *Yorksh.*
- POTTERY-WARE. Earthenware. *West.*
- POTTLE. A measure of two quarts.
- POTTLE-BELLIED. Pot-bellied. *West.*
- POTTLE-DRAUGHT. The taking a pottle of liquor at one draught.
- POT-WABBLERS. Persons entitled to vote for members of parliament in certain boroughs from having boiled their pots therein. "Tanodunii in agro Somerseteusi vocantur *pot-walliners*," Upton's MS. additions to Junius, in Bodleian Library.
- POT-WATER. Water used for household purposes, for cooking, &c. *Devon.*
- POTY. Confined; crammed; close. *West.*
- POU. (1) To pull. *North.*
- (2) A pan, or platter. *Lanc.*
- POUCE. (1) A pulse. (*A.-N.*) "Pouce of the arme, *pouce*" Palsgrave.

(2) Nastiness. *North*. Hence, *poucy*, dirty, untidy, in a litter.

POUCH. (1) A pocket. (*A.-N.*)

(2) To poke, or push. *West*.

POUD. A boil, or ulcer. *Sussex*.

POUDERED. Interspersed. "A garment powdered with purple studdes," Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.

POUDERING TUB. The tub used for salting meat. It is the translation of *charnier* in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593. It was also a nickname for the cradle or bed in which a person was laid who was affected with the *lues venerea*.

POUDER-MERCHANT. Pulverized spices.

POUDRE. (1) To salt or spice meat.

(2) Dust. Kyng Alisaunder, 2180.

For the *poudre* of this charging,  
No might men se sonne schuing.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 176.

Lo! in *pouder* y schall slepe,

For owt of *pouder* fyrst y came.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 19.*

POUKE. (1) A devil; a spirit. Hence the term Puck, applied to Robin Goodfellow, as in Shakespeare, and other writers.

The heved fleighe from the bouke,  
The soule nam the belle *pouke*.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 266.

(2) A pimple, or blister. *North*. Cotgrave has *aupoulé*, "full of water-poukes or wheales."

POUL. St. Paul. (*A.-N.*)

POULAINS. Pointed shoes. (*A.-N.*)

POULDER. Powder. (*A.-N.*)

POULDERING. An Oxford student in his second year. See the Christmas Prince, ed. 1816, p. 1.

POULT. To kill poultry. An old hawking term. See *Gent. Rec.* ii. 34, 62.

POULTER. A poulterer. This form of the word occurs in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.

POUMYSSHE. Pounce for writing. *Palsgrave*.

POUN. A pond. *Northumb.*

POUNCE. (1) A thump, or blow. *East*.

(2) A puncheon of iron.

(3) A pulse. *Gesta Rom.* p. 318.

(4) To cut glass or metal for cups, &c.; to perforate or prick anything; to ornament by cutting. A pounced decanter would be what we now term a cut decanter. See *Arch.* xxix. 55. "Bulino, a kind of *pouncer* that gravers use," Florio, p. 71.

POUNCES. The claws of a hawk.

POUNCET-BOX. A box perforated with holes used for carrying perfumes. *Shak.*

POUNCINGS. Holes stamped in garments, formerly made by way of ornament.

POUND. (1) A cyder mill. *Boron.*

(2) A head of water. *Var. dial.*

(3) To beat, or knock. *Glouc.*

POUNDER. Same as *Auuel*, q. v.

POUND-MELE. By the pound. (*A.-S.*)

POUND-NEEDLE. The herb *acus demeyns*.

POUNDREL. The head (*A.-S.*)

So nimhly flew away these scoundrels,

Glad they had 'scap'd, and sav'd their *poundrels*.

*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 14.

POUND-STAKLE. The floodgates of a pond.

POUNSONE. To punch a hole. (*A.-N.*)

POINT-TOURNIS. A point or place to behold the tournament. (*A.-N.*)

POUPE. (1) A puppet. *Palsgrave*.

(2) To make a noise with a horn.

POURCHACE. To buy; to provide. (*A.-N.*)

POURD-MILK. Beastlings. *Sussex*.

POURE. Poor. (*A.-N.*)

POURETT. Garlick. *Herefordsh.*

POURISIL. To impoverish. (*A.-N.*) See *Palsgrave*, in v. *Make lare*.

POURIWINKLE. A periwinkle. *Palsgrave*.

POURTRAITURE. A picture, or drawing.

*Pourtraieur*, a drawer of pictures. (*A.-N.*)

POUSE. Hazy atmosphere. *Lanc.*

POUSED. Pushed. *Tryamour*, 1202.

POUSEMENT. Dirt; refuse. *North*.

POUSTEE. Power. (*A.-N.*)

In Alisaundre that grete citee

Ther was a mon of muche *pousté*;

Pathmicius forsothe he hilt,

He kepte wel the heste of God almiht.

*Vernon MS. Bull. Lib. f. 108.*

Erle he was of grete *pousté*,

And lorde ovyr that cuntré.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 147.*

POUT. A young bird. "*Fasanello*, a pheasant

pout," a young pheasant, Florio, p. 181.

POUTCH. To pout. *Poutle* is also used.

POVERLY. Poorly. (*A.-N.*)

Yf hyt so *poveryly* myghte sprede.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 93.*

POVERT. Poverty. (*A.-N.*)

Plec maketh *povert*,

*Povert* maketh pees.

*MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 38.*

He beheld hyr and sche hym eke,

And never a word to other thei speke,

Fore the *poverty* that sche on hym se,

That had bene so ryeh and hyze,

The terys rane doune by hyr eye!

*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*

POVERTY-WEED. Purple cow-wheat. A weed growing in corn, having a fine large flower, yellow, pale red, and purple; it is very injurious, and betokens a poor, light, stony, soil. Its popular name is peculiar to the Isle of Wight.

POVEY. An owl. *Glouc.* "Worse and worse, like Povey's foot," a West country proverb.

POVICE. A mushroom; a fungus. *North*.

POW. (1) The poil, or head. *North*.

(2) The pricklebat. *Somerset*.

POWCHE. The crop of a fish.

POWDER. (1) Bustle; haste. *Cumb.*

(2) To sprinkle; to lay over lightly.

And sythene sche broght in haste

Plovers powdered in paste.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 126.*

POWDERINGS. Small pieces of fur powdered or sprinkled on others, resembling the spots on ermine.

POW-DIKE. A dike made in the fens for carrying off the waters.

**POWE.** A claw or finger. (*A.-N.*)  
Everich *powe* a span long.  
The fer out of his mothe sprong.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 57.

**POWER.** (1) A large number. *Var. dial.*  
M. Gotes, mayir. Then came into Ingland  
kyng Jamys of Skotland, with a *powar* of men, after  
Alhalow tide, and one John a Musgrave, with his  
company, met with hym, and in that skyrmysche  
the kyng was hurte or drounde.  
*MS. Cotton. Vespas. A. xxv.*

(2) Poor. (*A.-N.*)  
Thes *power* folk somtyme they bene ful wyse.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 159.*

(3) The fish *gadus minutus*.

**POWERATION.** A great quantity. *West.*

**POWLER.** A barber. See the first part of  
*Promos and Cassandra*, v. 5, and *Nares*.

**POWS.** A pulse. See *Pounce* (1).  
Thurgh certeyne tokens in *powes* and brethe,  
That bifalleth wehune he is nye the dethe.  
*Archæologia*, xix. 322.

**POWSE.** Pulse, beans, peas, &c. *Heref.*

**POWSELS.** Dirty scraps and rags. *Chesh.*

**POWSE-MENT.** One who does what is not  
right; but this name is generally given to  
those who are mischievous. *Lanc.*

**POWSEY.** Fat; decent-looking. *North.*

**POWSH.** A blister. Hulot, 1552.

**POWSODDY.** A Yorkshire pudding.

**POWT.** (1) To stir up. *North.*

(2) A cock of hay or straw. *Kent.*

**POWTIL.** To work feebly. *Northumb.*

**POWTLE.** To come forth out of the earth as  
moles do from their holes. *North.*

**POW-WOW.** Flat on one's back.

**POX.** The smallpox. This word was formerly  
a common and not indelicate imprecation.

**POX-STONE.** A very hard stone of a gray  
colour found in some of the Staffordshire  
mines. Kennett, *MS. Lansl.* 1033.

**POY.** A long boat-hook by which barges are  
propelled against the stream. *Linc.*

**POYNET.** A small bodkin.

**POYSES.** Posies.  
On every dore wer set whit crosses and ragged  
staves, with rimes and *poyses*.  
*Hall, Edward IV.* f. 23.

**PRAALING.** Tying a clog or canister to the  
tail of a dog. *Cornu.*

**PRACTICE.** Artifice; treachery. *Practisants*,  
associates in treachery.

**PRACTICK.** Practice. (*A.-N.*)

**PRAISE.** (1) Opinion. This word was formerly  
used in a more general sense than it now is.  
"Laus, Anglice, good preys; vel vituperum,  
Anglice, bad preys," *MS. Bib. Reg.* 12 B.  
i. f. 16.

(2) To show a sense of pain. *Dorset.*

(3) *Praise at parting*, a very common proverbial  
phrase in old writers, implying good wishes.  
It occurs in *Towneley Myst.* p. 320, the ear-  
liest instance of it I have met with.

**PRANE.** A prawn. *Palsgrave.*

**PRANK.** (1) To adorn; to decorate. It is the  
translation of *oraer* in *Hollyband's Dictionarie*,  
1593. In the same work we have, "*fame*

*bien attintée*, a woman *pranked up*," which  
phrase also occurs in the *Winter's Tale*, iv. 3.  
*Palsgrave* has, "I pranke ones gowne, I set  
the plyghtes in order."

Fourthly, that they be not *pranked* and decked  
up in gorgeous and sumptuous apparell in their play.  
*Northbrooke's Treatise*, 1577.

(2) To be crafty or sntble. *Palsgrave.*

**PRANKLE.** (1) To prance.  
(2) A prawn. *I. of Wight.*

**PRAPS.** Perhaps. *Var. dial.*

**PRASE.** A small common. *Cornu.*

**PRAT.** A buttock. *Dekker's Lanthorne and  
Candle-light*, 1620, sig. C. ii.

**PRATE-APACE.** A forward child. *South.*  
In old writers, a talkative person.  
Prince of passions, *prate-apaces*, and pick'd lovers;  
duke of disasters, dissemblers, and drown'd eyes;  
marquis of melancholy and mad folks; grand signor  
of griefs and groans; lord of lamentations, hero of  
heighhos! admiral of ay-mes! and monsieur of  
mutton faced. *Heywood's Love's Mistress*, p. 26.

**PRATT.** The following rhyme is still common,  
*Jack Spratt* being generally substituted.  
Archdeacon Pratt would eat no fatt,  
His wife would eat no lean;  
Twixt Archdeacon Pratt and Joan his wife,  
The meat was eat up clean.  
*Howell's English Proverbs*, p. 20.  
They fared somewhat like old Bishop Pratt and  
his wife, and were fain to consume even the very  
dreggs of the little which chance had set before them.  
*A Voice from Swin*, 1679, p. 3.

**PRATTILY.** Softly. *North.*

**PRATTLE-BASKET.** A prattling child.

**PRAVANT.** For *provant*, occurs in *A Welch  
Bayte to spare Provender*, 4to. Lond. 1603.

**PRAVE.** Depraved; bad. *Pravities*, deprav-  
ities, *Harrison's Britaine*, p. 26.

**PRAY.** (1) To rid a moor of all stock, which is  
generally done twice a year (at Lady Day, and  
at Michaelmas), with a view to ascertain  
whether any person has put stock there with-  
out a right to do it. The unclaimed stock is  
then pounded till claimed by the owner, who  
is usually obliged to pay for trespassing. *West.*

(2) To lift anything up. *Suffolk.*

(3) Press; crowd. *Weber.*

**PRAYD.** Invited. *Weber.*

**PRAYED-FOR.** Churched. *North.*

**PRAYELL.** A little meadow. (*A.-N.*) *Prayer*  
occurs in *Syr Gawayne*.

**PREACE.** A press, or crowd. *Shak.*

**PREACHMENT.** A sermon.  
They'll make a man sleep till a *preachment* be spent,  
But we neither can warm our blood nor our wit w't.  
*Brome's Songs*, 1661, p. 72.

**PREAMBULATION.** A preamble. (*A.-N.*)

**PREASER.** Rennet. *Yorksh.*

**PREAST.** Praised. *Lanc.*

**PREAZ.** To try; to endeavour; to press for-  
ward. *Yorksh.*

**PRECACTIONS.** Invocations. (*Lat.*)  
Beside our daily prayers and continual *precactions*  
to God and his sauntes for prosperus success to ensue  
in your merciall employte and royall passage.  
*Hall, Henry V.* f. 5.

**PRECE.** To proceed. *Gaucayne.*

**PRECEDENT.** Prognostic; indication. (2)  
A rough draft of writing. *Shak.*

**PRECELLE.** To excel. *Palsgrave.* See  
Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 12.

**PRECEPT.** A magistrate's warrant.

**PRECESSIONERS.** Candles used in procession  
at Candlemas Day. "For 2 *presheesiners* of  
2<sup>d</sup> redy made against Candelmas Day, 14<sup>d</sup>,"  
Merton College MSS.

**PRECIE.** Delicate; excellent. (*A.-N.*)

**PRECIOUS.** (1) Great; extraordinary. *Essex.*  
Often used ironically, implying worthlessness.  
(2) Over-nice. (*A.-N.*)

**PRECISIAN.** A serious person; a Puritan.  
I hope too the graver gentlemen, the *precisians*  
will not be scandaliz'd at my zeal for the promotion  
of poetry. *Gildon's Miscellaneous Letters and Es-*  
*says*, 8<sup>vo</sup>, Lond. 1694, pref.

**PRECONTRACT.** A previous contract.

**PREDE.** Spoil; booty. Also, to spoil. See  
Stanilhurst's Ireland, pp. 29, 45.

**PREDESTINE.** Predestination. (*A.-N.*)

**PREDIAL-LANDS.** Farm-lands.

**PREDICATION.** Preaching; a sermon. (*A.-N.*)  
He gaf me many a good certacion,  
With right and holsom *predicacion*,  
That he had laboured in Venus secrete cell,  
And me exponyd many a good gosspell,  
And many a right swete epistell eke,  
In hem perfitte and not for to seke. *MS. Rawl. C. 86.*  
So befelle, thorow Goddis sonle,  
The bisshop that was of that londe  
Prechid in that cité;  
Alle gode men of that towne  
Come to his *predicacion*,  
Hym to herkyn and se.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 45.*

**PREEDY.** With ease. "That lock goes mighty  
*preedy*," i. e. that lock goes well or with  
ease. *Cornw.*

**PREEN.** To prime, or trim up trees.

**PREEZE.** Mingere. *North.*

**PREFE.** Proof. Also, to prove. See the  
Sacrifice of Abraham, p. 15.  
And that ys ever my beleaf,  
The trewth indede hyselff welle *preffe*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 123.*

**PREFECT.** The chief magistrate. (*Lat.*)

**PREFIX.** To fix or appoint a time for anything.  
"The prefixed hour," *Shak.*

**PREGNANCY.** Readiness of wit. From *preg-*  
*nant*, intelligent, shrewd, artful.

**PREIERE.** A prayer. (*A.-N.*)

**PREISABLE.** Commendable; laudable.

**PREISE.** To appraise, or value. (*A.-N.*)

**PREKE.** (1) Prick, a piece of wood in the centre  
of the target.  
All they schot abowthe agen,  
The screffes men and he,  
Off the marke he wælde not fayle,  
He cleffed the *preke* on thre. *Robin Hood*, i. 91.  
(2) To ride quickly.  
Tryamowre rode forthe in haste,  
And *prekyd* among the oost  
Upon the tother syde;  
The fyrste that rode to hym thon  
Was the kyng of Arragon,  
He kepeyd hym in that tyde.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. li. 30, f. 76.*

The dewke of Lythyr *slr Tyrre*,  
He *prekyd* forthe fulle *perfly*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. li. 36, f. 72.*

The kyng come, with mony a man,  
*Prekyng* owt of the towne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. li. 38, f. 97.*

**PRELACIONE.** Preference.  
Therow oute the trompe Into his ere,  
To sowne of suche *prelacione*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 80.*

**PREME.** Fierce; strong.  
Ther was no man yn hethyn londe  
Myght sytte a dynte of hys honde,  
The traytour was so *preme*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 89.*

**PREMEDIATE.** To advocate one's cause.

**PREMYE.**  
The cytie of London, through his mere graunt and  
*premye*,  
Was first privileged to have both mayer and shryve,  
Where before hys tyme it had but haylyves onlye.  
*Bale's Kynges Johan*, p. 85.

**PRENDID.** Pricked.

**PRENE.** An iron pan. *Somerset.*

**PRENT.** Chiefly; in the first place.

**PRENTIS.** An apprentice. "Apprenticius, a  
prentys," Nominale MS. A barrister was  
called a prentice, or prentice-of-law.

**PREOVEST.** Most approved. (*A.-S.*)

**PREPARAT.** Prepared. (*Lat.*)

**PREPARE.** Preparation. *Shak.*

**PREPOSITION.** "Praise made before a great  
maa, or preposition, *harengue*," *Palsgrave.*

**PREPOSITOUR.** A scholar appointed by the  
master to overlook the rest. *Hormann*, 1530.

**PREPOSTERATE.** To make preposterous.

**PREPUCE.** Circumcision. (*Lat.*)

**PRESANDE.** A present. (*A.-N.*)  
I ete thaim not myself alon,  
I send *presandes* mony on,  
And fryndes make 1 me.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 50.*

**PRESBYTERIAN-TRICK.** A dishonest bar-  
gain; a knavish trick. *Essex.*

**PRESCIT.** Reprobate. (*Lat.*)

**PRESCRIPT.** Order in writing. (*Lat.*)

**PRESE.** (1) A press, or crowd. (*A.-N.*)  
In he rydes one a rase,  
Or that he wiste where he was,  
In-to the thikkeste of the *prese*.  
*Perceval*, 1147.  
(2) To crowd. Sometimes, to hasten.  
Of alle this youge lusty route,  
Whiche al day *presen* hire aboute.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 64.*

**PRESEANCE.** Priority of place.

**PRESENCE.** (1) A presence-chamber. *Shak.*  
(2) Aspect; outward appearance. *East.*

**PRESENT.** (1) Immediate. (*Lat.*)  
(2) A white spot on the finger-nail, supposed to  
augur good fortune. *West.*  
(3) "At this present" means *now*, at this present  
time. The phrase occurs in our Prayer Book,  
and in Rider's Dietionarie, 1640.

**PRESENTARIE.** Present. (*Lat.*)

**PRESENTERER.** A prostitute. (*A.-N.*)

**PRESENTLY.** At this present time.  
Compiled and put in this forme suinge, by a ser-  
vaut of the Kyngs, that *presently* saw in effect a

great parte of his exploitcs, and the resydewe knewe by true relation of them that were present at every tyme. *Arrival of King Edward IV.* p. 1.

**PRESEPE.** A precept or order.  
As wyfes makis bargans, a horse for a mare,  
Thay lefe ther the fehulle and brynges ham the freche ware.  
Clense wele 3our eghne, and standis on bakke,  
For here es comene a *presepe*, swykke menne to take.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 143.*

**PRESOMSEON.** Presumption.  
Coursid covetyse hit is the cause, prid, *presomseon*,  
3e heth ungroundid in grace, 3our God 3e con not knowe,  
3our dedns demays 3one dredles, devocioun hit is withdraw,  
3e han chasid away charité and the reule of telegyon.  
*MS. Douce 302, f. 4.*

**PRESSING-IRON.** An iron for smoothing linen. *Presser*, one who irons linen, caps, &c.

**PRESTE.** (1) Ready. (*A.-N.*)  
The tother knyghtys, the hoke says,  
Prekyd to the palays,  
The lady for to here;  
Knyghtys apperyd to hur *preste*,  
Then myght seche chose of the beste,  
Whych that hur wylle were.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 77.*  
Whan they had fared of the best,  
With bred and ale and weyne,  
To the bottys they made them *prest*,  
With bowes and holtys foll feyne.  
*Robin Hood, i. 89.*  
And, therefore, *pristly* I 3ow praye  
That 3e wille of 3oure talking blyne.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 149.*

(2) A loan; money paid before due; earnest money given to a soldier at impressment. In *prest*, in advance, Ord. and Reg. p. 12. *Prest-money*, *ibid.* p. 309.

(3) Neat; tight; proper.

(4) A barrow or tumulus. *Yorksh.*

**PRESTER-JOHN.** The name of a fabulous Christian King of India. See Maundeveile, ed. 1839.  
Mount now to Gallo-helgicus; appear  
As deep a statesman as a garretier.  
Homely and familiarly, when thou com'st back,  
Talk of Wall, Conquerour, and *Prestor Jack*.  
*Donne's Poems*, p. 261.

**PRESTIGIATE.** To deceive.  
Even as a craftie juggler doth so *prestigiate* and blinde mens outward senses by the delusions of Sathan.  
*Dont's Pathway to Heaven*, p. 10.

**PRETENCE.** Intent; design. *Shak.*

**PRETEND.** (1) To intend. *Shak.*  
(2) To lay claim to. (*A.-N.*)  
(3) To portend; to forebode.

**PRETENSED.** Intended; designed. The word is used several times by Hall, and also occurs in Sir John Oldecastle, ii. 3. See *Incepted*.  
They can never be clerely extirpate or digged out of their rotten hartes, but that they wille with hande and fote, toothe and nayle, further if they can their *pretensed* enterpryce.  
*Hall, Henry VII. f. 6.*  
It is *pretensed* mynde and purpose set,  
That bindes the bargain sure.  
*Turbeville's Ovid*, 1567, fol. 144.

Requiring you to joine with us and we with you in advauncing forward this our incepted purpose, and *pretensed* enterpryce. *Hall, Henry IV. f. 5.*

**PRETERIT.** Passed. (*A.-N.*)

**PRETERMYT.** To omit.  
I *pretermyt* also the ryche apparell of the pryncesse, the straunge fasshion of the Spanshe nation, the beautie of the Englishe ladies.  
*Hall, Henry VII. f. 53.*

**PRETOES.** Loans?  
Our great landlords bespake him with lofty rents, with fines, and *pretues*, and I know not what.  
*Rouley's Search for Money*, 1609.

**PRETRY.** The high court. (*Lat.*)  
Pilate up ros, and forth he jede  
Out of the *pretry*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 101.*

**PRETTY.** (1) Neat; fine. (2) Crafty.

**PRETTY-FETE.** A moderate quantity. *Berks.*

**PREVALY.** Privily; secretly.  
The golde unto his chanbir he bare,  
And hyd it fulle *prevaly* thare.  
*Isambas*, 641.  
Then longed he at home to hene  
And for to speke with hys queene,  
That hys thought was ever upon,  
And he gate schyppys *prevaly*,  
And to the schypp on a day  
He thought that he flewe anon.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 72.*

**PREVE.** (1) To prove. (2) A proof.  
Thou most have fayth, hope, and charyté,  
This is the ground of thi beleve,  
Ellys i-sayd thou mat noyt be,  
Thus Poul in his pystyl he doth *preve*.  
*MS. Douce 302, f. 2.*  
*Preves* i-now ther bep of youre peté.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 124.*

**PREVELACHE.** Privilege.  
I say the, broder Salamon, tel in thi talking,  
Furst of the frerys thus meve thou may,  
Of here *prevelache*, and of here prayrys, and here preaching,  
And of here clergie and clannes and onest aray.  
*MS. Douce 302, f. 4.*

**PREVELYKE.** Privily. See *Prevaly*.  
And thoughte yn hys herte *prevelyke*,  
That many a woman ys odur y-lyke.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 143.*

**PREVENT.** To go before; to precede; to anticipate. (*Lat.*)

**PREVENTION.** Jurisdiction. (*Lat.*)  
Your sayd Grace, by verten off your legantine prerogative and *prevention*, confert to hys chapleyn, Mr. Wilson, the vicarege of Thackstedd.  
*State Papers*, i. 311.

**PREW.**  
They helde hym vylter than a Jew,  
For no man wulde hys *prew*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 18.*

**PRIAL.** Three cards of a sort, at the game of comerce particularly: a corruption, probably, of *pair-royal*. Under the latter term, Nares confirms this derivation, and gives many quotations in illustration of the word. Moor's Suffolk Words.

**PRICE.** Estimation; value. *To bere the pryce*, to win the prize, to excel.



The Kyng jorneyd in Tracens,  
That is a cytē off grete defence,  
And with hym hys quene off *pryce*,  
That was callyd dame Meroudys;  
A feyere lady than sche was one,  
Was never made off flesch ne bone;  
Sche was full off lufe and goines,  
Ne may no mane telle hyre feyrnes.

*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*

Then the quene was fulle gladd,  
That sche soche a lorde hadd,  
Ye wott, wythowtyn lees,  
Sche seyde, V have welle sped  
That soche a lorde hath me wedd,  
That beryth the *pryce* in ptees.

*MS. Cantab., Ff. ii. 30, f. 92.*

**PRICER.** A person whose duty it was to regulate the prices of a market.

**PRICH.** Thin weak liquor. *North.*

**PRICHELL.** A brush; an instrument for dressing hemp or flax. It is the translation of *brosse* in Hollyland's Dictionarie, 1593.

**PRICK.** (1) The same as *Preke* (1). Hence *prick and praise*, the praise of excellence.

And therefore every man judged as he thought,  
and named a sickness that he knew, shoting not  
more the *pricke*, nor understanding the nature of the  
disease.

*Hall, Henry V. f. 50.*

Then leave off these thy burning rays,  
And give to Pan the *prick* and praise;  
Thy colour change, look pale and wan,  
In honour of the great god Pan.

*Heywood's Love's Mistress, p. 42.*

Now Tarlton's dead, the consort lacks a vice,  
For knave and fool thou must bear *pricke* and price.

*A Whip for an Ape, 1589.*

(2) A term of endearment. It occurs in Palsgrave's *Acolastus*, 1540.

(3) A point; a dot.

Like to a packe without a *pricke*,  
Or o-per-se in arithmeticke.

*MS. Egerton 923, f. 3.*

(4) A skewer.

I geve to the butchers *prickes* inoughe to sette up  
their thinne meat that it may appeare thicke and  
well fedde.

*The Wylf of the Devill, n. d.*

(5) A goad for oxen; a pointed weapon of almost any kind. (*A.-S.*) In the provinces, a pointed stick is still so called.

(6) To wound; to spur a horse; to ride hard. See *Preke* (2).

(7) To trace a hare's footsteps.

(8) To germinate. Still in use.

(9) A period of time.

(10) To turn sour. *Somerset.*

(11) To decorate. "I *pricke* a cuppe or suche lyke thyng full of floures, *je enfleure*," Palsgrave. "I *pricke* full of bowes as we do a place or a horse whan we go a mayeng, *je rame*," *ibid.* In Lincolnshire, the slips of evergreens with which the churches are decorated from Christmas eve to the eve of Candlemas day are termed *prickings*.

**PRICKASOUR.** A hard rider. (*A.-S.*)

**PRICKER.** (1) Any sharp-pointed instrument. "*Punctorium*, a *prykker*," *Nominale MS.*

(2) A light horseman. There was formerly a cavalry regiment termed the *prickers*.

**PRICKET.** (1) A wax taper.

(2) The buck in his second year.

If thou wilt come and dwell with me at home,

My sheeppcote shall be strowed with new greene  
rushes:

Weele haunt the trembling *prickets* as they come

About the fields, along the hawthorne bushes;

I have a pie-bald curre to hunt the hare,

So we will live with dautie forrest fare.

*The Affectionate Shepheard, 1594.*

**PRICKING-KNIFE.**

Than bespake the *prykyng knyfe*,

He ducllys to nyze the ale-wyfe;

Sche makes oft tyme his purse full thynne,

No peny some tyme sche levys therin;

Tho thou gete more than other thre,

Thyfty man he canne not be. *MS. Ashmole 61*

**PRICKINGS.** The footsteps of a hare.

Unto these also you may adde, those which cannot discern the footings or *pry-kings* of the hare, yet will they runne speedily when they see her, or else at the beginning set forth very hot, and afterward tyre, and give over lazily; all these are not to be admitted into the kennell of good hounds.

*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts, 1607, p. 152.*

**PRICKLE.** (1) To prick. *North.*

(2) A wicker basket. *Var. dial.*

**PRICK-LOUSE.** A nickname for a tailor.

She would in brave termes abuse him, and call him rascall, and slave, but above all *pricklouse*, which he could not abide: wherefore having often forbad her, and seeing she would take no warning, on a day tooke heart at grasse, and belaboured her well in an engel: but all would not suffice; the more he beat her, the more she calde him *pricklouse*.

*Tarlton's Newes out of Purgatorie, 1590.*

**PRICK-LUGGED.** Having erect ears.

**PRICKMEDENTY.** A finical person.

**PRICK-POST.** A timber framed into the principal beam of a floor. *Pricke-posts* are mentioned in Harrison's *England*, p. 187.

**PRICKS.** A game like bowls.

**PRICKSONG.** Music pricked or noted down, full of flourish and variety.

So that at her next voyage to our Lady of Court of Strete, she entred the chappell with "Ave Regina Cœlorum" in *pricksong*, accompanied with these commissioners, many ladies, gentlemen, and gentlewomen of the best degree.

*Lambarde's Perambulation of Kent, 1596, p. 192.*

My *prick-songs* alwayes full of largues and longs,

*Prick-song* (indeed) because it prickes my hart,

And song, because sometimes I ease my smart.

*The Affectionate Shepheard, 1594.*

And all for this pevysh *pryk-song* not worth to  
strawes

That we poore sylve boyes abyde much woe.

*Ballad by Redford, Bright MS.*

**PRICK-WAND.** A wand set up for a mark to shoot arrows at. *Percy.*

**PRIDE.** (1) A mud lamprey. *West.* "Lunbrici are littell fyshes taken in small ryvers, whiche are lyke to lampurnes, but they be muche lesse, and somewhat yeolowe, and are called in Wilshyre *prides*," *Elyotes Dictionarie*, fol. Lond. 1559.

(2) "*Pryde* goyth byfore, and shame comyth after," *MS. Douce*, 52. The same proverb occurs in Wytown's *Chrouykil*, and Nash's *Pieree Penillesse*, 1592.

For if she sons turne and be variable,  
And put the drede of God out of mynd,  
Pride gothe byfor and shame conyng behynd.

*MS. Laud.* 416, f. 57.

(3) In good flesh and heart, in good condition.  
An old hawking term.

(4) Fineness; splendour. *North.*

(5) Lameness; impediment. *Chesh.*

PRIDELES. Without pride. (*A.-S.*)

PRIDY. Proud. *Cornw.*

PRIE. The plant privet.

PRIEST-ILL. The ague. *Devon.*

PRIEST'S CROWN. "Prestes crowne that flyeth about in somer, *barbedieu*," Palsgrave.  
See Cotgrave, in v. *Dent*.

PRIG. (1) A small pitcher. *South.*

(2) To higgie in price. *North.*

(3) A small brass skellet. *Yorksh.*

(4) To steal. *Var. dial.* Prygman, a thief. Fraternity of Vaabondes, 1575.

(5) An old coxcomb. *Decon.*

(6) To ride. A cant term. Dekker's *Lantheorne and Candle-light*, sig. C. ii.

PRIGGISIL. Conceited; affected. *North.*

PRIG-NAPPER. A horse-stealer.

PRIJEL. An iron tool for forcing nails out of wood, otherwise perhaps called a monkey. Moor's *Suffolk MS.*

PRIKELLE. To drive, or push. *Hearne.*

PRIKERE. A rider. *Lydgate.*

PRILL. (1) To turn sour. *Devon.*

(2) A small stream of water. *West.*

(3) A child's whirling toy.

PRIM. (1) The fry of smelts. *East.*

(2) A neat pretty girl. *Yorksh.*

(3) The plant privet. *Tusser.*

PRIMAL. Original; first. *Shak.*

PRIMA-VISTA. Primero. "The game at cards called primero or prima vista," Florio, p. 400.

It is called *primofisto* in a list of games in Taylor's *Motto*, 12mo. 1622, sig. D. iv.

PRIME. (1) To trim trees. *East.*

(2) Good; excellent. *Var. dial.*

(3) The hour of six o'clock, a. m.

Thou wotte welle that hit is soo,

And other gatis hit shalle goo

Er to morne at *prime*;

Thou hast me brougt into this ille,

And I shalle ful wele have my wille

When I se my ryme.

*MS. Cantab.* ff. v. 48, f. 44.

(4) First. *Prime temps*, first time.

(5) A term at primero.

(6) Eager; maris appetens. *Shak.*

(7) The footstep of a deer.

(8)

For (as a thrifty wench scrapes kitching-stuffe,  
And harrilling the droppings, and the snuffe  
Of wasting candles, which in thirty year  
(Reliquely kept) perchance buyes wedding chear)  
Piecemee he gets lands, and spends as much time  
Wringing each acre, as maids *pulling prime*.

*Donne's Poems*, p. 124.

PRIME-COCK-BOY. "A prime-cock-boy, a freshman, a novice, a milke-sop, a hoy new come into the world," Florio, p. 227.

PRIMED. (1) Intoxicated. *North.*

(2) Spotted from disease. *Suffolk.*

PRIME-GOOD. Excellent. *North.*

PRIMELY. Capitably. *North.*

PRIMER. First; primary.

He who from lusts vile bondage would be freed,

Its *primier* flames to suffocate must heed.

Sin is a plant, which if not from the root

Soon pluckt, will soon to spreading mischief shoot

Which if it does, its venom soon we find

Infecting all our blood, and all our mind.

*History of Joseph*, 1691.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased our Lorde God for to suffer and graunte me grace for the *primer* notable workes purposed by me.

*Nichols' Royal Wills*, p. 293.

PRIMERO. A game at cards. According to the *Compleat Gamester*, ed. 1721, p. 49, it went rapidly out of fashion after the introduction of the game of ombre. The same authority informs us that primero was played with six cards, and was similar to the latter game. See Ben Jonson, ii. 31; Florio, pp. 71, 400, 410.

PRIMEROLE. A primrose. (*A.-N.*)

The honysoucle, the froisse *primerollys*,

Ther levys splaye at Phebus up-risyog.

*Lydgate's Minor Poems*, p. 242.

PRIMETEMPS Spring. (*A.-N.*) Some

Elizabethan poets have *prime-tide*.

PRIMINERY. A difficulty. *North.*

PRIMORDIAL. Original; earliest.

PRIMOSITY. Prudery. A word used by Pitt and Lady Stanhope. *Memoirs of Lady Hester Stanhope*, 8vo. 1845.

PRIMP. To be very formal. *Cumb.*

PRIM-PRINT. The plant privet.

The most excellent is the greene coloured catterpillar, which is found upon that great bushy plant, usually termed privet, or *primprint*, which hath a circle enclosing round both his eyes and all his feete, having also a crooked horne in his tayle; these catterpillers are blackish-redder, with spots or streakes going overthwart theyr sides, being halfe white and halfe purpleish, the little pricks in these spots are inclining to redde; the rest of theyr body is altogether greene.

*Topsell's Historie of Serpents*, p. 103.

PRIMY. Early. *Shak.*

PRIN. (1) A pin. *North.*

(2) Prim; affectedly neat.

Hee looks as gaunt and *prin*, as he that spent

A tedious twelve years in an eager Lent.

Or bodyes at the Resurrection are

On wing, just rarifying into ayre.

*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 140.

PRINADO. A sharper.

PRINCIE. To be niggardly?

Ther was with him non other fare

But for to *prinche* and for to spare,

Of worldis muk to gete ences.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 157.

PRINCIPAL. (1) A heirloom. Sometimes the mortuary, the principal or best horse led before the corpse of the deceased.

And also that my best horse shall be my *principal*, without any armour or man armed, according to the custom of mean people. *Test. Vetust.* p. 73.

(2) The corner posts of a house, tenoned into

- the ground plates below, and into the beams of the roof.
- PRINCOCK.** A pert saucy youth. Brockett has *princor* as still in use, and *princy-cock* is given by Carr, ii. 58.
- If hee bee a little bookish, let him write but the commendation of a flea, straight begs he the cople, kissing, hugging, grinning, and smiling, till hee make the yong *princecks* as proud as a peckoche.  
*Lodge's Wits Miseric*, 1596.
- PRINCOD.** A pineushion. *North*. Figuratively, a short thickset woman.
- PRINGLE.** A little silver Scotch coin, about the value of a penny, current in the north parts of England. Kennett, MS.
- PRINT.** Take it. *Wills*.
- PRINK.** (1) To adorn; to dress wel; to be smart and gay. "To be prinkt up, to be drest up fine or finical like children or vain women," MS. Lansd. 1033.
- (2) To look at; to gaze upon. *West*.
- (3) To be pert or forward. *North*.
- PRINSEDE.** A principality. It is the translation of *principatus* in Nominale MS.
- PRINT.** (1) An imprint, or impression; an effigy, or image; the imprint of money.
- (2) A mould for coin, &c.
- (3) *In print*, with great exactness. Still in use, according to Palmer and Forb.
- (4) Clear and bright. *Kent*.
- (5) A newspaper. *Var. dial*.
- PRIOR.** The cross-bar to which the doors of a barn are fastened, and which prevents them from being blown open.
- PRISE.** (1) A lever. *Var. dial*.
- (2) The note of the horn blown on the death of a deer in hunting.
- Syr Eglamour hase done to dede  
A grete herte, and tane the hede;  
The prysshe he blewse fulle schille.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 140.*
- (3) Fine; good; prized.
- PRISED.** Overturned; destroyed.
- PRISON.** A prisoner. (*A.-N.*)
- PRISONER'S-BARS.** A game. See *Base* (4).
- PRISTE.** A priest.
- The kyng his false goddis alle forsake,  
And Crystyndome of *priste* he tuke.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 129.*
- PRISTINATE.** Former; pristine.
- I thynke, yea and doubt not but your line shalbe again restored to the *pristine* estate and degree.  
*Hull, Richard III. f. 13.*
- PRITCII.** (1) To cheek, or withstand. *West*.
- (2) Any sharp-pointed instrument. Hence, to pierce or make holes. *East*.
- PRITCIIEL.** An iron sbarre fixed on a thick staff for making holes in the ground. *Kent*.
- PRITTLE.** To chatter. "You *prittle* and prattle nothing but leasings and untruths," Heywood's *Royall King*, 1637, sig. B. *Prittle-prattle*, childish talk.
- PRIVADO.** A private friend. (*Span.*)
- And here Franklin, a kind of physician, Weston, a servant to Sir Thomas, and Sir Jervace Yelvis, who is (as you shall hereafter hear) *privado* to the Earl and Viscount, and the Countess and Mrs. Turner, are made instruments to kill and dispatch Sir Thomas Overbury. *MS. Harl. 4888.*
- PRIVATE.** Interest; safety; privacy.
- PRIVE.** Private; secret. (*A.-N.*) Also a verb, to keep or be secret.
- Til gentilmen and yomanry,  
Thei have thaim alle thei ar worthy,  
Those that are *privé*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 50.*
- PRIVETEE.** Private business.
- PRIVY-COAT.** A light coat or defence of mail concealed under the ordinary habit.
- PRIVY-EVIL.** According to Markham, is in hawks "a secret heart-sickness procured either by overlying corrupt food, cold, or other disorderly keeping, but most especially for want of stones or casting in the due season: the signs are heaviness of head and countenance, evil ending of her meat, and fowl black mutings." Cheap and Good Husbandry, ed. 1676, p. 133.
- PRIZALL.** A prize. *D. nel.*
- PRIZE.** (1) "A *prize* of that," meaning I don't mind it; "a pish for it." Do they not mean a *pize* or *pish* for it: as if they should say, it's but a trifle and not to be cared about, therefore a *pize* of it. *Linc.*
- (2) To favour an affected limb, as a horse does. *Dorset*.
- PROANDER.** Peradventure. *Cornw.*
- PROBABLE.** Proveable.
- PROBAL.** Probable. *Shak.*
- PROCEED.** To take a degree. This term is still used at the Universities.
- PROCERE.** Large.
- Be it never so strong, valiant fair, goodly, plaunt in aspect, *procere*, and tall. *Becon's Works*, p. 204.
- PROCES.** Story; relation; progress.
- PROCKESY.** A proxy. *Palsgrave*.
- PROCLIVE.** To be prone to.
- PROCT.** A large prop of wood. *Linc.*
- PROCTOR.** One who collected alms for lepers, or other persons unable to do it themselves. According to Kennett, beggars of any kind were called *proctors*. The Fraternity of Vaeabondes, 1575, has the following notice:—"Proctour is he that wil tary long, and bring a lye, when his maister sendeth him on his errand." Forby has *proctor*, to hector, swagger, or bully, which he considers derived from the older word.
- PROD.** A goad for oxen; any sharp-pointed instrument. Also a verb, to prick or goad; to thrust. *North*. We have also *proddle* used in the same sense.
- PRODIGAL.** Proud. *Heref.*
- PRODIGIOUS.** Portentous; horrible.
- PROFACE.** An exclamation equivalent to "Much good may it do you." See the Downfall of Robert, Earl of Huntington, p. 57.
- PROFER.** A rabbit burrow.
- PROFESSIOUN.** The monastic profession.
- PROFETS.** Buskins. *Exmoor*.
- PROFFER.** To dodge any one. *Devon*.
- PROFLIGATE.** To drive off.
- With how fervent heart should we *profligate* and chase away sin. *Becon's Works*, p. 66

In the which I doubt not but God will rather aid us; yea, (and fight for us) than see us vanquished and profited, by such as neither fear Him nor His laws, nor yet regard justice or honesty.

*Hall's Union*, 1548.

**PROFUND.** To lavish. (*Lat.*)

For the excheving of grete expences, whiche shuld be profunded and consumed in the said interview, wherof ther is no nede here, considering the grete sommes of money that promptly be to be payde.

*State Papers*, i. 251.

**PROG.** (1) Food. *Var. dial.*

(2) The same as *Prod.* q. v.

**PROGRESS.** The travelling of the sovereign and court to various parts of the kingdom.

**PROHEMIE.** A preface.

**PROIGNE.** To prune. Here it means to pick out damaged feathers, as birds do. According to Markham, "a hawk *proignes* when she fetches oil with her beak over her tail."

For joye they *proigne* hem every mornynge.

*MS. Ashmole 59*, f. 20.

**PROINER.** A pruner. *Somerset.*

**PROINING.** Prying. *Line.*

**PROJECTION.** An operation in alchemy; the moment of transmutation.

He revealed to one Roger Cooke the great secret of the elixir, as he called it, of the salt of metals, the *projection* whereof was one upon an hundred.

*MS. Ashmole 1730*, f. 147.

**PROKE.** To entreat, or insist upon. Also, to stir, or poke about. Hence perhaps *proking-spirit*, a kind of rapier, mentioned in Hall's Satires, p. 99.

**PROKETOWR.** A proctor. *Pr. Parr.*

**PROKING-ABOUT.** A familiar term applied to a person who is busily looking for something, and examining, as we say, "every hole and corner." Sharp's *MS. Warw. Gloss.*

**PROLIXIOUS.** Prolix; causing delay.

**PROLLE.** To search, or prowl about; to rob, poll, or steal; to plunder.

**PROLONGER.** A mathematical instrument, mentioned in Trenchfield's *Cap of Gray Hairs* for a Green Head, 12mo. Lond. 1688, p. 133.

**PROMESSE.** To promise. (*L.-N.*)

Thou knowyst my rygte, Lorde, and other men also; As it is my rygte, Lorde, so thou me defende:

And the quarell that is wronge, it may be overthrow, And to ryght parte the victory thou sende.

And I *promesse* the, good Lorde, my lyffe to amende, I knoleye me a synner wrappid in woo,

And all said with one voyse, Lorde, thy will be doo!

*MS. Bibl. Reg.* 17 D. xv.

**PROMISCUOUSLY.** Accidentally; by chance.

**PROMISE.** To assure. *Var. dial.*

**PROMITTED.** Disclosed. (*Lat.*)

Promyng to them franke and free pardone of all offences and commes [crimes?] *promitted*, and promociens and rewardes, for obeyng to the kynnges request.

*Hall, Henry VII.* f. 33.

**PROMONT.** A promontory.

**PROMOTER.** An informer.

**PROMOVE.** To promote, or patronize.

**PRONE.** Changeable. *Shak.*

**PRONG.** (1) A point. *North.*

(2) A hayfork. *Prong steel.* the handle of a hayfork. *South.*

**PRONOTORY.** A chief notary.

**PROOF.** Laud is said to be *proof*, when it is of an excellent quality. *Warw.*

**PROOFY.** Nutritious. *South.*

**PROP.** To help, or assist. *North.*

**PROPER.** (1) Very; exceeding. *Var. dial.*

(2) Handsome; witty. Still in use in Cornwall, according to Polwhele.

(3) To make *proper*, to adorn.

(4) To appropriate. *Palsgrave.*

(5) Becoming; deserved. *East.*

**PROPERTIES.** Dresses of actors; articles and machinery necessary for the stage.

**PROPERTY.** A cloak, or disguise.

**PROPHACION.** Profanation. *Hall.*

**PROPICE.** Convenient; propitious. (*Lat.*)

Wherfore he edified bulwarkes, and buylded fortresses on every syde and parte of his realme, where might be any place *propice* and mete for an armie to arrive or take lande.

*Hall, Edward IV.* f. 3.

**PROPINE.** To drink healths. (*Lat.*)

**PROPOSED.** Proposed. (*Lat.*)

Denying fierly, al the other new invencionis alleged and *propoyed* to his charge.

*Hall's Union*, 1548.

Which being *propoyed* and declared to the said emperor, and that in the final determination of our said cause, and all the whole circumference thereof, we have, according to our most bounden duty, nothing else studied.

*MS. Cotton. Nero.* B. vi.

**PROPOS.** A proposition.

**PROPOUNDERS.** Monopolists. *Blount.*

**PROPRIS.** Possessions; property.

**PROPS.** Legs. *Var. dial.*

**PROPULSE.** To repulse. (*Lat.*)

By whiche craftie ymagined invencion they might either cloke or *propulse* from them al suspicion of their purposed untruthes and shamefull disloyaltie.

*Hall, Henry VII.* f. 19.

Perceaving that all succours were clerely estopped and *propulsed* from them, and so brought into utter despaire of aide or comfort.

*Hall, Henry VII.* f. 23.

**PROSCRIBE.** To prescribe. "I proseribehe (Lydgate) for I preserybe," Palsgrave.

**PROSPECTIVE.** A perspective glass.

**PROSPERATION.** Prosperity.

**PROSS.** (1) Talk; conversation. *North.*

(2) They have onely three speers or *prosses*, the two lower turne awry, but the uppermost groweth upright to heaven, yet sometimes it falleth out (as the keepers of the saude beast affirmed) that either by sicknes or else through want of food, the left horn hath but two branches, in length they are one Roman foot and a halfe, and one finger and a halfe in bredth, at the roote two Roman palmes.

*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts*, p. 327.

**PROTENSE.** Extension; drawing out.

**PROTER.** A poker. *Suffolk.*

**PROTHODAWE.**

An arche foole cannot forge a lye for his pleasure, but a *prothodawe* wyll fame a glose to maintene his foolish fantasie.

*Hall, Henry V.* f. 41.

**PROTRACT.** Delay. (*Lat.*)

**PROTRITE.** Beaten up. (*Lat.*)

The fourth most *protrite* and manifest unto the world is their inconstancie.

*Wright's Passions of the Munde*, 1631, p. 40.

**PROU.** An interjection used in driving cattle when they loiter.

**PROUD.** (1) Luxuriant. *North*.  
 (2) Full; high; swelled. *Line*. Pegge explains it *large*, ed. 1839, p. 123.  
 (3) Swelling; having a sore inflammation, as flesh has. *West*.  
 (4) To be maris appetens. *North*.  
 Young man wereth jolif,  
 And than *proude*th man and wiif.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 11.

**PROUD-PEAR.** A kind of pear. It is mentioned in Florio, ed. 1611, p. 182.

**PROU D-TAILOR.** A goldfinch. *Var. dial.*

**PROULER.** A cozenor, or thief.

**PROVAND.** Provender; provision.  
 Whilles that lyarde myght drawe, the whilles was he luffed,  
 Thay putt hym to *provande*, and therwyth he *provede*;  
 Now he may nought do his dede, as he myght by-forn.  
 Thay lyg by-fore hym pese-straa, and beris away the corn.  
*MS. Lutwold A. 1. 17, f. 146.*  
 And though it were as good, it wold not convert  
 clubs and clouted shoone from the flesh-pots of Egypt, to the *provant* of the Low-countrieys.  
*Nash's Pierce Pennivise*, 1592.  
 These sea-sick soldiers rang hills, woods, and vallies,  
 Seeking *provant* to fill their empty bellies;  
 Jones goes alone, where Fate prepar'd to meet him  
 With such a prey as did unfriendly greet him.  
*Legend of Captain Jones*, 1659.

**PROVANG.** A whalebone instrument used for cleansing the stomach. See Aubrey's Wilts, Royal Soc. MS. p. 191.

**PROVANT-MASTER.** A person who provided apparel for soldiers. See B. Riche's *Ermites of Long Experience*, 1604, p. 19. In Webster's Works, ii, 152, we have *provant apparel* furnished to soldiers. *Provant-breeches*, Middleton, iv, 489.

**PROVE.** (1) To thrive; to be with young, generally said of cattle.  
 (2) To prove *masteries*, to make trial of skill, to try who does the best.

**PROVENDE.** A prebend; a daily or annual allowance or stipend. (*A.-N.*)  
 Ne ȝit a lettre for to sende,  
 For dignite ne for *proverde*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Autq. 134, f. 32.*

**PROVIAUNCE.** Provision. (*A.-N.*)

**PROVISOUR.** A purveyor, or provider.

**PROVOKEMENT.** Provocation. *Spenser*.

**PROVOSTRY.** The office of provost.

**PROVULGE.** To publish. (*Lat.*)  
 Considering that the king hath already, and also before any censures *provulged*, bothe provoked and appeld.  
*State Papers*, i, 413.

**PROW.** A small boat attendant on a larger vessel. Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.

**PROWE.** Honour; profit; advantage.  
 In long abydyng is ful lytyl *prowe*.  
*MS. Rael. Poet. 118.*  
 Yif any man wil say now,  
 That I not deyde for manys *prowe*,  
 Rather thanne he schulde be forlorne,  
 Yet I wolde eft be al to-torne.  
*MS. Coll. Cui Cantab.*

**PROWESSE.** Integrity. (*A.-N.*)

**PROWEST.** Most valiant. *Spenser*.

**PROWOR.** A priest. (*A.-N.*)

**PROWSE.** Prowess. *Warner*.

**PRU.** The same as *Prowe*, q. v.  
 Do nat as the Pharysee  
 Preyde God aȝeus hys *pru*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 77.*  
 Ne more hyt ys lore the vertu  
 Of the messe, but manny's *pru*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 16.*

**PRUCE.** Prussia.  
 And I bequeth, yef that I dey shall,  
 For to hold my fest funeral,  
 An hundreth marke of *pruce* money fyne,  
 For to bistow upon bred and wyne,  
 With other drynkys that dillicious be,  
 Whiche in ordre hereafter ye shall se.  
*MS. Raul. C. 66.*

**PRUDGAN.** Pert; brisk; proud. *Prud*, proud, occurs in Havelok, 302.

**PRUGGE.** A partner, or doxy.

**PRUMOROLE.** A primrose. (*A.-N.*)  
 He shal ben lyk the lytel bee,  
 That seketh the blo-me on the tre,  
 And souketh on the *prumorole*.  
*MS. Addit. 11307, f. 67.*

**PRUNE.** The same as *Proigae*, q. v.

**PRUNES.** It appears from passages in Marceus Extaticus, 1595, and other works, that stewed prunes were commonly placed in the windows of houses of disreputable character.

**PRUT.** An exclamation of contempt.  
 And setteth hym ryȝt at the left,  
 And seyth *prut* for thy cursyng prest.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 20.*

**PRUTE.** To wander about like a child.

**PRUTTEN.** To be proud; to hold up the head with pride and disdain. *North*. *Prute*, proud, occurs in Wright's Pol. Songs, p. 203.

**PRYNE.** Chief; first? (*A.-N.*)  
 Be hyt wyth ryghte or wyth synne,  
 Hym wyl he holde moste *pryne*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 30.*

**PRYOWRE.** The first; the chief.  
 Sche seyde thou semyste a man of honour,  
 And therfore thou schalt be *pryowre*.  
*MS. Cantab. Fr. ii. 30, f. 110.*

**PRYVATED.** Deprived.  
 They woulde not onely lese their wordely substance, but also be *pryvated* of their lives and worldly felycyete, rather then to suffre Kyng Rycharde, that tyraunt, lenger to rule and reygne over them.  
*Hall, Richard III. f. 17.*

**PSALL.** A soul. *Percy*.

**PUANT.** Stinking. *Skelton*.

**PUB.** The poop of a vessel.

**PUBBLE.** Plump; full. *North*. Kennett applies it to corn, MS. Lansd. 1033.  
 Thou shalt me fynde fat and well fed,  
 As *pubble* as may be;  
 And, when thou wilt, a merie mate  
 To langhe and chat with thee.  
*Drant, ap. Warton, tit. 336.*

**PUBLE.** A pebble. *Palsgrave*.

**PUBLIC.** An inn, or alehouse. *Var. dial.*

**PUCELLE.** A virgin; a girl. (*Fr.*)

**PUCK.** (1) Picked. *Warw.*  
 (2) A fiend. Robin Goodfellow was often so

- called. The term is still retained in the Western counties in the phrase *puck-ledden*, bewitched, fairy led, strangely and unaccountably confused.
- PUCKER.** Confusion; bother; perplexity; fright; bustle. *Var. dial.*
- PUCKETS.** Nests of caterpillars. *Sussex.* Moor says it is used in Suffolk.
- PUCK-FIST.** The common puff-ball, or fungus. It was frequently used by early writers as a term of contempt; an empty, insignificant, boasting fellow.  
Old father *puckfist* knits his arteries,  
First strikes, then rails on Riot's villainies.  
*Middleton's Epigrams, 1603.*  
If with these honors vertue he embrace,  
Then love him: else his *puckfoist* pompe abhorre.  
Sunshine or dung-hills makes them stinke the more,  
And honor shewes all that was hid before.  
*Taylor's Workes, 1630, l. 3.*
- PUCKLE.** (1) A pimple. *Salop.*  
(2) A spirit, or ghost; a puck.
- PUCKRELS.** A small fiend or puck.  
And I thinke he told me, that he shewed him  
her in a glasse, and told him she had three or foure  
impes, some call them *puckrels*, one like a grey cat,  
another like a weasel, another like a mouse, a ven-  
geance take them, it is a great pitie the country is  
not rid of them, and told him also what he should  
do; it is half a yeare ago, and he never had any hurt  
since. *Gifford's Dialogue on Witches, 1603.*
- PUCKSY.** A quagmire. *West.* Possibly from *Puck*, who led night-wanderers into bogs, &c. Hence the phrase, "he got out of the mucky and fell into the pucksy"—  
Incident in Seyllam cupiens vitare Charybdini.
- PUD.** (1) Budded. *Weber.*  
(2) The hand, or fist. *West.*
- PUDDER.** Confusion; bother.  
Upon which my Lorde Willoughbie's counsell,  
though to little purpose, made a great deale of *pudder*,  
for all the acts of parliament from E. 3 time  
till R. 2 are enroled in French. *MS. Harl. 368.*
- PUDDERING-POLE.** A stirring-pole?  
So long as he who has but a teeming brain may  
have leave to lay his eggs in his own nest, which is  
built beyond the reach of every man's *puddering-*  
*pole.* *N. Fairfax, Bulk and Selvedge, 1674.*
- PUDDING.** A stuffed cushion put upon a child's forehead when it is first trusted to walk alone.
- PUDDING-BAG.** A bird of the pea-eater kind, so called from its nest being in the form of a long pudding-bag, with a hole in the middle.
- PUDDING-DIP.** Sauce. *Yorksh.*
- PUDDING-GRASS.** The herb pennyroyal.
- PUDDING-HEADED.** Thick-headed; stupid.
- PUDDING-HOSE.** Large wide breeches.
- PUDDING-PIE.** A piece of meat plunged in batter and baked in a deep dish, thus partaking of the nature of both pudding and pie. *East.* It is sometimes called a *pudding-pie-doll*, and in Oxfordshire the like name is given to batter pudding baked in a hard crust. A mention of *pudding-pyes* occurs in Taylor's Workes, 1630, i. 146.  
Did ever John of Leyden prophecy  
Of such an Antichrist as *pudding-pye*.  
*Fletcher's Poeme, p. 155.*

A quarter of fat lambe and three-score eggs have  
beene but an easie colation, and three well larded  
*pudding-pyes* he hath at one time put to foyle.

*The Great Eater of Kent, 1630.*

- PUDDING-POKE.** The long-tailed titmouse.
- PUDDING-PRICK.** The skewer which fastened the pudding-bag. "For this I care not a *pudding-prycke*," Shak. Soc. Papers, i. 63. Ray gives the proverb, "he hath thwitten a mill-post into a pudding-prick." See his English Words, ed. 1674, p. 49. This phrase was applied to a spendthrift.

Or that I feare thee any whit  
For thy curm nips of sticks,  
I know no use for them so meet  
As to be *pudding-pricks.* *Robin Hood, l. 1.*

- PUDDING-ROPE.** A cresset-light.
- PUDDINGS.** The intestines. *North.* An untidy slovenly person is said to have his puddings about his heels.
- PUDDING-TIME.** In pudding-time, in the nick of time, at the commencement of dinner; it having formerly been usual to begin with pudding, a custom which still continues in humble life. "I came in season, as they say, in pudding-time," Withal's Dictionarie, 1608, p. 3. Said to be still in use.  
But Mars, who still protects the stout  
In *pudding-time* came to his aid.  
*Hudibras, l. ii. 865.*

- PUDDING-TOBACCO.** A kind of tobacco, perhaps made up into a roll like a pudding.
- PUDDINGING.** The ancient offering of an egg, a handful of salt, and a bunch of matches, on the first visit of a young child to the house of a neighbour, is still very prevalent in many parts of the North of England at the present time. In the neighbourhood of Leeds the ceremony is termed *puddinging*, and the recipient is then said to be *puddined*.
- PUDDLE.** (1) To tipple. *Devon.*  
(2) Short and fat. *Yorksh.* "A fat body," Hallamshire Gloss, p. 120.
- PUDDLE-DOCK.** An ancient pool from the river in Thames-street, not of the cleanest appearance. An affected woman was sometimes termed Duchess of Puddle-dock.
- PUDDUD.** To pad about. *Oxon.*
- PUDDGE.** (1) An owl. *Leic.*  
(2) A ditch, or grip. *Linc.*
- PUE.** (1) Pity. Test. Vetust. p. 380.  
(2) An animal's udder. *West.*  
(3) To chirp as birds do.
- PUEE.** The peewit. *Markham.*
- PUFF.** A puff-ball. *Somerset.*
- PUFFIN.** *Malum pulmonem.* A kind of apple mentioned in Rider's Dictionarie, 1640.
- PUFF-LOAF.** A kind of light bread.
- PUFF-THE-DART.** A game played with a long needle, inserted in some worsted, and blown at a target through a tin tube.
- PUFF-WINGS.** That part of the dress which sprung from the shoulders, and had the appearance of an inflated or blown-up wing.
- PUG.** (1) To sweat. *Warw.*  
(2) A kind of loam. *Sussex.*

(3) A thrust. (4) To strike. *West.* Also, to pluck out, to pull.

(5) In large families, the under-servants call the upper ones *pugs*, and the housekeeper's room is known as *pugs'-hole*.

6) A third-year salmon.

(7) A monkey. "Monkeys, apes, *pugs*," Florio, p. 63. It was also a familiar and intimate mode of address. "My pretty pug, *ma belle, m'anie*." Howell, 1660. (8) To eat. *Wills*.

PUG-DRINK. Water cyder. *West.*

PUGGARD. A thief. *Pugging* in Shakespeare is said to mean *thieving*.

PUGGEN. The gable-end. *Devon.*

PUGGINS. Refuse wheat. *Warw.*

PUGGLE. To stir the fire. *Essex.*

PUGGY. Damp; moist; foggy. *Var. dial.*

PUG-MIRE. A quagmire. *Derb.*

PUG-TOOTH. The eye-tooth. *Devon.* Possibly the same as *pulling-tooth* in Shakespeare.

PUG-TOP. A spinning-top. *West.*

PUISNE. A small creature. (*Fr.*)

PUISSANCE. Might; power.

King Edward being nothing abashed of this small chance, sente good wordes to the Lrie of Penbroke, animatyng and byddyng hym to bee of a good courage, promysyng hym not alonely ayde in shorte tyme, but also he hymself in persone royall would folowe hym with all hys *puyssaunce* and power. *Hall, Edward IV* f. 12.

PUKE. Explained by Baret, a colour between russet and black. "*Chiaro scuro*, a darke puke colour." Florio, p. 97.

That a camell is so ingendred sometimes, the roughnes of his haire like a boares or swines, and the strength of his body, are sufficient evidences; and these are worthily called Bactrians because they were first of all conceived among them, having two bunches on their backes; whereas the Arabian hath but one. The colour of this camell is for the most part browne, or puke, yet there are herds of white ones in India. *Tupse's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607.

PULCHE. To polish. (*A.-N.*)

PULCHER. St. Sepulchre.

Consider this, and every day conjecture

That *Pulcher's* bell doth toll to Tyburn Lecture.

*Satire against Lawd*, 1641.

Then shall great volumes with thy travels swell,  
And Fame ring louder then saint *Pulcher's* bell.

*Taylor's Works*, ii. 81.

The said lord Dakars above saide was bervid in *Synt Paulkys* Church, and the said lord Dakars was hangid for robbre of the kynges deer, and murder of the keepars. *MS. Cotton, Vespas. A. xxx.*

PULCHRITUDE. Beauty. (*Lat.*)

PULDRONS. Armour for the shoulder and the upper part of the arm.

PULE. (1) A pew. *Leic.*

(2) To cry; to blubber. *Yorksh.*

PULER. A puling person, one who is weak, who eats without appetite.

If she be pale of complexion, she will prove but a *puler*; is she high coloured, an ill cognizance.

*The Man in the Moon*, 1609, sig. G.

PULETTE. A chicken. (*A.-N.*)

PULFIN. A large fat boy. *West.*

PULID. A kite; a glead. *Leic.*

PULK. (1) A coward. *Leic.*

(2) A pool; a puddle. *Var. dial.*

(3) A short fat person. *East.*

PULL. To pull down a side, i. e. to injure or damage a cause.

PULLABLE. Poultry. (*A.-N.*) *Pullain* and *pullen* is found in several early plays. "*Poul-lailler*, a poulter or keeper of *pullaine*," Cotgrave.

The sixt house denoteth servants, sicknesse, wild beasts, ryding, hunting of and by dogs, sheepe and muttuns, goates and *pullaine*, and hath some signification over prisons, unjustice, and false accusations, and is called, The house cadant of the fourth, and otherwise ill fortune, and hath government over the belly and bowels.

*Judgements of the Starres*, 1555.

PULLE. Pool. (*A.-S.*)

Tho hi miȝten drinke that hi weren fulle,

Hi floten swithe rived bi dich and bi *fulle*.

*MS. Boil*, 652, l. 1.

PULLEN. The small crab used for baiting sea-fishing-hooks. *North.*

PULLER. A loft for poultry. *Norf.*

PULLEY-PIECES. Armour for the knees.

PULL-FACES. To make grimaces.

PULLING-TIME. The evening of a fair-day, when the wenchies are pulled about. *East.*

PULLISH. To polish. *Palsgrave.*

PULL-OVER. A carriage-way over the banks of the sea. *Leic.*

PULL-REED. A long reed used for ceilings instead of laths. *Somerset.*

PULLS. The chaff of pulse. *North.*

PULL-TOW-KNOTS. The coarse and knotty parts of the tow. *East.*

PULLY-HAWLY. (1) To pull stoutly.

(2) To romp about. *Var. dial.*

PULLY-PIECES. The poleins, or armour for the knees. See Howell, in v.

PULMENT. A kind of pottage. "*Pulmentarium*, a pulment," Nominale MS.

PULPATOONS. Confections.

PULPIT-CUFFER. A violent preacher.

PULSE. Pottage. *Somerset.*

PULSEY. A poultice. *North.*

PULSIDGE. Pulse. *Shak.*

PULT. *Out pull*, put out.

Ave excludit penalitatem, ave ys out *pult* at hanesse. *MS. Burney 356*, p. 83

PULTER. A poulterer. *Palsgrave.* Also, the royal officer who had charge of the poultry.

PULTERS. The men in mines who convey the coal from the hewers. *North.*

PULVERING-DAYS. Any days when the community assemble to let to farm the town lands; but the contract was always confirmed on a particular day, as at Southwold, on the 6th of December.

PULVER-WEDNESDAY. Ash-Wednesday.

PULWERE. A pillow. (*A.-N.*)

PUM. To beat, or thump. *North.*

PUMMEL. To beat soundly. *Var. dial.*

PUMMEL-FOOTED. Club-footed. *West.* Some of the glossaries have *pumple-footed*.

PUMMEL-TREE. A whippletree for horses.

PUMMER. Big; large. *North.*

PUMMY. Soft; pulpy. *Var. dial.*

PUMPET-BALL. The ball with which a printer lays ink on the forms.

PUM-PUM. A ludicrous term, applied by Marston to a fiddler.

PUN. (1) To pound, or beat. *West.* "To stampe or *puane* in a mortar," Florio, p. 6.

(2) A child's pinafore. *Devon.*

(3) A small iron skillet. *Line.*

PUNAY. A small fellow; a dwarf.

Arthur, with a litel *punay*,  
Hadde y-driven hem oway.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 121

PUNCCION. A puncture. (*Lat.*)

But I thinke thys was no dreame, but a *puccion* and pricke of his synfull conscience, for the conscience is so muche more charged and aggravate, as the offence is great and more heynous in degre.

*Hall, Richard III.* f. 29.

PUNCH. (1) A hard blow. *Var. dial.*

(2) To kick. *Yorksh.*

(3) A kind of horse. *Suffolk.*

(4) Short; fat. *North.* A pot-bellied man is said to be *punchy*.

(5) To work very hard. *Oxon.*

PUNCH-AND-JUDY. A kind of dramatic exhibition with puppets, still very popular.

PUNCH-CLOD. A clodhopper. *North.*

PUNCHION. (1) A bodkin. *North.*

(2) An upright piece of stout timber in a wooden partition. "*Asser*, a punchion or joyst." Elyot, ed. 1559.

PUNCHITH. To punish. (*A.-N.*)

PUNCTED. Punctured. (*Lat.*)

And after that she came to her memory, and was revyved agayne, she wept and sobbyd, and with pitifull scryches she repleneshyd the hole mancion, her breste she *puncted*, her fayre here she tare.

*Hall, Richard III.* f. 4.

PUND. A pound. *North.*

PUNDER. (1) To puzzle. *Westm.*

(2) To balance evenly. *East.*

(3) A mortar. *Yorksh.*

PUNEAR. To peruse a book. *South.*

PUNG. (1) A purse.

(2) Pushed. *Emmor.*

PUNGAR. A crab. *Kent.*

PUNGEDE. Pricked.

Behalde his bludy flesche,

His heide *pungede* with thorne.

*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 222.

PUNGER. To sponge upon. *West.*

PUNGLED. Shrivelled; tough. *East.*

PUNICE. To punish. (*A.-N.*)

PUNIES. (1) Small creatures. (*Fr.*) Freshmen at Oxford were called *punies* of the first year.

(2) Lice or insects. *Hall.*

PUNISHMENT. Pain. *West.*

PUNK. (1) Touch-wood. *North.*

(2) A prostitute. "Seated cheek by jowl: with a punke," Dekker's Knight's Conjuring, p. 20, Percy Society repr.

His pimpship with his *punke*, despite the horne,

Eate gosling gblits in a fort of coine.

*Taylor's Works*, 1630, i. 110.

PUNKY. (1) Dirty. *Verb.*

(2) A chimney-sweeper. *Yorksh.*

PUNSE. To punch, or beat. *North.*

PUNTO. A term in fencing; *punto dritta*, a direct stroke; *punto riversa*, a back-handed stroke. See Rom. and Jul. ii. 4.

PUOY. A long pole with spikes at the end, used in propelling barges or keels. *North.*

PUPPY. A puppet. *East.*

PUR. (1) The poker. *Line.*

(2) A one year old male sheep.

(3) To whine, as a cat. *Var. dial.*

(4) *Pur*, *pur-chops*, *pur-dogs*, *pur-ccit*, &c. terms at the old game of Post-and-Pair.

(5) To kick. *North.*

(6) A boy. *Dorset.*

PURCHASE. The booty of thieves. A very common term in old plays.

PURDY. (1) Proud; surly; rude. *East.*

(2) A little thickset fellow. *North.*

PURE. (1) Mere; very. Still in use. A countryman shown Morland's picture of pigs feeding, corrected the artist, by exclaiming, "They be *pure* loike surelye, but whoever seed three pigs a-feeding without one o' em having his foot in the trough?"

(2) Poor. R. de Brunne, Bowes MS.

Now wate I wele you covaytes to wyte whilke are verry *pure*, and whilke noghte.

*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 202.

(3) In good health. *Var. dial.*

(4) To purify. Maundevile, p. 286.

(5) A prostitute. A cant term.

PURED. Furred. *Ritson.*

PURELY. (1) Prettily; nicely. *East.*

Ortolan, a delicate bird, of the bigness of a lark- It sings *purely*, and is good to eat.

*Mege's Great French Dictionary*, 1688.

(2) The same as *Pure* (3).

PURFLE. The hem of a gown. Also, to ornament with trimmings, edgings, or embroidery. "A blaie lamb furre without *purfle* of sable," Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 57.

To the Lady Beaumont, my daughter, a *purfle* of sable, my best feather-bed, and o her furniture.

*Test. Veto t.* p. 471.

PURGATORY. The pit grate of a kitchen fire-place. *West.*

PURGY. Proud; conceited. *North.*

PURITAN. A whore. A cant term.

PURKEY. A species of wheat.

PURL. (1) Border; hem; fringe; stitch-work; a twist of gold or silver.

(2) To turn swiftly round; to curl or run in circles; to eddy, as a stream.

(3) Guard; watch. *Corow.*

(4) A term in knitting. It means an inversion of the stitches, which gives to the work, in those parts in which it is used, a different appearance from the general surface. The seams of stockings, the alternate ribs, and what are called the clocks, are *purled*.

PURLE. To prowl about for prey.

PURLEY. Weak-sighted. *Wills.*

PURLICUE. A flourish in writing.

PURLISS. Those pieces of timber that lie across the rafters on the inside, to preserve



- them from sinking in the middle of their length.
- PURL-ROYAL.** A liquor made with sack mixed with various spices.
- PURN.** An instrument for holding a vicious horse by the nose whilst the blacksmith is shoeing him.
- PURPAIN.** A napkin. The counterpane of a bed was called the *purpain* or *purpoint*.
- PURPLES.** A species of orchis.
- PURPOOLE.** Gray's-inn, so called from the ancient name of its manor or estate.
- PURPOSES.** A kind of game. "The prettie game which we call *purposes*," Cotgrave, in v. *Opinion*.
- PURPRESTURE.** An eneroachment on anything that belongs to the king or the public.  
A brief discoverie of the great *purpresture* of newe buyldinges nere to the cittie, with the meanes howe to restraime the same.  
*Archæologia*, xxiii. 121.
- PURPRISE.** An inclosure. (*A.-N.*)
- PURPURING.** Having a purple colour.
- PURR-BARLEY.** Wild barley.
- PURREL.** A list ordained to be made at the end of kersies to prevent deceit in diminishing their length. See Blount.
- PURSE.** To steal, or take purses.
- PURSE-NET.** A net, the ends of which are drawn together with a string, like a purse.  
For thinke yee to catch fishe with an unbaited hooke, or take a whale with a *pur-net*, then may yee retourne with a bare hooke, and an emptie purse.  
*Rocley's Search for Money*, 1609.
- PURSEWEND.** Suitable; pursuant. (*A.-N.*)
- PURSLEN.** Porcelain.
- PURST.** Lost; gone away.
- PURT.** To pout; to take a dislike; to be sullen, or sulky. *West*.
- PURTE.** Purity.
- PURTENANCE.** (1) That which belongs. *Appurtenance* is still in use as a law term.  
Alle the londys and possessions  
That I have lying within the bowens  
Of Southwerke and of the stwes syde,  
As wynde-melies ande water-milles eke,  
With alle ther *purtenances* lying on every syde,  
That be there redy and ar not for to seke.  
*MS. Cantab.*, C. 86.  
And to alle that clerkys avauuce  
To holy cherches *portynauuce*.  
*MS. Harl.*, 1791, f. 72.
- (2) An animal's intestines. *Palsgrave*.
- PURTING-GLUMPOT.** A sulky fellow. *Devon*.
- PURTRED.** Portrayed. (*A.-N.*)  
There was *purtried* in ston  
The fylsoferus everychon,  
The story of Absolon. *Sir Degrevant*, 1449.
- PURVEY.** To provide. (*A.-N.*) It is a substantive in our second example.  
Yf he wyste that hit wolde gayne,  
He wolde *purvey* hym fulle tayne  
That lady for to wyne;  
He had nothyr hors nor spere,  
Nor no wepyn hym with to were,  
That brake hys herte withynne.  
*MS. Cantab.*, ff. ii. 38, f. 76.
- The which, when they hear of the arrival and *purvey* that ye, and other of our subjects make at home in help of us, shall give them great courage to haste their coming unto us much the rather, and not fail: as we trust fully. *Letter of Henry F.*, 1419.
- PURVEYANCE.** (1) Providence; foresight.  
(2) Provision. (*A.-N.*)  
Body and sowle so they may hem lede  
Into blysse of eternalle *purveyance*.  
*MS. Cantab.*, ff. i. 6, f. 137.  
Was never slylke a *purveyance*  
Made in Yngland ne in France,  
*MS. Lincoln A.*, i. 17, f. 133.
- PURVIDE.** To provide. *East*.
- PURVIL.** To gain one's livelihood by artful and cunning means. *North*.
- PURWATTLE.** A splashed hedge. *Devon*.
- PUR-WIGGY.** A tadpole. *Suffolk*.
- PURYE.** A kind of pottage.
- PUSAYLE.** A guard, or archer. (*A.-N.*)  
Searsly couthe I chare away the kite,  
That me bireve wolde my *pusayle*.  
*Oceleve, MS. Soc. Antiq.*, 134, f. 255.
- PUSESOUN.** Poison. (*A.-N.*)  
Mani taketh therof *pusessoun*,  
And dyeth in michel wo.  
*Rouland and Vernagu*, p. 11.
- PUSH.** (1) An exclamation, as *Pish!*  
(2) A boil. *East*. "Red pimples or *pushes* in mens faces," Florio, p. 69. "A little swelling, like a bladder or *push*, that riseth in bread when it is baked," Baret, 1580.
- PUSH-PIN.** A child's play, in which pins are pushed with an endeavour to cross them. So explained by Ash, but it would seem from Beaumont and Fletcher, vii. 25, that the game was played by aiming pins at some object.  
To see the some you would admire,  
Goe play at *push-pin* with his sire.  
*Men Menaces*, 1656, p. 15  
Love and myselfe, believe me, on a day,  
At childish *push-pin*, for our sport, did play.  
*Herriek's Works*, i. 22.
- PUSH-FLOUGH.** A breast-plough. *Staff*.
- PUSKILE.** A pustule.
- PUSKITCHIN.** A tale-teller. *West*.
- PUSKY.** Wheezy. *Somerset*.
- PUSS.** (1) A hare. *Var. dial*.  
(2) A woman, in contempt.
- PUSSOMED.** Poisoned. *Yorksh.*
- PUSSY-CATS.** Catkins. *South*.
- PUSTLE.** A pustule. Florio, p. 64.
- PUT.** (1) An attempt. *Warw.*  
(2) To put a girdle round anything, to travel or go round it. To put to business, to vex or trouble. To put about, to tease or worry. To put on, to subsist; to impose upon. To put the miller's eye out, to make pudding or broth too thin. To put the stone, to throw the stone above hand, from the uplifted hand, for trial of strength. Put to it, at a loss for an expedient. To put forth, to begin to bud. To put off, to delay. Put out, annoyed, vexed.
- (3) To push, or propel. *North*. It occurs in Pr. Parv. and Havelok.  
(4) A two-wheeled cart used in husbandry, and so constructed as to be turned up at the axle to discharge the load.

- (5) To stumble. *Norfol.*  
 (6) A mole-hill. *Suffolk.*  
 (7) A pit, or cave. (*A.-S.*)  
 (8) A game at cards.

There are some playing at back-gammon, some at trick-track, some at pucket, some at cribbage, and, perhaps, at a by-table in a corner, four or five harmless fellows at *put*, and all-fours.

*Country Gentleman's Vade Mecum*, 1699, p. 75.

- (9) In coal mines, to bring the coals from the workings to the crane or shaft.  
 (10) A stinking fellow. *Devon.*  
 PUTAYLE. The populace. (*A.-N.*)  
 PUTAYN. A whore. (*A.-N.*) *Fiz à putain*, son of a whore, a common term of reproach, misprinted in Gy of Warwike, p. 295.  
 PUT-CASE. Suppose a case, i. e. take an example from an imaginary case.  
 PUTCH. A pit, hole, or puddle. *Kent.*  
 PUTCHKIN. A wicker bottle. *West.*  
 PUTE. To impute. Still in use.  
 PUTERIE. Whoredom. (*A.-N.*)  
 And bygan ful stille to spye,  
 And herde of hyre putye.  
*Wright's Seven Sages*, p. 47.

- PUTHE. Pitch. *Hearne.*  
 PUTHER. (1) Pewter. *North.*  
 (2) The same as *Pudder*, q. v.  
 PUTHERY. Said of a sheep which has water on the brain. *Sussex.*  
 PUTLOGS. The cross horizontal pieces of a scaffold in building a house.  
 PUT-ON. (1) To be depressed, or sad.  
 (2) Put your hat on; be covered. This phrase occurs in Massinger and Middleton.  
 (3) To excite, or stir up; to go fast.  
 PTOUR. A whoremonger. (*A.-N.*)  
 PUT-OVER. (1) A hawk was said to *put over* when she removed her meat from the gorge into the stomach.  
 (2) To recover from an illness.  
 PUT-PIN. The game of *pushpin*, q. v. There is an allusion to it under this name in Nash's *Apologie*, 1593.  
 That can lay downe maidens beds,  
 And that can hold ther sickly heds:  
 That can play at *put-pin*,  
 Blowe-poynte, and near lin.  
*Play of Misogonus*, MS.  
 PUTRE. To cry. *North.*  
 PUTTER. A lever. *Suffolk.*

- Q.** The same as *Cue* (1). "Go for a q."  
 Lilly's *Mother Bombe*, ap. *Nares*.  
 QD. Contr. for *quod* or *quoth*.  
 QHYP. A whip. *Prompt. Parv.*  
 QRUS. Wrathful. See *Crous* (1).  
 QUA. Who.

*Qu* herd ever a warr auntur,  
 That he that noight hadd bot of him,  
 Agayn him said becom sua grim.

*MS. Cott. Vespas. A. iii. f. 4.*

- QUAB. An unfledged bird. Hence, anything in an imperfect, unfinished state.  
 QUABBE. A bog, or quagmire.  
 QUACK. To be noisy. *West.* The term is applied to any croaking noise.

- PUTTER-OUT. (1) A distributor.  
 (2) One who deposited money with a party on going abroad, on condition of receiving a great interest for it on his return, proportionable to the dangers of the journey, and the chances of his arrival to claim it. This custom was very common in Shakespeare's time, and is alluded to in the *Tempest*, iii. 3.

PUTTICE. A stoat, or weasel. *Kent.*

- PUTTOCK. (1) A common prostitute.  
 (2) A kite. The term was metaphorically applied to a greedy ravenous fellow.

Who sees a hefer dead and bleeding fresh,  
 And sees hard-by a butcher with an axe,  
 But wil suspect twas he that made the slaughter?  
 Who findes the partridge in the *puttocks* nest,  
 But will imagine how the bird came there.

*First Part of the Contention*, 1600.

I am a greate traveler.  
 I lte on the dunghill like a *puttock*!  
 Nay, take me with a lye,  
 And cut out the brane of my buttock.

*Marriage of Witt and Wisdome*, 1570

PUTTOCK-CANDLE. The least candle in a pound, put in to make up weight. *Kent.*

- PUT-UP. (1) To sheath one's sword.  
 (2) To tolerate; to bear with. Also, to take up residence at an inn. *Var. dial.*

PUZZEL. A filthy drab.

PUZZLE-HEADED-SPOONS. Apostle-headed-spoons; each with the figure of an apostle, his head forming the top of the spoon. They may be seen at several places in Cornwall and Devon. See *Apostle-spoons*.

PUZZUM. Spite; malice. *North.*

PYE. *Father of the Pye*, the chairman of a convivial meeting. *Decon.*

PYKE. To move or go off.

PYONINGS. Works of pioneers; military works of strength. *Spenser.*

PYRAMIDES. Spires of churches.

PYTE. Mercy; pity. (*A.-S.*)

Fro dals deop to the I cryde,  
 Lord, thow listyn the voys of me!  
 This deep presoun that I in byde,  
 Brek it up Lord for thin *pyte*.

Be thow myn governowr and myn gva,  
 Myu gostly foode, that I nougt fle,  
 And let out of thin herte glyde,  
 That I have trespasyd agens the.

*Hampole's Paraphrase of the Psalms*, MS.

QUACKING-CHEAT. A duck. An old cant term, given by Dekker, 1616.

QUACKLE. To choke, or suffocate. *East.*

QUACKSALVER. A cheat or quack.

But the juglers or *quacksalvers* take them by another course, for they have a staffe slit at one end like a payre of tongs, those stand open by a pinne; now, when they see a serpent, viper, adder or snake, they set them upon the neck neere the head, and pulling forth the pinne, the serpent is inevitably taken, and by them loosed into a prepared vessel, in which they keepe her, and give her meate.

*Topsell's Historic of Serpents*, 1608, p. 49

QUAD. Bad; evil. *Chaucer.*

QUADDLE. To dry, or shrivel up. *West.*

QUADDY. Broad; short and thick. *East.*

QUADE. To spoil, or destroy.

QUADRAT. Arranged in squares.

And they followed in a *quadrat* array to the entent to destroy kyng Henry.

*Hull's Union, 1548. Hen IV. f. 13.*

QUADRELLS. Four square pieces of peat or turf made into that fashion by the spade that cuts them. *Staff.*

QUADRILLE. A game at cards, very similar to *Ombre*, q. v.

QUADRILAGE. A work compiled from four authors. A Life of Thomas Becket was so called.

The very authours of the *quadriloge* itselfe, or song of foure parts, for they yeeld a concert, though it be without harmonie, doe all, with one pen and mouth, acknowledge the same.

*Lambard's Perambulation, 1596, p. 515.*

QUADRIVIUM. The seven arts or sciences were formerly divided into the *quadrivium*, or fourfold way to knowledge; and the *trivium*, or threefold way to eloquence. The former comprised arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy; the latter, grammar, rhetoric, and logic.

QUAER. Where.

That I mit becum hir man, I began to crave,  
For nothing in hirde fondin wol I let;  
Seche har me fast on hond, that I began to rave,  
And bad me fond ferther, a fol for to feche.  
*Quaer* gospellis al thi speche?

Thu findis hir noht hire the sot that thu seche.

*MS. Arundel 27, f. 130.*

QUAG. A bog, or quagmire. *Var. dial.* Hence *quaggy*, soft and tremulous.

QUAGGLE. A tremulous motion. *South.*

QUAIL. (1) To go wrong.

(2) To shrink, flinch, or yield. To soften or decrease, Holinshed, *Conq. Ireland*, p. 21. Sometimes, to faint, to droop, to fall sick.

(3) To curdle. *East.* "I quayle as mylke dothe, *se quaillebotte*; this mylke is quayled, eate none of it," Palsgrave. "The cream is said to be *quailed* when the butter begins to appear in the process of churning," Batchelor's *Orthoep. Anal.* p. 140.

(4) A whore. An old cant term.

(5) To overpower, or intimidate.

QUAIL-MUTTON. Diseased mutton. *Lincol.*

QUAIL-PIPE. A pipe used to call quails. *Quail-pipe boots*, boots resembling a quail-pipe, from the number of plaits or wrinkles.

QUAINT. Elegant; neat; ingenious. Occasionally, prudent. *Quaintness*, beauty, elegance. Now obsolete in these senses.

QUAINTE. To acquaint; inform.

There if he travaille and *quainte* him well,  
The Treasure of Knowledges is his eche deale.

*Record's Castle of Knowledge, 1556.*

QUAIRE. A quire, pamphlet, or book.

Thow litell *quayer*, how darst thow shew thy face,  
Or com yn presence of men of honeste?

Sith thow art rude and folowist not the trace

Of faire langage, nor haiste no bewte;

Wherefore of wysedom thus I counsell the,

To draw the bake fer out of their ight,

Lest thow be had in reproof and dispite.

*MS. Rawl. C. 86.*

QUAISY. (1)

Hit most be a curet, a crowned wyght,

That knowth that *quaisy* frome ben and pesc,

Or ellys theyre medysus they have no myght

To geve a mane lysens to lyve in ease

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6*

(2) Indigestible; tough. *North.*

QUAKE. (1) To shake. *Shak.*

(2) Fear, trembling. (*I.-S.*)

Thou shal bye thi breed ful dere,

Til thou turne azeyn in *quake*

To that erthe thou were of-take.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 6.*

QUAKER-GRASS. The shaking grass. *Worc.*

QUAKING-CHEAT. A calf, or sheep.

QUALE. To kill, or destroy. (*I.-S.*)

QUALESTER. "Chorista, a qualester," Nominale MS. of the fifteenth century.

QUALIFY. To soothe, or appease.

QUALITY. Profession; occupation.

QUALITY-MAKE. The gentry. *North.*

QUALLE. A whale.

The lady whyte als *quallis* bane,

Alle falowed hir hewe.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 143.*

QUALME. (1) Sickness; pestilence. (*I.-S.*)

(2) The noise made by a raven.

QUAMP. Still; quiet. *West.*

QUANDORUM. A polite speech. *South.*

QUANK. To overpower. *West.*

QUANT. A pole used by the bargemen on the Waveney between Yarmouth and Bungay, for pushing on their craft in adverse or scanty winds. It has a round cap or cot at the immersed end to prevent its sticking in the mud. Some of the *quants* are nearly thirty feet long. The term occurs in *Pr. Parv.*

QUANTO-DISPAINNE. An ancient dance described in *MS. Rawl. Poet.* 108.

QUAPPE. To quake; to tremble.

QUAR. (1) A quarry. *West.*

When temples lye like batter'd *quarrs*,

Rich in their ruind sepulchers,

When saints forsake their painted glass

To meet their worship as they pass.

*Fletcher's Poems, p. 136.*

(2) To coagulate, applied to milk in the female breast. *Somerset.*

QUARE. To cut into pieces.

QUAREL. A stone quarry. "*Saxifragium*, a *quaryle*," Nominale MS.

QUARELLES. Arrows. (*I.-N.*)

*Quarelles* qwayntly swappex thorowe knyghtez

With iryne so wekyry, that wynehe they never.

*Monte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 75.*

QUARIER. A wax-candle, consisting of a square lump of wax with a wick in the centre. It was also called a *quarion*, and is frequently mentioned in old inventories. "All the ends of quarriers and prickets," *Ord. and Reg.* p. 295.

QUARKEN. To suffocate; to strangle.

With greate dyfficultie I fynde it out I have a

throte-bolle almoste strangled u. snarled or *quar-*

*kennyd* with extreme hunger

*Palsgrave's Acolastus, 1540.*

QUARL. To quarrel. *Somerset.* "Quarled

poison," quotation in Nares. Should we read "quarrel'd poison?"

**QUARROF.** Whereof.  
With Lilymon, the best fynger,  
He begynnes to boke,  
And sayes, *quarrof* art thou so ferd?  
Hit is a litil synne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 32.*

**QUARRE.** Square.  
*Quare* scheld, gode swerd of steil,  
And launce steil, biteand wel.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 111.*

**QUARREL.** (1) A square of window glass, properly one placed diagonally. Anciently, a diamond-shaped pane of glass. Hence the cant term *quarrel-picker*, a glazier. The word was applied to several articles of a square shape, and is still in use.  
(2) A duel, or private combat.

**QUARRELOUS.** Quarrelsome. *Shak.*

**QUARRIER.** A worker at a quarry.

**QUARROMES.** The body. A cant term. See a list in Dekker's *Lanthorne and Candle-light*, 4to. Lond. 1620, sig. C. ii.

**QUARRY.** (1) Fat; corpulent. "A quarry, fat man, *obesus*," Coles' *Lat. Dict.*  
(2) See *Quarrier* and *Quarrell*.  
(3) Prey, or game. *Quarry-hawk*, an old entered and reclaimed hawk.  
(4) An arrow. Drayton, p. 29.

**QUART.** (1) A quarter. *Spenser*.  
(2) Three pounds of butter. *Leic.*

**QUARTER.** (1) An upright piece of timber in a partition. *Somerset*.  
(2) A noise; a disturbance.  
Sing, hiho, Sir Arthur, no more in the house you shall prate;  
For all you kept such a *quarter*, you are out of the counsell of state.  
*Wright's Political Ballads, p. 150.*  
(3) A square panel. *Britton*.

**QUARTERAGE.** A quarter's wages.

**QUARTERER.** A lodger. *Devon*.

**QUARTER-EVIL.** A disease in sheep, arising from corruption of the blood. *South*.

**QUARTER-FACE.** A countenance three parts averted. *Jonson*.

**QUARTEROUN.** A quarter.  
And there is not the mone seyn in alle the luna-cious, saf only the seconde *quarteroun*.  
*Moqueville's Travels, p. 301.*

**QUARTER-SLINGS.** A kind of ropes or chains used on board a ship.  
Thy roaring cannons and thy chens  
Be layde on every side;  
Yea bases, foulers, *quarter slings*,  
Which often hath been tride.  
*Gaufrido and Barnardo, 1370.*

**QUARTLE.** A fourth part, or quarter.

**QUASH.** A pompon.

**QUASS.** To quaff, or drink. Some suppose this to be a corruption of *quaff*.

**QUASTE.** Quashed; smashed.  
Ahowte *scho* whirles the whele and whirles me undre,  
Tille alle my *quarters* yt whille whare *quaste* al to pecces.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 89.*

**QUASY.** Same as *Queasy*?

I have passed full many *quasy* dayes,  
That now unto good I cannot mate,  
For mary I dyde myselve to late.

*The Complaynte of them that ben to late maryed.*

**QUAT.** (1) To squat down. *Dorsel*. To go to quat, i. e. *alvum levare*.

(2) Full; satiated. *Somerset*. "Quatted with other daintier fare," Philotimus, 1583.

(3) A pimple, or spot. Hence, metaphorically, a diminutive person.

(4) To flatter. *Devon*.

**QUATCH.** (1) To betray; to tell; to peach. A woman speaking of a person to whom she had confided a confidential secret, said, "I am certain he won't *quatch*," *Oaf*.

(2) A word. *Berks*.

(3) Squat, or flat. *Shak*.

**QUATE.** Thought.

To bilde he hade gode *quate*,

At Lonon he made a gate.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 94.*

**QUATER-JACKS.** The quarters or divisions of the hour struck by the clock. *Lincol*.

**QUATHE.** Said?

The king it al hem graunted rath,

And hye him al merci *quathe*.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 60.*

**QUATHING.** In good condition.

**QUATRON.** A quartern. (*A.-N.*)

**QUAUGHT.** To drink deeply.

**QUAVE.** To shake, or vibrate. *Verb*. "Al the world quaved," Piers Ploughman, p. 373.

**QUAVE-MIRE.** A bog, or quagmire. *Palsgrave*. It is spelt *quakemire* in Stauilhurst's Description of Ireland, p. 20. "A verie *quave mire* on the side of an hill," Harrison, p. 61. Cf. Holinshed, Chron. Scot. p. 48.

**QUAVERY-MAVERY.** Undecided. *East*.

**QUAVIN-GOG.** A quagmire. *Wills*.

**QUAWKING.** Croaking; cawing. *Var. Dict.*

**QUAY.** "*Quay* or sower mylke," MS. note by Junius, in his copy of the *Ortus Vocab.* in the Bodleian Library.

**QUAYED.** Quailed; subdned. *Spenser*.

**QUAYT.** A gnat. *Nominale MS.*

**QUE.** A cow. *Lincol*.

**QUEACH.** (1) A thicket. *Coles*.

(2) A plat of ground left unploughed on account of queaches or thickets. *East*.

**QUEACHY.** Wet; saturated; quashy; swampy; marshy. Sometimes, running like a torrent of water. "*Torrents, quechi*," MS. Lansd. 560, f. 45, a vocabulary of the fifteenth century, written in Lancashire.

**QUEAL.** To faint away. *Devon*.

**QUEAN.** A slut; a drab; a whore; a scold. The term is not necessarily in a bad sense in some writers. "*Anus, a old queene*," MS. Bibl. Reg. 12 B. i. f. 40.

**QUEASY.** (1) Squeamish; nice; delicate. Still in use, meaning *sickish*. It sometimes signifies *mad*.

(2) Short; brief. *Devon*.

**QUEATCHIE.**

For they that lacke customers all the weeke,  
either because their haunt is unknown, or the con-

stables and officers of their parish watch them so narrowly that they dare not *quente*, to celebrate the Sabbath, floske too theaters, and there keepe a generall market of bawdrie.

*Gosson's Schoole of Abuse*, 1579.

QUEATE. Peace; quietness.

QUEECK. A blow?

But what and the ladder slyppe,  
Than I am deceyved yet;  
And yf I fall I catche a *quecke*.  
I may fortune to breke my necke,  
And that joynt is yll to set.  
Nay, nay, not so! *Entlude of Youth*, n. d.

QUECORD. A game prohibited by an ancient statute, and supposed by Blount to be similar to shovel-board.

QUED. A shrew; an evil person.

Namly an eyre that ys a *qued*,  
That desyreth hys fadrys ded.

*MS. Harl.* 1791, f. 42.

QUEDE. (1) Harm; evil. Also, the devil.

As he stode styll and bode the *quede*,  
One com with an asse charged with brede.

*MS. Harl.* 1791, f. 37.

(2) A bequest. (*A.-S.*)

QUEDER. To shake, or shiver.

QUEDNES. Iniquity. This word occurs in *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii. Ps. 10.*

QUEDUR. Whether.

She seid, Mas! how shuld I lyfe,  
Er thus my life to lede in loud;  
Fro dale to downe I am dryfe,  
I wot not *quedur* I may sit or stond.

*MS. Camb.* Ff. v. 48, f. 106.

QUEE. A female calf. *North.*

QUEED. The cud. "To chamme the *qued*." This is given as a Wiltshire word in *MS. Lansd.* 1033, fol. 2.

QUEEK. To press or squeeze down; to pinch. *Heref.*

QUEEL. To grow flabby. *Deron.*

QUEEN-DICK. That happened in the reign of Queen Dick, i. e. never.

QUEEN-OF-HEARTS. An old country dance, mentioned in the *Bran New Wark*, 1785, p. 7.

QUEEN'S-GAME. A game at tables.

QUEEN'S-STICK. A stately person. *Linc.*

QUEER. (1) To puzzle. *Var. diol.*

(2) Bad; counterfeit. A cant term.

QUEERQUIST. A quiz. *Heref.*

QUEER-STRET. A phrase thus generally used: "Well! that have put me in *queer-stret*," meaning, puzzled me queerly or strangely. *Suffolk.*

QUEER-WEDGES. Large buckles. *Grose.*

QUEEST. A wood-pigeon. *West.* Spelt *queeze* in Wilbraham's Gloss. p. 108. The ringdove, Ray's Catalogue of English Birds, 1674, p. 85. "A ringdove, a stockdove, a quoist," Florio, p. 109.

QUEEVE. To vibrate. *Beds.*

QUEINT. The pulchrum muliebre.

QUEINTANCE. Acquaintance.

But folke that been fallen in poverté,  
No man desyreth to have theire *queyntance*.

*MS. Ashmole* 59, f. 35.

QUEINTE. (1) Quenched. (*A.-S.*)

II.

Whan hit hathe *queynt* his brendis bright,  
Than ette ayen hit yevyth hym a newe light.

*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole* 39, f. 32.

(2) Strange; curious; cunning; artful; trim; neat; elegant. (*A.-N.*)

QUEINTISE. Neatness; cunning.

To go aboute the boke seise,  
And al bi the develis *queyntise*.

*MS. Ashmole* 41, f. 55.

QUEITE. Crept. *Will. Wern.*

QUEK. To quack; to make a noise like a goose or duck. Urry, p. 417.

He toke a gose fast by the nek,  
And the goose thoo begann to *quek*.

*Reliq. Antiq.* v. 4.

QUEKED. Sodden, as wine is.

QUELCH. A blow, or bang.

QUELE. A wheel. *Prompt. Parc.* "Qwel. *rota*," *MS. Lansd.* 560, f. 45.

QUELLE. To kill. (*A.-S.*)

QUELLIO. A ruff for the neck. (*Span.*)

QUELME. To kill; to destroy. (*A.-S.*) It occurs in *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii.*

QUELTRING. Sultry; sweltering. *West.*

QUEME. (1) To please. (*A.-S.*)

Of all vertues yeve meeke largesse  
To be acceptid the to *queme* and serve,  
To fyne onely thy grace I may deserve.

*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole* 39, f. 12.

(2) To bequeath; to leave by legacy.

(3) The same as *quaint*, q. v. "I tell you, Hodge, in sooth it was not cleane, it was as black as ever was Malkin's *queme*," Tumult. play dated 1613. *Rawl. MS.* Grose has *quim*, which he derives from the Spanish *quemar*, to burn. It is, perhaps, connected with the old word *quaint*, which, as I am informed by a correspondent at Newcastle, is still used in the North of England by the colliers and common people.

QUENCH. To lay or place in water, without reference to extinguishing. See Harrison's *England*, p. 130.

QUENE. When.

*Quene* that the kyng Arthur by conqueste hade wonnyne  
Castelles and kyngdoms and *contreez* many.

*White Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 53.

QUENINGLES. Quinces. (*A.-N.*)

QUENTLY. Easily. *Gawayne.*

QUEQUER. A quiver.

To a *quequer* Roben went. *R. bin Hood*, l. 90.

QUERDLING. A kind of apple, perhaps the original of what we call *codlin*.

QUERELE. A complaint.

Thou lyf, thou luste, thou mannis hele,  
Biholde my cause and my *querele*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 39.

That all ministers, now to be deprived in this *querele* of rites, may be pardoned of all the payments of first-fruits due after deprivation.

*Grindal's Remains*, 1843, p. 289.

QUERESTAR. A chorister. *Valsgrave.*

Thy harp to Pan's pipe, yield, god Panus,

For 'tis not now as in dicbus

Illis; Pan all the year we follow,

But semel in anno ridet Apollo;

Thy *quarster* cannot come near

The voice of this our chantiecle.

*Heywood's Love's Mistress*, p. 42.

QUERK. (1) To grunt; to moan. *West.*

(2) A moulding in joinery. *North.*

QUERKEN. To stifle, or choke. *North.*  
"Chekenyd or qwerkenyd," Pr. Parv.

It wil grow in the ventricle to such a masse that it wil at the receit of any hot moisture send up such an ascending fume that it wil be ready to *qurken* and stifle us. *Optick Glasse of Humors*, 1639, p. 124.

QUERN. (1) Corn. *Salop.*

(2) A mill. This word is generally applied to a hand-mill. (*A.-S.*) "*Mola*, a qwerstone," Nominale MS.

Having therefore ground eight bushels of good malt upon our *querne*, where the toll is saved, she addeth unto it halfe a bushell of wheat meale.

*Harrison's Description of England*, p. 169.

QUERPO. Same as *Cuerpo*, q. v. "Me must den valke in *quirpo*," Nabbes' Bride, 4to. Lond. 1640, sig. F. iv.

A batt, who nigh in *querpo* sat,  
Lay snug, and heard the whole debate.

*Collins' Miscellanies*, 1762, p. 132.

QUERROUR. A worker in a quarry.

QUERT. Joyful. Also, joy. *In quert*, joyful, in good spirits. See Lydgate, pp. 32, 38; Ritson's Met. Rom. iii. 408-9.

Remember thy God while thou art *quert*.

*MS. Laud.* 416, f. 76.

And that hym byhoveth leve hyt in *querte*,  
And he overcomen and caste to helle pytt.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 36, f. 14.

But thouge that Noe was in *quest*,  
He was not al in ese of hert.

*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 12.

QUEST. (1) The sides of an oven. Pies are said to be *quested* when their sides have been crushed by each other, or so joined to them as thence to be less baked. *North.*

(2) To give tongue as hounds do on trail. "To bay or *quest* as a dog," Florio, p. 1. Still in use. See Forby, ii. 268.

Kenettes *questede* to quelle,  
Al so brems so any belle,  
The deer daunteden in the delle,  
That al the downe denede.

*Re'iq. Antiq.* ii. 7.

(3) An inquest. *Var. dial.* Both words are used by Hall, Henry VIII. ff. 50, 53.

QUESTANT. A candidate; one who is seeking for some object. *Shak.*

QUESTE. A prayer, or demand. (*A.-N.*)

QUESTEROUN. Cooks, or scullions.

QUEST-HOUSE. The chief watch-house of a parish, generally adjoining a church, where sometimes quests concerning misdemeanours and annoyances were held. The *quest-house* is frequently mentioned in the accounts of St. Giles, Cripplegate, 1571, MS. Addit. 12222.

QUESTMEN. "Those that are yearly chosen, according to the custom of a parish, to assist the churchwardens in the enquiry, and presenting such offenders to the ordinary as are punishable in the court-christian," Blount's Glossographia, ed. 1681, p. 594.

QUESTMONGER. A jurymen.

Awake, awake, ye *questmongers*, and take heed you give a true, just, and right verdict.

*Becon's Works*, p. 370.

QUESTUARY. Profitable.

QUETE. Wheat. It is the translation of *frumentum* in MS. Lausd. 560, f. 45.

That zere shalbe litulle *quete*,  
And plenté shalbe of appuls grote.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 75.

QUETHIE. (1) Harm; mischief. (*A.-S.*)

(2) To say; to declare. (*A.-S.*)

(3) To bequeath. *Lydgate.*

Hous and rente and outhur thyng  
Mow they *quethe* at here endyng.

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 42.

(4) Cry; clamour. *Gawayne.*

QUETHING. Saying, crying?

Being alive and seinge I peryshe, i. beinge quycke and *quethyng* I am undone.

*Palsgrave's Acolastus*, 1540.

QUETHUN. Whence. *Robson.*

QUETOURE. A scab, or swelling.

QUEVER. Gay; lively. *West.*

QUEW. Cold.

QUEZZEN. To suffocate. *East.*

QUHILLES. Whilst.

*Quhilles* he es quykke and in qwerte unquellyde with handis,

Be he never mo savede ne socourede with Cryste.

*Morte Arthure*, MS. Lincoln, f. 93.

QUIB. A taunt, or mock. *Coles.*

QUIBIBES. Cubels. "*Quiperium*, a quybybe," Nominale MS.

QUIBLIN. An attempt to deceive.

QUICE. A wood-pigeon. *Glouc.*

QUICHE. To move.

QUICK. (1) Alive; living.

In thilke time men hem tok  
With juggement withouten les,  
And also *quic* dolven hes.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 28.

Sir, he send, asay of this,  
Thei were ȝisturday *quyk* i-wysse.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 50.

*Quyk?* ye, forsothe, *quyk* it was,  
As wel I may tel you alle the case.

*The Sacrifice of Abraham*, p. 18.

(2) The growing plants which are reared or set for a hedge. *Var. dial.*

(3) Sharp; piercing. *Devon.*

QUICK-DEER. Deer with young.

QUICKEN. (1) Couch grass. *North.*

(2) To work with yeast. *Quickening-dish*, the yeast or balm that is put to new drink to make it work. *North.*

(3) To revive. Still in use.

(4) To conceive with child.

QUICKER. A quickset hedge. *West.*

QUICKLINGS. Young insects. *Fast.*

QUICKMIRE. A quagmire. *Devon.*

QUICKWOOD. Thorns. *Yorksh.*

QUID. (1) The cud. *Var. dial.* Hence, generally, to suck one's tongue.

(2) A monthful of tobacco. *Var. dial.*

QUIDDITY. A subtlety; a subtle quirk or pretence. *Quiddit* was also used.

QUIERIE. A royal stable.

QUIET. Gentlemanly. *West.*

QUIETUS. The official discharge of an account. (*Lat.*) It is chiefly used metaphorically, and

it means in slang language a severe blow, in other words a *settler*.

QUIFTING-POTS. Small drinking pots holding half a gill. *Lanc.*

QUIL. The reed on which the weavers wind their heads for the shuttle. See Robin Good-fellow, p. 24.

QUILL. A pile, heap, large cock, or cop of hay put together ready for carrying, and to secure it from rain; a heap of anything.

QUIEKIN. A frog. *Cornw.*

QUILL. (1) The stalk of a cane or reed; the fancet of a barrel. Hence, to tap liquor. *Devon.*

(2) The fold of a ruff. Also to plait linen in small round folds. "After all your starching, quilling, turning, seeking, pinning." Strode's Floating Island, sig. C.

(3) In the quill, written. *Shak.*

QUILLER. An unfledged bird.

QUILLET. (1) A furrow. *North.*

(2) A croft or grassyard. *Devon.*

(3) A little quibble. *Shak.*

So you, only by conceit, thinke richly of the operation of your Indian pudding, having contrarie qualities in it, a thing repugnant to philosophy, and working miraculous matters, a *quillit* above nature. *The Man in the Moone*, 1609, sig. C. ii.

QUILL-TURN. The machine or instrument in which a weaver's quill is turned.

QUILLY. To harden; to dry. *Devon.*

QUILT. (1) To beat. *Var. dial.*

(2) To swallow. *West.*

(3) Almost worn out. *I. Wight.*

(4) To be very fidgety. *South.*

QUILTED-CALVES. Sham calves for the legs made of quilted cloth.

QUIN. A kind of spikenard.

QUINCE. The king's-evil.

For the *quince*. Take horehownde and columbyne, and sethe it in wyne or ale, and so thereof let hym dryncke fyrste and laste. *MS. Rec. M. A.*

QUINCE-CREAM. Is thus described.

Take the quinces and put them into boiling water unpared; then let them boil very fast uncovered that they may not colour; and when they are very tender, take them off and peel them, and beat the pap very small with sugar; and then take raw cream, and mix with it till it be of fit thickness to eat like a cream. *True Gentlewoman's Delight*, 1676, p. 5.

QUINCH. (1) To make a noise.

(2) To stir, or move. Sometimes a substantive, a twitch, or jerk.

QUINE. Whence.

From *quyne* come yon kene mane, quod the kyng thanne,  
That knawes kyng Arthure and his knyghtes also.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 20.*

Bethynke the welie *quyne* thou came,  
Ikone we ere of Adam.  
*R. de Brunne, MS. Boece, p. 15.*

QUINET. A wedge. *Glove.*

QUINNY. Not quite; not just yet. *East.*

QUINOLA. A term in the game of primero, signifying the chief card.

QUINRE. Some poisonous animal.

QUINSE. To carve a plover. spelt *cuinse* in the

Booke of Hunting, 1586. It occurs in Hall's Satires, p. 82.

QUINTAIN. "A game or sport in request at marriages in some parts of this nation, specially in Shropshire; the manner now corruptly thus, A quintin, buttress, or thiek plank of wood is set fast in the ground of the highway where the bride and bridegroom are to pass, and poles are provided with which the young men run a tilt on horse-back; and he that breaks most poles, and shews most activity, wins the garland." Blount, ed. 1681, p. 535. The quintain was often gaily painted.

Thy wakes, thy *quint-b*, here thou hast,  
Thy May-poles too with garlands grac't.  
*Herrick's Poems, ii. 44.*

QUINTASENCIA. Some preparation for converting the baser metals into gold.

QUINTER. A two-year-old sheep.

QUINTURE. Delivery; cure. *Hearne.*

QUIP. A sharp retort. "Merrie quipps or tauntes wittily spoken." Baret.

Tarlton meeting with a wily country wench, who gave him *quip* for *quap*. *Tarlton's Jests*, 1611.

QUIRBOILE. A peculiar preparation of leather, by boiling it to a condition in which it could be moulded to any shape, and then giving it, by an artificial process, any degree of requisite hardness.

Whypes of *quirboyle* by-wente his white sides.  
*MS. Laud. 656, f. 1.*

QUIRE-BIRD. One who has lately come out of prison, and seeks for a place.

QUIRE-CUFFIN. A churl. *Dekker.*

QUIRISON. A complaint. (*A.-N.*)

QUIRK. (1) To emit the breath forcibly after retaining it in violent exertion. *West.*

(2) To grunt; to complain. *Devon.*

(3) The clock of a stocking. *Devon.* The term occurs in Stubbe, 1595.

(4) A pane of glass cut at the sides and top in the form of a rhomb.

QUIRKY. Merry; sportive. *Lioc.*

QUIRLEWIND. A whirlwind. It is translated by *turbo* in MS. Egerton 829, f. 14.

QUISERS. Christmas mummings. *Derb.*

QUISES. Cushions for the thighs, a term in ancient armour. *Hall.*

QUISEY. Confounded; dejected. *North.*

QUISHIN. A ension. *Palsgrave.*

Swythe chayers thay fett,  
*Quysyns* of velvet.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 135.*

QUISIBLE.

For all this to prouffyt is no more possyble  
Than for to drynke in a *quysyble*.  
*Ex ly Interlude in Bibl. Lameth.*

QUISSONDAY. Pentecost; Whit-Sunday.

QUISTER. A bleacher. Nominale MS.

QUIT. (1) To remove by force.

(2) To be even, or equal with. The modern phrase is *to be quits*.

(3) Acquitted. See *Quite* (3).

QUITCH. To flinch. Also as *quinch*, to stir or move, to make a noise.

QUITE. (1) Free; quiet. (*A.-N.*)  
 (2) To pay off; to requite. (*A.-N.*)  
 os hyt ys in the story tolde,  
 xl<sup>5</sup>. Syr Roger downe can folde,  
 So *quyt* he them ther mede;  
 Had he bene armyd y-wys,  
 Alle the maystry had byn hys;  
 Allas! why wantyd he hys wede?  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 73.*  
 Syr Roger smote them on the hede,  
 That to the gyrdylle the swerde yede,  
 Of hym were they *quyte*;  
 They hewe on hyu faste as they were wode,  
 On eche syde then sprong the blode,  
 So sore on hym they dud snyte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 73.*  
 (3) To acquit. Sometimes acquitted.  
*Quyte* the weyl oute of borghegang,  
 That thou ne have for hyt no wrang.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 63.*  
 Herof they *quytte*ne hyme as treue mene,  
 And sith spake they farder thenne,  
 That yf he myght hys lemane bryng  
 Of whome he maide knolishyng.  
*MS. Rawlinson C. 86.*  
 1) White. (*A.-S.*)  
 The childe, that was so nobulle and wyse,  
 Stode at his fadurs grafe at eve;  
 Ther cam on in a *quyte* surplisse,  
 And pryvely toke him be the slefe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 67.*  
 QUITE-BETTER. Entirely recovered.  
 QUITECLAYM. Free from claim.  
 Fram heune to Ynde that cite  
*Quiteclaym* thaf schul go fre.  
*Co of Warewike, p. 310.*  
 QUITELICIL. Freely; at liberty. (*A.-S.*) It  
 is wrongly explained by Ellis, ii. 77.  
 QUITEMENT. Completely; entirely.  
 QUITTER. (1) Thin nasty matter or filth that  
 runs from a wound. "Qwytyr or rotunnes,  
*putredo*," Nominale MS.  
 (2) Whiter; more delicate. See the example  
 in v. *Blanchette*.  
 QUIVER. Nimble; active. In use in Suffolk,  
 according to Moor. "*Aqilis*, nimble, light,  
 lieger, *quiver*," Elyot, ed. 1559. *Quivery*.  
 shaky, nervous.  
 They bothe swetely played;  
 A sergeaunt them afrayed,  
 And sayd they were full *quever*.  
*Boke of Mayd Emlyn, p. 27.*  
 QUIZZLE. To suffocate. *Norf.*  
 QUO. Contraction of *quoth*.  
 QUOB. A quicksand, or bog. *West.* We have  
*quobmire* in Salop. *Antiq. p. 539.*  
 QUOCKEN. To vomit. *North.*  
 QUOD. (1) To fish for eels with worms tied on  
 worsted. *Hants.*  
 (2) A prison. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) Quoth; says. (*A.-S.*)  
 Avauce baner! *quod* the kyng, passe forthe anone,  
 In the name of the Trynyte and oure Lady bryghte,  
 Seynt Edward, Seynt Anne and swete seynt John,  
 And in the name of Seynt George, oure laudis knyghte!  
 This day shew thy grett power and thy gret myghte,

And brynge thy trew subjectes owte of payn and woo,  
 And as thy wille is, Lorde, thys jorney he doo.  
*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D. xv.*  
 QUODLING. This disputed term occurs in Ben  
 Jonson. It may be a cant term for a fool.  
 "The codled fool," *Cap of Gray Hairs*, 1688,  
 p. 169. It is probably derived from the apple  
 so called. "A quodling, *pomum coctile*,"  
 Coles' *Lat. Dict.*  
 QUOIF. A cap. Florio, p. 123.  
 QUOIL. A noise, or tumult.  
 But di-turbs not his sleep,  
 At the *quoil* that they keep.  
*Brome's Songs, 1661, p. 78.*  
 QUOK. Quaked for fear.  
 This sharpe swerde to hire he tok,  
 Whereof that alle hire body *quok*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 86.*  
 And whan he did with his honde embrace  
 His yerde ayen fulle debonaire of loke,  
 For innocenee of humble drede he *quoke*.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 16.*  
 QUOME. A man. R. de Brunne, MS.  
 QUONDAM. A person formerly in office. Still  
 in use as an adjective. (*Lat.*)  
 QUONIAN. A drinking-cup.  
 QUONS. A hand-mill for grinding mustard-  
 seed. *East.* Forby seems to consider it a  
 mere corruption of *quern*, q. v.  
 QUOP. To throb. *West.*  
 But zealous sir, what say to a touch at prairie?  
 How *quops* the spirit? In what garb or ayre.  
*Fletcher's Poems p. 203.*  
 QUORLE. A revolving spindle.  
*Quorle* in tho qwev go lyghtly,  
 Qwene I was a yong man so dyd I.  
 Gira in algore leniter,  
 Quum fui juvenis ita feci.  
*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 40.*  
 QUOST. A coast. See Eliotes *Dictionarie*, fol.  
 Lond. 1539, in v. *Jacto*.  
 QUOT. Quiet. *Oron.*  
 QUOTE. To notice; to write down. This  
 sense is used by Shakespeare, Jonson, &c.  
 QUOYNTÉ. Cunning. (*A.-N.*)  
 Sende me hidere, yif that ich mighte  
 Ani *quoynte* carpenter finde.  
*MS. Laud. 108, f. 161.*  
 QUY. A calf, or young cow. "*Jureuca*, a  
 qwy; *citula*, a qwy calffe," Nominale MS.  
 QUYCE. The furze. *Pr. Parv.*  
 QWESEYNS. Cushions.  
 Deliveryd on Monday next after blak Monday, a  
 bote with a payr of orys, a russet mantyll, a payr of  
*queseyns*, a tapet of red say, unlynnyd, with a bar hed.  
*MS. Bodl. e Mus. 229.*  
 QWHICHE. Which.  
 And so kyng Edward was possessed of alle Eng-  
 londe, excepte a castelle in Northe Wales called  
 Harlake, whiche Sere Richard Tunstall kepte, the  
*qwhiche* was gotene afterwarde by the Lord Harberde.  
*Warkworth's Chronicle, p. 3*



**R.A.** A roe-deer. (*A.-S.*) It occurs in Chaucer, *Cant. T.* 4084.  
**RAAF.** Ralph. *Pr. Parr.*  
**RAAS.** To tear away. See *Race* (1).  
 And *raas* it frome his riche mene and ryste it in sondyre. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 57.*  
**RAASTY.** Restive. *East.*  
**RAATH.** In good condition. *North.*  
**RAV.** (1) A kind of loam; a coarse hard substance for mending roads. *Corair.*  
 (2) A wooden beater to bruise and incorporate the ingredients of mortar.  
**RABATE.** Said of a hawk that recovers the fist after the hand has been lowered.  
**RABBATE.** To abate. *Palsgrave.*  
**RABBEN.** Turnips. (*A.-N.*)  
**RABBETING.** When two boards cut on the edges with a rabbet plane are lapped with the edges one over another, this lapping over is called *rabbeting*. Kennett, *MS.* The groove in the stone-work of a window to admit the glass was also so called.  
 In each of these rulers must be two hollow channels, *rabbeths*, or transoms, as carpenters call them; they must be under hollowed dovetail wise, so that the two hollowed sides being turned together, there may be a concavity or hollownesse of a quarter of an inch square, representing this figure.  
*Hopton's Baculum Geometricum, 1614.*  
**RABBISH.** Foolhardy; grasping; given to extortion, theft, or rapine.  
**RABBIT-SUCKER.** A sucking rabbit.  
**RABBLE.** (1) A kind of rake.  
 (2) To speak confusedly. *North.*  
 Let thy tunc serve thyn hert in skylle,  
 And *rable* not wordes teches owit of reson.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 24.*  
**RABBLEMENT.** (1) A crowd, or mob.  
 (2) Idle silly talk. *North.*  
 (3) Refuse; dregs. *Somerset.*  
**RABBLE-ROTE.** A repetition of a long rigmarole roundabout story. *West.*  
**RABBLING.** Winding; rambling. *North.*  
**RABIN.** A raven. *Nominale MS.*  
**RABINE.** Rapine; plunder.  
**RABIT.** A wooden drinking-cup.  
 Strong beer in *rabies* and cheating penny cans,  
 Three pipes for two pence and such like trepans.  
*Poore of Yorkshire Ale, 1697, p. 1*  
**RABITE.** A war-horse.  
 Then came the dewke Segwyne ryght,  
 Armed on a *rabett* wyght.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 34, f. 161*  
 Syr Gye bestrode a *rabryghte*,  
 That was moche and lyghte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 124.*  
**RABONE.** A radish.  
**RABSHAKLE.** An idle profligate.  
**RABUKE.** A she-goat? It is the translation of *capra* in *Nominale MS.*  
**RACE.** (1) To pull away; to erase.  
 Swownyng yn hur chaumbur she felle,  
 Hur heere of can sche *rave*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 94.*  
 (2) The meeting of two tides, often over an uneven bottom running together, producing a great and sometimes dangerous sea. The *Race* of Alderney, Portland *Race*, &c.

(3) A string. *Devon.*  
 (4) The liver and lungs of a calf.  
 (5) A succession; a great number.  
 (6) Rennet for cheese. *North.*  
 (7) The peculiar flavour or taste of anything the original disposition.  
 (8) A small stream. *Yorksh.*  
 (9) A thrust with a dagger.  
 (10) To rake up old tales. *South.*  
 (11) To prick, mark, or note.  
 (12) A course in building.  
**RACEN.** A pothanger. *Yorksh.*  
**RACERS.** A variety of tares. *Var. dial.*  
**RACH.** Rushes for thatching.  
**RACHE.** (1) To stretch out; to catch. *Palsgrave.* From the first meaning comes *rack* in *Much Ado about Nothing*, iv. 1.  
 (2) A scenting hound. (*A.-S.*)  
 Denede dale and downe, for dryft of the deer in drede,  
 For meche murthe of mouth the marie moeth made;  
 I ros, and romed, and sey ro in *raches* to zede,  
 They stalke under schawe, schatreden in schade.  
*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 7.*  
 For we wylle honte at the herte the hethes howite,  
 With *raches* amonge hem in the rowe bankes.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 118.*  
 Thre grechoundes he ledde on hond,  
 And thre *raches* in on bond.  
*Ar hour ana Merlin, p. 172.*  
 She was as feyre and as gode,  
 And as riche on hir pallfray;  
 Hir greyhoundis fillid with the dere blode,  
 Hir *rachs* couplid, be my fay.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 119.*  
**RACINE.** A root. (*A.-N.*)  
**RACK.** (1) Light, thin, vapoury clouds; the clouds generally. Still in use in the Northern counties, and sometimes there applied to a mist. See the *Archæologia*, xxii. 373. "As the sunne shines through the *rack*," *Dn Bartas*, p. 616. In some instances it appears to imply *the motion of the clouds*, and is so explained by Chapman in his translation of Homer. A disputed passage in which this word occurs, in the *Tempest*, iv. 1, "leave not a *rack* behind," merits special consideration. Our choice lays between considering it to mean *a single fleeting cloud*, or as a form of *wreck* or *wreck*. Mr. Hunter has expressed his belief that *rack* in the first sense is never used with the indefinite article, and unless the passage now given from Lydgate tends to lighten the objection, it seems to me to be absolutely fatal to the adopted reading. On the other hand, we have *rack* in the old folios of Beaumont and Fletcher, where the sense requires *wreck*. See Mr. Dyce's edition, vii. 137. On the whole, then, unless *rack* can elsewhere be found with the indefinite article, it appears safer to adopt *wreck*, which certainly agrees better with the context. Upton, *Critical Observations*, ed. 1748, p. 213, supposes it to mean a track or path, in which sense it is still used in the North. See our second meaning, and Brockett, who adopts Upton's explanation of the Shakespearian

passage; but there is no good authority for anything of the kind, although Brockett is as decisive as if he had possessed the reading and knowledge of Gifford.

As Phebus doeth at mydday in the southe,  
Whan every *rak* and every cloudy sky  
Is voide clene, so hir face uncouth  
Shall shewe in open and fully be unwry.

*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 51.*

Treule þif ʒe wil halone this hoday,  
The *rakkis* of heven I wil opyn.

*MS. Douce 302, f. 16.*

Now we may calculate by the welkins *racke*,  
Eolus hath chaste the clouds that were so blacke.

*Heywood's Marriage Triumphe, 1613.*

(2) A rude narrow path like the track of a small animal. *West.* Brockett explains it, a track, a trace.

(3) To pour off liquor; to subject it to a fermentive process.

(4) To work by rack of eye, to be guided in working by the eye. In a high rack, in a high position.

(5) To care; to heed. *North.*

(6) A rut in a road. *East.*

(7) The neck of mutton, or pork. Kennett, *MS. Lansd. 1033.*

(8) That part of a cross-bow in which the gaffle moved.

(9) A liquor made chiefly of brandy, sugar, lemons, and spices.

(10) A trout. *Northumb.*

(11) Weeds; refuse. *Suffolk.*

(12) Rack and ruin, destruction.

(13) That pace of a horse which is between a trot and an amble.

(14) Some thinke the putride backe-bone in the grave *rack'd*,  
Or marrow chang'd, the shape of snakes to take.

*Topsell's Historie of Serpents, p. 6.*

(15) To exaggerate. See *Rache* (1).

(16) The cob-iron of a grate.

(17) To relate or tell anything.

RACK-AND-MANGER. A man's *rack and manger* was his housekeeping. To be at rack and manger, to live at reckless expense.

When Vertue was a country made,  
And had no skill to set up trade,  
She came up with a carriers jade.

And lay at *racke and manger*.

She whiff her pipe, she drunke her can,  
The pot was nere out of her span,  
She married a tobacco man,  
A stranger, a stranger.

*Life of Robin Goodfellow, 1628.*

RACKAPILT. An idle rascal. *Line.*

RACKET. (1) A hard blow. *East.* Perhaps from the instrument with which the ball was struck at tennis.

(2) A kind of net.

(3) A struggle. *North.*

RACK-HURRY. The track or railway on which waggons run in unloading coals at a hurry; that is, at a staith or wharf.

RACKING. Torture. Still in common use as an adjective, agonizing.

RACKING-CROOK. A pot-hook. *Northumb.*

RACKLE. (1) Noisy talk. *West.* Also to rattle, of which it may be a form.

(2) Rude; unruly. *North.* It is an archaism meaning *rash*.

And than to wyving be thou nat *racle*,  
Beware of hast thouhe she behest to please.

*Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 30.*

RACKLE-DEED. Loose conduct. *Cumb.*

RACKLING. A very small pig. *Suffolk.*

RACKRIDER. A small trout. *North.*

RACKS. (1) The sides of a waggon. This word occurs in Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593.

(2) Range; kitchen fire-place. *Essex.*

RACK-STAFF. A kind of pole or staff used for adjusting the mill-stones.

RACK-UP. To supply horses with their food for the night. *South.*

RACK-VINTAGE. A voyage made by merchants into France for racked wines proceured what was called the rack-vintage.

RACK-YARD. The farmyard, where beasts are kept; from the racks used there.

RAD. (1) Afraid. *Apol. Loll. p. 27.*

Thow wold holde me drade,  
And for the erle fulle *rade*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 132.*

(2) Advised; explained. (*A.-S.*)

In the castelle had sche hyt hyght,  
To defende hur with alle hur myghte,  
So as her counsaile *radd*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 80.*

Now with the messenger was no hadde,  
He took his hors as the bysschop *radde*.

*Reliq. Antq. ii. 101.*

RADCOLE. A radish.

RADDLE. (1) To weave. *North.*

(2) The side of a cart.

(3) To do anything to excess. *Line.*

(4) A hurdle. *South.* Kennett has *raddles*, small wood or sticks split like laths to bind a wall for the plastering it over with loam or mortar. "In old time," says Harrison, p. 187, "the houses of the Britons were slightlie set up with a few posts and many *radels*, with stable and all offices under one rooffe." In Sussex the term is applied to long pieces of supple underwood twisted between upright stakes to form a fence, or to slight strips of wood which are employed in thatching barns or outhouses. Also called *raddlings*.

(5) To banter. *North.*

RADDLINGS. (1) Windings of a wall. *North.*

(2) Bribery money at elections. *West.*

RADE. An animal's maw. *Line.*

RADEGUNDE. A disease, apparently a sort of boil. Piers Ploughman, p. 130.

RADELICHE. Readily; speedily. (*A.-S.*)

In slepyng that blessad virgyn apperede hym to,  
And hadde hym arys *radeliche* and blyve.

*Chaucer, Vitodun, p. 126.*

RADES. The rails of a waggon.

RADEVORE. Tapestry.

RADIK. A radish. It occurs in an early collection of receipts in MS. Lincoln f. 290, and is the *A.-S.* form.

RADLY. Quickly; speedily. (*A.-S.*)

- Up then rose this proud schereff,  
And *radly* made hym jare;  
Many was the modur son  
To the kyrk with hym can fare.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 127.*  
Thomas *radly* up he rase,  
And ran over that mounteyne hyc,  
And certainly, as the story sayes,  
He hir mette at eldryne tre.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 116.*
- RADNESSE.** Fear. See *Radl* (1).  
He said, I make myne avowe verreyly to Cryste,  
And to the haly vernacle, that voide schalie I nevere,  
For *radnesse* of na Romayne that regnes in erthe.  
*Morte Arthoure, MS. Lincoln, f. 56.*
- RAERS.** The rails of a cart. *North.*
- RAFL.** (1) Tore. (*A.-S.*)  
Hir clothes ther scho *rafe* hir fro,  
And to the wodd gane scho go.  
*Perceval, 2157.*  
(2) Weak; silly; foolish. *Suffolk.*
- RAFF.** (1) Scum; refuse. Formerly applied to persons of low condition. Now *riff-raff*.  
And maken of the rym and *raf*  
Suche ylours for pompe and pride.  
*Appendix to W. M. sps, p. 340.*  
(2) A raft of timber. *North.*  
(3) Abundance; affluence. *North.* In old English, a confused heap.  
(4) Spoil; plunder. *Kent.*  
Iik a nianne agayne his gud hegalle,  
That he had taue with rye and *rafte*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 148.*  
(5) In *raf*, speechly. (*A.-S.*)  
(6) Idle; dissolute. *North.*
- RAFFERTORY.** Masterful. *Line.*
- RAFFLE.** (1) To stir the blazing faggots, &c. in an oven. The wooden instrument with which this is done is called the *rafflen pole*. Brushing off ripe walnuts is also called *rafflen 'em*.  
(2) To live disorderly. *North.* Hence *raffle-coppin*, a wild fellow.  
(3) A kind of fishing-net.  
(4) To move, or fidget about. *Luc.*
- RAFFS.** (1) The students of Oxford are so called by the town's people.  
(2) Long coarse straws. *Northumb.*
- RAFFYOLYS.** A dish in ancient cookery described in Warner's *Ant. Cul.* p. 65.
- RAFLES.** Plays with dice. (*A.-N.*)
- RAFORT.** A radish.
- RAFT.** (1) To irritate. *Dorset.*  
(2) A damp fusty smell. *East.*
- RAFTE.** Seized, or taken away. (*A.-S.*)  
*Rafte* away forsothe is he;  
How, thei seide, may this be?  
*Cur or Mundi, MS. Col. Trin. Cantab. f. 100.*  
My chyld ys thus *rafte* me froo.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 34, f. 68.*  
Be God, quod Adam, here is a ston,  
It shalle be his bame anon!  
Thus some his lile was *rafte*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 51.*
- RAFTER-RIDGING.** A particular kind of ploughing used in Hampshire, so called from each ridge being separated by a furrow. *Balk-ploughing, Hants.*
- RAFTY.** (1) Rancid; fusty. *Var. dial.*  
(2) Wet; foggy cold. *Suffolk.*
- (3) Violent in temper. *South.*
- RAG.** (1) To scold, or abuse. *Var. dial.*  
(2) A kind of basalt. *Warw.*  
(3) The catkins of the hazel. *Yorksh.*  
(4) A mist, or drizzling rain. *North.*  
(5) A shabby looking fellow. "Tag and rag," the ruff-raff, Harrison, p. 215.  
(6) A farthing. A cant term.  
(7) A herd of young colts.
- RAGABRASH.** Low idle people. *Cumb.* Nares has *raggabash* in the singular.
- RAGAMUFFIN.** A person in rags. Perhaps derived from *ragmuffin*, the name of a demon in some of the old mysteries.
- RAGE.** (1) Madness; rashness. (*A.-N.*)  
(2) To romp, or play wantonly. (*A.-N.*)  
When sche seyth galantys revell yn hall,  
Yu here hert she thynkys owtrage,  
Desyrynge with them to play and *rage*,  
And stelyth fro yow full prevely.  
*Reliq. Antiq. i. 29*  
(3) A broken pan. *Somerset.*
- RAGEOUS.** Violent; furious. *North.* It occurs in Gaseoigne.
- RAGERIE.** Wantonness. (*A.-N.*)
- RAGGALY.** Villanous. *Yorksh.*
- RAGGED.** (1) A term applied to fruit trees, when they have a good crop. Thus they say, "How full of fruit that tree is! it's as ragged as it can hing." In some parts of Yorkshire the catkins of the hazel are called *rag*, and perhaps this word has some connexion therewith. *Line.*  
(2) Hawks were called *ragged* when their feathers were broken. *Gent. Rec.*
- RAGGED-ROBINS.** The keepers' followers in the New Forest.
- RAGGULED.** Sawed off. *Devon.*
- RAGHTE.** Reached. (*A.-S.*)  
The kyng of Egypt hath take a schafte,  
The chyldre satt and nere hym *raghte*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 70.*
- RAGINGUES.** Ragings; roumpings.  
Lojingue and pleijes and *ragingues*,  
He brakte also. *MS. Laud. 109, f. 111.*
- RAGLER.** An officer in South Wales who collected fines, &c.
- RAGMAN.** (1) The charter by which the Scots acknowledged their dependence on the English crown under Edward I. was popularly called a *ragman roll*; and hence the term, with or without the last word, came to be applied to several kinds of written rolls and documents, especially if of any length. Thus a papal bull with many seals is termed a *ragman* in Piers Ploughman, p. 5; and the list of names in Fame's book is called *ragman roll* in Skelton, i. 420. See also Plumpton Corr. p. 168. In a letter of Henry IV. dated 1399, printed in Rymer, mention is made of *litteras patentes vocata ragmannans sive blank chartres*. In Piers Ploughman, p. 461, it seems to mean a person who made a list or ragman.  
Rede on this *ragman*, and rewle yow thereafter.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 7.*

Mayster parson, I marvayll ye wyll gyve lycence  
To this false knave in this audience  
To publish his *ragman* rolles with lyes.

*The Pardoner and the Friere*, 1533.

- (2) An ancient game at which persons drew by chance poetical descriptions of their characters, the amusement consisting, as at modern games of a similar kind, in the peculiar application or misapplication of the verses so selected at hazard by the drawers. This meaning of the term was first developed by Mr. Wright in his *Anecdota Literaria*, 8vo, 1844, where he has printed two collections of ancient verses used in the game of *ragman*. Mr. Wright conjectures that the stanzas were written one after another on a roll of parchment, that to each stanza a string was attached at the side, with a seal or piece of metal or wood at the end, and that, when used, the parchment was rolled up with all the strings and their seals hanging together, so that the drawer had no reason for choosing one more than another, but drew one of the strings by mere chance, on which the roll was opened to see on what stanza he had fallen: if such were the form of the game, we can very easily imagine why the name was applied to a charter with an unusual number of seals attached to it, which when rolled up would present exactly the same appearance. Mr. Wright is borne out in his opinion by an English poem termed *Raymans rolle*, printed from MS. Fairfax 16:

My ladyes and my maistresses echone,  
Lyke hit unto your humbyble womanhede,  
Re save in gré of my sympill persone  
This rolle, which withouten any drede  
Kyngc Rymman me had me sowe in brede,  
And crisynd yt the mcour of your chauce;  
Draw with a stryngc, and that shal troyght yow kyde  
Unto the verry path of your gouvernaunce.

That the verses were generally written in a roll may perhaps be gathered from a passage in Douglas's *Virgil*,—

With that he raucht me ane roll: to rede I begane,  
The roycest ane ragment with mony ratt rime.

Where the explanation given by Jamieson seems to be quite erroneous.

Venus, whiche stant withoute lawe,  
In non certeyne, but as men drawe  
Of *Rac-nom* upon the chaunce,  
Sche leyeth no peys in the baluance

*Gower*, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 244.

3 The term *ragman* is applied to the devil in *Piers Ploughman*, p. 335.

RAGOUNCEL. The jacinth stone.

RAG-PIECE. A large net.

RAG-RIME. Hoar frost. *Line*.

RAGROWTERING. Playing at romps. *Erm*.

RAGS-AND-JAGS. Tatters: fragments; rags.

RAG-TOBACCO. The tobacco leaf cut into small shreds. *North*.

RAGWEED. The herb ragwort.

RAGYD. Ragged.

Som were *ragyd* and long tayed,  
Scharpe clawyd and long nayled.

*MS. Ashmole 61*, f. 65.

RAID. (1) Early. *Kent*. From *rathe*.

(2) A hostile incursion. *North*.

(3) Dressed; arrayed; furnished.

RAIKE. To go, rush, or proceed.

And thane he *raykes* to the rowte, and ruyche-ong  
helmys;

Riche hawberkes he rente, and rasede schyldes.

*Myte Arthure*, MS. Lincoln, f. 85.

RAIL. (1) To stray abroad. Perhaps from the older word *reile*, to roll.

(2) A revel, a country wake. *West*.

(3) A garment of fine linen formerly worn by women round the neck. "Rayle for a womans necke, *crevechief, en quarttre doubles*," Palsgrave. "Anything worne about the throate or necke, as a neck-kercher, a partlet, a *raile*," Florio, p. 216. The night-rail seems to have been of a different kind, and to have partially covered the head; it was a gathered linen cloth.

And then a good grey frocke,  
A kercheffe and a *raile*.

*Ervas Bacon's Prophecie*, 1604

(4) To talk over anything. *Devon*.

(5) To teaze, or provoke a person to anger. *Norfolk*.

RAILED. (1) Set; placed. See *Minot*, p. 16.

*Raylde*, MS. *Morte Arthure*, f. 87.

(2) Covered with net-work.

RAIME. To rule oppressively.

RAIN. A ridge. *North*.

RAIN-BIRD. The woodpecker. *North*.

"Reyne, fowle bryde, *gaulus, picus, meropes*,"  
Prompt Parv.

RAINES. Rennes, in Bretagne, much esteemed for its manufacture of fine cloth.

RAINY-DAY. A day of misfortune.

RAISE. (1) A cairn of stones. *North*. Anciently, any raised mound, or eminence.

In the parishes of Edenhall and Lazonby, in Cumberland, there are yet some considerable remains of stones which still go by the name of *raises*, though many of them have been carried away, and all of them thrown out of their ancient form and order.

*Hutchinson's History of Cumberland*.

(2) To expectorate badly. *Suffolk*.

(3) To make additional loops in a stocking in order to fit it to the leg.

(4) A robbery. *North*.

RAISE-MOUNTAIN. A braggadocio.

RAISER. In carpentry, is the front board that stands upon the edge to support the board, flat board, or step; in the game of cricket, the name of a small stick that is put aslant into the hole with a ball upon it, which being struck upon the end, causes a ball to fly or jump up, in order to be struck with a stick, ready in the hand of him that did the former act. *Dyche*.

RAISINS. Pieces that lie under the end of a beam in a wall. Harrison, p. 187.

RAIT. To dissipate the sap of vegetables, by exposing them abroad to the weather. Hay is said to be *raited* when it has been much exposed to an alternancy of wet and dry weather. *Yorksh*.

RAITCH. A line or list of white down the face of a horse. *Yorksh*.

- RAITH.** Weeds, stick, straw, or other rubbish, in a pool of water. *West.*
- RAKE.** (1) To rouse up. *Somerset.*  
 (2) To cover anything in the fire with ash. This explanation is given by Palsgrave, 1530. It is used metaphorically by Shakespeare. To rake is still in use, meaning to cover up a fire to keep it alive.  
 (3) A term applied to a hawk when she flew wide of the game.  
 (4) To walk or move about. *North.* Forby says, to gad or ramble idly.  
 Now pass we to the bold beggar,  
 That raked o'er the hill.  
*Robin Hood*, i. 105.  
 (5) To start up suddenly. *West.*  
 (6) To reach. Sir Tristrem, p. 292.  
 (7) To repeat a tale. *Durham.*  
 (8) The inclination of the mast of a vessel from the perpendicular.  
 (9) The sea rakes when it breaks on the shore with a long grating sound.  
 (10) A rut, crack, or crevice. *North.*  
 (11) A mine, or quarry.  
 (12) Course; road. *Gawayne.*
- RAKHELL.** A wild dissolute fellow.  
 With a handfull of rakhelles which he had scummed together in this our shire, whilste the king was in his retourne from Tewshbury.  
*Lambarde's Perambulation*, 1596, p. 478.
- RAKEL.** Hasty; rash. *Chaucer.*  
 The sowden sayd it is not soo;  
 For your prestes, that suld tech verms trace,  
 They ryn rakyll out of gud race,  
 Gyffe ylle ensampille and lyese in synne.  
*MS. Boöl. e Mus.* 160.
- RAKENE.** To reckon.
- RAKENTEIS.** A horse's manger.  
 Whan that hors herde nevene  
 His kende lordes stevene,  
 His rakhenteis he al te-rof,  
 And wente into the konrt wel kof.  
*Breves of Hantoun*, p. 84.
- RAKER.** A person who raked and removed the filth from the streets, generally termed *Jack Raker*.  
 So on a time, when the cart came, he asked the raker why he did his businesse so slacklye: Sir, said he, my fore horse was in the fault, who, heing let bloud and drencht yesterday, I darst not labour him.  
*Tarleton's Jests*, 1611.
- RAKES-AND-ROANS.** A boy's game, in which the younger ones are chased by the larger boys, and when caught, carried home pick-a-back.
- RAKE-STELE.** The handle of a rake.
- RAKET.** To racket, or rove about. *To play raket*, to be inconstant.
- RAKE-TEETH.** Teeth wide apart, similar to those of a rake. *North.*
- RAKETYNE.** A chain. *Hearne.*
- RAKING.** Violent. *Ortus Vocab.*
- RAKKE.** A manger.  
 Of all that ylke vij. yere,  
 At the rakke he stode tyed.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff ii. 38, f. 107.*
- RAKS-JAKES.** Wild pranks.
- RALLY.** (1) A projecting ledge in a wall built thicker below than above, serving the purpose of a shelf.  
 (2) A coarse sieve. *East.*  
 (3) A crowd, or multitude. *Devon.*
- RALPIL.** The name of a spirit supposed to haunt printing-houses. See Dr. Franklin's Works, 1819, p. 56.
- RALPH-SPOONER.** A fool. *South.*
- RAM.** (1) Aerid; fetid. *North.*  
 (2) To lose anything by flinging it out of reach. *Somerset.*
- RAMAGE.** Wild. (*A.-N.*) The term was very often applied to an untaught hawk.  
 Yet if she were so tickle, as ye would take no stand, so ramage as she would be reclaimed with no leave.  
*Greene's Gorydonius*, 1593.
- RAM-ALLEY.** A passage leading from Fleet-street to the Temple, famous for cooks, victuallers, sharpers, and whores. It is constantly mentioned in old plays.
- RAMAST.** Gathered together. (*Fr.*)  
 And when they have ramast many of several kinds and tastes, according to the appetite of those they treat, they open one vessel, and then another.  
*A Comical History of the World in the Moon*, 1659.
- RAMBERGE.** A kind of ship. (*Fr.*)
- RAMBLE.** To reel, or stagger. *West.*
- RAMBUZE.** "A compound drink at Cambridge, and is commonly made of eggs, ale, wine, and sugar; but in summer, of milk, wine, sugar, and rose-water," Blount's Gloss. p. 538.
- RAMBY.** Prancing?  
 I saile be at journee with gentille knyghtes  
 On a ramby stede fulle jolyly graythide.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 57.*
- RAMCAGED.** Withered, said of trees.
- RAMÉ.** (1) To cry aloud; to sob; to ask for anything repeatedly. *North.* Rayme, to cry out against, Erle of Tolous, 431.  
 (2) To reach, or stretch after. "To rame, *pan-dicular*," Coles' Diet.  
 (3) To rove, or ramble. *Yorksh.*  
 (4) To pull up. *North.*  
 (5) To rob, or plunder. *Line.*
- RAMEL.** Rubbish, especially bricklayer's rubbish, or stony fragments. Also a verb. "To rammell or moulder in pieces, as sometimes mud walles or great masses of stones will doe of themselves," Florio, p. 195. The prior of St. Mary's of Coventry, in 1480, complained sadly of "the pepull of the said cite carrying their donge, *ramel*, and swepinge of their houses" to some place objectionable to him.
- RAMELL-WOOD.** Natural copse-wood.  
 There growyth many allers and other ramell-wood, which servethe muche for the buyldinge of suche small houses.  
*MS. Cotton. Calig. B. viii.*
- RAMES.** The dried stalks of beans, peas, potatoes, &c. *Devon.* Also, the relics of a branch after the leaves are off.
- RAM-HEADED.** Made a cuckold.
- RAMJOLLOCK.** To shuffle the cards.
- RAMMAKING.** Behaving riotously and wantonly; tearing about, as they say, like a ram. *Line.*
- RAMMED.** Excessive. *Kent.*
- RAMMEL-CHEESE.** Raw meal. *I. Wight.*

RAMMILY. Tall; rank. *Var. dial.*  
 RAMMISH. (1) Rank; pungent. *North.*  
 (2) Violent; untamed; ramage.  
 It is good (saith hee) to apply to sinnewes that are dissected, the powder of earth-wormes mixed and wrought up with old *rammish*, and unsavory barrowes grease, to be put into the grieve.  
*Topsell's Historie of Serpents*, p. 311.

RAMP. (1) To be rampant.  
 (2) To *ramp up*, to exalt. This is the meaning in Ben Jonson, ii. 518. The illustration quoted by Gifford is irrelevant, and is used in Forby's sense, to grow rapidly and luxuriantly.  
 (3) To *ramp and reave*, to get anything by fair means or foul.  
 (4) An ascent in the coping of a wall.  
 (5) Bending a piece of iron upwards to adapt it to wood-work, of a gate, &c. is called *ramping it*.  
 (6) A highwayman, or robber.

RAMPADGEON. A furious, boisterous, or quarrelsome fellow. *North.*

RAMPAGE. To be riotous; to scour up and down. *Rampaging* and *rampageous*, as adjectives, are riotous, ill-disposed.

RAMPALLION. A term of reproach, corresponding to our *rapsallion*.

RAMPANTUS. Overbearing. *Liuc.*

RAMPE. (1) To climb. (*A.-N.*)  
 (2) A coarse woman, a severe term of reproach. Hall, describing Juan of Arc, says she was "a *rampe* of suche boldnesse, that she would course horses and ride them to water, and do thynges that other yong maidens bothe abhorred and wer ashamed to do." *Hall, Henry V. l. f. 25.*  
 (3) To rush. (*A.-S.*)  
*He ræumpgæde so ruydly that alle the erthe ryfez.*  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 61.*

RAMPER. i. e. Rampire, generally applied to any turpike road: more particularly however to such highways as are on the site of the old Roman roads. *Liuc.*

RAMPICK. According to Wilbraham, a *ram-picked* tree is a stag-headed tree, i. e. like an old overgrown oak, having the stumps of boughs standing out of its top.  
 Thus doth he keepe them still in awfull feare,  
 And yet allows them liberty inough;  
 So deare to him their welfare doth appeare,  
 That when their fleeces gin to waxen rough,  
 He combs and trims them with a *rampicke* bough.  
 Washing them in the streames of silver Ladon,  
 To cleanse their skines from all corruption.  
*The Affectionate Shepheard*, 1594.

RAMPIRE. A rampart.

RAMPSH. Rampant. *Palsgrave.*

RAMPSE. To climb. *Somerset.* Hence *ramp-sing*, tall, high.

RAMRACKETING. A country rout, where there are many noisy amusements. *Devon.*

RAM-RAISE. A running a little backward in order to take a good leap. *North.*

RAMS. Wild garlie. *Var. dial.*

RAMS-CLAWS. Crowfoot. *Somerset.* Rams-foot is the water crowfoot.

RAMSHACKLE. (1) Loose; out of repair; muginly; disjointed. *Var. dial.*

(2) To search or ransack. *North.*

RAM'S-HORN. A winding-net supported by stakes, to inclose fish that come in with the tide. *Somerset.*

RAMSONS. A species of garlic.  
*Ramsons* tast like garlick: they grow much in Cranbourn-chase: a proverb,  
 Eate leekes in Lide, and *ramsins* in May,  
 And all the yeare after physicians may play.  
*Aubrey's Wylts, MS. Royal Soc. p. 124.*

RAM-STAG. A gelded ram. *South.*

RAMSTAM. Thoughtless. *North.*

RAN. (1) Force; violence. *North.*  
 (2) The hank of a string. *West.*  
 (3) A saying. *Sevyn Sages, 2723.*  
 (4) Open robbery and rapine.

RANCE. A kind of fine stone. It is mentioned in *Archæologia*, x. 423.  
 With ivory pillars mixt with jett and *rance*,  
 Rarer and richer then th'old Carian's was.  
*Works of Du Bartas, p. 245.*

RANCH. A deep scratch. *East.* "A ranche or clinch with a beasts paw," *Cotgrave* in v. *Griffade.*

RANCHIET. A kind of bread.

RANCON. A weapon like a bill.

RAND. (1) A long and fleshy piece of beef cut from the part between the flank and buttock. "Rande of befe, *giste de beuf*," *Palsgrave.*  
 (2) A hank of line or twine; a strip of leather. *East.*  
 (3) Rushes on the borders and edges of land near a river. *Norf.* In old English, the margin or border of anything.  
 (4) To canvass for votes. *West.*

RANDALL. Random. *Coles.*

RANDAN. (1) The produce of a second sifting of meal. *East.*  
 (2) A noise, or uproar. *Glouc.*

RANDEM-TANDEM. A tandem with three horses, sometimes driven by University men, and so called at Oxford.

RANDIES. Itinerant beggars, and ballad-singers. *Yorksh.*

RANDING. Piecemeal. *Berks.*

RANDLE. To punish a schoolboy for an indelicate but harmless offence.

RANDLE-BALK. In Yorkshire, the cross piece of wood in a chimney, upon which the pot-hooks are hung, is called the *randle-balk* or *rendle-balk*. *Kennet's MS. Glossary.*

RANDOM. A straight line. *North.*

RANDONE. A long speech. "Randone or long reuge of wurdz, *haringa*," *Pr. Parv.*

RANDOUM. Force; rapidity. (*A.-N.*)  
 He rood to him with gret *randoum*,  
 And with Morgelai is fauchoun  
 The prince a felde in the feld.  
*Beves of Hamtoun, p. 129.*  
 They sayld ovyr the (?) *randouen*,  
 And loded at Sowth-hampton.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 123.*  
 Then rode he este with grete *randouene*,  
 And thocht to bere hym adoune.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 247.*

**RANDY.** (1) Boisterous; noisy; obstreperous; also, maris appetens. *North.*  
 (2) A spree; they say, "Such a one is on the *randy*," meaning thereby, that he is spending his time in a continued round of drunkenness and debauchery.

**RANDY-BEGGAR.** A tinker. *North.*

**RANDY-DANDY.** A violent and vulgar quarrelsome woman. *North.*

**RANDYROW.** A disturbance. *West.*

**RANE.** Coarse, as linen, &c. *West.*

**RANES.** The carcase or skeleton of a fowl or bird. *Devon.*

**RANG.** Rebellious. (*A.-S.*)  
 And yif that ani were so rang,  
 That he thanne ne come anon,  
 He swor bi Crist and seint Johan,  
 That he sholde maken him thral,  
 And al his offspring forth withal.  
*Havelok, 2561.*

**RANGE.** (1) A sieve. *Somerset.* Elyot has, "*Sisacthea*, a rangeyng sieve;" and Huloet, "bult, raunge, or syeve meale." The second best wheaten bread was called range-bread.  
 (2) To cleanse by washing. *North.*  
 (3) The shaft of a coach. *Devon.*  
 (4) To take a range in firing.  
 Their shot replis, but they were *rank'd* too high  
 To touch the pinnace, which bears up so nigh  
 And plays so hot, that her opponents think  
 Some devil is grand captain of the Pink.  
*Legend of Captain Jones, 1659.*

**RANGER.** A chimney rack. *North.*

**RANGLE.** (1) To range about in an irregular and sinuous manner. *West.*  
 (2) Is when a hawk has gravel given her to bring her to a stomach. Blome, ii. 63.

**RANISH.** Ravenous. *Devon.*

**RANK.** (1) In a passion. *Chesh.*  
 (2) Thick; full; abundant. *Rankness*, abundance, fertility.  
 (3) A row of beans, &c. *I. Wight.*  
 (4) Very; excessive. *Var. dial.*  
 (5) Strong. See *Isumbras*, 200.  
 He rytez the *raunke* stele, he ryghttez there brenez,  
 And reste theme the ryche mane, and rade to his strengthes.  
*Morte Arthure, Ms. Lincoln, f. 69.*

(6) Wrong. *Lanc.*

**RANK-RIPE.** Quite ripe. *Chesh.*

**RANNACK.** A worthless fellow. *Rannigal* is also used. *North.*

**RANNEL.** (1) A whore. A cant term.  
 (2) To ruffle the hair. *Yorksh.*

**RANNILY.** Fluently; readily; without hesitation. *Norfolk.*

**RANNY.** A shrew-mouse. *Suffolk.* Browne has the term in his 'Vulgar Errors.'

**RANPIKE.** Same as *Rampick*, q. v.

**RANSCUMSCOUR.** Fuss; ado. *Devon.* Also, a passionate person.

**RANT.** To drink, or riot. *North.*  
 Mistake me not, custom, I mean not tho,  
 Of excessive drinking, as great *ranters* do,  
*Praise of Yorkshire Ale, 1697, p. 5.*

**RANTAN.** To beat soundly. *Glouc.* It apparently alludes to a tinker's constant hammering in the following passage :

There is *ran-tan* Tom Tinker and his Tib,  
 And there's a jugler with his fingers glib.  
*Taylor's Workes, 1630, i. 110.*

**RANTER.** (1) A large beer-jug. Hence, to pour liquor from a large into a smaller vessel.  
 (2) To mend or patch a rent in a garment very neatly. *Suffolk.*

**RANTIPIKE.** An ass. *Dorset.*

**RANTIPOLE.** A rude romping child. *West.*

**RANTREE.** The mountain ash. *North.*

**RANTY.** Wild; frisky; riotous. *Ranty-tanty*, in a great passion. *North.*

**RAP.** (1) To seize; to ravish.  
 (2) To exchange, or swap. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) To risk, or hazard. *North.*  
 (4) To brag, or boast. *Devon.*  
 (5) *Rap and read*, to seize hold of everything one can. The phrase occurs in Palsgrave, and is still in use. Compare Florio, p. 20. "To get all one can rap and run," Coles's Lat. Diet. "To rape and renne," to seize and plunder. Chaucer.

**RAPE.** (1) Haste. (*A.-S.*) Its meaning in the third example appears more doubtful.  
 And commaunded alle yn *rape*  
 Awey that wrytyng for to skrape.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 47.*  
 Ne was ther non that mighte ascape,  
 So Beves slough hem in a *rape*.  
*Beves of Hamtoun, p. 27.*  
 A thefe to hys thefte hath *rape*,  
 For he weneth evermore for to skape.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 15.*

(2) To steal; to plunder.  
 Raveowes fishes han sum mesure; whanne thei hungren thei *rapen*; whanne thei ben ful they sparyn.  
*Wimbelton's Sermon, 1383, MS. Hatton 57, p. 16.*

(3) A division of a county, comprising several hundreds.

(4) To scratch. *Somerset.*

(5) To take captive. (*A.-S.*)

(6) To bind or lace tightly. *Devon.*

(7) To prepare. (*A.-S.*)

(8) A heap of corn.

(9) A turnip. Ord. and Reg. p. 426.

**RAPER.** A rope-maker.

**RAPEY.** A dish in ancient cookery, described in MS. Sloane 1201, f. 46.

**RAPID.** Gay. *Var. dial.*

**RAPIER-DANCE.** This is nearly the same as the sword-dance among the ancient Scandinavians, or as that described by Tacitus among the Germans. The performers are usually dressed in a white frock, or covered with a shirt, to which as also to their hats, or paper helmets, are appended long black ribands. They frequently go from house to house, about Christmas, and are treated with ale after their military exercise. At merry-nights, and on other festive occasions, they are introduced one after another by the names and titles of heroes, from Hector and Paris, princes of Troy, down to Guy of Warwick. A spokesman then repeats some verses in praise of each, and they begin to flourish the rapier. On a signal given, all the weapons are united, or inter-

- laced, but soon withdrawn again, and brandished by the heroes, who exhibit a great variety of evolutions, being usually accompanied by slow music. In the last scene, the rapiers are mited round the neck of a person kneeling in the centre, and when they are suddenly withdrawn, the victim falls to the ground; he is afterwards carried out, and a mock funeral is performed with pomp, and solemn strains. *Willan's Yorksh.*
- RAPLY.** Quickly; speedily. (*A.-S.*)  
*Soraply thay ryde thare that alle the rowte r yngez.*  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 72.*
- RAPPE.** To hasten. (*A.-S.*)  
*Loke ye rappe yow not up to ryde.*  
*MS. Hart. 2252, f. 129.*
- RAPPER.** A great or extravagant falsehood; a vehement oath. *West.*
- RAPPER-DANDIES.** Red barberries. *North.*
- RAPPING.** Large. *Var. dial.*
- RAPPIS.** A dissolute person. *Cumb.*
- RAPPLE.** A ravelled thread. *North.*
- RAPS.** (1) News. *Yorksh.*  
 (2) Games; sports. *Salop.*  
 (3) A disorderly fellow. *Yorksh.*
- RAPSCALLION.** A low vagabond.
- RAPTE.** Ravished; enraptured.  
*Whose amyable salutes flewe with suche myght,*  
*That Locryne was rapte at the fyrst syght.*  
*MS. Lansd. 208, f. 22.*
- RARE.** (1) Fine; great. *South.*  
 (2) To roar. *North* "Rare or grete, *ragire*,"  
*MS. Dictionary, 1540.*  
*Lowde he gane bothe rowte and rare;*  
*Allas! he sayde, for sorowe and Care.*  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 126.*
- (3) Underdone; raw. *Var. dial.*
- (4) Early. *Devon.*
- (5) Ready; prepared. *Somerset.*
- RARELY.** Quite well in health.
- RARNING.** Thin, as cloth is. *West.*
- RAS.** Space; time. *Hearne.*
- RASALGER.** The fume of minerals. So explained in *A New Light of Alchemy, 1674.*  
*Alume, atriment, alle I suspende,*  
*Rasalger and arsnick I defende,*  
*Askmoles Theat. Chem. Brit. 1652, p. 271.*
- RASARDE.** A hypocrite?  
*Out on thee, rasarde, with thy wiles,*  
*For falslye my people thou begyles,*  
*I shall thee hastelye hongre;*  
*And that burden that standes thee hy,*  
*He puttes my folke in greate anye*  
*With his false flatteringe tonge.*  
*Chester Plays, ii. 163.*
- RASCAL.** A lean animal, one fit to neither hunt nor kill. "Rascall, refuse beest, *refus*," Palsgrave, 1530.
- RASCALL.** Common; low. It is the translation of *commune* in Hollyband's *Dictionarie, 1593.* The word also occurs in this sense in *The First Part of the Contention, ed. 1843, p. 31.* *Rascalye*, low people, refuse of anything.
- RASCOT.** A knave, or rascal. *Cumb.*
- RASE.** (1) To scratch. *Suffolk.* "Rased their hardened hides," Harrison, p. 188.
- (2) To erase. (3) An erasure.
- (4) A channel of the sea. (*A.-N.*)  
*Feloves, they shall never moie us withstonde,*  
*For I se them all drowned in the rase of Blonde.*  
*Hycke-Scooner, ap. Hawkins, i. 89.*
- (5) Rage; anger. (*A.-S.*) *Rase-brained*, violent, Wilbrabam, p. 67.
- (6) A swift pace. Perceval, 1145.
- (7) To snarl, as dogs do.
- RASEN.** In timber buildings, that piece of timber to which the bottoms of the rafters are fastened.
- RASER-HOUSE.** A barber's shop.
- RASH.** (1) To snatch, or seize; to tear, or rend. Gifford explains it, "to strike obliquely with violence, as a wild boar does with his tusk."  
*They buckled then together so,*  
*Like unto wild boares rashing;*  
*And with their swords and shelds they ran*  
*At one another slashing.*  
*Sir Lancelot du Lake.*
- (2) Brittle. *Cornw.*
- (3) Said of corn in the straw which is so dry that it easily falls out of the straw with handling of it. *North.*
- (4) Sudden; hasty. *Shak.*
- (5) A kind of inferior silk. It is mentioned by Harrison, p. 163.
- RASHED.** Burnt in cooking, by being too hastily dressed. "How sadly this pudding has been *rashed* in the oven." "The beef would have been very good if it had not been *rashed* in the roasting." Rasher, as applied to bacon, probably partakes of this derivation. *Wills.*
- RASHER.** (1) A rush. *North.*  
 (2) A box on the ears. *Glouc.*
- RASING.** A blubbing noise. *North.*
- RASINGES.** Shavings; slips.
- RASKAILE.** A pack of rascals.
- RASKE.** To puff, or blow.  
*Than begynneth he to klawe and to riske,*  
*And zyveth Terlyocel hys taskte.*  
*MS. Hart. 1701, f. 29.*
- RASOUR.** The sword-fish.
- RASP.** (1) To belch. *East.*  
 (2) A raspberry. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) The steel of a tinder-box
- RASPIS.** The raspberry. A wine so termed is mentioned by Harrison, p. 167.
- RASSE.** Rose; ascended.  
*He rasee agayne thurghe his godhede.*  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 219.*
- RASSELS.** The land-whim. *Suffolk.*
- RASSLE.** To stir the embers in an oven with a long pole. *East.*
- RASTER.** A kind of cloth.
- RASTIR.** A shaving-razor.
- RASURE.** A scratch. (*A.-N.*)
- RAT.** (1) An old contemptuous nickname for a clergyman.  
 (2) Reads. Wright's *Pol. Songs, p. 327.*
- RATCH.** (1) A straight line. *North.*  
 (2) To stretch; to pull asunder. *Cumb.*  
 (3) A subsoil of stone and gravel, mixed with clay. *Heref.*  
 (4) To spot, or streak. *North.*



- (5) To tell great falsehoods. *Linc.*  
 RACHEL. Gravelly stone. *Derb.*  
 RATCHER. A rock. *Lanc.*  
 RATE. (1) To expose to air. *North.*  
 (2) To become rotten. *Cumb.*  
 (3) To call away or off. *Kent.*  
 (4) Ratified; valid.  
 RATHIE. (1) Soon; early. *Var. dial.* In the second example, eager, anxious. *Rathlike*, speedily, MS. Cotton. *Vespas. D. vii.*  
 He did it up, the sothe to say,  
 But sum therof he toke away  
 In his hand ful-rathe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 53.*  
 Now than are thay leveande bathe,  
 Was noȝte the rede knyghte so rathe  
 For to wayte hym with skathe.  
*Sir Perceval, 93.*  
 And it arose ester and ester, till it arose full eeste; and rather, and rather.  
*Workeworth's Chronicle, p. 22.*  
 (2) Savage; hasty. *Robson.*  
 (3) To rede, or advise. *Havelok, 1335.*  
 RATHELED. Fixed; rooted. *Gawayne.*  
 RATHIER. (1) Rather of the ratherest, said of underdone meat. *Norf.*  
 (2) *Rathier-n'else*, rather than not.  
 RATHERLINGS. For the most part. *North.*  
 RATHERLY. Rather. *Yorksh.*  
 RATHES. Only used in the plural; a frame extending beyond the body and wheels of a cart or waggoun to enable farmers to carry hay, straw, &c. *Craven.*  
 RATHON. Reasoning. (*Lut.*)  
 RATON. A rat. (*A.-N.*) "*Sorex, a raton.*" Nominal MS. For the following lines compare King Lear, iii. 4. *Ratton*, Hunter's Hallamsh. Gl. p. 75.  
*Ratons and myse and soche smale dere,*  
 That was hys mete that vij. yere.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 106.*  
 RATONER. A rat-catcher. (*A.-N.*)  
 RATS. Pieces; shreds; fragments. *North.*  
 RATTEEN. A kind of cloth.  
 RATTEN. To destroy or take away a workman's tools, or otherwise incapacitate him from working, for not paying his *ratty* to the fund, or for having offended the Union in any matter. *York.*  
 RATTEN-CROOK. A long crook reaching from the rannel-balk to the fire.  
 RATTLE. (1) To beat, or thrash. *North.*  
 (2) To stutter, or speak with difficulty. It is now used in exactly the opposite sense, and so it was by Shakespeare, *Mids. N. D. v. 1.* It also meant to revile. "Extreamly reviled, cruelly *ratted*, horribly railed on." *Cotgrave.*  
 RATTLE-BABY. A chattering child.  
 That's strange, for all are up to th' ears in love:  
 Boys without beards get boys, and girls bear girls;  
 Fine little *rattle-babies*, scarce thus high,  
 Are now call'd wives: if long this hot world stand,  
 We shall have all the earth turn Pigmy-Land.  
*Heywood's Love's Mistress, p. 9.*  
 RATTLE-BONE. Worn out; crazy. *Sussex.*  
 RATTLE-MOUSE. A bat.  
 RATTLEPATE. A giddy chattering person.

- RATTLER. A great falsehood. *Var. dial.*  
 RATTLES. The alarming rattle in the throat preceding death. *Var. dial.*  
 RATTLETRAPS. Small knieknacks.  
 RATTOCK. A great noise. *East.*  
 RATY. Cold and stormy. *North.*  
 RAUGH. A tortuous course. *West.*  
 RAUGHT. (1) Reached. *West.* In later writers sometimes, snatched away.  
 Unto the cheftane he chese,  
 And raughte hym a strake,  
*MS. Lincoln A. b. 17, f. 134.*  
 (2) Cared; recked. (*A.-S.*)  
 Thanne the kyng hys hand up ranȝte,  
 That iflase man his trowthe be-tanȝte.  
 He was a devyl off helle.  
*Romance of Athelston.*  
 RAUGHTER. A rafter. *Lilly.*  
 RAUHEDE. Rawness; crudity.  
 RAUK. (1) Smoke. *Sussex.*  
 (2) To mark, or scratch. *North.*  
 RAUL. To pull about roughly; to entangle thread, &c. *West.*  
 RAUM. (1) To retch. *Yorksh.*  
 (2) To sprawl. *Suffolk.*  
 (3) To shout, or cry. *Linc.*  
 RAUMER. A kind of fighting-cock.  
 RAUN. The roe of salmon prepared in a particular manner, and used as a bait to fish with. *North.* "A rawne of fysche, *lactis*," MS. Dictionary, dated 1540.  
 RAUNCH. (1) To wrench, or pull out.  
 (2) To gnaw, or craunch. *Devon.*  
 RAUNING-KNIFE. A cleaver. *West.*  
 RAUNSON. A ransom. (*A.-N.*)  
 For with oure Lord is gret mercy,  
 And *raunson* ek gret plente;  
 He payed for us his owyn body,  
 This aughte be takyn in gret deutē;  
 His blood he schad also largely,  
 To make us and oure fairis fre,  
 And alle oure *raunsons* by and by  
 He quit hymself and non but he.  
*Hampole's Paraphrase of the Psalms, MS.*  
 RAUT. To low, as a cow. *North.*  
 RAUX. To stretch. *Northumb.*  
 RAVAYNE. Theft. *Palsgrave.*  
 The thryddle branche es *ravayne*,  
 That es calde a gret synne.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 50.*  
 Thou schalt not stele thy neighbours thyng  
 Be gyle ne *ravayne* ne wrong witholdyng.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 5.*  
 RAVE. To tear up. *Linc.* It is also used as a substantive in a cognate sense. "It's dangerous to make a *rave* in an old building, so do not attempt any alterations." *Cumb.*  
 Ande he worowede him, and slowhe him; ande thanne he ranne to the false emperes, ande *ravow* hir evine to the bone, but more harme dide he not to no mane.  
*Gesta Romanorum, p. 202.*  
 RAVEL. To talk idly. *North.*  
 RAVEL-BREAD. Whitey-brown bread. *Kent.*  
 According to Harrison, p. 168, "the raveled is a kind of cheat bread, but it is teineth more of the grosse and lesse of the pure substance of the wheat."  
 RAVELLED. Confused; mixed together.

**RAVEL-PAPER.** Whity-brown paper.

**RAVEN.** To swallow greedily.

In the morning give them barley or provender, a little at a time, in distinct or several portions, twice or thrice one after another, so as he may chew and eke digest it thoroughly; otherwise if he raven it in, as he wil do having much at a time, he rendreth it in his dung whole and not digested.

*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts*, p. 303.

**RAVENER.** A plunderer. (*A.-N.*)

Forthy, my sone, schryve the here,  
If thou hast ben a ravinere.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 161.

**RAVES.** These are additions to a waggon, without which it is not considered complete. The *raves* or shelvings are two frames of wood which are laid on the top of the waggon in such a way as to meet in the middle, and projecting on all sides beyond the body of the vehicle, enable it to carry a larger load of hay or straw: whilst the sideboards are fitted on the top of the sides, in such a way, that more sacks of corn can be stowed in the waggon than otherwise it would admit of. In the Cleveland Dialect, the shelvings are defined to be "the top part of a hay-cart." *Linc.* The term is found in Palsgrave.

**RAVESTE.** Took by force.

And the cause of his commynge es to be restorede agayne of his wyfe, the whilke your kynge ravelste away fro hyme this same day.

*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 41.

**RAVE-UP.** To inquire diligently after, and to bring forward subjects of accusation against any one; thus, for instance, "He raved up all he could think on, against such and such a one." *Linc.* In old English, to explore.

**RAVINE.** (1) Rapine. (*A.-N.*)

(2) To eat ravenously. It occurs in Palsgrave, and in Cotgrave in v. *Goularder*.

(3) To seize by force.

(4) Birds of prey. (*A.-N.*)

**RAVISABLE.** Ravenous. (*A.-N.*) *Ravisaunt* has exactly the same sense.

Heo was agast and in feringue,  
For it was so muche aȝem kuynde,  
That the wolf, wilde and ravisauit,  
With the schep ꝑeode so milde so lomh.

*MS. Laud.* 103, f. 11.

**RAVISHED.** Plundered; stripped.

**RAVISHING.** Rapid. (*A.-N.*)

**RAVISOME.** Rapacious. *Suffolk.*

**RAW.** (1) Cold and damp. *West.*

(2) Inexperienced. *Var. dial.* It is found in Stanihurst's Ireland, p. 32.

(3) A row, as of buildings, &c. See Brockett, and Plumpton Corr. p. 4.

Here may men se and knawe

Many syns wryten on rawe.

*MS. Bibl. Coll. Sion.* xviii. 6.

**RAW-CREAM.** Cream raised in the natural way, neither scalded nor clouted. *Deron.*

**RAW-EDGED.** Not hemmed. *North.*

**RAW-FLESH.** A demon. Perhaps his name is more usually raw-head. See *Bloody-bone*.

**RAW-HEAD.** The cream which rises on the surface of raw milk, or milk that has not been heated.

**RAWINGS.** Aftermath. *Tusser.* "Rawynhey" occurs in the Pr. Parv.

**RAWKY.** Raw and cold. *North.*

**RAWLY.** Rude; unskilful.

**RAW-MOUSE.** A bat. *Somerset.*

**RAWN.** To eat greedily. *West.*

**RAWNSAKE.** To ransack; to search out.

Sene I was formede in fayth so fetre whas I never,

Forthy rawnsakes redyly, and rede me my swefennys.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln,* f. 87.

**RAWNY.** Thin; meagre. *Somerset.*

**RAWP.** A hoarseness. *Yorksh.*

**RAX.** To stretch. *North.*

**RAXEN.** To hawk; to spit. (*A.-S.*)

**RAXIL.** To breathe; to nourish.

**RAY.** (1) A kind of dance.

(2) Striped cloth. (*A.-N.*) "Strangulum, ray," Nominale MS. "The riehe rayes," Piers Ploughman, p. 89. To raye, to streak or stripe. A ray, a slip of gold or silver leaf. See Howell's Lex. Tet. 1660.

And everych of them a good mantell

Of scarlet and of raye. *Robin Hood,* i. 42.

(3) To defile; to beray. *North.*

(4) A diarrhoea. *Yorksh.*

(5) Array; order; a row. Still in use, to dress, or array.

Ryballes ruled out of raye,

What is the I rentie for to saie.

*Chester Plays,* ii. 163.

And when the halle was rayed oȝt,

The scheperde lokid al aboute

How that hit myst bene.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v.* 48, f. 54.

(6) Sovereign; king. (*A.-N.*)

Scho take hir leve and went hir waye,

Bothe at barone and at raye. *Peveval,* 179.

(7) A path, or track. (*Fr.*)

One is when the hart runneth fast on his rayes,

He sweateth that it runneth down his claires.

*Booke of Hunting,* 1586.

**RAYEN-SIEVE.** A sieve used chiefly in cleansing clover. *Dorset.*

**RAYNE.** Cry; sound.

The kynge gan woffully wepe and wake,

And sayd, alas! thys rewfulle rayne.

*MS. Harl.* 2252, f. 125.

**RAYNECLES.** A dish composed of pork, dates, figs, spices, raisins, &c.

**RAYON.** (1) A ray. (2) A streak.

**RAY-VELVET.** Striped velvet

**RAZE.** A swinging fence set up in a water-course to prevent the passage of cattle. *Deron.*

**RAZOR.** A small pole used to confine faggots. *Suffolk.*

**REA.** Probably from the Latin *re*.

She's a great traveller by land and sea,

And dares take any lady by the rea.

*Taylor's Works.* 1630, i. 99.

**REACH.** A creek. *Kent.*

**REACH-TO.** To reach out one's hand, so as to help oneself. Thus, if you say to a countryman, "Shall I help you to some of this?" his reply will probably be, "No thank you: I'll reach-to." *Linc.*

**REACKED.** Arrived; reached at. *North.*

- READ. (1) Rennet. *North*.  
 (2) To read the inwards, to strip the fat from the intestines; also to vomit.  
 (3) To comb the hair. *North*.  
 READEPT. To recover.  
 The which Duchie, if he might by their meanes *readept* and recover, he would never let passe out of hys memorie so great a benifite, and so frendly a gratutie to hym exhibited. *Hall, Edward IV. f. 25.*  
 READSHIP. Confidence; rule. *West*.  
 READY. (1) Rid. *Essex*.  
 (2) To get ready, i. e. to dress. *Ready*, dressed, occurs in old plays.  
 (3) To forward, or assist. *North*.  
 (4) Done, as meat, &c. *Wills*.  
 (5) To prepare, or make ready.  
 READY-POLE. A piece of iron across a chimney supporting the pot-hook. It was formerly made of wood, and that material may still be occasionally seen used for the same purpose. *Var. dial.*  
 REAF. To unravel, or untwist. *Devon*.  
 REAFE. To anticipate pleasure in, or long for the accomplishment of a thing; to speak continually on the same subject. *Sussex*.  
 REAKS. Pranks. "To revell it, or play *reakes*," Cotgrave in v. *Degouder*.  
 REAL. (1) Royal. (*A.-N.*)  
 (2) A Spanish sixpence. *Rider*.  
 REALTEE. Royalty. (*A.-N.*)  
 REAM. (1) Cream. *North*. "Mylke reme" is mentioned in a receipt in MS. Lincoln, f. 285.  
 That on is white so milkes *rem*,  
 That other is red, so fer is lem.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 55.  
 Methenke this pain es swetter  
 Than ani milkes *rem*.  
*Legenda Catholica*, p. 88.  
 (2) To hold out the hand for taking or receiving. *North*.  
 (3) To stretch out; to bear stretching or drawing out; to draw out into thongs, threads, or filaments. Also to widen a hole, especially in metal.  
 (4) Bread is said to *ream*, when made of heated or melted corn.  
 REAMER. An instrument used to make a hole larger. *Somerset*.  
 REAM-KIT. The cream-pot. *Yorksh*. Pegge has *ream-mug*, p. 128.  
 REAM-PENNY. (i. e. Rome-penny). Peter-pence. He reckons up his ream-pennies; that is, he tells all his faults. *North*.  
 REAN. (1) To eat greedily. *West*.  
 (2) To droop the head. *Suffolk*.  
 (3) The furrow between the ridges of ploughed land to take off the water; any gutter; a water-course, or small stream. *Var. dial.*  
 Therefore of cornes fayer and cleane,  
 That growes one rigges out of the *reian*,  
 Cayme, thou shalt offer, as I meane,  
 To God in magistie. *Chester Plays*, i. 36.  
 And thilke that both maidenkes cleue,  
 Thai mai hem wasche of the *rene*.  
*Florie and Blanchefour*, 307.  
 REAP. A bundle of corn. *North*. "As mych as oone reepe," Townley *Myst*. p. 13.

- REAP-HOOK. A sickle. *Var. dial.*  
 REAR. (1) To mock, or gibe. *Devon*.  
 (2) Underdone; nearly raw. *North*. "Reera as an egge is, *mol*," Palsgrave.  
 If a man sicke of the bloody-flixe drinke thereof in a *reere* egge two scruples for three daies together fasting, it will procure him remedy.  
*Topsell's Beasts*, 1607, p. 275.  
 (3) To raise, especially applied to raising the wood-work of a roof. Also, to rise up before the plough, as the furrows sometimes do in ploughing.  
 (4) To carve a goose.  
 REARING-BONE. The hip-bone of a hog.  
 REARING-FEAST. A supper, or feast, given to the workmen when the roof is *reared*, or put on the house. *Line*.  
 REARING-MINE. A vein of coal which descends perpendicularly in the mine.  
 REARLY. Early. Still in use.  
 REART. To right, or mend. *West*.  
 REARWARD. The rear. *Shak*.  
 REASE. Thing; circumstance.  
 Hys emeis wyffe wolde he wedde,  
 That many a man rewyd that *rease*.  
*MS. Hart*, 2252, f. 122.  
 REASON. A motto.  
 REAST. To take offence. *Line*.  
 REASTED. Tired; weary. *North*.  
 REASTY. (1) Restive. *East*.  
 (2) Rancid. *Var. dial*. "Restie or rustie bacon," Nomenclator, 1585, p. 86. "Tak rest bacon," Reliq. Antiq. i. 53. *Reez'd bacon*, Hall's Satires, p. 81.  
 REAVE. To unroof a house. *Norf*.  
 REAWNT. Did whisper. *Lanc*.  
 REAWP. A hoarse cold. *Lanc*.  
 REAWT. Out of doors. *Lanc*.  
 REBALLING. The catching of eels with earthworms attached to a ball of lead, suspended by a string from a pole.  
 REBANDED. Adorned with bands.  
 They toke ladies and daunsed, and sodainly entered eight other maskers, apparelled in rych tinsel, matched wyth clothe of golde, and on that Turkey clokes, *rebanded* with nettes of silver.  
*Hall's Chronicle*, 1550.  
 REBARD. Rhubarb. *Heywood*.  
 REBATE. To blunt metal. It is metaphorically used in Staniburst, p. 24.  
 REBATO. A kind of plaited ruff which turned back and lay on the shoulders.  
 I pray you, sir, what say you to these great ruffs which are borne up with supporters and *rebato's*, as it were with poste and raille?  
*Dent's Pathway*, p. 42  
 REBAWDE. A ribald, or scamp.  
 Siche a *rebawde* as yowe rebuke any lordes,  
 Wyth theire retenuz arrayede fulle reale and noble.  
*Morte Arthur*, MS. Lincoln, f. 67.  
 REBBIT. To clinch, or rivet. *Yorksh*.  
 REBECK. A kind of violin. (*A.-N.*)  
 REBEKKE. Rebecca. *Chaucer*.  
 REBEL. (1) To revel. *Heref*.  
 (2) Disinclined; unwilling.  
 REBELLING. The ravelines. *Heywood*.  
 REBELLNESS. Rebellion.

- REBEN.** A kind of fine cloth.
- REBESK.** Arabesque. *Coles.*
- REBOKE.** To belch, or cast up.
- REBONE.**  
Thow false lordeyn, I xal fell the flatt!  
Who made the so hardy to make swych *rebone.*  
*Digby Mysteries*, p. 131.
- REBOUND.** To take an offer at rebound, i. e. at once, without consideration.
- RECCHIE.** To reck, or care for. (*A.-S.*)  
Ne may non me worse do,  
Then ich have had hiderto.  
Ich have had so much wo,  
That y ne *recche* whyder y go.  
*Harroving of Hell*, p. 21.  
The stiwarde therof I ne *recche*,  
I-wisse I have therto no meche.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 53.*
- RECEITE.** A receptacle. *Lydgate.*
- RECEIVE.** To receive the *canvas*, an old phrase for being dismissed.
- RECEST.** Withdrawn.  
And he imagining with himself that he had the 12. of July deserved my great displeasure, and finding himself barred from view of my philosophical dealing with Mr. Henrik, thought that he was utterly *recest* from intended goodnes toward him.  
*Dr. Dee's Diary*, p. 13.
- RECETTE.** To receive, or harbour. (*A.-N.*)  
My lorde hym *recetted* in hys castell  
For the dewkys dethe Oton.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 220.*
- RECHASE.** Properly, to eall the hounds back from a wrong scent, but often used for calling them under any circumstances. "Seven score raches at his rechase," i. e. at his call, Squyr of Lowe Degré, 772. A *recheat* is explained by Blome. "a farewell at parting." In Dorset, sheep are said to be *rechased* when they are driven from one pasture to another.
- RECHAUSED.** Heated again. *Warw.*
- RECHEN.** To reach; to stretch out. (*A.-S.*)  
Pestilence es an yvel *rechande* on lenthe and on brede.  
*MS. Coll. Eton. 10, f. 2.*
- RECHES.** Costly things. (*A.-S.*)
- RECK.** A hand-basket. *Somerset.*
- RECKAN.** A hook for pots. *North.*
- RECKEY.** A child's long coat. *Yorksh.*
- RECKLING.** The smallest and weakest in a brood of animals. *North.*
- RECKON.** To think, or guess. *Var. dial.*
- RECKON-CREEAK.** A crook suspended from a beam within the chimney to hang pots and pans on. *Yorksh.*
- RECK-STAVEL.** A staddle for corn.
- RECLAIM.** (1) To reclaim a hawk, to make her gentle and familiar, to bring her to the wrist by a certain call. It is often used metaphorically, to tame.  
(2) To proclaim. *Hall.*
- RECLINATORYE.** A resting-place.  
And therinne sette his *reclynatorye.*  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 3.*
- RECLINE.** To incline towards.
- RECLUSE.** To shut up. (*Lat. Med.*)
- RECOLAGE.** Wantonness.

- And sytte up thare wyth *recolage*,  
And 3yt do moche more outrage.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 43.*
- RECOLDE.** To recollect. (*A.-N.*)
- RE-COLLECTED.** Collected again in his mind or spirits.
- RECOMFORTE.** (1) Comfort. (*A.-N.*)  
In *recomforte* of his iowarde smerte.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 5.*  
(2) To encourage. (*A.-N.*)
- RECONUSAUNCE.** Acknowledgment.
- RECORD.** (1) Witness; testimony. (*A.-N.*)  
(2) To chatter as birds do before they can sing. Hence, to practise singing, to sing; to repeat lessons. It occurs in Palsgrave.
- RECORDE.** To remember. (*A.-N.*)
- RECORDER.** A kind of flageolet. The following story is very common in old jest books, and told of various persous.  
A merrie recorder of London mistaking the name of one Pepper, call'd him Piper: whereunto the partie excepting, and saying, Sir, you mi-stake, my name is Pepper, not Piper; hee answered, Why, what difference is there, I pray thee, between Piper in Latin and Pepper in English? is it not all one? No, Sir, reply'd the other, there is even as much difference betweene them as is between a Pipe and a Recorder.
- RECORTE.** To record. (*A.-N.*)  
The day i-sett come one hyngre,  
His borowys hyme brought before the kyng;  
The kyng lett *recorte* tho  
The sewt and the answer also.  
*MS. Ravelinson C. 86.*
- RECOUR.** To recover.  
But she said he should *recour* of it, and so he said hee did within some teune daies.  
*Gifford's Dialogue on Witches*, 1603.
- RECOURSE.** A repetition. *Shak.*
- RECOVER.** In hunting, to start a hare from her cover or form.
- RECRAYED.** Recreant. (*A.-N.*) *Recray-handes* is the substantive pl.  
With his craitez ganne he calle,  
And callede thame *recrayhandes alle*,  
Kynge, knyghtes in-wich walle. *Perceval* 610.
- RECREANDISE.** Fear; cowardice. (*A.-N.*)
- RECTE.** To impute; to ascribe.
- RECULE.** (1) A collection of writings, but used for any book or pamphlet. (*Fr.*)  
(2) To go back; to retreat. (*A.-N.*)
- RECULES.** Reckless.  
As for the tyme y am but *recules*,  
Lyke to a fygnre wyche that ys hertlesse.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 14.*
- RECURATIVE.** A remedy. (*Lat.*) Gratarohus, Direction for Health, 1574.
- RECURE.** To recover; to get again. (*A.-N.*)  
Also a substantive, recovery.  
Willing straungiers for to *recure*,  
And in Eogelaad to have the domyoacion.  
*MS. Soc. Antiq. 101, f. 56.*  
But Hector fyrst, of strength most assured,  
His stede agayne hath anone *recured*.  
*Lydgate's Troie*, 1555, sig. P. v.
- RECURELESS.** Irrecoverable.  
Ye are to blame to sette yowre hert so sore,  
Sethyn that ye wote that hyc[ys] *rekeurles*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 14.*

RED. (1) To put in order; to clear, or put to rights; to clean. *North*.

E'er any of them could red their een,  
Or a glimmering might see,  
Like one of them a dozen had,  
Well hid on with his tree, *Robin Hood*, i. 111.

(2) Rid; deprive. *East*.

The fourth he said, I was bewicht  
When first I handled knife;  
I think my crooked armes wer curst  
It did not red my life.

*Gaufrido and Barnardo*, 1570.

(3) To comb the hair. *Warw*.

(4) To assuage, or appease. *Cumb*.

REDACT. (1) Reduced.

They were now become miserable, wretched,  
sinful, *reduct* to extreme calamity.

*Bacon's Works*, p. 46.

(2) To force backwards.

He cursed Petrarch for *reducting* verses to sonnets;  
which he said were like that Firrant's bed, where  
some who were too short were racked, others too  
long cut short. *Ben Jonson's Conversations*, p. 4.

REDAR. (1) An adviser; one who advises, or explains. See *Rede*.

(2) A Thatcher. *Pr. Parv*.

REDARGUACION. A refutation. (*Lat.*)

To pursue all tho that do reprohacion  
Agayns our lawes by ony *redarguacion*.

*Digby Mysteries*, p. 33.

REDART. To dart again.

Let but one line *redart* one small beaming of  
love. *The Two Lancashire Lovers*, 1649, p. 63.

RED-CORN-ROSE. Wild poppy.

RED-CRAB. The sea crayfish.

REDDE. Countenance; cheer. *Weber*.

REDDEN. To cure herrings.

REDDOUR. Violence; strength. (*A.-N.*)

Scho saide the gretteste fyre es the gretteste  
*reddour* of the ryghtwysnes of God, that es in pur-  
gatorye. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 256*.

The *reddoure* ouyste [to] be restreynid  
To him that may no let away.

*Gower, MS. Sor. Antiq. 134, f. 86*.

Hyt ys my flesche, Lord, and not y,

That gruccheth agenste thyn harde *reddoure*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 21*.

REDE. (1) Counsel; advice. "Short rede is  
good rede," Northern prov. Also a verb, to  
advise. *North*.

When kyng Orfeo herd this case,

Than he seyde, "Alas! Alas!"

He askyd *rede* of many a mane,

Bot no mane helpe hym ne canne.

*MS. Ashmole fil, xv. Cent.*

Thyn crys be they mad listnyng

Unto the voys of myn prayere;

What evere I *rede*, what evere I syng,

Thow listene, Lord, with lovely chere,

And vowchesaf at myn a-kyng

Myn soule for to clesse and clere,

That it may be to thi lyknyng

The lyf that I schal ledio here.

*Hampole's Paraphrase of the Psalms, MS.*

He seyde, Now can y no *rede*,

For welle y wot that y am but dede,

For sorowe y wylle now dye!

Alas! that sche evyr fro me wente,

Owe false steward hath us schent

Wyth hys false traytory.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 78*.

Marrok, he seyde, what ys thy *rede*,

Whether that sche be done to dedd,

That was my blysse?

For sythen sche hath forsaken me,

Y wylle hur no more see,

Nor dwelle wyth hur y-wys.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 2*.

(2) To explain. Perceval, 1248.

No, for God, seid oure kyng,

I wene thou knowist me nothyng,

Thou *reds* alle amyse.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 48*.

(3) To spread abroad. *West*.

(4) To maintain; to manage; to tell.

REDEL. A riddle. (*A.-S.*)

REDELE. A riddle, or sieve. It is the trans-  
lation of *capisterium* in Nominale MS.

REDGER. A chain fixed on the rods of a  
waggon which passes over the horse's back.  
*Kent*.

RED-GOWN. An eruption on the skin common  
to infants within a few days of their birth:  
so called doubtlessly from the appearance it  
presents. *Lincol.* "Redd gonnde, sickennesse  
of chyliden." Palsgrave. It occurs in *Pr.*  
*Parv.* explained by *scrophulus*.

RED-HAY. Mowburnt hay, in distinction to  
*green hay*, or hay which has taken a moderate  
heat, and *vinny*, or mouldy hay. *Deron*.

REDID. Reddened. *Weber*.

REDIE. To make ready. (*A.-S.*)

These childre toke with hem to spende,

And *redied* hem forth to wende.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 32*.

Whatsoever thou bee that *redies* the for to lufe Gode,

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 192*.

In haly writtes he has *redyed* vessels of dede, that  
es gud wordes. *MS. Coll. Eton. 10, f. 12*.

REDIFYE. To rebuild.

Restore agen and eke *redifye*

Upon that day the mygty tabernacle.

*Lydgate, MS. Sor. Antiq. 134, f. 18*.

REDINE. Put in order.

Whene he thys rewmes hade *redyne*, and to wylde the

people,

Then rystede that ryalle, and helde the rounde

tabylle. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 53*.

REDING. Ruddle. *Somerset*.

REDING-KING. A class of feudal retainers,  
mentioned in *Piers Ploughman*, p. 96.

REDINGS. Tidings; news.

RED-JNKLE. Common red tape. The slang  
saying, "as thick as *inkle* weavers," may hence  
be derived. Weaving such very narrow ware  
admits of the operators sitting as closely or  
thickly as possible, no elbow room being re-  
quired.

RED-KNEES. The herb water-pepper.

RED-LANE. The throat. *Var. dial*.

RED-LATTICE. An alehouse was sometimes  
so called from its red lattice.

REDLE. To consider, or reflect?

This may se know kyndle y fayth both frynd and fo,

Remember 3ou of the rychemen and *redle* on his end,

What is reches, his reverens, his ryot brogt hym to,

Sodenle was send to hel with moné a foul fynde.

*MS. Douce 302, f. 4*.

- REDLES. Without advice; helpless. (*A.-S.*)  
Hys wyffe *redles*, chyldren gydes, servauntes  
withdraw hym fro. *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 270.
- REDLID. Twisted; woven.
- RED-MAD. Quite mad. *Durham.*
- RED-MAILKES. The corn-poppy.
- REDOUTED. Dreaded; feared. (*A.-N.*)
- REDOUTING. Reverence. *Chaucer.*
- REDRESSE. To relieve, or remedy; to make  
amends for; to recover. (*A.-N.*)  
Or any mane that wist,  
Alle wranges ware *redrescht.*  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 133.*
- RED-ROW. When the grains of ripening barley  
are streaked with red, the crop is said to be  
in the *red-row.* *Norf.*
- REDS. Red tints; blushes. *West.*
- RED-SEAR. When, in forging, the iron breaks  
or cracks under the hammer while it is work-  
ing between hot and cold, it is said to *red-sear.*  
There was a species of iron ore so called on  
account of its liability to red-sear.
- RED-SHANKS. (1) The arse-smart. *North.*  
(2) A contemptuous appellation for Scottish  
Highlanders, and native Irish. See Harrison's  
England, p. 6.
- REDSTREAK. Cider made of a kind of apple  
so called, and much esteemed.  
Back-recruiting chocholet for the consumptive  
gallaot, Herefordshire *redstreak* made of rotten  
apples at the Three Cranes, true Brunswick Mum  
brew'd at S. Katherines, and ale in penny mags not  
so big as a taylor's thimble.  
*Character of a Coffee-house, 1673, p. 3.*
- RED-TAIL. The redstart.
- REDUBBE. To remedy; to redress. (*Fr.*)  
If he shulde, before the same were put in good  
ordre, leve those matters unpurified, it shulde be  
long bifore he coude *redubbe* or conduce them to  
good effect. *State Papers, i. 193.*  
I doute not by Goddes grace so honestly to *re-  
dubbe* all thynges that have been amys.  
*Ellis's Literary Letters, p. 4.*
- REDUBBORS. Those that buy stolen cloth  
and disguise it by dyeing. *Blount.*
- REDUCE. To bring back. (*Lat.*)
- REDUCEMENT. Reduction. (*Lat.*)  
After a little *reducement* of his passion, and that  
time and further meditation had disposed his senses  
to their perfect estate.  
*History of Patient Griseld, p. 40.*
- REDUCTED. Led back. (*Lat.*)  
Oonly for the cause of Maximilian newly elected  
king of Romanes, should be *reducted* and brought  
again into their pristine estate and consuete fami-  
liaritee. *Hull, Henry VII. f. 27.*
- RED-WATER. Same as *Blend-water*, q. v.
- RED-WEEID. The common poppy. *East.*
- RED-WHOOP. The bullfinch. *Somerset.*
- RED-WINDS. Those winds which blast fruit  
or corn are so called.
- REDYN. Sailed; moved.  
So on a day, hys fador and hee  
*Redyn yn a schyppe yn the see.*  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 144.*
- REE. (1) To shake corn in a sieve, so that the  
chaff collects to one place. *South*  
(2) A disease in hawks.
- (3) An imperative, commanding the leading horse  
of a team to turn or bear to the right. *Heit*  
and *Camether*, turn or incline to the left.  
"Riddle me, riddle me *ree*" is therefore, *Rid-  
dle me right.*  
A base borne issue of a baser syer,  
Bred in a cottage, wandering in the myer,  
With nailed shooes and whipstaffe in his hand,  
Who with a hey and *ree* the beasts command.  
*Micro-Cynicon, 1599.*
- REEANGED. Discoloured; in stripes.
- REECE. A piece of wood fixed to the side of  
the chep. *Kent.*
- REECH. Smoke. *Reechy*, Shakespeare.  
The world is wors then men neveo,  
The *reech* recheth into Heveo.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 18.*
- REED. (1) Unbruised straw. *West.* Hence,  
to reed or thatch a house.  
(2) The fundament of a cow. *Derb.*  
(3) Angry; ill-tempered. *Yorksh.*  
(4) A very small wood. *East.*
- REED-BILLY. A bundle of reed. *West.*
- REEDHOLDER. A thatcher's bow fastened to  
the roof to hold the straw. *West.*
- REEDIFICATION. Rebuilding. (*Lat.*)  
The town was compellid to help to the *reedification*  
of it. *Leland's Itinerary, 1769, iii. 125.*
- REED-MOTE. Same as *Feasestraw*, q. v.
- REED-PIT. A fen. *Pr. Parr.*
- REED-RONDS. Plots, or beds of reed; or,  
the swamps which reeds grow in. *Norf.*  
Forby has *reed-roll.*
- REED-STAKE. An upright stake to which an  
ox is tied in the shippen. *Durh.*
- REEF. The itch. *North.* According to some,  
any eruptive disorder.
- REEK. (1) Smoke or vapour. *North.* Perhaps  
for *incense* in the following passage, but glossed  
by *fumus* in the original.  
*Reke*, that is a gretyngful prayer of men that  
dus penance. *MS. Coll. Eton. 10, f. 25.*  
(2) To reach. Still in use.  
(3) A rick. *Nominale MS. Reek-time*, the  
time of making, or stacking hay.  
(4) Money. A cant term.  
(5) To wear away; to waste. *North.*  
(6) Family; lineage. *Yorksh.*  
(7) Windy; stormy. *North.*
- REEKING-CROOK. A pothook. *North.*
- REEK-STAVAL. A rick-staddle.
- REEM. (1) To cry, or moan. *North.*  
(2) To tie fast. *Somerset.*  
(3) The hoar, or white frost.
- REEOK. A shriek. *Lanc.*
- REEP. To trail in the dirt. *West.*
- REEPLE. A beam lying horizontally in the  
roof of a coal-mine. *West.*
- REES.  
Her olyves with her wya trees,  
These foxes brent with her *rees.*  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 45.*
- REESSES. Waves of the sea.
- REESOME. To ted pease; that is, to put them  
into little heaps. *Line.*
- REET. (1) Right. *Var. dial.*

- (2) To smooth, or put in order; to comb the hair. *North*.
- REETLE. To repair. *North*.
- REEVE. (1) To wrinkle. *West*.
- (2) To separate corn that has been winnowed from the small seeds which are among it. This is done with what they call the reeving-sieve. *Var. dial*.
- (3) The female of the ruff.
- REEZED. See *Reasty* (2).
- REF. Plunder. (*A.-S.*)
- REFECT. Recovered. (*Lat.*)
- REFEDE. Deprived; taken away.  
Many lede with his launce the liffe has he *refede*.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 72.*
- REFEERE. To revert. *Hoccleve*.
- REFELL. To refute. (*Lat.*)  
Which I thinke your clemencie will not reject nor *refell*.  
*Hall's Union, 1548, Hon. W. f. 28.*
- REFERTORY. Refractory. *Line*.
- REFFICS. Remnants; relics. *North*.
- REFICTE. Shelter; refuge.
- REFLAIRE. Odour. (*A.-N.*)  
We hafe lykng also for to bihalde faire feldeas al  
over fioresched with flores, of the whilke a swete  
*refaire* enters intille our nosez, in the whilke a  
sensible saule hase maste delite.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 33.*
- REFOCILLATION. Restoration of strength  
by refreshment. (*Lat.*)
- REFORM. To repair. *Stowe*.
- REFORMADO. A dishanded soldier.
- REFORME. To inform.
- REFOURME. To renew, or remake. *Gawayne*.
- REFRAIN. (1) To restrain.
- (2) The burden of a song. (*A.-N.*) *Refraine*  
and *refret* are also used.  
Here nowe folowethe a balade ryal made by  
Lydegate after his resorte to his religyoun, with the  
*refrayde* howe everything drawethe to his semblable.  
*MS. Ashmole 59, f. 18.*
- REFREIDE. To cool. (*A.-N.*)
- REFRET. The burden of a song.  
This was the *refret* of that caroull, y wene,  
The wheche Gerlen and this mayden song byfore.  
*Chron. Filodun, p. 115.*
- REFRINGE. To infringe upon. *Palsgrave*.
- REFTE. (1) Bereaved; took away.  
ȝyf thou ever yn any tyme  
*Refte* any man hys lyme.  
*MS. Harl, 1701, f. 9.*  
Alle thyng that men withholde,  
Stole or *refte*, ȝyve or solde.  
*MS. Harl, 1701, f. 57.*
- (2) A chink or crevice. (*A.-S.*)
- REFUGE. Refuse. Still in use.
- REFUSE. (1) To deny. (2) Refusal.  
But they of the suggestiōne  
Ne couthen nouȝte a worde *refuse*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 44.*  
And it was the custum and use,  
Amonges hem was no *refuse*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 233.*
- REFUYT. Refuge. (*A.-N.*)  
But thorough thee have wee grace as wee desyre,  
Ever hathe myne hope of *refuyt* ben in thee.  
*Romance of the Monk, Sion College MS.*
- REGAL. A groove in timber. *West*.

- REGALOS. Choice sweetmeats.
- REGALS. A musical instrument, made with  
pipes and bellows like an organ, but small and  
portable. There was till lately an officer in  
the King's Chapel at St. James's called  
"Tuner of the Regals," with a salary of £56.  
Praise him upon the claricoales,  
The lute and simfonie;  
With dulcemers and the *regalls*,  
Sweete sittrons melody.  
*Leighton's Teares or Lamentation, 1613.*
- REGALYE. Rule; royalty. (*A.-N.*)  
Of heven and erthe that hath the *regalbe*,  
And schalle distroye alle fals mawmetrye.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 16.*
- REGENERATE. Degenerate. *Nares*.
- REGHTE. Right; quickly. (*A.-S.*)  
Whenne he was dighte in his atire,  
He tase the knyghte bi the swire,  
Keste hym *reghte* in the fyre. *Perceval, 791.*
- REGIMENT. Government. (*Lat.*)  
I have obtained and possessed the rule and  
*regiment* of this famous realme of England.  
*Hall's Union, 1548.*
- REGLE. A rule; a regulation.
- REGNE. To reign. (*A.-N.*)
- REGNIS. Kingdoms. (*Lat.*)  
And the peplis and *regnis* everichone  
Stoden unto him undir lowe servage.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 16.*
- REGRACES. Thanks. "With dew regraces."  
Plumpton Correspondence, p. 5.
- REGRATE. To retail wares. (*A.-N.*)
- REGREDIENCE. A returning. (*Lat.*)  
No man comes late into that place, from whence  
Never man yet had a *regredience*.  
*Herrick's Works, ii. 40.*
- REGREET. To greet again.
- REGREWARDE. The rearward.  
The *regreuarde* it took away,  
Cam none of hem to londe dreyc.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 74.*
- REGUERDON. A reward. (*A.-N.*)
- REHETE. (1) To revive; to cheer; to encour-  
age. (*A.-N.*) "Him would I comferte and  
rehete." Rom. Rose, 6509.  
Thane the conquerour kyndly carpede to those  
lordes,  
*Rehete* the Romaynes with realle speche.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 55.*
- (2) To persecute. (*A.-S.*)
- REHETING. Burning; smarting. (*A.-S.*)
- REIDE. Arrayed.  
Thaue the eorle was payd,  
Some his batelle was *reyde*,  
He was nothing afreyd  
Of that feris knyght. *Sir Degrevant, 205.*
- REIGH. The ray fish.
- REIKE. (1) To walk about idly. *Reawk*, to  
idle in neighbour's houses. Tim Bobbin  
Gloss, appears to be the same word.
- (2) A chaffinch. Nominale MS.
- (3) To reach or fetch anything. *North*.
- REILE. To roll. *Chaucer*.
- REIMBASK. A term in hunting, to return to  
the lair or form.
- REIN. To droop the head; to bear it in a stiff  
and constrained posture. *East*.

**REINABLE.** Reasonable; just. (*A.-N.*)  
So *reynable* and *queint* sche was  
Of witt and of dede.  
That ich man hadde of so jong thing  
Wonder and eke drede.  
*Legendæ Catholicæ*, p. 130.

**REINE.** Rain. (*A.-S.*)  
When it were brokyne, farewelle he,  
An hatte wer bettar then sech thre  
For *reyne* and *sonne-schyne*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 55.*

**REIST.** To become restive. *Northumb.*

**REISTER.** A German horse-soldier.

**REITS.** Sea or river weed. *West.*

**REIVENE.** Riven; torn. (*A.-S.*)  
Thaire gaye gownnes of grene  
Schamesly were thay *reylene*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 137.*

**REJAGGE.** To reprove; to confute.

**REJAGGED.** Tattered. *Skelton.*

**REJOIE.** To rejoice. (*A.-N.*)

**REJOURN.** To adjourn; to refer.

**REJUMBLE.** To roll or jumble, especially said of an uneasy stomach. *Line.* It occurs in Coles's Lat. Dict.

**REKE.** (1) Haste. (*A.-S.*)  
The which ware sent yn a grete *reke*,  
The dampned mennes legges to breke.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 89.*

(2) To go or enter in.  
Porter, a sede, let me in *reke*.  
*Beves of Hamptoun*, p. 17.  
And let me now with the *reke*  
In that maner as we spake.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 111.*

(3) To reckon; to think. (*A.-S.*)  
Forthe ther ys oon, y *reke*,  
That can well Frensche speke.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 115.*

(4) To rake or cover anything in the fire with ashes. Still in use.

(5) A small bundle of hay. *Line.*

**REKENEN.** To reckon or count. (*A.-S.*)

**REKENESTE.** The most esteemed?  
He rewlis the rewerwardedy thare aftyre,  
The *rekeneste* redy mene of the rownde table.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 95.*

**REKILS.** Incense. (*A.-S.*)

**REKKE.** To care or heed. (*A.-S.*)  
Thoghe a rewme be rebelle, we *rekke* it bot lyttile.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 75.*

**RELAIÉ.** A fresh set of hounds.

**RELAMENT.** To lament over again.  
They finde enough, Ah! without mine,  
To *relament* their owne.  
*The Cyprian Academy*, 1647, u. 42.

**RELATED.** Referred; enrolled.  
Who would not have thought this holy religious  
father worthy to be canonised and *related* into the  
number of saints.  
*Bacon's Works*, p. 137.

**RELE.** To roll; to spread.

**RELEASE.** To take out of pawn. The Bride  
by Nahbes, 4to. 1640, sig. F. iv.

**RELEBE.** A fine paid by a tenant at his admission to a copyhold.

**RELEET.** A crossing of roads. *East.*

**RELEF.** Remainder; what is left. It occurs in Pr. Parv. p. 101, as *refuse*.

He bad geder the *relief* of hepes,  
Therwith the fulde twelve lepes.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 84.*  
Seve bascates folle heo gadereden  
Of *relief* after mete. *MS. Laud. 108, f. 1.*

**RELENT.** To melt. *Palsgrave.*

**RELES.** Taste, or relish.

**RELESSEN.** To forgive. (*A.-N.*)

**RELEVAINTIES.** The revenue derived from reliefs, fines, payable by a tenant on the death of his ancestor. Sometimes, remainders.  
For I see not any grete lightlywod that any  
good summe will coum in tyl after Christmas, and  
then no more then the *releuainties*, wherof befor I  
have made mention, which is no grete matier.  
*State Papers*, i. 840.

**RELEVE.** To restore; to rally. (*A.-N.*)

**RELICK-SUNDAY.** A name given to the third Sunday after Midsummer day.

**RELIEZ.** Proceed; follow.  
Thane *relyez* the renkz of the rounde table  
For to ryotte the wode ther the duke restez.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 73.*

**RELIGION.** A conscientious scruple.

**RELIGIOUS.** A monk. (*A.-N.*) Hence *religionsité*, the clergy.

**RELING.** Crumbling with age.

**RELLY.** A coarse sieve. *East.*

**RELUME.** To light again. *Shak.*

**RELY.** To polish. *Coles.*

**REMAILE.** Rhyming; verse?  
A clerk of Yngland  
In his *remaille* thus reles.  
*MS. Harl. 4196, f. 206.*

**REMANETH.** An account of all the stnif that remained unspent. (*Lat.*)

**REMBLE.** To move or remove. *Line.*

**REME.** (1) To make room. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) A realm. *Pr. Parv.*  
Pry we that Lord is Lord of alle,  
To save our kyng his *reme* ryal,  
And let never myschyp upon him falle,  
Ne false traytonie him to betray!  
*MS. Douce 302, f. 29.*

(3) To cry out, or moan.  
The gailers that him scholde yeme,  
Whan hii herde him thus *reme*,  
Ther, cherl, seide that on tho,  
Now beth the lif-dawes y-do!  
*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 63.

(4) Rheum. There is a receipt for "hede stopped with *reme*" in MS. Line. f. 281.

(5) To froth, as liquor does.

**REMEDY.** A half-holiday. *Winton.*

**REMEDYLESSE.** Without a remedy.  
Thus welle y wote y am *remedylesse*,  
For me no thyng may comforte nor amende.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 131.*

**REMELANT.** Remainder. It is preserved in the Northern provincialism *remling*.

**REMEMBER.** To remind. *North.* It often occurs in old plays.

**REMEMORAUNCE.** Remembrance.  
No se meene it call by all *rememoraunce*,  
Constantyne noble, wher to dwell he did enclure.  
*Hardyng's Chronicle*, l. 59.

**REMENAUNTE.** The remainder. (*A.-N.*)



- How so falle of the *remanante*,  
He halte no worde of covenante.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 43.*  
As for alle thynges that folowe, referre them to my  
copley in whyche is wretyn a *remanente* lyke to this  
forseyd werke. *Warkworth's Chronicle, p. 1.*
- REMENE. (1) To bring back again.  
This goode schip I may *remene*.  
*Fernon MS.*
- (2) To remember; to remind.  
Of love y schalle hem so *remene*,  
That thou schalt knowe what they mene.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 40.*
- REMETIC. A remedy. *Warw.*
- REMINGE. Making a noise.  
Then to me appeared Michell,  
And bade me travayle never a deale,  
And sayde for *reminge* nor praers fell  
That graunte me not to seeke.  
*Chester Plays, li. 74.*
- REMISSAILE. Orts; leavings. (*A.-N.*)  
The best morsell, have this in remembrance,  
Hole to thiself alway do not applye;  
Part with this flawe, for that is curtisie;  
Lade not thi trechoure with many *remissailes*,  
And fro blaknes alway kepe thi nailles.  
*Lydgate's Stans Puer ad Mensam, MS.*
- REMLAWNT. Remainder.  
Geve some to pore menys hande,  
And with the *remlawnt* store thy lande.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 210.*
- REMLLET. A remnant. *Devon.*
- REMMAN. To beat. *Yorksh.*
- REMMAND. To disperse. *North.*
- REMMON. To remove. *Yorksh.*
- REMRORDE. (1) To feel remorse. (*A.-N.*)  
(2) To rebuke, or find fault with.
- REMRORSE. Pity; compassion.
- REMRON. Same as *Remue*, q. v.
- REMUCE. Cross; ill-tempered. *Devon.*
- REMUE. To remove. (*A.-N.*)
- RENABLE. Loquacious. *North.*
- RENABLY. Tolerably; reasonably. (*A.-N.*)  
Forthther com on redi reke,  
That *renabliche* kouthe Frensche speke.  
*Boves of Hamtoun, p. 103.*
- RENASSHING. Left unexplained by Douce in  
*Archæologia*, xvii. 293, but a martingale is  
being described, and there is no doubt it  
means the violent jerking of the horse's head;  
(from *renish*, furious?)
- RENATED. Renewed. (*Lat.*)  
Suche a pernicious fable and ficcion, being not  
onely strange and marvelous, but also prodigious  
and unnaturall, to feyne a dead man to be *renated*  
and newly borne agayne. *Hall, Henry VIII. f. 32.*
- RENAY. To refuse; to deny.  
With sword he shal himselfen wreke,  
Or do hem Cristendome *renay*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 133.*  
That made him God to *renay*,  
And to forsake his owne lay.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 56.*
- RENCH. To rinse. *North.*
- RENCKY. Large and boisterous.
- RENCOUNTER. To meet. *Spenser.*
- RENDER. (1) To melt, as lard, &c. *Linc.*  
(2) To repeat a lesson.
- (3) To give the finishing coat of plaster to a  
wall. *East.*
- (4) To separate; to disperse. *North.*
- (5) A confession. (6) To confess.
- RENDES. Rennet for cheese.
- RENE. (1) To deny. *Hearne.*  
(2) To rein, or tie up.
- RENEG. To announce or call a suit at some  
games at cards. *Devon.*
- RENEGATE. An apostate. (*A.-N.*) Still in  
use, according to Brockett.
- RENEGE. To deny; to renounce.  
Shall I *renege* I made them then?  
Shall I denye my cunning founde?  
*Mirror for Magistrates, p. 113.*
- RENEUED. Renewed. (*A.-S.*)
- RENEWYNG. Produce.  
And also gyf to God part of your *renewyng*.  
And than alle encrece wyl be therof ensewyng.  
*MS. Laud. 416, f. 43*
- RENGAILE. Ranks. *Hearne.*
- RENGE. (1) A rank, or row. *Renges*, steps of a  
ladder, still in use pronounced *roungs*.  
Trumpettes blew in the prese,  
Lordys stond on *rengis*,  
Ladies lay over an i beheld.  
*Torrent of Portugal, p. 43*
- (2) To arrange, or set in order.
- RENK. (1) A man; a knight. (*A.-S.*)  
Whenne the *renkes* gan mete,  
Thay were felid undir fete.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 134.*  
Thorgh the *renkes* gane thay ride,  
Thir doghty knyghtis of pride.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 135.*
- (2) A rank. Nominale MS.
- RENKY. Rank, as weeds, &c. *North.*
- RENLESSE. Rennet. *Palsgrave*. It occurs in  
a vocabulary in MS. Coll. Jes. Oxon. 28.
- RENLETH. Mixed together. List of old words  
prefixed to Batman upon Bartholome, 1582.
- RENNE. (1) To snatch, or pull. (*A.-S.*)  
Thai take geese, capons, and henne,  
And alle that ever thei may with *renne*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 43.*
- (2) To run. (*A.-S.*)  
That shortly to ride that nobill prynce was redy,  
By Pomfret castle he paste his enemy notwith-  
standyng:  
Marques Mountizew of that passage was verrey heavy,  
Wyth the prynce he durste not mete, but ther lay  
the mornyng:  
His tresone in hys mynde bifore done was *renning*.  
Supposyng that Kyng Edward remembryd it also:  
Wherfore, good Lorde, evermore thy wille be doo!  
*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D, xx.*
- RENNING. Rennet. *Baret.*
- RENNISH. Furious; passionate. *North.*
- RENOME. Renowned. *Palsgrave.*
- RENOVELAUNCE. A renewing. (*A.-N.*)
- RENT. (1) To tear, or rend. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) Interest of money. *East.*
- RENTY. Neat; well-shaped. *North.*
- RENVERST. Reversed. (*Fr.*)  
Then from him reft his shield, and it *renverst*,  
And blotted out his armes with falshood blent;  
And himselfe baffuld, and his armes unherst.  
*Spenser's Faerie Queene, v. iii. 37.*
- REOUSE. To praise, or commend. *North.*

REP. (1) Reaped. *Essex*.  
 (2) A jade, or lean horse.

REPAIRE. To return; to resort. A substantive, resort, in the following passage:  
 Whiche is my Sone and myn owen eyre,  
 That in hire breste schalle have his *repayre*.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 1.*

REPAISE. To appease one. (*A.-N.*)

REPARE. The haunt of a hare.

REPAREL. Apparel; clothing.  
 Within hymselfe, by hys diligent travel,  
 To aray hys garden with notabil *reparel*.  
*Ashmole's Theat. Chem. Brit. 1652, p. 214.*

REPARELLE. To repair.  
 He that schalle byge this citee agayne salle hafe  
 thre victories, and whenne he hase getene thre victo-  
 ries, he salle onane come and *repavelle* this citee,  
 and bigge it agayne also wele als ever it was.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 11.*

REPASSE. A common term used by jugglers,  
 alluded to in Kind-Hart's Dreame, 1592.

REPAYRE. A carrier of sea-fish.

REPE. A handful, as of corn, &c.

REPEAL. To recall. *Shak.* "Repell callyng  
 agayne, *repel*," Palsgrave.

REPENDE.  
 Thane riche stedes *rependez*, and rasches one armes.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 75.*

REPILLE-STOCK. A kind of rod or staff used  
 for beating flax.

REPLENISII. To revive. *Palsgrave*.

REPLET. Repletion. *Chaucer*.

REPOLONE. Said of a horse that gallops  
 straight forwards and back again.

REPON. Moving force; momentum.

REPOSANCE. Repose. *Hall*.

REPPLE. A long walking staff as tall or taller  
 than the bearer. *Chesh.*

REPRESSE. Suppression; repressing.

REPREVE. To reprove. (*A.-N.*)  
 Cokwoldes no mour I wyll *reprieve*,  
 For I ame aue, and aske no leve.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 61.*

REPREVINGE. A reproof.  
 And there it lykede him to suffre many *repre-*  
*vinges* and scornes for us.  
*Mauoudevile's Travels, p. 1.*

REPRIME. To grumble at anything.

REPRISE. (1) A right of relief.  
 (2) Blame; reproach. (*A.-N.*)  
 That alle the world ne may suffice  
 To staunche of pride the *reprise*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 60.*

REPROOF. Confutation. *Shak.*

REPRY. To reprove. *Huloet*.

REPUGN. To fight against. (*Lat.*)

REPULDE. Ripped up?  
 And smote Gve wyth envye,  
 And *repulle* hys face and hys chynne,  
 And of hys cheke all the skynne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 260.*

REPUNGE. To vex, or goad. (*Lat.*)  
 I am the king of Persia,  
 A large and fertile soil;  
 The Egyprians against us *repunge*,  
 As verlets slave and vile.  
*King Cambises, p. 254.*

REPURVEAUNCE. Provision.

The good knyzt syre Degriavaunce,  
 He had y-made *repurveaunce*  
 For al hys retenaunce. *Degrevant, 1146.*

RERAGE. Arrears, or debt. (*A.-N.*)  
 That alle the ryche salle repente that to Rome langez  
 Or the *reerage* be requit of rentez that he claymez.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 71.*

RERD. Roaring; noise. "He him kneu wel  
 by his *rerde*," Reliq. Antiq. ii. 274.

RERE. (1) To raise. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) Moderately flexible; firm, but not too hard,  
 as applied to meat, &c.

RERE-BANKET. A second course of sweets or  
 desserts after dinner. *Palsgrave*. It is made  
 synonymous with rere-supper in Leigh's  
 Romane Emperours, 1637, p. 92.

REREBRACE. Armour for the back of the  
 arm. (*A.-N.*)  
 Bristes the *rererbrace* with the bronde ryche.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 80*

REREBRAKE. Probably the projection put on  
 the crupper to prevent the horseman being  
 pushed over the horse's tail by the thrust of a  
 lance, as was often the case in a tournament.  
*Mejrick*.

REREDEMAIN. A back-handed stroke.  
 I shall with a *reredemayne* so make them re-  
 bounde to our commen enemye that calleth hym-  
 selfe kyng, that the beste stopper that he hath at  
 tenyce shal not well stoppe without a faulte.  
*Hall, Richard III. f. 11.*

RERE-DORS. Some part of armour.  
 Ane hole brest-plate, with a *reere-dors*  
 Behynde shet, or elles on the syde.  
*Ciarodes, MS.*

RERE-DORTOUR. A jakes.  
 If any suster in the *reere-dortour*, otherwyse callyd  
 the house of esmente, behave her unwomanly or  
 unreligiously, schewyng any parte bare that  
 nedeth not, whyle they stonde or syte there  
*MS. Arundel, 146.*

REREDOSSE. (1) An open fire-hearth. Har-  
 rison says, p. 212, "now have we manie chim-  
 nies, and yet our tenderlings complaine of  
 rheumes, cataris, and poses; then had we  
 none but *reredosses*, and our heads did  
 never ake."  
 (2) This word in general signifieth the screen of  
 stone or wood at an altar, but it is occa-  
 sionally applied to the tapestry hanging at  
 the back of it.

RERE-MOUSE. A bat. *West.* "*Vespertilio*,  
 a rere-mouse or batte," Elyot, ed. 1559.

RERE-SUPPER. A late supper after the ordi-  
 nary meal so called, taken "generallie when  
 it was time to go to rest," Harrison, p. 170.  
 Palsgrave mentions "the rere-supper, or ban-  
 ket where men syt downe to drynke and eate  
 agayne after their meate," Aclostus, 1540.  
 Pegge gives *re-supper*, a second supper.  
*Lanc.*  
 My stomak accordeth to every meete,  
 Save *reersuppers* I refuse lest I sorfette.  
*Piers of Fulham, p. 126.*  
 Than is he redy in the wey  
 My *reere-soper* for to make.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 182.*

- RES.** Violence; impetus; quick pace.  
That I ful ofte, in suche a *res*,  
Am weryc of myn owen lyf  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 92.
- He wolle rape hym on a *resse*  
Myldely to the holy londe.  
*MS. Harl.* 2252, f. 118.
- Whenne thei were war of Moises,  
Thei fleye away al in a *res*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 41.
- RESALGAR.** Ratsbane.  
Notwithstanding, I must needs say that our chirurgions and also ferrers do find both arsenicke and *resalgar* to be so sharpe, hotte, and burning things, as when they minister the same to any part of the body, they are forced to alay the sharpnesse thereof.  
*Topsell's Beasts*, 1607, p. 429.
- RESAYVE.** To receive. (*A.-N.*)  
To Westmynstur the kyng be water did glide,  
Worshypfully *resayvid* with procession in frett,  
*Resayvid* with reverence, his dewte not denye,  
The cardmall uppon his hede the crowne did sett;  
The septure in his honde withoute interrupcion  
or lett,  
Thenne to Seyn Edwardes shryne the prynce did goo,  
Thus in every thyng the wille of God is doo?  
*MS. Bim Reg.* 17 D, xv.
- Mekille comforthe it *reschayves* of oure Lorde  
noȝte anly inwardly in his prevé substance be  
the vertu of the anehede to oure Lorde.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 220.
- RESCEN.** Rushes. *Exmoor.*
- RESCHOWE.** To rescue. (*A.-N.*)
- RESCOUS.** Rescue. (*A.-N.*)
- RESE.** (1) A boast. *R. de Brunne.*  
(2) To raise, or stir up.
- RESELL.** To put away; to refute. (*A.-N.*)
- RESEMBLABLE.** Like.  
For man of soule resonabile,  
Is to an angelle *resemblable*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 37.
- RESENT.** To smell of. *Drayton.*
- RESET.** To receive.  
And ȝe hit make, and that me greves,  
A den to *reset* inne theves.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 91.
- FRESH.** Fresh; recent. *East.*
- FRESHES.** Wire-rush, a weed. *Yorksh.*
- RESIANS.** Inhabitants; residents.
- RESIGNE.** A deer was called a *hert-resigne*  
when he had quite left off growing.
- RESILE.** To spring back. (*Lat.*)  
If the Quene wold hereafter *resile* and goo back  
from that, she semeth nowe to be contented with,  
it shuld not be in her power soo to doo.  
*State Papers*, i. 343.
- RESILVATION.** A retrogression. (*Lat.*)  
There is, as phisicians saye, and as we also fynd,  
double the perell in the *resilvation* that was in the  
fyrste syknes.  
*Hall, Edward V.* f. 11.
- RESIN-BEAM.** A beam in a roof.
- RESINING.** Resignation.
- RESNABYL.** Reasonable.  
Ellys a *mon* he were unabile,  
As a best ys of kynd;  
Better *mon* ys made *resnabyll*,  
Good and evyl to have in his mynd.  
*MS. Douce 302*, f. 2.
- RESOLUTION.** Conviction; assurance.

- RESOLVE.** (1) To dissolve, or melt.  
Take aqua vite, gomme of Arabik, and ver-  
nesse, of iche iche meche, and let him stonde tyl  
the gomme be *resolvyd*.  
*MS. in Mr. Pettigrew's possession*, xv. Cent.
- (2) To convince; to assure; to satisfy. Very  
common in old plays. "Resolve the prin-  
cesse we must speake with her," Troubles of  
Queene Elizabeth, 1639, sig. B. i.
- RESON.** Arose.  
He blewe hys horne in that tyde,  
Hertys *reson* on eche a syde.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 64.
- RESOUN.** Speech; discourse. (*A.-N.*)  
Then send the kyng in his *resoun*,  
Who so were in a gode town  
This wold he costed dere.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 50.
- RESPASSE.** The raspberry. *Herrick.* Tusser  
has *respe*, p. 4, ed. 1812.
- RESPECT.** To postpone. (*Lat.*)  
As touching the musters of all the soldiour-  
upon the shore, we have *respected* the same tyl  
this tyme for lacke of money. *State Papers*, i. 352.
- RESPECTIVE.** Respectful. It has sometimes  
the meaning of *respectable*.  
The same day, at night, my servant returned from  
Clare, and brought me word of the fair and *re-  
spective* receipt, both of my lins and the carcanet,  
and how bountifully himself had been rewarded be-  
fore his departure thence. *MS. Harl.* 640.
- RESPECTLESS.** Careless; regardless.
- RESPICE.** (1) Respect. (*A.-N.*) Chaucer has  
*respite*, perhaps for *respite*.  
(2) A wine. Ritson, iii. 176.
- RESPITEN.** To excuse. (*A.-N.*)
- RESPLENDE.** To shine. *Lydgate.*
- RESPONDE.** (1) An answer. (*A.-N.*)  
(2) "A half pillar or pier, in middle-age archi-  
tecture, attached to a wall to support an arch."  
*Oxf. Gloss. Arch.* p. 306. "*Responsorium*.  
Anglice a responde." *Nominale MS.*
- RESSAUNT.** An ogee-moulding.
- RESSE.** Qu. On his resse. See *Res*.  
The hundis at the dere gunne hays;  
That herde the geant ther he laye,  
And repid hym of his *resse*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 140.
- RESSET.** A place of refuge; an ahode.  
(*A.-N.*) In hunting, a resting place for those  
who followed the chase on foot.  
I shal ȝou aske sum *resset*,  
Wel I woot I shal ȝou get.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 33.
- REST.** (1) To conclude upon anything. At  
primero, to set up rest meant to stand up  
upon one's cards. Nares thinks our first  
meaning metaphorical from the second, but I  
much question it.  
(2) To roast. *Somerset.*  
(3) A wrest by which the strings of harps and  
instruments are drawn up.  
(4) A support for the ancient musket. It con-  
sisted of a pole of tough wood, with an iron  
spike at the end to fix it in the ground, and  
a semicircular piece of iron at the top to rest  
the musket on. The soldier carried it by  
strings fastened over the shoulder.

- (5) To arrest. *Palsgrave*.  
 (6) The wood on which the coulter of a plough is fixed. MS. Lausd. 560, f. 45.
- RESTAR. One who arrests.
- RESTATYED. Stopped; driven back.
- RESITUE. To restore, or retribute.
- RESULTANCE. Rebound. (*Lat.*)  
 For I confesse that power which works in me  
 Is but a weak *resultance* took from thee.  
*Randolph's Poems*, 1643.
- RESVERIE. Madness.  
 In those times to have had an inventive and enquiring witt was acounted *resverie*: which censure the famous Dr. William Harvey could not escape for his admirable discovery of the circulation of the blood: he told me himself that upon his publishing that booke, he fell in his practise extremely.  
*Aubrey's Wiltshire, Royal Soc. MS.* p. 5.
- RESYN. Arose.  
 The knyghtes *resyn* on every syde,  
 Bothe more and lasse.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 98.
- RET. To soak in water, as in seasoning timber, hemp, &c. *East.* It occurs in Pr. Parv. of the fifteenth century.
- RETTALIATION. Return. (*Lat.*)  
 First, I will shew you the antiquity of these manors. Secondly, I will a little discuss the ancient honour of this manor of Lavenham. Thirdly, I will give you a touch what respects you are likely to find from me; and fourthly, what *retaliation* I expect again from you. *MS. Harl.* 646.
- RETAUNT. Repetition of a taunt.  
 He dyd not enelye fyrste delaye me, and afterwarde denye me, but gave me suche unkynde woordes, wyth suche tauntes and *retauntes*, ye, in manner checke and checke mate to the uttermooste profe of my pacience *Hall, Richard III.* f. 10.
- RETECH. To stretch, or reach. *Var. dial.* "I retech with a weapon or with my hande, *je attains*," *Palsgrave*.
- RETECHLESS. Reckless. *Skelton.*
- RETECHUP. Truth. *Somerset.*
- RETEEN. Garrison; followers. (*A.-N.*)  
 Syre Degryvaunt ys whom went,  
 And aftyr hys *reteen* sent. *Sir Degryvaunt*, 930.
- RETEUNAUNCE. Retinue.  
 That he with alle his *retenance*,  
 He myste nougt defende his lyf.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 131, f. 71.
- RETHEERNE-TOUNGE. The herb buglos. See a list in MS. Sloane 5, f. 3.
- RETHOR. A rhetorician. (*A.-N.*)
- RETIRE. A retreat in war. *Shak.*
- RETOUR. Retire. (*A.-N.*)  
 Scha ladde fram bour to bour,  
 And dede here mene in ke *retour*.  
*The Sevyyn Saces*, 436.
- RETOURTE. To return.  
 Jif they *retourte* agen by Jerusalem.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 24.
- RETRICLE.  
 Othersome againe hold the contrary, assuring us upon their owne experience, that not exceeding their due quantity, they may be taken with other correctories, to serve as a *reticule* to transport them to the place affected, so that you see either side hath his strength and reasons.  
*Topwell's Serpents*, 1608, p. 98.

- RETRIEVE. To recover game after it has been once sprung. *Blome*.
- RETTE. To impute; to ascribe.
- RETURNS. The terminations of the dripstone of a window or door. *Oxf. Gl. Arch.*
- REUELICH. Sorrowful. (*A.-S.*)  
 For to hem com a messenger,  
 And gret hem with *reuelich* chere.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 156.
- REUL. To be unruly. *North.*
- REUME. The tide. *Nominale MS.*
- REUMED. Spoken of. (*A.-S.*)
- REURTHE. Pity. (*A.-S.*)
- REUZE. To extol highly. *North.*
- REVAIDE.  
 By that the messe was sayde,  
 The haulle was ryally arrayed;  
 The erle thane had *revaide*,  
 And in hert was lyghte.  
*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 133.
- REVE. (1) A bailiff.  
 In ancient time, almost every manor had his *reve*, whose a:thoritie was, not only to levie the lords rents, to set to worke his servants, and to husband his demesnes to his best profit and commoditie: but also to governe his tenants in peace, and to leade them fourth to war, when necessitie so required. *Lambarde's Perambulation*, 1586, p. 484.
- (2) To pull or tear the thatch or covering from a house. *Westm.*
- (3) To bereave; to take by force.  
 Where we shall robbe, where we shall *revee*,  
 Where we shall bete and bynde.  
*Robin Hood*, i. 4.
- REVEL. An anniversary festival to commemorate the dedication of a church; a wake.
- REVELLE. A rivulet.  
 In that depe valay ware tresse growand, of whilke the fruyte and the lefes ware wonder savory in the tastynge, and *revelles* of water faire and clere.  
*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 38.
- REVEL-MEDE. A meadow between Bicester and Wendlebury, at the mowing of which different kinds of rural sports were formerly practised, and a kind of fair held. See *Dun-kin's History of Bicester*, 1816, p. 269.
- REVELOUR. A reveller.
- REVELRIE. Pleasure. *Chaucer.*
- REVEL-ROUT. A roaring revel. (*Fr.*)
- REVELS. The broken threads cast away by women at their needlework.
- REVEL-TWINE. A fine twine. *West.*
- REVENGEMENT. Revenge. *Shak.*
- REVENYS. Ravens. *Holme*, 1688.
- REVERB. To reverberate. *Shak.*
- REVERE. A river. (*A.-S.*)
- REVERENCE. A native woman of Devon in describing something not peculiarly delicate, apologized with the phrase, "saving your reverence." This is not uncommon in the country, "saving your presence" being sometimes substituted. It occurs in Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet*, i. 4, and is of great antiquity as an apologetic expression, being found in *Maundevile's Travels*, p. 185.
- REVERS. Contrary. (*A.-N.*)
- REVERSE. (1) To overturn. (*A.-N.*)

- (2) The burden of a song. *West.*  
**REVERSION.** What is left at table.  
**REVERSUT.** Trimmed. *Robson.*  
**REVERT.** To turn back. (*A.-N.*)  
**REVERYSE.** Robbery; plunder.  
 Bot I lett for my gentryse  
 To do swylike *reveryse.*  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 132.*
- REVESCHYD.** Clothed.  
 The byschop *reveschyd* hym in h-lynes,  
 And bare that blessyd body to an autere.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 47.*  
 He *revested* him on his manere,  
 And so went to the autere.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 63.*  
 Twey prestes weron *reveyssherie* at hurr byddyng.  
*Chron. Tildon. p. 131.*
- REVESTRY.** A vestibule or apartment in a church where the priest revested himself, i. e. put on the sacred garments. Hence the term *vestry.*
- REVETTE.** To strike back or again.  
**REVIE.** At cards, to vie (q. v.) again.  
 Hee swore, as before hee had doue, that there he left him, and saw him not since; she vied and *revied* othes to the contrary that it was not so.  
*Rotchys Search for Money, 1609.*
- REW.** (1) To regret, or abie anything.  
 Robyn, he seid, thou art trwe,  
 I-wis it shalle the never *rew*,  
 Thou shalt have thy mede.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 52.*
- (2) The shady side of a street. *Devon.*
- REWALL.** To govern. *Lydgate.*  
**REWALT.** To give up, or surrender.  
**REWARD.** (1) Regard; respect. (*A.-N.*)  
 Jif thou wil asaie hit, gif it an hownde that is besic abowte a bycche of sawte, and anon he wil leve her, and take no more *rewarde* than he were splayed; and if thou geve it to the bieche, it is wondrous but sche wex wood.  
*MS. in Mr. Pettiverie's possession, xv. Cent.*
- (2) To stand to one's reward, i. e. to be dependent upon him, or his reward or countenance. *North.*
- (3) "A reward or good reward, a good colour or ruddiness in the face, used about Sheffield in Yorksh." Ray's English Words, 1674, p. 38. The word seems to be no longer known.
- (4) A dessert, or course of fruit or pastry after the meats are removed. It seems, however, to be applied to a course of roast meat in the Ord. and Reg. p. 55.
- REWDEN-HAT.** A straw hat. *West.*  
**REWE.** (1) To pity, or regret. (*A.-S.*)  
 The stewardys lyfe ys lorne,  
 There was fewe that *rewyd* theron.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 74.*
- (2) Row; order; rule.  
 And so he goth bi *rewe* and kusseth hem ever-rich ou,  
 Sethu he cam into Egypte nas he so blithe man.  
*MS. Boll. 652, f. 10.*
- REWEL.** (1) Rule. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) Pitiful; compassionate.
- REWIN.** A raven. Nominale MS.  
**REWING.** Pity. (*A.-S.*) It occurs in MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii. Ps. Antiq.

- REWLE.** To rule, or command. (*A.-S.*)  
*Reulyz* before the ryche of the rounde table,  
 Assignez ilke a contree to certayne lordes.  
*Monte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 61.*
- REWLY.** Tranquil; quiet.
- REX.** To play rex, i. e. to handle roughly, to overthrow, to act despotically.
- REXEN.** (1) Rushes. *West.*  
 (2) To infect, as with itch, smallpox, or any infectious disorder. *Kent.*
- REY.** To dress, or clean. *Var. dial.*
- REYES.** Dances. *Chaucer.*
- REYF.** Robbery.  
 For masterfull and violent thefte or *reyf* by night or daie, and for secret stealing, wherewith is joyned eyther todilie hurt of men, women, or children.  
*Egerton Papers, p. 23.*
- REYKED.** Cracked.  
 Ropes fulle redyly then *reyked* in sunner.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 19.*
- REYN.** The river Rhine.
- REYNE.** Ran.  
 And from his eyzen the salte teris *reyne*,  
 Liche as hee wolde drowne himselfe of newe.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 5.*
- REYNGENED.** Reined up.  
 At the haulte-dore he *reyngened* his stede,  
 And one fote in he *seyde*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 106.*
- REZZLE.** To wheeze. *North.*
- REJTE.** Right.  
 Fals wreche, quod he, that presumez to telle thyng of that ere to come, *rejte* als thou were a prophete, and knewe the prevatez of hevене.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 1.*
- RHE.** The course of water, and the overflowing of it. "Even to this daie in Essex," observes Harrison, p. 46, "I have oft observed that when the lower grounds by rage of water have beene overtlowen, the people beholding the same have said, *All is au a rhe*, as if they should have said, *All is now a river*." This observation is copied by Stowe.
- RHENOISTER.** A rhinoceros.
- RHEUM.** Spleen; caprice. Hence *rheumatic*, choleric, splenic.
- RHEUMATIZ.** Rheumatism. *Var. dial.*
- RHIME.** To talk nonsense. *Devon.*
- RHIME-ROYAL.** A peculiar sort of verse consisting of ten lines.
- RHODOSTAIROTIC.** Rosierucian.
- RIAL.** An English gold coin, worth about fifteen shillings.
- RIALLE.** (1) Royal; noble.  
 A *ryalle* teste the knyghte let make,  
 So worschypfully on Crystymas day,  
 Of lordys and ladyes that wolde hyt take,  
 And knyghtys that were of gode array.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 46.*
- (2) The mother of liquor.
- RIALTE.** Royalty; noble conduct.  
 Therefore that lady feyre and gentie,  
 Wyth them wolde sche assente  
 A justyng for to crye;  
 And at that justyng schalle hyt bee,  
 Whoso eyr wynneth the *grec*  
 Schalle wedde hur wyth *ryalta*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 34, f. 1.*

RIAME. A framework, or skeleton; the ligation of anything. *West.*

RIB. (1) A wife. *North.*

(2) The bar of a fire-grate. *North.*

(3) The common water-ress. *East.*

(4) An instrument for dressing flax.

(5) A scraper or rasp for bread.

RIBAUD. A profligate low person. (*A.-N.*)

The word was properly applied to a particular class in society, the lowest sort of retainers of the nobility, who were employed in all kinds of disgraceful actions. See Wright's Political Songs, p. 369. Hence *ribaudrie*, low profligate talk; *ribaudour*, a teller of low tales. Shakespeare has *ribaudred*, obscene, filthy.

The Brytans, as the boke seys,  
Off diverse thinges thei made ther leys;  
Som thei made of herpynges,  
And some of other diverse thinges;  
Some of werre and some off wo,  
Some of myrthys and joy also,  
Some of trechery and some off gyle,  
Some of happys that falle some whyle,  
And some be of *rybaudry*,  
And many there ben off fary.

*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*

RIB-BASTE. To beat severely.

RIBBINS. Carriage reins. *Midr.*

RIBBLE-RABBLE. Base disorderly people; also, idle indecent talk. *North.*

RIBBLE-ROW. A list of rabble.

This witch a *ribble-row* rehearses,  
Of scurvy names in scurvy verses.

*Cotton's Works, 1734, p. 119.*

RIBE. To rend; to tear. *North.*

RIBIBE. A kind of fiddle. "*Vitula*, a rybybe," Nominale MS. "Tho ratton rybybyd," i. e. played on the ribibe, Reliq. Antiq. i. 81. *Vitula* may have interchanged with *vetula*, and hence we have the term applied to an old woman, as in Chaucer, Skelton, and Ben Jonson.

Harpe and fidul both thei fande,  
The getorn and also the sauntry,  
The lute and the *rybybe* both gangand,  
And alle maner of mynstraley.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 119.*

RIBIBLE. A small ribibe. "Rote, ribible."

Squyr of Lowe Degré, 1071.

RIBINET. A chaffinch.

RIB-LINE. To coast along.

RIBROAST. A sound beating.

Such a peece of filching is as punishable with *ribroast* among the turue-spits at Pie Corner.

*Maroccus Estaticus, 1595.*

RIBS. Bindings in hedges. *Kent.*

RIBSKIN. "Theyrrybskyn and theyr spyndell," Skelton, i. 104. The term probably means some piece of leather used or worn in flax-dressing. Palsgrave mentions a *rib* for flax. "*Pellicula*, Anglice a rybschyn; *nebryda*, idem est," Nominale MS.

RIC. A call to pigs. *West.*

RICE. (1) A turning-wheel for yarn. "A rice to wuide yarn on," Howell.

(2) Small wood, or the tops of trees; brushwood. This appears to be a corruption of the old

word *rise*, q. v., and not the modern term, as Holloway has it.

RICE-BALKING. A mode of ploughing.

RICH. To enrich. *Shak.*

RICHARD-SWARY. A dictionary. So Taylor has it in his Motto, 12mo. 1622, introd. *Richard-Suary* is a common jocular term. A country lad, having been reproved for calling persons by their nicknames, being sent to borrow a dictionary, asked for a *Richard-Suary*.

RICHE. (1) A kingdom. (*A.-S.*) "Cominde thi *riche*," Reliq. Antiq. i. 42.

(2) To go; to prepare; to dress; to march. Gloss. to Syr Gawayne.

RICHELE. Incense. *Pr. Parv.*

RICHELY. Nobly. (*A.-S.*)

RICHEN. To become rich. (*A.-N.*)

RICHESSE. Wealth; riches. (*A.-N.*)

RICK. (1) An ankle. *South.* Occasionally a verb, to sprain the ankle.

(2) A stack of hay, &c. *Var. dial.*

(3) To scold; to make a noise. *Lauc.*

RICK-CLOTH. A large canvas sheet put over an unfinished stack.

RICKLE. (1) A heap, or bundle. *North.*

(2) To make a rattling noise.

RICKNEST. A rickyard. *South.*

RICKY. Masterly. *East.*

RID. (1) To get rid of. *Var. dial.* "Willingness rids way," Shakespeare. *It rids well*, it goes on fast, a North country phrase. Shakespeare also has *rid*, destroyed, got rid of.

(2) To finish, or complete.

(3) To clear anything of litter; to remove, or take away. *Var. dial.* To rid the stomach, to vomit, a North country phrase.

(4) To empty, or clear ground.

(5) To part, or interpose. *Lauc.*

(6) A hollow place where anything is secreted. *North.*

RIDDE. To release; to rescue.

RIDDELED. Plaited. *Tyrwhitt.* "Rydelid gownes and rokettis," Reliq. Antiq. i. 41.

RIDDELS. Curtains; bed-curtains.

That was a mervelle thyng  
To se the *riddels* hyng  
With many red golde ryng  
That thame up hanc.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 136.*

Was there no pride of coverhte,  
Curteyn, *riddels* ny tapite.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 70.*

RIDDENER. To chatter. *Line.*

RIDDER. A large sieve used for sifting wheat in a barn. *Oxon.*

RIDDLE. (1) To riddle, or darn a hole in linen or woollen, to fill it up by working it cross and cross. This meaning of the word is given by Urry, in his MS. notes to Ray.

(2) A coarse wire sieve. *Var. dial.* "Rydel of corn clensyng," *Pr. Parv.* "Go and tell your granny to turn her milk through a *riddle*, and not schede it."

(3) To perforate with shot, so as to resemble a sieve, or riddle.

(4) The ring to which the neck-ropes of an animal in a stable is fastened.

**RIDDLE-CAKES.** Thick, sour, oaten cakes, which differ little from that which is called hand-hoven-bread, having but little leaven, and being kneaded stiffer. *North.*

**RIDDLED.** Wrinkled. (*A.-N.*)

**RIDDLER.** A dealer in wool. *Line.*

**RIDDLE-WALL.** A wall made up with split sticks worked across each other. *Kent.*

**RIDE.** (1) A saddle-horse. *North.*

(2) To rob; to ride out on horseback for the purpose of robbing. *North.*

(3) To ride grub, to be out of humour, to sulk and pout.

(4) A little stream. *Hants.*

(5) Futuo. An old cant term.

(6) To be made angry. *West.*

(7) To move, rise, or part asunder.

(8) To be carted for a bawd. "I can but ride," *Massinger*, iv. 54.

(9) To proceed. *Garwayne.*

(10) A hazle-rod.

**RIDEABLE.** Passable with horses.

For at this very time there was a man that used to trade to Hartlepool weekly, and who had many years known when the water was rideable, and yet he ventured in as I did, and he and his horse were both drowned at the very time when I lay sick.

*Lister's Autobiography*, p. 45.

**RIDER.** (1) A moss-trooper. *North.*

(2) A rock protruding into a vein.

(3) Eight sheaves of corn put up together to defend them from the weather. *Chesh.*

(4) A Dutch coin, worth about twenty-seven shillings, so called because it had the figure of a man on horseback on one of its sides.

**RIDES.** The iron hinges fixed on a gate, by means of which the gate is hung on the hooks in the post, and which enable it to swing or ride. *Sussex.*

**RIDGE-BAND.** That part of the harness which goes over the saddle on a horse's *rig* or back, and being fastened on both sides, supports the shafts of the cart. It is sometimes called a *ridger*, and occasionally *ridge-stay*. *Cotgrave* has, "*Surselle*, a broad and great band or thong of strong leather, &c. fastened on either side of a thill, and bearing upon the pad or saddle of the thill-horse: about London it is called the *ridge-ropes*." *Kennett* has it *ridge-with*, as a *Cheshire* word.

**RIDGIL-BACK.** A high back; a back having a rise or ridge in the middle.

**RIDGLING.** A refuse sheep; one selected out of a flock on account of disease, &c.

**RID-HOUSE.** To remove all the furniture from a house. *Var. dial.*

**RIDICULOUS.** This is used in a very different sense in some counties from its original meaning. Something very indecent and improper is understood by it; as, any violent attack upon a woman's chastity is called "very *ridiculous* behaviour;" a very disorderly, and ill-conducted house, is also called a "*ridiculous* one."

**RIDING.** (1) A third part of a county, a division peculiar to Yorkshire.

(2) A road out in a wood. *North.*

(3) An encounter. *Robson.*

(4) *Riding of the witch*, a popular phrase for the nightmare, still in use.

(5) A royal procession into the city of London. *Chaucer*, *Cant.* T. 4375.

**RIDING-HAG.** The nightmare.

**RIDING-KNOT.** A running knot.

Then anon Joeyan, yn hyeng,

Mave on hur gyrdoll a knott-rydyne.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 30, f. 117.

**RIDING-RHYMES.** Couplet rhymes.

**RIDING-ROD.** A riding-stick.

**RIDING-SPEAR.** A javelin. *Palsgrave.*

**RIDING-STOCKINGS.** Large worsted stockings without feet, used instead of gaiters.

**RIDING-TIE-FAIR.** The steward of a court baron attended by the tenants through the town, proclaiming a fair.

**RIDING-TIME.** See *Ride* (5).

The hares haveth no seson of hure love, that as I sayde is clepid *rydyne-time*, for in every moneth of the feer ne shal not be that some ne be with kyndles.

*MS. Boll.* 546.

**RIDLESS.** Unavailing. *Skelton.*

**RIDLING.** A riddle. *North.*

**RIDLINGLY.** With riddles?

Though poetry, indeed, be such a sin,

As, I think, that brings dearth, and Spaniards in;

Though like the pestilence, and old fashion'd love,

*Ridlingly* it catch men, and doth remove

Never, till it be starv'd out, yet their state

Is poor, disarm'd, like Papi-sts, not worth hate.

*Doone's Poems*, p. 121.

**RIDMAS.** Holy-cross day. *Devon.*

**RIDOUR.** Great hardness, as of iron.

**RIDS.** The *rids* are out, i. e. the sky is very bright at sunrise, or sunset. *Dorset.*

**RIE.** (1) Fun; merriment.

(2) The raised border on the top of a stocking.

(3) To sieve corn. *North.*

**RIFE.** (1) Plundering. *Lydgate.*

(2) To thrust through. (*A.-S.*)

(3) Abounding; prevalent. *North.* It is a common archaism. Its original proper meaning is, openly known, manifest, common.

There is a brief how many sports are rife,

Make choice of which your highness will see first

*A Mid. Night's Dream*, v. 1, fol. edit.

(4) Ready; quick to learn. *Cumb.*

(5) A salt-water pond. *South.*

(6) Infectious. *North.*

**RIFF.** (1) The belly; the bowels. (*A.-S.*)

Then came his good sword forth to act his part,

Which pierc'd skin, ribs, and riffe, and rove her heart.

The head (his trophy) from the trunk he cuts,

And with it back unto the shore he struts.

*Legend of Captain Jones.*

(2) Speedily. *Cov. Myst.* p. 4.

(3) A garment. (*A.-S.*) "I have neither *ryff* nor ruff," *Sharp's Cov. Myst.* p. 224.

**RIFFE.** To cut down?

Than the renkes renownd of the rownd table

*Riffes* and *ruysches* downe tenay (de wreches

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 84.

RIFF-RAFF. (1) Sport; fun.

(2) Rubbish; refuse. It is commonly applied to a low crowd, or mob.

It is not Cicero's tongue that can pierce their armour to wound the body, nor Archimedes prickles, and lines, and circles, and triangles, and rhombus, and *riffe-raffe*, that hath any force to drive them backe. *Gosson's Schoole of Abuse*, 1579.

RIFLE. (1) A bent stick standing on the but of the handle of a scythe.

(2) To raffle. See Brand, i. 160. "A rifting, or a kind of game wherein he that in casting doth throw most on the dyce takes up all the monye that is layd downe." *Nomenclator*, 1585, p. 293.

RIFLER. A hawk that seizes the feathers of a bird instead of the body.

RIFLOWR A robber, or plunderer.

Ruche mannis *riflowr*,  
Povere mannis *purveyowr*,  
Old mannis *somenowr*,  
Prowd mannis *mirowr*.

*Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 121.

RIFLY. Especially?

With kenettes keue, that wel couthe criez coone,  
I hiede to holte, with honteres hende;  
So *rifly* on rugge roon and raches ronue,  
That in laoude under lynde me leste to lende.

*Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 7.

RIFT. (1) To belch. *Var. dial.*

(2) To cleave ground; to plough. When mould turns up in lumps, it is said in Lincolnshire to rift.

The scytall like the double-head thou shalt in feature find,

Yet is it fatter, and tayle that bath no end much thicker is,

As bigge as crooked hand is wonted for to wind

The haft and helve of digging-spade the earth that rifts. *Topsell's Historie of Serpents*, p. 233.

(3) A cleft, or crack. *West.* "Clyft or ryfte," *Pr. Parv.* p. 81.

(4) A pole, or staff.

RIFTER. (1) A blow on the ribs.

(2) Rotten wood powdered. *Devon.*

RIG. (1) A ridge or elevated part in a ploughed field, upon which the sheaves of corn are arranged after being cut and bound up in harvest. *North and East.* See Warton's *Hist. Eng. Poet.* ed. 1840, ii. 484; and Sherwen's *Introduction to an Examination*, 1809, p. 11. A pair of ribbed stockings are yet said to be knit or woven in *rigs* and furrows. The most elevated piece of timber in the angle or roof of a house is called the rigging-tree in the North of England.

They toke ther stedys with ther spurres,  
They prekyd over *rugges* and furrows.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 179.

(2) A wanton. *North.* "Foolish harlots, broad hipt rigs;" Florio, p. 97.

Wantonis is a drab!

For the nonce she is an old *rie*;

But as for me, my fingers are as good as a live twig *Marrage of Witt and Wisdom*, 1579.

(3) The back. *North.* The printed edition reads *rylge-bone* in the following passage:

And seide to the peple whanne thei comyn agen,  
my lefte fyngr is gretter than my fadrys *rygge*.

*Winbelton's Sermon*, 1303, *MS. Hatton* 57, p. 11.

The stede *riege* undyr hym braste,  
That he to grounde felle that tyde.

*MS. Harl.* 2252, f. 113.

Some he breketh ther neck anon,

And of some the *rygeboon*.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 246.

A knight he toke with the egge,

That him clef heved and *rygge*.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 122.

(4) A frolic. *Var. dial.*

(5) To get over or through the fence of a field. *South.*

(6) To ruck, or rumple. *Oxon.*

(7) A rib in a stocking. *East.*

(8) To *rig out*, to dress. *Var. dial.* To run a rig, to hunter any one.

(9) A tub for new cider.

(10) To make free with.

(11) To ride pick-a-back. *North.*

(12) To run and tumble about.

(13) A strong blast of wind. *Chesh.*

RIGADOON. A French dance.

Whose dancing dogs, in *rigadons* excel;

And whose the puppet-shew, that bears the bell.

*Peter Pindar*, i. 317.

RIGATT. A small channel out of a stream made by the rain. *North.* Perhaps from *riget*, a groove in a mullion for the glass.

RIGENALE. Original.

RIGGED. (1) Sour; musty. *Dorset.*

(2) Said of a sheep when laid upon its rig or back. *North.*

RIGGEN. The ridge of a house. Sometimes, the thatch. *North.* To ride the riggen, to be very intimate.

RIGGER. Lead half melted. *Salop.*

RIGGING-STONES. Slates. *North.*

RIGGING-TREE. See *Rig* (1).

RIGGISH. Wanton. *Shak.*

RIGGOT. An imperfect ram, or any other animal half castrated. *North.* "Ridgil is the male of any beast who has been but half gelt, that is, only one stone taken away; others add that also to be a ridgil, whose stones never came down, but lie in his reins," Blount.

RIGHT. (1) To do right, see *Do* (4).

(2) Has a right, ought. *By good rights*, it ought to be so. *Var. dial.*

(3) To put in order. *East.*

(4) Rightly; exactly; completely.

(5) Good; true. *Sir Perceval*, 5.

(6) The following curious example is given by Urry, in his MS. notes to Ray:—"Pray Mr. *Wright*, take care and *write* me these three words distinguishably *right*, that I or some other Northern man doe not mistake them all for *rite*."

RIGHT-DOWN. Downright. *Hall.*

RIGHTE. To tear, or cut. *Robson.*

RIGHT-FORTH. Direct; straight.

RIGHTFUL. Just; true. (*A.-S.*)

RIGHTLE. To set to rights; to put things in their proper places. *Linc.*

RIGHT-NAUGHT-WORTH. Worthless.



- RIGHT-ON.** Downright; violently; entirely; positively; straight forward. *Right-out*, directly, uninterruptedly, completely.
- RIGHT-SHARP.** In one's senses. *Line.*
- RIGHT-SIDE.** To *right-side* a matter, often means to set it right, whether it be a matter of account or otherwise.
- RIGHT-UP.** (1) "He makes too many *right-ups*," said of a labourer, who, from laziness, makes too many rests by standing upright. (2) Tetchy, easily offended. *East.*
- RIGHT-UP-AND-DOWN.** In a deal calm the wind is said to be "*right-up-and-down*," that is, no way at all. *L. of Wight.*
- RIGHTWISE.** Righteous.  
And the form of his *rightwise* making is present with their chuldet's children. *Becon's Works*, p. 421.  
 ȝif thou take hede to al wickidnesse,  
 Lord, who schal it susteyne?  
 For be the lawe of *rightwysnesse*,  
 Endeles thanne were atoure peyne;  
 But evere we hope to thun goodnesse,  
 That whanne thou schalt this werde afreyne,  
 With mercy and with myldenesse  
 Thun ryghtful thou schalt freyene.  
*Hampole's Paraphrase of Psalms*, MS.
- RIGHTWISHED.** Made righteous. (*A.-S.*)
- RIGLETS.** Flat, thin, square pieces of wood, as the pieces that are intended to make the frames for small pictures before they are moulded are called riglets. "A riglet, *assula plana et quadrata*," Coles.
- RIGMAROLE.** A continued, confused, unconnected discourse or recital of circumstances; a long unmeaning list of anything.
- RIGMUTTON.** A wanton wench. *Devon.*
- RIGOL.** A circle. (*Ital.*)
- RIGOLAGE.** Wantonness; extravagance.  
 In ryot and in *rigolage*  
 spende mony her ȝouthe and her age.  
*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 1.
- RIG-RUFF.** A thick dead skin covering over a scab or ulcer. *North.*
- RIGSBY.** A wanton. *North.*
- RIGWELTED.** Same as *Rigged* (2).
- RIKE.** (1) Rich. Sir Tristrem, p. 203.  
 And than thou may be sekur to spede,  
 To wyinne that place that ys so *rike*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 31.*  
 (2) A kingdom. (*A.-S.*)  
 Loved God! ȝef us leve,  
 Adam ant me ys wyf Eve,  
 To faren of this lothe wyke,  
 To the blisse of hevene *ryke*.  
*Harroline of Hell*, p. 25.  
 (3) To govern; to rule. (*A.-S.*)
- RIKILS.** Incense.  
 And thay ware lyke Jorers or olyve treesses, and  
 out of thame thare rane *rykyls* and fyne bawme.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 29.*
- RILE.** To disturb; to vex. *East.*
- RILLE.** A woman's rail, q. v.
- RILLET.** A small stream or rivulet. See Harrison's England, p. 54.
- RILTS.** The barberry fruit.
- RIM.** (1) To remove. *Glove.*  
 (2) The membrane inclosing the intestines. Still in use.
- (3) A rabble, or crowd. (*A.-S.*)
- RIME.** (1) A margin, or edge. (*A.-S.*)  
 God yeve hur gode tyme  
 Undur the wode *ryme*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 120.*  
 (2) A hoar-frost. *Var. dial.*  
 Fro Heven fel so greet plente,  
 As a *ryme-frost* ou to se.  
*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 41.
- RIMER.** A tool used for enlarging screw-holes in metal.
- RIME-STOCK.** A wooden calendar.
- RIMEYED.** Composed in rhyme.
- RIMOURES.** Rhymers; poets. They are mentioned as unfit to be chosen knights in Vegetius, MS. Douce 291, f. 10.
- RIMPLE.** A wrinkle. *East.* It occurs in Chaucer and Lydgate.
- RIMS.** The steps of a ladder. *North.*
- RIMTHE.** Space; room; leisure.
- RIN.** (1) Brine. *Norf.*  
 (2) To run. Reliq. Antiq. i. 74.  
 (3) A small stream. (*A.-S.*)  
 Out of the south-est parte of the said mountayne  
 springeth and descendeth a litle *ryn*.  
*MS. Cotton. Calce. B. vi.*
- RIND.** (1) Frozen to death. *North.*  
 (2) To melt tallow or fat. *Line.*
- RINDE.** (1) To destroy.  
 (2) A thicket; a small wood.
- RINDEL.** (1) A rivulet. (*A.-S.*) A gutter still so called in Lancashire.  
 (2) A sieve for corn. *North.*
- RIND-SPINDLE.** The mill rynd is a strong piece of iron inserted in the hole in the centre of the upper and moving mill-stone. The spindle which passes through the nether mill-stone being moved by the machinery, and being itself, where it enters the driver, of a square form, and fitted to a cavity of the same shape, the upper mill-stone, the rynd, and the driver, all move round with the spindle.
- RINE.** (1) Rind, or bark.  
 He tykkyd hym tylle he stanke,  
 Than he began and konne hym thanke  
 To make a pytt of ston,  
 And to berye hym was hys purpos,  
 And scraped on hym bothe *ryne* and mosse,  
 And fro hym nevyr wolde gone.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 73.*  
 (2) To touch, or feel. *North.*  
 (3) The skin of a person. *Line.*
- RINER.** A toucher. It is used at the game of quoits. A riner is when the quoit touches the peg or mark. A whaver is when it rests upon the peg and hangs over, and consequently wins the cast. "To shed riners with a whaver" is a proverbial expression in Ray, and means, to surpass anything skilful or adroit by something still more so. *Willbraham.*
- RING.** (1) To sound. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) A row. *Kent.*  
 (3) That part which encircles the mouth of a cannon. *Howell.*  
 (4) To surround. *Somerset.* It occurs in Dekker's Enights Conjuring, p. 49.

Let us alle abowte hym ryngē.  
And harde strokys on hym dyngē.

*MS. Cantab. Ft. ii. 38, f. 99.*

(5) A circular parterre. *Line.*

RINGE. (1) The border, or trimming of any article of female dress. *East.*

(2) A tub for carrying water. *Kent.*

(3) A large heap of underwood.

RINGEINS. Coarse flour. *East.*

RING-FENCE. A property situated compactly together is said to be in a ring-fence.

RING-FINGER. The finger on which the ring is placed in marriage. The Romish Church encouraged the notion of immediate intercourse between the heart and the *ring-finger*. In the Hereford, York, and Salisbury Missals, the mystical ring is directed first to be put on the thumb, then upon the first, then upon the second, and lastly, on the third finger, where it is to remain, *quia in illo digito est quadam vena procedens usque ad cor*.

As for the ring-finger, which is so called, because commonly a ring is worn on it, especially on the left hand, the physicians and anatomists give the reason of it, because in the finger there is a sinew very tender and small that reaches to the heart; wherefore it ought to wear a ring as a crown for its dignity. But besides observe, that in the ceremonies of marriage, they first put the matrimonial ring on the thumb, whence they take it, and put it on every one til they come to this, where it is left. Whence some who stood (as Durand in his Rational of Divine Offices) to discourse on these ceremonies, say it is done because that finger answers to the heart, which is the seat of love and the affections. Others say, because it is dedicated to the sun, and that most rings are of gold, a metal which is also dedicated to it: so that by this sympathy it rejoices the heart.

*Saunders' Chronology, 1652.*

RING-HEAD. An engine used in stretching woollen cloth. *Blount.*

RINGLE. A little ring. *East.* Tusser has it as a verb, ed. 1812, p. 22, to put ringles into the snouts of hogs. *Ringled*, made of small rings.

RINGLEADER. The person who opens a ball. The word occurs in this sense in Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593.

RINGLED. Married. *Suffolk.*

RINGMAN. The third finger of the left hand, on which the marriage ring is placed, and is vulgarly believed to communicate by a nerve directly with the heart.

RINGS. Women's pattens. *North.*

RING-TAW. A game at marbles. A ring is made into which each boy puts a certain number of marbles. The taw is then thrown in by each in turn, who wins as many as he can strike out, a line being made on those who leave the taw in the ring.

RING-THE-JACK. See *Collar* (4).

RING-WALK. The track of a stag.

RINISH. Wild; unruly; rude. *North.*

RINK. (1) A ring, or circle. *Derb.*

(2) A man. *Reliq. Antiq. i. 78.*

RINKIN. A fox. *Suffolk.*

RINNARS. Runners; frequenters.

And fe farre from besy tungges as bytter as gall,  
And *rynnars* to howsis wher good ale is.

*MS. Laud. 416, f. 39.*

RINT. To rinse clothes. *North.*

RIOTE. (1) A rabbit.

What rache that renneth to a conyng yn any tyme,  
hym aughte to be ascryed, saynge to hym loude,  
War, *ryote*, war! for noon other wyld beest yn  
Ingelonde is called *ryote* saf the conyng alonly.

*MS. Bodl. 546.*

(2) A company or body of men.

And I may se the Romaynes that are so ryche haldene,  
Arayede in theire *riotes* on a rounde felde.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 57.*

RIP. (1) Mr. Jennings explains it "a vulgar, old, unchaste woman," and adds, "hence most probably the origin of Demirep." But the word *rip* is applied to men and boys, and even to animals, if they appear to be lean half-starved, or otherwise ill-conditioned; *demirep* is a contraction of demi-repute, and means a female who has only a sort of half reputation; not however a vulgar, or an old woman, but generally a young and fashionable demirep, a demirep of quality. *Wills.*

(2) An oval flat piece of wicker-work on which the lines are coiled. *Hartlepool.*

(3) To reap. *Kent.*

(4) To be very violent. *East.*

(5) *To rip up*, to bring old grievances to recollection. *Var. dial.*

(6) To rate, or chide. *West.*

(7) To rob; to plunder. *North.*

(8) News; a fresh report. *Cumb.*

(9) A whetstone for a scythe. *Line.* "Ripe, ruffle, vel ripple, a short wooden dagger with which the mowers smooth their scythes after they have used the coarse whetstone," *MS. Devon Glossary.*

(10) A pannier, or basket used for carrying fish. Hence *rippers*.

A surte til him with his *rippe*,

And bigan the fish to *kippe*. *Havelok, 893.*

RIPE. (1) To cleanse. *North.*

The young men answered never a word,

They were dum as a stane;

In the thick wood the beggar fled,

E'er they *riped* their ean.

*Robin Hood, i. 112.*

(2) To examine strictly. (*A.-S.*)

His Highnes delyvered me the boke of his said  
wil in many pointes reformmed, wherin His Grace  
*riped* me. *State Papers, i. 293.*

(3) A bank. See Harrison, p. 240. Still in use in Kent and Sussex.

Wherof the principall is within a butt shoote of  
the right *ripe* of the river that there cometh downe.

*Leind's Itinerary, 1769, iv. 110.*

(4) *To ripe up*, to destroy.

(5) Prevalent; abounding. *North.* Ready.  
Piers Ploughman, p. 100.

(6) To ripen. Still in use.

(7) To grow old; to have one's manners habituated by age.

(8) To ask, or inquire after. *North.*

(9) Learned; clever. *Devon.*

(10) To break up rough ground. *North.*

(11) To investigate thoroughly. *Yorksh.*

- RIPE-MEN. Harvest-men; reapers.
- RIPIER. A robber. *Durham*.
- RIPING. *Riping and tearing*, going on in a dis-solute way. *North*.
- RIPLE. To tell falsehoods. *Durham*.
- RIPPERS. Persons who carried fish from the coast to inland towns. See Brome's Travels, ed. 1700, p. 274.
- RIPPING. Great. *Somerset*.
- RIPPLE. (1) To clean flax. *Var. dial.* It occurs in Howell, 1660, sect. 50.  
(2) A small coppice. *Heref.*  
(3) To scratch slightly. *North*.
- RIPPLES. The rails of a waggon.
- RISQUILANT. Nimble; quick.
- RIS. Arise! *Imperat.* (*A.-S.*)
- RISE. (1) A twig, or branch. (*A.-S.*) Still found in some dialects. *Rise-wood*, small wood cut for hedging. *Rise-dike*, a hedge made of boughs and twigs.  
Anone he lokyd hym besyde,  
And say syxty lades on paliferays ryde,  
Gentyll and gay as bryd on ryse,  
Not a man among them i-ryse,  
Bot every lady a faukou here,  
And rydene on huntynge be a ryvere.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*  
Heyle, roose on ryse! heyle, lyllye!  
Heyle, semelyest and swettest savour.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 4.*  
(2) To raise. *Var. dial.*  
(3) *Rise up, good fellow*, a term for the game of level-coil.  
(4) Reggio, in Calabria.
- RISER. (1) A pea-stick. *Warw.*  
(2) One who creates rebellion.
- RISII. (1) Swiftly; directly. *South*.
- (2) A rush. Also, to gather rushes.  
Thouȝ it avayle hem nouȝt a rissh.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 61.*
- (3) A sickle. Nominale MS.
- RISING. (1) A man working above his head in the roof is said to be rising.  
(2) A small abscess, or boil. *West*.  
(3) Yeast. *Suffolk*. It occurs in Lilly's Mother Bombie, ed. 1632, sig. A. vii.
- RISP. (1) The green straw of growing peas or potatoes. *Suffolk*.  
(2) To make a noise. *North*.  
(3) A bush, or branch; a twig.
- RISSE. Risen. Of constant occurrence in our old dramatists. *Riz* is still a common vulgarism, very much used in London.
- RISTE. (1) To tear; to rend.  
(2) To rest. *Lydgate*.  
Regne in my realtee, and ryste whenne me lykes,  
By the reyvere of Reone halde my rounde table.  
*Morte Acthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 57.*
- (3) Fierce; furious. *Yorksh.*  
(4) Any kind of rise. *East*.  
(5) Arose; risen. (*A.-S.*)  
(6) Rust. Nominale MS.
- RIT. (1) Rideth. (*A.-S.*)  
Beves an hakenai bestrit,  
And in his wei forth a rit.  
*Beves of Hamtoun, p. 51.*

Stydly to the kyng he ryt.

- MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 247.*
- (2) To swallow greedily. *North*.  
(3) To dry hemp or flax. *Kent*.
- RITHE. A small stream, usually one occasioned by heavy rain. *South*.
- RITIENE. Frankincense.
- RITHES. Stalks of potatoes. *North*.
- RITLING. The least or youngest of a litter of pigs. *Var. dial.*
- RITTE. To tear; to break.  
And when that lady gane hyr wake,  
Sche cryed and grete noys gane make,  
And wrong ther hondes with drery make,  
And crachyd hyr vysage all on biode;  
Hyre ryche robys sche all to-rytte,  
And was ravysed out of hyr wytte.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*
- Thus this reukes in rewthe rittis there brenyces.  
*Morte Acthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 92.*
- RITTLE. To snore; to wheeze. *Einboor*.
- RIVAGE. Shore, or border.  
Jhon Vicount Narbon, Vice-admirall of Fraunce,  
had brought the whole navy to the rivage and shore  
adjoyning to the toune. *Hall, Henry V, f. 21.*
- RIVALE. A harbour. (*A.-N.*)  
And they in sothe comen to the ryvaille  
At Suncourt, an havene of gret renoun.  
*MS. Dugby 230.*
- RIVAL. An associate. *Shak.*
- RIVAYE.  
Bot now hym lyste noȝt playe,  
To hunt ne to ryvaye;  
For Mayayne Myidor, that may,  
His caris are calde.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 132.*  
I salle never ryvaye, ne racches un-cowpylle,  
At roo ne rayne dere that rynes apponc erthe.  
*Morte Acthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 95.*
- RIVE. (1) A rake. Nominale MS.  
(2) To belch. *Lincol.*  
(3) Amorous. *I. Wight*.  
(4) To split; to fall asunder. (*A.-S.*)  
(5) To eat ravenously. *North*.  
(6) The sea-shore. (*Lat.*)  
(7) To arrive at; to land.  
That iche, lef and dere,  
On londe am rived here.  
*MS. Laud, 108, f. 220.*  
Forweried moche aftir here travaille,  
They caste to rive ȝif it wolde availe,  
Hem to refreishe and dispoite in joye  
Upon the boundes of the londe of Troye.  
*MS. Dugby 230.*  
Yn Egypt forthe sche ryvynthe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 133.*
- RIVELIN. Wrinkled. (*A.-S.*)  
Hire chekis ben with tris wet,  
And ryvelyn as an empty skyn,  
Hengande down unto the chyn.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 45.*
- RIVELING. A rough shoe formerly worn by the Scots, and hence the term was jocularly applied to them.
- RIVELY. Especially?  
ȝit may we noȝhte be assoylede of the treces but  
of oure beschope, or of hym that hase his powere,  
for swylke caas es ryvely reservede till hyme selvone.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 216.*

**RIVEN.** Very bad tempered. *Linc.*  
**RIVERET.** A small river. "Brookes and riverets," Harrison's Britaine, p. 51.  
**RIVERING.** Hawking by the river side; flying the hawks at river-fowl.  
**RIVET.** The roe of a fish.  
**RIVETS.** Bearded wheat. *East.*  
**RIVINGS.** Refuse of corn.  
**RIVO.** An exclamation used by bacchanalians at their revels.  
**RIX.** A reed. *Exmoor.*  
**RIXY.** Quarrelsome. *Devon.*  
**RIZOME.** The head of the oat. *Chesh.* "A plume, or bell, or bunch of oats, and such other corn as does not grow in an ear," Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.  
**RIZZERS.** Small poles for confining faggots when used for inclosing yards, and also being split for securing splints in daubing. *East.*  
**RIZZLE.** (1) To creep, as ivy, &c. *Glouc.*  
 (2) To warm; to roast imperfectly. *Cumb.*  
**RIST.** Addressed; prepared. *Garwayne.*  
**RISTLECHE.** To govern. *Will. Wern.*  
**RO.** Peace; quietness.  
 There had he nouthur roo ne reste,  
 But forthe he went evyn Weste.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 129.*  
 The chylke had nodur reste ne ro,  
 For thoght how he myzt come hur to.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 90.*  
**ROACH.** A rash, or thick scorbutic eruption on the skin. *Cornw.*  
**ROAD.** (1) An inroad.  
 (2) To jostle one off the road by riding against him. *East.*  
 (3) Same as *Cockshut*, q. v.  
**ROADING.** The act of running races on the road with teams. *Norf.*  
**ROADLING.** Delirious. *Cornw.*  
**ROADSTER.** A horse fitted for the road.  
**ROAKY.** (1) Hazy; misty. *Linc.* It occurs twice in this sense in Pr. Parv. "Roky or mysty, *nebulosus*;" and previously, "Mysty or rooky as the eyre." Grose also has it, spelt *rooky*, and Shakespeare uses the term in a fine passage in Macbeth, iii. 2. "Rook, a steam or vapour; *rooky*, misty or dark with steam and vapour," Kennett's Glossary, MS. Lansd. 1033.  
 (2) Hoarse. *North.*  
**ROAN.** (1) The town of Rouen.  
 (2) A clump of whins. *Northumb.*  
**ROAPY.** Viscous; glutinous. *South.*  
**ROARER.** A broken-winded horse.  
**ROARING.** Fast; quick. *Var. dial.*  
**ROARING-BOYS.** The riotous blades of Ben Jonson's time, who took delight in annoying quiet people. At one period, their pranks in London were carried to an alarming extent. They were sometimes called *roarers*.  
 England salutes him with the general joys  
 Of court and country; knights, squires, fools,  
 an l boys  
 In every town rejoyce at his arrival,  
 The townsmen where he comes their wives do  
 swive all.

And bid them think on Jones amidst this glee,  
 In hope to get such *roaring boys* as he.

*Legend of Captain Jones, 1659*

**ROARING-MEG.** A kind of humming-top.  
**ROAST.** (1) *To rule the roast*, a phrase meaning, to take the lead.

Jhon, duke of Burgoyne, which *ruled the rost*, and governed both kyng Charles the Frenche kyng, and his whole realme.

*Hall's Union, 1548. Hen. IV. f. 30*

(2) To ridicule any one severely.

**ROATING.** Coarse, rank, as grass.

**ROB.** Jam; fruit jelly. *East.*

**ROBA.** Wanton; whore; bona roba.

**ROBBLE.** An instrument used for stirring dough in an oven. *West.*

**ROBBLY.** Faulty. A mining term.

**ROBBRESS.** A female robber.

**ROB-DAVY.** Metheglin.

**ROBERD.** A chaffinch.

**ROBERDSMEN.** A gang of lawless vagabonds, rife in the fourteenth century. They are mentioned in Piers Ploughman, there called *Roberdes knares*.

**ROBERT.** The herb stork-bill.

**ROBERYCH.** Rubric. Cov. Myst. p. 277.

**ROBIN.** *Robin-run-in-the-hedge*, bindweed. *Robin Hood's hatband*, the common club moss. *Robin in the hose*, lychuis sylvestris.

**ROBINET.** The cock of a cistern.

**ROBIN-GOOD-FELLOW.** A kind of merry sprite, whose character and achievements are recorded in the well-known ballad "From Oberon in Fairy Land." The earliest mention of him occurs in a MS. tale of the thirteenth century, printed in Wright's Latin Stories, p. 38. Reginald Scot, who published his "Discoverie of Witchcraft" in 1584, has several curious notices of Robin Goodfellow. "There go as manie tales," says he, "upon Hudgin in some parts of Germanie, as there did in Eng-land of Robin Goodfellowe." Elsewhere he says, "and know you this by the waie, that heretofore Robin Goodfellow and Hobbgoblin were as terrible, and also as credible to the people, as hags and witches be now; and, in truth, they that mainteine walking spirits have no reason to denie Robin Goodfellow, upon whom there hath gone as manie and as credible tales as upon witches, saving that it hath not pleased the translators of the Bible to call spirits by the name of Robin Goodfellow." The cheslip or woodlouse was called *Robin Goodfellow's louse*. "Cheeselypp-worme, otherwyse called Robyngodfelowie his louse, *tylus*," Huloet, 1552.

**ROBIN-GRAY.** A bonnet. *North.*

**ROBINHOOD.** The red campion. *West.*

**ROBIN-HOOD.** "Many talk of Robin Hood, that never shot in his bow," an old proverb found in Walker's Proverbs, 1672, p. 56. "To sell Robin Hood's pennyworths," is spoken of things sold under half their value. See Ritson's Introd. to Robin Hood, p. xc. The number of extravagant tales about this celebrated archer was so great, that his name became

proverbial for any improbable story. See Florio, p. 70; Holinshed's England, p. 69.  
 Many man spekyth wyth wondreng  
 Of Robyn Hode, and of his bow,  
 Whych never shot them I trow.  
*Ashmo's Theat. Chem. B. ii. 1652, p. 175.*

ROBIN-RUBDOCK. A redbreast. *West.*

ROBLET. A large chicken. *East.*

ROBRISH. (1) A rubric. (2) Rubbish. "Robrisshe of a boke, *rubriche*," Palsgrave  
 "Robrisshe of stones, *plastras, fourniture*,"  
*ibid.* It occurs in Hawes.

ROCCHLO. A cloak. *North.*

ROCHE. (1) A rock. *Palsgrave.* Refuse gritty  
 stone is still so called.  
 This schip whiche wende his helpe a croche,  
 Drof alle to peccis on the *roche*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 91.*  
 (2) A kind of wine, perhaps Rochelle. "Rynische  
 wyne and Rochelle," Morte Arthure, MS.  
 Lincoln, f. 55.  
 And ever scho drewe thame the wyne,  
 Bathe the *Rochie* and the Ryne.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 136.*

ROCHERE. A rock.  
 He wolde not forgete in no manere  
 The tresure in the hve *rochere*,  
 That they fonde betwene them twoo.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 210.*

ROCHESTER-EARTH. A name for saltpetre.

ROCHET. (1) A little blue cloth cloak. *Devon.*  
 Perhaps the same as the following:—"Suppe-  
 rior vestis *multicun.* Anglice a rochet," MS.  
 Bibl. Reg. 12 B. i. f. 12. "Instita, a rockyt,"  
 Nominale MS. The bishop's rochet is a linen  
 vest worn under a satin robe. "Rochet a sur-  
 plyn, *rochet*," Palsgrave.  
 (2) The piper fish. Nominale MS.

ROCHLIS. The rattle. *Heref.*

ROCK. (1) A kind of very hard cheese made  
 from skimmed milk, and used in Hampshire.  
 In satirical allusion to its hardness, it is said  
 to be used to make pins to fasten gates.  
 (2) A distaff held in the hand from which the  
 thread was spun by twirling a ball below.  
 In the old time, sc. Edw. 6, &c. they used to  
 spinn with *ocks*; in Staffordshire, &c. they use them  
 still.  
*Aubrey's Herts. Royal Soc. MS. p. 268.*  
 What, shall a woman with a *ocke* drive thee away?  
 Eye on thee, traitor, now I tremble for tene.  
*D. by M. Steves, p. 11.*  
 3) A young hedzobog. *Somerset.*

ROCKLD. Bad; false; inapure. "That rocked  
 reball," Chester Plays, i. 161.

ROCKEL. A woman's cloak. *Devon.*

ROCKER. (1) A nurse.  
 (2) The long handle of the bellows in a smith's  
 forge, which is drawn down to raise the  
 moving-board of the bellows. The cross staff  
 upon which it is fastened is called the rock-  
 staff. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) A long wicker sieve used in dressing beans,  
 &c. *Beds.*

ROCKET. (1) A cloak without a cape, the same  
 as *Rochet*, q. v. Mr. Fairholt describes it "a  
 close upper garment," London Pageants, p.  
 207. It occurs in Palsgrave.

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(2) A portion. *Suffolk.*

ROCKING. Walking with alternate sideway  
 motion. *Northamptonsh.*

ROCKING-PAN. In the allom works at Whitby  
 in York-shire, the allom, after it is shotten and  
 crystallized on the sides of the cooler, is  
 seraped and washed, and put into the *rocking-*  
*pan*, and there melted. Kennett, MS.

ROCKLED. Rash and forward. *North.*

ROCKLEY. "Prove at the partyuge, quod  
 Rockley," Palsgrave.

ROCKY. Tipsy. *Var. dial.*

RODE. (1) To spawn. *Suffolk.*  
 (2) A company of horsemen.  
 (3) Complexion. (*A.-S.*)  
 (4) A harbour for ships.  
 (5) To go to *rode* means, late at night or early in  
 the morning, to go out to shoot wild-fowl  
 which pass over head on the wing.

RODED. Lean mingled with fat. *West.*

RODEDE. Rotted. *Hearne.*

RODE-LAND. Land which has been cleared  
 or grubbed up; land lately reclaimed and  
 brought into cultivation.

RODE-NET. A sort of bird-net.

RODOK. A chaffinch. *Frigella*, Nominale  
 MS. Or is it the redbreast?

RODOMONT. A boaster. This term is derived  
 from the name of a famous hero in Ariosto so  
 called. Hence *Rhodanontade*.

RODS-COLD. The marygold.

RODY. Ruddy; red. (*A.-S.*)  
 That chyldre was fulle welle dyghte,  
 Gentyllie of body and of *rody* bryghte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 144.*

ROE-DOE. A young female hind.

ROENDE. Round. Reliq. Antiq. ii. 109.

ROET. Pasture ground. *Berks.*

ROFE. Tore. (*A.-S.*)  
 Hyre surkotte sleve he *rofe* of thenne,  
 And sayde, by this 3e salle me kenne,  
 Whenne 3e se me by syghte.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 104.*

ROFFE. A roof. See *Abaffe*.

ROTOAM. The waist. *Devon.*

ROGE. (1)  
 Eye, harlote! fve, hounde!  
 Eye on thee, thou taynted doge!  
 What! laye thou still in that stonde,  
 And let that losinger go on the *roge*?  
*Chester Plays, ii. 94.*  
 (2) To tramp, as beggars, &c.  
 ROGER. (1) The ram is so called by the shep-  
 herds in most parts of England. See Collins'  
 Miscellanies, 1742, p. 116.  
 (2) A rogue. A cant term.  
 (3) *Rogur* of the *buttery*, a goose.

ROGERIAN. A wig. *Hall.*

ROGER'S-BLAST. A sudden and local motion  
 of the air, no otherwise perceptible but by its  
 whirling up the dust on a dry road in perfectly  
 calm weather, somewhat in the manner of a  
 water-spout. *Forby.*

ROGGAN. A rocking-stone. *North.*

ROGGE. To shake. (*A.-S.*) Brockett has  
*roggle* in this sense.

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He romede, he rarede, that *roggede* alle the erthe,  
So ruydly he rappyd at to ryot hymselfene.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 61.*

So hard Rofyn *rogud* his roll,  
That he smot with his chonle,  
Aȝayns the marbystone.  
Of that dynt thai had gret doute,  
Al that setyn ther aboute,  
Fore thai herd hit echon.

*MS. Douce 302, xv. Cent.*

The croice, the crownne, the spere bese bowue  
That Jhesu *ruggede* and rente,  
The naytes ruyde saille the conclude  
With thyne awene argument!

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 213.*

ROGHE. Rough.

*Roghe* he was as a schepe.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 101.*

ROGHTE. Recked; cared. (*A.-S.*)

He *roghte* not what woman he toke,  
So lytyle he sett by hys spouse-hede.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 43.*

Syr Befyse was so wery for-faghte,  
That of hys lyfe *roghte* he uoghte.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 106.*

ROGHTLESSE. Reekless; careless.

Dreding ye were of my woos *rochtlesse*  
That was to me a grevous hevinesse.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 116.*

ROGLRE. Rough.

ROGL E. A professed beggar. Also as *Roge* (2).

"Raunging, roguing about," Cotgrave in v.  
*Duwayne.*

ROGUE-HOUSE. A prison. *North.*

ROIGNOUS. Scabby; rough. (*A.-N.*)

ROLL. (1) A Fleoish horse. Mr. Dyce seems at  
fault in Skelton, ii. 379.

(2) To romp; to disturb; to trouble; to vex; to  
perplex, or fatigue. *North.* "Were woont  
to rome and *roile* in clusters," Stamburst's Ire-  
land, p. 21, where it means to rove about, as  
in Reliq. Antiq. ii. 175.

(3) A great awkward hoyden. "A big ungainly  
slauumakin," MS. Devon 61.

ROILY. To traduce; to backbite. *West.*

ROIST. To bully; to riot. "They ruffle and  
*roist* it out," Harrison's England, p. 149.  
"Roister, to be rude, to ramp about," MS.  
Lansd. 1033. *Roisterer*, a swaggerer, is still  
in use in the North of England.

ROISTON-CROW. A species of crow, called  
by Ray *cornix caurea frugilega*, ed. 1674,  
p. 83. It is mentioned by Cotgrave.

ROIT. To walk about idly.

ROKE. (1) Mist; steam. *Var. dial.*

(2) To shake; to roll. Still in use, to shake or  
stir liquids. Also, to cleanse armour by rolling  
it in a barrel of sand.

Were thay wighte, were thay woke,  
Alle that he tille stroke,

He made thaire bodies to *roke*. *Perceval*, 1375.

(3) A scratch. *Yorksh.*

(4) A vein of ore. *North.*

(5) The rook at chess.

After chec for the *roke* ware fore the mate,

For yf the fondment be false, the werke most nede  
falle. *MS. Douce 302, f. 4.*

ROKY. The same as *Roaky*, q. v.

ROLL. A large heavy wooden roller for break-  
ing clods. *North.*

ROLLE. (1) To enrol. (*A.-N.*)

(2) "*Antia*, the heare of a woman that layed  
over hir forheade; gentilwomen dyd lately  
call them their *rolles*," Elyot, ed. 1559. At  
one time they were much worn in Ireland.  
See Holinshed, Chron. Ireland, p. 134.

ROLLEKY. Rough; uneven. *East.*

ROLLER. A bundle of reed. Used proverbially,  
e. g. as weak as a *rowler*, or as easily thrown  
down as a bundle of reed set on an end.

ROLLEY. A large kind of sledge drawn by a  
horse, used in coal mines. *North.*

ROLLICK. To romp about recklessly; to gad  
idly; to roll. *Var. dial.*

ROLLIPOKE. Coarse hempen cloth. *East.*

ROLLOP. This word was heard between Ips-  
wich and Bury in the phrase, "There they  
come *rolloppin* along," and was applied to the  
hasty, noisy approach of horsemen, com-  
pounded perhaps of *romp* and *gallop*.

ROLLS. *Books in rolls*, those which have a row  
of gold on the edges of the cover.

ROLY-POLY. (1) A pudding made in round  
layers, with preserves or treacle between. *Var.*  
*dial.* Taylor mentions it.

(2) A low, vulgar person. *Line.*

(3) A game played with a certain number of  
pins and a ball, resembling half a cricket ball.  
It is played thus. One pin is placed in the  
centre, the rest (with the exception of one  
called the *jack*) are placed in a circle round it;  
the *jack* is placed about a foot or so from the  
circle, in a line with one in the circle and the  
one in the centre. The centre one is called  
the king, the one between that and *jack* the  
queen. The king counts for three, queen two,  
and each of the other pins for one each, ex-  
cept *jack*. The art of the game lies in howl-  
ing down all the pins except *jack*, for if *jack*  
is bowled down, the player has just so many  
deducted from his former score as would have  
been added if he had not struck the *jack*.  
Holloway, pp. 142-3. This game was formerly  
called half-bowl, and was prohibited by  
a statute of Edward IV.

ROMAGE. To set a ship to rights; to clear the  
hold of goods; to remove things in it from one  
place to another.

ROMANCE. (1) The French language.

(2) To lie. *Var. dial.*

ROMASING. Wonderful; romantic. *West.*

ROMAUNT. A romance. (*A.-N.*) Still in  
use in Suffolk as a verb, to exaggerate or ex-  
ceed the truth.

ROMB. To shiver with cold.

ROMBEL. A rumbling noise; a rumour.

ROM-BOUSE. Wine. A cant term, given in  
Dekker's Belman, 1616.

ROME. (1) The expression of "the Boke of  
*Rome*," sometimes found in old romances, is  
a travesty of the old phrase *the Roman*, which  
was applied to signify the French language,

- in which most of the old romances were originally written.
- He that schalle wend soche a wey,  
Yt were nede for hym to pray  
That Jeshu hym schuld save,  
Yt ys in the boke of Rome,  
Ther was no knyght of Kyrstendome  
That journey durst crave. *Torrent of Portugal*, p. 6.
- (2) "Rome was not built in a day," is a proverb in common use to excite perseverance. It is found in the French Alphabet, 1615.
- (3) To growl; to roar.  
He comanded that thay sulde take a zonge dame-selle, and nakkene hir, and sett hir bifore hym, and thay did so; and onane he ranne apone hir *romyand*, as he hadd bene wodd. *MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 37.*
- (4) Place; situation; office.
- (5) Broad; spacious. (*A.-S.*)  
Jhesu that made the planettes vij,  
And all the worlde untur hevyn,  
And made thys worlde wyde and *rome*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 105.*
- (6) To walk about. (*A.-S.*) Hence, sometimes, to depart from.  
As he *romeyd* all abowte,  
He lokyd on a towre withowte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 148.*
- (7) A space. (*A.-S.*)  
That the sarsyns yn a *rome*  
At that tyme were overcome.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 101.*
- (8) In space or length?  
The geaunt was wonder strong,  
*Rome* thretti fote long. *Beves of Hamtown*, p. 73.
- ROME-BOWSE. Wine. *Dekker.*
- ROME-MORT. A queen. A cant term.
- ROMKIN. A drinking-cup.
- ROMMLE. To speak low or secretly.
- ROMMOCK. To romp boisterously.
- ROMNAY. A kind of Spanish wine.  
Larkys in hot schow, ladys for to pyk,  
Good drynk therto, lyeys and fyne,  
Blwet of allmayne, *romnay* and wyin.  
*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 30.*
- ROMPSTAL. A rude girl. *West.*
- ROMULIK. Abundantly; plentifully.
- ROMVILE. London. *Dekker*, 1616.
- RON. Conversation; treatise. (*A.-S.*)  
The laste resun of alle this *ron*  
Sal be of hir concepcion  
*MS. Cotton, Vespas. A. iii. f. 2.*
- RONCE. To romp about. *North.*
- RONCLED. Wrinkled. (*A.-S.*)  
Whoso that yow beholdyth well, and seyth  
Your *roncled* face and your rawe eyen tweyne,  
Your shrunkyn lypis and your gowuldyn tethe,  
How may he lyve fro dystresse and payne?  
*MS. Fairfax 16.*
- ROUND. The same as *Foolen*, q. v.
- RONDURE. Roundness. (*Fr.*)
- RONE. (1) Rained. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) To protect; to comfort.  
(3) Rouen in Normandy.  
(4) The roe of a fish. *North.* "The roan of fish, *piscium ora*," *Coles.*
- RONETTE. Round; circular.
- RONEZ. Thickets; brushwood. *Garwayne.*
- RONG. The step of a ladder. *Var. dial.* "A

- ronge of a tre or ledder, *scalare*," *MS. Dict. A. D. 1540.*
- RONGE. To bite; to gnaw. *West.*
- RONGENE. Rung. (*A.-S.*)  
He hade morthirede this mylde be myddaye war  
*rongene*,  
Withowtyn mercy one molde, not watte it ment.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 63.*
- RONK-RIPE. Quite ripe. *Chesh.*
- RONNER. A sort of coarse cloth.
- RONNING. Rennet. "Ronnyng of chese, *maisque*," *Palsgrave.*
- RONT.  
But downe they burst the windows for ayre, and there was no little boot to bid *ront*; shee was nine or ten dayes ere she recovered that fit on my knowledge.  
*Armit's Nest of Ninnies, 1600.*
- RONYON. A mangy animal. (*Fr.*)
- ROO. Rough. *Devon.*
- ROOD. The cross, or crucifix. (*A.-S.*) *Rood-beam*, the beam supporting the rood. *Rood-door*, a door leading out of the church near the altar.  
On Saynt Mathies day thapostulle, the xxiiij. day of February, Sunday, did the bisshop of Rochester preche at Polles Cros, and had standyng afore hym alle his sermoen tyme the pictur of the *roode of grace* in Kent, that had byn many yeris in the abbey of Boxley in Kent, and was gretely sought with pilgryms, and when he had made an ende of his sermoen, the pictur was toorn alle to peces.  
*MS. Cotton, Vespas. A. xxv.*
- ROOD-LOFT. A gallery, or platform, over the screen, at the entrance of the chancel, upon which was the *rood* or cross, with images. See *Grindal's Remains*, p. 154.
- ROODY. Rank in growth. *North.*
- ROOFE. Split.  
So harde togedur they drofe,  
That Ser Befyse schylded *roofe*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 124.*
- ROOFING. The ridge-cap of thatched roofs. *Norf.*
- ROOK. (1) To huddle together. *West.*  
(2) A crow-bar. *Salop.*  
(3) A cheat, or sharper. *Rookery*, a place of resort for sharpers.  
Gramercies watt mets mesters and the re-t,  
His smock-stain'd dames will ha a game at chest,  
And sweare to me thi knights be not turned knaves,  
Thy *rookes* turne flesh-crowes or devouring slaves,  
*MS. Poems in Dr. Biss's Possession, xvii. Cent.*  
Your city blades are cunning *rookes*,  
How rarely you collogue him!  
*Songs of the London P. entices, p. 91.*
- (4) To thrust the fingers in the mouth, said of children. *Oxon.*
- ROOKERY. A disturbance; a scolding.
- ROOKY. Same as *Roaky*, q. v.
- ROOL. To ruffle; to rumple. *North.*
- ROOM. (1) Dandruff. *Somerset.*  
(2) Place. In such phrases as, "Room for my Lord," it is equivalent to give place to, make way for.
- ROOMER. To go or put roomer, to tack about before the wind. An old sea term, very incorrectly explained "a very large ship" by Ash and others. It occurs in *Bourne's Inventions*

or Devises, 1578; Harrington's *Nugæ Antiquæ*, ii. 233; Apollonius and Silla, ap. Collier's *Shak. Lib.* p. 32; Taylor, quoted in Hunter on the *Tempest*, p. 46.

Yet did the master by all meanes assay,  
To steare out roomer, or to keepe aloofe.

*Harrington's tr. of Orlando Furioso*, 1591, p. 343.

Hereupon she discharged herself from the Towne of Taryffa, and when wether served agreyng with the maister for her passage, herself with her daughter repaired aborde the barke, which beyng put to sea, was forced by the extremitie of a contrary winde, to put themselves roomer for the safetie of their lives, to a cleane contrary place. *Ruche's Farewell*, 1681.

Rowse, quoth the ship against the rocks; roomer cry I in the cocke; my Lord wept for the company, I laught to comfort him. *Tragedy of Hoffman*, 1651.

ROOMTH. Room. *Drayton*.

ROONE. Vermilion. This term has been wrongly explained by all the glossarists.

Y schalle yeve the a nobylle stede,  
Also redd as ony roone.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 66.*

ROORT. Roared. *Lanc.*

ROOP. (1) A halloo. *Var. dial.*

(2) A hoarseness. *North.* A sort of hoarseness in fowls is so called.

ROOSELING. Sloping down. *Ermoor.*

ROOST. To drive. *Devon.*

ROOST-COCK. The common cock. *Devon.*  
See the example under *Porpentine*.

ROOT. (1) A rut. *Glouc.*

(2) To turn up the ground, as hogs do with their noses. *Lanc.*

(3) Gross amount; sum total.

(4) To rot. *Somerset.*

I root, he seyde, fro the boon,  
Jhesu Cryste, what schall y done?

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 114.*

ROOTAGE. Extirpation.

ROOTER. A rough attack. *North.*

ROOTLE. To root up, as swine. *Beds.*

ROOTY. Rank, as grass. *Yorksh.*

ROOVE. To dry meat in a chimney, or over a kiln. *Glouc.*

ROOZE. To shed; to scatter. *Cornw.*

ROP. Reaped. (*A.-S.*)

ROPE. (1) A word formerly taught to parrots.  
*A rope for a parrot* was a common proverbial expression.

(2) A dwarf. *Somerset.*

(3) To tether, as a horse. *Norf.*

(4) A measure of twenty feet. *Devon.*

(5) A bundle of twigs laid over a gutter instead of a plank. *Devon.*

ROPE-PULLING. The ancient custom of *rope-pulling* is always strictly observed in Ludlow on Shrove Tuesday. At about four o'clock in the afternoon the rope is given out from the Town-hall by the Mayor, on whom this important duty by right devolves. Immediately on the rope being let down from a window, an indescribable struggle and trial of strength commences between the denizens of the different wards, which is not concluded without an obstinate contention. There are afterwards

ordinaries at the various inns, and pleasure and conviviality are the order of the day.

ROPER. (1) A rope-maker.

(2) A crafty fellow; a rogue.

ROPE-RIPE. Fit for hanging, a phrase applied to anything very wicked. "A rope-ripe-rogue ripe for the rope, or deserving the rope" Howell's *Lex. Tct.* 1660.

ROPERY. Roguery. *Shak.*

ROPES. The entrails. *West.* "The ropes in the small guttes." Palsgrave. "Almost confined at present to the guts of woodcocks, which are often dressed with the ropes in them," *MS. Devon Gl.*

ROPY. Wine or other liquor is said to be *ropy*, when thick and coagulated. *Line.* Bread is said to be *ropy* when in warm close weather a sort of second fermentation takes place after baking. *Var. dial.*

RORDE. Sound; noise; roar.

RORE. (1) Dew. (*Lat.*) *Rorid*, dewy, Marlowe, iii. 364; Hawkins, iii. 151.

(2) Trouble; stir; noise. Hence, perhaps, the name of *roaring-boys*.

(3) To barter, or exchange merchandize. "Rooryne or chaungyne on chaffare for another," *Pr. Parv.* p. 71.

RORY-TORY. Having a mixture of gay colours; showy; dashing. *Devon.*

ROSARY. A rose-bush. *Skelton.*

ROSE. (1) The rose was a symbol of secrecy among the ancients, and from hence is said to be derived the adage "under the rose" when a secret is to be kept, and used with great propriety on privy seals, which came into use about the middle of the twelfth century. Snelling's *Coins*, p. 2.

(2) When the upper part of a quarry or well falls in, it is said *to rose in*.

(3) To drop, or fall, said of seed or corn when over-ripe. *Somerset.*

(4) The erysipelas.

(5) A knot of ribands, frequently worn in the ear, on the shoe, &c.

(6) To praise. Still in use.

(7) The top of the spout of a watering-pot, perforated for the purpose of distributing the water; the top of a leaden pipe, perforated in a similar manner, to prevent leaves or rubbish from entering a water-but.

ROSEE. An ancient confection, composed chiefly of milk, dates, spices, &c.

ROSEMARYNE. Rosemary.

Tak of rewe a grete quantite, and sawge halfe als mekille, and *rosemaryne* the same quantitee.

*MS. Luc. Med. f. 283.*

ROSEMARY-STONES. Friable stones of a deep yellow colour found amongst the fattest marles about Audley, co. Staff. and used by the painters. Kennett, *MS.*

ROSE-NOBLE. A gold coin, stamped with a rose, worth sixteen shillings.

ROSER. A rose-bush. (*A.-N.*)

ROSE-RYAL. A gold coin formerly worth thirty shillings, but it rose three shillings in



value in the reign of James I. See Snelling's Coins, p. 24.

ROSE-YARD. A place where roses grow. *Palsgrave*.

ROSIAR. A rose-tree. (*A.-N.*)  
The knyghte and his sqwyere  
Risted undir a *rose*  
Tille the day wex clere,  
Undrone and mare. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 133.*

ROSH. Rosin. *East*. "*Rosina, rosyle,*"  
Nominale *MS. xv. Ceut.*

ROSILLY. Said of sandy and gritty soil, like rosin. *East*. Harrison, p. 111, mentions *rosellie* mould.

ROSH-END. A shoemaker's thread. *North.*

ROSHINNED. Topsy. *Craven.*

ROS-LAND. Heathy land. *East.*

ROSPE. To belch.

ROSS. (1) The refuse of plants.  
(2) A morass. *Heref.*

ROSSEL. (1) To heat; to roast. *North.*  
(2) To kick severely. *Salop.*

ROSELLËD. (1) Decayed. *North.*  
(2)  
Throwe a rownde rede schelde he ruschede hym sone,  
That the *rosselide* spere to his herte rynnys,  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 83.*

ROSSHETON. Rushed.  
They *rossheton* ageynne the wall of ston.  
*Chron. Filodun, p. 123.*

ROST. To turn boast to rost, i. e. to turn from swaggering to humility.

ROSTER. A rost-iron, an iron grate used in roasting; a gridiron. Nominale *MS.* "Lay hom on a rostynge yrne, and roste hom," *Ord. and Regulations, p. 451.*

ROSTLE. To ripen. *Lanc.*

ROSY. Healthy. Hens, when they commence laying, and their combs look red and healthy, are said to be rosy.

ROT. (1) Great nonsense. *West.*  
(2) A body of six soldiers.

ROTA-MEN. A name given to certain politicians during the Commonwealth, who suggested that a third part of the parliament should go out by rotation.

ROTE. (1) A kind of cymbal, said to be the same as the hurdy-gurdy. "Dulcimers or dowble harpe called a rote, *barbitos,*" Hulbet, 1552. He tauhte hire til sche was certen  
Of harpe, of citole, and of rote.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 234.*  
Wele to playe one a rote,  
To syng many newe note,  
And of harpyng, wele I wote,  
He wane the pryse aye. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 130.*  
(2) A root. (*A.-S.*)  
(3) Practice. (*A.-N.*) Also a verb, to practise, to repeat by rote.  
(4) Writing; record.  
Men say yn olde rote,  
A womans holt ys sone schote.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 33, f. 103.*

ROTEN. Rotten. *Chaucer.*  
Myn sowle hath suffrid in his word,  
In God myn goost hath had his trust,  
For synne is scharp as knyvis orid,  
It makith hem lame that levyn in lust.

Therefore, Jhesu, myn lovely Lord,  
When I am rotten, rub of the rust,  
Er I be brougt withiime schippys bord,  
To sayle into the dale of dust.  
*Hampole's Paraphrase of the Psalms, MS.*

ROT-GUT. Bad small beer.  
Beer a humble—  
"Twood bust yar guts, afore t'al make ye tumble.

ROTHER. (1) The rudder of a ship. (*A.-S.*)  
And thus putte every man out other,  
The schip of love hath losse his rother.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 77.*  
Alleys the toon with the touthter,  
As a shyppes that ys turned with the rother.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 31.*  
(2) A horned beast. "In Herefordshire the dung of such beasts is still called *rotte & sayl.*" Kennett, *MS. Lansd. 1033.* According to Sharp's *MS. Glossary*, the word is current in Warwickshire, and he adds that the beast-market at Stratford-on-Avon is called the *rother market*. "It is the pasture lards the rother's sides," Shakespeare; the old editions reading *brother's*. For this emendation we are indebted to Mr. Singer, and is exceedingly ingenious, although it must at the same time be admitted that sense can be made of it as it stands in the original. "*Bucerum pæcus*, an hearde of *rother* beastes," Elyot, ed. 1559.  
(3) Name of a river?  
Drof of hors and gyl of fisch,  
So hat my lemman war geys;  
Water of rother and Taymys brother,  
So hat my lemman in non other.  
*MS. Douce 257, f. 77.*  
(4) A sailor. Nominale *MS.*

ROTOURE. A player on the rote.  
ȝif thou ever with jogeloure,  
With hasaloure or with rotoure,  
Hauntyst taverne. *MS. Harl. 1701, f. 7.*  
He is a persone, she thynkethe, of fair figure,  
A yong rotour, red, to hir pleaser.  
*Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 35.*

ROTTLE-PENNY. The herb yellow-rattle.

ROTYNG. Root.  
Jessé, he seide, of his rotynge  
Certesny a yerde shal spring.  
*Cusgor Mucdi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 58.*

ROU. Cold; bleak; damp. *North.*

ROUCHED. (1) Wrinkled. *Northumb.*  
(2) Beer is said to be *rouched* when it acquires a tartness. *MS. Devon Gl.*

ROUDGE. A rough coarse cloth.

ROUGE. To gnaw; to devour. *Somerset.*

ROUGH. (1) To make rough, applied to horses' shoes when they are made rough to prevent them slipping in frosty weather.  
(2) A wood, or copse. *Sa'op.*  
(3) Luxuriant, as grass. *North.*  
(4)  
Up she rose ageyn the rouche,  
With sorefulle hert and care inoughe,  
Carefulle of blood and bone;  
She sye it myght no better be,  
She kneled down uppon her kne,  
And thankid God and Seynt John.  
*Torrent of Portugal, p. 79.*  
(5) To trump one's adversary's card at the game of whist.

- ROUGH-CANDLE. A torch, or link.
- ROUGH-CAST. A composition of sand, grit, and mortar, used for walls, &c.
- ROUGHED. Streaked; speckled. *Devon*.
- ROUGH-LEAF. The true leaf of a plant, in distinction from its seed leaves. *West*.
- ROUGH-MUSIC. A discordant din of sticks, pans, and a heterogeneous collection of instruments, a species of entertainment which takes place when a woman has been beaten by her husband. It is got up principally by boys, who parade the village accompanied by the musical band, in which nearly all take a part, and the performance concludes with burning the effigy of the offender, which has been carried in procession. A curious notion is universally prevalent, that if the rough music is not continued for three successive nights, all the boys participating in these means of passing a public censure can be banished from the village for a limited period by the *homo de-biquous*.
- ROUGHNESS. Plenty; store. *Cumb*.
- ROUGH-RIDER. One who breaks in horses.
- ROUGH-SETTER. A mason who only did rough coarse work, as walls, &c.
- ROUGH-SPUN. Rude; unpolished; blunt.
- ROUGHT.
- Invidia the therd wound ys,  
A wyckkyd gnawer or venym or gowt,  
He ys a wyckyd wound I gess,  
Ther he hath power to reyne or rough.
- MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6.*
- ROUK. (1) A large number. *North*.  
(2) To wander. (3) To be restless.
- ROUKE. To lie close. (*A.-S.*)
- Thei shul for thirst the hedes souke  
Of adders that doth aboute hem rouke,  
As childe that sittith in moders lappe,  
And soukith whan him likith the pappe.
- MS. Addit. 11305, f. 97.*
- ROULE. To roll; to run easily.
- ROUMER. Wider. *Chaucer*.
- ROUNCEVAL. Large; strong. Coles makes mention of *Rounceval pease*; and he has also, "a rounsival, *virago*."
- ROUNCIE. (1) A common hackney horse. Sometimes, a horse of any kind.
- Befyse sadelyd hys rounsey,  
The bore he thought to hunty
- MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 100.*
- Syr Befyse lepyd on hys rounsey,  
And wyth hym hys cosyn ser Tarry.
- MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 120.*
- (2) A vulgar coarse woman.
- ROUND. (1) A turret or tower of a circular form; a room or closet within such a turret. *Willson*.
- (2) To counsel secretly; to rowne, or whisper. It is of common occurrence under this form.
- (3) A kind of dance. "The round danse, or the dansing of the rounds," Nomenclator, 1585, p. 299. There was a sort of song or ballad also so called.
- (4) To round the head, to cut the hair round. *Round dealing*, plain honest dealing. *Round*

- sum*, a considerable *sum*. *Round and square*, everywhere.
- (5) A toast at a drinking revel; a health to pass round.
- (6) Full; large. *North*.
- (7) Certain soldiers, whose office it was to go round and inspect the sentinels, watches, and advanced guard, were called *gentlemen of the round*.
- (8) Plain in speaking. *Oroa*. "A round answer," Holinshed's England, i. 10.
- (9) A regiment, or troop.
- (10) A globular pebble. *Devon*.
- (11) An animal's rump. *Var. dial*.
- (12) A kind of target.
- ROUND-DOCK. The common mallow.
- ROUNDEL. (1) Anything round, as a circle, a trencher, &c. "A roundell to set dishes on for soiling the tablecloth." Baret, 1580.  
(2) The midriff. *Somerset*.  
(3) A roundelay, or catch.
- ROUNDELET. A randlet for wine.
- ROUNDERS. A boy's game at balls.
- ROUND-FROCK. A gaberdine, or upper garment, worn by the rustics. *Var. dial*
- ROUNDGE. A great noise; a violent push or stroke. *Northumb*.
- ROUNDHEAD. A puritan, so called because the hair was cut in a close circular fashion.
- And ere their butter 'gan to coddle,  
A bullet churnd i'th *Roundheads* noddle.
- Men Miracles, 1656, p. 43.*
- ROUNDLY. Plainly; evidently; vehemently; quickly. Also, severely. "He make them come off and on roundly." Nabbes' Bride, 1640, sig. G. ii.
- ROUND-ROBIN. A small pancake. *Devon*.
- ROUNDS. Fragment of statues in paintings were termed *rounds*.
- ROUND-SHAVING. A reprimand. *West*.
- ROUND-TAG. A children's game, at which they all stand in a ring. *Devon*.
- ROUND-TILTH. Sowing a *round-tilth* is sowing land continuously without any fallow. *Kent*.
- ROUNE. To whisper. Sometimes for speech or song in general. (*A.-S.*) It is occasionally used in its primitive sense, to counsel or consult.
- Somer is comen with love to toune,  
With blostme and with brides roune.
- Reliq. Antiq. i. 241.*
- Lenten ys come with love to toune,  
With blosmen ant with briddes roune.
- Ritson's Ancient Songs, ed. 1829, i. 63.*
- On hys knees he sette hym downe  
With the prest for to roune.
- MS. Hart. 1701, f. 83.*
- ROUNGE. (1) A wheelbarrow.  
(2) To nip, or cut. (*A.-N.*)
- For ever on hem y *rounge* and gnawe,  
And hindir hem alle that ever y may.
- Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 64.*
- ROUNSEPICK. Same as *Rampick*, q. v.
- ROUN-TREE. The mountain-ash. *North*.
- ROUP. A filthy boil on the rumps of fowls. *Bailey*.

**ROUPE.** Outery; lamentation.

**ROUS.** Boasting. *North.*

Ne be nat proude, thoghe thou weyl dous,  
Yn thyn herte to make a rous.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 34.*

Thou mayst nat excuse the with rous,  
And sey al the world so dous.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 16.*

**ROUS-ABOUT.** Big; unwieldy. *West.* Also, a restless fidgetty person.

**ROUSE.** (1) To shake and flutter. A term in ancient hawking.

(2) To turn out. *Var. dial.*

(3) A full glass; a bumper. Very common in old plays.

(4) Noise; intemperate mirth. *Devon.*

**ROUSEN.** A report. *Devon.*

**ROUSER.** A great falsehood. *A rousing lie,* from *rousing*, great, excessive. "A rousing lye, mendacium magnificentum," Coles.

**ROUSING.** Rough; shaggy. *Devon.*

**ROUST.** To rouse, or disturb. *Glouc.*

**ROUTE.** (1) A company. *North.* Also a verb, to assemble in a company.

Is this flowre a monkes weed?

A faire lilly for so fowle a route.

*MS. Coll. S. Johan. Cantab. G. 14.*

When hur fadur was dede,

Moche warre began to sprede

Yo hur laude alle abowte;

Therefore sche ys geyvy to rede.

To take a lorde to rewle and to lede

Hur londe wyth hys route.

*MS. Cantab. FF. in. 38, f. 75.*

(2) Recked; cared. (*A.-S.*)

The wolf in the putte stod,

Afingret so that he ves wad;

I-nou he cursede that thider him broute;

The vox ther of lulle route.

*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 277.*

(3)

And Eagelle alle bryghte schalle fly alle abowte,

And lede the frome there handes, that er so hygthe of route.

*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 12.*

(4) To snore. "*Dormendo sonare*, Anglice to rowtyn," *MS. Bibl. Reg. 12 B. i. f. 88.* Also, to roar or bellow, as animals; to hollow.

(5) Great or violent stir. *Devon.*

To make route into Rome with ryotous knyghtes

Within a sevenyghte daye with sex score helms.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 57.*

(6) Coarse grass. *East.*

(7) To belch. Palsgrave, 1530.

(8) Crepo; pedo. Coles' Lat. Diet.

**ROUTED.** If an animal strays and is pounded, it remains, when unclaimed, three sun-sets and three sun-risings in the pound or pinfold, afterwards it is taken to the *roul* (or green) yard, till the owner can be found, and is then said to be *routed*. This term is used in the neighbourhood of Horncastle more particularly than elsewhere, and it is no uncommon thing to see in the provincial papers advertisements beginning thus, *routed* at—2 pigs, &c. *Line.*

**ROUTH.** (1) Plenty; abundance. *North.*

(2) Rough, as shaggy hair, &c.

**ROUTHE.** Compassion; pity. (*A.-S.*)

But sche hadde o defaute of slouthe

Towardis love, and that was route.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 111.*

O, blisfulle Lorde, have on this mater route!

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 5.*

**ROUTOUS.** Riotous; noisy. *North.*

**ROUT-OCT.** (1) A Saturday pie. *Cornw.*

(2) To seek or hunt very narrowly for any person or thing. *Var. dial.*

**ROVE.** (1) A scab. *Suffolk.*

(2) To shoot an arrow with an elevation, not point blank.

(3) A mode of ploughing. *East.*

(4) To shrug; to stir up.

With his scholder he gan rove.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 73.*

(5) To cleave, or cut.

His brand and his brade schelde al blody be rovene;

Was never oure semliche kyng so sorowfulle in herte.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 94.*

**ROVER.** An archer. *Jouson.*

**ROVERS.** Arrows shot with a certain degree of elevation, generally at 45°. There were marks on the target also so called. "Shooting still at rovers," Clobery's *Divine Glimpses*, 1659, p. 4. *Running at rovers*, having too much liberty.

**ROVERTED.** Returned to life. (*Lat.*)

**ROW.** (1) A hedge. *Var. dial.*

(2) To look for. *Heref.*

(3) A riot; a disturbance. *Var. dial.*

(4) To rake, or stir about. *North.*

**ROW-CLOTH.** A folding cloak, made of a kind of warm but coarse cloth completely dressed after weaving.

**ROWD.** The fuscule fist. *Suffolk.*

**ROWDLE.** To move gently. *Oxon.*

**ROWE.** (1) Rushed.

Upon agen the nadder rove,

And breide awei his right browe.

*Boves of Hamtoun, p. 61.*

(2) Rough. Rough-cast is still called *row-cast* in many places.

He was wonderliche strong,

Rome thrette fete long;

His berd was bothe gret and rove,

A space of a fot betwene is browe!

*Boves of Hamtoun, p. 91.*

I had better bee hanged in a withie, or in a cow-taile, then be a *row-footed* Scot, for they are ever fare and fase.

*Bullein's Dialogue, 1573, p. 3.*

Bot it was blacker

Than another, and wel *rower*. *Arthur and Merlin, p. 30.*

(3) A red ray of light. "The *rowis* red of Phebus light," Chaucer.

**ROWELL.** The circular wheel of a spur; a spur; anything circular. (*A.-N.*)

The *rowelle* whas rede golde with ryalle stonys,

Raylide with reched and rubys n-ewe.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 87.*

**ROWENS.** After-grass. *Suffolk.*

**ROWET.** Old withered grass. *South.*

**ROWL.** A wake, or fair. *Eastmoor.*

**ROWLAND.** See *Oliver* (2).

But to have a *Rowland* to resist an Oliver, he sent solempne ambassadors to the kyng of Englaunde, offeryng hym hys daughter in marriage.

*Hall, Henry VI. f. 64.*

**ROWLAND-HO.** A Christmas game.

**ROWNEY.** Thin, uneven, as cloth; having some threads stouter than others. *East.*  
"Rowy or stricky, as some stuffs are," Howell.

**ROWORGIN.** An organ. *Northumb.*

**ROWS.** The galleries, ranges, or walking places, raised and covered over, having shops on both sides, along the public streets in Chester. Kennett, MS. Lausd. 1033.

**ROWTH.** A root. *Yorksh.*

**ROWTY.** Rank, said of grass. It occurs in Harrison's Britaine, pp. 110, 221.

**ROY-UP.** To devour. *Cumb.*

**ROWJE.** Rough. (*A.-S.*)  
Hys body is awey dwynd,  
And fore grete cold al to schend.  
Hys berel was hith blake and rowje,  
And to hys gyrdell sted it drewje;  
He cane telle off grete care  
The suffyre x. wynter and more.  
*JMS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*  
He shal do the see he rowje,  
And also to be smethe rowje.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 132.*

**ROXALL.** To wrestle. *I. of Wight.*

**ROXT.** Rotten; decayed; applied to apples and pears. *West.*

**ROY.** (1) A king. (*A.-N.*)  
In the kalendz of Maye this cas es befallene  
The roy ryalle rowwnde with his rownde table.  
*Morte Artuure, MS. Lincoln, f. 73.*  
(2) To swagger; to boast; to indulge in convivial mirth. *North.*

**ROYAL-MERCHANT.** In the thirteenth century the Venetians were masters of the sea; the Samudis, the Justiniani, the Grimaldi, &c. all merchants, erected principalities in several places of the Archipelago, which their descendants enjoyed for many generations, and thereby became truly and properly *royal merchants*; which, indeed, was the title generally given them all over Europe. *Warburton.* The phrase occurs in old plays.

**ROYALS.** (1) Taxes. *South.*  
(2) Gold pieces worth fifteen shillings.

**ROYATOUR.** A dissipated sharper.

**ROYNISH.** Mangy; scabby. (*Fr.*) Metaphorically, mean, low, base. "The sloven and the careless man, the *roynish* nothing nice," Tusser, p. 289. "The *roynish* clown," the base clown, Shakespeare. "Such a *roynish* rascal," Hatvey, 1593. Mr. Hunter imagines it to mean *obtrusive, troublesome*, in Shakespeare, on a misinterpretation of a single passage. Parkinson, speaking of plants suitable for borders for flower-beds, says of the germander, that on account of its disposition to spread itself, it must be taken up and new set once in three or four years, "or else it will grow too *roynish* and troublesome." *Roy-nish* here means *coarse*; and *troublesome* is used in a somewhat peculiar sense.

**ROYSTER.** An inventory. *Yorksh.*

**ROYTHER.** The same as *Roister*, to behave turbulently; to make noise and confusion. *Yorksh.* See *Roist.*

**ROZIM.** A quaint saying. *West.*

**RUB.** (1) Any unevenness of surface. Metaphorically, an imperfection. The term was much used at bowls. "Like a bowle that runneth in a smooth allie without anie *rub*," Stanilurst, p. 18. To rub, to touch another ball or the jack.

(2) A sand-stone for a scythe. "The *rub* or brickle stone which husbandmen doo occupie in the whetting of their sithes," Harrison, p. 235. Still in use.

(3) To do work hastily.

(4) A slight reproof. *Var. dial.*

**RUBBACROCK.** A filthy slattern. *West.*

**RUBBAGE.** Rubbish. *Var. dial.*

**RUBBELL.** Refuse of mason's work, broken stones, &c. "*Cementitius*, made of masons woorke, or of mortar, or of *rubbell* and broken stones," Elyot, ed. 1559. "Cary away *rubbell* or brokell of olde decayed houses," Hulot, 1552. It is explained in the Herefordshire Glossary, p. 88, "a mixture of stones and earth in a quarry;" and the term is now applied to various sorts of gritty rubbish. "Rubble, as mortar and broken stones of old buildings," Baret, 1580.

**RUBBER.** (1) Same as *Rub* (2).  
(2) An instrument used for cleaning various parts of the dress.  
(3) A limited series of games by which the stakes are reckoned. "Rubbers at bowls," Poor Robin's Visions, 1677, p. 132.

**RUBBERS.** At bowls, are two bowls that rub or touch each other.

**RUBIFY.** To make red. It occurs in Ashmole's Theat. Chem. Brit. 1652, p. 188. Shakespeare has *rubious, red*.

**RUBINS.** Rubies. (*A.-N.*)

**RUBOWRE.** Redness. (*A.-N.*)

**RUBRICK.** Red ochre.  
The same in sheeps make with *rubricke* and soft pitch, drunke every day or eaten to your meate, helpeth the ptisicke, and obstructions. Anotolus approved beane meale sifted and soyl with harts marrow to be given to a horse which stalteh blood for three daies together.  
*Pope's Beasts, 1607, p. 132.*

**RUCK.** (1) To repent. *Line.*  
(2) A heap. Also a verb, to gather together in heaps. *Var. dial.* "There in another *rucke*," Drayton's Poems, p. 5.  
(3) To crease linen. Also a substantive, a fold, plait, or crease. *Var. dial.*  
(4) To go about gossiping. *Line.*  
(5) A rut in a road. *Heref.*  
(6) A small heifer. *Somerset.*  
(7) To huddle together. *Chesh.*  
(8) A gigantic bird, the same with the *rock* of the Arabian tales.  
(9) To squat, or crouch down. *North.* Palmer has *rucke*, to cower, to stoop, to squat.  
But now they *rucken* in hire neste,  
And resten as hem liken beste.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 114.*  
Thai sal for thyrste the hefed sowke  
Of the neddyr that on thaim sal *rouke*.  
*Hampole, MS. Bowes, p. 198*

RUCKET. To rattle. *Oron.*  
 RUCKING. A hen is called a *rucking* hen, when she wants to sit, probably from the noise she makes at that time. *Lincol.*  
 RUCKLE. (1) To rumple. See *Ruck* (3).  
 (2) A struggle. *Kent.*  
 RUCKLING. The least of a brood.  
 RUCKSES. Racks. *North.*  
 RUCKSTIR. To stir about; to make a great stir or fuss. *Warw.*  
 RUNCTION. An uproar. *Westm.*  
 RUD. (1) Ruddle for sheep. *North.*  
 (2) A reed. *Somerset.*  
 (3) A material for garters.  
 (4) To rub; to polish. *Devon.*  
 RUDDIE. Complexion. (*A.-S.*)  
 RUDDER. (1) A sieve. *Dorset.*  
 (2) Copulation. *Somerset.*  
 RUDDERISH. Passionate; hasty. *West.*  
 RUDDLE. (1) Red. The red ochre with which sheep are marked is called *ruddle*.  
 His skin, like blushes which adorn  
 The bosom of the rising morn,  
 All over *ruddle* is, and from  
 His flaming eyes quick glances come.  
*Baker's Poems, 1697, p. 11.*  
 (2) To make a fence of split sticks plaited across one another. *Kent.*  
 RUDDLE-WATTLE. A hurdle made of small hazle rods, interwoven. *Kent.*  
 RUDDOCK. (1) The redbreast. (*A.-S.*) See a list in Harrison's *England*, p. 223.  
 (2) *Red ruddocks*, gold coin.  
 (3) A kind of apple. *Howell.*  
 RUDDOCKS. The fibrous parts of tallow which will not melt. *North.*  
 RUDESBY. A rude person. *Shak.*  
 RUDGE. A partridge. *Cornw.*  
 RUDGE-TIE. A chain lying over the ridge-tree to hold up the shafts of a waggon or cart. *Dorset.*  
 RUDGE-WASH. Kersey cloth made of fleece-wool, worked as it comes from the sheep's back, and not cleansed after it is shorn.  
 RUDLE. (1) A riddle. *Yorksh.*  
 (2) A beverage composed of warm beer and gin, sugar, and lemon peel.  
 RUD-STAKE. The piece of wood to which an ox in his stall is tied. *Durham.*  
 RUDY. Rude. *Sussex.*  
 RUE. (1) To sieve corn. *Devon.*  
 (2) A young goat. *Somerset.*  
 RUE-BARGAIN. A bad bargain. When a man withdraws his banns of marriage, he considers it a *rue-bargain*. *North.*  
 RUEL-BONE. Is mentioned by Chaucer, and in the following passage, as the material of a saddle. It is not, of course, to be thence supposed that ruel-bone was commonly or even actually used for that purpose, both instances occurring in romance poems. In the *Turnament of Tottenham*, Tibbe's garland is described as "fulle of ruelle bones," which another copy alters to *rounde bonys*. In the romance of *Rembrun*, p. 458, the coping of a

wall is mentioned as made "of fin *ruwal*, that schon swithe brighte."

Hir sadille was of *reuylle bone*,  
 Semely was that sight to se,  
 Styly sette with precious stone,  
 Compaste aboute with crapoté.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 116*

RUELLES. Wrinkles.  
 RUFF. (1) A roof. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) Said when a hawk hits her prey, but does not fix it.  
 (3) An old game at cards. "At trump or ruff," Florio, p. 39. These were not, however, the same game. At ruff "the greatest sorte of the sute carrieth away the game," Peele, i. 211, note. *Ruff* was also a term for a court-card. To ruff, to trump at cards, Florio, p. 452, in v. *Ronfure*.  
 (4) A kind of frill, formerly much worn by both sexes. The hand-ruff as a ruff adjoined to the wristband of the shirt.  
 (5) The height, or extremity.  
 (6) Rough. *Palsgrave.*  
 And when th'art wearie of thy keeping sheepe,  
 Upon a lovely downe, to please thy minde,  
 He give thee five *ruffi-footed* doves to keepe,  
 And pretie pidgeons of another kinde.  
*The Affectionate Shepheard, 1594.*  
 RUFFATORY. A rude boisterous boy, fond of horse-play, knocking and shoving his play-fellows about at all risks.  
 RUFFET. Furze. *Dorset.*  
 RUFFIAN. The devil. A cant term.  
 RUFFIAN'S-HALL. "So that part of Smithfield was antiently called, which is now the horse-market, where tryals of skill were plaid by ordinary ruffianly people with sword and buckler," Blount, p. 562.  
 RUFFINER. A ruffian. *North.*  
 RUFFLE. (1) To draw into plaits. The ruffle of a boot was the top when turned down and scalloped, or in a manner plaited.  
 His crisping and frizzling irons must be used; his bald head with a *ruffling* perwig furnished.  
*The two Lancashire Lovers, 1640, p. 263.*  
 (2) To swagger, or bully. Hence *ruffler*, a swaggerer, in reality a coward.  
 Are yea billing? what, my man Lob  
 Is become a jolly *ruffler*?  
 You are billing, you! I must be faine  
 To be a snuffler.  
*Marriage of Witt and Wisdome, 1579.*  
 (3) A tumult; a bustle; discord.  
 RUFFMANS. Woods, or bushes. A cant term, occurring in Dekker's *Belman*, 1616.  
 RUFF-PECK. Bacon. A cant term.  
 RUFF-TREE. The roof-beam of a house.  
 RUFO. Rueful. *Lanc.*  
 RUFFTER-HOOD. Among falconers, a plain leather hood, large and open behind, to be worn by a hawk when she is first drawn.  
 RUFULLICHE. Ruefully. (*A.-S.*)  
 RUG. (1) Same as *Rogge*, q. v.  
 (2) Snug; warm. *Devon.*  
 RUGE. (1) To wrinkle. *Somerset.*  
 (2) To slide down a declivity; to sweep away quickly. *Devon.*

**RUGGE.** The back. See *Rig*.

To bere ane bok at heore *rugges*,  
And ane staf in heore hond.

*MS. Laud.* 108, f. 125.

The knyght to the bore ys gon,  
And clevyth hym be the *rugge-bone*.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 39, f. 66.

**RUGGLE.** (1) "To *ruggle* about," a term used in Kent by old people and invalids, and appears to imply walking and getting about; a lame person would say, "I'm troubled to *ruggle* about." *Kent*.

(2) To play the hurdy-gurdy.

(3) A child's rattle. *Devon*.

**RUGGY.** Rough. *Chaucer*.

**RUID.** Strong; violent.

*Ruid* armes as an ake with rusclele sydes.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 65.

**RUIN.** A woodman's term, signifying a pole of four falls standing. At the first fall, it is a plant or wicket; at the second, a white pole; at the third, a black pole; and at the fourth, a *ruin*.

**RUINATED.** Reduced to ruin. *Var. dial.* It is also an archaism.

**RUISE.** To drive away. *Devon*.

**RULE.** (1) Tumultuous frolicsome conduct; a rough or lively sport. "Now I will go see what rule they keep, *nunc in tumultum ibo*," *Coles*. The primitive meaning is *behaviour*.

(2) To fall out, said of corn or any grain over-ripe. *Somerset*.

(3) To swap, or barter. *Devon*.

(4) To sit in strange postures. *West*.

**RULE-STONE.**

Ȝe, than seyð the *reule-stone*,  
Mayster hath many fone;  
And Ȝe wold helpe at his nede,  
My mayster schuld the better spede,  
Bot whatsoever Ȝe brage our boste,  
My mayster Ȝet shall reule the roste.

*MS. Ashmole* 61.

**RULY.** Rneful. (*A.-N.*)

Whe[n] I gan my-selve awake,  
*Ruly* chere I gane to make,  
Fore I saw a sembly syȝt;  
To-werd me come a gentyll knyȝt,  
Wele f-armyd at all ryȝht,  
And bad I schuld upon hyȝeng,  
Come speke with hys lord the kyng.

*MS. Ashmole* 61, xv. Cent.

**RUM.** (1) Odd; queer. *Var. dial.*

(2) Old-fashioned rubbish. *Devon*.

**RUM-BARGE.** Warm drink. *Yorksh.* Probably corrupted from *Rambuze*, q. v.

**RUMBELOW.** A very favorite burden to an ancient sea-song. The burden of the Cornwall furry-day song is, "With halantow rumbelow."

**RUMBULLION.** A great tumult. *Devon*.

**RUMBUR.** A run before leaping. *Cumb.*

**RUMBUSTICAL.** Boisterous. *Rumgumption* is also used. *Var. dial.*

**RUM-DUKE.** An odd grotesque figure.

**RUM-KIN.** A tailless fowl.

**RUMMAGE.** Lumber; rubbish. *West.*

**RUMMEL-GUMSHON.** Wit; sense.

**RUMMEN.** To move or tumble any things out of their place. *Yorksh.*

**RUMMET.** Daudruff. *Cornw.*

**RUMMLE.** To rumble. *North.*

**RUMMUETON.** To whisper; to mutter.

**RUMNEY.** Budge fur. (*A.-N.*)

**RUMP.** To turn the back to one.

**RUMP-AND-STUMP.** Entirely; completely. *Line.*

**RUMPED.** Aerid; rancid. *Devon.*

**RUMPLE.** A large debt, contracted by little and little. "Twill come to a rump, or breaking, at last. *Somerset.*

**RUMPLED-SKEIN.** Anything which is in great confusion. *West.*

**RUMPUS.** A noise; an uproar. *Var. dial.*

**RUMSTICH.** The game of mawe. (*Germ.*)

**RUN.** (1) To sew slightly. *Var. dial.* To run stockings, to darn or mend them.

(2) To run a rig, to play a trick. To run together, to grow like one another. To run upon one, to assail him. To run against, to calumniate. To give one the run of his teeth, to maintain him. To run counter, to go contrary to our wishes, a phrase borrowed from the chase. To run down, to abuse, to depreciate. To run on the hirl, to run about idly. To run thin, to go from a bargain.

(3) To guess; to suppose. *North.*

(4) To hazard; to run a hazard.

**RUNAGATE.** A runaway. *Kent.*

**RUNAWAY-CROP.** A thin or bad crop of corn or turnips. *I. of Wight.*

**RUNCH.** Wild mustard, or radish. *Runch-halls*, dried charlock. *Cumb.*

**RUNDEL.** (1) A moat with water in it. Sometimes, a small stream.

(2) A hollow pollard tree. *West.* It here seems to mean a young tree.

The little *rundles* in shrowdes, which are come to their full growth (which will be about eighteen years.) *Aubrey's Wiltz, MS. Royal Soc.*

**RUNE.** A water-course. *Somerset.*

**RUNG.** (1) A staff. *North.*

(2) Ringed, as sows are.

(3) To run or go?

As for salt water to become fresh by percolation through sand, 'tis a vain and frivolous opinion now exploded, for the dissolved salt being incorporated with the water, will *ring* along with it, and pass thorough as well as fresh water.

*Aubrey's Wiltz, MS. Royal Soc.* p. 107.

**RUNGE.** A long tub. *Lanc.* Ray explains it a flasket.

**RUNISH.** Violent; fierce; rough.

**RUNKLE.** To crease; to wrinkle. *North.* *Runkylle* occurs in *Nominale MS.*

**RUNNABLY.** Currently; smoothly. *East.*

**RUNNEL.** Same as *Rundel*, q. v.

**RUNNER.** An upper millstone.

And sometimes whirling, on an open hill,

The round-flat *runner* in a roaring mill.

*Du Bartas*, p. 14.

**RUNNING.** (1) Rennet. *Devon.*

(2) Consecutively. *Var. dial.*

(3) Moveable. "A running campe," Stanihurst's Ireland, p. 56.

RUNNING-BOYS. Joekeys; boys who rode the king's racing horses.

RUNNING-BULL. A string of iron, an inch or more in diameter, fixed on a cross-bar in the front of the harrow, reaching almost, but not quite, from side to side.

RUNNING-FITTER. A fitter's deputy.

RUNNING-LEATHER. His shoes are made of running leather, i. e. he is given to rambling about. A very common phrase.

RUNNING-POITRAL. A breast leather.

RUNNING-SHOES. Pumps.

RUNNCLS. Rennet. *Herf.*

RUN-OUT. To grow, or sprout. *Devon.*

RUNT. (1) The rump. *North.*  
 (2) An ox. "A yongue runt, steere, or heifer," Florio, p. 63. The term is applied in contempt to an old woman, and was formerly said of a rough rude person of either sex. Brockett calls it, a jocular designation for a person of strong though low stature. "A dwarf," Tim Bobbin Gl. "An old runt, *retula*," Coles.

(3) The stump of underwood. Also, the dead stump of a tree. *Var. dial.* Also, the stem of a plant.

RUN-TO-SEED. Enceinte. *Var. dial.*

RUNTY. (1) Surly; rude. *East.*  
 (2) Dwarfish; little. *Yorksh.*

RURD. Noise; clamour. *Gawayne.*

RURFIN. A ringleader. *Somerset.*

RURSCHE. To dash or throw down.  
 And seyne ryde in by Rone, that rymes so faire,  
 And of alle his ryche castelles *rurche* doune the wallez.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 67.*

RUSE. (1) To slide down a declivity with a rustling noise. *Devon.*  
 (2) To extol. See *Rygsand.*

RUSH. (1) A small patch of underwood; a disease in cattle. *Northumb.*  
 (2) A feast, or merry-making. *North.*  
 (3) "The rush, wecke, or match, that main-teineth the light in the lampe," Baret's *Alvearie*, fol. Lond. 1580, R. 481.

RUSH-BEARING. The wake or day of a church's dedication is, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, called a rush-bearing, from the circumstance of carrying rushes to adorn the church. Kennett, MS.

RUSH-BUCKLER. A swash-buckler.

RUSHIN. A tub of butter.

RUSHING. A refreshment. *North.*

RUSH-RING. A custom extremely hurtful to the interests of morality appears anciently to have prevailed, both in England and other countries, of marrying with a rush ring; chiefly practised, however, by designing men, for the purpose of debauching their mistresses, who sometimes were so infatuated as to believe that this mock ceremony was a real marriage. *Brand.*

RUSINGES. Boastings.  
 And of this false grounde sprynges errors and

herysyes, false prophesyes, presumpcyons, and false *rusynges*, blasfemyes and sclandirynges.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 221.*

RUSKES. Roots. *Robson.*

RUSPICE. A kind of red wine.

RUSSE. A Russian.

RUSSEL. A kind of satin.

RUSSETING. Coarse cloth of a dingy brown colour. Hence the term was applied to a clownish person, one clothed in russet.  
 He must change his *rus-etting*  
 For satin and silke,  
 And he must weare no linnen shirt  
 That is not white as milke,  
 To come of a well borne familie.  
*Parlton's Horse-loade of Fooles.*

RUST. (1) To roost. *Palsgrave.*  
 (2) The mildew of wheat. *Devon.*

RUST-BALLS. Yellow lumps of iron ore found among chalk near Foulmire, in Cambridgeshire.

RUST-BURN. The plant restharrow. *North.*

RUST-OAT. A countrified person.

RUSTILER. A ruff. (*A.-N.*)

RUSTY. (1) Filthy. *Rustynes*, filthiness, occurs in *Cov. Myst.* p. 47.  
 (2) Restive; unruly. *Var. dial.*

RUSTY-FUSTY-DUSTY. Excessively dirty; begrimed with dust and filth.  
 Then from the butchers we bought lamb and sheep,  
 Beere from the ale-house, and a broome to sweep  
 Our cottage, that for want of use was musty,  
 And most extremely *rusty-fusty-dusty*.  
*Taylor's Works, 1630, ii. 54.*

RUT. (1) To be maris appetens.  
 Thei sleeth and burteih and fighteth with aytther other, whan thei beth in *rutte*, that is to say, in hure love.  
*MS. Bodl. 546.*

(2) To keep a rut; i. e. to be meddling and doing mischief. *Kent.*

(3) The dashing of the waves. *Chesh.*

(4) To throw; to project; to cast.

RUTE. "He *rules* it, *Chesh.*, spoken of a child, he cries fiercely, i. e. he rowts it, he bellows." Ray's English Words, 1674, p. 39. The word appears to be now obsolete.

RUTHE. Pity; compassion. (*A.-S.*)

RUTSELE. To slip, or slide. (*Dut.*)

RUTTEN. (1) To snore. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) A stick used in beating up porridge or batter. *Yorksh.*

RUTTER. (1) A directory to show the proper course of a vessel.  
 I, Mr. Awdrian Gilbert, and John Davis, went by appointment to Mr. Secretary to Mr. Beale his howse, where onely we four were secret, and we made Mr. secretarie privie of the N. W. passage, and all charts and *rutters* were agreed upon in generall.  
*Dr. Dee's Diary, p. 18.*

(2) Properly, a rider or trooper, from the German; but the term was usually applied to a fine, dashing, boasting gallant; one so fashionable as to speak much in foreign languages.  
 Some authors have compared it to a *rutter's* cod-piece, but I like not the allusion so well, by reason the tyings have no correspondence; his mouth is allwaies mumbling, as if hee were at his mattens, and his beard is bristled here and there like a sow.  
*Lodge's Wit's Miserie, 1546.*

## RUTTING-TIME. Time of copulation.

They have but one branch growing out of the stem of their horn, which is not bigger than a mans finger, and for this cause, in the *rutting-time*, when they joyne with their females, they easily overcome the vulgar hart, with his branched and forked hornes. *Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 122.

RUTTLE. To rattle. *Var. dial.*

Then was *rutlynge* in Rome, and *rubbynge* of helmes. *MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 111.*

RUTTLING. A rattling in the throat is the gurgling sound occasioned by difficulty in respiration. *South.*RUWET. A small trumpet. "Ruet, *coruu*," *MS. Dictionary*, dated 1540.RUYSAND. Exulting; boasting. *North.*

Connynges that makes a man of gude noghte *ruysand* hymne of his rehtewysnes, bot sorowand of his synnys. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 196.*

RUZURE. The sliding down of a hedge, mound of earth, bank, or building. *Devon.*RUZZOM. An ear of corn. *Yorksh.*RUJE. Rye. *Wright's Pol. Songs*, p. 152.

## RYE. A disease in hawks which causes the head to swell.

RYNGSED. Cleansed; renovated. This occurs in *MS. Bib. Reg. 12 B. i. f. 75.*

RYNT. "Rynt ye, by your leave, stand hand-somly; as, rynt you, witch, quoth Besse Locket to her mother," *Ray's Words*, ed. 1674, p. 39. The older form of this word is *aroint* (q. v.) and its proper explanation is of so much importance, that I am tempted to give the following extract from a *MS.* communication transmitted to me by a native of Lancashire. "The word *roint* is, or was thirty years ago, a common Lancashire provincialism. I have heard it used, scores and scores of times, in a sense I will presently state. But first as to its orthography; if I had never seen the word, and been asked to spell it from hearing it pronounced, I should certainly have written

*roynt*, for though to a southern the sound would be much more like *rynt*, yet one accustomed to the dialect would know that the *o* was not altogether lost, any more than it is in *royal*, *loyal*, *boy*, which are pronounced in a somewhat similar way; the lost *o* to me has no difficulty in being distinguished as incorporated in the force given to the pronunciation of the *r*. Now as to the sense in which the word is applied, I must premise that in the part of the country in which I was born, it is usual (except in the summer season) to milk the cows in what is called a shippon; these shippons have what are called *boosts* (stalls similar to those in a stable, only wider, and the sides are lower); each *boost* accommodates *two* cows. When the milkmaid comes with her pail and stool, it frequently happens that the cow is standing close to the right hand division or partition of the *boost*, so that no space is left for her to plant her milking-stool; sometimes the cow obstinately resists gentle means used to induce her to move aside towards the left, when the milkmaid, losing her temper, uses the expression *roynt ta*, accompanied with a push against the side of the cow's rump, to force her to make the movement required. When used as a 'household' word, which it sometimes, though seldom, is, it denotes an angry and insulting mode of saying, 'stand aside, get out of my way,' or rather 'out of my gait.' This is the sense in which the proverb above given includes the expression."

Boucher, in v. *Aroint*, asserts that he has heard the word in Cheshire, but it was not always confined to that county. In Thoresby's letter to Ray, 1703, I find "*Ryndta*, used to cows to make them give way and stand in their stalls or *booyes*." This sufficiently confirms the explanation above given.

S.A. (1) A large tub, or soe. "A saa or telbe, *stina*," *MS. Dict. A. D. 1540.*

(2) A term in fencing?

And as for single rapier, he values Monsieur with his *sa, sa*, as little as jack-pudding does a custard. *Poor Robin's Fisions*, 1677, p. 15.

SAAG. Urine. *Dorset.*

## SABATINES. Steel coverings for the feet; sometimes, slippers or clogs.

SABBED. Wet; saturated. *Sussex.*

## SABRAS. Salve; plaster.

SAC-FRIARS. A fraternity of friars; the *fratres saccati*. *Areh. iii. 129.* They wore a coarse upper garment called *sacens*.SACHELLES. Small sacks. (*A.-N.*)

## SACHEVEREL. The iron door or blower to the mouth of a stove.

SACK. (1) *To get the sack*, to be turned off, or dismissed, a common expression with servants. *Sack and seam road*, a horse road.

(2) Sherry. The term was also given to any Spanish white wine. "Spanish wines, called *sacke*," *Orl. and Reg.* p. 300. A Malaga sweet wine was termed *Canary sack*. The term must not be confused with what is now termed *sack*, an entirely different wine.

(3) A loose upper garment; a kind of surcoat. See *Sac-friars*. It was generally made of coarse materials, but Ben Jonson, ii. 465, mentions "the finest loose sacks the ladies use to be put in." Compare *Peele*, iii. 88, "Frumpton's wench in the *frieze sacke*," misprinted *sacke*. "A sack, in Yorkshire, a shirt." *Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.*

## SACK-BUT. A bass trumpet.

## SACK-CIDER. A drink composed partly of sack and partly of cider.

SACKERSON. A famous bear kept at Paris Garden in Shakespeare's time. It is frequently mentioned by writers of that period.



**SACKLE.** To saunter about. *Lin.*  
**SACKLESS.** Innocent; faultless; weak; simple; foolish. *North.*  
**SACK-POSSET.** Was formerly eaten on the evening of the wedding-day, just before the company retired.

And then they did foot it and toss it,  
 Till the cook brought in the sack-posset.  
 The bride-pye was brought forth,  
 A thing of mickle worth,  
 And so all, at the bed-side,  
 Took leave of Arthur and his bride.

*Song of Arthur of Bradley.*

*To make a sack-posset.*

Take two quarts of pure good cream, a quarter of a pound of the best almonds, stamp them in the cream and boil amber and musk therein; then take a pint of sack in a bason, and set it on a chafing-dish till it be blood warm; then take the yolks of twelve eggs, with four whites, and beat them very well together; and so put the eggs into the sack, and make it good and hot; let the cream cool a little before you put it into the sack; then stir all together over the coals, till it be as thick as you would have it, if you take some amber and musk, and grind it small with sugar, and strew it on the top of the posset, it will give it a most delicate and pleasant tast.

*A True Gentlewoman's Deight, 1676, p. 10.*

**SACK-WHEY.** Wine-whey. *Devon.*

**SACRAMENT.** An oath. (*Lat.*)

**SACRARYE.** A sacred place. (*A.-N.*)

God ches thy wombe for his habitacle,  
 And halowid it so clene in every coste,  
 To make it *sacrarye* for his owen gost.

*Lydgate, MS. S. c. Antiq. 134, f. 27.*

**SACRE.** (1) To consecrate. (*A.-N.*)

(2) A sacred solemnity. *Chaucer.*

**SACREAR.** A receptacle for relics.

**SACRETTES.** Small hawks? A kind of birds mentioned in Maundevile's Travels, 1839, p. 238. See *Saker* (1).

**SACRING.** "Saeryng of the masse, *sacremēt.*" Palsgrave. *Sacring-bell*, the small bell rung at different parts of the service during mass.

**SAD.** (1) Serious; discreet; sober.

He set hym up and sawe their biside  
 A *sad* man, in whom is no pride,  
 Right a discrete confessor, as I trow,  
 His name was called sir John Doctow.

*MS. Rawl. C. 96.*

(2) Heavy; applied to bread when the dough, through bad yeast or from not having been well kneaded, does not rise properly. *North.*

"Sad bread, *panis gravis.*" Coles.

(3) A deep dark colour. *North.* "Sadde colour" occurs in Palsgrave.

(4) Heavy, solid, close, firm, said of iron, stone, &c. *North.* "Sad or hard, *solidus.*" Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221.

**SAD-BAD.** Very ill. *Var. dial.*

**SADDEN.** To harden; e. g. when, after a long frost, the roads by the thaw become very soft and miry, and, subsequently, drier and harder, they are said in the latter case to *sadden*, or to be *saddened.* *Lin.*

**SADDER.** "Fagot of *sadder* and rounde styckes, *cottret.*" Palsgrave.

**SADDLE.** To impute to. *Var. dial.*

**SADDLE-BACKED.** Low backed. *South.*

**SADDLE-TREE.** The arson of a saddle.

**SADDUED.** Settled; made firm, as some timber is by standing.

**SADE.** To satiate. *West.* "To sade, cloy *satio.*" Coles' Lat. Dict. in v.

**SAD-IRONS.** Smoothing-irons. *Staff.*

**SADNESS.** Gravity; seriousness.

**SAFE.** (1) Sure; certain. *Var. dial.*

(2) To secure; to make safe. *Shak.*

(3) To assuage; to alleviate. *Gawayne.*

**SAFE-CONDUCT.** A security or protection given by the prince under the broad seal, or by any other person in authority, most commonly for a stranger's quiet coming in and passing out of the realm. *Bhount.*

**SAFE-GUARD.** A riding skirt; a large outer petticoat worn by females when riding to protect them from the dirt. *Var. dial.* "A kind of aray or attire reaching from the navill downe to the feete, like a womans *safeguard*, or a bakers." Nomenclator, 1585, p. 167.

**SAFFI.** A catepole. (*Ital.*)

**SAFFLE.** Dull; sad; melancholy. *Lin.*

**SAFFRON.** To tinge with saffron.

**AFT.** Safety. *North.*

**SAG.** (1) To hang down heavily, as oppressed by weight. *North.*

Sir Rowland Russet-coat, their dad, goes *sagging* everie day in his round gascoynes of white cotton.

*Pierce Penilesse, 1592.*

(2) To subside, as water. *Kent.*

(3) To decline in health. *East.*

(4) To crease, or wrinkle.

(5) A kind of reed. *Somerset.*

**SAGE.** A saw. *North.*

**SAGE-CHEESE.** A cheese provided at an accouchement. *Warw.*

**SAGER.** A lawyer. *Yorksh.*

**SAGGARD.** The rough vessel in which all crockery, fine or coarse, is placed when taken to the oven for firing. *Staff.*

**SAGH.** Saw. *Yorksh.*

**SAGHE.** Language; speech. It occurs in MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii.

**SAGHETYLLE.** To be reconciled. (*A.-S.*)

I *salle* hym surelye ensure that *saghetylle* *salle* we never,  
 Are we *sallye* assemble by ourseliene ones.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 56.*

Alle the world travelles to brytynge thame to hande  
 alle that thame nedis, so that thay may with more  
 ryst better serve Godde, and with thaire haly dedis  
*saghetelynge* make bytwyn God and mane.

*MS. Linc'na. A. i. 17, f. 230.*

What maner and with what thing

May I gete thi *saghetelynge.*

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 6.*

**SAGINATION.** Fattening. (*Lat.*)

There remaine yet of this discourse of oxen two other necessary tractats, the one naturall and the other morral. That which is natural contains the several uses of their particuar parts: and first for their flesh, which is held singular for nourishment, for which cause, after their labour which bringeth leanness, they use to put them by for *sagination*, or [as it is sayd] in English for feeding, which in all countries hath a severall manner or custom.

*Topseil's Four-Footed Beasts, p. 67.*

SAG-LEDGE. A cross-bar to a gate. *East*.  
 SAID. Wearied; tired; quieted. *North*.  
 SAID-SAW. A proverb. *Palsgrave*.  
 SAIE. Saw. *Chaucer*.  
 SAILE. To assail. (*A.-N.*)  
 SAILING-WARE. Canvass cloth.  
 SAILLE. To leap. (*A.-N.*) Hence *sailours*, leapers, dancers.  
 SAILS. The wings of a hawk.  
 SAIL-WOUND. Twisted in the manner of windmill sails. *Beds*.  
 SAIM. (1) Lard; fat. *Var. dial.*  
 Tak the rute of horslue, an t stamp it, and fry it in a panne with swy: e *sayme*, and wryng it owte, and do it in hostes. *MS. Livc. Med. f. 293.*  
 For rankelyng. Take the marow and the gresse of a male swyne, that is for to say the *sayme*, and fry et t gelur, and lay therto, and it schal be hole. *MS. in M. Potignon's possession, xv Cent. f. 11.*  
 Sare barrelling up the droppings of her nose, in steel of oyle, to *sayme* wool withall, and would not adventure to spit without halfe a dozen of porrencers at her elbow. *Nash's Pierce Penniless, 1592*  
 (2) A crack in crockery. *Line*.  
 SAIN. Said. Still in use.  
 SAIND. A message. *North*.  
 SAINE. (1) Seen. *Chaucer*.  
 (2) To bless; to sanctify.  
 Smaile stanes of the see *sayned* thou thare, And thy warre saphirs for sothe was nane swylke sene. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 232.*  
 SAINT. (1) Cent, a game at cards. Lord North, in 1578, notes losing fifteen shillings "at *saint*," *Archaeologia*, xix, 297.  
 Tut, he hath cards for any kind of game, Primero, *saint*, or whatsoever name. *Rotclands' Humors Ordinarie, n. d.*  
 At what game shall we play, at *saint*, at primero, at trumpe? *The French Alphabet, 1615, p. 148.*  
 (2) A cincture, or girdle.  
 (3) *Saint Cuthbert's duck*, the eider duck. *Saint John's nut*, a double nut. *Saint Mary's nut*, a triple nut.  
 (4) Same as *Samite*, q. v.  
 SAINT-JOHN. See *Borowe*.  
 Stones brosten, the crith schoke, and dede folk ganne awake;  
 That this is soth in holy boke, *Seynt Jone to borow* I take.  
 With an O and an I. *Seynt Jone* I take to borow.  
 Marie and Cristes passione us help a sorow. Amen. *MS. Ashmole 41, f. 134.*  
 SAINT-MONDAY. Monday is so called by some of the London mechanics, who often make that day a holiday.  
 SAINTOUR. A centaur? See p. 335, col. 1.  
 SAINT'S-BELL. The small bell of a church which called to prayer and other offices.  
 Her tongue is the clapper of the devil's *saints-bell*, that rings all into confusion: it runs round like a wheel, one spok after another, and makes more noise and jangling than country steeples on the fifth of November.  
*Poor Robin's True Character of a Scold, 1673, p. 4.*  
 SAIR-TEMS. Hard labour attended with discouraging circumstances. *Nortinumb.* Corrupted from *sore times*?  
 SAIRY. Poor; helpless. *North*.

SAKE. (1) A land-spring. *West*.  
 (2) Strife; contention. (*A.-S.*)  
 Nai, queth Josian, at that *sake*  
 Never eft ne schel his heved ake.  
*Beves of Hamtoun, p. 118*  
 (3) Reason; cause. *Deron*.  
 (4) Guilt; sin. (*A.-S.*)  
 Synne and *sake*, shame and strif,  
 That now over al the world is rif  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 6.*  
 Forgyve me that I dud jou take  
 Into bondes withouten *sake*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 32.*  
 (5) To forsake. Still in use.  
 Forsche *sakyth* owre lay.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38 f. 39.*  
 (6) To kill. (*A.-S.*)  
 SAKELET. A little sack, or bag.  
 SAKER. (1) The peregrine hawk. "Sacre a hauke, *sacre*," *Palsgrave*.  
 (2) A piece of ordnance of three inches and a half bore, weight of shot five pounds and a half. According to Harrison, p. 198, the weight of the saker was 1500 lbs.  
 We cam to Netley by the Gallion, whom we hayled with half a dosen *sacres*, and she us with as many. *MS. Hist. 5003.*  
 The cannon, blunderbuss, and *saker*,  
 He was th' inventor of and maker.  
*Hudibras, I. ii. 355.*  
 SAKERINGE. The sacrament.  
 SALAMANDER. A large poker; a circular iron plate used for culinary purposes.  
 SALAMON. The mass. Dekker's Lanthorne and Candle-Light, 1620, sig. C. iii.  
 SALANDINE. The calecedony. (*A.-N.*)  
 SALD. Given; sold. (*A.-S.*)  
 SALE. (1) Hall.  
 Some thay sembled in *sale*,  
 Bathe kynges and cardenale.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 133.*  
 When he had tolde this tale  
 To that semely in *sale*,  
 He hade wordis at wale. *Perceval, 1536.*  
 (2) To glad; to content. (*A.-N.*)  
 And as the snowe from Jupiter doeth falle  
 Thorowe the force of Sagittarius bowe,  
 And Zepherus doeth the floures *sale*  
 On white blossomes when she doeth blowe.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 33.*  
 (3) To sell. Octovian, 1909.  
 (4) The iron or wooden part of the collar of a cart-horse. *East*.  
 (5) *To set to sale*, to offer to any one. True Tragedy of Richard III. p. 23. "To set to sale, *venalem habere*," Coles.  
 Fayre lordings, if you list to heere  
 A mery jest your mindes to cheere,  
 Then harken to this mery tale,  
 Was never meryer *set to sale*.  
*The Milner of Abington, n. d.*  
 SALERE. (1) A salt-seller. *Pr. Parv.*  
 (2) A solere or upper chamber.  
 They toke a basyn with watur clere,  
 And they went up ynto a *salere*,  
 And sett up a candulle bryghte  
 Ovyr the pyes cage fulle ryghte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 196.*  
 SALES. The upright stakes of a hurdle.

**SALET.** A light helmet. (*A.-N.*) "Salet of harnesse, *salade*," Palsgrave.

There was shotyng of gonays and arows plente,  
There was showtyng and crying that the erthe did  
quake;

There was hewyng of harnes, peté, was to see,  
For fere of that fray many man did shake!  
There was tremelyng and turnyng, thayre woo did  
wake;

There was hewyng of helmettes and *salettes* also,  
Hit plesid God that season it shulde be soo.

*MS. Bibl. Reg.* 17 D. xv.

He never tauht his to weare nowther sword ne *sullett*,  
But to preche abroad without staffe, scrypp, or walett.

*Bale's Kynges Johan*, p. 52.

**SALWE.** To salute. (*A.-N.*)

Wiche on hir fete gunnen strelt to goon  
To Thesalie, and *salwe* there the kyng.

*MS. Digby* 230.

**SALE-WORTH.** Ready for sale.

**SALFE.** To save.

Thou *salfe* thi saules sare.

*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 222.

**SALGHE.** A sallow, or willow. "A salghe or  
saly, *salix*," *MS. Diet.* A. D. 1540.

**SALIED.** Danced. *Becon*, p. 373.

**SALISBURY-PLAIN.** *Aubrey*, Royal Soc. *MS.*  
p. 173, gives the following Wiltshire proverb:

Salisbury Plain,  
Never without a thief or twain.

**SALK.** The swipple or shorter part of a thrash-  
ing flail. *Yorksh.*

**SALLE.** (1) Soul. Nominale *MS.*

To thi awyn *salle* be never on-kynd.

*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 52.

(2) Shall. Still in common use. Brockett  
calls it a vulgarism.

That he scholde qwyte hym that dynt,  
That he of his handes hynte;

*Salle* never this travele be tynt. *Pereceval*, 91.

**SALLET.** A salad. *Hall*.

**SALLIS.** Hog's-lard. *Glouc.*

**SALLOT.** Shall not. *North*.

**SALLY.** (1) A sallow, or willow. *West.*

Who that byldeth his husse all of *salos*,  
And prikketh a blynde horsse over the folowes,  
And suffereth his wif to seke many halos,  
God sende hym the blisse of everlastyng galos.

*Reliq. Antiq.* i. 233.

(2) To move, or run from side to side; to pitch  
forward. *Var. dial.*

(3) A tottering situation. *Susser.*

(4) The serving, or pluffy part of a bell-rope.  
*Batchelor*, p. 142.

**SALLY-WITHY.** A willow. *Wilts.*

**SALME.** To sing psalms. It occurs in *MS.*  
*Cotton*, *Vespas.* D. vii.

**SALMON-GUNDY.** Apples, onions, veal, or  
chicken, and pickled herrings, minced fine,  
and eaten with oil and vinegar. Hence a  
nickname for a cook.

**SALMON-SPRINT.** A young salmon. *North.*  
Minshen and Coles have *salmon-pele*.

**SALSE.** Sauce; seasoning.

**SALSER.** A salt-cellar. (*Lat.*)

**SALSTER.** A dealer in salt.

**SALSUTTER.** A kind of small fish, like a  
roach, but stouter in the body. *West.*

**SALT.** (1) *Maris appetens*. Also, a leap in a  
similar sense. *North*.

Then they grow *salt* and begin to be proud; yet  
in ancient tyme, for the more ennobbing of their  
race of dogges, they did not suffer them to engender  
till the male were foure yeare old, and the female  
three: for then would the whelpes proove more  
stronge and lively. *Topsell's Beasts*, 1607, p. 139.

(2) At the ancient long dinner-table a large salt  
was placed in the middle, those sitting at the  
upper end being *above the salt*, and were the  
superior guests; the others were *below the  
salt*. This custom is often metaphorically  
referred to.

There is another sort worse then these, that  
never utter anything of their owne, but get jests by  
heart, and rob bookes and men of prettie tales, and  
yet hope for this to have a roome *above the salt*.

*Essays by Cornucopius*, 1632, no. 13.

(3) A salt-cellar. *Var. dial.* "Salts of pure  
beaten gold," *Middleton*, v. 491.

(4) Pointed language. "She speaks with salt,"  
*Citye Match*, 1639, p. 15. "Salt, a pleasaunt  
and merrie word that maketh folks to laugh,  
and sometime pricketh," *Baret*, 1580.

**SALT-CAT.** Same as *Cat* (1).

**SALT-COTE.** A salt-pit. Nominale *MS.* See  
*Harrison's England*, p. 240.

**SALT-EEL.** A game something like hide and  
find. The name of *Salt eel* may have been  
given it from one of the points of the game,  
which is to haste the runaway individual whom  
you may overtake all the way home with your  
handkerchief twisted hard for that purpose.  
*Salt-eel* implies, on board ship, a rope's ending,  
and on shore, an equivalent process. "Yeow  
shall have *salt eel* for supper," is an emphatic  
threat, referring to the back rather than to  
to the belly. *Moor*.

**SALT-GEM.** A kind of crystal salt.

**SALTIMBANCO.** A mountebank.

**SALT-KIT.** A salt-box. *North*.

**SALT-PIE.** (1) A box for salt. (2) A building  
of that form. *North*.

**SALTS.** Marshes near the sea flooded by the  
tides. *Susser*.

**SALT-STOLE.** Some kind of dish. "*Fercu-  
lun*, a salt stole," Nominale *MS.*

**SALT-WAJER.** A salvager; one employed on  
the sea coast by the lord of a manor to see  
to his rights of salvage, wreck, or waif. *Suff.*

**SALT-WEED.** Toad-rush. *Staffolk*.

**SALUE.** To salute, or greet. (*A.-N.*)

Launcelott forth weyndys he  
Unto the chambyr to the queene,  
And sette hym downe upon his kne,  
And *salues* there that lady shene.

*MS. Harl.* 2252, f. 87.

Heyle, *saluyng* of seyntyngs in hevене.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 5.

**SALUST.** Saluted. *Gawayne*.

**SALUTARY.**

Mervel ye not of this makyng,  
I me excuse, hit ys not y,  
Hit ys Goddus worde and his techyng,  
That he tajt a *salutary*.

*MS. Dauce* 302, xv. Cent.

**SALUTE.** According to Hall, fol. 43, Henry V.

in his eighth year, "caused a new coyne to be made called the *salute*, wherein wer the armes of Fraunce, and the armes of England and Fraunce quarterly."

SALVAGE. Savage; cruel.

And yt se wiste what I am,  
And oute of what linage I cam,  
Se weldre not be so *salvage*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 240.

SALVE. To save. It occurs in the *Triall of Wits*, 4to, 1604, p. 217.

It myghte *salve* hyme of sore that sounde was nevere.

*Morte Artoure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 63.

SAM. (1) To skim. *North*.

(2) To curdle milk. *North*.

(3) To put things in order. *Laue*.

(4) To collect together. *North*. It is an archaism. See *Sammed*.

(5) To stand *sam* for one, is to be answerable for him, to be his surety.

SAMARE. The skirt of a mantua.

SAMBUKE. A kind of harp. (*Lat.*)

SAMBÛS. A saddle cloth. *Warton*.

*Samburs* of the same threde,

That wroght was in the heythen thede.

*MS. Harl.* 2252, f. 115.

SAMCAST. Two ridges ploughed together. *Cumb*.

SAMCLOTH. A sampler. There was also a sort of jacket so called.

SAME. (1) *In same*, together. (*A.-S.*)

They seyde, "God be at yowre game!"

He seyde, "Welcome alle *same*!"

He lete hymselfe then be gyld.

They seyde, "Sy, ys hyt thy wyll.

To come and speke owre kyng tyll,

Wyth wordys meke and myde!"

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 78.

That they myghte bothe in *same*

Wende to ther brotur, the Pope of Rome.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 34, f. 242.

Whan these ostes gan *samen* glyde,

Withe vois and hydous horiys sovrne.

*MS. Harl.* 2252, f. 113.

(2) Shame; wickedness. (*A.-S.*)

And than thou saie me ani *same*,

Ne shal I the nouȝt blame. *MS. Dgby* 86.

SAMEKILL. So much; as long as.

SAMEL. Gritty; sandy. *North*.

SAMELIKE. Similarly. *North*.

And darkeden there in that den al that day longe,  
Slepten wel swetly *samli* togadere.

*William and the Werewolf*, p. 67.

SAMENAND. Gathering together. It occurs in *MS. Cotton. Ve-pas. D. vii*.

SAMI. Watery; soft. *Beds*.

SAMITE. A very rich silk, sometimes interwoven with gold or silver thread.

Or was ther any velvet cremesyn?

Or was ther any *samite* or satin?

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 25.

The mayden is redy for to ryde

In a fulle ryche aparaylmente

Of *samytte* greue with mykylle pryde,

That wroght was in the oryunte,

*MS. Harl.* 2252, f. 111.

SAMMARON-CLOTH. A cloth between flaxen and hempen, finer than one, and coarser than the other.

SAMMEN-BRICKS. Half-burnt bricks. *East*.

SAMMODITHU. Tell me how you do. *Norf*.

"The form of greeting or saluting among the common people in Norfolk and Suffolk, and seems to signifie as much as, So maist thou thrive," Kennett, *MS*.

SAMMY. (1) A fool. *Var. dial*.

(2) A short stride, giving an unfair advantage in the game of leap-frog.

(3) Close; clammy; heavy; generally said of bread. *Salop*.

SAMNED. Assembled together.

Erles, kinges, lasse and more,

And fiftene kinges wer *sammed* thore.

*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 67.

Alle were they *sampnede* apone a daye,

With grete solace and mekille playe.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17*, f. 100.

SAM-OPE. Half open. *Devon*.

SAMPERE. Samphire. Elyot, 1559.

SAMPLARIE. Type; first copy. (*A.-N.*)

SAMPLARS. Young trees left for standers upon the cutting down of under-wood. *Oxon*.

SAMPLETH. A sampler. *North*.

SAMPSON. A drink made of brandy, cider, sugar, and a little water. *Cornw*.

SAMPSON'S-POSTS. A mouse-trap, so formed that the little animal when caught is crushed to death. The name is also given to a kind of notched post. See Harrison, p. 185.

SAM-SODDEN. Sodden, or coddled, applied to meat not dressed enough. *Dorset*.

SAM-SODE. Half sewed, speaking of an ignorant person, half witted, stupid.

SANAPPUS. Hand-napkins. "*Manutergium*, a sanope," *Nominales MS*.

Towellus of Elylyssham,

Whyȝth as the seys fame,

*Sanappus* of the same,

Thus servyd thei ware.

*Sir Decrevant*, 1387.

SANCEBELL. A Saint's-bell, q. v.

And with a trice trusse up thy life in the strong of thy *sancebell*. *Nash's Pierce Penniless*, 1592.

SANCITED. Ordained; ratified.

SANCOME. A quagmire. *Yorksh*.

SANCTIMONY. Holmess. (*Lat.*)

SAND. Sound. *North*.

SAND-BLIND. Nearly blind. It is the translation of *berlue* in *Hollyband's Dictionarie*, 4to, 1593. Still in use.

SANDED. Short-sighted. *North*.

SANDENER. Red ochre.

Take powder of coperose, and of *sandener*, of cyther y-liche moche be weȝt, and medle hem welle togedyr, and do hem in the wounde.

*MS. Med. Rec. xv. Cent.*

SANDERS. Sandal wood.

SAND-GALLS. Same as *Galls*, q. v.

SANDGATE-RATTLE. A quick and violent stamping in vulgar dancing. *North*.

SANDISMENE. Messengers. (*A.-N.*)

Thou sees that the emperour es angerde a lyttle,

Yt semes be his *sandismene* that he es sore grevede.

*Morte Artoure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 56.

SAND-TOT. A sand-hill. *Somerset*.

SANDWEED. Common spurrey. *Norf*.

- SANDY-BREAD.** Gritty bread; bread made of meal insufficiently sifted.
- SANE.** A medical composition, described in MS Linc. Med. f. 308.
- SANG.** (1) *By my sang,* a North country exclamation of revenge, or defiance. From *par la sangue Dieu*. *Sang is it*, indeed it is.  
(2) A handful of corn. *Devon*.  
(3) A song. *North*.  
*Songs faire of selcouth ryme, Englisch, Frensch, and Latyne.*  
*MS. Ashmole 60, f. 5.*
- SANGAREE.** Rack punch. Hence it is used as a term for a drunken bout.
- SANGINARIE.** The herb milfoil.
- SANGING-EATHIER.** The large dragon-fly.
- SANGLANT.** Sanguinary. (*Fr.*)
- SANGRAYLE.** The holy vessel out of which the last Passover was eaten.  
The knights of the table round,  
The *sangrayle* when they had sought.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 86.*
- SANGRE.** Singing.
- SANGRONIE.** Blood-red colour. *Sangrene*, a person of that colour. "Sanguine in grain," Harrison's England, p. 160.  
Off the *sangrene* also it is a syngre,  
To be demure, ryght curtes, and benigne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 140.*
- SANK.** (1) A great quantity. *Cumb.*  
(2) Blood. (*A.-N.*)
- SANNOCK.** To cry bitterly. *Sanny* is also in use. *East*.
- SANS.** Without. (*Fr.*)
- SANT.** Providence. (*A.-S.*)  
Thay thanked God of his *sant*,  
Alle the tother *syde*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 134.*
- SANZACK.** The governor of a city.
- SAP.** (1) Ale. *Sheff.*  
(2) To drench. *Yorksh.* Sappy drinking, protracted and excessive drinking.  
(3) To put a sop or toast into liquor. Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.
- SAPÉ.** Soap. *Nominale MS.*
- SAP-HEAD.** A blockhead. *Craven.* Several glossaries have *sapsceull*.
- SAP-WHISTLE.** A whistle made of a twig in sap when the bark will peel off.
- SAPY.** (1) Moist; sodden. *West.*  
(2) Sickly. (3) Foolish. *Var. dial.*
- SAR.** To serve; to earn. *West.*
- SARADYN.** The sardine stone.  
Some were of *safews* and some of *saradyn*,  
And some were *emrodys fyne*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 221.*
- SARCE.** (1) Vegetables. *Esse v.*  
(2) A small hair sieve. "Sarce for spyce, *sas*," Palsgrave.
- SARCELS.** The extreme pinion feathers in a hawk's wing. *Holme.*
- SARD.** Futuo. "Go teach your grandam to *sard*, a Nottingham proverb," Howell, p. 17.
- SARE.** Withered; dry. In old writers it is *saur*. It is well though not generally known, that ash when green makes good firewood; and, contrary to all other perhaps, is bad for that purpose when dry. This is kept in mind by the following verse:  
Burn ash-wood green, 'tis a fire for a queen;  
Burn ash-wood *sare*, 'twill make a man sware.  
(2) Tender; rotten. *Kent.*  
(3) Much; very; greatly. *North.*  
(4) Melancholy; bad; severe. *North.*
- SARE-BANED.** Stingy; unkind. *Yorksh.*
- SARESBURY.** Salishury. (*Lat.*)
- SAREY.** Poor; pitiable. *Cumb.*
- SARFIT.** A table-cloth. *Devon.*
- SARGENT.** A sergeant. *Lydgate.*
- SARGON.** The fish gillhead.
- SARK.** (1) A shirt, or shift. *North.* It occurs in *Nominale MS. xv. Cent.*  
(2) A porridge-pot. *Yorksh.*
- SARKLE.** To harrow, or rake. "To sarkle, *sarrive, sareulare*," Coles. "To sarkle, to harrow, or rake over againe," Florio, p. 444.
- SARLINISH.** A kind of silk. *Skinner.*
- SARMONDE.** A sermon. *Var. dial.*  
Your Lordships poore orator was comyng from  
the cathedrall church of Sarum, about the houer  
of aleaven of the clocke in the foore nowne, from the  
*sarmonde*.  
*Chancery Bills, Ff. 10, No. 53.*
- SARN.** A sort of oath. *Salop.*
- SARNICK.** (1) Inanimate. *East.*  
(2) A small quantity. *Suffolk.*
- SARPE.** A girdle. "With a riche *sarpe* and garter," Rutland Papers, p. 4. "*Sarpys* of gold about their quarters," Morte d'Arthur, ii. 414. It also occurs in Hall.
- SARPELERE.** (1) A coarse packcloth made of hemp. *Glouc.* See Lydgate, p. 204. and Tyrwhitt's Gloss. in v. "*Segestre*, a sarplar or canvas to wrap up wares," Coles.  
(2) "A sarplar of wool, a pocket or half a sack of wool; in Scotland a *serplath*, which contains eighty stone," Kennett MS.
- SARRA.** To serve. *North.*
- SARRAD.** Sewed. *Yorksh.*
- SARRANT.** A servant. *Somerset.*
- SARRE.** Sorer; more sore. (*A.-S.*)
- SARRELICHE.** Closely. (*Fr.*)  
The knave taught her way *sikerliche*,  
Thai rideo wel *sarreliche*.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 290.*  
It was nede for Cleodalis  
Stode on fot, and mani of his  
Aboute him stode *sarreliche*.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 224.*
- SARS-A-MINE.** A moderated and good-humoured sort of imprecation. *East.*
- SARSENS.** Round bolder stones. *Wills.*
- SARSIN.** A Saracen. *Palsgrave.*
- SARSNET.** A thin slight kind of silk. "*Sarsenet sylke, taffetas*," Palsgrave.  
But, quoth he, there is no reason why Maries smocke shoulde be of *sarsnet*, seeing Joseph's breeches were not of silke.  
*Mar-Prelate's Epistle, p. 62.*
- SART.** Soft; softly. *Devon.*
- SARTIES.** Certainly; indeed. *North.* Apparently a corruption of the old word *certes*.
- SARTIN.** Certain. *Var. dial.*

SARTRIN. A kind of hoe.  
 SARVER. A scuttle for a stable.  
 SARY-MAN. An expression of pity.  
 SASARARA. A corruption of *certiorari*, a kind of legal writ. *Var. dial.*  
 SASIN. A reaping-hook. *Devon.*  
 SASSE. A lock in a river.  
 SASSIFAX. The meadow saxifrage.  
 SASSLE. Sleepy; drowsy. *Somerset.*  
 SAT. (1) Became. (*A.-N.*)  
 Chosyn of God for to stynte oure stryfe  
 Of all wommen by hirselve alone,  
 Wherefor it sat not hir to crie and grone.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 52.*  
 (2) Opposed. (*A.-S.*)  
 SATE. Soft. *Dorset.* Hence *satepoll*, a soft-head, or silly fellow.  
 SATER. Saturday.  
 SATES. Quickset. *Salop.*  
 SATISFYINGLY. Contentedly.  
 A long time before this, my wife and myself were admitted into the church at Kipping, with which we walked *satisfyngly* many years.  
*Lister's Autobiography, p. 50.*  
 SATLE. To fall; to hang down; to subside; to sag. *Yorksh.*  
 SATLED. Shackled; embarrassed.  
 SATTEN. The name of a dog.  
 SATTET. Quiet; settled. *Lanc.*  
 SATTIE. Matted together. *Northumb.*  
 SATTLE. To settle. *North.*  
 Wherefore hafand reward and compassione of oure disesse, we beseke þow that þe late oure prayere's *sattelle* in þour hert, and helpe for to succour us now at oure nede.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 20.*  
 SATTY. A kind of frigate.  
 SATURDAY-STOP. A space of time in which of old it was not lawful to take salmons in Scotland and the North of England; that is, from evensong on Saturday till sun-rising on Monday. *Blount.*  
 SAUCE. (1) Impertinence. *Var. dial.* Also a verb, to be saucy, to abuse.  
 (2) To hox the ears. *Yorksh.*  
 (3) To garnish; to adorn. *Devon.*  
 (4) To serve the same sauce, i. e. to treat in the same fashion.  
 After him another came unto her, and served her with the same *sauce*: then a third: at last she began to wax warie.  
*The Man in the Moone telling Strange Fortunes, 1609.*  
 SAUCE-BOX. A saucy fellow. *Var. dial.* In old English we have *sauceling*.  
 SAUCE-JACK. An impudent fellow. Gifford apparently was unacquainted with the term. See Massinger, ii. 182.  
 Nor Jacke of Dover, that grand-jury jacke;  
 Nor Jacke *Sauce*, the worst knave amongst the pack.  
 But of the Jacke of Jackes, great Jacke a Lent,  
 To write his worthy acts is my intent.  
*Taylor's Works, 1630, i. 113.*  
 SAUCE-MADAME. A dish in ancient cookery, described in the Ord. and Reg. p. 432.  
 SAUCEPAN. To have the saucepan on the fire, i. e. to be ready to scold.  
 SAUCER-EYES. Large prominent eyes.

SAUCY. Dirty; untidy. *West.*  
 SAUF. (1) Safe. (*A.-N.*)  
 The schelde of Pallas gan embrace,  
 With whiche he covereth *sauf* his face.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 41.*  
 (2) To save. *MS. Cott. Vesp. D. vii.*  
 (3) The willow, or sallow. *Yorksh.*  
 SAUFY. Wet, as laud is. *North.*  
 SAUGH. The sallow willow. *North.*  
 SAUGHTE. Peace; quietness.  
 They send it hyme sothely for *saughte* of the people,  
 Sekerly at that sesone with certayne knyghtez.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 64.*  
 SAUL. (1) To beat. *Yorksh.*  
 (2) The solid substance in the inside of a covered button. *North.*  
 (3) A kind of motb. *North.*  
 SAULCERY. The department in the royal household which provided the sauces.  
 SAULT. To assault; to attack. *Palsgrave.*  
 SAUM. To walk lazily; to go dreaming on; to repeat anything too often. *Var. dial.*  
 SAUMBER. A covering for the arm.  
 Helme, and brim, and hauberjoun,  
 Saumbers, quissers, and aketoun.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 111.*  
 SAUMPLE. An example.  
 By alle gode *saumple* men may see  
 That very God ys in forme of brede.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 47.*  
 SAUNCE-BELL. A sacring-bell. See *Sacring*  
 Now what is love I will the tell.  
 It is the fountaine and the well,  
 Where pleasure and repentance dwell;  
 It is perhaps, the *saucing-bell*,  
 That rings all into heaven or hell.  
 And this is love, as I heare tell.  
*Heywood's Rape of Lucrece, i. 3.*  
 SAUNDRES. Sandal wood. *Saudali, albi, et rubri, et citrini, MS. Sloane 5, f. 10.*  
 SAUNDRIS. Slanders.  
 I may stonde in thilke rowe,  
 Amonge hem that *saundris* use.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 74.*  
 SAUN-FAIL. Without fail. (*A.-N.*)  
 And went to Londen *saun fail*,  
 Where the king, Sir Arthour,  
 Was a long with gre[t] honour.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 126.*  
 SAUNT. To disappear; to vanish. *North.*  
 SAUNTER-WHEEL. A wheel which works facewise from a spur-wheel. *West.*  
 SAUR. Urine from the cow-house. *North.*  
 Hence *saur-pool*, a stinking puddle. "*Saur-pool, graevolens.*" Coles.  
 SAURIN. Vinegar. *Cumb.*  
 SAUSEFLEMED. Having red spots or scabs on the face. A medicine that "*helith sauseflemed vysagyes*" is mentioned in a MS. of the xv. Cent. in Mr. Pettigrew's possession. It would appear from Arch. xxx. 412, to have sometimes engendered scabs.  
 SAUT. At peace; at friendship?  
 Help, dame Sirith, if thou maust,  
 To make me with the sueting *saut*,  
 And ich wille geve the gift ful stark,  
 Moni a pound and moni a marke.  
*Wright's Anc. Lit. p. 8.*

**SAUTE.** (1) To jump. (*A.-N.*)  
 (2) To assault. (3) An assault.  
 Johne and Moch and Wylle Scathlok,  
 For the as I yow say,  
 Thirslewoure men upon oure wallis,  
 And sautene us every day.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 139.*  
 For ofte tymys men talken of here travayle,  
 Bothe of sautys and also of batayle.  
*Archæologia, xxi. 48.*

**SAUTER.** The Psalter. (*A.-N.*)  
**SAUT.** Peace. (*A.-S.*)  
 Thei shul him take and deme to deȝe  
 Withouten any saust.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 93.*

**SAVE.** (1) The herb sage. (*Lat.*)  
 (2) To house hay or corn. *Devon.*

**SAVE-ALL.** (1) A kind of candlestick formerly used for burning the ends of candles. "A sort of candlestick contrived to make the ends of candles useful; metaphoricly, a very stingy fellow." *MS. Devon Gl.*  
 (2) A child's pinafore. *Cornw.*

**SAVEGUARD.** A wardrobe. *Devon.*

**SAVELICK.** The excrescence on the briar, so called because it is supposed by boys when worn about the arm to be an effectual charm against flogging.

**SAVELOYS.** Large sausages.

**SAVEMENT.** Safety; protection. (*A.-N.*)  
 Save him fram cumberment,  
 And him again bring in savement.  
*Gy of Warwick, p. 134.*

**SAVERE.** Saviour.  
 This ilke mayden good and mylde  
 Modir shal ben of a childe,  
 Of hir shal com monnes Svere.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 66.*

**SAVERLY.** By saving. *Tusser.*

**SAVERS.** The boys' cry of *halces!*

**SAVERTH.** Savoureth.  
 Tharfore hys wysdom hys owne rede  
 Saverth hyt yn wyne and brede.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 66.*

**SAVETE.** Safety. (*A.-N.*)

**SAVIARDE.** A kind of jacket, worn towards the end of the seventeenth century.

**SAVOREN.** To savour; to taste. (*A.-N.*)

**SAVOUR.** Knowledge. (*A.-N.*)

**SAVOUROUS.** Sweet; pleasant.

**SAWCE.** To make salt.

**SAWCISTRE.** A kind of sausage. "Lynke or sawcistre." *Pr. Parv. p. 306.* "A sawsyrlyng;" *Nominale MS.*

**SAWDE.** Hire; pay. (*A.-N.*)  
 I wolle ordeyn that everyche of you schalle have  
 thirty m<sup>l</sup>. men of armes for the whiche I schal paye  
 their sawde for thre yere. *MS. Digby, 165.*

**SAWDERS.** Soldiers.  
 They sayled over the salt see with sawders manye.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 111.*

**SAWE.** Speech; discourse. (*A.-S.*)  
 Then was that herd a carful man,  
 And never so sory as he was than,  
 When he herd that sawe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 55.*

**SAWL.** Drink; liquor. *North.*

**SAWNDER.** Alexander.

**SAWNDEVERE.** Sandlever.  
 Anoynt the heved therwith ylk daye til he ce  
 hale, bot schafe the hede at the begynnynge, and  
 gure it biede, and powdere the scalles with sawn-  
 devere. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 282.*

**SAWNEY.** (1) Liquor. *Yorksh.*  
 (2) A silly fellow. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) Lucky; fortunate. *North.*

**SAWSE.** To carve a tench.

**SAWSTIRE.** A sausage. *Nominale MS.*

**SAWTER-CRAWN.** A silly fellow.

**SAX.** (1) A knife. *Line.* "Nymeth 3oure saxes."  
 Robert Glouc. Chron. p. 125.  
 (2) A sachel; a small sack.

**SAY.** (1) Saw. (*A.-S.*)  
 To a clyfe of ston than rydyth hee,  
 And say the bore come fro the see.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 65.*  
 Thenne thel say that bare thei were,  
 In welthe and joye that were clad ere.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. i. 5.*  
 (2) The same as *Assay* (4).  
 I bequeth mi body to the colde seler,  
 I wolde that a lady toke the say of me.  
*Wyl Bucke, p. 4.*  
 (3) A delicate serge, or woollen cloth. "Saye  
 clothe, serge," *Palsgrave.*  
 (4) To try; to try on; to assay. As a sub-  
 stantive, a trial, a taste, a sample.  
 (5) An opinion. *Var. dial.*  
 (6) Give us something to say, i. e. give us a  
 toast. *Kent.*  
 (7) Influence; sway. *North.*  
 (8) To say nay, i. e. to deny. Forby explains it,  
 to refuse, to forbid.  
 (9) Song; speech. *Palsgrave.*  
 (10) Say of it, fast of it. *Suffolk.*  
 (11) Saint. *Gawayne.*

**SAYMENT.**  
 Torrent sayd, so mot I the,  
 And other sayment wolle I bee  
 Ore I take ordor of knyght.  
*Torrent of Portugal, p. 3.*

**SAY-NAY.** A lamprey. *Lanc.*

**SAYNE.** Saint. "Sayne Johan the Evaunge-  
 list," *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 231.*

**SAYSLANG.** A long pole; a stang. It occurs  
 in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593. Also spelt  
*sayslang*, which is perhaps the correct form.

**SAY-SO.** A mere nominal advantage.

**SAYSTE.** Sawest. (*A.-S.*)  
 Ther dwellyth a yeaut in a foreste,  
 Soche con thou nevyt sayste are.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. b. 34, f. 64.*

**SAYJERDE.** A sail-yard. Translated by *an-  
 tena* in *MS. Dictionary, A.D. 1540.*

**SCAB.** An ape; a baboon. Metaphorically, a  
 poor worthless fellow.  
 This kinde of dattry makes a whore take state,  
 Groves pocky pround, and in such port doth beare  
 her,  
 That such poore scabs as I must not come neere her.  
*Taylor's Worke, 1630, v. 111.*

**SCABBARD.** A mangy scabby person.

**SCABLINES.** Chippings of stone. *North.*

**SCABRIDGE.** The plant scabious.

**SCABY.** Stingy; shabby. *North.*

**SCACE.** Scarce. *Lydgate.*

SCAD. (1) Shed. MS. Devon Gloss.

And saye h to day is venim *schad*  
In holy chirche of temporalle.  
Whiche medeleth with the spiritalle.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 84.*

(2) A carcase; a dead body.

(3) The wild black plum. *Sussex.*

SCADDING-OF-PEAS. A custom in the North of boiling the common gray peas in the shell, and eating them with butter and salt, first shelling them; a bean, shell and all, is put into one of the pea-pods; whosoever gets this bean is to be first married. Generally called a *Scalding of Peas*. The company usually pelt each other with the pods. It is therefore called in the South *Peas and Sport*.

SCADDLE. (1) Thievish, generally in a petty way only; used in contempt. *Kent.*

(2) Confusion; mischief. *North.*

(3) Timid; bashful; shy. *Yorksh.*

SCADE. Severed. *Gawayne.*

SCADWYS. Shadows; shady places. *Loca umbrosa in silvis*, Anglice *schadwys*, MS. Bib. Reg. 12 B. i. f. 18.

SCAFE. To run up and down; to wander; to lead a scampish vagabondly life: thus they say, "An't ye ashamed of yesen, *scafing* up and down about the country?" *Line.*

SCAFFEL. A small spade or skuppet used in draining, and in out-hawling or feying narrow bottomed ditches. It differs from a spade in not tapering toward the edge, and in having its sides slightly turned up. It has a cot for the handle like a scuppit. I never heard the word but in Suffolk, nor saw it but in Tusser. Moor's Suffolk Words, p. 352.

SCAFFERON. Part of the ancient caparisonment of a horse, mentioned in Hall's Union, 1548. Hen. IV. f. 12.

SCAFFLE. To scramble. *Somerset.*

SCAFFLING. An eel. *Chesh.*

SCAGE. To throw a stick. *Yorksh.*

SCAGGLE. Fearful; timid. *North.*

SCAGGY. Rough; shaggy. *Glouc.*

SCAIT. To have a diarrhoea. *Deon.*

SCAITHFUL. Given to breaking pasture. Also, liable to be run over by stock; as open fields, &c. *Norfolk.*

SCALADO. A scaling of walls.

Yet all their talke is bastinado,  
Strong armado, hot *scalado*.

*Taylor's Dogge of Warre, p. 229.*

SCALBEGRES. Herba Cristofori. List of plants in MS. Sloane 5, f. 5.

SCALD. (1) Scabby, particularly in the head. Hence used for mean, shabby, disgusting. A person infected with *lues venerea* was said to be scalded.

Other news I am advertised of, that a *scald* trivial lying pamphlet is given out to be of my doing.

*Pierce Pennesse, 1592.*

(2) A multitude. *East.*

(3) A patch in a barley field scorched and withered up. *East.*

(4) To scorch. *Norf.*

SCALD-CREAM. Cream raised by heat. *West.*

SCALDING. Partial. *Oxon.*

SCALDRAG. One who boils rags.

For to be a laundres imports onely to wash or dresse lawne, which is as much impeachment as to cal a justice of the peace, a beadle; a dyer, a *scald-ragge*; or a fishmonger, a seller of gubbins.

*Taylor, ed. 1630, ii. 163.*

SCALE. (1) To spread; to disperse abroad.

*North.* The term is an archaism. It is found in Hall, Richard III. f. 15, "sodenly *scalded* and departed." The word occurs in Coriolanus, i. 1, but is there a misprint for *stale*, as distinctly proved by Gifford, and still more elaborately in Dyce's Remarks, p. 158. The observations of Brockett on this passage, which he quite misunderstands, lead me to observe that, with a few trifling exceptions, the very worst annotations on Shakespear have proceeded from the compilers of provincial glossaries, to whom the philological student would be more deeply indebted if they would confine themselves to the correct explanation of words in actual use, without entering into subjects that require a distinct range of reading and study.

(2) To weigh as in scales. "A *scald* pottle," a pottle of the right measure.

Plague, not for a *scald* pottle of wine.

*The Honest Whore, i. 1.*

(3) To throw at fruit on trees, as apples, walnuts, &c. *South.*

(4) To change. *Dorset.*

(5) A very steep hill. *North.*

(6) To beat. *Yorksh.*

(7) To stir the fire. *North.*

(8) A drinking-cup. *Somerset.*

SCALE-DISIL. A milk-skimmer. *North.*

SCALE-IN. To plough in with a shallow furrow. *Norf.*

SCALES. The outermost cuts of a piece of timber with the bark on, not thick enough to be called planks. *Devon.*

SCALIS-MALIS. Cadiz. Skelton, ii. 195.

SCALL. A scale, or scab. (*A.-S.*)

SCALLAGE. A lich-gate. *West.*

SCALLARD. A scald-head.

SCALLEWORT. *Centrum galli*. List of herbs in MS. Sloane 5, f. 4.

SCALLIONS. A good beating. *North.*

SCALLOPS. An awkward girl.

SCALOUN. A shilling. Octovian, 1313.

SCALY. Mean; stingy. *Var. dial.* In some places it means mischievous, thievishly inclined.

SCAM. A spot, or stain. *North.*

SCAMBLE. To scramble; to shift. "Scamblingly, catch that catch may," Cotgrave.

Thus sith I have in my voyage suffred wracke with Ulses, and wringing-wett *scambled* with life to the shore, stand from mee, Nausicaa, with all thy traine, till I wipe the blot from my forehead, and with sweete springs wash away the salt froth that cleaves to my soule. *Gosson's Schoole of Abuse, 1579.*

SCAMBLED. Defeated; balked. *West.*

SCAMBLING. Sprawling. *Heref.*

SCAMBLING-DAYS. Days in Lent, when no regular meals were provided, but every one scrambled and shifted for himself as he could.



SCAME. To hurt, or injure.

SCAMELS. This word, which occurs in the Tempest, and is most probably a misprint, has baffled all annotators on Shakespeare. *Seamell* is the generally received reading, but cannot be correct on account of the quantity of the first syllable. Mr. Dyce conjectures *staniels*, but surely a trisyllable cannot be right. Read *stannels*, and we may perhaps have the true word. "A stannel, *timucaculus*," Coles. If I recollect rightly, this was one of the conjectures proposed by Theobald.

SCAMINE. The scammony.

SCAMP. A great rascal. *Var. dial.*

SCAN. To scoff; to scold. *Devon.*

SCANDAL-BROTH. Tea. *Var. dial.*

SCANDRET. A drunkard. *Worc.* I give this word on the authority of an anonymous correspondent.

SCANT. Scarce; insufficient. Also an adverb, as in the following passage:

And whan thei wil fighte, thei wille schokken hem togidre in a ploump; that ȝif there be 20,000 men, men schalle not wenen that there be scant 10,000. *Motaderville's Travels*, p. 252.

For mine owne part, I live not in such want  
But that I eate and sleepe, though coyne be scant,  
*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, ii. 112.

SCANTELOUN. A carpenter's measure. See Romannt of the Rose, 7114.

Do we wel and make a tour  
With squyre and scanteloun so even.  
*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 14.  
soft, scr, seyð the skantyloun,  
I trow ȝour thryft be welc ny done;  
Ever to crewyll thou arte in word,  
And ȝet thou arte not worth a tord;  
Fore all the gode that thou gete myght,  
He wyl spend it on a nyght.  
*MS. Ashmole 61*, xv. Cent.

SCANTISH. Scarce. *North.*

SCANTITY. Insufficiency. *East.*

SCANTLE. To become scanty.

The chynes of beefe in great houses are scantled to buie chains of gold; and the almshouses that was wont to relceve the poore, is husbanded better to buy new rebatoes. *Lodge's Wit's Miserie*, 1596.

SCANTLING. A portion of anything, generally meant as a specimen. "Scantlon of a clothe," Palsgrave. The size to which joiners intend to cut their stuff is called the *scantling*.

SCAPE. (1) A misdemeanour.

(2) To escape. (*A-S.*)

Johan toke the munkes horse be the hed,  
For sothe as I yow say;  
So did Mueh, the litulle page,  
For he shulde not scape away.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48*, f. 129  
xl, he had changed for oon,  
Ther *skaped* but two away.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33*, f. 74.

(3) A trick, shift, or evasion.

SCAPE-GALLOWES. A bad fellow, one who has narrowly escaped the gallows. *Scape-grace*, a hair-brained fellow. *Scape-thrift*, a thriftless fellow.

Off fillers, pedlers, fayle scape slaves,  
Of tinkers, turnecoates, tospot knaves,  
Of theifes and *scapethrifts* many a one,  
With bounding Besse and jolly Joane,  
Of idle boyes and journeymen,  
And vagrants that the country runn.

*MS. Harl. 1221*, f. 92.

SCAPELLAR. A narrow piece of cloth worn by monks over the rest of their dress, reaching almost to the feet. "Skapplers and cootes," Skelton's Works, ii. 420.

SCAPLOREY. A scapulary.

SCAPPLE. To rough-hew, generally applied to stones. See Craven Gl. ii. 101.

SCAR. (1) Exposed to. *Sussex.*

(2) To scare, or frighten. *Line.*

(3) A scarecrow. *Palsgrave.*

(4) A bare and broken place on the side of a mountain, or in the high bank of a river. *North.* Ray explains it "the cliff of a rock, or a naked rock on the dry land," and thinks it is the origin of the name of Scarborough. The definitions here given do not, however quite convey the ancient meaning of *scar*, which must be interpreted a *precipice*. "Verie deepe *scarrie* rockes," Harrison's Britaine, p. 93. *Scarry*, full of precipices, Craven Glossary, ii. 102. "A scar, cliff, *mons prorruptus*," Coles. The passage in Shakespeare, "men make ropes in such a *scarre*," is difficult of explanation; but the old text, obscure as it is, is certainly to be preferred to any emendation yet proposed. Mr. Knight's explanation is nearly as difficult as the text, and although, as he remarks, Shakespeare is accustomed to the use of strong metaphorical expressions, yet we may fairly doubt whether, in the whole range of his plays, such an unnatural and forced construction is adopted as in the passage printed with Mr. Knight's punctuation. Looking fully at the context, I would explain it thus. Diana, at the moment of uttering this speech, is on the point of pretending to yield to Bertram's wishes; she has combated his assurances of sincerity in the vows of love, but apparently struck with the urgency of his arguments, she says, *I see that men make ropes in such a scarre, that we'll forsake ourselves*; I see that men make reasons to assist their views even in such a barren difficult subject, that we will desert ourselves, and yield to them. Then comes the result, "Give me that ring;" and no further solicitation is necessary on Bertram's part, who wins "a heaven on earth," by producing arguments for a course which no proper reasons could justify, in short, by making "ropes in such a *scarre*."

He loked abowte; thanne was he warre  
Of an ermytage undir a *skerre*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17*, f. 123.

Marry, even heaved over the *scarre*, and sent a-swimming toward Burtholme, his old habitation, if it bee not intercepted by some scale, shackle, sturgeon, or such like. *Huffman*, 1631.

(5) A shred, or piece. *North.*

SCARAB. A beetle. (*Lat.*)

With secret contemplation doth contemne the  
baze minds of such as, with the *scarab* flye, de-  
lighteth only to live in dung and mire.

*Greene's Plane-machia*, 1595, f. 1.

SCARAMOUCH. The name of a famous Italian  
postre-master, who in the year 1673 came  
to act here in England, from whom all those  
persons that perform feats of agility, and are  
dressed in particular Spanish habits, bear that  
as a common name. *Dyche*.

SCARBABE. A scarecrow. "And, like a  
*scarbabe*, make him take his legs," *Wily* Be-  
guiled, ap. *Hawkins*, iii. 329.

SCARBOROUGH. *Scarborough leisure*, no  
leisure at all, *Stanhurst's Ireland*, p. 23.  
*Scarborough warning*, no warning, or a very  
brief one.

SCARBOT. A kind of beetle.

SCAR-BUGGE. A bughear.

For sinne is no *scar-bugge*, and wee shall one day  
finde it so. *Dent's Pathway*, p. 345.

SCARCE. (1) To sieve. Also, a sieve.

Tak hert-horne, and brynne it, and bete it to  
powdir, and *scarce* it thorow a *scarce*, and use it ilk  
daye to thou be hale. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17*, f. 292.

(2) Sparing; stingy. (*A.-N.*)

(3) To make one's self scarce, i. e. to go away.  
A common phrase.

SCARD. A shard, or fragment. *Yorksh.*

SCARE. (1) To spend; to consume. *Suffolk.*

(2) Lean; seraggy; scanty. *East.*

(3) A cur to drive away pigs, &c.

(4) "I've got the *scare* of him," I have frightened  
him so as to force him to do or prevent his  
doing anything. We also say, "I have put  
the *scare* upon him." *East.*

(5) Wild; timid; shy. *North.*

SCARE-A-JOB. A phrase implying that the  
job will be nearly finished, and tantamount to  
the expression "making it look foolish." *Essex.*

SCARE-BRAKE. A stick from a hedge? *Thoms'*  
*Anecdotes and Trad.* p. 27.

SCARET-ROOT. The herb skirwort.

SCARE. A silken ornament hung loosely upon  
any part of a lady's dress, tied on by a knight,  
and worn as a mark of her favour. *To scarf*,  
to wear loose, like a scarf; to cover or ban-  
dage up.

SCAR-FIRE. An alarm of fire.

SCARIFIED. Frightened. *Var. dial.*

SCARIOT. Judas Iscariot.

SCARL. A scarecrow, or bughear.

SCARMISHE. A skirmish; a battle. (*A.-N.*)

SCARMONY. A kind of spice.

SCARN. Dung of cattle. *North.*

SCARN-BEE. A dung-bee. *Westm.*

SCARNY-HOUGHIS. A dirty drab. *Westm.*

SCARPED. Dried up, or parched, as when in  
fever the skin becomes dry and hard, it is said  
to be *scarped*. Qu. a corruption of *scarfed*,  
scarf being the outer skin. *Live.*

SCARPIN. A scorpion. "*Scorpio*, Anglice a  
scarpyn," *Nominale MS.* f. 7.

SCARSE. To go away; to disperse.

The wyndy storme began to *scarse*,

The sonne ariste, the wedir cleareth.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 236.

SCARSTEE. Scarcity. (*A.-N.*)

And eke to me it is a grete penaunce,

Syth ryme in Englyssh hath such *scarstee*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6*, f. 57.

All of grace lete be no *skarsté*,

Good lady, that arte of grace welle.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 19.

SCART. To scratch. *North.*

SCARTERS. The dugs of a cow. *Lin.*

SCARTOCCIOS. Covers; folds of paper.

SCARVE. A contrivance for taking fish.

SCARVISII. Bright; clear. *Devou.*

SCARYWHIFF. Askew. *Somerset.*

SCASSENES. Scarcity. *Pr. Parv.*

SCAT. (1) A passing shower. *Devou.*

When Haldon hath a hat,

Let Kenton beware of a *skat*.

*Old Devonshire Proverb.*

(2) To dash; to burst; to slap. *West.* Also  
a substantive, a blow.

(3) Scared. *Essex.*

(4) Broken; ruined. *Cornw.*

(5) A continuance. *West.*

(6) Go away! Get along! *North.*

SCATCH. (1) A horse's bit. (*Fr.*)

(2) A hedge of dry branches.

SCATCH-PAWED. Left-handed. *Essex.*

SCATE. (1) Diminution; injury.

Make hit long and large y-now, withoute any *scate*.  
*Chron. Filodun.* p. 98.

(2) A light-heeled wench. *North.*

(3) To have a diarrhoea. *Glouc.*

SCATHE. Harm; loss; damage. (*A.-S.*)

"One doth the *scathe* and another hath the  
scorn;" North Country proverb.

That, god Wilekin, me reweth thi *scathe*,

Houre Loverd sende the help rathe!

*MS. Digby 86.*

I hit the ysturdur seven shylling,

Have brok it wel to thi clothyng,

Hit wil do the no *skathe*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48*, f. 53.

SCATHIEFUL. Destructive; pernicious.

SCATHERED. Said of feet ingrined by  
water and small coals getting into the shoes.

*Northumb.*

SCATLOE. Loss; harm; prejudice. *North.*

SCATTE. (1) Money. (2) Tax. (*A.-S.*)

SCATTERBRAINED. Giddy. *North.*

SCATTY. Showery. *South.*

SCAU. A fig. *Northumb.*

SCAUMY. Clear; bright; glossy. *North.*

This differs from the meaning given by Kennett,  
who says "any imperfect disagreeable colour  
is said to be *scawmy*, or of a *scawmy* colour."

SCAUP. (1) A bare thin soil. *Yorksh.* Also,  
a lean seraggy person.

(2) Head; skull; scalp. *Yorksh.*

SCAUT. (1) To push violently. *West.*

(2) The pole attached to the axle of a waggon,  
and let down to prevent its running back  
while ascending a hill.

SCAVEL. Voracious; greedy. *North.* "Scavel,  
*avidus, vorax*," *Coles*.

- SCAVEL-AN-GOW. Confused talking. *Cornw.*  
 SCAVERNICK. A hare. *Cornw.*  
 SCAVILONES. Drawers; pantaloons. *Strutt.*  
 SCAW. The elder tree. *Cornw.*  
 SCAWBERK. A scabbard.  
 In the mydde off a book sche heelde a swerd,  
 Other *scawberk* haide sche noon.  
*MS. Cott. Tiber. A. vii. f. 4b.*  
 Beside that tresour lay a dragoun,  
 And theron lay a swerd broun,  
 The *scawberk* comly corn. *Cy of Warwick*, p. 348.  
 SCED. The parting of the hair on a person's  
 head. *Nominale MS. xv. Cent.*  
 SCEDE. To spill. *Lauc.*  
 SCELEROUS. Wicked. (*Lat.*)  
 Kyng Richard by this abominable and *scelerous*  
 act, thinking hymselfe well releuyd bothe of feare  
 and thought, woude not have it kept counsaill.  
*Holl. Richard III. f. 4.*  
 SCCELLUM. A thief. A cant term.  
 But if a drunkard be unpledg'd a kan,  
 Draws out his knife, and basely stabs a man,  
 To runne away the rascal shall have scope;  
 None holds him, but all cry, *Lope, scellum, lope!*  
*Taylor's Worke, 1630, ii. 123.*  
 SCENT. A descent. *South.*  
 SCH. For many or most words beginning with  
*sch*, see under *sh*.  
 SCHADONS. Young bees. *North.*  
 SCHALE. A scale; a ladder.  
 Sthen thou of Jacob arte the ryzte *schale*,  
 The wey of lyf, the ladir of holynesse.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 26.*  
 SCHAMELLE. A camel. "*Camelus*, Anglice  
 a *schemelle*," *Nominale MS.*  
 SCHEFT. The auncel-weight.  
 SCHEKINE. A chicken. "*Pullus*, Anglice a  
*schekyne*," *Nominale MS.*  
 SCHELL. To overturn. *Lin.*  
 SCHEME. A party of pleasure.  
 SCHERCHE. Church. *Sevyn Sages, 1823.*  
 SCHESELLE. A chisel. *Nominale MS.*  
 SCHISMS. Frivolous expenses. *East.*  
 SCHISM-SHOP. A dissenting chapel.  
 SCHOAT. A kneading trough. *Kent.*  
 SCHOCH. To suspect. *Will. Werv.*  
 SCHOOL. (1) To put back the ears, as a horse  
 when provoked. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) A shoal of fish, probably a corruption of the  
 word shoal. *Lin.*  
 SCHOOLING. Education. *Var. dial.*  
 SCHOOL-STREET. The university. *Oxon.*  
 SCHOUR. Battle; conflict.  
 The good Duc of Gloucestrie in the seson  
 of the parlement at Bury beyng,  
 Was put to deth; and ay sith gret mornynge  
 Hath ben in Ingeland with many a scharp *schour*.  
*MS. Bibl. Soc. Antiq. 101, f. 36.*  
 SCHREWARD. A ribald; a rascal.  
 SCHROUGE. To press; to rub. *West.*  
 SCHYE. The sky.  
 I woowld I had the nymbell wynges  
 Of mylk-whyte dove that clyps in *schye*.  
*MS. Ashmole 48.*  
 SCHYLDEN. To bring forth a child. This  
 occurs in *MS. Bib. Reg. 12 B. i. f. 60*. "*Puer*,  
 Anglice a *schyle*," *Nominale MS.*  
 SCIENT. Learned. *Lydgate.*
- SCIMMINGER. A piece of connterfeit money  
 of base metal rubbed over or cased with silver.  
*Kent.*  
 SCIND. To wash. *Durham.*  
 SCINDARIZE. To break to pieces. *Ashmole's*  
*Theat. Chem. Brit. 1652, p. 415.*  
 SCINK. A newt; a lizard.  
 SCIRTLE. Hasty; wild; changeable.  
 SCITTLE. Skittish. *Kent.*  
 SCITTURN. A shrewd turn. *Hauts.*  
 SCL. For many words commencing with *sel*,  
 see under *sl*.  
 SCLATYRE. To be negligent.  
*Sclatyre* thy clothys bothe schort and syde,  
 Passyng all mennes syde.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 15*  
 SCLAU. To scratch, or claw. *Cornw.*  
 SCLAUNDRE. Slander. (*A.-N.*)  
 SCLEEZY. Said of cloth, when the threads are  
 irreglar and uneven. *Devon.*  
 SCLENT. Glided?  
 A fote ynto the erthe hyt *sciente*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 113*  
 SCLISE. Discreet; cunning.  
 The knyghtes ryden on horsys hye,  
 With wordes myld, feyre, and *schyse*.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 3.*  
 SLOWED. Scratched. *Devon.*  
 SCOAD. To scatter, or throw abroad any loose  
 earth, as mole-hills, &c. *Devon.*  
 SCOANES. Stones; pavement. *Cornw.*  
 SCOBY. A chaffinch. *Yorksh.*  
 SCOCHONS. Scutcheons. (*A.-N.*) "*Schochen*  
 a badge, *escuissou*," *Palsgrave.*  
 The *scochen* of many knyzt  
 Of gold and cyprus was 1-lyzt.  
 Brode besauntis and bryzt. *Degrevant, 1481.*  
 COCKERD. Sappy, as timber. *East.*  
 SCODE. To scatter. *Cornw.*  
 SCODIRDE. Whizzed along?  
 The *schafte scodyrde* and schott in the schire byerne,  
 And soughte thorowowte the schelde, and in the  
 schalke rystez. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 76.*  
 SCOG. To brag; to boast. *West.*  
 SCOL. Rubbish; the head of a quarry before  
 the strata appear. *Devon.*  
 SCOLAIE. To attend school; to study.  
 SCOLDING-STOOL. A cucking-stool. *Mr.*  
*Wright* discovered the following entries in a  
*MS. register* at Southampton, dated 1540:  
 Costes doon in makynge of the *scoldyngstool*:  
 Furste, paid for j. pece tymbre boughte of Robert  
 Orchere for the same stole, *xd.*  
 For carriage of the same fro Hille to the west  
 holle, *ijjd.*  
 Item, for sawing of the same piece in *ij. peces*,  
*viijd.*  
 Item, for *ijj. boltes* and *ij. pinnes* of iron for the  
 same stoole, *vid.*  
 Item, for the wheelles to convey the said stole by  
 commandement of the meyre, *ijjs. iijjd.*  
 Item, paid to Robert Orchard for the makynge of  
 the said stoole and wheelis, for *ijj. days* labour to  
 him and his man, *xd.* the day, *summa ijjs. vjd.*  
*Summa xs. viijd. ob.*  
 SCOLE. A weighing-scale. *Pr. Parr.*  
 SCOLLOP. To notch; to indent. *West.*

**SCOLOPENDRA.** A venomous serpent. Metaphorically used for a courtesan.

**SCOMBRE.** Stercoro.

Also when they may noht *scombre*, then taketh the rote of a cawlworte, and putte it yn oylle d'olyf, and put it yn his foundement. *MS. Bodl.* 546.

**SCOME.** To skim. *Skomyne*, Pr. Parv.

And do hit thane ageyne overe the fyre, and *some* hit welle thane, and do hit in boxun.

*MS. Med. Rec.* xv. Cent.

**SCOMERFARE.**

And with this noyse, and with this crie,

Out of a barge faste by,

Whiche hid was there on *scomerfare*,

Men sterter out *Gower*, ed. 1534, f. 181.

**SCOMPETE.** To discomfit.

The Almayns be *scomfette*

Wythowte any more lett.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 137.

And yf yowre knyght happyn soo

To be *scomfetyd* or be sloo,

Os hyt wyll be may,

He wyll put hym yn yowre wyll,

To make yowre pees, as hyt ys skylle,

Wythowtyn more delay.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 77.

And spedde rygt well all his journey,

And *scomfede* his enmyes and droff hem ougt.

*Chron. Filodun.* p. 96.

After this bataille and *scomfite*.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 230.

And when the deevil herd hym thus say,

Als *scomfet* he vanyschet away.

*Hampole, MS. Boves*, p. 73.

And gif tu goste to batyl this orsone say,

And thou ne schalt nyst be *scomfityd* that day.

*MS. Harl.* 2069, f. 96.

**SCOMFISH.** To discomfit; to oppress with heat; to stifle. *North*. Apparently connected with *scomfete*.

**SCOMOWR.** A cook's skimmer.

**SCOMTHER.** To search severely. *Cumb.*

**SCONCE.** (1) A blockhouse; a small fort.

Except thy head, which, like a *skonce* or fort,

Is barraculo'd strong, lest wits resort.

*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, ii. 75.

(2) The pavement. *Cornw.*

(3) A lantern; originally a light used for sacred purposes. "A *sconce*, or litle lanterne," Baret, 1580. In the North of England the term is given to a kind of candlestick, with a tin back, hung against the wall.

(4) To conduct a jocular warfare of words; to carry on good-humoured raiillery. *North*.

(5) The head. A cant term. "A head, a pate, a nole, a *skonce*," Florio, p. 82.

(6) A screen. *Cumb.* Brockett says, "a seat at one side of the fire-place in the old large open chimney; a short partition near the fire upon which all the bright utensils in a cottage are suspended." In Beaumont and Fletcher, iii. 102, it seems to mean some sort of stall on which switches were to be displayed.

(7) "To *sconce*, to eat more than another, *Winton*; to *sconce*, to impose a pecuniary mulct, *Oron*," Kennett, MS. To *sconce* at Oxford, was to put a person's name in the College buttery books by way of fine.

**SCONFIT.** Discomfiture?

Josian lai in a castel

And segh that *sconfit* everich del.

*Boves of Hamtoun*, p. 37.

**SCONS.** Cakes of barley-meal. *Cumb.*

**SCOOP.** (1) A shovel used by maltsters. The term is generally applied to an instrument used for scooping out anything.

(2) The neck and breast of mutton cut as one joint. *Devon*.

**SCOOSE.** To discourse with. *Somerset*.

**SCOOT.** An angle, or corner, generally a cornered portion of a field. *Var. dial.*

**SCOOTER.** A syringe, or squirt. To go like scooter, i. e. very quick. *East*.

**SCOP.** The scalp; the head.

If I get a knop upon the bare *scop*,

Thou canst as well shite as shoote.

*Robin Hood*, ii. 32.

**SCOPE.** A kind of basin with a handle used for lading water. *Lanc.*

**SCOPE-LAW.** A space given to one in running a race. *Dorset*.

**SCOPIOUS.** Spacious; ample.

**SCOPPE.** Scoop; leap. (*A.-S.*)

**SCOPPERIL.** A plaything with children, being a mould button with a hole in it, through which a piece of wood or quill is put for the purpose of spinning like a tottum. *Lin.* Metaphorically, a nimble child. Kennett has, "a scoppering or scopperell, a litle sort of spinning top for boys to set up between the middle finger and thumb." The term occurs in a MS. Dictionary dated 1540.

**SCORE.** (1) Twenty yards. This was a common term in ancient archery and gunnery.

(2) Twenty pounds weight. *West*.

(3) The core of an apple. *Glouc.*

(4) A mark, or notch. *Var. dial.*

And for the hire of two horses to Weybridge, to survey the timber, 12d. i. and 12d. paid divers men, for raising and turning the timber there to see the scores; and 12d. for the expenses of the accountant and his servant, and their two horses there.

*Archæologia*, xxiv. 204.

(5) To heat so as to mark the skin, a common term in Devon.

Of the yeerde somtyme I stood in awe,

To be *scoryd*, that was all my dreede.

*Lydgate's Minor Poems*, p. 255.

**SCOREL.** A squirrel. *Pr. Parv.*

**SCORER.** A scent; a scourer.

The kyge, beinge at Notyngham, and or he came there, sent the *scorers* al abowte the contries adjoynynge, to aspie and serche yf any gaderyngs were in any place agaynst hym.

*Arrival of King Edward IV.* p. 7.

**SCORING.** According to Marshall, the Norfolk ploughmen have a singular expedient to prevent the soil when moist from turning up in whole glossy furrows, which they term *scoring*; for which purpose they tie a piece of strong rope-yaru round the plate or mould-board, which, by this means, is prevented from acting as a trowel upon the soil. See his Rural Economy of Norfolk, i. 139.

**SCOREK.** The core of an apple. *Salop.*

**SCORESE.** To exchange. It is the translation

- of *changer* in Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593, and is still in use.
- SCORT-ABOUT.** To disturb; to injure. *Warw.*
- SCORTE.** Scorn; derision.
- SCOTCH.** (1) To stop the wheel of a coach or waggon with a stone, &c. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To cut slightly; to mince. Hence, metaphorically, to spare, to refrain.  
For when they come to giving unto holy and necessarie uses, then they will sticke at a pennie, and *scotch* at a groat, and every thing is too much. *Dent's Pathway*, p. 74.  
(3) *Out of all scotch*, excessively.  
(4) To amerce; the same as to dock in other counties; thus, when a labourer has not done work in quantity or quality to satisfy his master, the latter will say, "I'll *scotch* you for this." *Line*.
- SCOTCH-AND-ENGLISH.** In Cumberland the game of *prisoner's base* is sometimes so called, in allusion probably to the border wars.
- SCOTCH-FIDDLE.** A fiddle thus played:—the fore-finger is the fiddlestick, which plays between the thumb and fingers of the other hand. *North*.
- SCOTCH-FOG.** A kind of misty rain. There is an old saying that "a *Scotch-fog* will wet an Englishman through."
- SCOTCH-HOP.** The game of hop-scotch. It is mentioned in Clarke's *Phraseologia Puerilis*, 1655, p. 322. Moor calls it *Scotch-hob*.
- SCOTE.** (1) A prop. *I. Wight*.  
(2) A dragstaff. *Glouc*.  
(3) To plough up. *Heref*.
- SCOTH.** To clothe, or cover up.
- SCOTOMY.** A dizziness in the head.
- SCOTS.** Scotch cattle. *North*.
- SCOTTERING.** A custom among boys of burning a bundle of pease-straw at the end of harvest. "In Herefordshire, boys at the latter end of harvest use to burn a wad of pease in the straw, which they call a *scottering*, and eat the pease being so parched," Blount.
- SCOTTLE.** To cut badly, raggedly. "How you have *scottled* that leather;" "the beef was *scottled* shamefully." *Wilts*.
- SCOTTLES.** An amusement with boys, who pelt each other with the stubble of wheat pulled up with the earth about the roots. This is called "playing at *scottles*." *Suffolk*.
- SCOUB.** A rod sharpened at both ends used in thatching. *Northumb*.
- SCOUL.** To burn fiercely; to look red, generally sail of the sky. *Devon*.
- SCOUP.** To leap at prey. *Palsgrave*.
- SCOUR.** (1) To scour a hedge, to deepen the ditch, and to breast up the hedge with the soil taken out. *North*.  
(2) A shallow, gravelly part of a river. *Warw*.  
(3) To clean out ponds, &c. *East*.  
(4) A scouring, or beating.  
(5) A noise; a tumult. *Somerset*.
- SCOURGE.** To sweep with a besom. *Kent*.
- SCOURGE-METTLE.** The instrument with which a boy whips his top. "Every night I dream I am a town-top, and that I am whipt up and down with the *scourge* stick of love, and the *metal* of affection," Grim the Collier of Croydon, ap. Dodsley, xi. 206.
- SCOURING.** (1) A beating. *North*. It occurs in Nabbes' *Bride*, 1640, sig. II. iv, and earlier in the *Prompt. Parv*.  
(2) A difficult affair. *Yorksh*.  
(3) A diarrhœa. *Var. dial*.
- SCOURING-STICK.** A stick used in cleaning the barrel of a gun.
- SCOUT.** (1) A high rock. *Lanc*.  
(2) A college errand boy. *Oxon*.  
(3) A watchman. A cant term. Tusser has *scoutwatch*, ed. 1812, p. xxv.  
(4) A small division of land. *West*.
- SCOUTIL.**  
And he get *scouth* to wield his tree,  
I fear you'll both be paid. *Robin Hood*, i. 105.
- SCOUTHER.** An uproar; a confusion. *North*.
- SCOUT-WATCH.** A spy. See *Scout* (3).
- SCOVE.** To run fast. *East*.
- SCOVEL.** A baker's mankin.
- SCOVEN.** The neck of lamb. *Somerset*.
- SCOVING.** "Scoving is shoving the barley forward in order for binding," MS. *Devon*. Gl.
- SCOVY.** Uneven. *Devon*. "Scovy wool, wool of various colours not duely mixt in combing or scribbling, but streaky," MS. *Devonshire Glossary*.
- SCOWDER.** A bustle; a confusion. *North*.
- SCOWULE.** A shovel, or shovel.
- SCOY.** Thin, poor, generally applied to silks or stuffs. *Cornw*.
- SCOYIES.** Scourges.  
The her of his hed is al to-drawe,  
The body with *scoyies* al to-flawe.  
*MS. Addit.* 11367, f. 49.
- SCRAB.** (1) The crab-apple. *North*.  
(2) To scratch, or claw. *East*.
- SCRABBED-EGGS.** A lenten dish, composed of eggs hoiled hard, chopped and mixed with a seasoning of butter, salt, and pepper.
- SCRABBLE.** (1) To scramble. *Somerset*.  
(2) To scratch with the nails. *Line*.
- SCRADGE.** To dress and trim a fen-bank, in order to prepare it the better to resist an apprehended overflow. All loose materials within reach are raked together; and such additions as are to be had are procured, and so applied, as to heighten and strengthen the upper part on the side next to the flood. Forby's *East Anglia*, ii. 290.
- SCRAFFISCH.** The cray-fish.
- SCRAFFLE.** To scramble; to struggle; also, to wrangle or quarrel.
- SCRAG.** (1) A ghost. *North*.  
(2) Offal; remnants. *Yorksh*.  
(3) A crooked forked branch. *West*.  
(4) A lean, thin person. *Devon*. The adjective *scraggy* is common everywhere.
- SCRAGGED.** Hanged. A cant term.
- SCRAGGLE.** To scramble. *Dorset*.
- SCRAM.** Distorted; awkward. Also, benumbed with cold. *West*.

SCRAMB. To pull, or rake together with the hands. *Yorksh.*  
 SCRAMBED. Deprived of the use of some limb by a nervous contraction of the muscles. *Somerset.*  
 SCRAMMISHES. Scratches. *West.*  
 SCRAMP. To catch at; to snatch. *North.*  
 SCRAN. (1) A bag. *Hilts.*  
 (2) Victuals; food. *North.*  
 SCRANCII. To scratch. *East.*  
 SCRANCHUM. Crisp gingerbread. *North.*  
 SCRANNEL. A lean person. *Lauc.*  
 SCRANNY. Thin; meagre. *Var. dial.*  
 SCRANS. Scraps; refuse. *Dorset.*  
 SCRANT. To scorch. *Somerset.*  
 SCRAP. (1) To scratch. *East.* "To scrappe as a henne dose," MS. Dictionary, 1540.  
 (2) A plan, or scheme.  
 SCRAPE. (1) To shave badly. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) To bow, or make obeisance.  
 SCRAPE-GOOD. A miserly fellow.  
 SCRAPER. A bad fiddler. *Var. dial.*  
 SCRAPPLE. To grub about. *Oxon.*  
 SCRAPS. As well as in the common sense, this word is in Suffolk particularly descriptive of the small pieces of fat pork remaining after the operation of boiling, for the purpose of extracting the lard for store for domestic use. Moor's Suffolk Words, p. 334.  
 SCRAPT. Slightly frozen. *Devon.*  
 SCRAT. (1) To scratch. (2) Scratched. *West.*  
 On the sege then sate y,  
 And he *scrattid* me fulle vylensly.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 152.*  
 And ylkane *skratte* othyr in the face,  
 And thaire awen flesche of ryve and race.  
*Hampole, MS. Bowes, p. 215.*  
 And *scratted* hur vrsage alle with blood,  
 And cryed owtas sche were wode.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 129.*  
 (3) A swaggerer; a bully.  
 (4) The itch. *Salop.*  
 (5) A miserly fellow. *West.*  
 (6) An hermaphrodite. *North.* "A *scrat*, *hermaphroditus*," Coles.  
 (7) Nearly worn out. *North.*  
 (8) A rack for pigs. *Beds.*  
 SCRATCH. The stone which forms the stratum immediately under the soil. *Line.*  
 SCRATCH-CRADLE. A game played by crossing thread or string between the two hands in a peculiar manner.  
 SCRATCHED. Slightly frozen. *Devon.*  
 SCRATCHINGS. The remainder of the fat, after it has been melted down into lard. *Worc.*  
 SCRATE. An old woman.  
 SCRATTLE. To scratch. *Var. dial.*  
 SCRAUK. To scratch. *Yorksh.*  
 SCRAWF. Refuse. *West.*  
 SCRAWL. (1) To crawl. *West.* "To scrawl, stir, *motito*," Coles' Lat. Dict.  
 (2) The young of the dog-crab, or a bastard sort of crab itself. *Line.*  
 (3) Any things which have been thrown about in a disorderly confused manner are said in Hampshire to be *scrawled*.

SCRAWLING. Slight; mean. *Heref.*  
 SCRAWLY. Thin, as corn. *Derb.*  
 SCRAWMY. Awkwardly tall; thin and ungainly; said of one, who is all legs and wings like a giblet pie. *Line.*  
 SCRAWN. To clamber up. *North.*  
 SCREAM. To creak, as a door, &c.  
 SCREDE. Shroud; dress. *Weber.*  
 SCREE. (1) A coarse sieve. *North.*  
 (2) A precipice; a scar. *Cumb.*  
 (3) To hollow out loudly. *Line.*  
 SCREECH. (1) The swift. *West.*  
 (2) The missel thrush. *Var. dial.* The term was anciently applied to the screech-owl. "Strice, Anglice a sehryeh," Nominale MS.  
 SCREECH-OWL. The swift. *I. Wight.*  
 SCREECHY. i. e. Scratchy, applied to land, when the *scratch* or rock is covered with a very thin layer of earth. *Line.*  
 SCREED. (1) Avoided. *Dorset.*  
 (2) A narrow slip of land. *Line.*  
 (3) The border of a cap. *Var. dial.*  
 (4) Scrip. *Devon.*  
 (5) A rent, shred, or fragment. *North.*  
 SCREEDLE. To serme over the embers, to hover over them, covering them with one's coats as with a screen. *Devon.*  
 SCREENED. Sifted. *North.* A screen is a high standing sieve for cleansing corn.  
 SCREES. Small stones or pebbles. *North.*  
 SCREET. (1) Half a quarter of a sheet of paper. *East.*  
 (2) Flexible; supple.  
 SCREEVE. To run with corrupt matter, as a wound, a corpse, &c. *Lauc.*  
 SCREFFE. The sheriff.  
 Whan Roben ynto the hall cam,  
 The *screffe* sone he met,  
 The potter cowed of corteysey,  
 And sone the *screffe* he gret.  
*Robin Hood, i. 103.*  
 SCREIK. (1) To shriek; to scream. *Yorksh.*  
 (2) The peep of day. *North.*  
 SCRETE. Slight; supple; limber.  
 SCREW. (1) A miser. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) To have the stomach-ache.  
 (3) A courtesan. A cant term.  
 SCREW-BOX. A kind of shell-fish.  
 SCREW DY. To crowd. *Beds.*  
 SCRIBBLE. To card wool. *Devon.*  
 SCRIBBLE-SCROBBLE. Scribbling. *North.*  
 SCRIBE. To write; to make marks with instruments, as carpenters. *North.*  
 SCRIDE. To stride. *Somerset.*  
 SCRIGG'D. Forced; squeezed out. *Northamptonsh.*  
 SCRIGGINS. Apples left on a tree after the ingathering. *Glouc.*  
 SCRIGGLE. To writhe; to struggle. *East.*  
 STRIKE. A scream. *North.* Also a verb, to shriek; to scream.  
 Which lye in torments, yet die not,  
 With manie wofull *strykes*. *MS. Ashmole 268.*  
 The deevens ay amang on thaim sal *stryke*,  
 And the synful tharewith ay crye and *skryke*.  
*Hampole, MS. Bowes, p. 214.*

SCRIM. To crush; to bruise. *I. of Wight.*  
 SCRIMED. Shrivelled up. *Devon.*  
 SCRIMER. A fencer. (*Fr.*)  
 SCRIMMAGE. (1) A skirmish; but now used for a general row. *Var. dial.*  
 Prynce Ouffur at this skrymage for all his pryde  
 Fled full fast, and sowght no gyde.  
*MS. Lansdowne 208, f. 10.*  
 (2) A mean dwarfish person. *West.*  
 SCRIMMITY. Stingy; close. *West.*  
 SCRIMP. To spare; to pinch. *Var. dial.*  
 Hence *scrimption*, a small pittance.  
 SCRIN. A small veiu of ore. *Derb.*  
 SCRINGE. To shrink; to cringe. *Var. dial.*  
 SCRINKT. Screwed. *Cornu.*  
 SCRINT. To scorch or singe, applied generally to those substances that shrink together a good deal in burning, as leather, parchment, silk, woollen, the hair, &c. *Somerset.*  
 SCRIP. A list; a slip of writing; a writing. *Script* occurs in Chaucer.  
 SCRIPTURES. Writings; books. (*A.-N.*)  
 SCRIT. A writing; a deed.  
 A scrit of covenant i-mad ther was  
 Bytwene me and sathanas *MS. Addit. 11307, f. 95.*  
 He dyde on hys clothys astyte,  
 And to Seynt Jhone he wrote a skryte.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 46.*  
 SCRITCH. To shriek. *Devon.* The thrush is called a *scritch* from its noise.  
 SCRITHE. To writhe about.  
 SCRITTICK. A mite of money. *South.*  
 SCRIVE. (1) To describe. *Palsgrave.*  
 (2) To shriek; to scream. *North.*  
 SCRIVENER. A writing-master. *Scrivaines*, writers, transcribers. (*A.-N.*)  
 SCRIVING-IRON. An instrument used for numbering trees for sale.  
 SCROBBLE. To scramble. *West.*  
 SCROFF. Refuse of wood. *Dorset.*  
 SCROG. A stunted bush. *North. Scroggy*, abounding in underwood. "The wey toward the cité was stony, thorny, and *scroggy*," *Gesta Romanorum*, p. 18. "*Scrogs*, blackthoru," Kennett, *MS. Lansd.* 1033.  
 SCROGLINGS. The small worthless apples which are left hanging on the trees after the crop has been gathered. *Worc.*  
 SCROGGY. Twisted; stunted. *East.*  
 SCROG-LEGS. Bandy legs. *Norf.*  
 SCROME. To walk awkwardly. *North.*  
 SCROOBY-GRASS. Scury-grass. *North.*  
 SCROODGE. A crush. *North.*  
 SCROOF. Dry scales, or scabs. *Lanc.*  
 SCROOP. To creak. *West.*  
 SCROUGE. To crowd; to squeeze. *Var. dial.*  
 SCROW. (1) To work hard. *North.*  
 (2) Uproar; confusion. *Yorksh.*  
 (3) Cross; angry; surly. *Wilts.* Ray gives it as a Sussex word. At Winchester I heard an ugly woman described as looking *scrow*, apparently without any reference to the temper.  
 (4) A roll, or scroll. *Palsgrave.*  
 He is so pullid that he may not grow,  
 Countyfretid in a figur and payntid in a *scrow*.  
*MS. Laud. 416, f. 53.*

SCROWL. To broil, or roast. *Devon.*  
 SCROW-ROW. An uproar. *North.*  
 SCROYLE. A mangy fellow. A term of contempt used by Shakespeare and Jonsou.  
 Then upon Sabbath dayes the *scroyle* beignes,  
 With most unhallowed hands, to weed up sinnes.  
*Taylor's Workes, 1630, iii. 11.*  
 SCRUB. A mean fellow. *Var. dial.*  
 SCRUBB. To get rid of. *Devon.*  
 SCRUBBADO. The itch. A cant term.  
 SCRUBBED. Squalid; mean; shabby.  
 SCRUCE. A truce at play. *East.*  
 SCRUDDY. Short; dwarfish. *North.*  
 SCRUDE. To rub.  
 SCRUDGE. A courtesan. *Devon.*  
 SCRUFF. "A kind of fuel which poor people, when firing is dear, gather up at ebbing water in the bottom of the Thames about London, and consists of coal, little sticks, cockle-shells, and the like," Blount.  
 SCRUGGLE. To struggle. *Palsgrave.*  
 SCRUMP. (1) Crisp. *South.*  
 (2) To crunch. *Somerset.*  
 (3) To double up. *Devon.*  
 SCRUMSHUS. Stingy. *Suffolk.*  
 SCRUNCH. To crunch. *Var. dial.*  
 SCRUNCHLIN. A small green shrivelled apple stunted in its growth. *West.*  
 SCRUNT. An overworn wig, besom, &c.  
 SCRUNTY. Short; stunted. *North.*  
 SCRUPULOUS. Doubtful.  
 SCRUSE. A truce. *Suffolk.*  
 SCRUSH. A bandy, or club. *Devon.*  
 SCRUTHEL. Refuse of wood. *Sussex.*  
 SCRUTHING-BAG. A coarse bag through which cider is strained. *West.*  
 SCRY. A flock of wild fowl.  
 SCRYE. To descry. *North.*  
 I knewe never mane so wys,  
 That couth telle the servise,  
 Ne *scrye* the metys of prys  
 Was seryd in that sale. *Degrevant, 1360.*  
 SCRYLE. Couch-grass. *West.*  
 SCRYVED. Emitted purulent matter. Still in use in Lancashire. See *Screeve*.  
 His woundis *scryved* and stille he lay.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 91*  
 SCUCH. A hanging-shelf. See *Withals' Dictionarie*, ed. 1608, p. 136.  
 SCUD. (1) To spill. *Devon.*  
 (2) To clean with saliva. *Yorksh.*  
 (3) A slight rapid shower. *Var. dial.*  
 (4) A scab. *Devon.*  
 (5) A seed of larks is a small number, less than a flock. *Oxon.*  
 SCUDDER-OF-FLAME. Same as *Scud* (3).  
 SCUDDICK. Anything of very small value; of the smallest worth. *North.*  
 SCUE. Shade; shadow. *Dunelm.*  
 SCUFF. (1) Or *scruff* of the neck, is the back part of the neck; it is generally used when a person seizes another by that part. *North.*  
 (2) To shuffle in walking. *West.*  
 SCUFFIN. Same as *Fruggan* (1).  
 SCUFFLE. (1) A linen garment worn by children to keep their clothes clean; a pinafore;

a coarse apron worn by servants when doing dirty work. *Sussex*.

(2) A garden hoe. *Salop.*

(3) To scuffle out one's shoes, to kick them out as if always at football. *West.*

SCUFFLER. A sort of plough, with a share somewhat like an arrow-head, drawn by a horse betwixt the ridges where turnips have been drilled, to root out the weeds; thus acting like a Dutch hoe, but on a larger scale. *Lincol.*

SCUFFLINGS. Refuse of wood. *East.*

SCUTTER. To hustle; to hurry. *Cumb.*

SCUG. (1) To hide; to take shelter. *North.* As a substantive, a place of shelter.

(2) The declivity of a hill. *Yorksh.*

(3) A squirrel. *Hampsh.*

SCUGGERY. Secrecy. *Yorksh.*

SCULK. (1) An impure person. (*A.-S.*)

(2) A company of foxes.

SCULL. (1) A shoal. Generally of fishes, but Lilly mentions "a scul of pheasants." ed. 1632. sig. X. xii. "Skulles of herrings," Holinshed. Hist. Scot. p. 139.

Into ye town of Rochell, they say, God hath sent a scull of fish for their relief, as he did miraculously when H. y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> besieged it. *MS. Hart. 338.*

(2) To scold. *Devon.*

SCULSH. Rubbish, but most generally used with reference to the unwholesome things children delight to eat, lollipop, &c. *Kent.*

SCULVERING. Low; seuking. *Lincol.*

SCUM. (1) To mow. *Suffolk.*

(2) To strike any one on the mouth.

SCUMBER. To dung. A hunting term, applied properly to foxes. It is frequently written *scummer*, as in Florio, p. 72.

But he that gaires the glory here,  
Must *scumber* furthest, . . . . most clear.  
*Musarum Delicta, 1650, p. 6.*

SCUM-FELLOW. A very low person.

SCUMMER. (1) Wonder. *Somerset.*

(2) To daub, or smear. *West.* Also, ventrem exonerare. "A skumming of a dog," Florio, p. 475, in v. *Schinchimurra.*

(3) A fire-shovel. *Yorksh.*

SCUN. (1) To reproach in a public manner, with a view of exposing to contempt or shame. *Somerset.*

(2) To throw a stone. *North.*

(3) To shun; to avoid. *Devon.*

SCUNNER. (1) To loathe; to slum. *North.*

(2) To notice; to observe. *Northumb.*

SCUNNING. A disease of the heart.

SCUPPER'D. Spoken of leaves of trees that are turned black, and crumpled up with frost or blight. A Herefordshire word, according to Urry's MS. additions to Ray.

SCUPPIT. A shovel, or spade, of uniform width, the sides turned a little inward. A spade tapers toward the cutting edge. The tiller handles too differ, the scuppit having merely a cot on the top of the tiller, and the spade having the top of its tiller perforated, which is called an eye tiller. The scuppit is sometimes used for digging as well as the spade, but is not so suitable for flag or strong land. *Moor.*

SCUR. To move hastily. *Yorksh.*

SCURE. To secure. *South.*

SCUREL. A rabbit. "Sirogrillus, *scurellus*, scurelle," Nominale MS.

SCURGE. A whip for a top.

SCURRAN-TOP. A peculiar kind of top formerly used at a game called *scurran-meggy*, which was much in vogue in Cumberland during the last century. MS. Glossary in my possession.

SCURRICK. A small piece. *Yorksh. West.* Sometimes *scuddick*, and perhaps more generally *scrittick*, an atom.

SCURRIFUNGE. To lash tightly. Also, coire earnaliter. *Devon.*

SCURRY. (1) To scour in pursuit. *East.*

(2) To hasten away. *Var. dial.*

SCURVY-ALE.

But to conclude this drinking alye tale,  
We had a sort of ale called *scurvey ale*.  
*Taylor's Worshes, 1630, l. 126.*

SCUSE. To excuse. *Var. dial.*

SCUT. (1) The tail of a hare or rabbit. The hare itself was also so called. Also, to dock an animal's tail. Still in use.

(2) Short, as a garment, &c.

SCUTCH. (1) Couch grass. *West.*

(2) To strike or beat slightly. *Yorksh.* Pegge has *scutch'd*, whipped.

(3) To cleanse flax. *Worc.*

SCUTCHELL. A long dark passage. *Lincol.*

SCUTCHEON. A key-stone. "A *scutcheon* in the midst of a vante, where all the course of the carved stones or timber doth resort," Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.

SCUTE. (1) A scute was declared to be worth half a noble by a proclamation of Henry V., printed in Hall, f. 37. "Scute, a present of mouey," Devonshire Glossary.

(2) A reward; a gift. *Dorset.*

SCUTLIN. A small apple pasty; a taffata tart. *Winton.*

SCUTTER. To have a diarrhoea. *North.*

SCUTTLE. (1) To walk fast. *Lincol.*

(2) A small piece of wood, pointed at both ends, used at a game like trap-ball. *Chesh.*

(3) A shallow basket or wicker bowl, much in use in the barn, and in other departments of husbandry. "A *scuttle*, dosser, basket to carrie on the backe," Cotgrave in v. *Hotte.*

(4) A dish, or wooden platter.

SCUTTLES. The hatches of a ship at which the goods are let down.

SCUTTY. Short in stature. *Yorksh.*

SCUTTY-WREN. The wren. *West.*

SCWON. Shone; glittered.

In a cloud off blew,  
Hyt did never remewe  
The spere;  
But evere in one  
Bright hyt *scwoun*  
Stremeyt clere. *MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 6.*

SCY. A scythe. *Cumb.*

SE. A seat; a kingdom. (*A.-N.*)

And ry3te forthwith the aungelle tarieth nou3t,  
But helde his wey from the *see* of glorye.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, p. L*



Uudir the foot of mount Mambri,  
There he chees to sette his se.

*Cursu Mundi, MS. Coll. T. in. Cantab. E. 16.*

SEA. A large number or quantity of anything.  
*Sussex.*

SEA-ADDER. The pipe-fish. *Cornw.*

SEA-BEANS. Small black pebbles. *Devon.*

SEABLE. Visible; to be seen.

SEA-BOTTLE. Many of the species of the seawrack, or *fucus*, are called *sea-bottles*, in consequence of the stalks having round or oval vesicles or pods in them; is the pod itself.

SEA-CROW. A cormorant. *South.*

SEAKY. Boggy; wet. *Salop.*

SEAL. Part of horse armour.

SEALE. (1) The swallow. *Yorksh.*

(2) A furnace for boiling salt.

SEALED-DOVE. A dove with the eyelids sown up, in which state she rises perpendicularly till her strength is quite exhausted, and then falls down lifeless.

Thy windows all are shut in this dark cave:

Thy eyes clos'd up; and when, like *sealed dove*,

Thou fain wouldst flutter upward, light to have,

This flesh to thee united will not move,

But draws thee back, and clips thy soaring wings,

Or at thy loftiest pitch thee downward flings.

*Clobery's Divine Glimpses, 1659, p. 75.*

SEAM. (1) A horse-load of wood. Ray gives this as a Sussex word, but it seems to have fallen out of use in that county. See, however, Marshall's Rural Economy of the West of England, i. 398, who gives it as a West Devonshire word.

(2) A strata of coal. *North.*

(3) Lard. *North.* "Cold meat fried with hogs *seame*," Cotgrave in v. *Gramouse*. "Seme for to frye with, *seyn de pourreau*," Palsgrave.

(4) A quarter of an acre. Also, a quarter of eorn. *South and East.*

(5) A horse-load. *Cornw.*

SEA-MALL. A bird thus described by Holme, "The bill white, but yellow towards the tip, bending towards the point; the feet of a pale green, claws black."

SEAM-RENT. Ragged; very shabby. As a verb, to unsew or make ragged.

SEAMS. The marks of the smallpox.

SEAM-SET. A shoemaker's instrument for smoothing the seams of boots and shoes.

SEAN. (1) A sort of net. *Lioc.* Polwhele describes it a pilchard net, and a very large net used in Hampshire for catching mackerel and herrings is so called. "Sean, or seyn, a great and very long fish net," Howell.

(2) Soon. *North.*

SEA-NAG. A ship. *Westm.*

SEA-PINK. The plant thrift. *Yorksh.*

SEA-PYE. The oyster catcher. *Drayton.*

SEAR. (1) The yellow betwixt the beak and the eyes of a hawk. *Beverns.*

(2) Dry; withered. "Seare and saplesse leaves," Dekker's Knight's Conjuring, p. 53.

Whereas her fresh flourishing prime would brook ill to be embraced by thy *seere* and saplesse armes.

*The Two Lancashire Lovers, 1649, p. 26.*

(3) The touchhole of a pistol. Hence used

metaphorically for the pudendum muliebr. *Light of the seare* is, of course, equivalent to light-heeled, loose in character. *Tickle of the sear*, wanton, immodest. The commentators have never yet satisfactorily explained a passage in Hamlet, ii. 2, "the clown shall make those laugh, whose lungs are *tickled o' the sear*," i. e., those whose lungs are wanton, or excited to laughter by coarse ribaldry. That this is the correct explanation there cannot, I imagine, be the slightest doubt. "Discovering the moods and humors of the vulgar sort to be so loose and *tickle of the seare*," Howard's Defensative, 1620, ap. Douce, ii. 230. These senses of the word have never before been developed.

Even as a pistole that is ready charged and bent, will fire off by and by, if a man do but touch the *seare*. *Lambard's Perambulation, 1596, p. 452.*

she that is fayre, lusty, and yonge,

And can comon in termes wyth fyled tonge,

And wyll abyde why-perynge in the care,

Thynke y eher tayle is not *lyght of the seare*.

*Commonwealth Secretary and Ja'lousye, n.d.*

SEARCHER. A fine sieve; a strainer.

SEARCH. (1) A tent, or probe.

(2) To penetrate. *Var. dial.*

SEARCHERS. Persons appointed to examine corpses, and report the cause of death.

SEARCHING. Keen; piercing. *Var. dial.*

SEARSINGS. Sitings; cleansings.

When your three *seasings* be done after my lore,

Then breake the stone as you did before.

*Aschmole's Theat. Chem. Brit. 1652, p. 468.*

SEARY. Thin, or worn. *Devon.*

SEASON. (1) To seize or pounce on anything as a hawk does.

(2) "Admissura, seasoning of a ewe, and covering of a mare," Eliote's Dictionarie, 1559.

SEAT. (1) The summit of a mountain.

(2) A number or nest of eggs; on which they set poultry. Thus they say; "I'll give you a *seat of eggs*;" "I found in the stable, &c., a *seat of eggs* I did not expect." *Line.*

SEATER. A piece of cloth worn so thin, as to be almost in a hole, is said to be "all in a *seater*," *North.*

SEAT-RODS. Hazel twigs. *Salop.*

SEAU. A water-pail. *North.*

SEAVE. A gown. *Somerset.*

SEA-VELE. A seal.

The sea calfe, in like manner, which our contrymen for brevity sake call a *seale*, other more largely name a *sea cale*, maketh a spoile of fishes betwene rocks and banckes, but it is not accounted in the catalogue or number of our English dogs, notwithstanding we call it by the name of a sea dog or a sea-calfe. *Top-ell's Four-Footed Beasts, 1607, p. 171.*

SEAVES. Rushes. *Var. dial.* "A seave, a rush that is drawn thro' in dripping or other grease, which in ordinary houses in the North they light up and burn instead of a candle," Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.

SEA-WARE. Sea-weed. *Northumb.*

SEAWL. Wet stuff. *Lanc.*

SEAWSE. To strike a person over the face. *Lanc.*

- SEAWTERYED. A stupid fellow. *Lanc.*  
 SECATOUR. An executor.  
 Then is he a traytour,  
 Fore he trustys to his *secatour*,  
 He schuld his soule socour. *MS. Douce 302, f. 2.*  
 Wyse mon if thou art, of thi god  
 Take part or thou hense wynde;  
 For if thou leve thi part in thi *secatours* ward,  
 Thi part non part at last end. *Reliq. Antiq. i. 314.*
- SECCLELED. Sickened. *Will. Werv.*  
 SECHAN. Such a one. (*A.-S.*)  
 SECHE. To seek. (*A.-S.*)  
 By dereworthy God, sayd Robyn,  
 To *seche* all Englund thorowe,  
 Yet founde I never to my pay,  
 A moch better borowe." *Robin Hood, i. 13.*
- SECHETHI. Visits. *Weber.*  
 SECK. (1) Such. *North.*  
 (2) A sack. Still in use.  
 (3) To seek. *Yorksh.*  
 SECKERLY. As usual. *North.*  
 SECKET. A term of contempt, addressed generally to a child. *Lin.*  
 SECKING. Canvas for sacks. *North.*  
 SECONDS. Second-rate flour. *Var. dial.*  
 SECREE. Secret. (*A.-N.*)  
 SECRET-HOUSE. A country-seat.  
 SECT. (1) Sex. Very common.  
 (2) A suit. (*A.-N.*)  
 (3) A small hammer, sharp on one end of the iron part, used in chipping large stones, &c.  
 SECTURE. An executor. *Palsgrave.*  
 That that comed in the *sectures* hondes.  
*MS. Raul. xv. Cent.*
- SECURE. Sure; certain; positive.  
 SEDE. To produce seed. (*A.-S.*)  
 SEDEKINE. A sub-dean.  
 SEDGELY-CURSE. A horrible imprecation, thus given by Howell,—“the devil run through thee booted and spurred with a scythe on his back.”  
 SEDIKE. A sea-ditch, or sea-water creek.  
 SEDLED. Lulled to sleep.  
 SEDOCKE. The herb brank-ursine.  
 SEDOW. The fish aurata. “*Aurata*, Anglice a sedow,” *Nominale MS.*  
 SEDULL. A schednle.  
 Yea, if I should gather up all inconveniences in heape, I should not be satisfied with a *sedull*, but write a whole volume. *Don Simonides, 2d Part, 1534.*
- SEDYR. Cider. *Prompt. Parv.*  
 SEE. (1) Saw. *Isumbras, 604.*  
 The nativity according to our modern authors, is one of the best that ever I see, but according to our method it is a very evil one, and yet I do beleive there is not one artist in 40 can give any reason for his death at that time, or why he should dye of a consumption, seeing the ascendent is no ways afflicted,  
*Bishop's Marrow of Astrology, p. 64.*  
 (2) The sea. (*A.-S.*)  
 (3) To make a see of it, i. e., to be able to see. *Oron.*  
 (4) To look on; to protect.  
 Now God you save, our queen, madam,  
 And Christ you save and see;  
 Here you have chosen a new true love,  
 And you will have none of me.  
*Ballad of Sir Aldingar.*
- (5) To see the devil, to get tipsy. To see the back of anything, to get rid of it.  
 SEECH. A land-spring. *Chesh.*  
 SEED. Saw. *Var. dial.*  
 SEED-BIRD. The water-wagtail. *North.*  
 SEED-COD. A seed-lip, or basket out of which seed-coru is sown. *Var. dial.* “*Saticulum*, a sedelyppe,” *Nominale MS.*  
 SEEDNESS. Seed-time. *Yorksh.* Called *seedny* in Herefordshire.  
 SEEDS. Young grasses; laud newly laid to grass. *Staff.*  
 SEEDSMAN. A foreman on a farm, whose duty it is to sow the coru. *South.*  
 SEEDY. Poor and miserable-looking. The term is used by Goldsmith.  
 SEEING-GLASS. A looking-glass. *North.*  
 SEEK. (1) To seek, i. e., at a loss.  
 (2) To starch clothes. *Somerset.*  
 SEEKING-RAKE. A small-toothed rake.  
 SEEL. (1) See *Sealed-Dove.*  
 (2) Good fortune; happiness. (*A.-S.*)  
 Now doghty, now in dowte,  
 Now in sorow, now in *sele*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 25.*  
 (3) To waincoat. *Harrison, p. 187.*  
 (4) A sieve. *Lanc.*
- SEELLEN. Seldom. *Lanc.*  
 SEELS. The wooden exterior of the collar of a cart-harness. *East.*  
 SEELY. Simple; silly; harmless. (*A.-S.*)  
 SEEM. To think, suppose, imagine. “I seem 'tis a terrable lousome time.” *Devon.*  
 SEEMEY. Seemly. *Coles.*  
 SEEN. (1) A cow's teat. *Kent.*  
 (2) Experienced; skilled. “Excellentie *seene* in the Greeke and Latine toongs,” *Harrison's Britaine, p. 23.*
- SEER. (1) Sure. *North.*  
 (2) An overlooker. *Somerset.*  
 SEERGYNG. A searching; an examination.  
 SEE-SAW. A kind of swing, formed of a plauk on a fulcrum.  
 SEEST. *Seest thou me* is apparently a game at the dice or tables.  
 Wonder it is to see how the Frenchmen juggle with this phantasticall lawe, folowyn the crafty hasarders, which use a play called *seest thou me*, or *seest thou me not*.  
*Hall, Henry V. f. 4.*
- SEE-TRE. Cloth woru till it is threadbare, i. e., see-through. *North.*  
 SEEVY-CAP. A cap made of rushes.  
 SEFYNT. Seventh. (*A.-S.*)  
 The *sefynt* heven, as sey the story,  
 Is paradys after purgatory.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 83.*
- SEG. (1) A castrated bull. *North.*  
 (2) To totter; to give way. See *Sag.*  
 SEGE. (1) A scat. (*A.-S.*)  
 one softe *sees* was he sett,  
 Amonge grete lordes at the mete,  
 And servede of many riche brede.  
 The chylde was sett with grete honowre  
 Bytwixe the kyng and the emperoure,  
 His mete thay gane hym schrede.  
*Octavian, Lincoln MS.*

A *sege* was ordeyned for hem thre  
To beholde alle the pryvyte  
Of that holy Sacrament.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 66.*

On softe *segas* was sche sett.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 89.*

- (2) A jakes. *MS. Arunc. 249, f. 88.* It was used for *stool* in all senses of that word, even the dirtiest, as in the Tempest, ii. 2. "*Latrina*, a siege or jakes." Elyot, ed. 1559.

- (3) A man; a knight. (*A.-S.*)

And whan the batelle enjoined,  
With speres ferlysh they foynede,  
There myght no *sege* be ensound,  
That faught in the feld. *Degravant, 275.*

To the senatour Petyr a *segadesmae* es commynde,  
And saide, syr, *sekyrly* your *segges* are suppryside.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 68.*

- (4) To besiege. *R. de Brunne MS.*

SEGET. A subject. (*A.-N.*)

SEGGE. (1) The sedge. It occurs in a list of plants in *MS. Sloane 5, f. 2.*

- (2) The hedge-sparrow. *Devon.*

SEGGON. A poor labourer, in contempt. *Tusser, p. 260.* *Segger* occurs as a term of reproach in *Chester Plays, ii. 51.* *Seg-head*, a blockhead, *Craven Gloss.* *Segkite*, a term applied to a young person who is overgrown and greedy.

SEGGRUMS. Ragwort. *Yorksh.*

SEGGY. Hard, as skin is. *Cumb.* "A wound with a callous skin over it is said to be segg'd," *Kennett, MS.*

SEGHE. Saw. *Isumbras, 17, 259.*

SEGREGATE. To separate. (*Lat.*)

Such never came at all forward to better themselves, neither by reputations for vertues which they were carelesse to possess, nor for desire they had to purge or *segregate* themselves from the soft vices they were first infected withall.

*Kenselworth Parke, 1594, p. 10.*

SEGS. Sedges. See *Segge* (1).

SEHID. Said?

Maister, shall I tellen more?  
Je, quod the vox, al thou most sugge,  
Other elles-wer thou most abugge,  
Gossip, quod the wolff, forgef hit me,  
Ich hadde ofte *sehid* quod bi the.  
Men seide, that thou on thine live  
Misferdest mid mine wive.

*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 276.*

SEIE. (1) To tell. (*A.-S.*)

Go *sei* thi fadur he is to blame,  
That he for gode dose me schame.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 54.*

- (2) To go; to arrive.

SEIFE. A reed, or bush.

SEIGH. (1) A sieve. *Lanc.*

- (2) To sag down heavily. *North.*

SEIGN. Seven. *Lanc.*

SEIGNORIE. Power; dominion. (*A.-S.*)

SEILINGE. Assault; attack.

And in the first of that *seylinge*

Thai slouen michel hethen genge.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 305.*

SEINDE. Singed. (*A.-S.*)

SEINE. To sign. *Lydgate.*

SEINT. (1) A saint. (*A.-N.*)

That prynce it perceyvid and he let it passe and goo,  
That was to Cryst his creature he did call,  
To oure Lady and to Saynt George, and other  
*seyntes* moo;

Then sodenly uppone his knes the prynce did fall,  
Besechyng the good Lorde and his *seyntes* alle  
His ryght hym to sende and defende hym of his foo,  
And said, ever, good Lorde, thy will be doo!

*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D. xv.*

- (2) A girdle. (*A.-N.*) "Seynt of a gyrdell, *tissu*," *Palsgrave.*

A *seynt* of silke whiche sche ther hadde  
Sche kuitte, and so hire-elfe sche ladde.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 108.*

SEINTUARIE. A sanctuary. (*A.-N.*)

SEINURYE. Lordship.

Thogh God have geve hym the *seynurye*,  
He ȝaf hym no leve to do robborye.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 16.*

SEITE. Sight. See *Gewyt.*

SEIT-HOUSE. A dwelling-house.

SEIVE. A dwarf-rush. *Cumb.*

SEIZIN. Possession. Still in common use as a law term, applied to property.

Hit is the caisere shal be thin,

Of him shal thou soone have *seisyn.*

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 21.*

SEIZLING. A young earp.

SEK. (1) A sack. (2) Sackcloth.

- (3) A second. *Batchelor, p. 114.*

SEKE. Sick; ill. (*A.-S.*)

SEKERE. Secure; certain.

As *sekere* as bred ys made of floure,

Smelle theme in *seyne* with thy nese,

The swetness of that savoure

Shalle geve the lysens to lyve in ease.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6.*

Or we wyl the walles kepe,

The *sekyrlar* may we slepe.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 161.*

SEKERINGE. A securing.

That thay shalle make me a *sekerynge*

A trews to holde us bytwene.

*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 114.*

SEKERSTEINE. A sacristan.

SEKESTE. Most ill or sick.

Of povre mene that myghte ille goo,

Thay take inne welle a sixty or moo,

Of thame that *sekeste* were.

*Isumbras, 500.*

SEKILMAN. An invalid.

SEKKE. "Fyl the bag," marg. gloss.

The whyles the executours *sekke*,

Of the soule they ne rekke.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 41.*

SEKUR. Certain.

He seyde, Befyse, thou schalt dye anon,

For *sekur* we schall the sloon.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 124.*

SEL. Self. *North.*

SELADYNES. Chalcedonies. *Gawayne.*

SELCOUTH. Strange; wonderful; uncommon.

(*A.-S.*) *Selkouthede*; wonderful, *MS. Cotton.*

*Vespas. D. vii.* "Selkow or seeldam seyne."

*Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221.*

SELDE. Seldom. (*A.-S.*)

Yet ever in on my dwellynge is with thee,

For *selde* or never I parte oute of thy sight.

*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 22.*

SELDEN. Seldom. "*Selden* i-seize is sone forjete" is the burden of a song in the Vernon MS. corresponding to the well-known proverb, "out of sight, out of mind." The following stanza in a copy of the Cuckowe and the Nightingale appears not to have been printed. It follows l. 200 of Urry, p. 545.

Wyth swiche a lord wille I never be,  
For he ys blynde and may nothing see,  
And whome he hit he not or whome he failith,  
And in hys courte ful *selden* trouth avaylyth,  
So dyverse and so wilful ys he.

MS. *Cantab.* Ff. i. 6, f. 19

SELE. (1) A yoke for cattle.

(2) Fortunate? (*A.-S.*)

(3) Season; time. (*A.-S.*) Still in use in the Eastern counties.

A servant letting himself, asked his master "if he would stand *seels* and meals," it was, perhaps, for harvest, and I understand the question to mean, would he promise the usual time for rest and refreshment, as well as for the commencement and cessation of daily labour. The *seels* referring, perhaps, more especially, to the levcners and forzes. If the query was to a tradesman, say a bricklayer, it would probably refer to what is usually allowed in the way of rest and food. "I dont know much of her, only just to give her the *seel* of the day." That is, "good morning" or "good evening."

MS. *Suffolk MS*

Lorde, thought the clerk, now whom  
Myt y fynde thys yche *sele*  
To whom y myt selle Pers wele.

MS. *Hart.* 1701, f. 33.

SELEN. To seal. (*A.-S.*)

SELERE. A cellar.

There was his food and his norischyoge pure  
Sothfast *selere* of his sustinaunce.

MS. *Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 19.

SELERELLE. A visor, or mask.

SELF. Self; same. (*A.-S.*) This is the objective case. *Selves*, plur.

SELF-BLACK. The natural colour, not dyed.

SELF-HEAL. The herb pimpinell.

SELFISH. Self-conceited. *Heref.*

SELF-UNED. United to itself.

SELF-WILDNESS. Obstinaey.

SELION. A short piece of land in arable ridges and furrows, of uncertain quantity. It is sometimes defined to be a ridge of land lying between two furrows. See Carlisle's Account of Charities, p. 305. "A selion, ridge of land, *porca*," Coles.

SELK. Such. (*A.-S.*)

For al the world ne woldi nout  
That ich were to chapitre i-brout.

For none *selke* werkes. MS. *Digby* 85.  
That ne shal nevere be.

That I shal don *selk* falseté,

On bedde be on flore. MS. *Digby* 86.

SELL. (1) A saddle. (*Fr.*)

And turning to that place, in which whyleare  
He left his loffre steed with golden *sell*,  
And goodly gorgeous barbes, him found not theare.  
*Spenser's Faerie Queene*, II. ii. 11.

(2) A porpoise. *Northumb.*

(3) An unexpected failure. *Var. dial.*

(4) A cell. *Chaucer.*

SELLED. Sold. *Lincol.*

SELLENGER'S-ROUND. St. Leger's round, a favorite old country dance.

SELLICH. Sweet; mild. (*A.-S.*)

Love is les, love is lef, love is longinge;  
Love is fol, love is fast, love is frowninge;  
Love is *sellich* an thing, wose shal sot. singe.  
Love is wele, love is wo, love is g. dede;  
Love is lif, love is deth, love may thus fede.

Wright's *Anecdote Literaria*, p. 96.

SELLING. "*Chytrinda*, the play called selling of peares, or how many plums for a penie," Nomenclator, 1585, p. 298.

SELLY. Wonderfully. (*A.-S.*)

Sikurly I telle the here,

Thou shal hit bye ful *selly* dere.

Cursor *Mundi*, MS. *Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 8.

SELMS. Gate rails. *Northumb.*

SELN. Self. *Lincol.*

SELOURE. The canopy of a bed.

His bed was of asure,

With a chekir *seloure*.

MS. *Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 136.

SELT. (1) Sold. *North.*

(2) Chance; uncertainty. *Chesh.* "Selt, *casus*;  
it's but a selt whether, *forte fortuna accidit*."  
Coles' *Latina Dict.*

SELTHIE. Advantage; benefit. (*A.-S.*)

Nim in with the to Denemark bathe,

And do thou nouth onfrest this fare,

Lith and *selthe* felawes are. *Havelok*, 1330.

SEL-TIMES. Seldom. *Somerset.*

SELVYN. Self; same. (*A.-S.*)

Nethes the *selvyn* messe

Ys nother the wurse ne the lesse.

MS. *Hart.* 1701, f. 16.

SELWYLLY. Self-willed. *Pr. Parv.*

SELY. "Sely or fearfull, *paoureux*," Palsgrave.

"Sely wretched, *meschant*," Ibid.

SELYBLE. Easy; comfortable.

SELYNES. Happiness. (*A.-S.*)

We wrecches willefully forsake

The *selynes* that never shal slake.

Cursor *Mundi*, MS. *Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 141.

SEM. (1) Needlework.

(2) To think. *Devon.*

SEMANT. Slender. *North.*

SEMANZE. Glue; mortar. *North.*

SEMBLABLE. Likeness. (*A.-N.*)

Thus every thing drawethe to his *semblable*.

*Lydgate*, MS. *Ashmole* 59, f. 18.

SEMBLABLY. Similarly.

*Seemably* cold is that love, yea, rather it is no  
love, which containeth not in it the virtue and  
strength of working. *Bevon's Works*, p. 39.

SEMBLANDE. (1) Appearance. (*A.-N.*)

And yef her may devyse bryght and shyne

Werne fairer thane the quene,

In maykyng, *semblant* and hewe,

They wold quyte hyme gode and true.

MS. *Rawl.* C. 86.

(2) Behaviour. (*A.-N.*)

The kyng behelde the quene mylde,

And sawe that seche was wyth chyldre,

Then made he glad *semblant*.

Twenty tymys he dud hur kysse,

Then made they game and hysse,

And he toke hur be the hande.

MS. *Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 72.

SEMELAND. Appearance. (*A.-N.*)

- Hys body, hys vysage, ych ways  
Of *semeland*, he menyd curtays.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 244.*
- SEMELE.** Comely. [Assembled?]  
Here comyth the kyng of Ysraelle  
Wyth mony a man *semelle*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 63.*
- SEMELEDE.** Assembled. (*A.-S.*)  
Thane the *semelde* the sale,  
Kyng and cardynale,  
And the emperoure ryale. *Sir Decrevant, 1341.*
- SEMELICHE.** Seemly; comely. (*A.-S.*)
- SEMEN.** To seem; to appear; to resemble.  
Occasionally, to look. (*A.-S.*)
- SEMENAUNT.** Comeliness. (*A.-N.*)  
*Semenunt* is a wonder thing,  
It begylyt bothe knygt and kyng,  
And makit maydenys of love longyng;  
I warne you of that gyle. *Reliq. Antiq. ii. 166.*
- SEMENDE.** Seemingly.  
So that *semende* of lytje they werke  
The dedis, whiche were inwarde derke.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 42.*
- SEMENE.** Chance. (*A.-S.*)  
Thuse whelpus that burten on the so snelle,  
Withinne hur moder body by *semene*.  
*Chron. Vilodun. p. 26.*
- SEMICOPE.** A half cloak. *Chaucer.*
- SEMINARY.** A seminary priest; an English  
popish priest educated abroad.
- SEMINGE.** Resembling. (*A.-S.*)
- SEMISOUN.** A low or broken tone.
- SEMLY.** An assembly; a crowd.
- SEMMENT.** Soft; silky. *North.*
- SEMMIT.** Limber; supple. *North.*
- SEMOTED.** Separated; removed.  
Is it enough if I pray with my mind, the heart  
being *semoted* from mundane affairs and worldly  
businesses. *Bacon's Works, p. 136.*
- SEMPLE.** Common; low. *North.*
- SEMPSTER.** A sempstress. *Hall.*
- SEMY.** Brisk; active.
- SEMY-VIF.** Half alive, i. e. half dead. (*A.-N.*)
- SEN.** (1) Since. *North.*  
And after nobull kyng Arthour  
Lyved and dyed with honour,  
As many hath don *senne*.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 62.*
- (2) To say. *Salop.*
- (3) Self, as *mysen*, &c. *North.*
- SENAS.** Senate. Kyng Alisaunder, 1477.
- SENBY.** Sign; likelihood; appearance.
- SENCE.** Properly. *South.*
- SENCERE.** A censor.  
And with cncence caste in the *sencere*,  
He dede wor-chipe unto the autere.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 16.*
- SENCHIE.** To offer or place before.  
And sett hir bi him on the benche,  
Win and piment he dede *senche*.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 87.*
- SENCION.** The common ground-el.  
*For to take fysche with thy handys.*—Take groundis  
walle that ys *senchion*, and hold yt yn thi handes, yn  
the water, and alle fysche wylle gaddar theretoo.  
*Reliq. Antiq. i. 324.*
- SEND.** To go to *send*, to accompany any one  
on the road. *Ta come send*, to go to meet.  
*Heref.*
- SENDALL.** Same as *Cendal*, q. v.  
And the duke of Sarrey that daie high marshal  
of England entred into the listes with a great com-  
pany of men apared in silke *sendall* embrodered  
with silver both richely and curiously.  
*Hall's Union, 1548.*
- SENE.** (1) To see. Isumbras, 749.  
He is cum to aske iij. pounde;  
God and fecht in a stounde,  
The sothe that I may *sene*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 53.*
- (2) An assembly of scholars.
- SENEK.** Seneca. *Chaucer.*
- SENESE.** Sven. (*A.-S.*)  
The pament was as clene as hit byfore was,  
And no thyng *senese* that there was do.  
*Chron. Vilodun. p. 74.*
- SENEVE.** To change, said of a corpse; to  
warp, said of wood. *Chesh.*
- SENFY.** Sign; appearance. *North.*
- SENG.** Shelter; shade. *Yorksh.*
- SENGILLY.** Continually.  
Bot I am *senilly* here with sex sum of knyghtes;  
I beseke you, syr, that we may sounde passe.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 58.*
- SENGLES.** The claws of a hawk.
- SEN-GREEN.** The house-leek. "Howlsleek  
herbe, or *senegrene*," Prompt. Parv. p. 251.
- SENNE.** Sin. (*A.-S.*)  
Her havest thou, sone, mikel *senne*.  
Loverd, for his suete nome,  
Lete the therfore haven no shome!  
*MS. Dugby 86.*
- SENNET.** (1) A particular set of notes on the  
trumpet or cornet.
- (2) Seven-night, or week. *North.*
- SENNETII.** Mustard-seed. *Baber.*
- SENOWRYE.** A senate. *Pr. Parv.*
- SENOYS.** The people of Sienna.
- SENSE.** (1) To understand. *West.*
- (2) No sense, poor, not good. *East.*
- SENSEN.** To incense. See Maundeville's  
Travels, p. 174; and Hollyband's Dictionarie,  
1593, in v. *Encenser*.
- SENSINE.** Since then. *Cumb.*
- SENSTERE.** A sempstress.
- SENT.** (1) Assent; agreement.  
Many armys were tynt,  
That were never at the *sent*  
To come to that tournament,  
To do swylke dedis.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 134.*
- (2) Commanded.
- SENTAWSTEN.** St. Austin.  
Thurrow Goddes helpe and *Sentawsteden*,  
The spere anon he toke to hym.  
*Torrent of Portugal, p. 44.*
- SENTENCE.** Meaning.
- SENTHURY.**  
I wil grant hym blethely  
Of al my laudes the *senthury*.  
*Guy of Warwick, Middlehill M*
- SENTINE.** A kennel. (*Lat.*)
- SENYES.** Signs, referring to the system the  
monks had of talking with their fingers.  
Dedyst thu never know the maner of owr *senyes*?  
*Bale's Kynge Johan, p. 27.*
- SENȚE.** Synod.

SEP. Sheep. (*A.-S.*)  
Have her twenti shiling,  
This ich zeve the to meding,  
To buggen the *sep* and swin. *MS. Digby 86.*

SEPT. A railing. *Britton.*

SEPULTURE. A grave. (*A.-N.*)

SEQUACIS. Followers.

They abuse theymeself, and also othir thire *sequacis*, gheveng credence to such as wrighten of affection, leving the trouth that was in deede.

*Hearn's Fragment*, p. 298.

SEQUENCE. Regular order; succession. *Sequent*, following; a follower.

SEQUESTER. Separation. *Shak.*

SER. Sure. Const. *Freemas*. 602.

SERE. (1) The same as *Sear*, q. v.

(2) Several; many; each. It is still in use in the Northeru counties.

Hys handys he suffurd, for thy sake,  
Thus to be bored with nayles *seré*.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 48.

Hem is levere for to here  
Romaunces, many and *seré*.

*MS. Ashmole 60*, f. 4.

To gayt yow kene and knaw me clere,  
I shall yow sehew insampylles *seré*.

*Cruik's Eiccripta Antiqua*, p. 107.

Bot also in many other comforthes and savours,  
swettnes, and wondrousfulle felyngeis one *seré* maners.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17*, f. 220.

Now hafe ze here a grayt the lessowne,  
Of *seré* maters that ze solde leere.

*Hampole, MS. Boeces*, p. 3.

(3) Safe?

And thankyd God ofte-sythe  
That sehe sawe hur lorde so dere  
Comyn home bothe houle and *seré*.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 222.

1. The claw of a bird of prey.

SERELOPES. Severally; by themselves. (*A.-S.*)

It occurs in *Piers Ploughman*.

SERE-MONTH. August. *Aubrey*.

SERENE. The unwholesome air or damp of the evening. (*Fr.*)

SEREPE. Sirop. Nominale *MS.*

SEREW. A disease in a horse thus described by *Topsell*, 1607, p. 431:

A *serew* is a foule sorauce; it is like a splent, but it is a litle longer, and is most commonly on the outside of the forelegge, as the splint is on the inside. The cure is thus. Take two spoonefuls of strong wine-vinegar, and one spoonefull of good sallet-oyle, mingle them together, and every morning bestow one houte in rubbing the sorauce with it altogether downward til it be gone, which will not be long in going.

SEREW. Sorrow. (*A.-S.*)

Bote if hoe wende hire mod,  
For *serewe* mon ich wakese wod.

*MS. Digby 106.*

SERF-BORW. Surety; pledge. (*A.-S.*)

Sithe fey that y owe to the,  
Therof shal I me *serf-borw* be.

*Havelok*, 1667.

SERFULLICHE. Sorrowfully. *Lydgate*.

SERGE. (1) To search.

(2) A sieve, or colander.

(3) A wax taper.

And swithe feire also ze singe.

With *serges* and with candels bryjt.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 126.

SERGEANT. (1) A sheriff's officer.

The *serjeant* I before the jaylor name,

Because he is the dog that hunts the game;

He worries it and brings it to the toyle,

And then the jaylor lives upon the spoyle.

*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, iii. 10.

(2) A soldier; a squire, an attendant on a person of rank; a royal servant. (*A.-N.*)

Be sekere of this *sergeant*, he has me sore grevede;

I faghte noghte wyth syche a fricke this fyftene wyntyris.

*Morte Artoure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 65.

SERICON. The flowers of zinc.

Mr. E. K. at nine of the klok afternone sent for me to his laboratory over the gate to se how he distilled *sericon*, according as in tyme past and of late he hard of me out of *Ripley*. *Dr. Dee's Diary*, p. 26.

SERIE. A series. (*A.-N.*)

SERIOUSLY. Seriatim.

Thus proceeding to the letters, to shewe your Grace summarily, for rehersing everythyng *seriously*, I shal over long moleste your Grace.

*State Papers*, i. 290.

SERIS. The skin about the legs and feet of a hawk. *Berners*.

SERJOUR. A searcher; one who searches.

SERKIN.

Storis also of *serkyn* thyngis,

Of prince, prelatis, and of kyngis;

Sangis faure of selcouth ryme,

Englich, Frensch, and Latyne.

*MS. Ashmole 61*, f. 5.

SERKYLL. A circle.

A *serkyll* of golde that wolde noghte

With an e. pownde of golde he boghte.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 170.

SERMUN. To speak; to discourse.

Scynt Jhone to Troyle bygan to *sermun*,

Wyth ensamples of gode resun.

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 46.

SERONE. A barrel or package of soap.

SERPELL. Wild thyme.

SERPENTARY. A kind of still.

Do therto a gahn of good reed wyne, and let hym stonde so al nyjt, and stepe tyl the morow, and thanne distille him thorow a *serpentarie*.

*MS. in Mr. Pettigrew's possession*, xv. Cent

SERPENTINE. (1) A kind of cannon.

As the *serpentine* powder is quickly kindled, and quickly out, so the salamander stoue once set on fire can never be quenched.

*Greene's Gucydonius*, 1593

(2) Pertaining to the serpent.

The bytter galle pleynty to enchace

Of the venym callid *serpentyne*.

*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39*, f. 6.

SERPET. A wicker or rush basket. "A serpet, *ovbis scirpeus*," *Coles*.

SERPIGO. A kind of tetter, or dry eruption on the skin. *Shak.*

SERRE. To join closely. (*Fr.*)

SERRY. Idiotic; mean. *Lin.*

SERTAN. Certain; certainly.

The porter rose anon *sertan*

As sone as he herd Johne calle;

Litul Johne was redy with a swerd,

And bare hym to the walle.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 131.

Thus seys the boke *sortesylve*,  
God, that is both gode and hand,  
Gyf þou grace that ȝe in ȝe mend,  
And bryng us alle unto his blysse,  
That never fro us schall mysse! *MS. Ashmole 61.*

**SERTE.**  
We hafe bene thy sowdecours this sex ȝere and more;  
We forsake the to daye he *serte* of owre lorde.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 84.*

**SERTLE.** To surprise; to startle. *Esser.*

**SERTTES.** Certainly; surely.

*Serttes*, yf I hym slepyng slone,  
Manfulle ded were yt none.

*Torrent of Portugal, p. 7.*

**SERUNDEL.** The eaves of a house.

**SERVAGE.** Bondage; slavery. (*A.-N.*)

The othere he putte in presoun, and solde hem to  
*servage*, 30 for o peny. *Maunderle's Travels, p. 83.*

**SERVANT.** A lover. The corresponding term  
*mistress* is still retained.

**SERVE.** (1) To earn. *West.*

(2) To impregnate. *Berks.*

(3) To relieve a beggar. *Derb.*

(4) To feed animals. *Var. dial.*

A lady of the West country gave a great enter-  
tainment to most of the gentlemen thereabout, and  
among others to Sir Walter Raleigh. This lady,  
though otherwise a stately dame, was a notable  
housewife, and in the morning early she called to  
one of her maids, and asked her if the pigs were  
*served*. Sir Walter Raleigh's chamber joined the  
lady's, so that he heard her. A little before break-  
fast, the lady coming down in great state into a  
room full of gentlemen, as soon as Sir Walter  
Raleigh set his eyes upon her, he said, Madam, are  
the pigs *served*? The lady answered, You know  
best whether or no you have had your breakfast.

*The Witty Alarum, n. d.*

(5) To deserve. *Gawayne.*

ȝis, quod ȝyr Gawayne, so me God helpe,  
I gyfe the grace and graunt, thofe thou hafe grete  
*servede*. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 30.*

**SERVEE.** Service.

And make ȝoure self sogettys to be  
To hem that owyn ȝow *servee*.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 8.*

**SERVELE.**

Tille a clyffe the sqwere come some,  
A sees a knyghte heward hym one.  
And with swerde *servele*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 141.*

**SERVICE.** (1) Allowance of food.

Now the best time to feede them in the winter is  
about the cock-crowing, and afterward in the morn-  
ing twy-light, and soone after that let them drinke:  
in the summer let them have their first meate in the  
morning, and their second *service* at noone, and then  
drinke after that second meate or eating, and their  
third meate before evening againe, and so let them  
drinke the second time. *Topsell's Beasts, 1607, p. 81.*

(2) The first stroke of a ball at the game of  
tennis.

**SERVICES.** Bold and daring actions, an an-  
cient military term.

**SERVIOUS.** Obsequious. *Pr. Pare.*

**SERVOILE.** The wild honeysuckle.

**SES.** Cessation.

Of swiche bataile nas no *ses*  
To the night fram arnemo<sup>re</sup>we.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 33.*

**SESE.** (1) To cease; to make to cease.

Mesagers to him send in hast,  
Fore wele he west hit was bot wast  
Hem to withstond in honé way;  
And prayd hym to *sesse* of his outrage,  
And take Kateryn to mareage,  
At Frawnee to him schuld do homage,  
And croune him kyng altyr his day.  
*MS. Douce 302, f. 29.*

They *sesyd* not tylle hyt was nyghte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ft. ii. 38, f. 76.*

(2) To give seizin to.

I gyf the my doghtur be the hande,  
And *sesse* the in alle my lande.  
*MS. Cantab. Ft. ii. 38, f. 247.*

(3) To seat, or place.

In Tyberus tyme, the trewe emperour,  
Svr Sesar hymself *sesed* in Rome.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 109.*

(4) To seize.

Thow sulde his ceptre have *sesede*, and syttnye  
aboune,  
Fore reverence and realtee of Rome the noble.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 58.*

**SESKAR.** A small Scotch coin.

**SESOURS.** Scissors; candle-nippers.

**SESS.** Invitation to a dog to eat something,  
perhaps smell to it first. *Dorset.*

**SESSING.** An assessment. *Palsgrave.*

**SESSIONS.** (1) A difficult job. *North.*

(2) Possessions; property.

**SESSLE.** To change seats very often.

**SESS-POOL.** A receptacle for filth; a kind of  
reservoir for drains.

**SESSY.** Cease. (*Fr.*) The word *sest* is used  
by Marston apparently in the same sense.

**SESTIANS.** Sestiana mala. A kind of apple  
mentioned in Rider's Dictionarie, 1640.

**SE-STOERRE.** Sea-star. (*A.-S.*)

Heyl, levedy, *se-stoerre* bryht,  
Godes moder, edy wyht,  
Mayden ever vurst and late.

*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 228.*

**SESTRON.** A cistern. *Percy.*

**SET.** (1) To hire; to let. *Var. dial.* Also a  
substantive, a lease or grant.

For to save hym in his ryght  
My goodes beth *sette* and solde.

*Robin Hood, i. 11.*

(2) A game, as at whist, &c. Also a verb, to  
win the game. *East.*

(3) Astounded. *East.*

(4) *To set by*, to treat with considration. "For  
connyng they set not by," Interlude of the  
iii. Elements, n. d. *To set store by*, to set  
value upon. *A set-down*, a rebuke. *To set  
at*, to put a price on anything. *To set up a  
side*, to become partners in a game at cards.  
*A set-to*, an attack, or onset. *Hard set*, in a  
difficently. *To set on*, to put yeast to wort. *A  
dead set*, a combined scheme against any one.  
*Set fast*, confined. *Set off*, to go. *Set out*, a  
commencement or beginning. *To set up*, to  
be refractory; to oppose; to be raised above  
one's merits. *To set off*, to reduce a reck-  
oning by striking off too heavy charges.

(5) Disposal. *North.*

(6) To push; to propel. *Newc.*

- (7) To protect; to accompany. *Yorksh.*  
 (8) A young plant; a shoot.  
 (9) Set the hare's head to the goose-giblet. i. e., tit for tat.  
 (10) A gambrel. *Yorksh.*  
 (11) To settle; to bind. *Var. dial.*  
 (12) To place to account. (*A.-S.*)  
 (13) The Deity is mentioned in the Towneley Mysteries, pp. 97, 118, as He that "sett alle on seven," i. e., set or appointed everything in seven days. A similar phrase at p. 85 is not so evident. It is explained in the glossary, "to set things in, to put them in order," but it evidently implies in some cases an exactly opposite meaning, to set in confusion, to rush to battle, as in the following examples. "To set the steven, to agree upon the time and place of meeting previous to some expedition," West. and Cumb. Dial. p. 390. These phrases may be connected with each other. Be this as it may, hence is certainly derived the phrase *to be at sixes and sevens*, to be in great confusion. Herod, in his anger at the Wise Men, says,—  
 Bot be thay past me by, by Mahowne in heven.  
 I shalle, and that in hy, *set alle on sex and seven.*  
 Trow ye a kyng as I wyll suffre thaim to neven  
 Any to have mastry bot myself fulle even.  
*Towneley Mysteries*, p. 143.  
 Thus he *settes on seven* with his sekyre knyghttez.  
*Morte Artoure*, MS. *Lamb.*, f. 76  
 The duk swore by gret God of hevене,  
 Wold my hors so evene,  
 Set wold I *sett all on seven*  
 for Myldor the swet! *Doggerant*, 1279.  
 Old Odcombs odnesse makes not thee uneven,  
 Nor carelesly set all at *six and seven.*  
*Taylor's Works*, 1630, ii. 71.  
 SETE. A city. (*A.-S.*)  
 There ys a gyant of gret renowne,  
 He dystrowythe bothe *sete* and towyn.  
*Torrent of Portugal*, p. 39.  
 SETEWALE. The herb valerian.  
 Fykes, reysin, dates,  
 Almaund rys, pomme-garnates,  
 Kanel and *setewale*.  
*Gy of Wartoke*, p. 421.  
 SETH. (1) Since. (*A.-S.*)  
 Never *seth* we wedyd ware,  
 Therefore I make full mekyll care;  
 Bot now we must per[te] a-two,  
 Do thou the best, fore I must go.  
*MS. Ashmole 61*, xv. Cent.  
 (2) A seythe. *Nominale MS.*  
 SETILE. To boil. (*A.-S.*)  
 SET-HEDGE. A quickset hedge. *East.*  
 SETILLE. Seat. (*A.-S.*)  
 Fowles of heven er prowde inow that wald heghe  
 thaire *setille* aboven alle other fesh-e of the se.  
*MS. C. D. Eton*, 10, f. 13.  
 Apon the *setyl* of hys mayste  
 That day sal alle men before hym be.  
*Hampole, MS. Boices*, p. 160.  
 SETTINGS. Saplings.  
 For such as be yet infirm and weak, and newly  
 planted in the religion of Christ, and have taken no  
 sure root in the same, are easily moved as young  
*settings*.  
*Brown's Works*, p. 16.

- SETNESSE. A decree. *Hearne.*  
 SET-OPE. Anything by means of which a gate  
 or door is set or kept open.  
 SETS. The plaits of ruffs.  
 SET-SPEECH. A speech carefully prepared  
 and studied before it is delivered in public.  
 SETTE. Ruled. *Scott.*  
 SETTEN-ON. Short in growth. *North.*  
 SETTER. (1) To cut the dew-lap of an ox or  
 cow, into which helleboraster, called setter-  
 work, being put, an issue is made for ill-lu-  
 mours to vent themselves. *North.*  
 (2) An accuser. *Coles.*  
 SETTER-GRASS. The herb bear's-foot. *Yorksh.*  
 Spelt *setyegrise* in *Nominale MS.*  
 SETTER-OUT. An editor, or author.  
 SETTING. The west, so called because the  
 quarter of the setting sun.  
 SETTING-DOWN. Said of a hawk when put  
 into the mew. *Gent. Rec.* ii. 63.  
 SETTING-PIN. A dibble. *Glouc.* "Debhyll  
 or setting stycke," Huloet, 1552.  
 SETTING-STICK. A stick used for making  
 the plaits or sets of ruffs.  
 SETTLE. (1) To fall in price. *Line.*  
 (2) A long seat, generally one with a long back  
 to it. *North.* It is an archaism. See *Setille*.  
 SETTLE-BED. A folding bed.  
 SETTLE-STONES. Stones at the edge of a  
 gutter in a cow-house. *North.*  
 SEU. Suit. *Hearne.*  
 SEUGH. A wet ditch; a drain. *North.*  
 "The towne sinke, the commou sew," *Nomen-*  
*clator*, 1585, p. 391.  
 SEUNE. Seven. *Cumb.*  
 SEUREMENT. Security, generally used in the  
 legal sense. (*A.-N.*)  
 SEURETEE. Certainty. (*A.-N.*)  
 SEVEN-NIGHT. A week. This word occurs  
 in *The French Alphabet*, 1615, p. 18.  
 He levyth not oon *sevenyghte*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff ii. 33, f. 63.  
 SEVEN-YEAR. "Has been a vile thief this  
 seven year," Shakespeare. It was a proverbial  
 expression for a long time.  
 O, the body of a Gorge,  
 I wold I had them heare;  
 In faith, I wold chope them,  
 They ware not so hack this *seven yere*.  
*Marriage of Witt and Wisdome*, 1579.  
 I can then thanke Sensuall Apetyte;  
 That is the best daunce without a pype  
 That I saw this *seven yere*.  
*Interlude of the Four Elements*, n. d.  
 SEVERALS. Portions of common assigned for  
 a term to a particular proprietor, the other  
 commoners waiving for the time their right  
 of common over them. See *Hunter on*  
*Shakespeare*, i. 267.  
 SEVERY. A division or compartment of a  
 vaulted ceiling. "Severous of a howse," *MS.*  
*Dictionary*, 1540.  
 SEW. (1) Same as *Assue*, q. v.  
 (2) Sowed. *Line.*  
 (3) To wipe the beak, a term in ancient hawking  
 given by Berners.



(4) A kind of pottage. "Sadduleres in sew," Reliq. Antiq. i. 81.

The flosche, whan it was so to-hewe,  
sche taketh and maketh therof a sewe.

Gower, *MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 164.

(5) To ooze out. *Suffolk.*

(6) To drain land. A covered drain or wet ditch is called a sew. *Var. dial.*

(7) To mourn; to lament. *Kennett.*

SEWANT. The plaice. *Northumb.*

SEWE. (1) To assay meat at table. "I sewe at meate, *je taste*," Palsgrave.

(2) To follow. (*A.-S.*)

In wyntur, in the depe snowe,  
On every side the wil me trace;  
Be my steppys they wil me knowe,  
And *sewen* me fro place to place.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 110.

Syr, he seyde, y come ryghte nowe,  
Go before, y wyllle *sewe* yow.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 154.

(3) To make suit for a thing.

SEWELL. A scarecrow, which generally consisted of feathers tied to a string to prevent deer from breaking ground, by frightening them. The term is metaphorically used in a passage quoted by Nares, in v. *Shewelles*, who entirely misunderstands it.

SEWENT. Even; regular. *West.* Coles has it in the sense of convenient, fit.

SEWER. The officer who set and removed the dishes, tasted them, &c.

SEWSTER. A sempstress. *Somerset.* The term occurs in the Pr. Parv.

SEXESTEN. A sexton.

The *sexest-en* went welle than.  
That he had he a wode man.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 240.

SEXTARY. A pint and a half. It varied in measure in different countries.

Then must the quantity be two dram- of castoreum, one *sextary* of honey and oyle, and the like quantity of water, but in the fit it helpeth with vinegar by smelling to it. It helpeth the palsie, taken with rew or wine, sod in rew, so also all heart trembling, ache in the stomach, and quaking of the sinewes.

*Topwell's Boasts*, 1607, p. 49.

SEXTÉ. Sixth. *Pereval*, 248.

SEXTIPARTITE. In six parts.

They not onely made an indenture *sextipartite* sealed wyth their seales and signed wyth their handes.

*Hull's Union*, 1543.

SEXTRY. A sacristy, or vestry.

SEY. A skimming dish. *West.*

SEYLENDE. Sailing.

And thus by schip forth *seylende*,

Hire and hire childe to Rome he bruarde.

Gower, *MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 69.

SEYNE. Sodden, or boiled.

SEYNOWRES. Noblemen. (*A.-N.*)

Salle he never sownde see his *seynowres* in Rome,

Ne sitt in the assemblé in syghte wyth his tere.

*Morte Arthure*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 70.

SEYNTWARE. A sanctuary.

And uche wonde that thei there here,

He spered hem in het *seyntware*.

*Cursor Mundi*, *MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 43.

And intrede into Seynt Edes *seyntware*.

*Chron. Fildun.* p. 82

SEYPER. A drunkard. *Cumb.*

SHAAD. A meadow.

SHAB. The itch in animals. *West.* In old English, a scab. "He shrapeth on is shabbes," Wright's Pol. Songs, p. 239. *Shabby*, mangy, itchy, Palmer, p. 80.

Alle that ben sore and *shabbed* ske with synne,  
Rather with pité thanne with reddure wyne.

*Lydegate*, *MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 22.

SHABBAROON. A mean shabby fellow.

SHAB-OFF. To abscond. *North.*

SHAB-RAG. A mean beggarly person.

SHAB-WATER. A water generally prepared with tobacco, and sometimes with the addition of some mercurial, to cure the *shab*.

SHACK. (1) To rove about. As a substantive, an idle worthless vagabond. *Var. dial.*

(2) In Norfolk and Suffolk, liberty of winter pasturage, the lords of manors having the privilege to feed their sheep at pleasure upon their tenants' lands during the six winter months. Also a custom in Norfolk to have common for hogs, from the end of harvest till seed-time, in all men's grounds; whence *to go at shack* in that county signifies as much as to go at large. *Diet. Rust.*

(3) The grain left after harvest and gleanings; fallen mast or acorns. *East.* Tusser has the phrase *shack-time*.

(4) To shoul, or shake out. *Var. dial.*

SHACK-A-BACK. An idle vagabond.

SHACKATORY. A hound.

No *shackatory* comes nere him; if hee once get the start, hee's gone, and you gone too.

*The Wandering Jew.*

SHACKED. Rough; shaggy. *West.* "Their haire is *shacked*," Harrison, p. 41.

SHACKELY. To shake out, or scatter, as hay from a waggon. "How ut do *shakely* about?" *Devon.*

SHACKET. A small cart-load. *North.*

SHACK-FORK. A wooden fork for shaking straw off the barn floor. *Yorksh.* "A *shack-forke*, *pastinatum*," MS. Diet. 1540. For *pastinum*? Kennett explains it, "a fork of wood which threshers use to shake up the straw withall that all the corn may fall out from amongst it."

SHACK-HOLE. A hollow in the ground which receives the surface water. *Craven Gl.* ii. 111.

SHACKLE. (1) The wrist. *North.*

(2) A twisted band, generally made of rushes or straw. *Somerset.*

(3) An iron loop moving on a bolt.

(4) Stubble. *Heref.*

The cure is thus: let him blood of his two breast vaines, of his two *shack*'s vains, and of his two vaines above the cronets of his hinder hooves; if the vaines wil bleed, take from them three pints at leest, if they wil not bleed, then open his neck vein and take so much from thence. Save the blood, and let one stand by and stir it as he bleeds, lest it grow into lumps.

*Topwell's Boasts*, 1607, p. 306.

SHACKLE-HAMMED. Bow-legged.

SHACKLE-NET. The flue net. *North.*

SHACKLES. Cow-chains. *North.*

- SHACKLING. Idle; loitering. *Var. dial.*  
 SHACKLOCKS. Locks for fetters.  
 And bids his man bring out the five-fold twist,  
 His shackles, *shacklocks*, hampers, gyves, and chaines.  
*Beowulf's Britannia's Pastorals*, i. 129.
- SHAD. (1) Overdid; excelled. *Lauc.*  
 (2) Separated; shaded. *Hearne.*
- SHADANDE. Shedding; scattering.  
 The schafte schoderede and schotte in the schure beryne,  
 That the *schadande* blade over his schanke rynnys.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 93.
- SHADBRID. A minnow.
- SHADE. (1) A sheath. *Suffolk.*  
 (2) The same as *Shard*, q. v.  
 (3) A shed. (4) To shed. *North.*  
 (5) "*Discrimen*, the shade of the hede," Nominale MS, inter membra humani corporis. It means the parting of the hair on the head.  
 (6) Shed; flowed. *Gawayne.*
- SHADEL. A water-gate; a gate for stopping water used in mill-streams.
- SHADOW. (1) Same as *Bone-grace*, q. v.  
 (2) An uninvited guest. (*Lat.*)
- SHAFF. (1) Chaff. (*I.-S.*)  
 (2) Nonsense; stupid talk. *North.*
- SHAFFERONS. Chaffrons, or champfrains.
- SHAFFLES. A bungler. *Yorksh.*
- SHAFFLING. (1) Indolent. (2) An awkward and insignificant person. *North.*
- SHAFT. (1) The handle of anything. A broomstick is a *besam shaft*, and the use of the word is extended to the handle of a spoon or fork, &c. *Line.*  
 (2) Creature. (*I.-S.*) The copy in MS. *Vespas. A. iii*, f. 4, reads "wit tui maner o *scaft*."  
 For he wolde be that Kyng of craft,  
 Worschedep with two maner *shaft*.  
*Cursus Manu, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 3.  
 (3) An arrow; a spear. *Palsgrave.*  
 (4) A maypole.  
 (5) A lead-mine, or coal-pit. *North.*  
 (6) A net for catching birds.
- SHAFTED. Set; sank. *Gawayne.*
- SHAFTMAN. A measure taken from the top of the extended thumb to the utmost part of the palm, and generally considered as half a foot. (*I.-S.*) "A shafman, shafmet, or shaftment, the measure of the fist with the thumb set up," Ray's English words, ed. 1674, p. 40. Florio, p. 414, gives it a particular meaning, "a certaine rate of cloth that is given above measure, which drapers call a handfall or *shaft-mun*."  
 The cantelle of the clere schelde he kerfes in sondyre,  
 Into the schuldyre of the schalke a *schafmannde* large.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 97.
- SHAG. (1) Rough hair. *Devon.*  
 (2) A slice of bread. *Cumb.*  
 (3) A kind of cloth, used for lining of cloaks, church hassocks, &c. *Silk shag* is occasionally mentioned.  
 (4) To shake, or jog.  
 (5) The same as *Shack*, q. v.  
 (6) A cormorant. *South.* Hence the phrase, as wet as a shag.

- (7) To slink away. *Ghenc.*
- SHAGAPENTER. A shoulder of pork roasted, with the blade-bone cut into it. *Decca.*
- SHAGEBUSII. (1) A sackbut.  
 (2) A arquebuss, or hand-gun. "Schagbusshe a gonne, *haquebutte*," Palsgrave.
- SHAG-FOAL. A sort of ghost or spectre, which under this appearance is thought by the common people to haunt different parts of the county. *Line.*
- SHAG-HAT. A sort of hat made very long in the down. *North.*
- SHAG-RAG. A mean beggarly fellow. "*Guerluset*, somewhat like our *shayrag*, a by-word for a beggerlike souldior," Cotgrave.  
 A scurvie *shagragge* gentleman new come out of the North, a punie, a freshman, come up hither to learne fashions and seeke to expell me.  
*Exchange Ware at the Second Hand*, 1645.  
 For plainnesse is despise, and honestie  
 Is fellow *shake-rag* with simplicitie.  
*Scott's Certaine Pieces of this Age*, 1616.  
 The *shak-rag* shag-haired crue, whose boundles minns  
 Must be supplide with shifting or by steath.  
*Taylor's Urania*, ed. 1630, p. 7.
- SHAIL. To walk crookedly. "I shayle with the fete, *jentretaille des piedz*," Palsgrave. Still in use, Forby, 294. *Shailer*, a cripple. See further in *Shale* (4).
- SHAKE. (1) To dance. Originally, to go at a great rate, to move rapidly. (*I.-S.*)  
 (2) To shake the elbow, to play at dice. To shake a fall, to wrestle. No great shakes, nothing extraordinary.  
 (3) A crack in wood. *North.* Hence *shaky*, full of cracks.  
 (4) A fissure in the earth. *Derb.*  
 (5) Futuo. This seems to be the ancient form of *shay*, given by Grose. "*Lascivus*, Anglice a schakere," Nominale MS.  
 (6) To brag, or boast.
- SHAKE-BAG. A large game-cock.
- SHAKEBUCKLER. A swashbuckler; a bully.
- SHAKE-CAP. A North country game.
- SHAKEN. Paltry; mean; poor. *Shaken-brained*, disordered in mind. *North.*
- SHAKES. (1) A bad character. *North.*  
 (2) Applied sometimes to quick action. "I'll do it in a brace of *shakes*," *East*. "Thei wente a nobull schakke," at a great rate, Hunttyng of the Hare, 96. "Schokkes in with a schakke," *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 72.
- SHAKING. (1) The ague. *North.*  
 As to the nature of our Wiltshire sheep, negatively they are not subject to the *shaking*, which the Dorsetshire sheep are.  
*Audrey's Wilts, MS. Royal Soc.* p. 309.  
 (2) *Shaking of the sheets*, an old country dance, frequently mentioned with a double entendre by our old dramatists.  
 Besides, there are many pretty provocative dances, as the kissing dance, the cushin dance, the *shaking of the sheets*, and such like, which are important instrumental causes whereby the skilfull hath both elyents and custome.  
*Taylor's Worke*, 1630, h. 96.

- SHAKING-NAUGHT. Worthless.
- SHAKY. Feeble; weak. *Var. dial.*
- SHALDER (1) A kind of slate.
- (2) To give way; to tumble down.
- (3) A broad flat rush.
- SHALE. (1) A husk. "The *shailles* or stalkes of hempe," Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593. Also a verb, to husk or shell, as peas, &c.
- And mony *shales* he syge falle from burr heyge tho.  
*Chron. Filadun*, p. 123.  
His coloure keypyng ever in oone by kynde,  
And doth his pipines in the *schalis* bynde.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq 134*, f. 13.
- (2) An earthen pan. *Somerset.*
- (3) Loose ore or substance from a mine or quarry; alum ore. *North.*
- (4) "Proper to the feet, in with the heels and out with the toes," Hallamsh. Gl. p. 121. "Esgrailler, to shale, or straddle with the feet or legs," Cotgrave. See *shail*. "To drag the feet heavily." Craven Gl.
- (5) To give way, or slide down.
- SHALKE. (1) Chalk.
- Thurghe a faire champayne undyr *shalke* hyllis,  
The kyng fraysteyz a-furth over the fresche strandez.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 66.
- (2) A man; a soldier. (*A.-S.*)  
Thane the *schalkes* scharpelye schefytys theire horsez,  
To schewen them semly in theire schecne wedes.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 79.
- (3) Armour for the shoulder?  
Symblys one the sowdeours, and settyz theire dyntys,  
Thourghe the scheldys so schene *schalkes* they towche.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 92.
- SHALL. A shoal. *Devon.*
- SHALLIGO. Scanty, thin, applied to dress. *Dorset.*
- SHALLOP. A two-masted vessel.
- The very flower and prime of the Spanish army, in fourscore points or long-bottomed boats and *shallops*, before stavenisse, a little island in Zealand, some of the *shallops* then running on ground, and the fleet of the United Provinces setting upon them, divers endeavoured to escape, who were slain or drowned. *MS. Harl.* 646.
- SHALLOW. The fuscule fish. *East.*
- SHALLY-WALLY. A term of contempt. *North.*
- SHALM. (1) To shriek. *Suffolk.*
- (2) The tapestry of a bed.
- SHALMIE. A psalter. *Chancer.*
- SHAM. (1) Shame; bad conduct. *Sham-a-sterne*, not one. *North.*
- (2) To blush with shame.
- SHAMBLE. (1) To disperse. *East.*
- (2) To walk awkwardly. Metaphorically, to be unsteady in conduct. *Var. dial.*
- SHAMBLES. The frame of wood that hangs over a shaft-horse in a cart. *Oron.*
- SHAMEFAST. Modest. *Palsgrave.*
- SHAMERAGS. Shamrocks.
- Whilst all the Hibernian kernes, in multitudes,  
Did feast with *shamerags* stew'd in usquebagh.  
*Taylor's Works*, 1630, ii. 4.
- SHAMES. A mode of exclamation. What the shames! i. e. are you not ashamed?
- SHAMES-DEDE. A death of shame.
- Therefore at hym they hadde envy,  
A torment than did thav crye,  
That thoughte to do hym quede,  
and *shames-dede* with alle. *Launcelas*, 612.

- SHAMEW. Same as *Chammer*, q. v.
- SHAMMING-ABRAHAM. An odd phrase, common among soldiers and sailors, used when they counterfeit sickness or infirmity. It was probably derived from the Abraham men of Shakespeare's time, described in King Lear. See *Abraham-Men*.
- SHAMMOCKS. A bad going horse.
- SHAMNEL. A masculine woman. *Glouc.*
- SHAMS. Gaiters. *Lin.*
- SHAN. (1) Bashful; confused. *North.* "Shan, *pudor, reverencia*," Coles.
- (2) To turn out the toes. *Yorksh.*
- (3) Wild; said of cattle when inclined to run; sometimes also, I believe, of a profligate spendthrift. *Lin.*
- SHANDERY-DAN. A kind of small cart or trap, generally without springs.
- SHANDLICHE. Vileness; baseness. (*A.-S.*)  
No for Merlin the gode clerk,  
That can so much *shandaliche* werk.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 159.
- SHANDY. (1) Shabby; untidy. *Dorset.*
- (2) Mild; gentle. *North.*
- (3) Wild; unsteady. *Yorksh.*
- SHANGY. A riot, or row. *North.*
- SHANK. (1) The projecting point of a hill, joining it with the plain. *North.*
- (2) The spoke of a wheel. *Devon.*
- (3) Dusk; twilight. *Yorksh.*
- (4) The upright part of a candlestick. "The shanke of a candlestick betweene the nose and the foote," Baret, 1580.
- (5) The tunnel of a chimney.
- SHANKS. (1) Slates. *Durham.*
- (2) Fur from the legs of animals. "Schanke of bouge, *fouurrure de cuissettes*," Palsgrave.
- Also at the goynge up of Master Chancelier into the Lollars tower, we have good proofe that there laye on the stockes a gowne eyther of murrey or crimson in gray furred with *shanks*.  
*Hall, Henry VIII.* f. 51.
- SHANK'S-NAG. On foot. *Var. dial.*
- SHANNA. Shall not. *North.*
- SHANNY. Wild; foolish. *East.*
- SHANTEGOS. Half-bricks. *Var. dial.*
- SHANTY. Smart; gay; showy. *Var. dial.*
- SHAPE. (1) To begin; to commence. *North.* Also, to tell a tale.
- (2) A mess; a litter. *Devon.*
- (3) A dress of disguise. A very common term in old plays.
- (4) The *A.-S.* *gesecepan, verenda, pulcudo*, "Count, a womans shappe, *con*," Palsgrave. Still in common use in Lincolnshire, used especially in the case of infants and children. "The shape of a mare," Elyot in v. *Hippomanes*. See Chester Plays, i. 29.
- Rochas rehersith of wyfis many oome,  
Which to her husbandis were contrarious;  
Among alle othe he wrytyth of none,  
Semeramis hir name, of leryng vicious,  
Quene of Assir e, he callyth hir thus:  
Which wld no man in eny wy e dnye,  
But wyth her crokid *shap* encrece and multepre.  
*Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 22.

- (5) A portrait, or picture. *Devon*.  
 (6) Formed; figured. (*A.-S.*)  
 Thy counccillere schalle be an ape,  
 And in a clothyng ye schalle be *schape*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 241.*
- SHAPES. A tight-laced girl.  
 SHAPING-KNIFE. A shoemaker's paring-knife.  
*Palsgrave.*
- SHAPLY. Fit; comely. (*A.-S.*)  
 Constant in vertu, flemor of malyce,  
 Trew of your wordes, of wordys mesurable,  
 Benigne and gracious, al voyd of vyce,  
 Humbil of speryt, discreyt and honourable,  
 Shaply and fayre, jocunde and amebille.  
*MS. Fairfax 16.*  
 He is nougt *schaply* for to wyve  
 In erthe amonge the wymmen here.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 81.*
- SHAPPEROON.  
 Her *shapperoons*, her perriwigs and tyes,  
 Are reliques which this flatt'ry much admires,  
 Rebatoes, maske, her busk and busk-point too,  
 As thngs to which mad men must homage doe.  
*Taylor's Worke, 1630, ii. 111.*
- SHAPPERS. Makers; creators.  
 But she kunne the poyntes of crystenyng,  
 Ne beleveth nat on these *shappers*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 64.*
- SHAPS. Oats without the grain. *North*.  
 SHARCHE. To search. "*Rimor*, to be schar-  
 chyd," *Vocabulary*, MS. xv. Cent.
- SHARD. (1) A piece of broken pottery; a frag-  
 ment of stone or any brittle substance. *Var.*  
*dial.* "Shardes of marble wherewith they  
 used to playster theyr walles." Elyot in v.  
*Crusta*.  
 (2) An opening in a wood. *Yorksh.*  
 (3) The shell or hard outward covering of insects.  
*North.* The scales of an animal. "The  
 shard-borne beetle," the beetle borne on by  
 its shard, Shakespeare. Some are of opinion  
 that Shakespeare here means shard-born, born  
 in a shard, or dung, and Harrison, p. 229,  
 calls the beetle the *turdbug*.  
 For longe tyme it so befelle,  
 That with his sward, and with his spere,  
 He might not the serpent dere;  
 He was so *sharded* all aboute,  
 It held all edge toole withoute.  
*Gower, ed. 1554, f. 103.*
- (4) A notch. *Var. dial.*  
 (5) Cow dung. *North.* "Sharde and dunge,"  
 Elyot in v. *Bonasmus*, ed. 1559.  
 (6) A gap in a fence. *Var. dial.* According to  
 Stanhurst, p. 11, it was so called in his time  
 by the inhabitants of Fingal. "Nethe styll  
 ne sherd," Lydgate, p. 114.  
 (7) To take a shard, i. e. to take a cup too much,  
 to get tipsy. *Devon*.
- SHARE. (1) To cut. (*A.-S.*)  
 The beste stedes that thei bade  
 By the scholders he them *scharde*,  
 He was never so hard y-stade  
 Ifor welc ne for wo! *Degravant 1630.*  
 As the prest hyt brak, the angel hyt *share*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 66.*  
 Hur skarlet sleve he *scharde* of then,  
 He seyde, lady, be thys ye shalle me ken.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 89.*

- (2) A crop of grass. *Somerset*.  
 (3) The sycamore tree. *West*.  
 (4) A vile woman. *Devon*.  
 (5) To ridicule any one. *Line*.  
 (6) The pubes of a man. (*A.-S.*)  
 Sychone se I never ere  
 Stoungyng opone *scharc*.  
*MS. Porkington 10.*
- SHAREVIL. A garden fork. *Salop*.  
 SHARGE. Futuo. *North*.  
 SHARHOG. A yearling sheep. *North*.  
 SHARK. (1) To swindle; to defraud. *Shak*.  
 Also a substantive, a thief, or swindler. Gruse  
 gives it as an Exmoor word. *Shark-gull*,  
*sharker*, one who preys on simpletons.  
 These thieves doe rob us with our owne good will,  
 And have dame Nature's warrant for it still:  
 Sometimes these *sharks* doe worke each others wrack,  
 The ravening belly often robs the backe.  
*Taylor's Worke, ii. 117.*  
 The owle-cyd *sharkers* spied him how he felt  
 To finde a post; his meaning soone they smelt.  
*Scot's Philomythie, 1616.*
- (2) A notch. *Glouc*.  
 SHARM. To make a confused chattering noise.  
*Sharming*, a confused noise, a din, a buzzing,  
 such as is made by chattering or unruly chil-  
 dren, Moor's Suffolk Words, p. 339.  
 And though thei *sharme* and crye, I care not a myght,  
 But with my sharpe sworde ther ribbes I shall strake.  
*Digby Mysteries, p. 10.*
- SHARN. Cow dung. *North*. A cockchafer  
 is called a *sharn-bug* in Sussex.  
 SHARNEBUDE. A beetle. Kemmet gives it as  
 a Kent word for a black beetle.  
 Lyke to the *sharnebudes* kynde,  
 Of whose nature this I fynde,  
 That in the hottest of the day,  
 Whan comen is the mery May,  
 He spret his wyng, and up he fleeth.  
*Gower, MS. Boll. 294, f. 29.*
- SHARP. (1) Cold; frosty. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) The shaft of a cart. *West*.  
 (3) Pungent in taste. (*A.-S.*)  
 (4) Quick; active. *Var. dial.* It occurs in Pr.  
 Parv. MS. Harl. 221.  
 (5) A sword.  
 I desire that a chalice be made of my great *sharpe*,  
 and offered to our Lady in the Lady Chapel at  
 Tewksbury. *Test. Vetust. p. 240.*
- SHARPING-CORN. "Is a customary gift of  
 corn, which, at every Christmas, the farmers  
 in some parts of England give to their smith  
 for sharpening their plough-irons, harrow-tines,  
 and such like, and exceeds not half a bushel  
 for a plough-land," Blount.
- SHARPLYNGS. Nails. "Item, for *sharplyngs*  
 for nalyng of gresssys, j. d." Croft's Excerpta  
 Antiqua, p. 19.
- SHARPS. The refuse of flour; sometimes, an  
 inferior sort of flour.
- SHARPSET. Very hungry. *Var. dial.*  
 And so I thinke that if anie were so *sharpe set* as  
 to eat fried flies, butterd bees, stued snailles, either  
 on Fridaie or Sundaie, he could not be therefore  
 indicted of hauite treason.  
*Stanhurst's Ireland, 1586, p. 19.*

## SHARTHE.

Thane warme it hate in a *scharthe*, and anoynte the gowte bi the fire, and do so ofte, and it wille ese mekille. *MS. Lincoln. Mss.* f. 306.

SHASHOONS. A sort of stiff leathers tied round the small of the leg to make the boots look smooth and in shape. *Gloss.*

SHASOR. A wine-cooler.

SHATERANDE. Dashing. *Gawayne.*

SHATTED. Bepattered. *Devon.*

SHATTER. (1) To sprinkle. *Kent.*

(2) A number, or quantity. *South.*

(3) Harebrained; giddy. *North.*

(4) To scatter about. *Dorset.* Hence *shattery*, loose, not compact.

SHATTER-PATE. A giddy, weak fellow.

SHATY. To chastise. *R. de Brunne.*

SHAUL. (1) Shallow. *Var. dial.*

(2) A small washing-tub, made hollow, and without staves. *Kent.*

(3) To cast the first teeth. *West.*

(4) A wooden shovel without a handle, used for the purpose of putting corn into a winnowing machine. *Sussex.*

(5) Salve for bruises. *Devon.*

(6) To dispute; to wrangle. *Line.*

SHAVE. A small coppice. *Kent.*

SHAVELDER. A fellow who goes wandering idly about like a vagabond.

SHAVELING. A friar, in contempt.

John preached to al men repentance of former m-sdoing, and Becket proclaimed to his *shavelines* immunity of conigne punishment, even in a case of most wicked murthring.

*Lambard's Perambulation*, 1596, p. 433.

SHAVER. A cunning *shaver*, a subtle fellow; a young *shaver*, a boy.

SHAVES. Shafts. *West.*

SHAVING. Anything very small.

SHAW. (1) To scold sharply. *West.*

(2) A thicket. This word is often explained a small wood, and in the glossary to Syr Gawayne, a grove, or wood. In early English writers it has usually the meaning I have assigned to it, but the other senses are also employed. "Under the shawe of the wood." *Morte d'Arthur*, i. 374. Still in use in the provinces.

He that come forthermast es slayne

In that *shawe* schene.

*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 137.

That sange in the sesone in the schene *shawes*

So lawe in the lawndez so lykand notes.

*Morte. Arthur.* *MS. Lincoln*, f. 81.

It thougte hire fayre and seyde, here

I wol abide undir the *shawe*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 111.

In somer when the *shawes* be sheyne,

And leves be large and long,

Hit is fulle mery in feyre foreste

To here the foulis song.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 125.

Levere is the wrenne,

Abouten the *shawe* renne,

Than the fithel draut,

Other the floute craf.

*Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 107.

(3) To rub the skin off by friction. Still in use. (Swed.)

## SHAWE. To show.

We have you tolde the sothe sawe

Of al that we have leve to *shawe*.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 113.

SHAW-FOWL. An artificial bird, made for fowlers to shoot at. *Diet. Rust.*

SHAWM. A shalm; a sort of pipe resembling a hautboy. *Arch.* xxiii. 41.

SHAWNTY. Showy; flashy. *Norf.*

SHAWS. The tops of turnips, &c. *Lanc.*

SHAY. (1) A chase. *Shay-lad*, a post-boy.

(2) A light colour. *Kent.*

SHAZZAASING. An awkward person. *Devon.*

SHE. Her. *West.*

SHEAD. (1) To slope regularly. *Chesh.*

(2) A rough pole of wood. *Kent.* Harrison, p. 193, mentions "sheads for poles." *Sheed-wood*, rough poles.

SHEAF. A bundle of arrows. *Drayton*, p. 29, mentions "a sheafe arrow."

SHEAL. (1) To shell peas, &c.

(2) A temporary summer hut.

SHEAR. (1) To gnaw, or eat off; to tear with the teeth. See *Palsgrave*, and *Thoms' Aneed*, and *Traditions*, p. 27.

But this must be wrought under the earth in the caves, dennes, or furrowes, made of purpose, which is to be performed two manner of waies, one by placing the gam in some perch of wood, so as that assoone as the beast is taken by the necke, it may presently fly up and hang him, for otherwise with his teeth hee will *sheare* it asunder and escape away alive.

*Topsell's Beast.* 1607, p. 225.

(2) A sheath for scissors. *West.*

(3) To reap. *Var. dial.*

(4) A crop of grass, &c. *Devon.*

SHEAR-GRASS. A species of sedge.

SHEAR-HOG. A ram or wether after the first shearing is so called. *Midl. C.*

SHEARING. A sheep only once shorn.

SHEARING-KNIFE. A thatcher's tool used for shearing the roof. *Yorksh.*

SHEARMAN. "Scherman, *tondeur*," *Palsgrave*.

"Schermannes poole, *preche a draps*," *Ibid.*

"*Tondeur de draps*, a shearmen or cloth-worker," *Cotgrave*.

SHEAT. A young hog. *South.* "Gorret, a little sheat," *Cotgrave*.

SHEATH. (1) The prepuce of an animal.

(2) The piece of timber which holds the beam and throek together.

(3) A fountain of salt water.

SHEAVE. To bind corn. *Midl. C.*

SHED. (1) The parting of the hair. "La grece de monn cheef, the schod of my eved," *MS.* *Arund.* 220, f. 297. "Discrimen, the seed of the hede;" *Nominale MS.* "The deviding or *shedding* of a womans haire of hir head," *Florio*, p. 483. Still used in the North, to divide, to separate. Compare *Kyng Alisaunder*, 48, *shedynge*s, *Bodl. MS.*

In heed he had a *sheed* biforn,

As Nazareus han there thei are born.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 115.

(2) Mingere. *Devon.*

(3) Difference. *Lanc.*

- (4) To spill. Still in use. *Schedez*, pours, occurs in Syr Gawayne.
- (5) The handle of a pail. *Devon*.
- (6) To surpass; to excel. *Lanc*.
- (7) Surprised. *Yorksh*.
- (8) The sheath of a knife. *East*. It occurs as a verb in the Pr. Parv.
- (9) The slope of a hill. "Schedde of an hyll, *lectee*." Palsgrave.
- (10) A tub for cream. *Lincol*.
- SHEDELE. A channel of water.
- SHEDER. A female sheep. *Lincol*.
- SHEEDINGS. The seventeen kirks or parishes in the Isle of Man are divided into six parts, which are there call'd *sheedings*, every sheeding comprehending three kirks or parishes, except one which has only two. Kennett, MS.
- SHEELY. The chaffinch. *North*.
- SHEEN-NET. A large drag-net.
- SHEENSTRADS. Spatterdashes. *Devon*.
- SHEEP-BITER. A thief. A cant term. The word is played upon in the following passage: A sepulchre to sashif and others in ponds, moates, and rivers; a sharp *sheep-biter*, and a marvellous mitten monger, a gorbelly glutton.  
*Man in the Moone*, 1600.
- SHEEP-CRATCH. A frame of wood on which sheep are laid. *North*.
- SHEEP-GATE. (1) A right of stray for one sheep. Craven Gloss. ii. 117.
- (2) A hurdle with bars. *Kent*.
- SHEEP-KILLING. The herb pennywort.
- SHEEP-RAIK. A sheep-walk. *North*.
- SHEEP'S-EYE. A wanton look. *Var. dial*. "Affectionate winke, a sheepes eye," Cotgrave.
- SHEEP'S-FOOT. A kind of hammer, the handle of which is made of iron, and has a claw at the end. Hence its name.
- SHEEP'S-SLITE. Sheep's pasture, or walk. *Dorset*.
- SHEEP-WASH. A festival in the North. See Brand's Pop. Antiq. ed. 1841, ii. 20. A feed-cake at fastens; and a lusty cheese-cake at our *sheep-wash*.  
*The Two Lancashire Lovers*, 1640, p. 19.
- SHEER. (1) Sharp; cold. *Glouc*.
- (2) Clear; transparent; pure. The more ancient form is *shere*. Forby has it, "bright red, shining with inflammation."
- (3) Absolute; mere; pure. *Var. dial*.
- (4) Brittle. *East*.
- (5) Quick; at once. *Var. dial*.
- (6) A fishing spear. *Sussex*.
- (7) Odd; singular. *North*.
- SHEER-THURSDAY. Manndy Thursday.
- SHEESENS. Hens. *Dorset*.
- SHEET. To shoot down, as water.
- SHEETED-COW. A cow having a white band like a sheet round her body.
- SHEVE. A pulley, a small wheel driven by a belt or rope. *Northumb*.
- SHE-FAMILIAR. A kept mistress.
- SHEIFE. A shive of bread. This form of the word occurs in Nominale MS.
- SHEFFE. Thirty gads of steel.
- SHEFFIE. To shift about.

Thus they *scheften* fore schotys one thas schire strandys.  
*Morte Arthure*, MS. Lincoln, f. 91.

SHEIT. To shoot.

The bisshop, for his absolucyon;  
The priste, the clerk, for her syngyng swete;  
Knyghts and squyers, for armys and renoun;  
Yomen and grome, for thay styfly sheyt.

*MS. Fairfax* 16

SHEKILS. Ague, or trembling. "He is in the *shekyls*," Towneley Myst. p. 99.

SHEKIR. The game of chess.

SHELD. (1) A shield. (*A.-S.*)

(2) Shallow. Still in use.

Wade thei muste, the water was *scheld*

By every syde the wyllefeld.

*MS. Ashmole* 61, f. 2.

(3) Spotted; variegated. *Coles*.

(4) Shoal; coast. *Weber*.

SHELDAPPLE. The chaffinch. "A chaffinch, a shield appel," Nomenclator, 1585, p. 58.

SHELDER. Shovelling earth downwards to give a bank or elevation a greater slope is called *sheldering* it. *Suff*.

SHELF. *On the shelf*, said of ladies when too old to be married.

SHELL. (1) An inner coffin. *Var. dial*.

(2) The hard horny part of the neck of a hog, kept for the purpose of being manufactured into brawn. It is when so manufactured called the "horny part" by the partakers of that edible. *East*.

SHELLED. Piebald. *East*.

SHELLET. A sort of imperfect or rotten slate. *Devon*.

SHELL-FIRE. The phosphorescence sometimes exhibited in farm-yards, &c., from decayed straw, &c. or touchwood. *Kent*.

SHELLS. Money. A cant term.

SHELLY. An ait in a river. *West*.

SHELLTROUNE. A regiment of soldiers.

Thane schotte owtte of the schawe *scheltronous* many,  
With scharpe wapyns of ware schotande at ones.

*Morte Arthure*, MS. Lincoln, f. 72.

How he schal have for knowynge and wys myxt  
of all perellis and harmes that lytliche mowe bifalle  
in *scheltronous* or batailles.

*Vogecius*, MS. D.uce 291, f. 5.

Aforcynge hem by *sheltron* in batayle,

By feile malice this fayre lambe to assayle.

*Lydgate*, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 14.

Heyle, *scheltron* schouris to shelde!

Heyle, bryghtnes evyr schynyng!

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 4.

SHELTY. A Shetland pony. *North*.

SHELVE. (1) To turn manure, &c., from a cart, by raising its front part and causing it to lie obliquely. *Sussex*.

(2) To remove the surface of land with a shovel. *Suffolk*.

SHELVINGS. The rails of a waggon.

SHELVING-STONE. A blue tile or slate for covering the roofs of houses, so called from the position in which it hangs.

SHEMERING. A glimmering. (*A.-S.*)

SHEMEW. Same as *Chamner*, q. v.

The almyrall was in a goune of cloth of silver  
raysed, furred with ryche sables, and al his company  
almost were in a new fassion garment, called a

- shene*, which was in effect a gounce cut in the middle. *Hall, Henry I III. f. 63.*
- SHEENCHE.** To pour out; to drink.  
And halt taverne for to *sheneche*  
That drynke, whiche maketh the herte brenne.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 81*
- SHENDE.** 1. To mar, or destroy. (*A.-S.*)  
Thre synis princypaly a man doth mar,  
Murthyr, theft, and avoutre;  
Thai wyl you *shend* ore ye be ware,  
Be thai done never so prevely.  
*MS. Dnor. 102, f. 1.*
2. To defend. Browne uses it in this sense, and it occurs in Palsgrave. "And sing his praise that *shendeth* David's fame," Peele, ii. 33.
3. To forbid. 4. To punish.
5. To dirty one's clothes.
- SHENDSHIP.** Ruin; punishment.
- SHENE.** Bright; shining. (*A.-S.*)
- SHENK.** A dish used for taking the cream off milk. *Yorksh.*
- SHENKE.** Same as *sheneche*, q. v.
- SHENLON.** Glossed by *puer*.  
Al thus eld me for-dede,  
Thus he togguth ute mi ted,  
And drawth ham on rewe;  
Y ne mai no more of love done,  
Mi pilkoc pisseth on mi schone,  
Ceh *shenlon* me bischrewe.  
*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 211.*
- SHENT.** (1) Abashed; confounded.  
Sorely *shent* w' this rebuke,  
Sorely *shent* was the heire of Linne;  
His heart, I wis, was near to brast  
With guilt and sorrowe, shame and sinne.  
*The Heir of Linne.*
- (2) "I shent one, I blame hym for a faulte," Palsgrave, 1530.  
The tender girle, spoil'd of her virgin shame,  
Yet for that sinne no ravisher was *shent*;  
Blacke is my inke, more blacke was her defame,  
None to revenge, scarce any to lament.  
*Drayton's Poems. p. 93.*
- SHEPEN.** Same as *Shippen*, q. v.
- SHEPHERD.** The long-legged spider.
- SHEPHERD'S-POUCHES.** Clover broom-rape.
- SHEPHERD'S-SUN-DIAL.** The scarlet pimpinell. *Suffolk.*
- SHEPPECK.** A hay-fork. *Glouc.*
- SHEPSTER.** A sheep-shearer. *Palsgrave.*
- SHEPSTERT.** A starling. *North.*
- SHERDEL.** Skinned; scaled.  
He was so *scherdel* alle aboute,  
It helde alle egge-tool withoute.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 150.*
- SHERE.** (1) To run aground, as a ship does. An ancient sea term.
2. To cut; to slash; to carve.  
Him thoughe his fadir her corn *shere*,  
There his eleven bretheren were.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 26.*  
Thorowe scheldys they schotte, and *sherde* thorowe males,  
Bothe *schere* thorowe shoulders a schaft-monde large.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 80.*  
The jong koyghte ser Antore,  
That byfore hir did *schere*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 120.*
- Sharpe schudering of schote, *sheering* of males.  
*MS. Ashmole. 44, f. 45*
- (3) Countenance; mien. *Gawayne.*
- SHERE-GRASS.** A kind of sedge.
- SHERENKENE.** Shrank.  
so they *sherenkene* fore schotte of the sharpp arrows,  
That all the scheltrone schoute and schoderde at ony.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 75.*
- SHERWARD.** Shrew. *Hearne.*
- SHERWARDLED.** Cursidness. (*A.-S.*)  
And for his *shewardled*, sir Berard,  
Themperour hath made him his steward  
*Ge of Warwick, p. 10.*
- SHEREWE.** A sheriff. *Lydgate.*
- SHERIFFED.** When in an evening there is an unusual blush of red or yellow in the clouds they say, "How *sheriffed* the sky is to night; we shall have wind, &c." Has this any allusion to the battle of Sheriffmuir, just before which the old folks will tell you there were such appearances in the heavens? *Line.*
- SHERIFF'S-MAN.** The seven-coloured lionet.
- SHERIFF'S-POSTS.** Posts were usually set up at the doors of sheriffs on which the royal proclamations were fixed. It was usual to remain uncovered while reading them.
- SHERK.** (1) To shrug. (2) To cheat. *North.*
- SHERN.** A vessel into which the cream is taken up from the milkpans before it is made butter. *Devon.*
- SHERRY.** To sculk away. *Var. dial.*
- SHERRY-MOOR.** A fright. *North.* From the battle of Sheriffe-muir, where all was blood, uproar, and confusion.
- SHESELL.** Gravel. *Nominale MS.*
- SHET.** (1) Running water. *Devon.*
- (2) Shall. *Somerset.*
- (3) Slipped down.  
Burlond to fyghte was bowne,  
Hys fote *schett* and he felle downe.  
*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 38, f. 81.*
- (4) Shut; closed.  
Here slouthe bronpte it so aboute,  
Fro him that they ben *schet* withoute.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 104.*
- SHETAR.** An archer. *Prompt. Parv.*
- SHETE.** (1) To shoot. (*A.-S.*)  
I durst mete hym with a stone,  
And gif hym leve to *schet*.  
*MS. Cantab. FF. v. 48, f. 48*
- (2) To fling down. *Devon.*
- SHETH.** A partition of a field.
- SHEU.** Nonsense! An interjection.
- SHEUD.** Showed. (*A.-S.*)  
As the prynce passid to Londone, God shewid ryghte secrett thynge to hym, tokyne of victory,  
In presence of the same prynce, by Goddus power and myste,  
And ymage wiche was closid, brake opyn sodenly;  
God *sheud* hym this comforte in the Abbey of Beymynre.  
Because he schulde be stidfast in wele and in woo;  
The ymage was of Saynte Anne, God wolde it schulde be so.  
*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D. xv*
- SHEVERIDE.** Shivered; splintered.  
Thourghe the scheldys so schene schalkes they towche,  
With schaftes *sheveride* schorte of this schene launces.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 92*

- SHEWDS.** Husks of oats. *North.*
- SHEWER.** (1) An example. (2) A witness.
- SHEWING.** A warning; a prophecy.
- SHIBBANDS.** Shoestrings. *Yorksh.*
- SHICKLE.** Fickle?  
Pardon to crave of sottish multitude,  
That saucie giddle-headed monster rude,  
Who knows not when ought well is, or amis,  
Of shallowe *shickle* braine a token is.  
*Honours Academie*, fol. Lond. 1610.
- SHICK-SHACK-DAY.** A term for the 29th of May, or Royal Oak Day. *Surrey.*
- SHIDE.** (1) A billet of wood; a thin board; a block of wood. Still in use. "*Tedula*, schyde of wode," Nominale MS. "Schyde of wode, *buche*, *manle de buches*," Palsgrave.  
And made upon the derke nygte,  
Of gret *schidas* and of blokkis,  
Gret fyre azen the grete rockis  
*Gower*, *MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 91.  
Hewen *schides* and corven ston,  
And laden foundament anon.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 21.
- (2) To shell peas, beans, &c.
- SHIDER.** (1) A shiver. Also, to shiver.  
And hewen on with gret powers,  
On *schider* so doth this carpenters.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 224.  
Faste they smote then togedur,  
That ther sprys can to *schider*.  
*MS. Cantab.* F. f. ii. 33, f. 156.
- (2) A shrew; a scold.
- SHIEL.** A shepherd's cottage or hut. Connected with *shield*, shelter.
- SHIELD-BOARD.** Part of a plough, somewhat resembling a shield. *West.*
- SHIELD-BONES.** Blade-bones. *North.*  
Some of his bones in Warwicke yett  
Within the castle there doelye;  
One of his *shield-bones* to this day  
Hangs in the citye of Coventrye.  
*The Legend of Sir Guy*.
- SHIFE.** The wheel of a pulley.
- SHIFT.** (1) To divide. *Sussex.* A division of land among co-heirs is called a *shifting*. It is an archaism, and occurs in Chaucer. Hence, to deal the cards.  
(2) To chance; to risk. *Lincol.*  
(3) To remove one's dwelling. *Var. dial.*  
(4) To be changeable. *North.*  
(5) To shift himself, to change his dress. *To shift for himself*, to provide for himself.  
(6) A change of linen. *Var. dial.*
- SHIFTE.** To move about. (*A.-S.*)  
And so they *schifte* and schove; he *schotte* to the erthe.  
*Morte Arthur*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 93.
- SHIFTEN.** (1) To change linen. *Last.*  
(2) To shift stitches from one pin to another in knitting. *East.*
- SHIFTENING.** A change of linen.
- SHIFTER.** (1) A cozener. "A shifter whom they call a cunny-catcher," Withals, ed. 1608, p. 263. *Shifty*, cunning, artful, Craven Gl. ii. 117. In use in the North.  
And let those *shifters* their owne judges be  
If they have not bin arrant thieves to me.  
*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, ii. 122.
- (2) A superintendent. *North.*

- SHIFTS.** Parts of a farm allotted for the reception of stock or crops. *Norf.*
- SHIGGED.** Ruined; beggared. *North.*
- SHINGING.** Flinging; shaking; dashing.  
He come *schyngyng* ayene,  
And of hys folk was fyene,  
And fond nevere one slayne,  
Ne worse be a pere. *Degrevant*, 345.
- SHILBOARDS.** The boards or external radii fixed to the rim of an undershot water-wheel, the projecting levers by means of which the water turns the wheel. Their length corresponds with the breadth of the wheel-rim, and they are in general about a foot long.
- SHILDE.** To shield. *God shilde*, God shield, or forbid! (*A.-S.*) *Schilder*, protector, *MS. Cotton*, *Vespas.* D. vii.
- SHILDER.** The shoulder. *Lanc.*
- SHILL.** (1) To shell. *North.* "Crakkyne, or schyllen nothys," *Pr. Parv.* p. 100.  
(2) Shrill in sound. Not an error, as asserted by Conybeare. It is a verb in *Sevyn Sages*, 1580. See Thornton Rom. p. 311.  
Then had syr Egylamowre dou to dedd  
A grete herte, and tan the hedd,  
The pryce he blew fullle *schylle*!  
*Eglamour*, 300.  
The kyng come to the chamber to the queene,  
And before hym knyghtes tenne,  
And wepte and seyde with grete pytē,  
My leffe wyf, what ayles the?  
Thou that hast be so styllle,  
Why cryest thou wonder *schylle*?  
*MS. Ashmole* 61, xv. Cent.
- SHILLA.** A stony beach. *Cumb.*
- SHILLARD.** A shilling's worth. *Deron.* In some counties, a *shillincher*.
- SHILLIN.** Shelled oats. *Craven.*
- SHILLY-SHALLY.** Irresolute. *Var. dial.* This phrase was originally *Shall I? Shall I?*  
There's no delay, they ne're stand *shall I shall I*.  
Hermogenes with Dailila doth dally.  
*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, iii. 3.
- SHILSTONES.** Slates for roofing. *Devon.*  
They are called also *shilling-stones*.
- SHILT.** Beaten down?  
At his folk so was *schilt*,  
And never on ther nas spilt.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 70.
- SHIM.** (1) A horse-hoe for cleaning the ground between rows of beans or of hops. *Sussex.*  
(2) It seems. *Wills.*  
(2) The *shimm*, or raise downe the face of a horse, or strake down the face. More's MS. Additions to Ray's North Country Words.  
(4) Appearance. *West.*  
(5) A clear bright white. *Chesh.*
- SHIMBLE.** Loose; unconnected. *West.*
- SHIMMER.** To glitter; to shine. *Var. dial.*  
Ray spells it *shimpee*, ed. 1674, p. 76  
The little wind-wee dim and darke  
Was hung with ivy, breere, and yewe;  
No *shimmering* sunn here ever shone;  
No halesome breeze here ever blew.  
*The Heir of Linnce*.
- SHAMPER.** (1) To simmer. *East.*  
(2) A small shelf of sand, or other rising bank in the channel of a river. *Surre.*



- SHIN. (1) To carve a chevin.  
 (2) To trump at cards. *North*.  
 (3) Shall. *Shinna*, shall not. *West*.
- SHINBAWDE. Armour for the shins?  
 That the schadande blode over his schanke rynnys,  
 And schewede one his *schynbawde* that was schire bur-  
 neste. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 95.*
- SHINDER. To shiver in pieces.
- SHINDLE. The thin cleft stone out of which  
 they cut slates.
- SHINDY. A disturbance. *Var. dial.* A *shine*  
 is also frequently used.
- SHINE. (1) *Every shine, every one.* *West*.  
 (2) Entirely; utterly. *Somerset*.  
 (3) Light; brightness; lustre.  
 I to my chimney's *shine*  
 Brought him, as love professes,  
 And chaf'd his hands with mine,  
 And dry'd his dropping tresses.  
*Hervey's Works, i. 35.*
- SHINER. (1) A clever fellow. *North*.  
 (2) A guinea. A cant term.
- SHIN-FAEST. A good fire. *North*.
- SHINGLE. To hammer iron. *West*. "At  
 the iron works they roll a sow into the fire,  
 and melt off a piece call'd a loop, which they  
 take out with their shingling tongues, and  
 beating it first with iron sledges, hammer it  
 gently till the einder and dross is beat off,  
 and then they hammer it thicker and stronger  
 till they bring it to a bloom, which is a four  
 square mass of about three foot long; this  
 operation they call shingling the loop,"  
*Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 363.*
- SHINGLES. Wooden tiles made of oak, used  
 for roofs, steeples, &c. and still used in some  
 counties. There are several church steeples  
 in Sussex covered with shingles. "Shyngles,  
 hyllyng of an house," *Palsgrave*. "Shyngled  
 ship," ship made of planks, *Piers Ploughman*,  
 p. 168. It occurs in *Nominale MS.*  
*Fluren cakes, both the schingles alle,*  
*Of cherche, cloister, boure, and halle.*  
*Cocayne, ap. Winton, i. B.*
- SHINGLY. Abounding in loose gravel, as the  
 beach on the sea-shore. *Sussex*.
- SHINK. A skimming-dish. *Derb.*
- SHINLOCK. The herb rocket.
- SHINNER. "Neather stockins or *shinners*,"  
*Florio, p. 74*. "An hose, a nether stocke, a  
*shinner*," *Nomenclator, 1585, p. 167*.
- SHINNEY. A boy's game played with knobbed  
 sticks and a knur, called also Bandy and  
 Hoeky. The object of the contending parties  
 is to drive the knur over a line and within a  
 certain marked out space called the goal. If  
 the knur is driven over the line or rather side  
 of the inclosed space, it is called a bye.  
*North*.
- SHINS. *Against the shins*, unwillingly. *To*  
*break one's shins*, to be in a hurry.
- SHIN-SPLINTE. Pieces of wood placed on the  
 legs of persons who break stones for roads.
- SHIP. (1) Sheep. *West*.  
 (2) A censor. "*Acerca*, a schyp for cense,"  
*Nominale MS. xv. Cent.* "A ship, such as  
 was used in the church to put frankincense in,"  
*Baret, 1580*.  
 (3) At Nampton. Droitwyeh, &c. the vessel  
 whereinto the brine is by troungis convey'd  
 from the brine pit is called the *ship*, *Kennett*,  
*MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 363*.
- SHIPE. A shovel for cutting turf.
- SHIPLET. A small ship. *Harrison, p. 65*.
- SHIP-LORD. The owner of a ship.
- SHIPMAN. A mariner; the master of a barge.  
*(A.-S.)*
- SHIPMAN'S-CARD. "*Shyppmans carde, carte*,"  
*Palsgrave*. See *Macbeth, i. 3*.
- SHIPPEN. A stall, stable, or shed. *(A.-S.)*  
 A cow-house is still so called. *North*.  
 Whi is not thi table sett in thi cow-stalle,  
 And whi etist thou not in thi *shyppen* as wile as in  
 thi halle? *MS. Digby 41, f. 8*
- SHIP-SPY. A telescope used on the coast.
- SHIR. The cherry-tree. *North*.
- SHIRE. (1) Thin; scanty. *Northumb.* "*Shyre-*  
*nesse, thynnesse, delieure*," *Palsgrave*; "*shyre*  
*nat thyeke, delie*," *ibid*.  
 (2) Clear; bright; shining.  
 Had life away the grave stone,  
 That clothed was as snow *shire*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab., p. 106*.  
 Thou seest stykkes that are smale,  
 They brenne fyr-st feyre and *shyre*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 82*.  
 The bordoure of his hacenett he bristes in sondre,  
 That the *schire* rede blode over his brene rynnys.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 97*.  
 Yhit might it nocht slecken it ne abate,  
 No mare than a drooue of watyr *schyre*,  
 Yf alle Rome brynned, mocht slecken that fyr.  
*Hampole, MS. Botes, p. 194*
- (3) An egg that has not a tread in it is called  
 a *shire*, a clear egg. *Line*.
- (4) To pour off a liquor so as to leave the sedi-  
 ment. *Northumb.*
- (5) Direct; immediately. *North*.
- SHIRE-MAN. Any man who had not the good  
 fortune to be born in one of the sister coun-  
 ties, or in Essex. He is a sort of foreigner to  
 us; and to our ears, which are acutely sensible  
 of any violation of the beauty of our phrase-  
 ology, and the music of our pronunciation,  
 his speech soon bewrays him. "Aye, I knew  
 he must be a *shere-man* by his tongue,"  
*Forby, p. 296*.
- SHIRE-WAY. A bridge-way. *South*.
- SHIRK. To slink from anything. Hence  
*shirky*, deceitful. *South*.
- SHIRL. (1) Shrill. *Palsgrave*. Still in use,  
 according to *Moor, p. 515*. "Shryked shyrlly,"  
*Morte d'Arthur, ii. 350*.  
 (2) To slide. *Northumb.*  
 (3) To cut with shears. *Yorksh.*  
 (4) To romp about rudely. *Devon*.
- SHIRL-COCK. The missel-thrush. According  
 to *Lower*, the Derbyshire pronunciation is  
*shirl-cock*.
- SHIRPING. "*Buffa*, the dispisyng blaste of  
 the mouthe that we call *shirpyng*," *Thomas's*  
*Italian Dictionary*.

SHIRREVE. A sheriff.

Erlez of Ynglande with archers y-newe;  
Shirreves sharply shiftye the comouns.

*Morte Arture, MS. Lincoln, f. 61.*

SHIRT. The inmost of the three membranes which enwrap a womb-lodged infant. See Cotgrave, in v. *Agueliere*.

SHIRT-BAND. The wristband of a shirt.

SHIRY. Sharp and cutting; applied to grass, which is consequently not good herbage. A plantation in the parish of Nettleham is so called, because the herbage of the adjoining field is of that kind. *Lincol.*

SHIT. Shut up; inclosed.

And alle the richesse of spirituelle science  
In hire were *schit* and elosid eke also.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 3.*

SHITABED. The dandelion. *Wills.*

SHITESTICKS. A mean miserly fellow. Also called *shiterags*. See Florio, p. 72.

SHITFIRE. A hector, or bully.

SHITSAC. An oak-apple. *Wills.*

SHITTELNESS. "Shyttelnesse, *variablete*,"  
Falsgrave. "Shyttell nat constant, *variable*,"  
ibid. "The vaine shyttelnesse of an uncon-  
stant head," Baret, 1580.

SHITTER. To have the diarrhœa. *North.*

SHITTELWIKE. A shuttlecock. It occurs in Honour in his Perfection, 4to, 1624.

SHITTLE. The bar of a door.

SHITTLE-BRAINED. Giddy; thoughtless.

SHITTLE-COME-SHAW. A North country exclamation, expressing contempt. Brockett has *shittleideo!*

SHITTLECOMESHITES. Idle stories; trifles. It occurs in Coles, translated by *affanie*.

SHITTLES. Buns such as are given to school children on certain days. *Rutland.*

SHIVE. (1) A small iron wedge, which fastens the bolt of a window-shutter. *East.*

(2) A slice of any edible, generally said of bread. *Var. Dial.* "Take shives of bred tusted," Warner, p. 85. To cut a shive out of a person's loaf, i. e. to follow his example. *Shiver* is also common for a small slice, slip, &c.

Rus-ius saith that the rootes of reed, being stamp and mingled with hony, will draw out any thorne, or *shiver*; and so will snaipes, as he saith, being stamp and wrought with fresh butter; and if the place be swollen, he saith it is good to mollifie it with hogs grease and hony, which wil asswage any new swelling that cometh by stripe or otherwise.

*Topsell's Boasts, 1607, p. 421.*

A man shall not find a *shive* of it to fetch fire in, or to take water out of the pit.

*Bacon's Works, p. 469.*

(3) A thin wooden bung used by brewers to stop their casks very close with.

SHIVER. The wheel of a pulley.

SHIVES. The refuse of flax or hemp.

SHOAD. Loose stones of tin mixed with the earth, indicating a mine. *Cornw.*

SHOAD-STONE. A small stone or fragment of ore made smooth by the action of the water passing over it.

SHOARD. To take a shoard, i. e. to drink a cup too much. *Ernaoor.*

SHOARS. Stakes set at a distance to shoar or bear up toils or nets in hunting.

SHOAT. A young pig. *Chesh.* It is a term of contempt said of a young person.

SHOBIL. A shovel. Nominale MS.

SHOCK. (1) To sponge. *Norf.*

(2) Twelve sheaves of corn. *North.*

(3) To butt, as rams do.

(4) A rough-coated dog. "My little shock," Nabbes' Bride, 1640, sig. H.

SHOCKER. A bad character.

SHOD. (1) Shed, or spilt. *Devon.*

(2) Covered; overwhelmed. (*A.-S.*)

SHODE. (1) To divide the hair.

But with no cratte of combis brode,

They myste hire hore lokkis *schode*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 41*

(2) Shod; having shoes on. (*A.-S.*)

Hosyd and *schode* he was ryghte,

He semyd wele to be a knyghte.

*MS. Cantab. FF. in. 38, f. 174*

(3)

Hem bituen a gret *schode*,

Of gravel and erthe al so.

*A. Thour and Merles, p. 56*

SHODEREDE. Quivered.

The schafte *schoderede* and schotte in the schire buryue

*Morte Arture, MS. Lincoln, f. 93.*

SHOD-SHOVEL. A wooden shovel, shod at its extremity with iron.

SHOE. (1) To tread the shoes straight, to be upright in conduct. To tread the shoe awry, to fall away from the paths of virtue. "A woman to play false, enter a man more then she ought, or tread her shooe awry," Cotgrave. Compare Heywood's Edward IV. p. 148. To shoe the cobbler, to give a quick and peculiar movement with the fore-foot when sliding on the ice. *Shoemaker's pride*, the creaking of shoes. To shoe the goose, to be tipsy.

(2) She. *North.*

(3) *Orer shevs over butes*, equivalent to "one may as well be hanged for a sheep as for a lamb," implying that the speaker has made up his mind to sit a little later, partaker in another bottle or bowl, &c.

Ev'n so seem'd I amidst the guarded troope

Of gold-lac'd actors, yet all could not droope

My fixed mind, for where true courage roots,

The proverb sayes, *Once over shoes, a'r boots.*

*Taylor's Works, 1630, in. 145.*

SHOEING-HORN. Metaphorically, anything which helps to draw something on; an inducement.

SHOEING-THE-COLT. A quaint phrase for the social exaction of a fine, on the introduction of an associate to any new office. If he meet his companions at a periodical dinner, a bottle of wine, or a bowl of punch, in a certain rank of life, is a common fine on the colt's health being drunk. "Paing his footen" is an equivalent phrase and practice. *Moor.*

SHOEMAKERS'-STOCKS. Tight shoes.

SHOE-THE-MARE. A Christmas sport.

Of blind-man-buff, and of the care

That young men have to shoe the mare.

*Hevrick's Works, i. 176*

SHOFE. (1) Pushed. (*A.-S.*)

(2) Shaved. *Shope*, pr. edit.

*I schefe Syr Gandere a crowne,  
When we mette laste yn batayle.*

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 105.*

SHOG. (1) To shake; to jog. *Palsgrave*. "To  
rocke, shake, *shog*, wag up and downe." Cot-  
grave. "The see was *schoggid* with wawis,"  
Wiclif, p. 18. Brockett has *shoggle*.

(2) To sink away. *West.*

SHOKE. Shook. (*A.-S.*)

For the dynt that he tuke,  
Oute of sadille he *shoke*,

Who so the sothe wille luke. *Perceval*, 694.

SHOKKE. To rush; to snatch up.

He schodarde and schrenkys, and schoutes bott lyttille,  
Bott *schokkes* in scharpely in his schene wedys.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 97.*

SHOLD. Shallow. *Prompt. Parv.*

SHOLDRON. Shoulders. *Weber.*

SHOLE. Shallow. This word is given by  
Urry, in his MS. additions to Ray.

SHOLT. An Iceland shaggy dog. *East.*

Besides these also we have *sholts* or curs daihe  
brought out of Ieland, and much made of among  
us bicause of their sawynesse and quarrelling.

*Harrison's England*, p. 231

SHOME. Confusion. (*A.-S.*)

Whenne he to his lorde come,  
The lettre some he hym nome,

And sayde, Alle gese to *schome*!

And went on his way. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 130.*

SHOMGNES. Shame. (*A.-S.*)

SHOMMAKY. Slovenly; dirty.

SHOMMOCKS. Shoes. *Warw.*

SHOMORE. A skimmer. "*Spumatorium*,  
Anglice a *schomore*." Nominale MS.

SHONDE. Dishonour. (*A.-S.*)

The to sle with schame and *schoude*,  
And for to wyne agayn hys londe.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 116.*

SHONDEN. To shun. (*A.-S.*)

Al dai thou mist understanden,  
And thi mirour bi-foren the sen,

Wat is to don, wat is to *shonden*,

And wat to holden, and wat to den.

*MS. Digby 86.*

SHONE. (1) Shoes. A knight who conquered  
in combat was said to *winne his shone*.

Owthyr schalle he sle me sone,

Or on hym y schalle *wynne my schone*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 79.*

Tryamowre sparyd hym nocht,

But evyr in hys hert he thought,

To day was y maked knyght!

Owthyr schalle he sle me sone,

Or on hym y schalle *wynne my schone*,

Thorow the grace of God Almighty!

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 79.*

It es an harde thyng for to saye

Of doghety dedis that hase bene done,

Of felle fechtynge and batelles sere,

And how that thir knyghtis hase *wone their shone*,

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 149.*

2 To shun, or escape.

For the drede that ys to come

Of the dome, that no man may *schone*,

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 43.*

SHONED. Ashamed. It occurs in MS. Cotton.

Vespas. D. vii, *shoned*.

SHONK. Hearty; healthy. *West.*

SHONTE. Remained; delayed?

Qwene alle was schyppede that scholde, they *schounte*  
no lengere,

Bot ventelde theme tyte as the tyde rynnnez.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 61.*

SHONTO. A donkey. *I. Wight.*

SHOO. (1) A shovel; a spade. *Lawe.*

(2) A word used for driving away poultry. "To  
cry *shooe*, *shooe*, as women do to their hens,"  
Florio, p. 477. Forby has *shoo*, to scare birds.

SHOODS. Hulls of oats. *North.*

SHOOFEDDE. Shoved. (*A.-S.*)

Brennyng brymstone and lede many a barelle fulle,  
They *shoofede* hit downne rytte as shyre watut.

*MS. Cott. Caig. A. ii. f. 115.*

SHOOF-FORK. A fork with two long tines and  
a long stale for pitching shooves of corn into  
the loading waggon at harvest, or off it into  
the stack. It is the same or nearly the same  
as pitchfork. *Suffolk.*

SHOOK. (1) To shrug. *Yorksh.*

(2) Split, as wood is by shrinking.

SHOOL. (1) A shovel. *North.* "Shoole for  
shoovell," Stanlhurst's Ireland, ed. 1586, p. 9.

(2) To saunter about. *East.*

(3) To beg. *Var. dial.*

SHOOLER. An idle, lazy fellow. *Sussex.*

SHOORT. To shift for a living. *Exm.*

SHOOT. (1) To have a diarrhoea.

(2) To select out the worst cattle to prevent  
them from injuring the drove.

(3) *To shout the bridge*, a phrase formerly used  
by watermen to signify going through London-  
bridge at the turning of the tide. *To shoot*  
*compass*, to shoot wide of the mark.

(4) The game of shovel-board.

(5) The crick in the neck.

(6) A narrow steep lane. *I. Wight.*

(7) The woof in weaving. *Devoa.*

(8) A spout for rain-water. *South.*

SHOOTHRED. A shoemaker's thread. It is  
the translation of *chegros* in Hollyband's  
Dictionarie, 1593.

SHOOTY. Coming up regularly in the rows,  
as potatoes, &c. *Salop.*

SHOOVEN. A calf or colt is said to be shoovin,  
when parting with its early teeth; trees  
putting forth their leaves are also *shooven*.

SHOPE. Made; created; shaped. (*A.-S.*)

Al that ever God *shope* to be,

shal come and fygt aȝens the.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 25.*

He *schop* his regne to divyde

To knyghtes, whiche him hadde servid.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 35.*

Nay, by Hym that me made,

And *shope* both sonne and mone,

Fynde a better borowe, sayd Robyn,

Or mony getest thou none. *Robin Hood*, i. 13.

SHORE. (1) A post used with hurdles in folding  
sheep. *Dorset.*

(2) To threaten. *North.*

(3)

He thoughte to wyrke by the lawe,

And by no nother *shore*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 130.*

- (4) Sheared; cut. (*A.-S.*) Still in use in Suffolk, according to Moor, p. 345. "His scarlet mantell than *shore* he," Syr Isebras, 127. See Chaucer, Cant. T. 13958.
- (5) A sewer. Still in use in Devon. She in plaine termes un'o the world doth tell, Whores are the hackneys which men ride to hell, And by comparisons she truly makes A whore worse then a common *shore* or jakes. *Taylor's Works*, 1630, ii. 106.
- SHOREDITCH.** The most successful of the London archers was called the *Duke of Shoreditch*, a mock title, frequently said in ridicule. The sixteenth article in the Poore Man's Petition to the King, 1603, is, "Good king, make not good Lord of Lincoln Duke of Shorditehe, for he is a &c."
- SHORE-POST.** A buttress.
- SHORER.** The shore, or male pubes.
- SHORING.** Awry; askant. *East.*
- SHORLING.** A shaveling, or priest.
- SHORRY.** A large stick on which hedgers carry faggots. *Oron.*
- SHORT.** (1) Wide of the mark, a technical phrase in archery. Still in use.  
(2) Light and crisp. Cakes and biscuits are said to eat *short*.  
(3) Peevish; angry. *Var. dial.*  
(4) The short and long of it, i. e. the absolute truth in few words.  
The *short* and the long of't is, she's an ugly creature, make of her what thou can'st.  
*Heywood's Love's Mistress*, p. 63.  
Yf ye will nedys know at *short* and longe,  
It is evyn a womans tounge,  
For that is ever stryngye.  
*Intevale of the Four Elements*, n. d.  
(5) Small; portable. *Somerset.*
- SHORT-CAKES.** Rich sweet cakes which break *short*, such as the Cumbrian peasants present to their sweethearts at fairs. *Westm. and Cumb. Dial.* "Alice Shorteake," Shakespeare, Merry Wives, i. 1.
- SHORTENING.** Anything put into flour to make the cakes short. A man who is easily put in a passion is said to have had too much *shortening* put into him.
- SHORT-HEELED.** Unchaste.
- SHORTLY.** Quickly; peevishly.  
A ferly strife fel them betwene,  
As they went bi the wey;  
Litulle Johnie said he had won v. s.,  
And Robyn Hode seid *shortly* may.  
*MS. Cantab.*, F. v. 48, f. 126.
- SHORT-OF-PUFF.** Short-winded. *Live.*
- SHORTS.** Coarse flour. The term is also applied to the refuse of corn. *Var. dial.*
- SHORT-START.** A kind of apple, mentioned by Cotgrave in v. *Carpendu*.
- SHORT-WAISTED.** Angry;rotch. A stage-coachman (a Suffolk man) lost a passenger by misconduct, and was at odds with himself; another (a countryman) said, "he is very *short-waisted*, when anything puts him out."
- SHOSHINGS.** Askant; sloping. *East.*
- SHOST.** Shouldst?

- Hire lord she wile theder sende,  
For the love for to schende  
With lite meini;  
Tharaboute thow *shost* be souse,  
And thow schelt after wedde to spouse  
To thin amy. *Beres of Hamton*, p. 7.
- SHOT.** (1) A kind of trout. *West.*  
(2) Turned out rapidly, now especially applied to *shooting* out a waggon load by tilting it. "Rubbish may be shot here," is a very common notice in plots of ground where the owner requires rubble for any purpose.  
Percevelle sayde hafe it he wolde,  
And *schott* owtt alle the golde;  
Rigte there appone the faire molde  
The ryng owte glade. *Perceval*, 2114.  
(3) A foot-soldier who carried fire-arms. The term is still applied to a shooter. He is a good shot, i. e. a good marksman.  
(4) A reckoning at an inn. This word must now be considered a provincialism, although lately in good use.  
(5) Firm; stable; secure.  
(6) A young pig. *Var. dial.*  
(7) A handful of hemp. *Kent.*
- SHOT-CLOG.** A simple foolish person, a clog on the company, but who was tolerated because he paid the shot or reckoning for the whole of the company. Ben Jonson uses the term.  
Drawer, take your plate. For the reckoning there's some of their cloaks: I will be no *shot-log* to such.  
*Amends for Ladies*, p. 51.
- SHOTER.** (1) The yew-tree. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) A little bark, or pinnace.
- SHOT-FLAGON.** The host's pot, given where the guests have drank above a shilling's worth of ale. *Derb.*
- SHOT-ICE.** A sheet of ice. *North.*
- SHOT-NET.** A mackerel net. *Kent.*
- SHOT-POT.** A fellow that spends so much in an ale-house that he is entitled to the landlord's pot or shot-flagon. *Glouc.*
- SHOTS.** The refuse of cattle taken out of a drove. *Craven.*
- SHOTSMIPE.** An assembly of persons who pay pecuniary contributions. (*A.-S.*)  
Deus! quoth Ubbe, hwat may this be?  
Betere is I go miself, and se;  
Hwether he sitten nou and wesseylen,  
Or of mi *shotshipe* to-deyle. *Havelok*, 2099.
- SHOTT.** (1) A stuch in the side.  
(2) A nook, an angle, a field, a plot of land. See Carlisle's Account of Charities, p. 305.
- SHOTTEN.** (1) Shall not. *West.*  
(2) Sour, curdled, as milk.
- SHOTTEN-HERRING.** A gutted herring, dried for keeping. Metaphorically, a lean meagre fellow, a term of contempt. "Thou art a *shotten-herring* Jackalant Spanyard," Nabbes' Bride, 1610, sig. G. ii.  
This man is as wise as a wood-cock, his wit's in a consumption, his conceit is as hunk as a *shotten-herring*. *Optick Glasse of Humors*, 1639, p. 27.  
Though they, like *shotten herrings* are to see,  
Yet such tall souldiers of their teeth they be,  
That two of them, like greene cormorants,  
Devoures more then six honest prote-stants.  
*Taylor's Works*, 1630, iii. 2.

**SHOTTES.** Arrows; darts; any missiles hurled with a projective power. (*A.-S.*)

**SHOTTLES.** Quasi *shutholes*? Bars or rails which passing through morticed holes in posts may be removed at pleasure. *Line.*

**SHOT-WINDOW.** Explained by Ritson, a window that opens and shuts.

*Alyce opened a shot wyndow,  
And looked all about,  
She was ware of the justice and shirife bothe,  
Wyth a full great route.* *Ancient Popular Poetry*, p. 8.

**SHOUFFED.** Shoved; pushed.

And whene the Macedyns and the Grekes sawe Alexander entir into the citee, they *shouffed* to the wailles all at ones, and claunbe over.

*MS. Limesla A. i. 17, f. 6.*

**SHOUGH.** A shock-dog; a shog.

**SHOULDER.** A young lady who has unfortunately listened to the persuasions of the other sex, is said to have a *slip of the shoulder*.

**SHOULDER-CLAPPER.** A bailiff.

A back-friend, a *shoulder-clapper*, one that counter-maunls

The passages of alleys, creeks, and narrow lands.

*Comedy of Errors*, iv. 2.

**SHOULDER-SPIKE.** A long iron spike used for supporting shelves against a wall. *West.*

**SHOULERE.** The bird shoveller.

**SHOUPE.** Shaped; prepared.

Within fyftene dayes his flate es assemblede,  
And thane he *schoupe* hym to chippe, and schownes  
no lengere. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 91.

**SHOUPS.** The hips. *North.*

**SHOURE.** (1) To scour; to ride quick. *Weber.*  
(2) A conflict.

For now is he holden nougt in *shouris*,  
But he con love paramouris.

*Cursor Munitis, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 1.

**SHOUT.** (1) A hill. *Yorksh.*

(2) A small boat, nearly flat-bottomed and very light, used for passing over the drains in various parts of the county: when broader and larger it is used for shooting wild ducks in the marshes, and is then called a gunning *shout*. *Line.* The term *shoutemen* has some connexion with this, although the boats used for carrying timber could not have been very light.

Out of which 74s *bid.* paid to divers m. riners, called *shoutemen*, for the carriage of 74 loads of timber from the wood of Wilwode, carried from Weybridge to the manor of the Savoye, by the river Thames, carriage at 12d. a load. *Archæologia*, xxiv. 304.

And from two boats forfeited anew in this year, of which one dung-boat, called a *shoute*, nothing here, because not yet appraised, but remaining in the custody of the accountant of waifs and strays

*Archæologia*, xxiv. 303.

**SHOUTHER.** The shoulder. *Shouter-fellow*, a companion in any manual labour requiring more than one person's exertions.

**SHOVE.** (1) To germinate; to shoot. Also, to cast the first teeth. *East.*

(2) To put the loose corn into heaps for the convenience of being taken up. *Sussex.*

**SHOVELARDE.** A shovel.

**SHOVEL-BOARD.** A trivial game very common in former days, and not yet laid aside. A slulling or other smooth coin was placed on

the extreme edge of the shovel-board, and propelled towards a mark by a smart stroke with the palm of the hand. It is mentioned under various names, according to the coin employed, as shove-groat, &c. The game of shove-halfpenny is mentioned in the Times of April 25th, 1845, as then played by the lower orders. It is called *shooyts* in the Hallamshire Glossary, p. 121.

Bowles, *shove-groate*, tennis, no game comes amis,  
His purse a nurse for anybody is.

*Taylor's M. etu.* 12mo. Lond. 1622.

Taylor, the water-poet, says that "Edw. shillings for the most part are used at shoove-boord," and he thus describes the complaint of one of them:

You see my face is beardlesse, smooth, and plaine,  
Because my soveraigne was a child, 'tis knowne,  
Whenas he did put on the English crowne.  
But had my stamp beene bearded, as with haire,  
Long before this it had beene worne out bare;  
For why? With me the unthrifts every day  
With my face downwards do at *shove-boord* play;  
That had I had a beard, you may suppose  
Th' had worne it off, as they have done my nose.

*Taylor's Works*, ed. 1630, i. 68.

**SHOVELL.** The bird shoveller, mentioned in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593, where it is the translation of *un cueillier*. Perhaps *shovelle-fotede* is having feet like shovells.

*Schovelle-fotede* was that schalke, and schaylande  
hyme semyde,

With schankez unshaply schowande togedyrs.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 65.

**SHOW.** (1) To push, or shove. *East.*

(2) To show a fair pair of heels, i. e. to run away very quickly. *Var. dial.*

**SHOWEL.** A blind for a cow's eye, made of wood. *South.*

**SHOWER.** Used in the I. of Wight for rain, though it may last many hours, or even a whole day.

**SHOW-FIGHT.** To be willing to fight.

**SHOW-HACKLE.** To be willing to fight. *I. of Wight.*

**SHOWIE.** A jackdaw. *Prompt. Parv.*

**SHOWL.** A shovel. *Var. dial.* "Tribula, Anglice a showle," Nominale MS.

Who'll dig his grave?

I, said the owl, with my spade and shovel,

And I'll dig his grave. *The Death of Cock Robin.*

**SHOW-OFF.** To commence. Also, to exhibit finely before others. *Var. dial.*

**SHOWRLY.** Surely. See Middleton, iii. 636. Jennings has *shower*, sure.

**SHOWS.** Prints; pictures. *Devon.*

**SHRADDES.** Shards, or coppices.

When shaws beene sheene, and *shraddes* full fayre,  
And leaves both large and longe. *Robin Hood*, i. 115.

**SHRAF-TIDE.** Shrovetide. *Palsgrave.*

**SHRAGERS.** Coarse metal pots made of marl, in which wares are baked. *Staff.*

**SHRAGGES.** Rags; patches; slips. Our second example refers to a jagged hood.

With flatte fertbynges the freke was floreschede alle  
over;

Many schredys and *shragges* at his skyrttes hynges.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 90.

A red hod on hir heved, *shragid* al of shridis,  
With a riche riban gold be-gon.

*MS. Arund. Coll. Arm. 27, f. 130.*

**SHRAGS.** The ends of sticks, of the birchen twigs in a broom; or of whins or furze. "Yar brum owt ta ha' fine shragis." This was said to a man about to dress recently thrashed harley for market. The clippings of live fences. *Moor.* "Hoke to hev wyth woode, or *schraggyng*," Pr. Parv. p. 242. "To shrag trees, *arbores putare*," Baret, 1580.

**SHRAIL.** A light rail, or any very slight fence, more to warn persons from breaking through it than for real protection. *East.*

**SHRAMMED.** Benumbed with cold. *West.*

**SHRANK.** Sunk; pierced. *Gawayne.*

**SHRAP.** (1) A thicket. *Devon.*

(2) A snare for birds; a place prepared and baited with corn or chaff for the purpose of catching birds.

He busies himselfe in setting silver lime twigs to entangle young gentlemen, and casting fourth silken *shrapa* to catch woodcocks.

*Nash's Pierre Penniless, 1592.*

**SHRAPE.** (1) To serape. (*A.-S.*)

Herly in the morowe to *shrapyn* in the vale,  
To fynde my dyner amonge the wormes smale.

*Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 184.*

(2) To scold. *Sussex.*

**SHRAVEL.** Dry faggot wood. *Suffolk.*

**SHRAVEY.** A loose subsoil, something between clay and sand. *Sussex.*

**SHRED.** (1) To cut off the smaller branches of a tree; to cut the twigs from a pole when cut down. *East.* It occurs in the Pr. Parv.

(2) To cut into shreds. *West.* "To morsell, to mince, or *shred* in peeces," Florio, p. 2. Metaphorically, to ruin or plunder any one.

(3) To spread manure. *South.*

(4) A tailor. A cant term.

**SHREDE.** (1) Clothed. Also, to clothe. (*A.-S.*)

Beves of is palfrei alighte,

And *schrede* the palmer as a knihte.

*Beves of Hamtoun, p. 80.*

In a kirtel of silk he gan him *schrede*,

Into chaumber wel some he yede.

*Gy of Waurke, p. 4.*

(2) To cut through. (*A.-S.*)

Thoffe my schuldire be *schrede*, and my schelde  
thyrlede,

And the wicde of myne arme werkes a litille.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 81.*

(3) Covered up. (*A.-S.*)

It ware worthy to be *schrede* and schrynde in golde.  
For it es sakles of synne, sa helpe me oure Lorde.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 95.*

Schyre scheldus they *schrede*,

Many dowghty was dede,

Ryche maylus wexen rede. *Dogrevant, 293.*

**SHRED-PIES.** Mince-pies. Tusser, p. 73.

**SHREFE.** A sheriff. *Palsgrave.*

The proverhe saies, hee that will sweare will lie,

He that will lie will steale by consequence;

swearers are lyers, lyers most are thieves,  
or God helpe jaylors and true *under-shrivers*.

*Taylor's Wit and Mirth, p. 189.*

**SHREG.** To lop trees. *Somerset.*

**SHRENKEDE.** Pierced through.

Schalkez he schrede thurgh, and *schrenkede* maylez.  
Baneres he bare downe, bryttenede scheldes.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 76.*

**SHREW.** (1) A screw. *Somerset.*

(2) A scold. In earlier writers it often signified a wicked person of either sex, one malicious or badly disposed.

(3) To curse. (*A.-S.*)

(4) The field mouse. *North.*

**SHREWD.** Malicious; badly-disposed.

**SHRICHE.** To shriek. (*A.-S.*)

And the maid, al for-drede,

Bigan to *schrichen* an to grede.

*Florice and Blanche flour, 454.*

**SHRICK.** To shriek, a term formerly applied to the badger's noise at rutting time.

**SHRIDE.** To hew or lop wood. Jennings has *shride*, to cut off wood from the sides of trees, to cut off wood from trees generally. "Hooke to hewe wode, or schrydyng," Pr. Parv. p. 242.

**SHRIEVEY.** Having threads withdrawn. *Sussex.*

**SHRIFFT.** Confession. (*A.-S.*) *Shrifte-fuder*, a father confessor.

**SHRIGHT.** Shrieked. (*A.-S.*)

It was the tyme when soyle

With foggie deaw was dight,

But lately false; and shrowded foule

In shadie bushes *shright*.

*Talbot's Ovid, 1507, f. 140.*

Thou schalt be mordrid in this stede!

This mayden tho for fore *schrichte*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 233.*

**SHRIKE.** (1) The lesser butcher-bird, so called by Turner, according to Ray, ed. 1674, p. 83.

(2) To shriek. *Palsgrave.*

**SHRIMMED.** Chilled. *Cornew.*

**SHRINE.** A charnel-house. This sense of the word occurs in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593, as well as the ordinary meaning.

**SHRIP.** To rate, or chide. *Kent.*

**SHRITE.** The missel-thrush. *South.*

**SHRIVE.** (1) To confess. (*A.-S.*)

(2) To regard; to praise.

(3) To prune trees. *Kent.*

**SHROCKLED.** Withered. *Kent.*

**SHROCROP.** The shrew-mouse. *Dorset.*

**SHROE.** A shrew. Peckle, i. 49.

**SHROF.** Shrivd. See *Cof*.

**SHROGGS.** Shrubs; thorns; briars.

They cutt them down two summer *shroggs*,

That grew both under a breere.

*Robin Hood, i. 120.*

**SHROMP.** A black worm, common in horse-dung. *Var. dial.*

**SHROOD.** To trim or lop trees. *Glovc.*

A fellow in North Wales, *shrooding* of a tree, fell

down on his head, and his braine fractured, and lay

for dead. *Aubrey's Wiltshire, MS. Ashmole.*

**SHROUD.** To gather together, as beasts do for warmth. *Palsgrave.*

**SHROUDED.** Concealed, covered, screened, sheltered, overgrown, shaded. "In the two latter senses I lately heard this speech, enforcing the argument for the thickly planting of apple trees.—See how the cottagers trees are *shrouded*, and what crops they always

bear." Moor's *Suff. MS.* Chaucer uses the verb *shroude*, to hide.

**SHROUDES.** Clothes. (*A.-S.*)

**SHROVE.** To be merry; probably derived from the sports and amusements of Shrovetide. "One that loveth to *shrove* ever and make good cheere," Florio, p. 59. *Shrove-Prentices*, a phrase which has never been correctly explained, was a name given to a set of ruffianly fellows, who took upon them at Shrovetide the name of London Prentices, and in that character invaded houses of ill-fame.

More cruel than *shrove-prentices*, when they,

Drunk in a brothell house, are hid to pay.

*Davenant's Madagascar*, 1648, p. 28.

**SHROVE-CAKES.** Small cakes made to give children on Shrovetide.

**SHROVERS.** Children who go from house to house at Shrovetide singing for cakes.

**SHROVE-TUESDAY.** Perhaps the following account of Shrove-Tuesday by Taylor, the Water Poet, is one of the most curious and illustrative that could be produced in explanation of the numerous allusions in early writers to the feasting and sports in vogue on that day. "Welcome merry Shrovetide," Shakespeare, 2 Henry IV. v. 3.

Alwayes before Lent there comes wadling a fat grosse bursten-gutted groome, called Shrove-Tuesday, one whose manners shewes that he is better fed then taught: and indeed he is the onely monster for feeding amongst all the dayes of the yeere, for he devoures more flesh in foureteene hours, then this whole kingdome doth (or at the least should doe) in sixe weekes after: such boyling and broylng, such roasting and toasting, such stewing and brewing, such baking, frying, mincing, cutting, carving, devouring, and gorbelyed gurmouthing, that a man would thinke people did take in two months provision at once into their paunches, or that they did ballast their bellies with meate for a voyage to Constantinople or to the West Indies. Moreover, it is a goodly sight to see how the cookes in great men's Kitchins doe fry in their masters suet, and sweat in their owne grease, that if ever a cooke be worth the catling it is when Shrove-Tuesday is in towne, for he is so steed and larded, roasted, basted, and almost over roasted, that a man may cate the rawest bit of him and never take a surfet. In a word, they are that day extreme cholericke, and too hot for any man to meedle with, being monarchs of the marow-bones, marquesses of the mutton, Lords high regents of the spit and the kettle, barons of the gridiron, and sole commanders of the fryngpan. And all this hurly burly is for no other purpose but to stop the mouth of this land-wheale Shrove-Tuesday. At whose entrance in the morning all the whoie kingdome is in quiet, but by that time the cloeke strikes eleven, which (by the helpe of a knavish sexton) is commonly before nme, then there is a bell rung, cald The Pancake Bell, the sound whereof makes thousands of people distracted, and forgetfull either of manner or humanity: Then there is a thing cald wheaten flowre which the sulphory necromanticke cookes doe mingle with water, egges, spice, and other tragicall magicall Inchantments, and then they put it by little and little into a fryng-pan of boylng suet, where it makes a confused dismall hissing (like the Learnean snakes in the reeds of Acheron, Stix or Phlegeton) untill at last by the skill of the cooke, it is trans-

form'd into the forme of a flap-Jack, which in our translation is cald a pancake, which *omnibus incantation* the ignorant people doe devoure very greedily (having for the most part well dined before:) but they have no sooner swallowed that sweet candyed baite, but straight their wits forsake them, and they runne starke mad, assembling in routs and throngs numberlesse of ungoverned numbers, with uncivill civill commotions. Then Tim Tatters (a most valiant villaine) with an ensigne made of a piece of a bakers mawkin fixt upon a broome-staffe, he displays his dreadfull colours, and calling the ragged regiment together, makes an illiterate oration, stufft with most plentifull want of discretion: the conclusion whereof is, that somewhat they will doe, but what they know not. Untill at last comes marching up another troope of tatterdemalians proclayming wars against no matter who, so they may be doing. Then these youths arm'd with cudgels, stones, hammers, rules, trowels, and hand-saws, put play-houses to the sacke, and bawdy houses to the spoyle, in the quarrell breaking a thousand quarrels (of glasse I meane) making ambitious brickbats breake their neckes, tumbling from the tops of lofty chimnies, terribly untyling houses, ripping up the bowels of feather-beds, to the enriching of upholsters, the profit of plaisterers, and dirt-dawbers, the game of glasers, joiners, carpenters, tylers, and bricklayers. And which is worse, to the contempt of justice: for what avails it for a constable with an army of ravenous rusty bill-men to command peace to these beasts, for they with their pockets instead of pistols, well cha'd with stone-shot, discharge against the image of authority whole volleys as thicke as hayle, which robustious repulse puts the better sort to the worsor part, making the band of unscowred halberdiers retyre faster then ever they came on, and shew exceeding discretion in proving tall men of their heeles. Thus by the unmanerly maners of Shrove-Tuesday constables are baffled, bawds are bang'd, punckes are pilag'd, panders are plagued, and the chiefe commanders of these valourous villicoes, for their reward for all this confusion, doe in conclusion purchase the inheritance of a jayle, to the commodity of jaylors, and discomfort to themselves, with a fearefull expectation that Titane shall stoppe their throats, and the hangman take possession of their coates, or that some beadle in bloody characters shall imprint their faults on their shoulders. So much for Shrove-Tuesday, Jacke-a-Lents Gentleman Usher, these have bene his humours in former times, but I have some better hope of reformation in him hereafter, and indeed I wrote this before his coming this yeere 1617, not knowing how hee would behave himselfe; but tottering betwixt despaire and hope, I leave him.

*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, l. 114-5.

**SHROVY.** Shabby. *Var. dial.*

**SHROWDS.** Places under ground, as the burrows of animals, vaults, &c. "Into the walks and *shrowds* of wild beasts," Harrison, p. 205. "A shrowdes or lyke buildinge under the gronde," Elyot, in v. *Apogeeum*, ed. 1559. The crypt of a church was sometimes so called. *Shroued*, sheltered, Arch. xi. 224.

To sehewe his lyte in every *shroued* and shade.

*Ludgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 23.

**SHRUB.** To reduce to poverty by winning a person's whole stock, a term used at play. *Somerset.*

**SHRUCK.** Shricked. *Suffolk.*

**SHRUDDE.** Clothed. (*A.-S.*)

Ich the vedde wel and *shruide* the;  
And thou wyth eysyl drinkest to me,  
And wyth spere styngest me. *Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 226.

SHRUFF. Light rubbish wood; any short dry stuff used for fuel. *Var. dial.* The term *schroff* in Depos. Ric. II. p. 13, may perhaps be connected with this.

SHRUMP. To shrug; to shrink. *West.*

SHRUMPSED. Beaten, in games. *Devon.*

SHRUMP - SHOULDERED. Hump-backed. *West.* Also used in Surrey.

SHRUPE. To hem in; to inclose.

SHUCK. (1) To shake. *Sussex.*  
(2) A call to pigs. *Dorset.*  
(3) A shell, or covering; a husk, or pod. *Var. dial.*

SHUCKEN. To shuffle. *Devon.*

SHUCKISH. Unpleasant; unsettled; showery, generally applied to the weather. *Sussex.*

SHUCKLE. To chuckle. It occurs several times in Florio, pp. 109, 215, 441.

SHUCKLED. Growing beans are said to be *shuck'd* when beaten down by hail or wind.

SHUCK-TROT. A slow jog-trot. *East.*

SHUCKY. Deceitful. *Line.*

SHUDE. (1) To shud; to fall.  
(2) A hut, shed, or hovel.

SHUDDER. To shiver. *Var. dial.*

SHUF. To shy, as horses do. *Oxon.*

SHUG. (1) Menacing. *Devon.*  
(2) To writhe the body forward and backward, or from side to side, so as to produce friction against one's clothes, as those who have the itch. *Somerset.* Palsgrave has it, to jog or shake.  
(3) To shrug; to scratch. *South.*  
(4) A slow shaking trot. *Norf.*

SHUGGY-SHOW. A swing. *North.*

SHULDEN. Should. (*A.-S.*)  
What is the cause, alas! quod sche,  
My fair that I ee *schulden* be  
Bed and destroyed in suche a wise?  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 59.

SHULDERE. Rocky; craggy.

SHULDIR. A shoulder. (*A.-S.*)  
He was mekille mane and lange,  
With *schuldurs* brode and armes strange.  
*Isambas,* 14.

SHULL. A spade, or shovel. *North.*

SHULL-BANE. The shoulder-bone. *North.*

SHULVE. A shovel. *East.*

SHUN. To push; to shove. *South.* "Go shun, as they say in Sussex, *trudo*," Coles.

SHUNCH. The same as *Shun*, q. v.

SHUNDER. Slander; scandal.

SHUNNISH. To treat unkindly, often applied to the improper treatment of children. *Sussex.*

SHUNTE. (1) To delay; to put off.  
Schape us an ansuere, and *schunte* yow no lengere,  
That we may schifte at the schorte, and schewe to my lorde. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln,* f. 67.  
(2) To shun; to move from. *North.*  
Then I drew me down into a dale, whereas the dumb deer  
Did shiver for a shower; but I *shunted* from a freyke:  
For I would no wight in this world wist who I were,  
But little John Nobody, that dare not once speake.  
*Little John Nobody,* c. 1550.

(3) To shy, or start. *Warw.*

(4) To slip down, as earth. *North.*

SHUPPARE. Maker; creator. (*A.-S.*)

SHUPPICK. A hay-fork. *West.*

SHURDE. Dressed. *Gawayne.*

SHURET. A shift. *Devon.*

SHURL. To trim the ends of the neck-feathers of a fighting-cock. *North.*

SHURNE. Cacare. This is given as a Wiltshire word in MS. Lausd. 1033, f. 2.

SHURTY. To hustle about. *Devon.*

SHUT. (1) To weld iron. *West.*  
(2) A riddance. *To get shut*, to get rid of anything. *Var. dial.*  
(3) A narrow street. *West.*  
(4) An accession of water in a river, as from rain, floods, &c. *West.*  
(5) To do; to manage. *Kent.*  
(6) To join; to agree. *Dorset.*  
(7) *To shut up*, to stop. *Var. dial.*  
(8) To be extravagant. *North.*

SHUTFUL. Extravagant. *North.*

SHUTHIER. To shiver with cold. *Line.*

SHUT-OUT. To leave off ploughing, to unhook the horses. *Beds.*

SHUTS. Stout wooden poles. *Warw.*

SHUTTANCE. Riddance. *North.*

SHUTTEN-SATURDAY. The Saturday in Passion Week, the day on which our Saviour's body lay inclosed in the tomb.

SHUTTER. Same as *Shunte*, q. v.

SHUTTING. Covering up, applied to a table quite covered with dishes or eatables, &c.

SHUTTING-IN. The evening. *East.*

SHUTTLE. Slippery; sliding. *West.*  
But nowe the fetyng fancyes fonde,  
And eke the *shuttle* wyttes;  
The mad desyres of women now,  
Theyr rage in folysh fyts.  
*Hermaphroditus and Salmacis,* 1565.

SHUTTLEBAG. When a man is husky from phlegm in his throat, he is said to have "swallowed a *shuttlebag*."

SHUTTLE-BOARD. A shuttlecock. *North.*

SHUTTLE-HEADED. Foolish; rude.  
Nor can you deeme them *shuttle-headed* fellows,  
Who for the Lord are so exceeding zealous.  
*MS. Poems,* temp. Charles I.

SHY. (1) To fling. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To start, said of a horse.  
(3) The same as *Shrail*, q. v.  
(4) Keen; piercing; bold; sharp. *North.*  
(5) To avoid a person. *South.*

SIB. Relation; companion. (*A.-S.*) Still in use in Lincolnshire. He is *sib* to us, i. e., he is my cousin. "Sib'd, a-kin; no sole sib'd, nothing a-kin: no more sib'd then sieve and riddle, that grew both in a wood together. *Pror. Chesh.* Syb, or sybbe is an ancient Saxon word, signifying kindred, alliance, affinity," Ray's Words, ed. 1674, p. 40.  
I sett yow here a soveraynge, ascente zif yowe lykys.  
That es me *sybb*, my syster sone, sir Mordrede hym-selvene.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln,* f. 69.

SIBBE. Related; allied. (*A.-S.*)



- What man that wrye a gode frende,  
Thou; he were riȝt *sibbe* of my kynde,  
He were worthy gret shame.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 50.*  
I beseke ȝow, syr, as my *sybbe* lorde,  
That ȝe wille for charyté cheese ȝow another.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 60.*
- SIBBERIDGE.** The banns of matrimony. It is often called *sibrit*, which would lead us to suppose it was connected with *sibrede*, q. v., and the latter was the more ancient and correct form. "Sybrede, *banna*," Pr. Parv. This word has been for a length of time peculiar to the Eastern counties, more especially Suffolk. Sir Thomas Browne refers it to Norfolk, and Ray to Suffolk. Major Moor derives it from the beginning of the banns as they used to be published in Latin, *si quis sciveret*. Ray's derivation from A.-S. *sib* appears to me to be much more probable.
- SIBILACIONS.** Hisings; growlings. (*Lat.*)
- SIBILE-SAGE.** The Queen of Sheba.  
Some after that verryment  
Tho *Sibile Sage* to Jerusalem went  
To heren of Salamones wit.  
*MS. Trin. Coll. Oxon. 57, art. 2.*
- SIBLATOUR.** One who hisses. (*Lat.*) "An hisser, or a *siblatour*," Gesta Romanorum, p. 116. It occurs in Lydgate.
- SIBMAN.** A relative. (*A.-S.*) It is the translation of *affinis* in Nominale MS. *Sibnesse*, relationship.  
David thou were bore of my kyn,  
For thi godnesse art thou myn,  
More for thi godnesse  
Then for eny *sibnesse*.  
*Harroting of Hell, p. 27.*
- SIBREDE.** Relationship; kindred. It is sometimes a substantive. (*A.-S.*)  
Jhesu brother called was he,  
For *sibrede*, worshepe and beauté.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 79.*  
For every man it schulde drede,  
And nameliche in his *sibrede*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 230.*  
Bot I forsake this gate, so me Gode helpe!  
And sothely alle *sybredyne* bot thyselfe one.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 96.*
- SIC.** A call to pigs. *North.*
- SICATE.** Dry. (*Lat.*)  
Reade not in spight, but take delight  
In this, whiche once was prose;  
Whose watered plants scarce *sicate* were,  
Till he this same did close.  
*Gaulfrido and Barnardo, 1570.*
- SICE.** (1) Sixpence. A cant term.  
(2) A gutter, or drain. *Somerset.* Grose has *sick*, a small stream or rill. It is from the A.-S. *sich*.
- SICH.** (1) Such. *Var. dial.*  
And in the courte I have *sich* a frende,  
I shalbe servyd or I wende,  
Withowt any delay.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 43.*  
Scho that was his lady  
Mighte he fulle sary,  
That lorne hade *siche* a body.  
*Perceval, 159.*
- (2) A wicked fellow. *Devon.*
- SICK.** In travail. *North.*
- SICKER.** The same as *Siker*, q. v.
- SICK-FEATHERS.** The young ungrown feathers at the time of moulting. *Devon.*
- SICKINGE.** Sighing; lamenting.
- SICKNESS.** The plague was formerly termed for distinction's sake *the sickness*.
- SICLATOUN.** A kind of rich stuff.  
There was mony gonfanoun,  
Of gold, sendel, and *siclatoun*.  
*Kyng Ailvauder, 1964.*
- SICLE.** A shekel. "A *sicle*, being an olde Persian coyne, and seemeth to be ninepense in value of our monie," Nomenclator, 1585, p. 330. It occurs also in Howell.
- SICUR.** Secure; certain.  
With me thei lefte alle theire thyng,  
That I am *sicur* of theire comyng.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 48.*
- SID.** Saw. *West.*
- SIDDER.** Wider. (*A.-S.*)
- SIDDOW.** Vulgarly *ziddow*. Peas which become soft by boiling are said to be *siddow*. *Glouc.*
- SIDE.** (1) Long; trailing. *North.* "Used as in Skinner's time, e. g. "I do not like *side* frocks for little girls." I had thought this word obsolete, till two or three months ago I heard it used by an old lady, who numbers between 70 or 80 years." MS. Glossary of Lincolnshire Words, by the Rev. J. Adcock.  
His berde was *side* with myche hare,  
On his heede his hatt he bare.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 33.*  
Hevedys tyfed wyth grete pryde,  
With heer and hornes *syde*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 22.*
- (2) To carve a haddock.
- (3) To take the part of another.
- (4) To equal; to stand in equal place.
- (5) To decide; to settle; to coincide; to set things aside, or out of the way. *North.*
- (6) Rough; rude. *Devon.*
- SIDE-BOARDS.** The rails of a cart.
- SIDE-BON.** A seed-lepe. *South.*
- SIDE-COATS.** The long trailing coats or frocks worn by young children.
- SIDE-LANDS.** The outside parts of a ploughed field, adjoining the hedges, running parallel with the lands or ridges. *South.*
- SIDE-LANIELS.** Hopples for horses.
- SIDE-LAY.** In hunting, a fresh set of hounds to be laid in on the scent.
- SIDE-LIKE.** Such like. *North.*
- SIDELINE.** Evenly in rows. *Devon.* Its correct and ancient meaning is *slanting*.
- SIDELING.** The slope of a hill. *South.*
- SIDELINGS.** Aslant; sideways. *East.*  
And *sydynges* of the segge the syghte had he rechide.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 64*
- SIDELONG.** To fetter as a preventive from straying, or breaking pasture, by chaining a fore and a hind foot of the same side together. *Yorksh.*
- SIDEMEN.** Assistants to the churchwardens. See Harrison's England, p. 163. The same as *Questmen*, q. v.

SIDENANDIS. Aslant; on one side.

SIDENESS. Length. *Palsgrave*.

SIDER. An orderly person. *Lauc.*

SIDERE.

For hit was brygt and ful fayre tre,  
Men mygt hit fulle fere se;  
That stode in erth was *gydere* gode,  
For hit shulde not rote as hit stode.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 31.*

SLIDE-SHEAR. On all sides. *Percy*.

SIDE-WAVERS. The beams in the roof of a house which form the angle of the roof. See Thoresby's Letter to Ray, 1703, in v. *Bawks*.

SIDE-WIPE. An indirect censure.

SIDE-WISE. Breadthwise. *North*.

SIDGOREN. This term was given to a part of the dress about the bosom.

SIDTHERUM. A creeping, slow-motioed person. *Linc.*

SIDLE. (1) To go sideways; to saunter idly about in no particular direction. *Var. dial.*

(2) To sit down gently. *Devon.*

SIDNESS. Seed-time. *West.*

SIDRON. A citron.

SIDY. Surly; moody. *Sussex.* This word was given by Ray in 1674, but I do not know whether it be still in use.

SIE. (1) A drop. Also, to drop. *North.*

(2) To pull, or stretch. *Yorksh.*

(3) Saw. *Chaucer.*

(4) To strain milk. *Palsgrave.* It is still in use in Derbyshire.

Sometime it was of cloth in graine,

'Tis now but a *sigh-clout* as you may see,  
It will neither hold out winde nor raine;  
And he have a new cloake about mee.

*Percy's Reliques, p. 52.*

SIEGE. (1) A company of herons.

(2) The same as *Sege*, q. v.

SIELE. To vault. Elyot, 1559.

SIENE. Since.

I salle you telle als trewe a tale

Als ever was herde by nyghte or daye;  
And the maste mervelle, for-ovvtyne naye,  
That ever was herde by-fore or *syene*.

*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 149.*

SIESIN. Yeast; barm. *Kent.*

SIESTA. The rest usually taken about noon in hot countries, as in Spain.

SIETHES. A kind of chives.

SLEVER. All the fish caught in one tide. *East Sussex.*

SIEVES. Chives; a small kind of onion. It is so spelt in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.

SIFE. To sigh. *Somerset.* Carr has *siff* in the Craven Glossary, ii. 124.

SIFFLEMENT. Whistling.

SIG. Urine. *South.*

SIGALDRY. (1) Deceit; trick. (2) To deceive; to act by a stratagem, or unlawfully.

Joseph, take hym then to thee,  
And burye hym wher thy wil be.  
But look thou make no *sigaldry*,

To raise him up agayne. *Chester Plays, ii. 69.*

There was a wyche and made a hagge,

A bely of lethyr, a grete swagge;

She *sigaldryd* so thys hagge bely,

That hit jele and soke mennys ky. *MS. Hart. 1701, f. 4*

SIGGER. To leak. *Cornw.*

SIGGETH. Says. (*A.-S.*)

And *siggeth* Merlin wil hem abide  
In the forest here hyside.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 73.*

SIGH. To become larger. *North.*

SIGHT. (1) A great quantity. *Var. dial.*

Where is so great a strength of money, i. where is so huge a *syght* of mony.

*Palsgrave's Acolastus, 1540.*

(2) The perforation in a helmet through which the wearer looked.

(3) Sighed. *Spenser.*

Than syr Degrevvaunt *syght*,

And byheld the hevne up-an byght,

Jhesus, save me in my ryght.

And Marie me spede! *Sir Degrevant, 209.*

(4) To cite; to quote.

SIGHTLESS. (1) Invisible. (2) Unsightly.

SIGHTS. (1) Eyes. *Somerset.*

(2) Spectacles. *Var. dial.*

SIGHTSOME. Sightly. *More.*

SIGHTY. Glittering; shining.

SIGNNES.

Let them learne, let them learn, simple *signnes* as they are, that the Apostle speaketh in this place of ecclesiasticall functions.

*Mar-Prelate's Epitome, p. 43.*

SIGN. To intend; to design. *South.*

SIGNE. To appoint. (*A.-N.*)

SIGN-HILL. A slight eminence on the sea bank, on which a tall pole is set up for the purpose of making signs to vessels out at sea. *Linc.*

SIGNIFER. The zodiac. (*Lat.*)

SIGNIFIAUNCE. Signification. (*A.-N.*)

SIGNIFICATION. Importance. *Var. dial.*

SIGNIORIZE. To govern, or bear rule.

SIGNIORY. Government; dominion; domain, or lordship; seniority.

SIGN-TREE. A beam in the roof of a house. See Thoresby's Letter to Ray, 1703, in v. *Bawks*. Still in use.

SIGNWYNARYE. A blood-stone.

I will to my eldest son and heir, Edward Montagu,  
my great ring with a *signwynarye* in it, which my  
father gave me, that remaineth in my study at  
Brigstock. *Test. Vetust p. 743.*

SIGOLLE. The cycle.

As for divers other purposes, to caste them in  
metalle the *sigulle* of any planet, when he is stronge  
in the heavens. *MS. Ashmole 240.*

SIGRIM. (1) The herb segrum.

Tak *sygyrme*, waybrede, columbyne, and sile  
thamme thorow a clathe, and qwete flour, and tem-  
per till it be thikke. *MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 290*

(2) A name for the fox.

For he thoute mid soumme ginne,

Him self houþ bringe, these wolf therinne.

Quod the vox, Wo is nou there?

Ich wene hit is *sigrim* that ich here.

*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 274.*

SIH. Saw. See *Oyne*.

SIKE. (1) Suck. *North.*

Hir pa'fray was of dappulle gray.

*Sike* on se I never non,

As dose the sune on somers day

The cumly lady hurselþe schone.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 116*

- (2) To sigh. Still in use.  
Yf that the feende hymself wolde have a make,  
Ys none to hym so lykē as ye ailone.  
He that yow seith, and *sykyth* for your sake,  
I pray to God that evere he *syke* and grone.  
*MS. Fairfax 16.*  
The lady *sykyd* and sayde, allas!  
Into the worldē that sche was wrought.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 46*
- (3) A sick person. *North.*
- (4) A gutter; a stream. *North.*
- SIKER. Secure; safe. *North.*  
I am *siker* and I bileve  
That none yvel schal thi fadre greve.  
*MS. Addit. 10036, f. 2.*  
Ac arst ye schul me make *siker*,  
With me held in everi biker.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 206.*  
That schip had a ful *siker* mast,  
And a sayl strong and large. *Vernon MS.*
- SIKERDE. Assured. (*A.-S.*)
- SIKERLYE. Certainly; surely.  
Thou arte here, *sykerlye*,  
Thys churchē to robbe with felonye.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 240.*
- SIKERNESSE. Security. (*A.-S.*)
- SIKIS. A seythe. *Nominale MS.*
- SILD. Seldom. For *Selde*.
- SILDE. A shed. *Stowe.*
- SILE. (1) To strain; to skim. *North.*  
Take a handeful of sauge, and stampe it, and  
temper it with hate ale, and sythene *sylye* it thorowe  
a hate clothe. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 281.*  
Do therto gud wyne, and stepe alle togidre, and  
drinke the licoure *siled* thorgh a clothe v. dayes  
morne and evene.  
*MS. in Mr. Petticrew's possession, xv. Cent.*
- (2) To sink; to drop; to make to sink, or settle;  
to flow; to rain. *North.*  
Many balde garte he *sylye*  
With the dynt of his spere.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 131.*  
And thane syghande he saide with *sylynde* terys,  
We are with Sarazenes besett appone sere halves.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 93.*
- (3) Filth; sediment. *North.*
- (4) To hoil gently; to simmer. *North.*
- SILED. Canopied.  
All the tente within was *syled* wyth clothe of  
golde and blewe velvet, and all the blewe velvet was  
embrowdered with H. K. of fyne golde.  
*Holl, Henry VIII. f. 32.*
- SILENCED. Ministers prohibited from preach-  
ing were said to be *silenced*.
- SILERIC. Adorned with carving.
- SILGREEN. The houseleek. *West.*
- SILING-DISH. A milk-strainer. *North.*
- SILKER. A court-card. *Somerset.*
- SILK-SHAG. A fine kind of shag cloth.  
Flower-poudred mantles, and embrowdered gowns  
Of grass-green *silk-shag*, and the gawdie pride  
Of all her jewels and her jems beside.  
*Du Bartas, p. 641.*
- SILL. (1) A step. *Ozon.*
- (2) The young of a herring. *North.*
- (3) A seat, or throne.  
The precyouse stones semly to see appone *sylye*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 232.*
- (4) The shaft of a vehicle. *North.* Sill-horse,  
the heft horse.

- (5) A stratum of coal. *Staff.*
- (6) To swell, or puff up.
- SILLER. (1) Silver. *North.*
- (2) A covering of tapestry, in the form of a ca-  
nopy for a bed, altar, &c.  
The kyngē hymeselfene es sette and certayne lordes  
Undyre a *sylyure* of sylke, sawghte at the burdez.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 67.*
- SILLY. Sickly; weakly. *North.*
- SILLYBAUK. A sillabub. *Lincol.*
- SILLY-BOLD. Impertinently forward.
- SILLY-CORNES.  
And I will looke babbies in your eyes, and picke  
*silly-cornes* out of your toes.  
*The Two Lancashire Lovers, 1640, p. 19.*
- SILLY-HEW. A child's caul. *Durham.*
- SILT. Sediment; ooze. *East.*  
I suppose it to be the *silt* of the water, which the  
wind and the water brought together.  
*Aubrey's Wilts, Royal Soc. MS. p. 209.*
- SILT-UP. To obstruct the course of a stream,  
or the free passage of boats upon it, by a large  
accumulation of sand.
- SILVER-CHAIN. The white laburnum.
- SILVERLINGS. Coins; pieces of money.
- SILVER-SPOON. To be born with a silver  
spoon in one's mouth, i. e. to be very rich.
- SILYNG. Tapestry.  
The Frenche kyng caused the lorde of Countay to  
stande secretly behynde a *silynge* or a hangyng in his  
chamber. *Hall, Edward IV f. 43.*
- SIM. To seem; to think. *West.*
- SIMATHIIN. Liking; partiality. *Devon.* "A  
simmathing, something of an inclination, some  
tendency towards love, a sneaking kindness,"  
*MS. Devon Gloss.*
- SIMBLING-CAKES. Currant cakes eaten in  
Lancashire on Midlent Sunday.
- SIME. A frame of straw used for setting pans  
on. *North.*
- SIMEN. A salmon. *North.*
- SIMULIT. A likeness. *Hall.*
- SIMINACION. Breeding. (*Lat.*)  
Thus thay enduring in lust and delyte,  
The sprectes of tham gat that were gyauntes tyte,  
With the nature of themselves and *siminacion*,  
They wer brought forthe by there ymaginacion.  
*MS. Lansdowne 208, f. 2.*
- SIMKIN. A silly fellow. *South.*
- SIMLIN. A kind of fine cake intended for  
toasts. *Somerset.*
- SIMMIT. Smooth. *North.*
- SIMNEL. A kind of rich cake, generally  
made in a three-cornered form. The term is  
applied in Salop to a plum-cake with a raised  
crust.
- SIMPER. To simmer. *East.* "The creame  
of simmering milke," Florio, p. 189.
- SIMPER-DE-COCKET. An affected mealy-  
mouthed girl. *Cotgrave.* "A simper-de-  
cocket, *coquinae, fantastica.*" Howell, 1660.
- SIMPHANGLE. A musical instrument.  
Yn harpe, yn thabour and *simphangle*,  
Wurschepe God yn troumpes and sautre.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 32.*
- SIMPHONER. A musician.
- SIMPLE. (1) Weak; infirm, applied to the old  
and sickly. *Salop.*

(2) Of little value; mean.

**SIMPLES.** He wants cutting for the simples, said of one doing a foolish action. "He must go to Battersea, to be cut for the simples," Old Proverb.

**SIMPLE-SIMON.** An idiot. "Simon Snekegg sold his wife for an addle duck-egg."

**SIMPLESSE.** Simplicity. (*A.-N.*)

**SIMPSON.** Groundsel. *East.*

**SIMULACRE.** An image. (*Lat.*)

**SIMULAR.** Counterfeited. *Shak.*

**SIN.** (1) To stand. *East.*

(2) Since. Still in use.

**SINALD.** A signal. *Greene.*

**SINAMONE.** Cinnamon. (*A.-N.*)

**SINCANTER.** An old worn-out person.

**SIND.** To wash down; to rouse; to empty out; to quench thirst. *North.*

**SINDER.** To settle or separate the lees or dregs. *Kent.*

**SINDERLIK.** Separately. (*A.-S.*)

**SINDY.** Soft in speech. *Devon.*

**SINE.** (1) Afterwards. *North.*

His noble swerde he drawes *sine*,  
And faughte with that wyld swyne.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 141.*

And *sine* go to the tavern house,  
And buy both wine and ale.

*Robin Hood, i. 102.*

(2) To strain. *North.*

(3) To leave off milking a cow.

**SIN-EATERS.** It was an ancient custom at funerals to hire poor people, who were to take upon them the sins of the deceased.

Within the memory of our fathers, in Shropshire, in those villages adjoining to Wales, when a person dyed, there was notice given to an old sire, (for so they called him,) who presently repaired to the place where the deceased lay, and stood before the door of the house, when some of the family came out and furnished him with a cricket, on which he sat down facing the door. Then they gave him a goat, which he put in his pocket; a crust of bread, which he eat; and a full bowl of ale, which he drank off at a draught. After this he got up from the cricket and pronounced, with a composed gesture, *the case and rest of the soul departed, for which he would paven his own soul.* This I had from the ingenious John Aubrey, Esq., who made a collection of curious observations, which I have seen, and is now remaining in the hands of Mr. Churchill, the book-eller. How can a man think otherwise of this, than that it proceeded from the ancient heathens? *Bagford, ap. Brand, ii. 152.*

**SINEDLE.** Assigned.

And on the Saturday he *synede* the grounde  
To the chyveteyns showte that cye rounde.

*Aethalogenia, xxi. 53.*

**SINET.** The zenith. *Chaucer.*

**SINEWAYS.** Sundry ways. *Cumb.*

**SINEWEY.** Mustard seed. "As hath the corn of synewey," *Gesta Rom. p. 36.*

**SINEY.** The bladder-nut tree. It is the translation of *baquenaudier* in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.

**SINFAN.** To perform a symphony.

**SINGEL.** Roof of a house.

Arthur smot on hem saun faile,

So on the *singel* do the haile.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 218.*

**SINGERIES.** Apish tricks. *Skinner.*

**SINGING-BREAD.** The round cakes or wafers intended for the consecrated host in the eucharistic sacrament. See Davies' Rites, ed. 1672, p. 2.

Item, I bequethe to the same chirch a little round cofyn of sylver, closed in *syngung-bred*, and not the hoste. *Test. Fetust. p. 266.*

**SINGING-HINNY.** A rich kneaded cake, a great favorite with pitmen. *North.* It has currants and butter in it, and is baked over the fire on a girdle.

**SINGING-MEN.** Choristers.

**SINGLE.** (1) Pure; genuine; disinterested; plain; sincere; unreserved.

(2) Weak; feeble; silly. "My *single* state of man," Shakespeare. *Single beer*, weak beer; *double beer*, strong beer.

(3) A handful of the gleanings of corn tied up. *North.*

(4) An animal's tail, properly applied to that of the buck. See *Hunting*, sect. 12.

**SINGLE-GUSS.** The plant orehis. *West.*

**SINGLE-MONEY.** Small coins.

**SINGLERE.** A wild boar.

Boyes in the subarbis bourdene fulle heghe  
At a bare *synglere* that to the bente rynnys

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 36.*

**SINGLE-STICK.** A well-known play with staves, which consists in attempts to bring blood from your adversary's head, when he who first effects it is pronounced victor. It is sometimes called *backsword*.

**SINGLET.** An unlined waistcoat. *Derb.* When double or lined it is termed a doublet.

**SINGLE-TEN.** A tenth card. *North.* A term used generally at the game of whist.

**SINGLETON.** A silly fellow. *West.*

**SINGLE-WOMAN.** A whore. "Syngle woman a harlot, *putayn*," Palsgrave.

**SING-SMALL.** Equivalent to must be content with less than appearances promised. *Essex.*

**SING-SONG.** A drawing song. *Var. dial.*

I tell the foole, whatsver thou be,  
That made this fyne *sing-song* of me,

Thou art a ryming sott;

Thy very lynes doe the betray,

Thy barren witt makes all men say

'Tis some rebellious Scott.

*Suckling's Reply to a Libel, MS.*

**SINGULAR.** (1) Single; lonely. *Norf.*

(2) Choice. *Shak.* "Proper or synguler, *exquis*," Palsgrave, adj. "Synguler or pure, *absolu, exquis, singular*," *ibid.*

**SINGULF.** A sigh. *Spenser.*

**SINGULL.** A single, or horse-girth.

**SINIFY.** To signify. *North.*

**SINISTRAL.** Sinister.

They gather their *sinistral* opinion, as I hear say,  
of St. Paul to the Hebrews. *Becon's Works, p. 95.*

**SINK.** To work a mine deeper. *Derb.*

**SINK-A-PACE.** Cinque-pace, q. v. *Sincopace.* Gaufrido and Barnardo, 1570.

**SINK-DIRT.** Gutter mud. *Lanc.*

**SINKER.** A cesspool; used in the neighbourhood of Spilsby. *Lin.*  
**SINK-HOLE.** A hole for dirty water to run through. *South.*  
**SINKSANKER.** A term of contempt.  
**SINK-STONE.** A perforated hollowed stone at the top of a sink. *Var. dial.*  
**SINNEN.** A sinew. *Sinner-grown*, having the sinews contracted. *North.*  
**SINNETE.** A kind of cloth.  
**SINNOWED.** Gaily ornamented. *Snow*, a woman very finely dressed.  
 Whereas she went in her feathered youthfulness to looke with amiable eye on her gray breast, and her speckled side savles, all *sinnowed* with silver quilles, and to drive while armies of fearful foules before her to her master's table.  
*Nash's Peeres Pennitence, 1562*  
**SIN-SYNE.** Since that time. *North.*  
**SINTER.** "Synter of masonry," Palsgrave. It occurs in the Pr. Parv. translated by *cinctorum*, MS. Harl. 221.  
**SINUM.** "Synnum a vessell, *faiselle*," Palsgrave, 1530, subst. f. 64.  
**SIPE.** To drain or drip, as liquor does through a cask, tap, &c. which is defective or not tight. *Lin.*  
**SIPPETS.** Small thin pieces of bread mixed with milk or broth. *South.*  
**SIPPLE.** To sip up; to drink. "They did but *sipple* up," Yorkshire Ale, 1697, p. 7. Brockett has *simple*, p. 269, ed. 1829.  
**SIPRES.** Same as *Cypress*, q. v. "Sipres or honegraces that women use to weare on their faces or foreheads to keepe them from the the sunne," Florio, p. 599.  
**SI-QUIS.** If any one. (*Lat.*) Advertisements or bills thus commenced formerly, and hence the name of *siquisses* was often given to them. "A *siquis*, or publick note, *cry public*, on *cedule*," Howell.  
**SIR.** (1) A gentleman. *Shak.*  
 (2) Applied to priests and curates; it was a scholastic title, the translation of *dominus*, given to a person who had taken his first degree in the university.  
**SIRE.** A breed, or sort, as a good sire of pigs, or of cabbages, &c. *East.*  
**SIR-HARRY.** A close stool. *East.*  
**SIR-JOHN.** A priest.  
 With much a boe and great difficultie obtained that a poore chapell, served with a simple *Sir John*, and destitute both of font and churchyard, might remaine standing in the place.  
*Lambard's Perambulation, 1566, p. 317.*  
**SIR-JOHN-BARLEYCORN.** A jocular name for ale, which is made of barley.  
**SIROINE.** A kind of soft salve for wounds, mentioned in MS. Med. Lincoln. f. 310.  
**SIRPLE.** The same as *Sipple*, q. v.  
**SIRRAH.** In old plays this term is frequently addressed to women.  
**SIRRAP.** A hard blow. *Doron.*  
**SIR-REVERENCE.** A corruption of the phrase *sare reverence*, which was said as a kind of apology before the utterance of anything that

might be considered objectionable, but often simply as an apology in speaking to a superior. "Sa-reverence, *salva reverentia*, saving regard or respect; an usual word, but miscalled *sir-reverence* by the vulgar," Blount's Glossographia, ed. 1671, p. 572. Compare a curious passage in the Yorkshire Ale, 1697, p. 12. The term was also applied to human ordure, and is still used in that sense.  
 A worthy knight there is of ancient fame,  
 And sweet *Sir Reverence* men doe call his name;  
 By whose industrious pebble and wit,  
 There's many things wed tane were die unfit;  
 If to a foule discourse thou hast pretence,  
 Before thy foule words name *Sir Reverence*;  
 Thy heasty tale most pleasantly will slip,  
 And gaine thee praise when thou deserv'st the whip  
 There's nothing else that can be done or spoke,  
 But must be covered with *Sir Reverence* cloake.  
 His ancient pedigree whoever seeses,  
 Shall finde he's sprung from amongst the gallant  
*Greekes*,  
 Was Ajax squire, great champion to god Mars;  
 Pray God, *Sir Reverence*, blasse your worships name.  
*Taylor's Wakes, 1629, p. 11, 26.*  
 A puppie licks Mannela's lippe, the sense  
 I grant, a dog may doe. — *Sir Reverence*  
*Fletcher's Poems, p. 11.*  
 But the old proverbe ne'er will be forgot,  
 A lecherous louse is, like *sirreverence*, but  
*Taylor's Wakes, 1629, p. 11, 26.*  
**SIRUP.** A poor ha'p'urth of sirup, i. e. a poor weak creature. *Suffolk.*  
**SIS.** 1) The cast of six, the highest throw upon the die. (*L.-N.*)  
 2) Cicely, a common name for a girl.  
 The plowman that in times past was contented in ruseet, must now adaise have his doubt of the faine n, with wide cuts, his garters of fine silke of Granada, to meet his sis on Sunday.  
*Lodge's Wife Maester, 1566.*  
**SISE.** (1) The assizes. *Palsgrave.*  
 Thes letters keppe I tyll the *sise*,  
 My libertie to enterprise. — *MS. Ashmole 102.*  
 (2) A wax-taper. "Sise waxe candell, *kyogee*," Palsgrave, 1530, subst. f. 64.  
 (3) A lesson, or task. *North.*  
**SISERARA.** A hard blow. *East.*  
**SISKIN.** A greenfinch. It is the translation of *beccat* in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.  
**SISOUR.** A person deputed to hold assizes.  
 Now of the eythe wyl we speke,  
 That fals *ysoure* use more to breke.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 12.*  
 What shal we sey of thys dysours,  
 Thys fals men that beyn *ysours*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 14.*  
 Ley hande on booke, the *ysour* take none heale,  
 For every thing drawethe to his semblable.  
*MS. Ashmole 10, f. 20.*  
**SISS.** 1) To hiss. *Lin.* Hence *sissing*, a hissing serpent. "*Sibilus est genus serpentis*, Anglice a *sysynge*," MS. Bibl. Reg. 12 B. 1. f. 12, written about 1400.  
 2) A huge fat woman. *Doron.*  
**SISSELE.** A thistle. *Sussex.*  
**SIST.** See-t. (*L.-S.*)  
 Foral dai thou owt with thin elen  
 Hou this world wend, and ou men deten. *MS. Digby 10.*

- SISTER. A sewer.
- SISTERING. A cistern, o. reservoir.
- SISTER-LAW. A sister-in-law. *West.*
- SISTER-SONE. Nephew. (*A.-S.*)  
 And we are *sister-sones* two,  
 And aythur of us othr slo,  
 He that lifes wille be fulle wo  
 That ever was he made. *Perceval*, 1441.
- SIT. (1) To endure.  
 Was never knyghte that he fandē,  
 In France ne in Scotlande,  
 Mighte *sitt* a strake of his hande  
 One his styff stede.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 130.*
- (2) To sit a woman, to keep the night-courtship (q. v.) with a girl. To sit eggs, to remain a guest an unreasonable time. To sit on, said of milk when it burns in the pan. To sit in, to adhere firmly to anything.
- SITE. (1) Disgrace; shame. "Sorowe and syte," *MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 236.*  
 Now alle-weldand Gode that wyscheppez us alle,  
 Giff the sorowe and *syte*, sottē there thow lygges.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 64.*
- (2) A seythe. *Nominalē MS.*
- SIT-FAST. A kind of hard swelling on a horse's back. *Cotgrave.*
- SITH. (1) Since. *North.*  
 The kyng seyde, What may thys mene?  
 Y trowe Syr Roger and the quene  
 Be comeo to thys londe,  
 For nevyr *syth* they went y-wys,  
 Sawe y Syr Roger hounde or thys,  
 That ys wondur tyhand!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 74.*
- (2) Time. (*A.-S.*)  
 Than the cokwoldes wer full blythe,  
 And thankyd God a c. *syth*.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 61.*
- (3) Way; journey.
- SITHCUNDMAN. The head or chief of a town or parish. *Coles. (A.-S.)*
- SITHE. (1) To sigh. *East.*
- (2) To strain or purify liquor.
- SITHE-CRADLE. A rack of wood fastened to a scythe for carrying the mowed barley clean into the swath. *Kennett, p. 42.*
- SITHEEN. Since. (*A.-S.*) *Sithence* is often used by later writers.  
 I bade felowes to my dynere,  
 And *sithen* thei wil not cum here;  
 A develle have who that reche.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 40, f. 49.*
- SITHERS. Scissors. *North.*
- SITHY-HANGERS. A cow's teats. *Somerset.*
- SIT-STILL-NEST. Merda. *Lauc.*
- SITTAND. Suitable; becoming.  
 A hundrethe pondis worthe of londe  
 Of rent wele *sittande*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 130.*  
 He saluzede that sorowfulle with *sittande* wordez,  
 And fraynez aftyre the fende fairely thereafyre.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 63.*
- SITTEN-ON. Stunted in stature.
- SITTING. A space in the pew of a church sufficient for one person.
- SITTING-CLOTH. A kind of garment, the same as *strigium* in Ducange.

- SITTINGS. Statute fairs for servants held in some parts of the North.
- SI-VA. A cry to hounds. Maistre of the Game. *MS. Bodl. 546, xv. Cent.*
- SIVE. (1) To follow. (*A.-N.*)  
 Who that the vicis wolde eschive,  
 He mot by resone thanne *sive*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 82.*  
 And bowe unto thyn heste and *sive*  
 Humiltē, and that y vowe.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 58.*  
 The forme bothe and the matere,  
 As now *sivende*, thou schalt here.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 84.*
- (2) To sieve. Also, a sieve.  
 And casting forth silken shrapps, to catch wood-cocks, or in *syving* of muck-hills and shop-dust, whereof he will bould a whole cart load to gain a bow'd pione. *Nash's Piece Pennilesses, 1592.*
- (3) A scythe. *South.*
- SIVEDÉS. Refuse of bran.
- SIVELLE. Civil.  
 Therin he sped hym right welle  
 Of the master of lawe *sivelle*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 74.*
- SIX. A cup of six, i. e. a cup of beer sold at six shillings a barrel.
- SIXES-AND-SEVENS. The true origin of this phrase has been given in v. *Set* (13).
- SIX-LOVE. A term at whist, signifying *six* to *none* in scoring.
- SIX-STRINGED-WHIP. A popular name for the statute of the six articles which passed in 1541. See *Lingard*, ed. 1844, vi. 293.
- SIZE. (1) Six. *Lanc.*
- (2) "A size," says *Minsheu*, "is a portion of bread or drinke, it is a farthing which scholars in Cambridge have at the buttery; it is noted with the letter S." See also *Ellis's Literary Letters*, p. 178. The word now means anything had by the students at dinner over and above the usual commons.
- (3) Assizes. Still in use.  
 Our drowning scap'd, more danger was ensuing,  
 'Twas *size* time there, and hanging was a brewing.  
*Taylor's Workes, 1630, ii. 14.*
- (4) One third of an inch, a term much used by shoemakers.
- SIZELY. Proud; coy. *North.*
- SIZER. (1) A thin piece of brass with a round hole in it wherein they try to see whether a cast bullet is perfectly round.
- (2) A student at Cambridge whose expenses for living are partially provided by the college, originally a servitor, as serving one of the fellows. Each fellow of a college had one servitor allotted to him.
- SIZING. (1) Yeast. This term occurs in *Lilly's Mother Bombie*, ed. 1632, sig. Aa. vii.
- (2) Weaver's size. *North.*
- (3) A game at cards called "Jack running for mustard," is generally called "Jack running for *sizing*." The cards are placed so that by touching the first pair, all the rest must of course fall diagonally, in the form of upright wedges. *Kent.*
- SIZLE. To saunter about. *North.*

SIZY. Gluey; sticky. *South.*

SIZZEN. To hiss. *North.*

SIZZLE. The half hiss, half sigh of an animal; of an owl, for instance. Also the effervescence of brisk beer, &c. through a cork; or the alarming hissing of lightning very near one. Ray says that yeast is called sizzling from the sound of the working beer. Since this was written I heard the word thus used,—“If we heen't rain in another week we shall be all sizzled up.” This evidently meant *burnt up*, as it was spoken in a season of fearful aridity Moor's Suffolk Words, p. 351.

SIZZUP. A hard blow. *North.*

SIJAND. Sighing. (*A.-S.*)

Fer in trithe as I can fare,

Myselre *si:and* allone,

I herd the mournyng of an hare;

Thus delfully she made her mone.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 109.*

SIJE. Saw. (*A.-S.*)

Thus wen sche come the lady nyze,

Then toke sche better hede, and *si:ze*

The womman was ryzt fayre off face,

Allethouȝ here lackyd other grace.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 7.*

And so bifelle, as y cam nyze,

Oute of my boot whanne he me *si:ze*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 30.*

SIJTE. Sight. (*A.-S.*)

The kyng comfortid the queene and other ladyes eke,

His swete babis full tendurly he did kys;

The yonge prynce he behelde and in his armys did bere,

Thus his bale turnyd hym to blis;

Aftur sorow, joy the course of the worlde is,

The *si:te* of his balis releisid parte of his woo,

Thus the wille of God in every thyng is doo.

*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D. xv.*

SIJED. Sighed. See *Si:and*.

And sore *si:z:d* that al men mythe wel se.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 143.*

SKAALING. A lean-to or out-office with roof asloop, appendant to a higher building. *Hant.* Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.

SKACHES. “*Grallator*, he that goeth on styltes or *skaches*,” Elyote's Dictionarie, 1559. “*Seatches, grallat*,” Coles' Lat. Diet.

Away with boates and *skatches*,

Farewell both bootes and *skatches*.

*Dugdale's Imbanking, 1662, p. 391.*

SKADE. Harm; mischief. *Sussex.*

SKAFE. Awkward. *Lin.*

SKAFFAUT. A scaffold; a wooden tower; a raised stage. (*A.-N.*)

SKAG. An accidental blow, particularly of the heel of the shoe, so as to tear either the clothes or the flesh; any slight wound or rent. *Somerset.*

SKAIN. (1) A crooked sword, or scimitar, used formerly by the Irish.

During this siege arriv'd at Harlew the Lord of Kylmaie in Ire and, with a band of xvj. hundreth Iryshmen, arm'd in mayle with dartes and *skaynes*, after the maor of their country.

*Hall, Henry F. f. 28.*

(2) A searf for the head.

SKAITH. Hurt; harm. *North.*

And as he was betwixt them past,

They leapt upon him baith;

The one his pyke-staff gripp'd fast,

They feared for its *skaith*. *Robin Hood, i. 106.*

SKALES. A game mentioned by Wager in his play called, “The lenger thou Livest, the more Foole thou art.” Some suppose it to be the same as *Skoyles*, q. v. See a mention in Clarke's Phraseologia, 1655, p. 254, and another in Florio's New World of Words, 1611, p. 19, from which latter it seems to have been a game like nine-pins, and the game of skittles is still so called in Devon.

SKALK. This word has not yet been explained. Other copies of the ballad preserved in MS. Harl. 372, f. 114, and Strype's Memorials of Cranmer, 1694, App. p. 138, agree in the reading here given.

Its meet for every man on this matter to talk,

And the glorious gospel ghostly to have in mind;

It is sothe said, that sect but much unseemly *skalk*,

As boyes babble in books, that in scripture are blind.

*Percy's Reliques, p. 120.*

SKALLE. (1) A scald head.

(2) A drinking cup; a goblet. It is more generally written *skayle* or *skail*.

SKANSKBACK. Easily distinguishable; having some special mark. *Yorksh.*

SKARNES. Terrors.

SKASE. To run; to hurry. *Cornw.*

SKASJAGER. The hot seed of a wild vine. It occurs in MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 280.

SKATHY. Ravenous; mischievous.

SKAVELL. A kind of spade. *Tusser.*

SKAWER. A jurat.

Recompence of the same shall be given, and the harms amended to him that is so wronged, according to the discretion of the bayliff and the *skawer*.

*Dugdale's History of Imbanking, 1662, p. 97.*

SKAYNEY. Long; lanky. *Dorset.*

SKEAR. Gravel; pebbles. *North.*

SKEEL. (1) A pail. *North.*

(2) To shell peas, beans, &c. *Westm.*

SKEELING. The inner part of a barn or garret, where the slope of the roof comes. *South.*

SKEEMISH. Delicate. Also, given to scheming, manœuvring, covetous. *West.*

SKEEN. A sword. (*A.-S.*)

SKEER. (1) The place where cockles are gathered. *West. and Cumb. Dial. p. 386.*

(2) To mow lightly over: applied to pastures which have been summer-eaten, never to meadows. In a neuter sense, to move along quickly, and slightly touching. Hence, from its mode of flight, is derived *skeer-devil*.

(3) “To *skeer* the esse” is to clear the grate, separating the ashes from the live coals. *Chesh.* See Ray's English Words, 1674, p. 17.

SKEER-DEVIL. The swift. *Somerset.*

SKEERINGS. Hay made from the bad parts of pasture land. *West.*

SKEG. (1) The stump of a branch; also, a rent in a piece of cloth, such as would be made by a skeg. *Heref.* In the following passage it means a peg of wood.

Which as the owner (for his use) did weare,  
A nayle or sceg by chance his breech did teare.  
*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, ii. 119.

(2) A wild plum. *Northamp.* "A sloe, a skeg,  
a bulleis," Florio, p. 515.

SKEGGER. A salmon.

SKEKE. A contest.  
And with *skekes* and with fight,  
The wayes loked wele aflight.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 167.

With I. and E. fulle sekire thou be,  
That thyne executurs  
Of the ne wille rekke, but skikk and *skekke*  
Fulle baldely in thi boures.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 213.*

SKEKIE. Shy; frightened. *Northumb.*

SKELDER. To swindle. "If *skehrling* fall not  
to decay, thou shalt flourish," Hawkins,  
Origin of the English Drama, iii. 119.

SKELINGTON. A skeleton. *West.*

SKELK. To shrink. Said of wood.

SKELL. A shell. *North.*

SKELL-BOOSE. Explained by Carr, the head  
of the stalls of cattle.

SKELLED. Anything twisted or warped out  
of a flat or straight form into that of a curve,  
*skell*, or shell. *North.*

SKELLERED. Warped; made crooked. *Skel-*  
*ler-brained*, disordered in mind. *North.*

SKELLY. (1) Thin and light. *Lin.*  
(2) To squint, to look awry. *North.*

SKELMS. Long poles made use of in harvest  
time to carry cocks of hay on by hand, where  
the distance is small and draught horses  
scarce. *Glouc.*

SKELP. (1) A blow. *North.* "In payn of a  
skelp," Towneley Mysteries, p. 95.  
(2) To kick severely. *East.*  
(3) To leap awkwardly. *Chesh.*  
(4) To move rapidly. To skip or run with great  
strides, or in a bounding manner. *North.*

SKELPER. Anything very large. Grose has  
*skelping*, full, bursting, very large.

SKELT. Rumour; report. *North.*

SKELTER. Order as to arrangement, or condi-  
tion as to body. *North.*

SKELTON. A skeleton. *West.* "A skelton  
or a notamie," Cotgrave in v. *Eschelette*.

SKELVE. To incline; spoken of a pot or pan  
that has slipped from its upright position;  
thus they say, "It's all *skelved* to aside and  
run over." *Lin.*

SKEMMEL. A long form or stool. *North.* It  
is, of course, from the A.-S.

SKEN. To squint. *North.*

SKENSMADAM. A mock dish set upon the  
table for show. *Cumb.*

SKENT. To have the diarrhoea, said only of ani-  
mals. *Somerset.* Hence, perhaps, *skenter*, an  
animal which will not fatten.

SKEP. A basket made of rushes or straw. A  
beehive is called a bee-skep. *Var. dial.*  
Sumwhat lene us bi thi skep;  
I shal ȝou lene, seide Josep.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 30.*

SKEPE. A fishing vessel. *North.*

SKER. To slide; to skate. *North.*

SKERE. (1) Clear; free. Also a verb, to escape  
from, to get clear of.  
And thou mightest bring me her on,  
The and thine sones y schallete gon  
From prisoun quite and *skere*.  
*Gy of Warwike*, p. 300.

The nigtigale is on bi nome,  
That wol shilden hem from shome,  
Of skathe hoe wele hem *skere*:  
The threstelcok hem kepeth ay,  
He seith bi nite and eke bi day  
That hy beth fendes i-fere.  
*Reliq. Antig. i. 241.*

(2) To drive or scare away.

SKERLET. Scarlet.  
In *skerlet* kyrrells over one,  
The cokwoldes stodyn everychoo,  
Redy unto the dansyang.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 61.*

SKERRE. See *Scar* (4).

SKERRY. Slaty, as coals. *Derb.*

SKESE. To run or frisk about. *Cornw.*

SKET. (1) Part; region. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) Soon; quickly; immediately.  
Temperur askede him what a het;  
Gerard, a sede, also *sket*.  
*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 108.

In wiche parlement he hete  
Men schuld him bring the children *skete*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 12.

SKETCH. A latch. *North.*

SKEUL. To look askant. *Kent.*

SKEW. (1) Aslope. *Suffolk.* Also, to cast on  
one side. "Shew your eie towards the mar-  
gent," Stanhurst, p. 17.  
(2) A cup. A cant term. Dekker's Lanthorne  
and Caudle-Light, 1620, sig. C. iii.  
(3) The sky. *MS. Cott. Vesp. D. vii.*  
(4) Thick drizzling rain, which lasts only for a  
short time. *Cornw.*  
(5) "To skue or chamfret, viz. to slope the edge  
of a stone, as masons doe in windowes, &c.,  
for the gaining of light," Cotgrave.  
(6) The tail of a bird.  
(7) A kind of rude-fashioned boat, mentioned in  
Harrison's Britaine, pp. 5, 43.  
(8) To shy, as a horse. *Var. dial.*  
(9) To throw violently. *North.*  
(10) To skewer. *Somerset.*  
(11) A piebald horse. *Chesh.* Applied to a  
kitten in Skelton's Works, i. 99.  
(12) A projection. *Yorksh.* Also a verb, to toss  
or throw up.

SKEW-BALD. Piebald. *Var. dial.*  
The *skewed* horses, by myne intente,  
The which into the south parte weate,  
I maye well liken veramente  
To Jewes and panyines eke.  
*Chester Plays*, ii. 142.

SKEW-BOGLISIL. Said, but not very com-  
monly, of a shying horse. *Lin.*

SKEWE. To fall away; to escape.  
The welkyn wanned anone and the watur *skeweth*.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 104.*

SKEW-THE-DEW. A splayfooted person.

SKEWTING. Sloping. *East.*

SKEW-WHIFT. Aslant; slanting. *West.*



- SKEWY.** Askew. *Somerset.*
- SKEYL.** To lean to one side; to overturn a cart. *North.*
- SKEYL-BEAST.** The partition of cattle-stalls.
- SKEYLD.** Particoloured. *Yorksh.*
- SKEYSE.** To run away. *Cornw.*
- SKIBBS.** Squibs. This appears to be the meaning of the term in Brit. Bibl. i. 541.
- SKICE.** To play and frolic about; to run quickly and sily. *South.*
- SKICER.** A lamb which runs itself to death from excess of energy. *West.*
- SKID.** (1) To affix a hook to the wheel of a wagon to prevent it descending too rapidly down a hill. *Var. dial.* Ray says, "rotam sufflaminare, with an iron hook fastned to the axis to keep it from turning round upon the descent of a steep hill."  
(2) A timber-cart; a sledge.
- SKIDDEY-COCK.** A water-rail. *West.*
- SKIDER.** A skate. *Northumb.*
- SKID-PAN.** The shoe with which the wheel of a carriage is locked. *Var. dial.*
- SKIE.** (1) A cloud. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) *If the sky falls we shall catch larks,* a reply to any one who broaches a wild or improbable hypothesis.
- SKIEL.** A beer-cooler. *Wilts.*
- SKIERETIL.** Escapeth. In the first of these passages, the MS. in the library of the Society of Antiquaries reads *skeereth*, f. 64.  
And thus ful oft himself sche *skeereth*,  
And is al war of had-I-wist.  
*Gower, MS. Boll.* 294  
That he the wordis lasse or more  
Of his enchauntement ne hereth,  
And in this wise himselfe he *skeereth*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 41.
- SKIFF.** (1) Distorted; awkward. *West.*  
(2) To remove one's residence. *North.*
- SKIFF-DISIL.** An instrument used for forcing down the brims of a hat.
- SKIFFER.** A low shallow tub. *Line.*
- SKIFF-HANDED.** Inexpert in using the hands—unable to cast anything in a straight direction. *North.*
- SKIFF.** To shift, or remove. *North.*
- SKIFTE.** To appoint; to ordain. (*A.-S.*) Also, occasionally, a substantive.  
And therefore grete Godd wolde so wisely *skifte*  
alle thynges, that whenne a mane fulle of felicitye,  
thurgh he his heghe pride, wille noȝte knawe his  
makere fra the heghte of pride into the pitte of  
mekenes and lawnes he mone be plungeded.  
*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17 f. 21.
- SKILE.** (1) To separate; to divide. The people are said to be *skiling* out of town when the assizes are over. *Duob.*  
(2) An iron slice used for skimming the grease off broth. *North.*
- SKILL.** (1) Reason. (*A.-S.*)  
And if that thou me teltest *skil*,  
I shal don after thi wil. *MS. Digby* 86.  
When the prince hade hym beholde,  
He ȝede and sate hym where he wolde,  
As *skille* and reson is.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 55.

Sche seyde lordynges, so God e give,  
He that me wan he schalle me have!  
Ye wot wele youre crye was so!  
The lordys assentyd wele ther tulle,  
For sche seyde nothyng but *skille*,  
And that sche wolde no moo.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. h. 38, f. 77.

- (2) To know; to understand. Still in use in the North of England.
- (3) To hull oats. *Devon.*
- (4) To signify; to make a difference. "It skills not," Shakespeare.
- SKILLET.** A small pot of iron or copper or brass, with a long handle.
- SKILLUN.** An outhouse; a kind of pantry; a penthouse; a shed. *South.*
- SKILLY.** Water in which meat has been boiled, thickened with oatmeal. A word, I believe, of modern growth. *Line.*
- SKILTY-BOOTS.** Half-boots. *Dorset.*
- SKILVINGS.** A wooden frame to fix on the top of a cart in order to widen and extend its size; the rails of a cart.
- SKIM.** (1) To mow. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To make anything to fly swiftly but smoothly. *Var. dial.*
- SKIMBLE-SKAMBLE.** Rambling; unconnected. This phrase occurs in 1 Henry IV. iii. 1  
I meet one, thinking for my due to speake,  
He with evasions doth my purpose breake,  
And asks what newes I heare from France or Spain,  
Or where I was in the last showre of raine:  
Or when the court remooves, or what's a clocke,  
Or where's the wind, or some such windy mocke;  
With such fine *skimble-scamble*, spitter-spatter,  
As puts me cleane besides the money matter.  
*Taylor's Works*, 1630, ii. 33.
- SKIME.** (1) To look at a person in an underneath way, the head being held down. *Line.*  
(2) A ray of light. *Yorksh.*
- SKIMISH.** Squeamish. *Devon.*
- SKIMMER.** To frisk about. *East.*
- SKIMMERUNG.** Shining; an extreme degree of cleanliness. *Durham.*
- SKIMMINGTON.** "To ride," or "riding Skimmington," is, according to Grose, a ludicrous cavalcade in ridicule of a man beaten by his wife: it consists of a man riding behind a woman with his face to the horse's tail, holding a distaff in his hand, at which he seems to work, the woman all the while beating him with a ladle. A smock displayed on a staff is carried before them, as an emblematical standard, denoting female superiority: they are accompanied by what is called rough music, that is, tiring-pans, bull's-horns, marrow-bones and cleavers, &c.—a procession admirably described by Butler in his "Hudibras." According to Jennings, the custom is still in vogue in Somerset.
- SKIMPING.** Seanty, said of dress when cut too short or narrow for the person. *South.*
- SKIMPS.** The scales and refuse of flax detached in dressing it. *Somerset.*
- SKINCH.** To give scant measure: to nip and squeeze and pinch and pare, so as to effect a saving. *Line.*

SKINCHING. Narrow-minled. *Line.*  
 SKIN-COAT. To curry one's skin-coat. i. e. to beat him very severely.  
 SKIN-FLINT. A miser. *Var. dial.*  
 SKINGY. (1) Stingy. *Line.*  
 (2) Cold, nipping, as applied to the weather. *Suffolk.*  
 SKINK. (1) In a family the person latest at breakfast is called the *skink*, or the *skinker*, and some domestic office is imposed or threatened for the day, such as ringing the bell, putting coal on the fire; or, in other cases, drawing the beer for the family.  
 (2) To fill the glass; to drink; to serve or pour out liquor. *North.* The term occurs in our old dramatists. "Shed, skinked, poured forth," Florio, p. 518, ed. 1611.  
 Until hee fills a-stepe he *skinks* and drinkes,  
 And then like to a bore he wankes and stinkes.  
*Taylor's Works, 1630, iii. 5.*  
 (3) To spy, or peer about. *East.*  
 SKINKER. A tapster; a drawer. *Aquarius* is called a *skinker* in Du Bartas, p. 33.  
 But no fear affrights deep drinkers,  
 There I toss'd it with my *skinkers*.  
*Barnaby's Journal.*  
 SKINLET. Thin skin. Florio, p. 135.  
 SKINNER. A dealer in skins. "*Pellipius*, skynner," Nominale MS. xv. Cent.  
 SKINNY. (1) Lean. (2) Miserly. *South.*  
 SKIP. (1) The same as *Skep*, q. v.  
 (2) A small wooden or metal utensil used for taking up yeast. *Sussex.*  
 SKIP-BOY. A ship-boy; a boy who is attendant on the captain of a ship.  
 SKIP-JACK. (1) The merrythought of a fowl, made into a little toy by a twisted thread and small piece of stick.  
 (2) A dandy puppyish fellow. "A dwarfe, dandiprat, little skip-jacke," Cotgrave in v. *Nimhol.*  
 SKIP-KENNEL. A footboy.  
 SKIPPER. (1) A barn. A cant term. Dekker's *Lanthurne and Candle-Light*, 1620, sig. C. iii. Grose has the term.  
 (2) The master of a ship.  
 Wait doth retourne the *skippers* tale,  
 And hearth-wives courtesie,  
 To him that left his sisters mayde  
 About the countrie.  
*MS. Poems in Dr. Bliss's possession, temp. James I.*  
 SKIPPET. A small round wooden vessel with a long handle, used for lading water into troughs. *See.*, called in Leicestershire a ladgann. *Line.*  
 SKIR. To graze, skim, or touch lightly; to jerk. *Somerset.*  
 SKIRE. Loose; open; thin. *Lane.*  
 SKIRGALIARD. A wild, gay, dissipated fellow? See Skelton's Works, ii. 218.  
 SKIRL. (1) To shrivel up. *East.*  
 (2) To scream; to shriek. *North.*  
 (3) To slide. *Yorksh.*  
 SKIRME. To fence; to skirmish. It occurs in Wright's *Seven Sages*, p. 91.  
 SKIRR. To scour the country. *Shak.*

SKIRRET. The water-parsnip. The following is a receipt to make *skirret-pie*:

Take a quarter of a peck of skirrets blanched and sliced, season them with three nutmegs and an ounce of cinnamon, and three ounces of sugar, and ten quartered dates, and the marrow of three bones rouled in yolks of eggs, and one quarter of a pound of ringo roots, and preserved lettuce, sliced lemon, four blades of mace, three or four branches of preserved barberries, and half a pound of butter; then let it stand one hour in the oven; then put a caudle made of white wine, verjuice, butter and sugar; put it into the pie when it comes out of the oven.

*A True Gentlewoman's Delight*, 1676, p. 124.

SCIRROCK. A scrap; a fragment; anything of very small value. *North.*

SKIRT. To throw water with a syringe: to squirt. *Somerset.*

SKIRTER. A syringe, or squirt.

SKIRTING. (1) The diaphragm of cattle. A term used by butchers. *Somerset.*

(2) A sort of half-ploughing, preparatory to beat-burning. *Devon.*

SKIRTS. To sit upon any one's skirts, i. e. to meditate revenge upon him. This phrase occurs in several old plays, but I do not recollect to have seen it anywhere explained. Tarlton, the celebrated clown, told his audience the reason why he had cut off the skirts of his mantle was that no one should be able to sit upon them. Cf. Stanilurst, p. 26.

Crosse me not, Liza, nether be so perite,  
 For if thou dost I'll sit upon thy skirts.

*The Aburtive of an Idle Howre*, 1620.

SKISE. To run fast. *I. Wight.*

SKISTE. To order; to arrange.

Seathylle Scottlande by skylle he *skystys* as hym lykys,

And Wales of were he wane at hys wille.

*Morte Artoure, MS. Lincoln, f. 53*

SKIT. (1) To slide. *Somerset.*

(2) A scud of rain. *Devon.*

(3) The diarrhoea in animals. *Line.* The term occurs in the Pr. Parv.

(4) A satirical reflection. *Var. dial.*

(5) Hasty; precipitate.

SKITE. Merdis aspergere. *Var. dial.* Perhaps more commonly *skitter*.

SKITLY. Small; diminutive. *West.*

SKITTER. A countryman who was leading me up a steep hill, when we came to a place which was inaccessible, said, "We had better *skitter* under here, and it won't be so steep." *Kent.*

SKITTER-BOOTS. Half boots, laced in front. Called also skittervamps. *I. of Wight.*

SKITTER-BRAINED. Giddy; thoughtless. *North.*

SKITTERING. Slight; flimsy. *Devon.*

SKITTER-WIT. A foolish, giddy, harebrained fellow. *Chesh.*

SKITTLE. To cut; to hack. *West.*

SKITTY. A moor-hen. *Somerset.*

SKIVE. (1) To pare the thicker parts of hides previously to tanning them.

(2) To turn up the eyes. *Line.*

SKIVER. A skewer. *Skiver-wood*, dogwood, of which skewers are made. *West.*

SKIWINKIN. Awry; crooked. *East.*

SKIZZLE. A marble taw. *East.*

SKLEIRE. An iron for curling hair.

SKLEM. To steal slyly. *Heref.*

SKLISTE. A flat instrument with an upright handle, generally made of tin.

Spredde a lyn clowte on a bord, and this plaster theron, and mak it thynne with a skliste, and do it on the hevede alle hate.

*MS. Med. Rec. Lincoln, f. 281.*

SKOGGER. The leg of an old stocking, used as a kind of gaiter in snow-time. *North.*

SKOLYON. A scullion. *Palsgrave.*

SKOMFET. Discomfited. See *Scanfete.*

If thou salle goo to batelle, saye this orysons devotedly and enterly one the croys of this swerde, and grde the therwith, and bere this orysons with the apone the, and thou salle noghte be slayne nor skomfet.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 176.*

SKOOL. The cry along the coast when the herrings appear first for the season.

SKOPPOLOIT. Play, romps, frolicking. "What ha made yeow sa long?" "Why I ha bin havin a game a skoppolait along i th' man Jenkins i th' chatch yald." This word is much used in Ipswich, and is also pronounced *skoppolot*. Whence can it have come? A school-mistress chid a child for *skoppolaitin*: but she did not mean playing truant, or traaant, as we call it. *Scope*, to loiter, has been surmised as a possible source. *East.*

SKORCLE. To scorch. *Skorke* occurs in an early vocabulary in my possession, and also in *Archaeologia*, xxx. 413.

SKORPILLIYS. Serofulous.

SKOTE. A prop. *I. Wight.*

SKOTTEFERS. Shooters; archers. (*A.-S.*)

Discoveris of schotte-mene and skyrmys a lyttille, Skayres thaire skottefers, and their skowtte waches.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 79.*

SKOULKERY. Skulking; lurking.

Loke þe skyte it so, that us no skathe lympe, For ua skomfitoure in skoulkery is skomfite ever.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 70.*

SKOUT. The auk is so called in Northumberland. See Pennant's *Tour in Scotland*, ed. 1790, i. 48.

SKOVE. A sheaf of corn. *West.*

SKOWER. To be shackled.

SKOWK. To skulk. *Cotgrave.*

SKOWREGHIDE. Scourged.

Eftirwarde thou was skoureghide sare.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 190.*

SKOWTE.

With me ye xall ron in rowte, My consell to take for a skowte.

*Digby Mysteries, p. 79.*

SKOYLES. A game played with pins, alluded to in Kind Hart's *Dream*, 1592.

SKOYMOSE. Squeamish.

Thow art not skoymose thy fantasy for to tell.

*Bale's Kynges Johan, p. 11.*

SKRAUM. To grope about. *Yorksh.*

SKRED. To stride. *Somerset.*

SKREEK. To creak. *North.*

The solle of the parke was so exceeding barren

that it did beare a gray mosse, like that of an old parke pale, which *skreekes* as one walkes on it, and putts ones teeth on edge. *Aubrey's MS. Wills, p. 71.*

SKRENGED. Squeezed. *North.*

SKRENT. To burn; to scorch. *West.*

SKRILE. Small underwood. *South.*

SKRITIE. A shriek; a scream.

Whenne that it was abowte mydnyghte,

Byjonde the water he herde a skritie,

Fulle lowde one highte he herde it cry,

And askede helpe over fulle refully.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 125.*

SKRUSSLE. The cracklin of pork. *East.*

SKRY. A coarse sieve for corn.

SKRYTCHE-HEULE. A screech-owl. Pa's-grave, without the French synonyme.

SKUL. Same as *Skew*, q. v.

SKUFF. A precipice. *North.*

SKUT. To crouch down. *Kent.*

SKUTCHNEAL. Cochineal. *North.*

SKUTY. Smart; clean; brisk. *East.*

SKWYNECY. The quiesey.

Som for gletony sall have emang

The skwynecy, that evil swa strang.

*John de Wageby, p. 11*

SKY. (1) To look, or peep. *Suffolk.*

(2) To shy, as horses do.

SKYBY. Shy; reluctant; averse. *Yorksh.*

SLA. To slay, or kill.

Any conynges here to sla,

And with the trespas away to ga.

*MS. Cartab. Fl. v. 48, f. 49.*

SLAB. (1) The wryneck. *North.*

(2) A bricklayer's boy. *East.*

(3) Foot pavement. *Line.*

(4) Slabby; adhesive. *Shak.*

(5) The outer cut of a tree when sawn up into planks. *Var. dial.*

(6) A puddle; a wet place. *North.* Perhaps, in the following passage, it may mean a slab of foot pavement.

The Grounde of Artes who hathe well tredd,

And noted well the slippyery slabbes.

*Records's Castle of Knowledge, 1556.*

(7) In Cornwall, when the melted tin is cast into oblong square pieces in a mould made of moor-stone, the lesser pieces they call *slabs*, and the greater *blocks*. Kennett, *MS.*

SLABBARD. "Slabbarde, *morosus, tardus.*"

Prompt. Parv. *MS. Harl. 221, f. 156.*

SLABBER. (1) To soil, or dirty. *West.*

Till neere unto the haven where Sandwich stands,

We were enclosed with most dangerous sands.

There were we sows'd and slabbord, wash'd and dash'd,

And gravell'd, that it made us halfe abash'd.

*Taylor's Discovery by Sea, p. 22.*

(2) To eat up greedily.

SLABBY. Sloppy; dirty.

This threatning is to travellers that go

Long journeyes; slabby rain they'l have, or snow.

*A Book for Boys and Girls, 1686, p. 13.*

SLACHE. To loiter. *Yorksh.*

SLACK. (1) The low ground. *North.*

They took the gallows from the slack,

They set it in the glen,

They hang'd the proud sheriff on that,

Releas'd their own three men.

*Robin Hood, ii. 120.*

- (2) Coal reduced to very small pieces. The side of a mountain where the rock has crumbled and fallen down in an oblique direction is called a *slack*.
- (3) Mingere. *Worc.*
- (4) To cool in water. *North.*
- (5) Underdone; *slack*-baked, spoken of bread; *slack* done, meat underdone. *Kent.* *Slack*-oven, an oven which bakes slowly.
- (6) To put off; to procrastinate.
- (7) A long pool in a streamy river.
- (8) Dull; low; depressed; lazy. *Slack-deed*, depression of trade. *Far. dial.*
- SLACKE. Slow. (*A.-S.*)
- SLACKEN. To fall in price. *Stacking*, want or deficiency of anything.
- SLACKET. Slight; slim. *Cornw.*
- SLACK-TRACE. An untidy woman. *Line.* In some places, *slackuntrans.*
- SLACK-WATER. A deficiency of water, by which the machinery of mills erected on streams is deprived of its proper action.
- SLADDERY. Wet and dirty. *North.*
- SLADE. (1) A valley; a ravine; a plain. Brockett says its present meaning is "a breadth of green sward in ploughed land, or in plantations." I have heard the term in Northamptonshire applied to a flat piece of grass, and to a border of grass round a ploughed field. The first meaning (a valley) is given in the Herefordshire Gloss. p. 94; but Moor describes it "a small open hanging wood." See Morte d'Arthur, i. 161, 176, 192; British Bibl. i. 154; Gy of Warwike, p. 120.
- Sixty slongene in a *slade* of sleghe mene of armes.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 84.*
- It had bene better of William a Trent  
To have bene abed with sorowe,  
Than to be that day in the greenwood *slade*,  
To meet with Little Johns arrowe  
*Robin Hood, i. 118.*
- Whenne we were put fro Paradise  
Into this ilke wretched *slade*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 8.*
- And how he climbeth up the bankis,  
And falleth into *sladis* depe.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 121.*
- But when he came to Barnesdale,  
Great heaviness there hee hadd,  
For he found tow of his owne fellowes  
Were slaine both in a *slade*.  
*Robin Hood and Guy of Gisborne.*
- (2) A sled, or sledge. Also, to carry on a sledge; to drag on the ground.
- SLADE-DOWN. To draw back part of the mould into the interfurrow, with the plough dragging, or *slading* upon its side. *Norf.*
- SLADERING-DRAG. A small drag, or carriage, or sledge, without wheels, and sliding on the ground, drawn by one horse. *Chesh.*
- SLAG. (1) Refuse of lead, or other ores. It is sometimes applied to coal. *Slag-pigs*, small flat pigs of lead of an inferior quality. "At the silver mills in Cardiganshire the einders or refuse of the litharge, which remain after the first boiling of the mine, are call'd *slags*, which are beat small with great stamps lifted up by a wheel moved by water; so the dross of tin in Cornwall is called the *slag*; so likewise the slag or refuse of melted iron," Kennett, MS.
- (2) The black slat, which lies commonly above the coal in sinking their pits in Flintshire, is called the *slag*. *Ibid.* MS.
- (3) Miry and slippery. *Pr. Parv.*
- SLAGER. To slacken. *West.*
- SLAGHT. Hung up; put away?  
When we come and sitten in same,  
I shalle tech the a game,  
I can lut wcl be rote;  
Then shal thou se my sling *slaght*,  
And of the best take us a draght,  
And drynk welle right be note  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 49.*
- SLAGS. Sloes. *Westm.*
- SLAIF. A shallow dish. *North.*
- SLAIGH. The sloe. *Lanc.*
- SLAIN. Smut in corn. *Cumb.*
- SLAINT. To bring forth young, applied to cows and mares. *Kent.*
- SLAIR. To walk slovenly. *North.*
- SLAIRG. Mud. *Northumb.*
- SLAISTER. (1) To beat severely. *North.*  
(2) To do anything awkwardly. *Yorksh.*
- SLAIT. (1) An accustomed run for sheep; hence the place to which a person is accustomed is called *slait*. *West.*  
(2) To slake quicklime. *Devon.*
- SLAKE. (1) A deep ditch; a ravine.  
He laf slawe in a *slak*  
forty score on a pak,  
Wyd opene one here bake. *Sir Degrevant, 333.*
- (2) To quench; to subside. *North.*  
Whenne that here paynys *slakyd* was,  
And sche hadde passyd that hydous pas,  
Here nose barst on bloode;  
Sche was unbleschyd foot and hand,  
That saw; the lordys off the lande,  
And thankyd God on rode.  
*Romance of Athelston.*
- (3) To lick, e. g. plates or dishes badly washed and not well dried are said to be *slaked* over. It is also vulgarly used, I believe, in the sense of to kiss. *Line.*
- (4) To put out the tongue. *Lanc.*
- (5) To fail; to desist. (*A.-S.*)
- (6) Leisure; opportunity. *Norf.*
- (7) An accumulation of mud or slime, particularly in a river. *Cumb.*
- (8) A gentle light stroke. *North.*
- (9) To smear; to bedaub. *Yorksh.*
- (10) Very small coals. *North.*
- (11) To go silently. *Weber.*
- (12) To untie; to loosen. (*A.-S.*)
- (13) Soft, as mud, dirt, &c. *Dunelm.*
- SLALE. Violent; inflamed. *North.*
- SLAM. (1) To beat. *North.*  
(2) A kind of game. It is also a term at whist, used when one party wins a game before the other has gained a trick.  
At post and pare, or *slam*, Tom Tuck would play  
This Christmas, but his want wherewith sayes may  
*Herrick's Works, ii. 16*
- (3) The side; to go up the *slam* of the hill is to go up obliquely. *Dorset.*

- (4) To throw fast, violently, as a door; to fling down. *Var. dial.*
- (5) A kind of muscle. *South.*
- (6) Tall and lean. *North.*
- SLAM-BANG. With great violence. *West.*
- SLAMKIN. A female sloven. Perhaps *slammacks* or *slammerkin* is in more general use. Hence *slammack*, to walk slovenly, to do anything awkwardly.
- SLAMMING. Large; big. *West.*
- SLAMPAMBES. To cut a person of the slampambes, or to give him the slampambes, i. e. to beat him by stratagem, to circumvent or conquer any one. It occurs in an old play quoted by Nares, who was unable to explain the phrase.
- The townsmen being pinched at the heart that one rascal in such scornfull wise should give them the *slampame*, not so much weieog the slendernesse of the losse as the shamefulnessse of the foile.
- Stanhurst's Description of Ireland*, p. 25.
- SLAMTRASH. A great sloven. *Yorksh.*
- SLANE. Sloes. *Devon.*
- SLANG. (1) Apparently some kind of ordnance, mentioned in Arch. xi. 439.
- (2) A long narrow piece of land, sometimes called *slancket*. *West.*
- SLANGAM. An awkward lout. "A tall and dull *slangam*, that hath no making to his height, nor wit to his making; also, one that being sent on an errand is long in returning," Cotgrave, in v. *Longis*.
- SLANK. (1) Slim; slender. *North.*
- (2) A slope, or declivity. *Kent.*
- SLANS. Sloes. *West.*
- SLANT. To exaggerate. *North.* "To mock, or lie, or dissemble," Kennett MS.
- SLANT-VEIN. One vein of ore crossing another at an acute angle. *North.*
- SLANY. A slattern. *West.*
- SLAP. (1) Suddenly. *North.*
- (2) To spill liquor. All of a slap, i. e. very sloppy. *Yorksh.*
- (3) To *slap up*, to eat quickly, to lick up food. Still in use.
- (4) The same as *Slab* (5).
- (5) To loll out the tongue. *North.*
- (6) A gap. *Somerset.*
- SLAP-BANG. Violently; headlong. *Slap-dash* is also used in the same sense.
- SLAP-DASH. A cheap mode of colouring rooms by *dashing* them with a brush in imitation of paper. *North.* In masonry, rough-east.
- SLAPE. (1) Soft; slippery; smooth. Hence, metaphorically, crafty. *North.* Slape hawing by haw binks, i. e. slippery holding by a hall bench. Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.
- (2) Sleep. *Sevyn Sages*, 929.
- SLAPE-ALE. Plain ale as opposed to ale medicated with wormwood or scurvy grass, or mixed with any other liquor. Skinner says this is a Lincolnshire word.
- SLAPE-FACE. A soft-spoken, mealy-mouthed hypocrite. *Linc.*
- SLAPEL. A large lump. *Sussex.*

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- SLAPER. The stump of a tree. *Norf.*
- SLAPING. Walking about a house with dirty shoes and wet dripping clothes. *Oron.*
- SLAPPING. Very large. *Var. dial.*
- SLAPPY. Not baked enough. *Suffolk.*
- SLAP-SAUCE. A parasite. *Minsheu.*
- SLAP-SHOES. Shoes with loose soles.
- SLARE. (1) A hint; an indirect reproach. *Linc.*
- (2) To smear, to mark with dirt here and there; thus when a floor has been imperfectly washed it will be said, "They've *slared* it sadly."
- SLART. (1) To splash with dirt. *Yorksh.* In Herefordshire, to stain.
- (2) Used as a substantive, to mean a quantity; thus one market woman will say to another, "You've got a pretty good *start* of butter this welk." Used as a verb, to signify to taunt by insinuations, e. g. "If you've anything to say, out with it, and don't *start* in that way." *Linc.*
- SLARY. Bedaubed. *East.*
- SLASH. (1) A cut, or gash. *Yorksh.*
- (2) The same as *Pleach*, q. v.
- SLASHING. Gay; wild. *Var. dial.*
- SLASHY. Wet and dirty. *North.*
- SLAT. (1) To strike; to slap; to throw or cast down violently or carelessly. *Var. dial.* "Slatted his brains out," Webster, iv. 99. A slat in the face, i. e. a reproach.
- (2) To split, or crack. *West.*
- (3) A spot, or stain. *Yorksh.*
- (4) An iron heater used for smoothing linen after washing. *Somerset.*
- (5) To set on; to incite. *North.*
- (6) A share. *Bailey.*
- (7) A slate. *North.* "Slat or slat stone." Prompt. Parv. MS. Harl. 221.
- SLAT-AXE. A mattock with a short axe end. *Devon.*
- SLATCHIN. Untidy. *Cumb.*
- SLATE. (1) A valley?
- Certain, tho said the knyght,  
That theff I saw to nyght  
Here beside a *slate*.
- Torrent of Portugal*, p. 70.
- (2) To ridicule. *Var. dial.* This is probably derived from our fifth meaning.
- (3) A sheet. An old cant term, occurring in Dekker's *Belman of London*, 1608.
- (4) A woman is said to be slated, when her petticoat falls below her gown.
- (5) To bait animals. "Bay of bor, of hole slatyng," Kyng Alisaunder, 200. "To slate a beast is to hound a dog at him," *Yorkshire Ale*, p. 115, ed. 1697.
- (6) To be angry, or wroth.
- The apostille says that God thaim haty.  
And over alle other with thaim *slatys*.
- R. de Brunne, MS. Boves*, p. 55.
- (7) A pod or husk, of peas, &c. *Hants.*
- SLATHER. To slip, or slide. *Chesh.*
- SLATS. (1) Cross pieces used in the hurdles of the Midland counties.
- (2) Dark blue ooze, rather hard, left dry by the ebb of the sea. *Suff.*
- SLATTER. To waste; or rather, perhaps, not to make a proper and due use of any thing

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- thus they say, "take care, or you'll *slatter* it all away;" and when the weather is unsettled, so that the work of the farm is interrupted, the farmer will say to his men, "I fear we shall have a *slattering* time of it." Also, to be negligent and slovenly.
- SLATTER-DE-POUCH.** An ancient dance, mentioned in an old play in MS. Bodl. 30. Gayton alludes to it as a boy's exercise.
- SLATTERINS.** Relies. *Lanc.*
- SLATTERY.** Wet; dirty. *Var. dial.*
- SLATY.** Miry, or muddy.
- SLAUGHTER.** A kind of sword?  
Beside these, we have the fierce Brahanders and strong Almaines wyth long pykes and cuttyng *slaughtmesses.* *Hall, Henry V. f. 15.*
- SLAUGHTER.** A great alteration involving some destruction, e. g. applied to the thorough repair and renovation of an old mansion. *Essex.*
- SLAUM.** To smear. *Leic.*
- SLAUSE.** To strain liquor. "Colo, to slause ale," MS. Gloss. xv. Cent.
- SLAVEINE.** A pilgrim's mantle. (*A.-N.*) "Sarabarda, Anglice a slavene," Nominale MS. in my possession.  
He covyrde hys face wyth hys *slaveyne*,  
That Tyrrye schulde not knowe hys peyne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 205.*  
Many wente Clement agayne,  
A *sklawyn* was hys wede.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 86.*
- SLAVERING-CLOTH.** A slobbering-bib. "Slaveryng clothe for chylidren," Palsgrave.
- SLAYVEN.** A large piece. *Sussex.*
- SLAWE.** Slain. (*A.-S.*)  
I wolde not that, sayd Robyn,  
Johan, that thow were *slawe*,  
For all the golde in mery England,  
Though it lay now on a rawe.  
*Robin Hood, i. 34.*
- SLAWTH.** Sloth. *Prompt. Parv.*
- SLAWTYR.** Slaughter. *Prompt. Parv.*
- SLAY.** (1) Anything that moves on a pivot, as the part of the loom that is pulled by the hand among the threads. *North.*  
(2) In cutting sloop, the wood is laid in regular rows, all one way, for the convenience of tying up; these are called *slays*.  
(3) As willingly. "I would *slay* do it as not." *Somerset.*  
(4) Coarse wool. *Deron.* Perhaps from *slay*, that part of a loom with which the work is closed. "The *slay* of a weavers loome having teeth like a combe," Nomenclator, p. 253.  
(5) A lane or way cut through a whin, or broom, or other cover, for the purpose of admitting a vehicle to receive and convey away the faggots or cuttings; or for admitting a range of haynets to catch rabbits, hunted from side to side of the cover by dogs; or for gunners to place themselves in, to shoot or *slay* them as they dart across. *Moor.*
- SLAY-WATTLE.** A kind of hurdle, made with narrow boards. *Kent.*
- SLAZY.** Of flimsy texture. *East.*
- SLE.** To kill; to slay. (*A.-S.*)  
Gret bourde it wold be,  
Off them to *slee* twoo or thre,  
I swere the, be Seynt Gyle.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 49*
- SLEA.** To dry or wither, spoken of corn exposed to sun or wind before it is gathered or bound. *Chesh.*
- SLEAK.** The same as *Slake*, q. v.
- SLEAM.** To slumber. *Lanc.*
- SLEAVE.** To tear down. *Heref.*
- SLEAVE-SILK.** The soft floss-silk used for weaving. "Sleave or raw silke," Florio, p. 57. See Nares, in v.
- SLECK.** (1) To cool. *North.*  
(2) To quench; to assuage; to extinguish. *North.* "Candel slekemid," Apol. Loll. p. 19.  
(3) Small pit coal. *Yorksh.*  
(4) To make smooth. *Palsgrave.* "I slecke, I make paper smothe with a sleke stone, *je fais glissant*; you muste slecke your paper if you wyll write Greke well," Ibid.
- SLECKING.** Weak liquor. *North.*
- SLED.** (1) A sledge. *North.* "A trucke or sled with low wheeles," Florio, p. 37. "Traha, a sled," Nominale MS. "Dray or sleade whych goeth without wheeles," Huloet, 1552. "Slede to drawe a thying yark," Palsgrave.  
(2) To walk awkwardly. *Yorksh.* Hence, an old blind person. *Sled-haugh*, one who walks badly or lamely.  
(3) A sledge hammer.
- SLEDE.** A valley. *Hearne.*
- SLEDGE.** To shift off. *Dunelm.*
- SLEDGER.** The lower stone in the hopper of a mill. *Var. dial.*
- SLEDIR.** Slippery. (*A.-S.*)  
For thanne he leseth his iusty weye  
With dronkeschipe, and wot not whider  
To goo, the weyes ben so *sledir*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 179.*  
The plank that on the brygge was,  
Was as *sledyr* as any glas.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 35.*
- SLEECH.** (1) To dip up water. *North.*  
(2) Mud or sea-sand used as manure. The sediment deposited by the sea in the river Rother is called *sleech*. *Sussex.* Kennett has *slitch*, "slime or mud thrown up in the cleansing of ponds or ditches," MS. Lansd. 1033.  
And I will goe gather *slyche*,  
The shippe for to caulke and pyche.  
*Chester Plays, i. 47.*
- SLEEKED.** Smooth. "A kind of *sleeked* pasteboord to write upon, and may bee blotted out againe," Florio, p. 86.
- SLEEKER.** An iron instrument used for draining the skins that are taken from the tanpit.
- SLEEP.** A limb is said to go to sleep when benumbed from being too long in one position. "My fothe ys aslepe," Nominale MS.
- SLEEP-AWAY.** An idiomatic phrase signifying a gradual decay. *Deron.*
- SLEEPER.** (1) A rushlight. *East.*  
(2) The stump of a tree cut off short, and left in the ground. *Norf.*

- (3) A beam of wood which supports something, as rails, &c. *Var. dial.*
- (4) Grains of barley which do not vegetate when undergoing the process of malting are called *sleepers*. *Salop. Antiq.* p. 569.
- SLEEP-WORT. Lettuce. *Gerard.*
- SLEEPY. Tasteless; insipid; generally said of fruit half rotten. *Var. dial.*
- SLEEPY-HEAD. An idle, sleepy person.
- SLEER. One who slays. (*A.-S.*)
- SLEET. (1) Cow-dung. *Yorksh.*  
(2) Aslant; oblique. *Pr. Parc.*
- SLEEVE. (1) A narrow channel.  
(2) To split; to cleave. *North.*
- SLEEVE-HAND. The cuff attached to a sleeve; the wristband of a shirt.
- SLEEVELESS. Useless; unprofitable. "Syr-rus, thynke not lonke, and y schall telle yow a *stereles* reson," *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 83.  
If all these faile, a begger-woman may  
A sweet love letter to her hands convey;  
Or a neat laundresse or a hearlwife can  
Carry a *sleevelesse* message now and than.  
*Taylor's Worke*s, 1630, ii. 111.
- SLEEZY. The same as *Slazy*, q. v. "*Slesie linnen*, so called becaus brought from the province of Silesia, or as the Germans call it *Schlesia*, wher the capital city Breslaw is maintaind by this manufacture, which is the chief if not the only merchandize of that place," *Kennett, MS. Lansd.* 1033.
- SLEFT. Slashed. *Somerset.*
- SLEIDED. Raw, untwisted, as silk.
- SLEIGHTLY. Cunningly. (*A.-S.*)
- SLEIGHSTER. Slaughter.  
Therefore so fel ther were  
That hel was sene her sleighster ther  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 226.
- SLEIGHT. (1) Contrivance. (*A.-S.*) Still in use, signifying judgment, calculation.  
(2) Smooth, as a board, &c.
- SLEINT. Slipped; pushed.
- SLEITH. Contrivance; cunning. Also, occasionally, stratagem, deceit. (*A.-S.*)  
What, wenest thou Him that knoweth alle  
To disseyve with thy sleithly wile.  
*Lydegate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 23.
- SLEKKYN. Slacken. (*A.-S.*)  
So brennande fire that laste ay,  
That ookyn thyng it *st-kkyn* may.  
*MS. Harl.* 2260, f. 71.
- SLEN. To slope. *Somerset.*
- SLENCII. (1) Part of a cow which lies close to the brisket. *West.*  
(2) To quench one's thirst. *South.*  
(3) To hunt privately, as dogs do to steal their food. *North.*  
(4) To cut one side of a hedge, and leave the other untouched. *Chesh.*
- SLENT. (1) To tear; to rend. *Dorset.*  
(2) A deep puddle; any small pit in a common or plain. *Suffolk.*  
(3) To slope; to glide. "It *stented* doune to the erthe," *Morte d'Arthur*, ii. 281. It is the part. pa. in *Du Bartas*, p. 7.  
(4) A jest, or sarcasm.
- SLEPE To drag. (*Flem.*)

SLEPING. A sleep, or slumber. (*A.-S.*)

SLEPIR. Slippery.

If reches to the falle, feste noghte one thame thy herte, for thay are faylande and noghte lastande ay, and *slepir* als ane eele, that whenne mene wenys he hase hym faste, als fantome he fra hyme glyddys, and tynys hym for ay. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 244.*

SLEPLE. To sleep gently. (*A.-S.*)

SLERRIB. A spare rib of pork. *West.*

SLETCII. To cease; to stop. *I. Wight.*

SLETE. To slete a dog, says Ray, is to set him at anything, as swine, sheep, &c. *North.*

SLETTEN. Slid; fell. *Weber.*

SLEUTH. (1) The track of any animal. Hence *sleuth-hound*, a term for the bloodhound.

There is a law also among the borderers in time of peace, that whoso denieth entrance or sute of a *sleuthhound* in pursuit made after felons and stolen goods, shall be holden as accessarie unto the theft, or taken for the selfe theefe.

*Holinshed, Description of Scotland*, p. 14.

The second kind is called in Scotland a *stuth-hound*, being a little greater then the hunting hound, and in colour for the most part browne, or sandy-spotted. The sence of smelling is so quicke in these that they can follow the footsteps of theeves, and pursue them with violence untill they overtake them; and if the thief take the water, they cast in themselves also, and swim to the other side, where they find out againe afresh their former labor, untill they find the thing they seeke for: for this is common in the borders of England and Scotland, where the people were wont to live much upon theft, and if the dog brought his leader unto any house, where they may not be suffred to come in, they take it for granted that there is both the stolen gools and the thief also hidden.

*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 149.

(2) A herd of bears. This term occurs in the Booke of Hunting, 1586.

SLEUTHIE. Sloth; idleness. (*A.-S.*)

SLEUTYNG. Shooting; letting fly. *Garwayne.*

SLEVE. To cleave; to split. (*A.-S.*)

For thaire cotis ware al to-revnye,

And thaire lynnmes in sondir *sleven*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 123.*

SLEW. (1) To turn round.

(2) A kind of sieve.

(3) To get intoxicated. *Yorksh.*

SLEWER. To give way; to fall down.

SLEY. A weaver's instrument that strikes the wog close to the warp. *Kennett.*

SLEJELY. Slily; cunningly.

In Paradis he made him rest,

And *slejely* slepe on him he kest.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 59.

SLIBBER-SLABBER. Very careless.

SLICE. (1) A fire shovel; a broad short-handled firepan for wood fires. *Dorset.* "A slice, of the shape of the ace of spades, a sort of firepan, flat and plain, without any edges turn'd up by the sides," *MS. Gloss.*

(2) Said of a hawk "when she mewteth a good distance from her," *Gen. Rec.* ii. 63.

(3) "An instrument of the kitchen to turne meate that is fried," *Elyot*, in v. *Spatha*, ed. 1559. It occurs in *Palsgrave*. The slice is still used for many purposes, particularly for taking up or turning fish in a kettle or stew-

pan. It is described in Tim Bobbin, "a thin bit of wood to stir meat in pots."  
**SLICH.** The same as *Sleech* (2).  
**SLICHEN.** Smooth. *Lanc.*  
**SLICK.** (1) Smooth. *Var. dial.*

The mole's a creature very smooth and slick,  
 She digs i' th' dirt, but 'twill not on her stick.  
*A Book for Boys and Girls, 1686, p. 26.*

- (2) Clear; entirely. *West.*  
 (3) To comb the hair. *Susser.*  
 (4) The down of rabbits. *East.*  
 (5) A blow, or slap. *Oxon.*

**SLICKEN.** Smooth. *Derb.*

**SLICKENSIDES.** A species of mineral substance found in some mines, the effects of which are terrific. A blow with a hammer, a stroke or scratch with a miner's pick, are sufficient to blast asunder the massive rocks to which it is found attached.

The mines in Eyam are very deep, and the New-engine mine I have heard stated as being the deepest in Derbyshire. Among the number in the edge is the Hay-cliff, a mine distinguished for having contained in great abundance of that extraordinary phenomenon in the mineral world provisionally called *slickensides*. It is a species of gelena, and is well known amongst mineralogists. This mine once had it in singular quantity and quality. One writer says, "The stroke is immediately succeeded by a crackling noise, accompanied with a noise not unlike the mingled hum of a swarm of bees; shortly afterwards an explosion follows, so loud and appalling that even the miners, though a hardy race of men, and little accustomed to fear, turn pale and tremble at the shock." Of the nature of this mineral, and its terrible power, there have been a many but quite unsatisfactory solutions. Whitehurst, in his work on the formation of the earth, thus mentions its wonderful power:—"In the year 1737, an explosion took place at the Hay-cliff mine, Eyam, by the power of slickensides. Two hundred barrels of materials were blown out at one blast, each barrel containing 350 lbs. weight. During the explosion the earth shook as by an earthquake." A person of the name of Higginbotham once but narrowly escaped with life, by striking incautiously this substance in the above mine. Experienced miners can, however, work where it greatly abounds without much danger. It is also known by the name of "cracking-whole."

*Wood's Desolation of Eyam.*

**SLICKLER.** An idle loiterer. *Devon.*

**SLICK-STONE.** "Slykestone, *lisse a papier, lice*," Palsgrave. Kennett mentions the slick-stone for smoothing linen cloths. *Slekystone*, Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 156.

**SLID.** A North country oath. It occurs twice in Twelfth Night, iii. 4.

**SLIDDER.** (1) To slide. (2) Slippery. *Slid-dery* is common in the second sense. "Slyder, *glissant*," Palsgrave. *Slidery*, MS. Arundel. 220, f. 300.

**SLIDE.** A sledge. *Midl. C.*

**SLIDE-BUTT.** A dung sledge. *Devon.*

**SLIDE-GROAT.** A game played with coins, the same as shove-groat. See Douce's Illust. i. 454; Brand's Pop. Antiq. ii. 259; Armin's Nest of Ninnies, 1608, ed. Collier, p. 28.

**SLIDERS.** Beams used for the support of shafts in mines. *North.*

**SLIDING.** Slippery. *Chaucer.*

**SLIER.** To look sly upon, but with some evil design. *Glouc.*

**SLIFFE.** A sleeve. *Hooper.*

**SLIFT.** (1) The fleshy part of the leg of beef, part of the round. *East.*

(2) A slip, or cutting. *Suffolk.*

**SLIFTER.** A crack, or crevice. *Lanc.* It occurs as a verb in Marston.

The liver dried with parsely, and three walnuts censed from the pill and put into hony, is marvellous good for one that is liver sicke; the ashes of it mixt with oyle, taketh away wens; and the ashes of the liver, and the flesh is good against the chapping, clefts, or *slifters* in the body, which come by cold; but Dioscorides, whom I rather follow, attributeth both these vertues to the ashes of the hoofe.  
*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts, 1607, p. 26.*

**SLIGHT.** (1) Contrivance; artifice.

(2) A contracted form of the ancient phrase *by this light*.

(3) A trifling matter. *West.*

(4) Slighting; contemptuous.

(5) To slake lime. *Devon.*

(6) To smooth or iron **men**.

(7) To throw, or cast quickly.

**SLIGHTEN.** To slight. *Jonson.*

**SLIGHTY.** Slim; weak. *East.*

**SLIKE.** (1) Such; such like. (*A.-S.*)

Criste was of a maydeoe borne,  
 And dyed for thame oo *slyke* a tree,  
 To brynge thame owte of my poste.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 123.*

I have herd say men suld take of twa thinges,  
*Slyk* as he fyut, or tak *slyk* as he bringes;  
 But specially I pray the, host ful deere,  
 Get us som mete and drynk, and mak us cheere.

*Wright's Anecdota Literaria, p. 31.*

Whethur thy dayes, Lord, be *slyke*  
 As mennes dayes that dwellen here.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 19.*

(2) To make sleek, or smooth. (*A.-S.*) Also an adjective, smooth, or sleek. "With bent browis both smothe and slike," Romaunt of the Rose, 542.

(3) To rend asunder; to cleave.

(4) To slide. "On the mayle slikes," Anturs of Arther, xlvi. 6.

**SLIKKER.** Smooth and hard. "Slykker as paper that is slected or suche lyke, *alyse*," Palsgrave, adject. f. 95.

**SLIM.** (1) Distorted, or worthless; sly. Also, a worthless fellow. *Var. dial.*

(2) To do any work in a careless or deceptive manner. *Susse.*

(3) Slender; thin; slight. *East.* Also, a thin, tall youth.

(4) Sly; cunning; crafty. *Var. dial.*

**SLIMBER.** To lie at ease. *Glouc.*

**SLIME.** A hawk slimeth "when she mewteth without dropping." Gent. Rec. ii. 63.

**SLIMMY.** Of slight texture. *North.* Forby has *slimsacket*, of very thin texture, loose and flaccid. East Anglia, p. 307.

**SLIMSY.** Idle, lazy, dawdling. *Slimsiest, the*



- superlative of this word, which is in use about Woodbridge. *Moor's Suffolk MS.*
- SLINCH. To sneak away. *Dunelm.*
- SLING. (1) To move quickly. *Var. dial.* It has also the same meaning as *Slinch*, q. v.
- (2) To cast, or throw. Also, to bring forth young prematurely. *Sussex.*
- His hand sleppid and slode o-slante one the mayles,  
And the tother slely *slinges* hym undire.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 93.*
- SLINGE. (1) To sneak; to skulk about in a state of idleness. *North.*
- (2) A blow. *Syr Gauwayne.*
- SLINGER. (1) One who steals cloth, yarn, or the like from clothiers, with a view to its being worked up or finished.
- (2) A person who used a sling. *Pifundabilista*, a slynger, *Nomiale MS.*
- SLINGET. A narrow slip of ground.
- SLINK. (1) To sneak off. Also, a sneaking, thievish fellow. *North.*
- (2) A small piece of wet meadow land. *I. of Wight.*
- (3) A calf prematurely brought forth is so termed; the leather into which the skin is made, being softer and tougher than other leather, is used by shoemakers to bind with.
- (4) Slim; slender. *Suffolk.*
- SLIN-POLE. A simpleton. *Deron.*
- SLIP. (1) "At the potteries in Staffordshire, the earths or clays of looser and more friable texture being mixed with water, they make into a consistence thinner than syrup, so that being put into a bucket, it will run out through a quill; this they call *slip*, and is the substance wherewith they paint their wares, which from its several colours is calld the *orange slip*, the *white slip*, the *red slip*," *Kennett MS.*
- (2) To creep. "Why come, how you do *slip* along," applied to a person moving very slow and lazily. *Var. dial.*
- (3) An outside covering, as a pillow-*slip*, for a pillow-case. Also a child's pinafore. This word was formerly used in general for a seaboard, sheath, &c. and the maker of such things was called a *slipper*, a term that has now become obsolete. In the parish register of Hexham, co. Northumberland, is this entry, "William, son of William Hutcheson, *sword sliper*, bur. Nov. 1688." *Chron. Mirab. p. 156.*
- (4) A narrow passage between two buildings. *W. Wyre. 192.* There is a passage so called on the south side of Worcester cathedral.
- (5) A young pig. *Cornw.*
- (6) A noose, especially applied to that by which a greyhound is kept before it is allowed to start for the game.
- (7) A counterfeit coin, consisting of brass washed over with silver.
- (8) Clay ready for the potter.
- (9) To cast a foal prematurely.
- (10) A butterfly. *Somerset.*
- SLIPCOAT-CHEESE. Was thus made:  
Take five quarts of new milk from the cow, and one quart of water, and one spoonful of runnet,

- and stir it together, and let it stand till it doth come; then lay your cheescloth into the vate, and take up your curd as fast as you can, without breaking, and put it to your vate, and let the whey soak out itself, when you have taken it all up, lay a cloth on the top of it and one pound weight for one hour, then lay two pound weight for an hour more; then take him out of the vate, and let him lie two or three hours, and then salt him on both sides; when he is salt enough, take a clean cloth and wipe him dry, then let him lie a day or a night, then put nettles under and upon him, and change them once a day, the cheese will come to his eating in eight or nine days. *The Housewife's Oracle, ed. 1697, p. 14.*
- SLIP-DOWN. Old milk slightly curdled.
- SLIPE. To uncover the roof of a building; to take away the outside covering from anything. "Take the whyte of lekus, *slype* hem and shrede hem small," *Forme of Cury, p. 15.*
- SLIP-ON. To slip on clothes, i. e. to put them on very hurriedly and loosely. *Var. dial.*
- SLIPPER. (1) Slippery. *Palsgrave.*  
Yf they were men, your faithfulness might hap to suffice, but childhod muste bee maintained by mennes autoritie, and *slipper* you the underprompted with elder counsaill. *Hall, Edward V. f. 2.*
- (2) A skidpan. *Worc.*
- SLIPPER-SLOPPER. Slip-shod. *Somerset.*
- SLIPPERY-WHELPS. Drop dumplings. *Suff.*
- SLIPPID. Slender. *Sussex.*
- SLIPPY. (1) Very quick. *Var. dial.*
- (2) Slippery. Still in use.
- SLIP-SHAUL. Applied to nuts when so ripe, that they easily slip out of the husks.
- SLIP-SHOE. A very loose shoe, so worn as to hang loosely about the foot.  
He wears his apparel by leave of the peoples ignorance, for if every customer could challenge his owne remnant, hee would be stript naked. He needs not use the corn-cutter, for the *slip-shoe* favours him. *Stephens' Essays and Characters, 1615, p. 421.*
- SLIP-SLOP. Thin mud, &c. *North.*
- SLIPSTRING. A knavish fellow. See Lilly, ed. 1632, sig. Aa. v; Hawkins, iii. 39. It is an adjective in the following passage:  
Another should have spoke us two betwene,  
But like a meacher hee's not to be scene.  
Hee's runne away even in the very nick  
Of this dayes businesse; such a *slipstring* trick  
As never till now befell us hecrotore,  
Nor shall, I hope, befall us any more.  
*MS. Bright 170, f. 1.*
- SLIR. To slip; to slide. *North.*
- SLIRRUP. To lap up any liquid with a noise. *Sussex.*
- SLISSE. An instrument like a large sledge, used before carts were adopted in agriculture. It is still used in turf bogs where there are few obstructions. *North.*
- SLIT. (1) A crack or cleft in the breast of fat cattle. *Mill. C.*
- (2) To cut through; to cleave. (*A.-S.*)
- (3) The pudendum muliebre. *North.*
- (4)  
The king was wondred out of witt,  
And toke the messenger bi the *slit*.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 54.*
- (5) To thrust back the lock of a door without the key. *Sussex.*

SLIT-COTE. According to Strutt, ed. Planché, ii. 260, a cote open in the front.

SLITE. The herb *cidamum*.

SLITHER. To slide; to slip. *Var. dial.* Jennings has *slitter*, Glossary, p. 70.

SLITHERING. Slow; indolent; procrastinating; deceitful. *Linc.*

SLITIN. Worn out; wearied.

SLITTERY. The same as *Claggum*, q. v.

SLIVE. (1) To sneak; to skulk; to proceed in a sly way; to creep; to idle away time. *North.*

(2) To cut, or slice off anything. Also, a slip or slice, a chip. (*A.-S.*)  
 Sithe thai drowe brondes of stel,  
 And hewe togedre hard and wel,  
 And delde deutes rive,  
 And laiden on with swerdes clere,  
 Helm and scheld that stronge were  
 Thai goune hem al *to-schlwe*.  
*Gy of Warwike*, p. 471.

(3) To slide down suddenly. "I slyve downe, I fall downe sodaynly, *je coule*," *Palsgrave*.

(4) To dress carelessly. *Cumb.* A garment rumpled up about any part of the person is said to be *slived*.

SLIVE-ANDREW. A good-for-nothing fellow.

SLIVEN. Slid; glided down. The term was often applied to dress. Carr has *sliving*, having the brim or edge turned down.

SLIVER. (1) A splinter; a slice; a ship; a small piece of anything. (*A.-S.*)

(2) A small wooden instrument used for spinning yarn in the West of England. *Arch.* xxix. 271.

(3) A short slop worn by bankers or navigators. *Linc.* It was formerly called a *sliving*. The *sliving* was exceedingly capacious and wide.

(4) A lock of combed wool.

SLIVERLY. Cunning; deceitful. *Linc.*

SLIVING. (1) See *Sliver* (3).

(2) Idle; lazy; wicked. *North.*

(3) A blow? Anturs of Arther, xlvi. 5. Perhaps from *A.-S.* *slifan*, to cleave.

SLIZE. To look sly. *Wills.*

SLO. To slay. (*A.-S.*)

SLOACH. To drink heavily. *Northumb.*

SLOB. (1) The star fish. *North.*

(2) The same as *Slab*, q. v.

SLOBBER. (1) Untidy; wet. *West.*  
 Thomas Davis used to lace them up for her. She was very untidy in her dress; all of a *slobber*.  
*The Times*, July 25th, 1843.

(2) To eat spoon meat in a filthy manner, allowing portions of it to run down over the chin.

SLOBBERER. (1) A slovenly farmer. *Norf.*

(2) A jobbing tailor. *Var. dial.*

SLOBBERING-BIB. A bib tied under a child's chin round the neck when very young to keep the pinafore clean.

SLOBBERY. Wet; sloppy. *Shak.*

SLOB-FURROWING. A particular method of ploughing. *Norf.*

SLOCK. (1) Loose. *Sussex.*

(2) To entice; to steal. *West.* "To slock, vox apud Dumnonios usitatissima, blandis et

subdolis verbis servosa dominis pellicere, ant malis artibus in fraudem dominorum allicere," *MS. Devon. Glossary.*

SLOCKEN. To slake; to quench. Also, to suffocate in mud, and perhaps at times to drown simply. If a person should have been suffocated by getting into a bog or marsh he would be said to have been *slockened*: and the term was applied to a drunken man, who had perished in a ditch or running stream. *Linc.*

That hottell swet, which served at the first  
 To keep the life, but not to slocken thirst.

*Du Bartas*, p. 366.

SLOCKET. To convey things privately out of the house, applied to a servant. *Berks.*

SLOCKING-STONE. A rich and tempting stone of ore. *Cornw.*

SLOCKSEY. Slovenly. *Sussex.*

SLOCKSTER. (1) To waste. *Somerset.*

(2) One that slocks or enticeth away men's servants. Blount, p. 597.

SLOD. (1) A short cake baked before the bread goes into the oven. *Suffolk.*

(2) Slid. (*A.-S.*)

Launfal dytze hys courser,  
 Withoute knave other squyer,  
 He rood with lytyle pryde;  
 Hys hors stod and fell yn the feo,  
 Wherefore hym scornede many men,  
 Abowte hym fer and wyde.

*Illustrations of Fairy Mythology*, p. 9.

(3) To wade through mire, &c. *East.*

SLODDER. Slush, or wet mud. *West.*

SLODE. (1) Slit; split; slipt.

The Elridge knyghte, he prieked his steed;  
 Syr Cauline bold ahode:

Then either shooke his trustye speare,  
 And the timber these two children bare  
 Soe soone in suoder slode.

*Sir Cauline*, ap. Percy, p. 12.

(2) The track of cart-wheels. *Lauc.*

SLOFF. To eat slovenly and greedily. *West.*  
 It occurs in Pr. Parv. *Sloffyn*.

SLOG. To lag behind.

SLOGARDIE. Sloth. (*A.-S.*)

SLOGGER. To be slovenly or tardy. *Sloggering*, negligent in dress. *North.*

SLOGHE. A bog; a muddy pit.

For hys company was alle gon,  
 sl. he had chaunged for oon,  
 Ther skaped but two away;  
 The queene was aferde to be schente,  
 Tylsche sye that they were wente,  
 And passyd owt of the sloghe.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38. f. 73.*

Or of the pitte, or of the sloghe,  
 If thougte him thanne good y-nowe.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134. f. 58*

SLOMAX. Very untidy. *West.*

SLOMBERINGES. Slumberings. (*A.-S.*)

SLOMERANDE. Slumbering. (*A.-S.*)  
 And seett thaire mynde fully in Godd withowttem  
 cess-ynge, whate so thay walke or dwelle or speke,  
*slomerande* and slepande.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17. f. 235.*

SLOMMAKIN. Slovenly; loose; untidy; dirty; unwieldy. *Var. dial.*

**SLOWOWRE.** Slumber. (*A.-S.*)  
 And fore slewthe of *slowowre* on a slepe fallis,  
 Bot be ane aftyre mydnyghte alle his mode changede.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 87.*

**SLOX.** Sly. *Cumb.*

**SLONE.** (1) The sloe. *West.* Browne uses it for the plural, sloes.  
 (2) To slay. (*A.-S.*)  
 I hæde catelle; now have I non!  
 They take my bestis and don tham *slone*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 47.*

**SLONGENE.** Flung or cast down.  
 He sware by mekilke Goddez payne,  
 Bot if thou brynge the coupe agayne,  
 With my dart thou salle he slayne,  
 And *slongene* of thi mere. *Perceval, 672.*

**SLOKKE.** To devour up. (*Flem.*)

**SLOO.** (1) The inner bony prominence from the quick part of a cow's horn, which bleeds when broken. *West.*  
 (2) To slay; to kill. (*A.-S.*)  
 The dougter thougt anodur thyng,  
 Hir fadur for to *sloo*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 45.*  
 (3) The same as *Sloghe*, q. v.  
 And moche sechane we hyt do,  
 And caste hyt in a fowle *sloo*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 35.*

**SLOOM.** A gentle sleep. *Sloomy*, dull, slow, inactive. *North.*

**SLOON.** Slain; killed. (*A.-S.*)  
 With my fadur I have done foly,  
 Thre childur I had hym by,  
 And I have hem alle *sloon*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 46.*

**SLOOP.** To change. *Wiltz.*

**SLOP.** (1) A smock-frock; any kind of outer garment made of linen. "Sloppe, a night-gowne, *robe de nuit*," Palsgrave. The term was also applied to a kind of cloak or mantle. Strutt, ii. 211, quotes a MS. which says, "a sloppe is a mourning cassoeke for ladies and gentlewomen, not open before."  
 Ich will put on my best white *sloppe*,  
 And ich will weare my yellow hose.  
*Melismata, 1611.*  
 (2) To wet or dirty. *West.*  
 (3) Underwood. *Suffolk.*  
 (4) A summer boot or buskin, much worn in the fifteenth century.  
 (5) A pocket. *Lauc.*  
 (6) To bend, as wood, &c. *North.*  
 (7) The step of a ladder or gate, &c.

**SLOPE.** To defraud. *North.*

**SLOPED.** Decayed with wet, rotten, applied to potatoes and pease. *Dorset.*

**SLOP-HOSE.** "Payre of sloppe hoses, *braiettes a marinier*," Palsgrave.

**SLOPPER.** Loose, not fixed, applied to solid bodies. *Somerset.*

**SLOPPETY.** A slut. *Lauc.*

**SLOPPY.** Loose; slovenly. *North.*

**SLOPS.** Large wide breeches.  
 If they can walke about their wealthy shoppis  
 In sober gownes and very handsome *slopps*.  
*Stephens' Essays and Characters, 1615, p. 6.*

**SLOP-SELLER.** A person who sells all sorts of old clothes. *Var. dial.*

**SLOP-WASH.** A small intermediate washing in large families. *Var. dial.*

**SLORE.** (1) To grasp. *Lauc.*  
 (2) Dirt; miry earth. *North.* "Sloore, *linus*," *Nominale MS. xv. Cent.*

**SLORP.** To sob heavily; to eat greedily and unmannerly. *North.*

**SLORRIED.** Bedaubed. *West.*  
 Though you be in the dark, *slorried* with the bishop's black coal dust. *Phillip's Works, p. 233.*

**SLORRY.** A blind worm. *Kent.*

**SLOSH.** Dirty wet mud. *Var. dial.*

**SLOT.** (1) A young bullock. *North.*  
 (2) The clasp or fastening of a door. "Fetis, a slott;" *Nominale MS.* "Slotte of a dore, *locquet*," Palsgrave. Still in use in the North, applied to a bolt of almost any kind.  
 (3) A castle; a fort.  
 Thou paydst for building of a *slot*,  
 That wrought thine owne decay.  
*Riche's Alarme to England, 1578.*  
 (4) The print or mark of a deer's foot upon the ground. *Gent. Rec. ii. 78.*  
 Swiftly pursue the *slots* of this huge deer,  
 And rouze him from his mighty layer here.  
*Howard's British Princes, 1669, p. 110.*  
 (5) A hollow tuck in a cap, or other part of the dress. *Line.*  
 (6) To cut, or slash. *Northumb.*  
 (7) A small piece. Butchers call the tongue of pork a *slot*, and a small quantity of ale is called a slot of ale. *North.*  
 (8) A wide ditch. *Devon.*  
 (9) Wet sticky clay. *Line.*

**SLOTCH.** (1) A sloven. *To slotch about*, said of shoes, &c. when slovenly or slipshod.  
 (2) A greedy clown. *Lauc.* It is also defined, a great ugly person.

**SLOTE.** (1) The pit of the stomach.  
 Thourghe the brené and the breste, with his brygute wapyne,  
 O-slante doune fro the *slote* he slyttes at ones.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 77.*  
 (2) The step of a ladder, or gate.

**SLOTTER.** To stab. *Midt.*

**SLOTES.** The under pieces which keep the bottom of the cart together.

**SLOTTH.** The same as *Sloghe*, q. v.

**SLOTTEN.** Divided. *Chesh.*

**SLOTTER.** Filth; nastiness. Also, to dirty, to bespatter with mud, &c. *Var. dial.*  
 "Sloturburgge, *cenulabus*," *Pr. Parv.*  
 Than awght the sawle of synfulle withinne  
 Be full fowle, that es al *slottyd* thar in synne  
*Humpole, MS. Bowers, p. 76.*

**SLOTTISIL.** Bad; wicked; slovenly.

**SLOTTIT.** To walk slipshod. *West.*

**SLOUCH.** A lazy fellow; a rough ungainly person. Also a verb, to walk about in an idle manner. "Slowch, a lazy lubber, who has nothing tight about him, with his stockings about his heels, his clothes unbutton'd, and his hat flapping about his ears," *MS. Gloss.* "Thou filthie fine slouch," *Promos and Cassandra, p. 17.*

**SLOUCHED-HAT.** Now, one that has lost its form and proper texture; originally, a hat

the rose of which was untied, and the brims *slouched* over the face. *Hunter*.

**SLOUDRING.** Clumsy; loutish. *Devon*.

**SLOUGH.** (1) A husk. *North*.

(2) Killed; slew. (*A.-S.*)  
How there lay the Shottysse knyght,  
That Quene Genure with poyson *slough*.  
*MS. Harl.* 2252, f. 99.

(3) The cast skin of a snake. Also, the skin of any animal. The slough of a snake was formerly used by labourers for a hatband.  
Take a piece of the *slough* of an adder, and tye it to the wrong side of the finger that is prickt with a thorne, it will open the orifice that you may pluck it forth.  
*Aubrey's Wills, Royal Soc. MS.* p. 164.  
Thenne goth this neddre and not blan,  
In this *slouze* Sathan themie was.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 5.  
Then shall ye slit the *slough* where the hart leth.  
And take away the heares from it and flyeth.  
*The Booke of Hunting,* 1586.

(4) The slime of snakes. *Lanc*.

**SLOUGHER.** To slide. *Devon*.

**SLOUGH-SILVER.** A certain rent paid to the castle of Wigmore, and is in lieu of certain days' work in harvest, heretofore reserved to the lord from his tenants. *Blount*.

**SLOUM.** To slumber. *Yorksh*.

**SLOUNGE.** An idle fellow. *North*.

**SLOVEN.** (1) Divided. *North*.

(2) A knave; a rascal.

**SLOVEN-WOOD.** Southernwood. *East*.

**SLOW.** (1) To make slow; to slacken. "It sloweth age," Stanihurst, p. 13.

(2) A sluggard. (*A.-S.*)  
Lothe to bedde and lothe fro bedde, men schalle know the *slow*.  
*MS. Douce,* 52.

(3) Dull, as the edge of a weapon.

**SLOW-BACK.** A sluggard. *Devon*.

**SLOWDY.** A dirty sloven. *Yorksh*.

**SLOWE.** (1) A moth. (*A.-S.*)

(2) A sloghe, q. v. Thornton Rom. p. 246.

**SLOWEN.** Slew, pl. (*A.-S.*)  
That were cured in Crist, that they on crosse *slowen*.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii.* f. 111.

**SLOWNES.** Sloth. (*A.-S.*)  
*Slownes ys a cursyd thyng,*  
For hyt ys ever wery of weel doying.  
*MS. Cantab. FL. ii.* 33, f. 5.

**SLOW-WORM.** A blind-worm. *Var. dial.*

**SLOX.** To waste; to pilfer. *Hills*.

**SLUB.** Wet and loose mud. *Sussex.* Forby says, "thick mire, in which there is some danger of sticking fast."

**SLUBBER.** (1) To heat up. The following passage is in the Northern dialect.  
And we will go to the dawnes, and *slubber* up a sillibub. *The Two Lancashire Lovers,* 1640, p. 19.

(2) To do anything slovenly. "He doth but fumble or *slubber* over the lesson he playes," Cotgrave in v. *Brouiller*.

(3) To smear; to dirty, or defile. "Sloubberde with wepyng, *esplouré*," Palsgrave. Detracting vassals that will vomit spight At what they know not, and will look asquint On thyns of worth; what ere has most worth in't

They *slubber* most with gall; in all that's evill They'll goe as far, and be as like the devill.  
*British Bibliographer,* ii. 334.

(4) To dress wool. *North*.

(5) Any viscous substance. *Yorksh*.

**SLUBBERDEGULLION.** A paltry dirty wretch.  
Quoth she, although thou hast deserv'd,  
Base *slubberdegullion*, to be serv'd  
As thou did'st vow to deal with me,  
If thou had'st got the victory.  
*Hudibras,* 1. iii. 886.

Who so is sped is matcht with a woman,  
He may weep without the help of an onyon.  
He's an oxe and an asse, and a *slubberdegullion*.  
*Musarum Deliciae,* 1656, p. 79.

**SLUBBERER.** A mischievous meddling person; a turbulent man. This word occurs in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.

**SLUCK-A-BED.** A sluggard. *West.* Cotgrave has *slug-a-bed*, in v. *Dormant*.

**SLUD.** Wet mud. *Var. dial.*

**SLUDDER.** To eat slovenly. *North*.

**SLUDGE.** The same as *Slud*, q. v.

**SLUER.** To slide down. *Devon*.

**SLUG.** (1) To be negligent. *Yorksh*.

(2) A ship which sails badly.

(3) To lay late in bed. *Var. dial.*

**SLUGGARDY-GUISE.** The habit of a sluggard. *West.*  
Sluggardy-guise;  
Loth to go to bed,  
And loth to rise.

**SLUGGY.** Sluggish. (*A.-S.*)

**SLUG-HORN.** A short and ill-formed horn of an animal of the ox kind, turned downwards, and appearing to have been stunted in its growth. Perhaps it may have been contemptuously named thus, from some fancied resemblance to that common reptile called the slug, the snail without a shell. *Forby*.

**SLUG-HOUNDS.** A breed of dogs possessed by James I, probably bloodhounds or the Scotch wolf-dog. See Sir H. Dryden's *Twici*, p. 59, 4to, 1844.

**SLUMBRY.** Sleepy. *Palsgrave*.

**SLUMP.** Wet boggy earth; wet mud. Also, to slip down into slump. *Var. dial.*

**SLUNK.** Grose tells us, as a superstition, that "a *slunk* or abortive calf buried in the highway over which cattle frequently pass, will greatly prevent that misfortune happening to cows. This is commonly practised in Suffolk."

**SLUNKEN.** Lean; shrivelled. *North*.

**SLUR.** (1) Thin washy mud. *East*.

(2) To slip a die out of the box so as not to let it turn, a method of cheating formerly in vogue among gamblers.

**SLUR-BOW.** A kind of bow, probably one furnished with a barrel, through a slit in which the string slid when the trigger was pulled. *Meyrick,* ii. 279.

**SLURRUP.** To swallow greedily. *East*.

**SLURRY.** (1) To dirty, or smear. *North*.

(2) To do anything inefficiently.

**SLUSIL.** (1) Wet mud; any wet dirt. Figurative y. anything dirty. *Var. dial.*

- (2) To work carelessly. *Yorksh.*  
 (3) Wasteful. *North.*  
 (4) To slop; to spill. *Var. dial.*  
 (5) Poor or diseased cattle. *North.*  
 (6) A drunken fellow. *Newe.*  
 SLUSH-BUCKET. A great drinker. *North.*  
 SLUT. An apron. *Lanc.*  
 SLUTTY. Dirty. *North.*  
 For if thou gafe a gret lorde drynke in a *slutty* coppe and foule, ware the drynke never sa gude, hym wolde wlate withe alle, and byd do it awaye.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 239.*  
 SLWNE. Sloth; indolence.  
 SLY-BOOTS. A sly fellow. *Var. dial.*  
 The frog call'd the lazy one several tmes, but in vain; there was no such thing as stirring him, though the *sly-boots* heard well enough all the while.  
*Adventures of Abdalla, 1729, p. 32.*  
 SLYDOM. Cunning. *Cornw.*  
 SLYGHE. Cunning, i. e. built with excessive ingenuity and contrivance.  
 And theryn was a towre fulle *styghe*,  
 That was bothe strong and hyghe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 141.*  
 SMACK. (1) A slap; a sounding blow; a hit with the open hand. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) Suddenly; sharply. *West.*  
 (3) To come or go against anything with great force. *Essex.*  
 (4) The mizen sail of a ship.  
 SMACKER. To kiss. Florio, p. 51.  
 SMACK-SMOOTH. In a reckless way; regardless of consequences. When a person acts in this way, he is said to go at a thing *smack-smooth*. *Line.* It sometimes means, quietly; pleasantly. Carr explains it "level."  
 SMALE. (1) The form of a hare. *East.*  
 (2) Small. Still in use.  
 Leste to *smale* they done hyt breke,  
 And in here teth hyt do steke.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 130.*  
 SMALISH. Rather small. (*A.-S.*)  
 SMALL. (1) Low and soft, as the voice. "Speaks small like a woman," Merry Wives of Windsor, i. 1. Also, low, as the water of a river, &c.  
 And than the company answered all  
 With voices sweet entuned, and so *small*.  
*Chaucer's Flooure and the Leafe, 180.*  
 (2) Young. *North.*  
 (3) The stock of a pillar.  
 (4) Poor, weak, said of liquor.  
 SMALLAGE. Water parsley.  
*Smallage*, balme, germander, basell, and hilly,  
 The pinke, the flower-de-luce, and daffadilly.  
*Heywood's Marriage Trunphe, 1613.*  
 SMALLUMS. Small quantities. *North.*  
 SMALLY. Very small; little. *Yorksh.*  
 Not *smally* fortunate did he thinke himselfe to have found this unluckie receptakle, making unto himselfe a false joy of that sower subject, which was the cause of heave sorrow unto others.  
*Honours Academie, 1610, p. 2.*  
 SMARADGE. A kind of emerald.  
 SMARRY. A woman's smock. *Dorset.*  
 SMART. (1) Considerable. *Wills.*  
 (2) In good health. *Heref.*  
 (3) To undergo; to injure. *Essex.*

- (4) Quick; hasty; swift. *Leic.*  
 The prynce of Jerusalem and his brother,  
 Everiche of hem ran to other,  
*Smertely* in the feld;  
 Though Antonyffygryffon yonger were,  
 His brothcr Leobertus he can down bere;  
 Sir Torent stode and beheld.  
*Torrent of Portugal, p. 104.*  
 (5) Well or finely dressed. *Var. dial.*  
 SMARTISH. Considerable. *Var. dial.*  
 SMARTLE. To waste away. *North.* "To smartle away, *dissipo*," Coles.  
 SMARTWEED. The herb arsmart. *Norf.*  
 SMASH. (1) To break in pieces; to crush; to shiver. Also, a blow or fall by which anything is broken. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) A bankruptcy. *South.*  
 SMASHER. (1) A pitman. *North.*  
 (2) Anything very large. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) A small gooseberry pie. *Newe.*  
 (4) A passer of counterfeit coin. *Var. dial.*  
 SMASHING. Wild; gay. *Var. dial.*  
 SMATCH. A taste, twang, or flavour.  
 SMATTER. To intermeddle. *Coles.*  
 SMAW. Small. *North.*  
 SMAWM. To smear. *Dorset.*  
 SMAY. To refuse. *Salop.*  
 SMEAGRE. Thin; lean; meagre. *East.*  
 SMEATH. (1) The smew, *Mergus abellus*, one of the birds of the fens.  
 (2) A large open lens. *East.*  
 SMECEN. To taste; to smack. (*A.-S.*)  
 SMECTYMNUS. A club of five parliamentary holders-forth, mentioned in Hudibras. See also Wright's Political Ballads, p. 230. "About the beginning of the Long Parliament, in the year 1641, five ministers wrote a book against episcopacy and the Common Prayer, in behalf of the Presbyterian government, to which they all subscribed their names, being Stephen Marshal, Edmund Calamy, Tho. Young, Matth. Newcomen, and Will. Spurstow; the first letters whereof make this word *Smectymnus*, and from thence they and their followers were called *Smectymnans*," Blount, p. 597-8, ed. 1681.  
 SMEDES. Flour. (*A.-S.*) The "smedes of barley" occur in a receipt in MS. Linc. Med. f. 305, xv. Cent.  
 SMEDME. Meal. *Dunelm.*  
 SMEDUM. Dust. *West.*  
 SMEECH. (1) A stench. *Deron.* *Smych* occurs in an early MS. quoted in Wright's Essay on Purgatory, p. 144. "Smeech, to make a stink with the snuff of a candle," MS. Devon Glossary in my possession.  
 (2) Obscurity in the air, arising from smoke, fog, or dust. *South and West.*  
 SMEEGY. Meat, perhaps other things, in a state between taint and sweetness. A poor sick woman said, "I sent for a bit a meat, but 'twas so *smeegy* I coudn't eat it." *Moor's Suffolk MS. Glossary.*  
 SMEETER. A scimeter. "Put up your *smeeter*," Dekker, ap. Hawkins, iii. 163.  
 SMEETH. To smooth. *North.*

SMEKE. To flatter. (*Flem.*)

SMEKID. Smoky. (*A.-S.*)

Swarte *smekyd* smethes smateryd with smoke  
Dryve me to deth wyth den of here dyntes;  
Swch noys on nyghtes ne herd men nevere,  
What kovaenerie and clateryng of kooches.

*Reliq. Antiq.* i. 240.

SMELLERS. Cat's whiskers. *West.*

SMELL-FEAST. A parasite. *Howell.*

SMELLING-CHETE. An orchard, or garden.  
Dekker's Lanthorne and Candle-light, 1620,  
sig. C. iii. In another place, however, he ex-  
plains it a nose.

SMELL-SMOCK. "Mulierarius, one given to  
love women, a smellsmoocke," Nomenclator,  
1585, p. 528. "Brigaille, a notable smel-  
smoocke, or muttomnngar, a cunning solicitor  
of a wench," Cotgrave.

This theame of smoocke is very large and wide,  
And might (in verse) be further amplifide;  
But I thinke best a speedy end to make,  
Lest for a smel-smoocke some should me mistake.

*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, ii. 167.

SMELT. (1) The sparring. *North.*

(2) Used metaphorically by our early writers for  
a gull or simpleton.

SMELSENE. Odoriferous. (*A.-S.*)

SMERE. (1)

At the furmeste bruche that he fond,  
He lep in, and over he wond.  
Tho he wes inne, *smere* he lou,  
And ther of he hadde gome i-nou.

*Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 272.

(2) Grease. (*A.-S.*)

And strong clout lether hem to clout,  
And *smere* to smere hem al about.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 50.

SMEREWORTH. The round birthwort, or the  
herb mercury. *Phillips.*

SMERI. A woman's shift. *Beds.*

SMERM. Swarm. Hooper's Early Writings,  
p. 568, but probably an error.

SMERTE. (1) To smart; to suffer pain.

(2) Quick; fast. Sometimes the adverb, as in  
Syr Gowghter, 389.

The swynhorde toke owt a knyfe *smert*,  
And smote the boor to the herte.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. u. 38, f. 131.

*Smertly* then she callis a knave,  
Ful he hopeth wher I sitte;  
He cumeth stalyng behynde me with a *stzfe*,  
Ful wel he throweth me to hitte.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 110.

SMETE. A blow. (*A.-S.*)

Then Quore felle, as ye may wete,  
That was of Befyse a gode *smete*.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 123.

SMETEN. Smote; struck. (*A.-S.*)

When Gye hym felyd *smeten* sore,  
To 33lde hyt hym he was yore.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 154.

SMETH. A medicine or physical ointment to  
take away hair. Blomnt, p. 598.

SMETHE. Smooth. (*A.-S.*)

The furthe day shal blowe a wynd so longe so hit dures,  
Castles a-doun fallet, bothe halles ant bures;  
The hulls maketh evene *smethe* wyth the dales;  
Hym y telle a loverd ~~that~~ thus con bete bales.

*MS. Harl.* 2253, f. 57.

SMETHYMENE. Smiths. (*A.-S.*)

Bot als the knyghte went thorow a lawe,  
*Smethymene* thore herde he blawe. *Isambra*, 393.

SMEUSE. A hare's track. *Var. dial.*

SMICKER. Smirking; amorous. Applied to  
men, finical, effeminate. "Smickering, neat  
gay, pleasant," Kennett, MS.

The smith seeing what a *smicker* wench the cob-  
lers wife was, and what a jealous foole shee had to  
her husband, sorrowed at the good fortune of the  
cobler, that he had so faire a wife, and wished that  
hee could finde meanes to have such a one his friend.

*Cobler of Canterburie*, 1608.

SMICKET. A smock. *Var. dial.*

SMIDDY. A blacksmith's smithy. *Smiddy-  
gun*, the refuse from the smiddy. *North.*

SMID-MEAL. A coarse sort of meal. *Westm.*

SMIE. A kind of small fish. "In Essex is a  
fyshe called a *smie*, whyche, if he be longe  
kept, will turne to water," Elyot in v. *Aphya*.

SMILE. To ferment, as beer, &c. *North.*

SMILT. The spleen of an animal.

SMIRCH. To daub; to smear. Still in use in  
Herefordshire.

SMIRK. (1) To smile with a self-satisfied air  
*Smirkle* is sometimes heard.

(2) Neat; trim. *Oxon.*

SMIT. (1) Infection. *North.* "He provocith  
al to the smit of falling," Apology for the  
Lollards, p. 70.

(2) To mark sheep. *Yorksh.*

(3) Smiteth; cutteth. (*A.-S.*) Also a substan-  
tive, a cut, as in this passage.

Tryanowre on the hedd he hytt,

He had gevyo hym an eyvle *smytt*.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 81

(4) Marked; adorned. *Line.*

(5) To mar; to destroy. *Devon.*

(6) Pleasure; recreation.

SMITCH. Dirt, but generally applied to smoke  
or dust. *West.*

SMITE. A small portion; a mite.

SMITER. (1) The assistant blacksmith who  
*smites* the hot iron on the stithy or anvil once  
with the *bout-hammer*, or heavy mall, to every  
two blows of the smaller hand-hammer struck  
by the smith. Hence applied generally to one  
who does anything in an energetic manner.

(2) A scimitar. "It is my smiter, which I by  
construction often studying to hee compen-  
dious, call my *smiter*," Lilly's Endimion, ed.  
1632, sig. B. viii.

His fatal *smiter* thrice aloft he shakes,  
And frowns; the sea and ship and canvass quakes;  
Then from the hatches he descends, and steep  
Into his cabin, drank again, and slept.

*Legend of Captain Jones*, 1650.

SMITHIE. To forge, as a smith. (*A.-S.*)

SMITHEN. To scatter meal on the board be-  
fore baking oat-cakes. *North.*

SMITHER. (1) Light small rain. *East.*

(2) Light; active?

Gavan was *smither* and *smerte*,

Owte of his steroppus he sterte.

*Anturs of Arther*, xlii. 10.

SMITHERS. Fragments; atoms. *Line.*

SMITHIUM. The smallest sort of lead ore beateu

into dust, finely sifted, and strewed upon earthen vessels to give them a gloss, is called *smithum* in Staffordshire. Near Lawton Park they distinguish their lead ore into three kinds, round ore, small ore, and *smithum*. Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.

**SMITS.** Particles of soot. *Craven*.

**SMITTLE.** Infectious. Also, to infect. The adjective *smuttling* is also used.

**SMITY.** The snuff of a candle. *Beds*.

**SMOCK.** A woman's shift. Also the *stopp* worn by men, with this farther difference, that it is in the latter case worn over all, instead of under all, as in the former.

**SMOCK-FACED.** Beardless. *Var. dial.*

**SMOCK-FROCK.** A coarse linen shirt worn over the coat by farm-labourers.

**SMOCK-MILL.** A corn-mill; a windmill standing solely on a wooden basis. *East*.

**SMOCK-RACE.** A race run by women for the prize of a fine smock. *North*.

**SMOGE.** To smudge, or smear.  
Kepe thyn hondes, fayr and wel,  
From fowle smugge of thy towel;  
Theron thou shalt not thy nese snyte,  
Ny at the mete thy tothe thou pyke.  
*Constitutions of Mazonry*, 744.

**SMOKE.** (1) To find any one out; to discover anything meant to be kept secret.  
The two free-booters, seeing themselves *smoak'd*, told their third brother he seem'd to be a gentleman and a boone companion; they prayed him therefore to sit downe with silence, and sithence dinner was not yet ready, hee should heare all.  
*Dekker's Lanthorne and Candle-Light*, 1620, sig. F. iv.

(2) To abuse a person. *Deron*.

(3) Was formerly, and is still occasionally, applied to any steam or vapour.

(4) To beat severely. *North*.

**SMOKER.** (1) At Preston, before the passing of the Reform Bill in 1832, every person who had a cottage with a chimney, and used the latter, had a vote, and was called a *smoker*.

(2) An old smoker, i. e. one who is well experienced in any matters. *Var. dial.*

**SMOKING-STICK.** A firebrand.

**SMOLDER.** To suffocate. *Palsgrave*.

**SMOLT.** (1) The young of the salmon.  
(2) Smooth and shining. *Sussex*.  
(3) Mild. *Syr Gawayne*.

**SMOOR.** (1) To smooth; to pat. *West*.  
(2) To smear, or daub. *Northumb.*

**SMOOT.** (1) A narrow passage. *Linc.*  
(2) To enter, or pass through with some degree of difficulty. *North*.  
(3) Smooth. Tim Bobbin Gl.

**SMOOTH.** To iron linen. *Var. dial.*

**SMOOTHERY.** The same as *Smeth*, q. v.

**SMOOT-HOLE.** A hole in a hedge made by a hare or similar animal. *North*.

**SMOOTH-SHAN.** The smooth blenny.

**SMOPPLE.** Brittle; crisp. *North*.

**SMORE.** (1) To abound; to swarm. Also a subst. a crowd or swarm. *East*.  
(2) To smother. *North*.

Some brains out-bet; some in the guts were gor'd;  
Some dying vomit bloud, and some were smor'd.  
*Du Bartas, History of Judith*, p. 377.

So bewrapped them and entangled them, keeping doune by force the fetherbed and pillows hardc unto their mouthes, that within a while they smor'd and styfled them.  
*Hail, Richard III.* f. 3

(3) To smear, or dirty.

**SMORTE.** To enjoy one's self.

**SMOT.** Rushed; hastened. (*A.-S.*)

**SMOTCH.** To stain; to blot. *Norf.*

**SMOTHER.** To daub, or smear. *Somerset*.  
Hence the term in cookery, rabbits *smothered* with onions. Chaucer has *smoterlich*, smutty, dirty. Cant. T. 3961.

**SMOTLEY.** Pleasantly. *Ritson*.

**SMOTTER.**  
We wyl have cousynge Besse also,  
And two or thre proper wenehis mo,  
Ryght feyr and smotter of face.  
*Interlude of the vii. Elements*, n. d.

**SMOUCH.** (1) A loud kiss. *Var. dial.* "Come smack me, I long for a smouch." Promos and Cassandra, p. 47.  
(2) A low-crowned hat. *Devon*.

**SMOUCHER.** A kiss. *North*.

**SMOULT.** Hot; sultry. *Kent*.

**SMOURTE.** Smarted. *Hearne*.

**SMOUS.** A Jew. *Suffolk*.

**SMOUSE.** (1) To fondle. *Linc.*  
(2) The same as *Muse* (2).

**SMOUT.** To work by-work, when out of constant employment.

**SMOW.** To smirk. *North*.

**SMOYLE.** To smile?  
Thy journey mates began to smogle  
When they thy sleighthes did smell.  
*Turberville's Ovid*, 1567, f. 28.

**SMUCKLE.** To smuggle goods.

**SMUDGE.** (1) To stifle. *North*.  
(2) To smear; to soil. *Var. dial.*  
(3) To laugh. *Newce*.

**SMUDGY.** Hot or close, e. g. the fire is so large that it makes the room feel quite hot and *smudgy*. The same perhaps as *smothery*. *Linc.*

**SMUG.** (1) Neat; spruce. Also, to dress up with neatness, to trim. *North*.  
Thou mayst succeed Ganymede in his place,  
And unsuspected *smug* the Thund'rer's face.  
O happy she shall climbe thy tender bed,  
And make thee man first for a maiden-head'  
*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 74.

(2) A neat handy fellow.  
A *smug* of Vulcan's forging trade,  
Besmoak'd with sea-cole fire,  
The rarest man to helpe a horse,  
That carmen could desire.  
*Rowland's Knaves of Clubs*, 1611.

**SMUGGING.** Games had their peculiar times or seasons, and when any game was out, as it was termed, it was lawful to steal the thing played with. This was called *smugging*, and it was expressed by the boys in a doggrel, viz.  
Tops are in, spin 'em agin;  
Tops are out, *smugging* about.  
*Hone's Every-Day Book*, i. 253

**SMULY.** Demure-looking. *North*.

- SMUR.** Small misty rain. *East.*  
**SMUSH.** (1) To smoulder. *Northumb.*  
 (2) Fine; gay; smart. *Derb.*  
**SMUT.** Among the signs of coal above ground they look for a *smut*, i. e. a friable black earth, which they look on as a certain indication of coal beneath. *Staff.* Kennett, MS.  
**SMUTCII.** Stain; smut; dirt.  
 And when thou dost to supper come,  
 Thou shall sit in a distant room,  
 That my mantle take no *smutch*  
 From thy courser garments touch,  
*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 101.  
**SMUTCHIN.** Snuff. *Howell.*  
**SMUTTY.** Obscene; indecent.  
 We may take notice that there are no *smutty* songs in their plays, in which the English are extremely scandalous.  
*Culver's Short View of the English Stage*, 1638, p. 24.  
**SMUYTHE.** Smooth. "Smuythe, *levis*,"  
*Dict. Angl. MS.* circa A. D. 1500.  
**SNAAR.** Greedy. *Cumb.*  
**SNABBLE.** (1) To rifle; to plunder; to kill.  
 (2) To eat greedily. *Dorset.*  
**SNACE.** Snuff of a candle. *Essex.*  
**SNACII.** (1) To pierce. (*Dut.*)  
 (2) A gin, snare, or trap.  
**SNACK.** (1) A share. To go *snacks*, i. e. to divide anything between persons. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) Provisions. *South.* It is often used in the sense of a taste of provisions.  
 (3) To snatch. *North.* It occurs in the *Dial. Creat. Moral.* p. 99.  
 (4) A dried fungus. *Glouc.*  
**SNAFFLE.** (1) To steal; to cheat. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) To speak through the nose. *Line.*  
 (3) To talk nonsensically. *East.*  
 (4) To saunter along. *Cumb.*  
**SNAFFLED.** Beaten down by wind or hail, applied to ripe corn. *East.*  
**SNAG.** (1) The common snail. *Sussex. (A.-S.)*  
 (2) To trim; to cut off the twigs and small branches from a tree or pole, &c. To *snag out*, is to trim the rods, &c. after the underwood is cut, and prepare them for being made into hurdles, &c. The tool is called a *snagger*, which is a simple bill-hook without the usual edge on the back.  
 (3) A handle to a pot. *Derby.*  
 (4) A tooth standing alone. *West.*  
 (5) A small kind of sloe, the fruit of the black-thorn. *South.* Florio has, "*Spino*, a sloe-tree, a black-thorne, a snag-tree." Tea is called *snag-water* in the West of England.  
 (6) A lump on a tree where a branch has been cut off. *North.* "Knurs, knohs, *snags*, or bunches in trees," Florio, p. 162. "A *snagg*, vel *snugg*, a hard wooden ball, commonly some gnurre, knob, or knott of a tree, which they (boys) make use of at the play of bandy instead of a ball," MS. Devon Gl.  
 (7) To tease incessantly. *West.*  
 (8) A violent scold. *Somerset.*  
**SNAGGLE.** To nibble. *Kent.*  
**SNAGGLE-TOOTH.** A tooth growing out irregularly from the others. *West.*

- SNAG-GRET.** A sort of sand that often lies in deep rivers, and is full of little shells; one load of which, for the manuring of land, is counted as good as three loads of dung. *Dict. Rust.*  
**SNAGGY.** Full of snags, or bunches, as lopped trees. Metaphorically, snappish, cross, ill-tempered. *Line.*  
**SNAICII.** A thief in a candle. *Norf.*  
**SNAIL.** (1) A slug. *Kent.*  
 (2) A military engine used in ancient warfare, thus described:  
 They hadde also all manere gynnes and gettes that nedful is taking or seging of castel or of citee, as *snayles*, that was nonjt elles but holw payvyses and tagetts, undir the whiche, men, when they foujten, were heled from schot and eastynge, as the snayl is in his hous; therefore they clepid hem *snayles*.  
*Vegecius, MS. Douve 291, f. 47.*  
**SNAIL-COD.** The same as *Snag-gret*, q. v.  
**SNAIL-HORN.** A snail-shell. *North.*  
**SNAIL-HORNED.** Having short down-hanging horns, with blunt points and somewhat bent in the usual form of the snail. Spoken of cattle. *Norf.*  
**SNAILS.** A profane oath, corrupted from *His nails*, referring to the nails of our Saviour at the Crucifixion.  
**SNAIL'S-TROT.** To walk a *snail's trat*, i. e. to walk slowly. Sometimes, snail's-gallop.  
**SNAKE.** A poor wretch, a term of reproach. It occurs in early writers.  
**SNAKE-BIRD.** The wryneck.  
**SNAKE-BONE-BANDSTRINGS.** Bandstrings ornamented at the ends with large tassels.  
**SNAKE-SPIT.** Cuckoo spittle. *Suff.*  
**SNAKES-STANG.** The dragon-fly. *Var. dial.*  
**SNAKE-STONES.** Fossil shell-fish, resembling snakes coiled up, found at Whitby.  
**SNAP.** (1) A lad, or servant, generally used in an ironical sense. *Yorksh.*  
 (2) The same as *Suack*, q. v.  
 (3) A small round piece of gingerbread, made very crisp. *North.*  
 (4) To do anything hastily. *East.* To snap the eye, i. e. to wink.  
 (5) A small piece of anything. "A snap, *frustulum*," Coles.  
**SNAP-APPLE.** (1) A mirth-exciting frolic, in which catching, or rather not catching, an apple in your mouth, while twirling on a stick suspended on its centre, with a candle at the other end of it, is the jet of the sport. Bob-cherry is, I believe, nearly the same. *Moor.*  
 (2) The long fir cone. *Oran.*  
**SNAP-DRAGON.** A domestic amusement among young folks in winter. Raisins are put into a large dish with brandy, which is set fire to. The party stand round the table, and boldly snap out and eat the blazing plums. This must be done quickly and boldly, leaving it optional whether you burn your fingers or your mouth. A little salt flung into the weakened flame heightens the sport, by giving a very cadaverous aspect to the countenance; and has farther the good effect of averting any risk of



- the liquor being drunk. Nares, under *flap-dragon*, describes the sport similarly, and gives several quotations from Shakespeare and others, showing its great antiquity. *Moor*. The original meaning of snap-dragon was a *bug-bear*. "A disguised or ugly picture to make children afraid, as wee say, a *snap-dragon*, a turke, a bug-beare," Florio, p. 298, ed. 1611.
- SNAPPE. (1) To pine; to wither. Leaves by a sudden blight are snapped; anything exposed too suddenly to the fire is *snapped*. A step-mother *snappes* her step-children-in-law of their meat. *North*.  
 (2) To check; to chide. *Line*.  
 (3) A pert youth. *North*.  
 (4) To snub. *Line*.  
 (5) A spring in arable ground. *Devon*.  
 (6) A woodcock. *Somerset*.
- SNAPHANCE. A spring lock to a gun or pistol. It differed from the modern firelock in the hammer not forming the covering of the pan. The term was sometimes applied to the instrument itself, as in the *Archæologia*, xxviii. 139.
- SNAPING-POLE. A strong fishing-rod, generally made of one piece of wood.
- SNAPLE. To nip, as frost does. *West*.
- SNAPPER. (1) A woodpecker.  
 (2) To stumble. *North*. "I snapper as a horse dothe that tryppeth, *je trippette*," Palsgrave.
- SNAPPERS. Waspish persons that answer crossly or peevishly, &c.; also playthings for children, made of bone, or bits of board, thin, hard wood, to put between their fingers, and to make a noise like a drum. *Dyche*.
- SNAPPING-TONGS. A game at forfeits. There are seats in the room for all but one, and when the tongs are snapped all run to sit down, the one that fails paying a forfeit.
- SNAP-SACK. A wallet, or knapsack.  
 And racks the entrails, makes the belly swell,  
 Like Satan's *snap-sack* plund'ed out of hell.  
*Clobery's Divine Glimpses*, 1659, p. 30.
- SNAPSEN. Aspen. *I. Wight*.
- SNAPY. Wet; marshy. *Dorset*.
- SNAR. To snarl. "I snarre as a dogge doth under a doore when he sheweth his tethe; take hede of your dogge, always as I come by he snarreth at me," Palsgrave.
- SNARE. The gut or string stretched tightly across the lower head of a drum. *Somerset*.
- SNARL. (1) A quarrel. *Somerset*.  
 (2) A snare. Also a verb, to ensnare, to entangle, to strangle. *North*. "To ruffle or snarle, as overtwisted thread," Cotgrave. *Snarl-knot*, a very intricate one.  
 All other things being but *snarles* to intangle honestie, and to cast us headlong into much miserie.  
*The Prayer of Nothing*, 1505.  
 Lay in wait to *snarl* him in his sermons, calumniate his most godly doctrine. *Bacon's Works*, p. 52.
- SNARREL. A hard knot. *Cumb*.
- SNARSTED. Scorned; defied. *Suffolk*.
- SNARTLY. Severely; sharply. *Gawayne*.
- SNASTE. The snuff of a candle. Also a verb, to snuff a candle. *East*.
- SNASTY. Cross; snappish. *Suffolk*.
- SNATCH. (1) The same as *Snack*, q. v.  
 (2) A brief meeting. A snatch and away, i. e. gone directly. *West*.  
 (3) A hasp, or clasp. *Somerset*.
- SNATCH-APPLE. A game similar to bob-cherry, but played with an apple.
- SNATCH-HOOD. A boy's game, mentioned in a statute of Edward III.'s time.
- SNATCH-PASTY. A greedy fellow.
- SNATHE. To prune trees. *North*.
- SNATTED. Snub-nosed.
- SNATTLE. To linger; to delay. *Yorksh*.
- SNATTOCKS. Scraps; fragments.
- SNAGGIT. Snatched up. (*A.-S.*)  
 Thence to England, wheare *snaught* water of the rose, Muske, civet, amber, also did inclose.  
*MS. Bibl. Reg.* 17 B. xv.  
 Wheare Danus, like a soylaine stooping kite,  
 Up *snaught* a Veice glasse in surging flight.  
*Lane's Triton's Trumpet*.
- SNAWK. To smell. *North*.
- SNAZE. To prune trees. *Yorksh*.
- SNEAD. The handle of a scythe. *West*.
- SNEAK. To smell. *North*.
- SNEAK-BILL. "A cliichiface, micher, *sneake-bill*, wretched fellow, one out of whose nose hunger drops," Cotgrave.
- SNEAKER. A small bowl. *Midr*.
- SNEAKSBY. A mean-spirited fellow. "A meacocke, milkesop, *sneaksbie*, worthless fellow," Cotgrave.
- SNEAP. To snub; to browbeat; to check. Still in common use. Also to nip, as *snape*, q. v. See Ray and Nares.
- SNEATH. The same as *Saad*, q. v.
- SNECK. (1) That part of the iron fastening of a door which is raised by moving the latch. To *sneck* a door, is to latch it. *North*. The sneck-band is a string fastened to the latch, passing through a hole in the door for the purpose of drawing it up from the outside. "Pessulum, a snek; *masliga*, a sneckband," *Nominale MS.* "Latche or snekke, *clitorium*, *vel pessula*," Pr. Parv. p. 283. "Pessulum, dicitur sera lignea qua hostium pellitur cum seratur, dicitur a *pello*, a lyteke, or latche, or a snecke, or a barre of a dore," *Ortus Vocab.* If I cud tell wheay's cutt our hand fra'th *sneck*,  
 Next time they come Ise mack them jet the heck.  
*A Yorkshire Dialogue*, 1697, p. 46.  
 (2) A piece of land jutting into an adjoining field, or intersecting it. *North*.
- SNECK-DRAWN. Mean; stingy. *North*.
- SNECKET. "Loquet d'*me huis*, the latch or *snecket* of a doore," Cotgrave.
- SNECK-SNARL. To entangle. *North*.
- SNED. (1) To prune; to lop. *North*.  
 (2) To catch. *Hartlepool*.
- SNEDDER. Slender; thin. *Dunelm*.
- SNEE. (1) To abound; to swarm. *North*.  
 (2) To sneeze. *Somerset*.
- SNEERING-MATCH. A grinning match. The competition of two or more clowns endea

vouring to surpass each other in making ugly faeces for a prize or wager, of which matches we had many in the rural fêtes given at the close of the revolutionary war. *Forby*.

SNEEZE. Snuff. *Lanc.* Sneeze-horn, a sort of snuff-box made of an animal's horn.

SNEEZER. A severe blow. *Suffolk*.

SNEG. To push with the horns. *North*.

SNEKE. A cold in the head, "Sueke, pose, rime," Palsgrave, 1530.

SNELE. A snail. *MS. Dict. c. 1500*.

SNELL. (1) Quickly. *Perceval, 2170*.  
He prekede into the feld the full snelle.  
*Chron. Vitodun. p. 9*.

(2) Sharp; keen; piercing. *Cumb.* Also a verb, to pierce as air, &c.  
Teche hem alle to be war and snel,  
That they conne sey the wordes wel.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 128*.

(3) A short thick stick about four inches long called a *cat*, with which schoolboys p'ay at a game termed *cat and dog*.

SNER. To snort. Still in use.

SNERE. To sneak off. *Oron*.

SNERPLE. To shrivel up. *North*.

SNERT. To sneer; to ridicule. *Linc.*

SNEUL. A poor sneaking fellow.

SNEULS. The internal lining of a sheep's nostrils. *North*.

SNEUZE. A noose. *North*.

SNEVER. Slender; smooth. *North*.  
Peepe here and peepe there, aw the wide dale is  
but snever to them.  
*The Two Lancashire Lovers, 1640, p. 18*.

SNEVIL. A snail. *North*.

SNEVING. Sneaking. *Devon*.

SNEW. Snowed. *Var. dial*.

SNEW-SKIN. A leathern apron used by a spinner to rub the wheel with. *North*. "Snw-skyne, pelliculia, nebrida," *MS. Dict. c. 1500*.

SNIB. A snub, or reproach. *Snibbe*, to reproach, occurs in old writers. *Snibbid*, rebuked; *snibbing*, blame, *MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii*.  
*Snybbyd* of my frendys such techechys for t'amende,  
Made deffe ere lyst nat to them attende.  
*Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 256*.

SNIBBLE-NOSE. *Nasus mucosus*. *Devon*. A cutted snibble-nose, i. e. a miser.

SNICK. A notch; a cut. *North*.

SNICKER. (1) A glandered horse.  
(2) To laugh inwardly. *Sussex*.  
(3) The low noise made by a mare to call her foal to her side. *East*.

SNICKER-SNEE. A large clasp-knife. *Norf*.

SNICKET. "One that pincheth all to nought," Hunter's Hallamsh. Gloss. p. 123.

SNICKLE. To tie a noose or running knot, generally applied to snaring hares. *Var. dial*.  
Marlowe uses the term in a similar manner, applied to strangling a person.

SNICK-UP. An old phrase of contempt, equivalent to *go and be hanged!* Forby says it is still in use, and explains it, *begone, away with you!*

SNICKUPS. Slight ailments. *East*.

SNICKY. A small field. *Somerset*.

SNIDDLE. Long coarse grass. *West*. According to Pegge, stubble is also so called.

SNIDGE. To hang upon a person. *Lanc*.

SNIESTY. Scornful; impudent. *North*.

SNIFFLE. To snuff up, as children do when the nose is full from a cold. *Var. dial*.

SNIFT. (1) A moment. *Lanc*.  
(2) Sleet; slight snow. *North*.  
(3) The same as *Sniffle*, q. v. *Suifler* is also used in the same sense.  
From soyttynge and snyfttynge kepe the also,  
By privy avoydans let hyt go.  
*Constitutions of Mowbray, 711*.

SNIFTERING. Shuffling; sneaking. *Lanc*.

SNIG. (1) A small eel. *North*.  
(2) To cut, or chop off. *South*.  
(3) To drag heavy substances along the ground without a sledge. *North*.  
(4) Close and private. *Devon*.

SNIGGER. To jeer; to sneer. *East*.

SNIGGLE. (1) At marbles, to shuffle the hand forwards unfairly. *Devon*.  
(2) To catch eels by pushing a worm with a straight needle attached to a string into any hole where they are likely to be found.

SNILE. A snail. *Yorksh*.  
Tak the rede *snyle* that erepis houseles, and sethe it in water, and gedir the fatt that comes of thame.  
*MS. Linc. Med. f. 284*.

SNIP. A small piece. *North*.

SNIPE. A low sort of a brisk unmeaning answer, implying a degree of impertinence in the question; though it mostly centres wholly in the reply. "What were you saying?" *Snipe*. The Scottish has *snipe*, a sarcasm; *snipy*, tart in speech. *Moor*.

SNIPE-KNAVE. A worthless fellow. "A snipe-knave, so called because two of them are worth but one snipe," Cotgrave.

SNIPPER-SNAPPER. Small, insignificant, generally applied to a young lad.  
Having ended his discourse, this seeming gentle *snipper-snapper* vanished, so did the rout of the nonsensical deluding star-gazers, and I left alone.  
*Poor Robin's Visions, 1677, p. 12*.

SNIPPET. A very small bit. *Wesi*. Forby has *snippock*, another form of the same word.

SNIPPY. Mean; stingy. *Var. dial*.

SNIPS. Shares. *South*.

SNIRL. To shrivel up. *North*.

SNIRP. To pine; to wither. *Cumb*. This is perhaps the same word as *snurpe*, which occurs in a poem of the fourteenth century printed in *Reliq. Antiq. ii. 211*, "I snurpe, I snobbe, I sneipe on snoute."

SNIRRELS. The nostrils. *Northumb*.

SNIRT. A wheeze; a suppressed laugh. *North*.  
"In the suirt of a cat," at once.

SNISETY. Saucy. *Craven*.

SNISH. Snuff. *Glouc*.

SNITCH. (1) To twitch. *Somerset*.  
(2) To confine by tying up; and hence, in allusion to the operation, to castrate. *Linc*.

SNITCHEL. The piece of wood by which the superfluous oats are swept off the measure.

- SNITE. (1) To blow the nose. See MS. Sloane 1622, f. 101. "*Monché, snyted, wiped,*" Cotgrave. To snite, in falconry, to wipe the beak after feeding. It meant generally, to remove any dirty superfluity.
- (2) The snipe. "*Ibis, a snyte,*" Nominale MS. Still in use. "A snipe or snite, a bird lesse than a woodcocke," Baret, 1580.  
 Al oon to the a flaucion and a kyghte,  
 As goode an howle as a popingaye,  
 A downghille doke as deynté as a *snyghte*.  
*Lydgate's Minor Poems*, p. 192.
- SNITERAND. Drifting.  
 For the *snyterand* snaue, that snappely hom soellus.  
*Anturs of Arther*, vii. 4.
- SNITHE. (1) Sharp, cold, cutting, applied to the wind. *North*.  
 Letts spang our geates, it is varra *snithe*,  
 And Ise flaid, wife, it will be frost belive.  
*A Yorkshire Dialogue*, 1697, p. 37.
- (2) To abound, or swarm. *Line*.
- SNITING-IRON. A pair of snufflers.
- SNIVEL. To cry, or whine. *Var. dial.* Snivelard, one who speaks through his nose.
- SNIVEL-NOSE. A niggardly fellow.
- SNIVELY-SLAVERY. Florio has, "*Biocoleso, snotty, snively-slavery,*" ed. 1611, p. 61.
- SNIVY. Parsimonious. *North*.
- SNIZY. Cold. *Cumb.*
- SNOACH. To snifle. *Var. dial.*
- SNOB. (1) To sob violently. *Snobbiages*, violent sobbings, Wiclif, ed. Baber, gl.  
 (2) A journeyman shoemaker. *Suffolk*.  
 (3) A vulgar ignorant person. *Var. dial.*  
 (4) Mucus nasi. *Somerset*.  
 (5) The long membranous appendage to the beak of a cock turkey. *West*.
- SNOCK. A hard blow. *West*.
- SNOD. (1) Smooth. (2) Demure. *North*.
- SNODDEN. To make smooth. *Yorksh.*
- SNOFF. The eye of an apple. *West*.
- SNOFFER. A sweetheart. *Somerset*.
- SNOG. To sliver; to shake.
- SNOGLY. Neatly; tidily. *North*.
- SNOG-MALT. Malt smooth, with few combs or tails. Wheat ears are said to be *snod* when they have no beards or awns. Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.
- SNOKE. To ferret out; to pry into. *North*.  
 Snoke-horne, Towneley Myst. p. 68, a sneaking fellow.
- SNOOD. (1) A fillet, or riband. (2) A small hair line used by fishermen. *North*.
- SNOOK. (1) To lie hidden. *North*.  
 (2) To smell; to search out. *Line*. It occurs in the first sense in Pr. Parv. "*Nicfo, to snoke as houndes dooth,*" Ortus Vocab.  
 (3) To lean the head forward in walking. *Var. dial.*
- SNOOL. (1) A low, sneaking, dishonest fellow. *North*.  
 (2) To smear anything by rubbing the nose and mouth over it. *West*.
- SNOOZE. A brief slumber. *Var. dial.*
- SNOOZLING. Nestling. *Line*.
- SNOP. To eat off, as cattle do the young shoots of hedges, trees, &c.; a corruption perhaps of *snip* or *snap*, or of *knop*, the head of anything. Moor's Suffolk MS.
- SNORSE. A small corner of land.
- SNORT. To laugh loudly. *Yorksh.*
- SNORTER. The wheatear. *Dorset*.
- SNOT. (1) The snuff of a candle. *North*.  
 (2) An insignificant fellow. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) Neat; handsome. *North*.
- SNOTCH. (1) A notch; a knot. *Suffolk*.  
 (2) To speak through the nose. *West*.
- SNOTER-GOB. The same as *Snob* (5).
- SNOTII. Mucus nasi. *Pr. Parv.*
- SNOTTER. To cry; to snivel. *North*.  
 And throw abroad thy spurious *snotteries*,  
 Upon that puff-up lump of balmy froth.  
*Ben Jonson's Works*, ii. 518.
- SNOTTER-CLOUT. A pocket-handkerchief. *North*.
- SNOTTY. Mean; paltry. *Var. dial.*
- SNOTTY-DOG. A blubbing lad. *Newc.*
- SNOUL. A small quantity. *East and South*.  
 Forby says "a short thick cut from the crusty part of a loaf or a cheese."
- SNOUP. A blow on the head. *Glouc.*
- SNOUT. To snub. *Dorset*.
- SNOUTBAND. A person who rudely interrupts the conversation of a party.
- SNOUTBANDS. The iron round clog soles.
- SNOUT-HOLE. The same as *Muse* (2).
- SNOW-BALL. The Guelder rose. *Var. dial.*
- SNOW-BONES. Remnants of snow left after a thaw. *North*.
- SNOWL. The head. *Somerset*.
- SNOW-STORM. A continued snow, so long as it lies on the ground. *North*.
- SNOWT-FAIRE. Fair in feature? The term occurs in Hall's Satires, p. 77.  
 For he supposing that hungrie soldiers would be contented to accept anie courtesie, he procured a yong harlot, who was somewhat *snout-faire*, to go to the castell, pretending some injurie to have beene doone to him, and to humble hir-elfe to the captains devotion.  
*Holinshead, Chron. Ireland*, p. 176.
- SNOWT-WEARS. Great dams or wears upon a river. Kennett, MS.
- SNUB. To check; to rebuke; to treat with contempt. *Var. dial.*
- SNUB-NOSED. Short-nosed. *Var. dial.*
- SNUCH. The same as *Snudge*, q. v.
- SNUCK. To smell. *Norff.*
- SNUDDLE. To nestle. *North*.
- SNUDE. A fillet, or hair-lace.  
 Yaw, jantlewoman, with the saffron *snude*, you shall know that I am Master Camillus.  
*The Two Lancashire Lovers*, 1640, p. 11.
- SNUDGE. (1) To move along, being snugly wrapped up. See Forby, p. 314. It means rather to move about slyly, to sneak slyly about. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) A mean or miserly person. Also a verb, to scrape together, to be miserly.  
 The drudges and *snudges* of this world may very fitly be compared to a kings sumpter-horse.  
*Dent's Pathway*, p. 82.

Our mother Earth, possess with womans pride,  
Perceiving Gerard to be beauties judge,  
And that hir treasure is not unespide,  
Of hir faire flowing brats she is no *snudge*.

*Verses prefixed to Gerard's Herbal.*

Scrapynge and *snudgyng*e without ony cease,  
Ever covetyng, the mynde hath no pease.

*Hye Way to the Spytell Hous, n. d.*

SNUDGE-SNOWT. A low dirty fellow.

SNUE. To sneer at any one. *North.*

SNUFF. (1) "To spite, to anger, to take a matter in *snuffe*," Hollyband's *Dictionarie*, 1593. We now have the phrase "np to snuff," implying great acuteness or penetration.

The broad-fac'd jests that other men put on you,  
You take for favours well bestow'd upon you.  
In sport they give you many a pleasaut cufte,  
Yet no mans lnes but mibe you take in *snuffe*.

*Taylor's Laugh and be Fat, p. 69.*

Took *snuff* and posted up to heaven again,  
As to a high court of appeal, to bee  
Revang'd on men for this indignitie.

*Fletcher's Poems, p. 184.*

And whereas if in *snuff* and distaste you may fling  
away from such *re infecta*, a little patience and good  
words may do your business, and seud you away  
with what you come for.

*A Cap of Gray Hairs for a Green Head, 1633, p. 113.*

SNUFFERS. (1) Small open dishes for holding snuff, sometimes made of silver. They were also called snuff-dishes. The latter term was likewise applied to small receptacles for placing snuffers in.

(2) Snuffers for the nose, i. e. nostrils.

SNUFFKIN. A small muff used by ladies in cold weather. "One of their snuffkins or muffs, called so in times past when they used to play with it for feare of being out of countenance," Cotgrave in *v. Contenance*. See also in *v. Grace, Monchon*. "A snuffkin that women use, *bonne grace, monchon*," Howell.

SNUFFLING. Low; mean; sneaking.

SNUFF-PEPPER. To take offence.

SNUFFT. "A snufft or smoky paper, *papier bruslant, fumeux*," Howell.

SNUFTER. To snort. See *Snurt*.

SNUG. Tight; handsome. *Lanc.*

SNUGGERY. A snug little place.

SNUGGLE. To nestle. *East.*

SNURLD. Swelled; applied to the udder of a cow when swelled with milk immediately after calving. *Beds.*

SNURLE. A cold in the head. *Suffolk.*

SNURLES. Nostrils. *North.*

SNURT. To snort. Cotgrave has, "*Esbraüé, snurted or snuftered*." Also, to turn up the nose in contempt.

One *snurts* tobacco, as his nose were made  
A perfum'd jakes for all scurrilities.

*The Munte of Deformities, 1600.*

SNUSKIN. A delicate morçeau. *East.*

SNUZZLE. To euddle. *Var. dial.*

SNY. (1) A number, or quantity. *North.*

(2) To stow together. *North.*

(3) To scorn; to sneer at. *Lanc.*

(4) To cut. (*1 tem.*)

Let falchion, polax, launce, or halbert try,  
With Flemings-knives either to steake or *snye*,  
I'll meet thee naked to the very skin,  
And stab with pen-knives Casars wounds therein  
*Rowland's Knave of Clubs, 1611.*

SNYT.

At the same instante time, their fell a small *snyt* or snow, which by vyolence of the wyod was driven into the faces of them which were of Kyng Henries parte, so that their sight was somewhat blemeshed and minished. *Hall, Henry VI. f. 100.*

SO. (1) A large tub, holding from twenty to thirty gallons, and carried by two men on a stang or pole is called a *so*. *Line*. The spelling by the municipal authorities is *soa*. "Soo a vessell, *soe*," Palsgrave. "A soo, soe, sow, saw, a tub with two ears to carry on a stang or coul-staff. *Bor.* So in Bedfordshire, what we call a *coul* and a *coul-stoff*, they call a *sow* and a *sou-stang*," Kennett, MS.

Hwan he havede cten inow,  
He kam to the welle, water up draw,  
And filde the a michel *so*. *Havelok, 933.*

(2) *As*; *so*. (*A.-S.*)

Allas! thi lovesum eyghen to  
Loketh *so* man doth on his fo.

*Sir Orpheo, ed. Laing, 74.*

(3) Pregnant. *Glouc.* She is *how come you so*, i. e. enceinte.

(4) Thereabouts. *Var. dial.*

(5) Saw. Robson, p. 77.

SOA. Be still. *Yorksh.*

SOAK. (1) A land-spring. *West.*

(2) To sit lazily over the fire. *Devon.*

(3) To bake thoroughly. *East.* In some counties, to become dry.

SOAKING-DOE. A barren doe, that going over the year is fat, when other does have fawns. *North.*

SOAKY. Effeminate. *Devon.*

SOAL. (1) A dirty pond. *Kent.*

(2) In coal pits and mines, especially in Somersetshire, the bottom of the work is called the *sool*. Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.

SOAM. (1) A short rope used to pull the tram in a coal mine. *North.*

(2) A horse-load. *West.*

(3) A trace used in ploughing, generally made of iron. *North.*

SOAMY. Moist and warm. *Yorksh.*

SOAP. A small taste or quantity of any liquid; a sup. *North.*

SOAP-TO. To exchange. *Craven.*

SOARE. A deer in its fourth year. See Harrison's *Deser. England, p. 226.*

SOB. (1) To frighten. *Line.*

(2) To sop, or suck up. *Suffolk.* Perhaps *sob* in the old copies of the *Comedy of Errors*, iv. 3, means *sop*.

SOBBED. Soaked with wet. *Warw.*

SOBBLE. To beat severely. *North.*

SOBER. Was formerly applied to moderation in eating as well as drinking.

SOBERTE. Sobriety; seriousness.

For al the day than wyl the be  
Before here maysters yu *soberté*.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 48.*

Also what es pacyence and clenness, rightwysnes, chastyte, and *sobirte*, and swylke other.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 227.*

**SOBRESAULT.** A summerset. (*Fr.*) "*Soubresault*, a sobresault," Cotgrave.

**SOCAGE.** An ancient tenure by which the tenants were obliged to cultivate the lands of their lord. See Lambarde's *Perambulation*, 1596, p. 529.

**SOCATED.** Put into sockets.

Standing upon two whyte marble colms or pillers, *socated* in two foote-steps of black marble, well polished.

*Archæologia*, x. 404.

**SOCCHETRE.** A woodlouse.

For the stone, take *socchetres*, that is a worme with many feete, that ben under stones on walls, that wollen whan they be touchid make hemself rounde; and wassh hem cleve, &c.

*MS. Med. Rec.* xv. Cent.

**SOCE.** Friends; companions. A farmer would address his workpeople in this way. *Somerset.*

**SOCIATION.** Companionship. (*Lat.*)

All naked is their conversation,  
And arme in arme theyr *sociation*.

*Loves Oule*, 1593.

**SOCK.** (1) The drainage of a farmyard. Hence *sock-pit*, the receptacle of such drainage.

(2) A heavy fall of rain. *East.*

(3) A ploughshare. "Socke of a plough, *soc de la cherue*," Palsgrave, f. 63.

**SOCKET-PIKLE.** A kind of iron hook.

**SOCKETS.** Large pieces of plate armour, sometimes put on the side of the saddle at tournaments, through which the legs were thrust, that they might protect the thighs. *Meyrick.*

**SOCKHEAD.** A stupid fellow. *Sussex.*

**SOCKIE.** A sloven. *Northumb.*

**SOCK-LAMB.** A pet lamb. *Sussex.*

**SOCKY.** Moist, as ground is. *East.*

**SOCOURE.** Succour; help. *Socourabil*, helping, assistant. (*A.-S.*)

Thane syr Percevelle the wight

Bare downe the blake knyght;

Thane was the lady so bright

His best *socour* in telde. *Perceval*, 1920.

Frendly and al passyng of franchise,

Relever to the pore and *socourabil*

Ben ye, and werry foo to covcetyse.

*MS. Fairfax*, 16.

**SODBANK.** By this elegant expression the fishermen of Skegness and the adjoining villages on the coast, designate a species of the mirage, which in fine calm weather is seen by them in perfection. On these occasions, the sea is like glass: and the horizon is boundel, as it were, by a high dark wall, upon which may be seen, highly magnified, every object on the water. *Line.*

**SODDEN.** Boiled. Sometimes *sodde*.

Also they saye that all maner flesshe and fysshe is better roasted than *soden*, and if they be *soden*, to broyle on a grydeyron, or on the coles, and they ben the more holsoner.

*The Compost of Ptholomeus*, n. d.

**SODDEN-WHEAT.** The same as *Frumenty*, q. v.

**SODDER.** To boil slowly. *North.*

**SODDY.** Heavy; sad. *North.*

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**SODEKYN.** A subdeacon. (*A.-N.*)

And also with Seynt Elmiston when he dede dwelle.  
Ordour of *sodekyn* forsothe he hade.

*Chron. Filobun*, p. 6.

**SODENE.** A subdean. (*A.-N.*)

Executours and *sodenes*,

Somonours and hir lemmannes.

*Piers Ploughman*, p. 303.

**SODENLY.** Suddenly. (*A.-S.*)

How *sodenly* that tym he was compeld to perte

To the felde of Barnet with his enmys to fyghte;

God lett never prynce be so hevy in his herte

As Kyng Edward was all that hole nygte!

And aftur that shone a ster over his hede full bryste.

The syght of the wiche made his enmys woo!

Yt was a tokyn of victory, Goddis will was soo!

*MS. Bibl. Reg.* 17 D. xv.

For he that casteth hym to do a dede,

More penaunce he mote have nede,

Then he that doth hyt *sodenly* gete,

And afterward hym reweth myche.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 146.*

**SODGER.** (1) A soldier. *Var. dial.* "A soger

of the armé," *Chronicon Mirab.* p. 109.

(2) The shell fish whelk. *East.*

**SODS.** (1) A canvas or coarse packsaddle

stuffed with straw. *North.*

(2) Small nails. *Somerset.*

**SOFFERE.** To suffer; to permit.

*Soffere* hem to make no here,

But ay to be in here prayere.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 130.*

**SOFT.** (1) Silly; foolish. *Var. dial.* His ancient

meaning was *effeminate*.

(2) Moist, mild, said of the weather. *North.*

In the following passage it means *warm*.

The weather is said to be *soft* when likely to

rain, and rain-water is called *soft-water*, whilst

spring-water is distinguished as *hard*.

to a somer seson,

Whan *softe* was the sonne.

*Piers Ploughman*, p. 1.

(3) Gently; easily. The word is common in old plays, introduced as an ejaculation in cases of small surprise, a sudden change in the conversation, &c. "Soft, softe, the chyld is aslepe, *tout bellement, lenfant est endormy*," Palsgrave, verb. f. 142.

Why, how now! how, what wight is this

On home we now have hit?

*Softe*, let me se: this same is he,

Ye, truly, this is Wit!

*Marriage of Wit and Wisdome*, 1579.

**SOFTEN.** To thaw. *North.*

**SOFT-LAES.** Bays formed by the waves in the

softer parts of the cliffs. *Hartlepool.*

**SOFTNET.** A foolish fellow. *North.*

**SOG.** (1) A blow. *West.*

(2) A quagmire. *Devon.* Land saturated with

water is said to be *sogged*.

**SO-GATES.** In such a manner. (*A.-S.*)

**SOGER.** A sea-insect that takes possession of

the shell of another fish. *I. of Wight.*

**SOGET.** A subject. (*A.-N.*)

Kes me, leman, and love me,

And I thi *sogret* wil i-be. *Seyn Sages*, 458

**SOGGIE.** Full of flesh. *Northumb.*

**SOGGY.** Wet; moist; swampy. *West.* Jen-

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- son mentions "this green and *soggy* multitude," ii. 120.
- SOGH.** A slumber. *Decon.*
- SOGHTE.** Paid homage to. *Mason.*
- SO-HOW.** A cry in hunting, when the hare was found. "Sohowe, the hare ys fownde, *boema, lepus est inventus*," Pr. Parv. The phrase was also used in hawking. "A so-hoc to make a hawk stoop to the lure," Howell.
- When they loken toward me,  
I loke asyde, I lurke fulle lowe;  
The furst man that me may see,  
Anon he cryes, *so howe, so howe!*  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 109.*
- SOIHUTE.** Sought.
- The thirst him dede more wo,  
Then hevede rather his honger do.  
Over al he ede and *sohute*;  
On aventure his witt him brohute  
To one putte wes water inne,  
That wes i-maked mid grete ginne.  
*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 273.*
- SOIGNE.** Care. (*A.-N.*)
- SOIL.** (1) To assoil. *Palsgrave.*  
(2) A rafter for a house. *North.*  
(3) The fry of the coal-fish. *Cumb.*  
(4) To strain liquor. *Yorksh.*  
(5) To feed cattle with mown grass, or other green food. *Var. dial.* Forby says, "to fatten completely."
- In the spring time give your younger horses bullimung for many daies together, for that will not onely make them fat, but also purge their bellies; for this purgation is most necessary for horses, which is called *sophine*, and ought to continue ten daies together, without any other meat, giving them the eleventh day a little barley, and so forward to the fourteenth; after which day, continue them in that diet ten daies longer, and then bring them forth to exercise a little, and when as they sweat, annont them with oyle, and if the weather bee colde, keepe a fire in the stable; and you must remember when the horse beginneth to purge, that he be kept from barley and drinke, and give him greene meat, or bullimung, wherof that is best that groweth neare the sea-side.
- Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts, 1607, p. 330.*
- (6) To take soil, a term in ancient hunting for taking water.
- When Remond left her, Remond then unkinde,  
Fida went downe the dale to seeke the hinde,  
And found her taking *soile* within a flood.  
*Bowen's Brittain's Pastorals, p. 84.*
- (7) To explain or resolve a doubt.
- SOILET.** Be quiet; go off quickly. *Yorksh.*
- SOILING.** "A soiling, a great opening or gaping of the earth, as it were a deepenesse without bottome," Baret, 1580.
- SOILS.** Window sills. *Moran.*
- SOILURE.** Defilement. *Shak.*
- SOILYNESSE.** Filthiness. *Palsgrave.*
- SO-INS.** In such a manner. *East.*
- SOITY.** Dirty; dark with dirt.
- His helme appone his hevied was sett,  
And bothe fulle *sogy* were.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 104.*
- SOJOUR.** Stay; abide. (*A.-N.*)
- SOJOURNAUNT.** An entertainer; the host.
- SOKE.** A privilege, lordship, franchise; land

- held by socage. *Phillips.* Holloway explains *soké*, an exclusive privilege claimed by millers of grinding all corn which is used within the manor or township wherein their mills stand. *North.* Originally from *A.-S. soc*, whence is derived the Law-Latin word *soca*, a liberty or franchise of holding a court, and exercising other jurisdiction over the soemen or socage tenants within the extent of such an honour or manor. See Kennett, p. 134.
- SOKELING.** A suckling, as a suckling plant, a young animal, &c. *Palsgrave.*
- SOKEN.** (1) A toll. (*A.-S.*)  
Gret *soken* had this meller, out of doute,  
With whete and malt, of al the lond aboute.  
*Wright's Anecdota Lateraria, p. 26.*  
(2) A district held by tenure of socage. (*A.-S.*)  
In the country hard was we  
That in our *soken* shrews should be.  
*Blount's Law Diet. in v. Rime.*
- SOKER.** Help; assistance. Also, to help, to succour. "*Faveo*, to sokery," *MS. Vocabulary, xv. Cent.*  
Meche folke of that contré  
Come hether for *soker* of me.  
*Torrent of Portugal, p. 39.*
- SOKEREL.** A child not weaned.
- SOKET.** The pointed end of a lance?  
Gaheriet mett the douke Samiel  
With a launce, the *soket* of stiel.  
*A. thour and Merlin, p. 266.*  
With a *soket* of kene stel,  
Octiater in the scheld he gret.  
*King Alsaunder, 4415.*
- SOKIL-BLOME.** This is translated by *locusta* in my copy of the Nominale *MS.*
- SOKINGLY.** Suckingly; gently.
- SOL.** The term given by the ancient alchemists to gold. Silver was called *luna*.
- SOLACE.** (1) In the language of printers, a penalty or fine. *Holme.*  
(2) Consolation; recreation. (*A.-N.*) *Solacious*, affording recreation.  
Then dwellyd they bothe in fere,  
Wyth alic maner deynytes that were dere,  
Wyth *solas* on every syde.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 82.*  
Gii bileft in court atte mete  
Him to play and *solawie*.  
*Gy of Warwike, p. 151.*  
Hit was a game of gret *solas*,  
Hit comford alle that ever ther was,  
Therof thai were night sade.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 50.*  
All that wyll of *solas* here,  
Herkyns now, and 3e schall here.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 59.*  
Eke Joun Maundevyle, knyth or Ynglond, after his labour made a book ful *solacious* onto his nacyon.  
*MS. Bodl. 423, f. 355.*
- SOLDADO.** A soldier. (*Span.*)
- SOLDIER.** (1) To bully; to hector. *East.*  
(2) The sea-tortoise. *Topsell, 1608.*
- SOLDIER'S-THIGH.** An empty pocket.
- SOLD-UP.** When a man has become bankrupt or insolvent, he is said to be *sold up*. *Var. dial.*
- SOLE.** (1) A pond. *Kent.*  
(2) The floor of an oven. *Line.* In building,

- the lowest part of anything. See Davies' Rites, ed. 1672, p. 44.
- (3) A collar of wood, put round the neck of cattle to confine them to the stetch. "A bowe about a beestes necke," Palsgrave.
- 4) To handle rudely; to haul or pull; to pull one's ears. *Devon*.
- 5) A stake such as is driven into ground to fasten up hurdles to. *West*.
- 6) "To sole a bowl, *probe et rite emittere globum*," Coles' Lat. Dict.
- 7) The seat or bottom of a mine, applied to horizontal veins or lodes.
- SOLEIN. (1) One; single. (2) Sullen.
- (3) A meal for one person.
- SOLEMPNE. Solemu. (*A.-N.*)  
Hym that breketh *solempne* vow,  
Or chawnghe hyt wole, sende hym forth now.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 148.*
- SOLENT-SEA. The old name of the narrow strait between Hampshire and Isle of Wight.
- SOLER. An upper room, a loft or garret. "*Solarium*, an upper room, chamber, or garret, which in some parts of England is still called a *sollar*," Kennett, p. 134. Till within the last few years the term was common in leases. "Body, wher aren thy *solers*, the castles, ant thy toures," W. Mapes, p. 347.  
To a *soler* was in that toun  
A childe cast another down.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 76.*  
Hastily than wout thar all,  
And soght him in the maydens hall,  
In chambers high, es ougth at hude,  
And in *solers* on ilka side.  
*Ywaine and Gawain, 807.*  
In the side byneth the thou shalt make *solers*, and  
placis of thre chaumbris in the schip.  
*Wicliffe's Bible, MS. Boil. 277.*  
Hey, ne oten, ne water clere,  
Boute be a kord of a *solere*.  
*Beves of Hamtoun, p. 61.*
- SOLES. Sills of a window.
- SOLE-TREE. A piece of wood belonging to stowees, to draw ore up from the mine. *Derb.*
- SOLEYN. One left alone. (*A.-N.*)  
To muse in his philosophye,  
*Soleyne* withoute companye.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 92.*
- SOLFE. To call over the notes of a tune by their proper names.  
Ya, bi God; thu reddis. and so it is wel werre.  
I *solfe* and singge after. and is me nevere the nerre;  
I horle at the notes, and heve hem al of herre.  
*Reliq. Antiq. i. 292.*
- SOLICIT. To be solicitous.
- SOLID. Grave; serious. *Far. dial.*
- SOLINGERE. Conjectured by Mr. Wright to be an error for *losingere*, and I have scarcely any doubt of it, but in the possibility of its being genuine in the same sense I give it insertion. (*A.-N.*)  
But yet my witte is in a were  
Whether ye shall fyode that *solingere*.  
*Chester Plays, i. 130.*
- SOLLE. A soul. "*Antima*, Anglice a *solle*," MS. Vocabulary, xv. Cent.
- SOLLERETS. Pieces of steel which formed part of the armour for the feet.
- SOLLOP. To lollop about. *East*.
- SOLMAS-LOAF. Bread given away to the poor on All Souls' Day. *North*. Mr. Hunter has *somas-cake*, a sweet cake made on the second of November, and always in a triangular form.
- SOLNE. To sing by note. (*A.-N.*)  
I have be preest and parson  
Passyng thrifty wynter,  
And yet cau I neyther *solne* ne syngre,  
Ne seintes lyves rede.  
*Piers Ploughman, p. 109*
- SOLOMONS-SEAL. A plant.  
In the woods about the Devises growes *Solomonseale*, also goates-rue, as also that admirable plant seilicet lily convally.  
*Aubrey's Wiltis, MS. Royal Soc. p. 121.*
- SOLOTACION. Solitude.  
Nowe seith I am soe solempne,  
And sett in my *solotacion*. *Chester Plays, i. 9.*
- SOLOWED. Soiled. *Prompt. Parv.*  
Heere ne uayles never grewe,  
Ne *solowed* clothes ne turned hewe.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 61.*
- SOLSEKILLE. The plant *solsequium*. It is mentioned in MS. Line. Med. f. 283.
- SOLTCH. A heavy fall. *Lanc.*
- SOLUBLE. "Soluble, as one that is costyfe, *solubbe*," Palsgrave, adj. f. 96.
- SOLVEGE. A term of reproach. *Devon*.
- SOLWY. Sullied; defiled. (*A.-N.*)
- SOLY. Solely. *Parv.*
- SOMDEL. Somewhat; in some measure. (*A.-S.*)
- SOME. (1) Thus used as a termination, two-some, threesome, &c. *North*.  
(2) Applied to figures it means about. Some ten, i. e. about ten. *West*.
- SOMEAT. Something. *West*.
- SOMEN. Samen; together.
- SOMER. A sumpter horse. (*Fr.*)  
Cartes and *somers* ous beth binome,  
And alle our folk is overcome.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 181.*  
Men chargyd charys and *somers*,  
Knyghtys to hors and squyers.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 107.*  
The monke hath fifty-two men,  
And seven *somers* full strouge,  
There rydeyth no bys-hop in this londe  
So ryally, I understond. *Robin Hood, i. 30.*
- SOMER-CASTELLE. A temporary wooden tower on wheels used in ancient sieges, on board vessels of war, &c. "*Sommer-castell* of a shyppe," Palsgrave, subst. f. 65.  
With *somer-castelle* and sowe appone sere halves.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 85.*
- SOMERLAND. Ground that lies fallow all the summer. *Kent*. The term occurs in the *Prompt. Parv.* translated by *novale*.
- SOMERS. The rails of a cart. "*Somers* or rathes of a wayne or carte," Palsgrave.
- SOMERSAULT. A summerset. "A lepe of a tumbler, *sobersault*," Palsgrave.  
First that could make love faces, or could do  
The vaiters *sobersaults*, or us'd to wooc  
With hotting gambols, his own bones to break  
*Doone's Poems, p. 300*

**SOMETOUR.** A sumpter-man.  
**SOME-WHEN.** At some time. *South.*  
**SOMME.** Sum; amount. (*A.-N.*)  
 Sixty myle on a daye, the *somme* es bott lyttille,  
 Thowe moste spede at the spurs, and spare noghte  
 thi fole. *Morte Archure, MS. Lincoln, f. 53.*  
**SOMMERED.** Tart, as aie, &c. *West.*  
**SOMNOUR.** A summoner, apparitor.  
 The thryde *somnour* to this ryknyng is deeth,  
 and the condicion of deth is this, &c.  
*Wimbelton's Sermon, 1388, MS. Hatton 57, p. 23.*  
**SOMONE.** To summon. (*A.-N.*)  
**SOMPNOLENCE.** Drowsiness.  
 So that I hope in suche a wise  
 To love for to ben excused  
 That I no *sompnolesce* have usid.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 121.*  
 The *flemnatik* is *sompnolesent* and slowe,  
 Withe humours groos replit ay habundaund.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 140.*  
**SOMURBOYDE.** A kind of insect? "*Polemicta*, a somurboyde," Nominale MS.  
**SONANCE.** Sound. *Heywood.*  
**SONAYLIE.** Sounding; loud.  
 And of thy love telle me playne,  
 If that thy glorie hath be *sonaylie*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 56.*  
**SONCIE.** Fortunate. It is translated by *felix*  
 in Synonorum Sylva, 1627, p. 248. It is  
 still in use, and also used in the sense of  
 pleasant, agreeable, plump, fat, and cunning.  
**SONDAY.** Sunday.  
 Hast thou eten any *Sunday*  
 Withowte haly bred? Sey ze or nay.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 144.*  
**SONDE.** (1) Sand. (*A.-S.*)  
 A gode scaypp ther they fonde,  
 And sayled over bothe wawe and *sonde*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 152.*  
 (2) A message; a sending. (*A.-S.*) "Thruw  
 Godes sonde," MS. Harl. 2398, f. 8.  
 I am thy forefader, Wylliam of Normandye,  
 To see thy weelfare here through Goddys *sond*.  
*MS. Lambeth 306, f. 132.*  
 So hefelle, thorow Goddis *sonde*,  
 The bisshop that was of that londe  
 Prechid in that cite.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 45.*  
 Swythe sende he hys *sonde*  
 To alle men of hys londe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 156.*  
**SONDRELY.** Peculiarly. (*A.-S.*)  
**SONDRINESS.** Diversity. *Palsgrave.*  
**SONE.** (1) Soon. (2) A son. (*A.-S.*)  
 And whenne the gospel ys i-done,  
 Teche hem eft to knele downe *son*.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 130.*  
**SONGEWARIE.** The interpreting of dreams.  
**SONGLE.** "A handfull of leasid corn after it has  
 been tied up." Still used in Herefordshire.  
 See a paper by Sir Edmund W. Head, Bart. in  
 the Classical Museum, No. 4, p. 55, and Wil-  
 braham, in v. *Songow*. " *Conspico*, to glenc  
 or els to gadyre songles," Medulla, "Songal  
 or songle, so the poor people in Herefordshire  
 call a handfull of corn gleaned or leazed; and  
 probably may come from the Fr. *sengle*, a  
 girth, because, when their hand is full, they  
 bind or gird it about with some of the ends of

the straw, and then begin to gather a new  
 one," Blount, p. 600.  
**SONIZANCE.** Sounding. Peele, iii. 148.  
**SONKE.** Sung.  
 And therto of so good mesure  
 He *sonke*, that he the bestes wilde  
 Made of his note tame and mylde.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 37.*  
**SONKEN.** Sunk. (*A.-S.*)  
**SONN.** To think deeply. *Cumb.*  
**SONNE.** The sun. (*A.-S.*)  
**SONNISH.** Like the sun. (*A.-S.*)  
**SONTROSS.** A term of reproach. *Devon.*  
**SOO.** The same as *So*, q. v.  
**SOODLE.** To go unwillingly. *North.*  
**SOOK.** A call for pigs, used when they are  
 called to their food. *Devon.*  
**SOOL.** Anything eaten with bread. *North.*  
 Anything used to flavour bread, such as but-  
 ter, cheese, &c. is called *soul* in Pembroke-  
 shire. "Tytter want ye *souille* then sorow,"  
 Towneley Myst. p. 87. Hence comes *soul*,  
 q. v. "*Edulium*, Anglice *sowylle*," Nomi-  
 nale MS. xv. Cent.  
 Kam he nevere hom hand bare,  
 That he ne broncte bred and *sowel*.  
*Havelok, 767.*  
**SOOM.** (1) To swim. *North.*  
 (2) To drink a long draught, with a sucking  
 noise of the mouth. *Leic.*  
**SOON.** (1) The evening. *West.*  
 (2) An amulet. *Cornw.*  
**SOOND.** To swoon; to faint. *Cumb.*  
**SOONER.** A spirit; a ghost. *Dorset.*  
**SOOP.** A sweep. *North.*  
**SOOPERLOIT.** Play time; any time set apart  
 for pleasure or recreation. *South.*  
**SOOPLE.** The heavy end of a flail, the part  
 which strikes the corn. *North.*  
**SOOR.** Mud; dirt; filth.  
**SOORD.** The sword or skin of bacon.  
**SOORT.** To punish. *Somerset.*  
**SOOTE.** Sweet.  
 And bathed hem and freishid hem in the fresh river,  
 And drunken waters that were *soote* and clere.  
*MS. Digby 230.*  
 The grete fairenesse nought appaire may  
 Oo violettes and on herbes *soote*.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 29.*  
**SOOTERING.** Courting. *Devon.*  
**SOOTERKIN.** It was fabled in ridicule of the  
 Dutch women, that, making so great use of  
 stoves, and often putting them under their  
 petticoats, they engendered a kind of animal  
 which was called a *sooterkin*.  
 For knaves and fools b'ing near of kin,  
 As Dutch boots are t'a *sooterkin*.  
*Hudibras, III. li. 146.*  
**SOOTH.** Truth. (*A.-S.*)  
**SOOTHFAST.** Entirely true.  
**SOOTHLE.** To walk lamely. *Midl. C.*  
**SOO-TRE.** A stang, or cowl-staff.  
**SOOTY.** Foul with soot. (*A.-S.*)  
**SOP.** (1) *A sop in the pan*, a piece of bread  
 soaked in the dripping under the meat. *Var.*  
*dial.*  
 (2) A hard blow. *Devon.*



(3) *Soppus of demayn*, strengthening draughts or viands. *Robson*.

SOPE. (1) A jot, or small quantity. *North*.  
"Never a sope," Palsgrave. A sup, or hasty repast. "A sope, a sup or supping, as a sope of milk, drink, &c." Kennett MS.

Tase a *soppe* in the toure, and taryez no langere,  
Bot tournes tytte to the kyng, and hym wyth tunge telles.

*Morte Arture, MS. Lincoln, f. 73.*

(2) A silly fellow. *Line*.

SOPERE. Supper. Nominale MS.

In the way he syc come there  
A pylgryme sekeynge hys *sopere*.

*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 33, f. 136.*

SOPHEME. A sophism. (*A.-N.*)

In poisie in *sopheme* reson hydes.

*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 33, f. 23.*

SOPOSARE. One who guesses. *Pr. Parv.*

SOPPE. A company, or body?

Sodanly in a *soppe* they sett in att ones,  
Foynes faste att the fore breste with flawmande swerdez.

*Morte Arture, MS. Lincoln, f. 69.*

SOPPER. A state of confusion. *North*.

SOPPY. As when mown grass lies in lumps upon the field. *Yorksh.*

SOPS. (1) Small detached clouds hanging about the sides of a mountain. *North*.

(2) Lumps of black-lead. *Cumb.*

(3) Tufts of green grass in the hay, not properly dried. *North*.

SOPS-AND-ALE. A curious custom prevalent at Eastbourne, Sussex, described in Hone's Every-day Book, ii. 693.

SOPS-IN-WINE. Pinks.

The pinke, the primrose, cowslip, and daffadilly,  
The hare-bell blue, the crimson cullumbine,  
Sage, lettis, parsley, and the milke-white lilly,  
The rose and speckled flowre, calld *sops-in-wine*,  
Fine pretie king-cups, and the yellow bootes,  
That growes by rivers and by shallow brookes.

*The Affectionate Shepherd, 1594*

SOR. (1) A wooden tub, used by brewers, or by housewives to wash their best glasses in. *Line*.

(2) Sorrow. (*A.-S.*)

Ther was sobbing, siking, and *sor*,  
Handes wringing, and drawing bi hor.

*Havelok, 234.*

SORANCE. Soreness.

The moist malady is that which we call the glanders: the dry maladie is an incurable consumption, which some perhaps would call the mourning of the cheine, but not rightly, as shall well appear unto you hereafter. The malady of the joynts comprehendeth at griefes and *sorances* that be in the joyntes.

*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts, 1607, p. 341.*

SORB. "Sorbe a kynde of frute, *sorbe*," Palsgrave, 1530.

SORCATE. A surcoat.

To on-arme hym the knyghte goys,  
In cortyls, *sorcатыs*, and schorte clothys.

*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 33, f. 76.*

SORDIOUS. Filthy. (*Lat.*)

The ashes of earth-wormes duely prepared, cleanseth *sordious*, stinking and rotten ulcers, consuming and wasting away their hard lippes, or callous edges, if it be tempered with tarre and Simblian hony, as Pliny affirmeth. Dioscorales saith, that

the hony of Siellia was taken for that of Simblia in his time.

*Topsell's Historie of Serpents, p. 311.*

SORDS. Filth; fluid refuse. *East*.

SORE. (1) A flock of mallards.

(2) A hawk in her first year was said to be "in her *sore* age." Spenser mentions a *soare falcon*. The term was occasionally applied to the young of other animals.

(3) To soar. *Chaucer*.

(4) Very; exceedingly. *Var. dial.*

(5) Vile; worthless; sad. *Var. dial.*

(6) Grieved. *Syr Gawayne*.

SOREGHIES. Sorrows. (*A.-S.*) It occurs in MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii.

SORELL. A young buck. *Palsgrave*. It is properly one in its third year.

SORE-STILL. Implacable.

SORFE. A kind of wood, mentioned in Harrison's Deser. of England, p. 212.

SORFET. Surfeit.

Telle me, sone, anon ryght here,

Hast thou do *sorfet* of mete and drynke?

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 143.*

SORGARSHOT. Sacar shot. Meyrick, iii. 45.

SORGER. More sorrowful. *Line*.

SORNET. Soreness. Arch. xxx. 413.

SOROWE. Sorry; evil.

He wyll not come yet, sayd the justyce,

I dare well undertake.

Bnt in *sorowe* tyme for them all

The knyght came to the gate.

*Robin Hood, i. 19.*

SOROWLES. Without sorrow. *Pr. Parv.*

SORPORRED. Cloyed; surfeited.

SORREL. Chestnut-coloured, as applied to a horse, though not well described by either word. The Suffolk breed of cart-horse is uniformly *sorrel*, and some two score years ago was as uniformly so described—now chestnut is sometimes used. "The sorrel horse" is not an uncommon sign for an ale-house. In Aubrey's Lives, written about 1680, the word is used in a description of the person of Butler, author of Hudibras—"a head of sorrell haire." Moor, p. 376.

SORROPE. Syrup. "Soutteries in *sorrope*," Reliq. Antiq. i. 85, xv. Cent.

SORROW. Sorrel. *South*.

SORRY. A kind of pottage. *Holme*.

And blobsterdis in white *sorrie*

Was of a noble curry. *Ballad of the Feast*.

SORT. (1) Set, or company. Very common in old books, but now obsolete, except in a few counties. Forby explains it "a great number."

(2) Chance; lot; destiny. (*A.-N.*)

(3) To approach; to tend towards.

Doubt not Castania, I my selfe dare absolutely promise thee, that thy love shall *sort* to such happie successe, as thou thy selfe doest seeke for.

*Greene's Gwydonius, 4to. Lond. 1596.*

(4) Rank or degree in life. *Sortance*, suitable degree or rank.

They liv'd together in godlie *sorte*,

Furtie five years with good reporte.

*Eptaph at St. Alban, A.D. 1613.*

(5) A thing of a *sort*, a corresponding thing. Words of a *sort*, a quarrel.

- (6) To suit; to fit; to select. *Shak.*  
**SORTELEGYE.** Fortune-telling. (*Fr.*)  
 Oft giled was this brode,  
 And yerned bataill al' for wode,  
 For Merlius prophete,  
 And oft for *sortelegye*.  
*Appendix to Walter Mapes*, p. 352.
- SORT'EM-BILLYORTEM.** A Lancashire game, very similar to that known as *Hot peas and bacon*.
- SORTIE.** "It's *sortie* time," i. e. time for breaking up. This phrase is used by the children at High Hoyland, near Barnsley.
- SORTING-CLOTHS.** A kind of short cloths, with a blue selvage on both sides of the lists, made in the Eastern counties.
- SORTS.** A person who is not very well is said to be *out of sorts*.
- SORUGHFUL.** Sorrowful. (*A.-S.*)  
 Synful man, loke up and see  
 How reufulli I hyng on rode,  
 And of my penauce have pitee  
 With *sorghful* herte and drey mode.  
*MS. Arundel 507*, f. 10.
- SORWATORIE.** A place of sorrow. *Sorwe*, sorrow, is very common. (*A.-S.*)
- SORY.** (1) Sorrowful. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) Bad; very poor or moderate.  
 That me say, as they done use,  
*Sory* Laten in here wyse. *MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 134.*
- SORYPPE.** Syrup. *Palsgruv.*
- SORZLE.** Any strange mixture. *East.*
- SORSE.** Sorrow. (*A.-S.*)
- SO-SAY.** The sake of saying a thing. *South.*  
 "He said it just for the *so-say*."
- SOSS.** (1) A heavy fall. *North.*  
 (2) A mixed mess of food, a collection of scraps. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) To press very hard. *Yorksh.*  
 (4) To lap, as a dog. *North.*  
 (5) To fail violently. *Line.*  
 (6) Anything dirty, or muddy. *North.* Also, to go about in the dirt. "Sossing and possing in the dirt," Gammer Gurton's Needle. "Of any one that mixes several slops, or makes any place wet and dirty, we say in Kent, he makes a soss," Kennett MS.  
 (7) To pour out. *Somerset.*  
 (8) Direct; plump down. *Line.*  
 (9) A heavy awkward fellow. "A great, unwellie, long, mishapen, ill-favoured, or ill-fashioned, man or woman; a luske, a slouch; a *sosse*," Cotgrave.
- (10) "Sosse or a rewarde for houndes whan they have taken their game, *hunce*," Palsgrave.
- SOSS-BRANGLE.** A slatterly wench. *South.*
- SOSSSED.** Saturated. *Lauc.*
- SOSSLE.** To make a slop. *Susser.*
- SOST.** Rendered dirty. From *Soss* (6).
- SOSTREN.** Sisters. (*A.-S.*)
- SOT.** A fool. (*A.-N.*) "Folys and sottys," Skelton, i. 183, wrongly explained.  
 Of Thistem and of his hcf Isot,  
 How he for hire bicom a *sot*;  
 Of Odan and of Amadas,  
 How Dydaun dized for Ennyas.  
*MS. Ashmole 60*, xv. Ccl. t

- SOTE.** (1) Sweet. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) Soot. *Chaucer.*  
 (3) Salt. *North.*
- SOTED.** Fooled; besotted. (*A.-N.*)
- SOTIL.** True. (*A.-S.*)  
 Then seid Adam, thou seis *sotil*,  
 ȝet I have a morsel for thy toth,  
 And ellis I were to blame.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 50.
- SOTIE.** Truth. (*A.-S.*)  
 Gye answeryd at that case  
 Not as the *sotie* was.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 143
- SOTHEN.** Sodden; boiled.  
 And all the salt sawsegis that hen *sotien* in Northe-  
 folke apon Seyturdaye, be with hus now at owre  
 begynnynng, and helpe hus in owre endyng.  
*Reliq. Antiq.* i. 32.
- SOTIER.** Truer. (*A.-S.*)  
 And the werkman *sotier* than hee wunde  
 Have of this werke seyde and prophecyed.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 17.  
 For with the Lord is forgyffnesse,  
 I have suffryd, Lord, for thin lawe;  
 Unrygt schal thin tawe redresse,  
 Was nevere seyde non *sotiere* save:  
 Therefore whan thou schalt bodyes blesse,  
 And dede men out here dennyis drawe:  
 Jhesu that saverist al swettesse  
 Lete nevere the fend owre gostis gnawe.  
*Hampole's Paraphrase of the Psalms, MS.*
- SOTIERNE.** Southern. (*A.-S.*)
- SOTIERY.** Sweet; savoury.
- SOTHEFASTNESS.** Truth. (*A.-S.*)  
 For that they lovyd in *sothestanes*,  
 In grete travell, and many wysche  
 Of gode menyis lyvys men schulde here.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 147.
- SOTHNESS.** Truth; reality. (*A.-S.*) It occurs in MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii.
- SOTIL-SAW.** Veracity; true saying.
- SOTIE.** Folly. (*A.-N.*)  
 Bygan, as it was affir sene,  
 Of his *sotie*, and made him wene  
 Hit were a woman that he syze.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 53.  
 Than haddest thou the gates stoke  
 Fro suche *sotie*, as cometh to wyne  
 Thyne hertis wit, whiche is wittinne.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 41.
- SOTILE.** To apply one's cunning or penetration skillfully. (*A.-N.*)
- SOTILTEES.** Devices made of sugar and paste, formerly much used at feasts. They generally closed every course. See an ancient bill of fare in the *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 88.
- SOTRE.** An auditor's office.
- SOTTE.** A stoat. *Somerset.*
- SOTTEFER.** A drunkard. *Devon.*
- SOTTEL.** Subtle; ingenious.  
 O glorious God, how thou haste assigned  
 Hertes disceveryd to be stablissyd ayene  
 In love of matrimonye thou haste them joynyd;  
 Kyng Edward and the Duke of Clarence gret honour  
 to attayne,  
 Thay were dysceveryd by a *sottell* meane,  
 Sature (?) bath compellid hem agayne together gone,  
 Thus in cvery thyng, Loude, thy wile be doo.  
*MS. Bod. Reg.* 17 D. xv.
- SOTTER.** To boil gently. *Var. dial.*

SOTULARE. A kind of shoe. (*Lat.*)

SOT-WEED. Tobacco. *Var. dial.*

SOUCE. The head, feet, and ears of swine boiled, and pickled for eating. "I souce meate, I laye it in some tarte thyng, as they do brawne or suche lyke," Palsgrave. It was often sold at tripe-shops, and Forby says the term is applied to the paunch of an animal, usually sold for dogs' meat. "An hog's-head of brawne realie *soursed*," Harrison, p. 222.

Ah, were we seated in a *souces-tubs* shade,  
Over our heads of tripes a canopie.

*A Quest of Emptie, 1595.*

A quarter of fat lambe, and three score eggs, have bene but an easie coation; and three well laded pudding-pyes he hath at one time put to foyle, eghtene yards of blacke-pudding, (London measure) have suddenly bene imprisoned in his *souces-tub*.

*Taylor's Great Exter of Kent, p. 145.*

SOUCH. To sow. *Somerset.*

SOUCHE. To suspect. (*A.-N.*)

Fulle often thynke whiche hem ne toucheth,  
But only that here herte *soucheth*  
In hindrynge of another wyte.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 40.*

And yf so be myn herte *soucheth*,

That oujte unto my lady toucheth.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 74.*

SOUDAN. A sultan. *Soudanessse*, a sultanesse, the wife of a sultan.

SOUEDES. Consolidated; fastened. (*A.-N.*)

SOUEDES. Wages; pay. (*A.-N.*) In sowl, i. e. in hire, Maundevile's Travels, p. 155.

SOULETS. Small bars of iron used for holding or securing glass in windows.

SOUFRECAN. A suffragan. *Palsgrave.*

SOUGIL. (1) A buzzing; a hollow murmur or roaring. A Staffordshire labourer said he heard a great *sough* in his ears or head, meaning a sound of a peculiar kind, accompanied with a rushing, buzzing, or singing-like noise. Ben Jonson uses the term, and the form *swough* is common in early English.

(2) The blade of a plough. *Chesh.*

(3) Pronounced *Suff*. An underground drain. *Warw.* The term is used in local acts of parliament; perhaps in public ones. *Soughing tiles*, draining tiles. Drayton has *saugh*, a channel of water. Kennett, p. 22, explains it a wet ditch.

(4) A brewing tub. *Line.*

SOUGHT-TO. Solicited.

SOUKE. To suck. (*A.-N.*) Still in use in the North of England.

ȝif a droppe of blod by any cas

Falle upon the corpora,

*Souke* hyt up anon;ȝt,

And be as sory as thou myȝt.

*MS. Cotton. Claud. A. ii. f. 150.*

SOUKINGE-FERE. A foster-brother. (*A.-S.*)

SOUL. (1) To satisfy with food, no doubt derived from *sowel*, or *sool*, q. v.

(2) The black spongy part adhering to the back of a fowl. "Soule of a capon or gosc, *anc.*" Palsgrave, subst. f. 65.

(3) To soil, or dirty; to stain.

SOULAGE. See *Soutage*.

SOUL-CASE. The body. *North.*

SOUL-CNUL. The passing bell. *Yorksh.* Sawl-knill, MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 356.

Ac ich in therof glad and blithe,

That thou art nomen in cene live.

F a *soul-cnul* ich wile do ringe,

A masse for thine soule singe.

*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 277.*

SOULDIE. Pay, or wages. (*A.-N.*)

SOULED. Endued with a soul.

SOULE-HELE. Health of the soul.

And for *soule-hele* y wylle yow teche.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 48.*

SOULES-TURNOIS. Silver coins, "whereof ten make a shilling," Harrison, p. 219.

SOULING. To go a-souling, is to go about as boys do, repeating certain rigmarele verses, and begging cakes, or money in commutation for them, the eve of All Souls' Day. These cakes are called Soul-cakes. *Willbraham*. When the cakes were given, the person who received them said to the benefactor,

God have your saul,

Bones and all.

*Wood's Glossographia, ed. 1631, p. 602.*

SOULMAS-DAY. All Souls' Day. *Le jour des mors*, Palsgrave, 1530.

SOUL-SILVER. The whole or a part of the wages of a retainer or servant, originally paid in food, but afterwards commuted into a money payment.

SOUN. Sound; noise. (*A.-N.*)

SOUND. (1) A swoon. This word is very common in early English, and is found even as late as the last century in the Vicar of Wakefield, ch. xi.

(2) *As sound as bells*, quite sound.

Blinde Fortune did so happily contrive,

That we, *as sound as bells*, did safe arrive

At Dover, where a man did ready stand

To give me entertainment by the hand.

*Taylor's Works, 1630, ii. 22*

(3) "Sounde of a fysshe, *caanon*," Palsgrave. Still in use.

(4) "I sownde I appartayne or belong, *je tens*."

Thys thyng sowndeth to a good purpose, *ceste*

*chose tent a bone fin*," Palsgrave.

SOUNDE. To make sound; to heal.

SOUNDER. A herd of wild swine. Twelve make a sounder of wild swine, fifteen a middle sounder, and twenty a great sounder.

That men calleth a trip of a lame swyn is called of

wylde swyn a *sounder*; that is to say, ȝif ther be

passyd v. or vj. togedres. *MS. Bodl. 546.*

SOUNDFUL. To prosper. (*A.-S.*)

And lef of him to dreve nocht sal,

What swa he dos sal *soumful* sal.

*MS. Egerton 614, f. 1.*

SOUNDLESS. Bottomless, that cannot be fathomed or sounded.

SOUNDLY. Strongly; severely.

SOUNE. Sound; noise. (*A.-S.*)

Joly and lyght is your complexion,

That steryn ay and kunne nat ston to still;

And eke your tonge hath not forgote his *soune*,

Quyck, sharp, and swyft is byt, and lowyd and shill.

*MS. Fairfax 16.*

## SOUNSAIS.

Ac ther was non so wise of sight  
That him ther knowe might,  
Sounsaits he was and lene.

*Gy of Warwike*, p. 406.

SOUP. To saturate; to soak. *North*.

SOUPE. To sup. (*A.-N.*)

And whanne they hadde *soupe* alle,  
The token leve and forth they goo.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 52.

SOUPINGS. Spoonmeat. *East*.

SOUPLE. Supple; pliant. (*A.-N.*) Still in use in the North of England.

SOUTPLEJACK. A cane. *North*.

SOUPY. Wet and swampy. *North*.

SOUR. (1) Coarse, said of grass. *Line*.

(2) Dirt; filth. *Prompt. Par.*

SOUR-ALE. To mend like sour ale in summer, i. e. to get worse instead of getting better. *Var. dial.*

SOUR-AS-SOUR. Very sour. *North*.

SOURD. Deaf. *North*. "A sourd, or deaf emerald, which hath a deadish lustre," Howell, sect. xxvi.

SOURDE. To rise. (*A.-N.*)

SOUR-DOCK. Sorrel. *Laue*.

SOUR-DOU. Leaven. (*A.-S.*)

SOURCE. Wrongly printed and explained in Havelok, 321, "that standeth on the *sei soure*," instead of, "on the *seis ovrre*," i. e. on the sea shore. *A.-S. ofer*. It is correctly written in the manuscript.

SOURING. (1) Vinegar. *West*.

(2) Dough left in the tub after the oat-cakes are baked. *North*.

(3) A kind of sour apple.

SOUR-MILK. Buttermilk. *North*.

SOUR-MOLD. The same as *Summer-roy*, q. v.

SOURMONCIE. Predominancy. (*A.-N.*)

SOURS. (1) Onions. *Derb*.

(2) A rise, a rapid ascent; the source of a stream of water.

SOURSADDEL. *Soursadel-reredos* occurs in the records of the expenses of building the royal chapel of St. Stephen's, now the House of Commons. The meaning is unknown.

SOUR-SOP. An ill-natured person. *South*.

SOURST. Soused; drenched.

This little barke of ours being *sourst* in cumber-some waves, which never tried the foming maine before. *Optick Glasse of Humors*, 1639, p. 161.

SOUSE. (1) A thump, or blow. *North*.

Yf he sawe any men or women devontlye knele  
For to serve God with theyr prayer, or stande,  
Priveley behynde them woulde he steale,  
And geve them a *souce* with bys hande.

*Roberte the Deryll*, p. 11.

(2) A dip in the water. *Var. dial.*

(3) Down flat; straight down violently. "He fell right down *souse*." *Var. dial.* See the seventh meaning. "And *souse* into the foamy main." Webster, iv. 97.

(4) The ear. Still in use.

With *souse* erect, or pendent, winks, or haws?  
sniveling? or the extention of the jaws?

*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 203.

(5) A corbel, in architecture.

(6) To be diligent. *Somerset*.

(7) "Dead, as a fowl at *souse*," i. e. at the stroke of another bird descending violently on it. So explained by Mr. Dyce, Beaumont and Fletcher, vii. 278. "To leape or seaze greedily upon, to *souze* donne as a hauke," Florio, p. 48, ed. 1611.

SOUSE-CROWN. A silly fellow. *South*.

SOUSED-GURNET. That is, pickled gurnet; an old phrase of contempt.

SOUT. Sought. (*A.-S.*)

Dame, so have ich Wilekin *sout*,

For ouu have ich him i-bront. *MS. Digby* 86.

SOUTAGE. Bagging for hops or coarse cloth.

More's MS. Additions to Ray's North Country Words. See Tusser, p. 193.

SOUTER. A cobbler. (*A.-S.*)

In a stage playe, the people knowe ryght well that he that playeth in sowdayne is percase a *souter*, yet if one of acquaintance perchance of little nurture should call him by his name whyle he standeth in his majestie, one of his tormentours might fortune breake hys head for marryng the play.

*Hall, Edward V. f. 24*

A *vetette* boot trynkele, seyde the *so tar*, when he boot of is wyfe thombe harde be the elbow, quod Jack Strawe. *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 84.

SOUTER-CROWN. A stupid person. *Line*.

SOUTHENE. A subdean. (*A.-N.*)

SOUTHE. Sought. (*A.-S.*)

SOUTIL. Subtle. "*Protologia*, soutil of speche,"

*Medilla*, xv. Cent.

SOVE. Seven. *Somerset*.

SOVENANCE. Remembrance. (*Fr.*)

SOVER. To suffer.

Yit *sover* hem say and trust ryght wel this,  
A wycked tonge wol alway deene amys.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff i. 6, f. 126.

SOVERAINE. Excellent; in a high degree; noble. *Soverainly*, above all. (*A.-N.*)

SOVEREIGN. A gold coin formerly worth ten shillings. See Ben Jonson, ii. 205.

SOVEREYNE. (1) A husband.

The prestis they gone home aȝen,  
And sche goth to hire *sovereyne*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 44.

(2) A provost, or mayor. (*A.-N.*)

And whanne it drowe to the day of the dede doynge,  
That *sovereynes* were semblid, and the schire knyghtis.

*Deposition of Richard II.* p. 28.

SOVYSTER. "*Sophista*, a sovyster," *Nominale MS.* This is among the *Nomina dignitatum clericorum*.

SOW. A head. *Laue*.

SOWDEARS. Soldiers. Properly, hirelings, those who received pay. (*A.-N.*)

He seyde, y have golde y-nogh plenté,  
And *sowdears* wyll come to me.

*Le Bone Florence of Rome*, 402.

SOWDING. Soldering. *Arch.* xxx. 413.

Than thay sayen at the laste,  
How the piler stode in bras,  
And with *sowdyng* soudyt faste.

*Wright's Sneyg Stages*, p. 69

SOWDLE To creep. *Devon*.

SOW-DRUNK. Beastly drunk. *Line*.

SOWDWORT. Columbine. *Gerard*.

**SOWE.** (F) A blow. Jamieson, in v. *Sowgou*.  
Syr Egilhamowe hys swerde owte drowe,  
And to the yeant he gaf a *sowe*.

*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 33, f. 64.*

2 To sow. (A.-S.) 3) To sew. *Laf.*

(4) A woodlouse. Still in use.

Also gave hym of these *sowes* that crepe with  
any fete, and falle oute of howe ratys. Also  
gave hy a whyte wormes that broode betwene the  
barke and the tre. *MS. Lambeth 506, f. 157.*

5 A term of reproach for a woman.

6 An ancient warlike engine, used for battering  
down the walls of towns, &c.

And he ordeynde other foure hundreth mene for  
to batt doune the walles with *sowes* of werre, engyne  
and gonnes, and other maner of instrumentes of  
warre. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 11.*

**SOWEL.** Same as *Sool*, q. v.

**SOWENS.** A Northumberland dish. The  
coarse seeds sifted out of oatmeal are put into  
a tub, and covered with water, which is allowed  
to stand till it turns sour. A portion of it is  
then taken out and boiled, and sapped with  
milk. It forms a jelly-like substance. Hence  
the proverb to express an impossibility is, "to  
sap *sowens* with an elsin."

**SOWERS.** Bucks in their fourth year.

**SOWIDE.** Strengthened. *Baber.*

**SOWIN.** A thick paste with which weavers  
stiffen their warps. *Lauc.*

**SOW-KILNS.** In the county of Durham the  
farmers burn *sow-kilns* upon the fields in  
which the lime is meant to be laid. They are  
conical or oblong heaps of broken lime, stone,  
and coal, with flues constructed through the  
heap, and closely thatched over with sods.  
A sow of hay is an oblong stack of hay in  
Scotland, and Sir Walter Scott supposes it is  
derived from the military engine called the  
*sow*, above mentioned.

**SOWL.** (1) To pull about; to pull the ears; to  
seize by the ears. "To sowle one by the ears,"  
Ray, ed. 1674, p. 44. The word occurs in  
Shak'speare, and is still in use.

2 To wash; to duck. *Craven.*

3 A sill, or plough. *Somerset.*

**SOWLE-GROVE.** February. *Wills.* Aubrey  
gives this phrase, but it does not seem to have  
continued in use.

**SOWLERS.** Wild oats.

**SOWLINGS.** Souls. A broad dialectic pl.

The hydous bestys in that lake  
Drewe nerre the brygge her pray to take;  
Off *soulings* that fell of that brygge don,  
To sowlow hem thei war ay bon

*Visions of Tenebris*, p. 19.

**SOWLY.** Hot; sultry. *Oron.*

(1) **SOWS.** (1) Traces used in ploughing, gene-  
rally made of iron. *North.*

2 Sows?

The senatour of Sutere, with *sowes* fullie huge,  
Whis assygnede to that courte be sent of his peres.

*Morte Artoure. MS. Lincoln, f. 79.*

**SOW-MET.** A young female pig. *North.*

**SOW-METAL.** The worst kind of iron.

**SOWNYNGE.** Sound. (A.-S.)

This lond of Caltee is full gret; and the langage

of that countree is more gret in *sownynges* than it is  
in other parties betonde the see.

*Maunderde's Travels*, 1839, p. 152.

**SOWRE.**

To the *sowre* of the reke he sochte at the gayneste,  
Sayned hym sickerly with certayne wordes.

*Morte Artoure. MS. Lincoln, f. 64.*

**SOWRED.** Sourness. *Arch.* xxx. 413.

**SOWSTER.** A sempstress. *North.*

**SOWT.** The rot in sheep. *Westm.*

**SOWTHER.** To solder. *North.*

**SOWTHSELERER.** A subcellarer. "Succel-  
*laris*, a southselerer," Nominal MS.

**SOWZE.** Lumps of unworked metal.

It is the main r. right woorslupfull of such as  
seeke profit by minerall, first to set men on worke  
to digge and gather the owre; then by fire to tra-  
out the metall, and to cast it into certene r. lumps,  
which they call *sowze*.

*Lambard's Perambulation*, ed. 1596, p. 1.

**SOWZE.** Saw?

Of that meyne latte he noon,

At the laste that he *sowze* uchon.

*Cursor Mundi. MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. i. 23.*

**SOYLE.** To go away. *Yorksh.*

**SOYNEDE.** Excused. (A.-N.)

Thare myghte no sydis be *soynede*

That faghte in those feldis.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 151.*

**SOYORNE.** To sojourn; to remain.

Sone on the morne, when hys was day,

The kyng wolde forthe on hys way

To the londe there God was bight;

Than begane the queene to morne,

For he wolde no lenger *soyorne*,

Prevy seche was in thoght.

*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 38, f. 71.*

**SOYT.** Sooth; truth.

Be mey trowet, thow seys *soyt*, seyde Roben.

*Roben Hood*, l. 85.

**SOYTE.** Company; suite.

And certene on owre syde, sevene score knyghtes.

In *soyte* with theire soverayne unsownde are belevede.

*Morte Artoure. MS. Lincoln, f. 94.*

**SOYT.** Went; departed. *Gawayne.*

**SPACE.** To measure by paces. *East.*

**SPACEFUL.** Extensive; wide.

**SPACE-LEASER.** A respite; a delay.

**SPACK.** To speak. *North.*

**SPACT.** Docile; ingenious. *Chesh.*

**SPADE.** (1) "To call a spade a spade," a  
phrase applied to giving a person his real char-  
acter or qualities. Still in use.

I can plaine, I must needs call a *spade* a *spade*, a  
pope a pope. *Mir P. late's Epitome*, p. 2.

I thinke it good plaine English without fraud.

To call a *spade* a *spade*, a hawd a hawd.

*Taylor's Wakes*, 1630, in. 92.

2 A hart in its third year.

3 The congealed gum of the eye.

4 To breast-plough. *Devon.*

**SPADE-BIT.** The quantity of soil raised by  
one effort of the spade. *North.*

**SPADE-BONE.** A blade-bone. *Far. dial.* It  
is called in some places the plate-bone.

**SPADE-GRAFT.** The depth to which a spade  
will dig, about a foot. *Lauc.*

**SPADWARDS.** The labourers or mine-workers

- in the stannaries of Cornwall are so called from their *spade*. Kennett, MS. Gloss.
- SPADON. A sword. (*Span*.)
- SPAGIRICAL. Chemical.
- SPAGE. A roe deer in its third year. According to Harrison, "the young male is called in the first yeere a calfe, in the second a broket, the third a *spain*, the fourth a stagon or stag, the fifth a great stag, the sixth an hart, and so fourth until his death."
- SPAINING. Summer pasturage for cattle.
- SPAINOLDE. A Spamard. MS. Harl. 2270, f. 190.
- SPAIRE. According to Jamieson, an opening in a gown. "Sparre of a gowne, *fonte de la robe*," Palsgrave. "Speyr of a garment, *clauiculum, manubium*," Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 161.
- Plane the comlyche kyng cast-z in fewtyre,  
With a crewelle launce cowpez fuille evne  
Above the *spaire* a spaine, change the schortte  
ryboys. *Morte Arthur*, MS. Lincoln, f. 75.  
He put hit ofte in his *spaire*,  
And out he toke hit hool and fere.  
*Cos & Mord*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 37.  
His mytens lang be his *spaire*,  
And alway hodit like a frere  
MS. Cantab. ff. v. 48, f. 54.
- SPAMTS. Torrents of rain. *North*.
- SPAK. The spoke of a wheel. Nominale MS.
- SPAKE. Tame.  
Seynt Benet wende he myt hyt ha take,  
For hyt sate by hym so *spake*.  
MS. Harl. 1701, f. 50.
- SPAKELY. Quickly; speedily.  
The blafe spreute owtte, and spode as the horse  
spryngez,  
And he sproulez fulle *spakely*, bot spekes he no more.  
*Morte Arthur*, MS. Lincoln, f. 75.
- SPAKENET. A net for catching crabs.
- SPAKKY.  
Seo wouw *spakky* he me spent,  
Ceh toth fram other is trent,  
Aerid is of rote *Re of Anty*, ii. 212.
- SPAKLE. *Scutula*, Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221.
- SPALDE. (1) The shoulder.  
Bot thienne said Percyvelle one host,  
Ly stille therin now and roste,  
I kepe nothyng of thi coste  
Ne roghte of thi *spalde*. *Percyvell*, 706.  
(2) To splutter, or chip.  
Be thame *spalis* whare sproungene, *spalddyt* chippys.  
*Morte Arthur*, MS. Lincoln, f. 92.
- SPALDING-KNIFE. A knife used for the purpose of splitting fish. *North*.
- SPALE. A splinter. *North*. "Splints, shivers, *spalls*, rivings," Florio, p. 98. "Spalls or broken peeces of stones that come off in hewing and graving," Nomenclator, p. 411.
- SPALLIARD. A sparrow. *Devon*.
- SPALLIER. A labourer in tin-works.
- SPALLING. In mining, breaking up into small pieces for the sake of easily separating the ore from the rock, after which it undergoes the process of cobbing.
- SPALLS. See *Spale*. "To draw vone spalls, to throw one's errors and little flaws in one's teeth, quasi spalls or chips, which fly off from the carpenter's axe or woodman's bill," Exmoor Glossary, p. 48.
- SPALT. (1) Brittle; tender; liable to break or split. "A carpenter in working a board with a plane, if the bit splits away or breaks off, will say that it *spalls* off." Harrison says, "of all oke growing in England, the parke oke is the softest, and far more *spalt* and briclike than the hedge oke."  
(2) Heedless; careless; clumsy; pert; saucy; giddy and frail. *East*.
- SPALTYRE. A psalter. "Here bygynnyss Sayne Jerome *Spaltyre*," MS. Lincoln, f. 258.
- SPAN. (1) To stretch asunder. *West*.  
(2) To gush out?  
With a roke he brac his heved than,  
That the blad biforn out *span*.  
*City of Warwick*, p. 295.  
(3) To gripe or pinch. *Croica*.  
(4) The prong of a pitchfork. *West*.  
(5) To fitter a horse. *Kent*.  
(6) To span a cart, to put something to stop it. *Kennett*.
- SPAN-BEAM. The great beam that goes from side-wall to side-wall in a barn.
- SPANCEL. "A rope to tie a cows hind legs," Ray, ed. 1674, p. 44. This may be the same word as *spanyle* in Pr. Parv. translated by *lorale*. "A spaniel, we have in these parts no other name but cow-tye," Halliwell's Glossary, p. 123.
- SPAN-COUNTER. A game thus played. One throws a counter on the ground, and another tries to hit it with his counter, or to get it near enough for him to span the space between them and touch both the counters. In either case, he wins; if not, his counter remains where it lay, and becomes a mark for the first player, and so alternately till the game be won. Strutt, p. 384. "*Jouer au span-counter*," Cotgrave. "*Miglia al moro*, a play among boyes in Italie like our span-counter," Florio, p. 306. He knows who hath sold his land, and now doth beg A heense, old iron, boots, shoes, and eggeshels to transport, shortly boyes shall not play At *span counter*, or blow-point, but shall pay Toll to some courtier. *Doune's Poems*, p. 111.
- SPANDE. Span; small measure. *Heaven*.
- SPANDEL. The triangular spaces included between the arch of a doorway, &c. and a rectangle formed by the outer mouldings over it. The term is also applied to other similar spaces included between arches, &c. and straight-sided figures surrounding them. *Oxf. Gloss. Arch*.
- SPANE. (1) To wean. *North*.  
(2) To germinate, as corn. *Yorksh*.
- SPANES. "The prongs of a peck, a hay-fork, or dung-fork, quasi *spina* from their sharpness, or from their shape representing a short span, the thumb and little finger somewhat extended, or a pair of compasses opened and a little extended," MS. Devon Gloss.
- SPAN-FIRE-NEW. Quite new.
- SPANG. (1) To fasten. "To *spang* horses, or

- fasten them to the chariot." Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.
- 2 To throw with violence; to set forcibly in motion. *Lioc.*
- 3 A spangle. *Sponser.*
- 4 A spring; a jump. *North.* To spang ones goates, i. e. to make haste.
- 5 A span in measure. *Lioc.* Brockett has *spang-and-purbly-q* a mole resorted to by boys of measuring distances, particularly at the game of marbles.
- SPANGLED. Variegated. *North.*
- SPANIEL. A spaniel; a dog.  
I hadde a *spaniel* good of plyght,  
I have hit mysde al thys s. ven-nyght.  
*Wright's Ser. on St.cess*, p. 50.
- SPANGER. A Spaniard. *Caraw.*
- SPANGING. Rails laid across brooks to prevent cattle going from one pasture to another. *Devon.*
- SPAN-GUTTER. A narrow brick drain in a coal mine. *Salop.*
- SPANG-WHEW. To kill a toad by placing it on one end of a lever, and then driving it rapidly into the air by a sharp stroke on the other end. *North.*
- SPANIEL. The same as *Spaniel*, q. v.
- SPANK. (1) A hard slap. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To move energetically. *East.*
- SPANKER. A man or animal very large, or excessively active. *Var. dial.*
- SPANKER-LEEL. The lamprey. *North.*
- SPANKERS. Gold coins. *Devon.*
- SPANKING. Large; lusty; sprightly; active; conspicuous; spruce, or neat.
- SPANKY. Showy; smart. *Var. dial.*
- SPANNER. An instrument by which the wheels of wheel-lock guns and pistols were wound up. They were at first simple levers with square holes in them. Next a turnscrew was added, and lastly, they were united to the powder-flasks for small priming. *Myrick.* The term is still in use, applied to a wrencher, a nut screw-driver.
- SPAN-NEW. Quite new. *Var. dial.* This common phrase occurs in Chaucer, and Tyrwhitt, who gives an explanation with hesitation, does not seem to be aware it is still in general use.
- SPANNIMS. A game at marbles played in the eastern parts of England.
- SPANNISHING. The full blow of a flower. *Romaunt of the Rose*, 3633.
- SPANSELLE. A spaniel, or dog.
- SPAR. (1) To practise boxing. Metaphorically, to disagree. *Var. dial.* "A sparring blow," a decisive hit in boxing.  
(2) To shut; to close; to fasten. The older form of the word is *sporre*. The bolt of a door is called the *spar*.  
Alle the gatis of Notyngham  
He made to be *spurred* everychone.  
*MS. Cantab.*, FF. v. 43, C. 127.
- 3) *A-spar*, in a state of opposition. To set the logs *a-spar*, to place them in the form of the rafters of a roof.
- (4) The pointed stick used for fixing the thaters of a roof. *West.*
- 5) *Spoors*, rafters. *North.*
- (6) "The coat or covering of oar or metal. In the vein of metal in silver mines there is a white fluor about the vein which they call *spar*, and a black which they call *blinds*." Kennett, *MS. Lausd.* 1033, f. 388.
- SPARABLES. Shoemakers' nails. *Var. dial.* Dekker spells the term *sparcunails*, as also Wilbraham, p. 111; whence it would seem that it is derived from the nails being somewhat in the form of sparrows' bills.
- SPARANDE. Sparing; niggardly. (*A.-S.*)
- SPARCH. Brittle. *East.*
- SPARCLE. A spark. Still in use.  
The shuls fendes many one  
By the *spacles* oute of fire that gone.  
*MS. Ant.* 1135, f. 36.  
Also the lanterne in the wynd that some is aquyart,  
Ase *spack* in the se that some is adu-yart,  
Ase vom in the strem that some is to-thwart,  
Ase smoke in the lift that passet oure sith.  
*R. Ing. Ant.* q. iii. 229.
- SPAR-DUST. The dust in wood which is produced by insects. *East.*
- SPARE. (1) To refrain. (*A.-S.*)  
Than spake that byrde so bryght,  
Thare was bot he and his knyght,  
I spake with thame this nyght,  
Why sold I *spare*?  
*MS. Le. in A. I.* 17, f. 129.
- (2) Slow; kept in reserve. *Devon.*
- (3) Several; divers. *Gawayne.*
- SPARE-BED. A bed not constantly used, kept in reserve for visitors. *Var. dial.*
- SPAR-GADS. Gads or sticks to be split up into spars for thatch. *West.*
- SPAR-HAWK. A sparrowhawk. (*A.-S.*)
- SPAR-HOOK. A small hook used for making or cutting spars. *West.*
- SPARING. The commencement of a cock-fight, by rising and striking with the heels.
- SPARK. (1) A diamond. The word occurs several times in this sense in old plays.  
(2) To splash with dirt. *North.*  
(3) A gay dashing fellow.  
When Venus is ill placed, she inclines in a too effeminate, tumerous, lustful, flowers; she is very sluggish, and addicted to idleness, inconstant, inconstant, a fantastick *spark*, spending his money in ale houses and taverns among loose lewd people, a meer lazy companion, not caring for wife or children if married, coveting unlawful beys, given much to adultery, not regarding his reputation or credit; if a woman, very impudent in all her ways; colour milky sky.  
*Bishop's Marrow of Art.* 1564, p. 17.
- SPARKE. To glitter. (*A.-S.*)  
It *sparkede* and ful bridshon,  
So doth the gode cherub leston,  
That men mouthe se by the sun  
A peni chesen, so was it brith.  
*H. 1588*, 1213.
- SPARKED. Variegated. *Var. dial.*
- SPARKLE. To scatter; to disperse. Still in use in the North of England. "I sparkyll abroad, I spredde thynges asonder; I sounden

or I part, whan the sowdiers of a capitayne be *sparkyllid* abrode, what can he do in tyme of nede," Palsgrave, 1530, verb. f. 367.

**SPARKLING.** Claying between the spars to cover the thatch of cottages. *Norfolk*.

**SPARKLING-HEAT.** "There be several degrees of heat in a smith's forge, according to the purpose of their work, 1. A blond red heat. 2. A white flame heat. 3. A sparkling or welding heat, used to weld bars or pieces of iron, i. e. to work them into one another." Kennett, MS. Lausd. 1033, f. 388.

**SPARKY.** The same as *Sparked*, q. v.

**SPARKYLDE.** Sprinkled.  
The chyldys clothys, ryche and gode,  
He had *sparkylde* with that blode.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. n. 38, f. 57.*

**SPARLIE.** Peevish. *Northumb.*

**SPARLING.** The smelt. In Wales, the samlet is called by this name.

**SPARLIRE.** The calf of the leg. See *Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 90.  
The knyght smoot with good wyll  
Strokes of thre,  
And the ape hym boot full ylle  
Thorgh the *spargve*. *Octavian, 339.*

**SPARPIL.** To disperse. See *Gerse*.  
His myst has made in his pouere  
Proud men to *sparpil* from his face.  
*MS. Douce 302, f. 24.*

**SPARROWBLES.** Same as *Sparablis*, q. v.

**SPARROWFART.** Break of day. *Cræu.*

**SPARROW-TONGUE.** Knot-grass. *Gerard.*

**SPARSE.** To disperse; to scatter.

**SPART.** The dwarf rush. *North.* Ground covered with sparts is said to be *sparty*.

**SPARTHE.** An axe, or halberd. (*A-S.*)  
And an ax in his other, a hoge and unmete,  
A spetos *sparthe* to expoun in spelle quo so myt.  
*Sye Gawayn and the Grene Knyght, 209.*

**SPARTICLES.** Spectacles. *West.*

**SPARTO.** A kind of fish.  
Certes, such is the force of rope made of the skyn  
of this fish, that they will hold at a plunge no lesse  
than the Spanish *sparto*.  
*Hobinshod, Description of Scotland, p. 18.*

**SPARVER.** The canopy or wooden frame at the top of a bed. The term was sometimes applied to the bed itself. "*Liet de parement*, a bed of state, or a great *sparver bed*, that serves onely for shew, or to set out a room." Cotgrave in v. *Parement*. "A canopy or sparvier for a bed," Florio, p. 349. *Sparell tester*, the canopy of a bed, *Unton Inuent.*  
The thrid chamber being my bedd-chamber, was  
apparelled with riche clothe of tys-ue, raised, and a  
grete *sparell* and lounes pointe to the same.  
*State Papers, 3, 231.*

**SPARWISTUNNGE.** The herb sparrow's-tongue. See *Archæologia*, xxx. 413.

**SPAT.** (1) A blow. *Kent.*  
(2) The cartilaginous substance by which an oyster adheres to its shell. *East.*

**SPATCH-COCK.** A hen just killed and quickly broiled for any sudden occasion.

**SPATE.** A small pond. *Douglas.*

**SPATHIE.** The sheath of an ear of corn.

**SPATS.** Gaiters. *Conb.*

**SPATTLE.** (1) To spit; to slaver. "Spatyll flame, *crachat*," Palsgrave, 1530.  
I spitte, I *spattle* in spech, I sporne,  
I werne, I lulle, ther-for I murne.

*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 211.*

Would to God therefore that we were come to such a detestation and loathing of lying, that we would even *spattle* at it, and cry fie upon it, and all that use it.  
*Dent's Pathway, p. 169.*

(2) "Spatyll an instrument," Palsgrave. A board used in turning oat cakes is so termed, but the identity is doubtful. Palsgrave perhaps meant the slice used by apothecaries for spreading their plasters or salves.

**SPAUD.** (1) The shoulder. *North.* "Arms, a spawde," *Nominale MS. xv. Cent.*

(2) A pen is said to have too much *spaud*, when the two members of its nib or point expand too widely when pressed upon the paper. *Yorksh.*

(3) To cut up the ground. *North.*

(4) To founder, as a ship.

**SPAUL.** Spittle; saliva.

Another while the well drench'd smoky Jew,  
That stands in his own *spaul* above the shoe.

*Hall's Poems, p. 13.*

**SPAUNDRE.** In architecture, a spandrel.

**SPAUT.** A youth. *North.*

**SPAUT-BONE.** The shoulder-bone. *East.*  
Pronounced in the North spaw-bone.

**SPAVE.** To castrate an animal. *North.*

**SPAW.** The slit of a pen. *North.*

**SPAWL.** (1) A splinter, as of wood, &c. *South.*  
(2) To scale away, like the surface of a stone. *Somerset.*

**SPAWLS.** The branches of a tree; the divisions of anything. *North.*

**SPAWN.** A term of abuse.

**SPAY.** To castrate. *Var. dial.*

**SPEAK.** To speak at the mouth; that is, to speak freely and unconstrained. *North.*

**SPEAK-HOUSE.** The room in a convent in which the inmates were allowed to speak with their friends. *Oxi. Gloss. Arch. p. 273.*

**SPEAKS.** Same as *Skelms*, q. v.

**SPEALL.** A spawl or splinter. "A lath, a little board, a splint or *speall* of wood or stone," Florio, p. 14. "*Spillo*, a pinne, a prickle, a sting, a pricking-thorne, a *spill*," *ibid.* p. 523, ed. 1611.

**SPEANED.** Newly delivered. *Northumb.*

**SPEANS.** Teats. *Kent.*

His necke is short, like a tygers and a Lyons, apt  
to bend downward to his meate; his bellie is verie  
large, being uniforme, and next to it the intrals as  
in a wolfe: it hath also foure *spans* to her payps.

*Topoll's Four-Footed Beasts, 1607, p. 33.*

**SPEAR.** (1) Goods sold *under the spear*, that is, by public auction.

(2) A soldier who carried a spear. The *spears* were heavy armed cavalry.

(3) To inquire. See *Spare*.

Yet saw they no man there at whom  
They might the matter *spare*.

*Robin Hood, i. 103.*



- 4 To germinate, as barley. *South.*  
 5 The sting of a bee. *Var. dial.*  
 6 A blade of grass; a reed. *Kent.*
- SPEARE.** A spire, or steeple.  
 The *speare* or steeple of which churche was fired by lightening, and consumed even to the stone werke thereof. *Laudaule's Perambulation, 1596, p. 207.*
- SPEAR-GRASS.** Couch grass. *Suffolk.* Harrison applies the term *spearie* to coarse grass in his Description of Britaine, p. 109.
- SPEAR-STAFF.** *Fust de lance,* Palsgrave.
- SPEAR-STICKS.** Pointed sticks, doubled and twisted, used for thatching. *Devon.*
- SPECES.** Sorts, or kinds. (*A.-N.*)
- SPECIAL.** Good; excellent. *Var. dial.*
- SPECIOUSLY.** Especially. *North.*
- SPECK.** (1) The sole of a shoe. Also, the fish so called. *East.*  
 (2)  
 Adieu, good cheese and onions; stuff thy guts  
 With speck and barley-pudding for digestion.  
*Heywood's English Traveller.*
- (3) The spoke of a wheel. *North.*
- SPECKINGS.** Large long nails. *East.*
- SPECKS.** Plates of iron nailed upon a plough to keep it from wearing out. *Yorksh.*
- SPECS.** Spectacles. *Var. dial.*
- SPECULAR STONE.** A kind of transparent stone, mentioned in Harrison's Description of England, p. 187.
- SPEDE.** (1) To speed. *North.*  
 (2) Went; proceeded. *Gawayne.*  
 (3) Versed in. *Dyce.*
- SPEDE.** To dispatch. (*A.-N.*)
- SPEDEFUL.** (1) Effectual. (2) Ready.
- SPEDELYER.** More quickly.  
 And ofte *speedlye* speke ere I soure speche here.  
*MS. Coll. Calig. A. ii. f. 117.*
- SPEECHLESS.** Using few words; concise. The term constantly occurs in this sense in early writers, distinct from the modern synonyme *dumb*. See Palsgrave.
- SPEED.** (1) A disease amongst young cattle common in the autumn. *North.*  
 2 To destroy; to kill. *Marlowe.* Speeding-place, the place where a wound is fatal.  
 3 Luck; fortune. "Spede, lucke, *rencontre*," Palsgrave. "The queen's speed," Winter's Tale, iii. 2.
- SPEEKE.** "A speeke, or sheathing nayle, used in shipping," Cotgrave in v. *Estoupe.*
- SPEEL.** (1) The same as *Spall*, q. v. "A spele, a small wand, or switch in Westmorl." Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 388.  
 (2) To climb; to clamber. *North.*
- SPEER.** (1) The chimney-post. *Chesh.*  
 (2) A screen across the lower end of a hall. *Pr. Parv.* "Speere in a hall, *buffet*," Palsgrave, 1530. "Speer, a shelter in a house, made between the door and fire to keep off the wind," Holloway, p. 159.  
 (3)  
 The males in this kind doe onely beare hornes, and such as do not grow out of the crownes of their head, but as it were out of the middle on either side, a litle above the eies, and so bend to the sides.

- They are sharp and full of bunches like harts, no where smooth but in the tops of the *speeres*, and where the vaines run to carry nutriment to their whole length, which is covered with a hairy skin; they are not so rough at the beginning or at the first procces specially in the fore-part as they are in the second, for that onely is full of wrinkles; from the bottom to the middle they growe straight, but from thence they are a litle recurved.  
*Topse's Four-Footed Beasts, 1607, p. 327.*
- SPEIGHT.** A kind of large woodpecker. "Epeche, a speight," Cotgrave.
- SPEIN.** A shoot.  
 Pride therefore may verie fitly be compared to the crab-stock *speins*, which growe out of the roots of the very best apple-tree. *Dent's Pathway, p. 36.*
- SPEKABILL.** Special; peculiar.
- SPEKE.** The spoke of a wheel. *North.*
- SPEKEN.** A small spike. *Suffolk.*
- SPEKTAKEL.** A spying-glass. (*Lat.*)
- SPEL.** (1) The same as *Spall*, q. v.  
 (2) A tale, or history. (*A.-S.*)  
 And thou wolt that comie wel,  
 Take gode hede on thys *spel*.  
*MS. Coll. Claud. A. ii. f. 129.*
- (3) Liberty. *Craven.*
- SPELCH.** To bruise, as in a mortar; to split, as *spelched peas*, &c. *Pegge.*
- SPELDER.** (1) To spell. *Yorksh.* It is an old form. "To speldyr, *syllabicare*," MS. Diet. written about the year 1500.  
 (2) A splinter, or chip. "Spelder of woode, *esclat*," Palsgrave, 1530.  
 The grete schafte that was longe,  
 Alle to *spildurs* hit spronge.  
*Answerge of King Arther, xvi. v.*
- SPELK.** A splinter or narrow slip of wood. Hence, a very lean person. *North.* "To spelk in Yorkshire, to set a broken bone, whence the splinters or splinters of wood used in binding up of broken bones are calld *spelks*. In Northumberland, a spelck is any swath, or roller, or band," Kennett MS.
- SPELL.** (1) The trap employed at the game of muspell, made like that used at trap-ball. *Lincol.*  
 (2) A piece of paper rolled up to serve for the purpose of lighting a fire, a pipe, &c. Also the transverse pieces of wood at the bottom of a chair, which strengthen and keep together the legs, are called *spells*. *Lincol.*  
 (2) Pleasure; relaxation. *Somerset.*  
 (3) A turn; a job. *Var. dial.*
- SPELL-BONE.** The small bone of the leg.
- SPELLE.** To talk; to teach.  
 To lewed men Englysshe I *spelle*,  
 That undirstondeth what I con telle.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cant. b. f. 2.*  
 Of an erle y wyll yow telle,  
 Of a better may no man *spelle*,  
 And of hys stewarde, bryght of hewe,  
 That was bothe gode and trewe.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. n. 30, f. 147.*
- SPELLERE.** A speaker. (*A.-S.*)  
 speke we of tho *spellere* holde,  
 Sith we have of this lady tolde.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 127.*
- SPELLERS.** "*Espois d'un corf*, the top of a

red deeres head; of a fallow, the *spellers*,"  
Cotgrave.

**SPELLYCOAT.** A ghost. *North.*

**SPELLYNG.** A relation; a tale. (*A.-S.*)  
As we telle yn owre *spellyng*,  
Falsenes come never to gode endyng.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 125.*

**SPELONKE.** A cavern. (*A.-N.*)  
Monkes and mendinautz,  
Men by hem-elve,  
In spekes and in *spelonkes*,  
Seilde speken togideres.  
*Piers Ploughman, p. 311.*  
Than kyng Alexander and Candebis went furthe  
alle that daye, and come till a grete *spelour*, and  
there thay herberde thame.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 43.*

**SPELT.** A splinter. "Chippes or spelts of  
wood," *Nomenclator, 1585, p. 143.*

**SPELT-CORN.** Vetches. *Devon.*

**SPENCE.** (1) "Spens a buttrye, *despenzier*,"  
Palsgrave. " *Celarium*, a spens," *Nominale*  
*MS.* The term is still in use in the provinces,  
applied to a safe, a cupboard, a convenient  
place in a house for keeping provisions; a  
pantry; an eating-room in a farmhouse.  
" *Dispensarium*, a spenyse," *Nominale MS.*  
Yet I had lever she and I  
Where both togither secretly  
In some corner in the *spence*.  
*Interlude of the vij. Elements, v. d.*

(2) Expense. *Palsgrave.*

**SPELD.** (1) To consume; to destroy. *East.*  
Thau rode they two togedur a-ryght,  
Wyth sharp sperys and swerdys byght,  
Thay smote togedur sore!  
Ther sperys they *spendyd* and brake schyldys,  
The peys flew into the felldys,  
Grete dyntys dud they dle thore.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 79.*

(2) To span with the fingers. *East.*

(3) Fastened. *Gawawaye.*

(4) The skin of a hog. Metaphorically, any  
surface, as sword. *Devon.*

(5) To break ground. *Corair.*

**SPEND-ALL.** A spendthrift. " *Albirga la*  
*mbino*, a spend all, a wast-good," Florio.

**SPENDING-CHEESE.** A kind of cheese used  
by farmers for home consumption. *East.*

**SPENDINGE.** Money. (*A.-S.*)  
And gyf them some *spendinge*,  
That them owt of thy londe may bryng.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 72.*

**SPENDLOW.** In felling wood for hurdles,  
the dead wood is tied in faggots and sold for  
firing. These faggots are termed *spendlows*.

**SPENE.** (1) Block up; stop up. *Hearne.*

(2) To spend; to consume time.  
And *spene* that day in holynes,  
And leve alle other hysynes.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 133*  
For ful of bitternesse hit is;  
Ful sore thou mygt ben agast,  
For after that thou *spenest* her amis,  
Leste thou be into helle i-cast.  
*MS. Digby 36.*

**SPENGED.** Pied, as cattle. *North.*

**SPENISE.** See *Spence* (1).

**SPENSERE.** A dispenser of provisions.  
The *spensere* and the bottlere bothe,  
The kyng with hem was ful wrothe.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 28*  
After he was kyng he wedded hure sone,  
His owne *spencers* dougter he was.  
*Chron. Fabulan, p. 1.*

**SPENT.** Exhausted. "1626, 11 Dec. Bryan  
Fletham, fisherman, beinge *spent*, in a cobbler."  
Sharp's Chron. Mirab. p. 28.

**SPER.** (1) To prop up; to support. Still in  
use, according to the Craven Gloss. ii. 158.

(2) Frail; brittle; fragile.

**SPERAGE.** Asparagus. Ray's Dict. Tril. p. 8.  
Eating of *Carduus benedictus*, of rue, onyons,  
anise seed, garlicke, rotten cheese, stalkes of *sperep*,  
fench. *Fletcher's Diffinitiones, 1623, p. 94.*

**SPERE.** (1) To ask; to inquire; to seek.  
Still in use in the North of England. "To  
speer or goe a speering, to enquire and search  
for." *Dialectum.* And on the borders of Scot-  
land, he that can help to cattle taken away  
by moss-troopers is called a *speerer*." Kennett.  
*MS. Lansl. 1033.*  
For nothing that they cowde *spere*.  
They cowde never of hur here.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 71.*  
Then was the kyng bothe blythe and gladd,  
And seyde, For Moralis y am not adrad,  
To batayle when he schalle wenle  
Ofte y made men aftur yow to *spere*,  
But myght y not of yow here,  
My ryght schalle thou defende.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 80.*  
And bad them *spere* after a man  
That late was comyn thedur than.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 145*  
Syr, he seyde, graicerey, nay,  
Efte togedur speke we may,  
Y aske yow but a stede:  
To other londys wylle y *spere*,  
More of awnturs for to here,  
And who dothe beste yn dede.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 79.*

(2) A sphere. (*A.-S.*)

(3) A point. (*A.-S.*)  
And tell the sunne was at mydday *spere*,  
On golde and sylke and on wolles softe,  
With hir hondes she wolde worche ofte.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashm. 39 f. 8.*

(1) Spirit. Sharp's Cov. Myst. p. 120.

(5) To fasten; to shut. *Palsgrave.*

(6) A spy; one who spies.

(7) Spire; shoot. Hence a stripling.

**SPEREL.** A clasp, or fastening.

**SPERINGE.** A fastening. " *Iulveys* a yate or  
a gate with too *sperynges*," *MS. Glouc. Cath. 19.*

**SPERKET.** A wooden, hooked, large peg, not  
much curved, to hang saddles, harness, &c.  
on. " *Spurget*," according to Ray, "a tagge,  
or piece of wood to hang any thing upon;"  
but we always pronounce the *k*. It is like  
perk, but the latter is supported at both ends,  
for fowls to perch on. Moor, p. 382.

**SPERKLE.** The collar-bone.

**SPERME.** Seed. (*A.-N.*)

**SPERN.** A buttress, or spur.

**SPERR.** To publish banns. *Derb.* Thus  
derived from *spere*, to ask.

SPERSE. To disperse. See *Sparse*.

Sweete roses colour in that visage faire  
With yvorie is *sperst* and murgelled.

*British Bibliographer*, i. 32

SPERT. A sudden fit or thought. *East*.

SPERTE. Spirit.

Into thy lands, Lord, I committ

My *sperte*, which is thy dewe. *MS. Ashmole* 402

SPERVITER. A keeper of sparrow-hawks and  
muskat-hawks. *Barwars*.

SPETCHIL. To patch. *Yorksh.*

SPEICHEL-DIKE. A dike made of stones laid  
in horizontal rows with a bed of thin turf be-  
tween each of them.

SPIFFOUS. Angry; spiteful. (*A.-N.*)

Florent thanne askede his fadir Clement

Whate alle that *spiffous* noyes thanne ment?

*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 103.

Thorow my nayles, a *spiffous* wounde.

*MS. Cantab.* FF. ii. 33, f. 42.

SPETTACLE. A spectacle. *East*.

SPEWRING. A boarded partition. *Embor.*

SPLXT. Speakest.

Mon that thuncheth he ded ys,

Newe hous and comfort shal buen his.

Set thou with dede mon *spext*,

Muche joie the is next.

Whose thunchest himself adreint,

Of disturbaunce he luth atreint.

*Reliq. Antiq.* i. 265.

SPIAL. A spy. *Shak.*

SPICCOTY. Speckled. *Somerset.*

SPICE. (1) Sweetmeats; gingerbread; cake;  
any kind of dried fruit. *North.*

(2) Species; kind. (*A.-N.*) "Spyce, a kynde,  
*espece*," Palsgrave, 1530.

At that toucheth dede synne

In any *spyce* that we falle ynne.

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 1.

Chydynge conrys of hert hy,

And grut pride and velany,

And other *spice* that mekylle deres.

*R. de Brunne, MS. Bowes*, p. 31.

Here afturwarde, as undirstonde,

Thou sehalt the *spices* as they stonde.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 61.

(3) A slight attack of any disorder. *South.*

"*Spyce of the ares*," Palsgrave, 1530.

(4) A small stick. *North.*

SPICED. Scrupulous. "Spiced conscience,"

Chaucer. "Under pretence of *spiced* holi-  
nesse," tract dated 1594, ap. Todd's Illus-  
trations of Gower, p. 380.

SPICE-KYEL. Broth with raisins. *North.*

SPICE-PLATE. It was formerly the custom to

take spice with wine, and the plate on which

the spice was laid was termed the *spice-plate*.

SPICER. A grocer. See *Manners and House-*

hold Expenses of England, p. 153.

SPICERY. Spices.

He went and fett conynges thre

Alle bakene welle in a pa-ty.

With wel gode *spicerye*.

*MS. Cantab.* FF. v. 46, f. 50.

SPICING. In a holly rod used for the handle

of a cart-whip, the great thick end is called

the *stump*, and the small taper end to which

the lash is tied is called the *spicing*.

SPICK. (1) A spike. Florio, p. 98.

(2) "A spycke of a bacon flycke." Skelton, i.

106. From *A.-S.* *spic*, bacon, *lardum*. "Spyk

of flesshe, *papa*," Pr. Parv. ed. 1499.

SPICK-AND-SPAN-NEW. Quite new.

Fortune: th'audacious doth jvare,

But lets the timidou-miscarry.

Then while the lionour thou hast gat

Is *sock and span new*, piping hot,

Strike her up bravely, thou hadst best,

And trust thy fortune with the rest.

*Hutchins.* L. iii. 390

SPICK-FIZZER. A currant cake. *Newe.*

SPIDOCK. A spigot. *Spiddock-pot*, an

earthen jar perforated to admit a *spiddock*.

*Spiddock-pot legs*, large awkward legs.

For whilst one drop of ale was to be had,

They quaff and drunk it round about like mad:

When all was off, then out they pul'd the tapps,

And stuck the *spiddocks* finely in their hats.

*The Praise of Yorkshire Ale*, 1637, p. 15.

SPIDER-CATCHER. A monkey.

SPIDER-SHANKS. A lanky fellow. *North.*

SPIER. A spy; a scout. It is the translation

of *explorator* in *Nominale MS.*

SPIFFLICATE. To dismay; to confound; to

beat severely. *Var. dial.*

SPIGGOT-SUCKER. "*Pinteur*, a tippler, pot-

companion, *spiggot-sucker*," Cotgrave.

SPIGHT. To spite. *Tusser.*

SPIKE. Lavender. *Var. dial.* "Pynte

of spike water," Cunningham's Rev. Acc.

p. 35. *Spik*, Barnes' Dorset Gl.

There grows the gilldowre, the mynt, the dayzie

Both red and white, the blue-veynd violet;

The purple hyacynth, the *spike* to please thee.

The scarlet dyde carnation bleeding yet.

*The Affectionate Shepheard*, 1594.

SPIKE-AND-DAB. A wall of hurdle-work

plastered over with mortar. *West.*

SPIKE-BIT. A spike-passer. *Hovef.*

SPIKE-NAILS. Large long nails.

SPIKE-POLE. A kind of rafter. *West.*

SPIKING. A large nail. *North.* The term

occurs in Palsgrave, 1530.

SPIIL. The same as *Spvall*, q. v.

SPIILCOCK. A child's whirligig.

SPILE. (1) A peg at the end of a cask of liquor.

Spile-hole, the receptacle for the same. On

the top it is, as elsewhere, the vent-peg. *Spile*

is also a pile, driven in wet foundations, or in

embankments. *Moor.*

(2) To make a foundation in soft earth by driving

in spiles or piles. *East.*

(3) To carve or cut up birds.

SPIILL. (1) A trial; an attempt. *West.*

(2) The stalk of a plant. *Devon.*

(3) The spindle of a spinning-wheel.

(4) Quantity; lot. *North.*

(5) A small reward or gift. *East.*

(6) The spill of a tongue, i. e. a neat's tongue

without the root. *Devon.*

SPILE. To destroy; to mar; to perish; to

waste, or throw away. (*A.-S.*)

To a wode they wente in hye,

There the *quene* schulde passe by,

And there stode they alle styll.  
There had he thought redyly  
To have do the queene a velanye,  
Fayne he wolde hur *spylle*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 73.*

And ȝef hyre herte therto grylle,  
Rather thenne the chyldre scholde *spulle*,  
Teche hyre thenne to calle a mon  
That in that nede helpe hyre con.

*MS. Cotton. Claud. A. ii. f. 128*

Home er *nyst* come he noȝt,  
New mete with hym he broȝt,  
For defaute wolde he not *spille*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 51.*

**SPILLINGE.** Failure.

**SPILLS.** Thin slips of wood or paper, used for lighting candles, &c. *Var. dial.*

**SPILQUERENE.** " *Giraculum, quiddam lulus puerorum, a spilquerene,*" Reliq. Antiq. i. 9.

**SPILT.** Spoiled. *Var. dial.*

**SPILTE.** Destroyed; undone. (*A.-S.*)

Then rose sche up and come agayne  
To syr Roger, and fonde hym slayne,  
Then had sche sorow y-nogh!  
Alas! sche seyde, now am y *spilte*,  
Thys false thefe, withowtyn gylte,  
Why dyd he the to slon?

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 73.*

When the dewke harde hym so sey,  
Alas, he seyde, and wele away!  
For my men that be *spilte*,  
Alle hyt ys myn owne gylte.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 154.*

**SPILTERS.** "The spilters of a deer's head, in *cornu coruario apice stantes fusi, dactyli, surrenti,*" Coles.

**SPILTH.** That which is spilt.

**SPILWOOD.** Refuse of wood, or wood *spilt* by the sawyers. *South.*

**SPINCOPPE.** A spider.

**SPINDE.** A pantry, or larder. (*Dut.*)

**SPINDLE.** (1) The piece of iron which supports the rest in a plough. *Kent.*

(2) The third swarm of bees from the same hive is so called in Warwickshire.

(3) Growing corn is said to *spindle* when it first shoots up its pointed sheath, previously to the development of the ear. *East.*

(4) "A woman that makes or spins crooked spindles, that is, maketh her husband cuckold," Florio, p. 177, ed. 1611.

(5) The same as *Newel*, q. v.

**SPINDLE-RODS.** Railings. *North.*

**SPINE.** (1) A thorn.

Thouȝ that roses at Midsomer ben fulle soote,  
Ȝitte undernethe is hid a fulle sharp *spine*.

*Lydgate's Bochas, MS. Hatton 2.*

And oute of hem even y-like procede,  
As doth a flour oute of the rouȝ *spyne*.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, l. 17.*

(2) The green sward. *West.*

(3) The hide of an animal; the fat on the surface of a joint of meat. *Divna.*

**SPINEDY.** Stout; muscular. *I. Wight.*

**SPINET.** A small wood. (*Lat.*)

Dark-shady lannes agreed best with her humour,  
where in some private *spinet*, conversing with her

own thoughts, she used to discourse of the effects of her love in this manner.

*The Ten Lancashire Lovers, 1640, p. 79.*

**SPINETTED.** Slit or opened. *Nares.*

**SPINGARD.** A kind of small cannon.

**SPINGEL.** Fennel. *Somersset.*

**SPINK.** (1) A chaffinch. *Var. dial.*

(2) A spark of fire. *North.*

(3) A chink. *Hauts.*

**SPINKED.** Spotted. *Yorksh.*

**SPINNAGE.** At Norwich, children who are sickly are taken to a woman living in St. Lawrence to be cut for a supposed disease called the *spinnage*. The woman performs the operation on a Monday morning only, and charges threepence. On the first visit the woman cuts the lobe of the right ear with a pair of scissors, and with the blood makes the sign of the cross upon the child's forehead. On the second Monday she does the same with the left ear; and in some instances it is deemed necessary to subject the little sufferers to nine operations of this ridiculous ceremony.

**SPINNEL.** A spindle. *North.*

**SPINNER.** A spider. *Palsgrave.* "Eranne or spynnare," Prompt. Parv. p. 110.

**SPINNEY.** A thicket. A small plantation is sometimes so called. It occurs in this sense in Domesday Book. See Carlisle's Account of Charities, p. 306. In Buckinghamshire the term is applied to a brook.

At the last bi a littel dieh he lepez over a *spine*—  
stelez out fulstilly by a strothe raude.

*Syr Gawain and the Grene Knight, 1709.*

**SPINNICK.** A dwarf. *Somersset.*

**SPINNING-DRONE.** The cockchafer. *Cornw.*

**SPINNING-MONEY.** Sixpences. *Notf.*

**SPINNING-WHEEL.** A spinning-wheel. *West.*

**SPINNY.** Thin; small; slender. The term occurs several times in Middleton.

**SPINNY-WHY.** A child's game at Newcastle, nearly the same as Hide-and-seek.

**SPION.** A spy. *Hegwood.*

**SPIRACLE.** "A spiracle, a loftie sentence or a quickning concept." List of old words prefixed to Batman upon Bartholome, 1582.

**SPIRE.** (1) "Spyre of corne, *barbe do ble*" *Palsgrave.* "I spyer as corne dothe when it begynneth to waxe rype, *je espie*," *ibid.*

(2) To ask; to inquire. (*A.-S.*)

Wher Adam d'le and Even spant,  
Go *spire*, if thou may spede;  
Whare was thame the pride of mane,  
That now merres his mede.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, l. 10.*

In thi ȝouthe thou salle make thyne endyng, but  
*spiere* me nother the tyme ne the houre when thou  
shal be, for I wille on na wyse telle it to the.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, l. 14.*

My wille, my herte, and alle my wit  
Ben fully sette to harken and *spere*  
What eny man wol speke of hie.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, l. 10.*

(3) A young tree. *North.*

(4) A stake. *Chouceer.*

**SPIRES.** Is chiefly applied to the tall species of sedge which forms elastic mounds (in some

counties cut out and dried for church hassocks) in boggy places; it is likewise used of the tall leaves of the common yellow iris, often found in wet meadows. *Iste of Wight*.

**SPIRIT.** The electric fluid. *Last*.

**SPIRIT-PLATE.** In melting of iron ore the bottom of the furnace has four stones to make a perpendicular square to receive the metal, of which four stones or walls, that next the bellows is called the tuarn or tuiron wall, that against it the wind-wall or *spirit-plate*. Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033. f. 388.

**SPIRITY.** Spirited. *North*.

**SPIRT.** Metaphorically, an interval, a brief space of time. *North*.

**SPIRTLE.** To sprinkle. *Drayton*.

**SPIRT-NET.** A kind of fishing-net, described in Blome's Gent. Rec. ii. 200.

**SPISER-WIFE.** A woman who sold spices, and generally grocery. Nominale MS.

**SPISS.** Firm; thick. (*Lat.*) "Condense, condense, thicke, spisse," Florio, p. 115.

**SPIT.** (1) The depth a spade goes in digging, about a foot. *Var. dial.* A spade is sometimes so called.

(2) To lay eggs, said of insects. *West*.

(3) Very slight rain. *Var. dial.*

(4) *Spit and a stride*, a phrase meaning a very short distance. *North*.

(5) A sword. A cant term.

(6) Injury. *Gawayne*.

**SPITAL.** See *Spittle* (4).

**SPIT-BENDER.** A farmer's wife having a roasting pig to sell, will, to enhance its virtues, call it by this name, implying that it is so fat, plump, and heavy, that your spit shall scarcely preserve its straightness under the pressure of its weight. *Suffolk*.

**SPIT-BOOTS.** Heavy leather gaiters, covering the shoe and leg, and fastened by iron clasps and screws. *Cumb.*

**SPIT-DEEP.** The depth of a spade.

**SPITE.** "Spyte of his tethe, *maulgre quil en ayt*," Palsgrave, 1530.

**SPITEFUL.** Keen; severe. *North*.

**SPITOUS.** The same as *Spetous*, q. v.

**SPITTARD.** A two-year hart. "*Subulo*, an hart having horns without tynes, called (as I suppose) a spittare," Elyot, 1559.

Also it is not to be forgotten, that they have divers other names to distinguish their yeares and countries, as for example: when they begin to have horns, which appear in the second yeare of their age like bodkins without braunches, which are in Latine called *subulæ*, they are also called *subulones* for the similitude, and the Germans cal such an one *spizhirtz*, which in English is called a *spittard*, and the Italians *corbiati*, but the French have no proper name for this beast that I can learn until he be a three yearling.

*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 122.

**SPITTER.** (1) Slight rain. *Var. dial.*

(2) A small tool with a long handle, used for cutting up weeds, &c. *West*.

**SPITTLE.** (1) A spade. *Var. dial.* "Spityll

forkys," apparently meaning pronged spades, are mentioned in Tundale's *Visious*, p. 24.

(2) A nasty dirty fellow. *East*.

(3) Very spiteful. *Somerset*.

(4) A hospital. The term was originally applied to a lazar-house, or receptacle for persons affected with leprosy, but afterwards to a hospital of any kind. According to Gifford, a hospital or *spital* was an almshouse, and *spittle* a lazar-house; but this distinction seems to be an error. "A spittle, or hospitall for poore folkes diseased: a spittle, hospitall, or lazarhouse for lepres." Baret's *Alvearic*, 1580. *Spittle whore*, a very common whore.

So shall you thrive by little and little,  
Scape Tyboine, counters, and the *spittle*.

*Songs of the London Prentices*, p. 53.

**SPITTLE-SERMONS.** Sermons preached formerly at the Spittle, in a pulpit erected for the purpose, and afterwards at Christchurch, City, on Easter Monday and Tuesday. Ben Jonson alludes to them in his *Underwoods*, ap. Gifford, viii. 414.

**SPITTLE-STAFF.** A staff of wood four or five feet long, shod at the lower end with a wedge like a piece of iron, to *stub* thistles with. The use of this implement is much affected in small towns by the occupiers of two or three acres of pasture land. *Linc.*

**SPIT-TURNER.** A boy or dog employed to turn the spit for roasting.

**SPLACK-NUCK.** A miser. *Norf.*

**SPLAIDE.** Unfolded; displayed.

He *splayde* his baners full grete plenty,

And herawdys unto that cete then sente he.

*Archæologia*, xxi. 49.

**SPLAIRGE.** To splatter. *Northumb.*

**SPLAITING.** Splaiting in the shoulder of a horse is thus described by Topsell:

This commeth by some dangerous sliding or slipping, whereby the shoulder parteth from the breast, and so leaves an open rift, not in the skin, but in the flesh and flime next under the skin, and so he halteth and is not able to goe; you shal perceive it by trailing his legge after him in his going. The cure according to Martin is thus: First put a paire of strait pasternes on his fore-feet, keeping him stil in the stable without disquieting him. Then take of dialthea one pound, of sallet-oyle one pinte, of oyle de bayes halfe a pound, of fresh butter halfe a pound; melt al these things together in a pipkin, and annoint the grieved place therewith, and also round about the inside of the shoulder, and within two or three daies after, both that place and all the shoulder besides wil swel. Then either prick him with a lancet or fleame in al the swelling places, or else with some other sharp hot iron, the head whereof would be an inch long, to the intent that the corruption may run out, and use to annoint it stil with the same ointment. But if you see that it wil not go away, but swel stil, and gather to a head, then lance it where the swelling doth gather most, and is soft under the finger, and then taint it with flax dipt in this ointment; take of turpentine and of hogs grease of each two ounces, and melt them together, renewing the taint twice a day until it be whole.

*History of Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 396.

**SPLASH.** (1) The same as *Plash*, q. v.

(2) Smart and gaily dressed. *East*.

**SPLAT.** (1) A row of pins as they are sold in the paper. *Somerset.*

All prizes, norra blank,  
Norra blank, fall prizes!  
A waiter—knife—or seissis sheer—  
A splat o' pins—put in, my dear!—  
Whitechapel mills all sizes.

*Ballad of Tom Gool.*

(2) To split, or cut up.

To splatt the bore they wente fulle tyte,  
Ther was no knyfe that wolde hym byte,  
So harde of hyde was hee.

*Sir Eglamour of Artois, 490.*

(3) A large spot. *Deron.*

**SPLAT-FOOTED.** Splay-footed. *Devon.*

**SPLAUDER.** To stretch out, said generally of the arms or feet. *Yarksh.*

**SPLAUTCH.** To let a soft substance fall heavily, applied to its impingement with the floor. *Northumb.*

**SPLAVIN.** An eruptive blotch. *Heref.*

**SPLAWED.** Spread out. *Norf.*

**SPLAYE.** To spread abroad; to unfold. (*A.-N.*)  
Hence the term splay-foot, splay-hand, splay-mouth, &c.

Wonder hygh ther sate a krowe,  
His whynges splayynge to and fro.

*MS. Cott. Tiber. A. vii. f. 42.*

**SPLAYED-BITCH.** A castrated bitch. It is a superstition still existing in retired parts of the county, that certain persons had the power of transforming themselves into the shape of different animals, particularly hares, and that nothing could have any chance of running against them but a *splayed bitch*. *Linc.*

**SPLAYING.** Slanting. *Oxon.*

**SPLEEN.** Violent haste. *Shak.*

**SPLEENY.** Full of spleen, or anger.

**SPLEET.** "*Pisces ex dorsuare, to spleete out, or part alongest the ridge-bone just in the midst,*" *Nomenclator, 1585, p. 62.*

**SPLENDIDIOUS.** Splendid. *Drayton.*

**SPLINT.** (1) A lath. "Splent for an house, *laite,*" *Palsgrave.* The term is still in use in Suffolk. Splints are parts of sticks or poles, either whole or split, placed upright in forming walls, and supported by rizzers (qv) for receiving the clay daubing. The term seems to have been applied to any small thin piece of wood.

Or wilt thou in a yellow boxen bole,

Taste with a wooden splent the sweet lythe honey?

*The Affectionate Shepherd, 1504.*

(2) In the following passage *splent* seems to mean a splinter, or chip, or perhaps one of the *splents*, q. v.

On the shoulder felle the stroke,  
A grete splente owte hyt smote.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 213.*

(3) A kind of inferior coal.

**SPLENTIDE.**

The spekes was splentide alle with speltis of silver

The space of a spere lenge sprungaude fulle faire.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 87.*

**SPLENTS.** In ancient armour, several little plates that run over each other, and protected

the inside of the arm. "Splent, harnesse for the arme, *garde de bras,*" *Palsgrave.*

My coat of black velvet furred with marturins,  
with six pair of Alman rivets complete, with *splents*,  
sallets, and all things thereunto belonging.

*Test. Vetust. p. 658*

**SPLETTE.** To spread out flat.

**SPLINTED.** Supported. *Chapman.*

**SPLIRT.** To spurt out. *North.*

**SPLIT.** (1) To make all split, an old phrase implying great violence of action.

(2) To betray confidence. *Var. dial.*

**SPLITTER-SPLATTER.** Splashy dirt. *North.*

**SPLOB.** To split off pieces of wood.

**SPLITCH.** A splash of dirt. *East.*

**SPLUTTER.** To talk quickly and indistinctly, as if the mouth were full. *Var. dial.*

**SPOAK.** The bar of a ladder.

**SPOAT.** Spittle. *Lane.*

**SPOCKEN.** Spoken. *North.*

**SPOCLE.** The same as *Spole* (2).

**SPOFFLE.** To make one's self very busy over a matter of little consequence. *East.*

**SPOIL.** (1) To cut up a hen. A term in carving, given in the *Booke of Hunting, 1586.*

(2) To rob. This sense is still in use applied to robbing birds' nests. *East.*

**SPOKE.** To put a spoke in one's wheel, i. e. to say something of him which is calculated to injure or impede his success.

**SPOKEN-CHAIN.** An appendage of a waggon, consisting of a long strong chain, to be fixed to the spoke of the wheel, when the team is stalled, or set fast in a slough.

**SPOKE-SHAVE.** (1) A basket for bread.

(2) A narrow plane used for smoothing the inner parts of a wheel. "Spokeshave or a plane," *Palsgrave, 1530.*

**SPOLE.** (1) The shoulder. (*Fr.*)

Sir Andrew he did swarve the tree,  
With right good will he swarved then;  
Upon his breast did Horsley hitt,  
But the arrow bounded back agen.  
Then Horseley spyed a pryve place  
With a perfect eye in a secrette part:  
Under the spole of his right arme  
He smote Sir Andrew to the heart

*Ballad of Sir Andrew Barton.*

(2) A small wheel near the distaff in the common spinning-wheel. "Spole, a wevers instrument," *Palsgrave, subst. f. 66.*

**SPOLETT.**

Spendis unsparely that sparede was lange,

Spedis theme to spolett with speris i-newe.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 115.*

**SPOOLS.** Waste wood cut off in making hurdles, &c. *East Anglia.*

**SPON.** A shaving of wood.

**SPONDLES.** The joints of the spine.

We have, saith hee, an example of a woman, which was grievously vexed with an itch in the *spondles* or joints of the back-bone and reins, which she rubbing very vehemently, and rasing the skinne, small man-mocks of stone fel from her to the number of eighteen, of the bignes of dice and colour of plaister.

*Optick Glasse of Humors, 1639, p. 120.*

**SPONE.** A spoon. (*A.-S.*)

**SPONENE.** Spun; woven.

Bot he has a kyrtille one kepide for hymeselve,  
That was *sponene* in Spayne with speyalle byrdez,  
And sythynne garnescht in Grece fullle graythly togedirs.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 64.*

**SPONG.** (1) An irregular, narrow, projecting part of a field, whether planted or in grass. If planted, or running to underwood, it would be called a squeech or queech. Spinny is another indefinite word applied, like dangle, reed, shaw, &c. to irregular bushy plots or pieces of land. *Moor.*

(2) To work carelessly. *Surrey.*

(3) *Hot spong*, a sudden power of heat from the sun emerging from a cloud. *East.*

(4) A boggy wet place. *Norf.*

**SPONGE.** One who imposes by taking more food, clothing, &c. than he is entitled to.

Or from the wanton affection, or too profuse expense of light mistresses, who make choice of rich servants to make *spongers* of them.

*The Two Lancashire Lovers, 1640, p. 24.*

**SPONG-WATER.** A small narrow stream. *East.*

**SPONSIBLE.** Applied to character, respectable; sometimes for responsible. *York.*

**SPOOLING-WHEEL.** The spole, q. v. "*Spola*, a weavers spooling-wheele or quill-turne," Florio, p. 525, ed. 1611.

**SPOOM.** To "go right before the wind without any sail." It was also spelt *spoon*.

To *spoon*, or *spooning*, is putting a ship right before the wind and the sea, without any sail, which is call'd spooning afore, which is commonly done when in a great storm a ship is so weak, with age or labouring, that they dare not lay her under the sea. Sometimes, to make a ship go the steadier, they set the foresail, which is call'd *spooning with the foresail*. They must be sure of sea-room enough when they do this. *A Sea-Dictionary, 12mo. Lond. 1708.*

**SPOON.** The navel. *Yorksh.*

**SPOON-MEAT.** Broth; soup. *Var. dial.*

**SPOON-PUDDINGS.** Same as *Drop-dumplings*, q. v.

**SPOORNE.** The name of a fiend? See R. Scot's Discoverie of Witchcraft, quoted in Ritson's Essay on Fairies, p. 45.

**SPORE.** (1) Spur; prick. (*A.-S.*)

He smote the stede wyth the *sporne*,  
And spared nother dyke nor forowe.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 159.*

Nou thou him knowest and his bounté,  
Love him wel for charité  
Evermore to thi lyves ende,  
To joye and blisse then schalt on wende,  
That he hath ordeyned for ure solace,  
Lord, bring us thider for thin grace!  
Thus endeth the *spore* of love,  
God grant us the blisse of hevене above.

*The Prick of Love, Vernon MS.*

(2) A support to a post. *East.*

(3) Spared. *Cambridgesh.*

**SPORGE.** (1) To have a lask.

(2) To clean, or cleanse. (*A.-N.*)

**SPORNE.** (1) To strike the foot against anything. *Chaucer.*

(2) Shut; fastened. *Yorksh.*

**SPORT.** To show; to exhibit. *Var. dial.*

**SPORYAR.** A spurrier, or spur-maker.

**SPOSAILS.** Esponsals; marriage.

Hennes forward he seyde me,  
Schuld the *sposails* couthe be,  
Than schul ye acordl,  
And togider saughten wele an hi.

*Gy of Warwike, p. 201.*

**SPOT.** To drop; to sprinkle. *West.*

**SPOTIL.** Spittle.

When thou wolt do away the lettre, wote a pensel  
with *spotil* or with watur, and most therwith the  
lettres that thou wolt do away, and then cast the  
powder therupon, and with thi nail thou maist done  
away the lettres.

*Reliq. Antiq. i. 109.*

**SPOTTLE.** (1) A schedule. *Cumb.*

(2) To splash, or dirty. *West.*

**SPOTTY.** Run *spotty*, applied to hops when the crops are unequal. *Kent.*

**SPOUCH.** Sappy, as wood. *Suffolk.*

**SPOUNCE.** To splash. *Somerset.*

**SPOUSE.** To marry, or espouse. *Spousyng*,  
marriage, espousals. (*A.-N.*)

Vis, dame, he saide, precieuse,

Gif thou me helpe, ich wille the *spouse*.

*The Sevyng Sages, 2666.*

The nyghte was gon, the day was come

That the *spousyng* was done.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 117.*

**SPOUSEBRECHIE.** Adultery.

And the furst day of his crownyng,

Into *spousebreche* he felle anon.

*Chron. Filodun, p. 21.*

In thys best ys forbode alle *spousebreche* and alle  
fleshelyche dedys towchyng lecherye bytwene man  
and womman out of spowshode.

*MS. Burney 356, p. 86.*

For of the lest I will now speke,

For soule-hele I wil you tech;

Thynk on man, God wille hym wreke

Of hym that is cause of *spouse-breke*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 60.*

**SPOUSE-HEDE.** State of marriage. See the first example quoted under *Roghte*.

**SPOUT.** (1) When a man is in high spirits, they say he is in *great spout*. *Berks.*

(2) To put anything up the spout, i. e. to place it in pawn. *Var. dial.*

**SPRACK.** Quick; lively; active. *West.*

**SPRACKLE.** To climb. *North.*

**SPRADDENE.** Spread out.

Bot zit he sprange and spreute, and *spraddene* his  
armes,

And one the spere lenghe spekes, he spekes thire  
wordes.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 88.*

**SPRAG.** (1) The same as *Sprack*, q. v.

(2) To prop up. *Salop.*

(3) A young salmon. *North.*

**SPRAGED.** Spotted. *Devon.*

**SPRAL.** Sprigs; boughs; straw. *Hearne.*

**SPRAID.** (1) To sprinkle. *East.*

(2) Chopped with cold. *Devon.*

**SPRAINTING.** Dung of the oiter.

And of hares and of conynges he shal seye the  
croteyeth, that of the fox waging, of the grey the  
warderebe, and of othere stynkyng beestys he shal  
clepe it dryt, and that of the otyr he shal clepe it  
*sprayntyng*.

*MS. Bodl. 546.*

**SPRALE.** To sprawl about. *Devon.*

**SPRALL.** A carp. Holme, 1688.

**SPRANGENE.** Made to spring?

- So they spede at the spoures, they *sprangene* their horses,  
Hyres theme hakenayes hastily thereafyre.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 58.*
- SPRANK.** (1) A sprinkling. *West.*  
(2) Original; clever. *I. of Wight.*  
(3) A crack in wood. *Suffolk.*
- SPRANKER.** A watering-pot. *West.*
- SPRAT-BARLEY.** The species of barley with very long beards or awms, or anns. The *Hordeum vulgare* of Linn. *Moor.*
- SPRAT-LOON.** The small gull. *Kent.*
- SPRATS.** Small wood. *Kennett.*
- SPRAT-WEATHER.** The dark roky days of November and December are called *sprat weather*, from that being the most favorable season for catching sprats.
- SPRAULEDEN.** Sprawled. (*A.-S.*)  
Hwan the children biþ wawe  
Leyen and *sprauleden* in the blod.  
*Havelok, 475.*
- SPRAWING.** A sweetheart. *Wilts.*
- SPRAWL.** (1) Motion; movement. *Somerset.*  
(2) To speak in a slow drawling tone; to pant for want of breath.
- SPRAWLS.** Small branches; twigs. *East.*
- SPRAWT.** To sprawl and kick. *North.*
- SPRAY.** (1) A twig, or sprig. (*A.-S.*) Binding sticks for thatching are called *sprays*.  
(2)  
The Bretans blode shalle undur falle,  
The Brouttuss blode shalle wyn the *spray*;  
Vij. thousynd Englisshe men, gret and smalle,  
Ther shalle be slayne that nyght and day!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 121.*
- SPRAY-BRICKS**—or **SPLAY-BRICKS**, are made with a bevil for redncing the thickness of a wall. They are otherwise called *set-off* bricks. I believe our names are from *display*, though that may not be deemed the most appropriate term. *Moor.*
- SPREADER.** A stick to keep out the traces from the horses' legs. *West.*
- SPREATH.** Active; nimble. *Wilts.*
- SPREATHED.** Chopped with cold. *West.*
- SPRECKLED.** Speckled. *Var. dial.*
- SPREDD.**  
The marynere set hur on hys bedd,  
Sche hadd soone aftur a byttur *spredd*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 238.*
- SPREE.** (1) Spruce; gay. *Devon.*  
(2) A merry frolic. *Var. dial.*
- SPREINT.** Sprinkled. (*A.-S.*)  
The wych was, as I understood,  
*Spreynt* with dropys off red blod.  
*MS. Cott. Vitell. C. xiii. f. 97.*
- SPREMED.** Striped. *Pegge.*
- SPRENT.** (1) Leapt. Perceval, 1709.  
To the chambyr dore he *sprente*,  
And claspid it wth barres twoo.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 109.*  
The lady ynto the schyp wente;  
xxx. fote the lyenas aftur *sprente*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 85.*  
Whenne Florent sawe that swete wyghte,  
He *sprent* als any fowle of flyghte,  
No lenger thenne wolde he byde.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 107*
- (2) The steel spring on the back of a clasp knife  
*Northumb.*
- (3) Sprinkled. (*A.-S.*)
- (4) A spot, or stain. *Yorksh.*
- (5) Sprained. Arch. xxx. 413.
- (6) Shivered; split. *Gawayne.*
- SPRENTLENDE.** Fluttering.  
*Sprentende* with hire wyngis twey,  
As sche whiche schulde than deye.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 103.*
- SPRET.** (1) A boatman's pole, "Sprette for watermen, *pieqz*," Palsgrave.  
Some hente an oore and some a *sprytt*  
The lyenas for to meete.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 85.*  
A lang *sprete* he bare in hande,  
To strenghe hym in the water to stande.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 125.*
- (2) A soul, or spirit. "*Spiritus*, a *spret*," Nominale MS. xv. Cent.  
And wicked *spretus* so oryble and blake,  
That besy bene to wayte me day and nyghte,  
Let thi name dryve hem owte of syghte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 124.*
- SPRETCHED.** Cracked; applied only, as far as I know, to eggs, which having been set upon are said to become *spretched* a day or two before the liberation of the chicken is effected. *Linc.*
- SPREY.** The same as *Spree*, q. v.
- SPRIG.** (1) A lean lanky fellow. *North.*  
(2) To turn off short. *Dorset.*  
(3) A nail. *Var. dial.* Men who work in wall or mud-work, have to run barrows full of earth on planks, perhaps upwards. To prevent slips a triangular piece of iron is screwed to their shoe-heels, having three points half an inch long projecting downwards. These are called *sprigs*.
- SPRIGHT.** A small wooden arrow used to be discharged from a musket. "Sprights, a sort of sbort arrows (formerly used for sea-fight) without any other heads save wood sharpued, which were discharged out of musquets, and would pierce through the sides of ships where a bullet would not," Blount, p. 606.
- SPRING.** (1) Quick; a young wood; a young tree. Still in use in Suffolk. The term was also applied to a single rod or sprig.  
(2) To dawn. Also, the dawn of day.  
Be that the cok began to crow,  
The day began to *spryng*;  
The scheref fond the jaylier ded,  
The comyn belle made he tyng.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 131.*
- (3) A tunc.
- (4) The lower part of the fore-quarter of pork, divided from the neck.
- (5) To become active or sharp. *North.*
- (6) To give tokens of calving. *Yorksh.*
- (7) A snare for hares, birds, &c.
- SPRINGAL.** (1) An ancient military engine for casting stones and arrows. (*A.-N.*)  
And sum thai wente to the wal  
With bowes and with *springal*.  
*Beves of Hamtoun, p. 159*



- Trybget**, *spryngias*, and also *engyne*,  
They wrougt owre men fullle mekyl payne.  
*Archæologia*, xxi. 61.
- (2) A youth; a young lad.
- SPRINGE**. To sprinkle. (*A.-S.*) Still in use.  
To spring clothes is to moisten them a little  
previously to ironing.
- SPRINGER**. A lad. *East*.
- SPRINGLE**. (1) A rod about four feet in length,  
used in thatching. *Salop*.  
(2) A snare for birds. *West*.
- SPRINGOW**. Nimble; active. *Chesh*.
- SPRING-TOOTH-COMB**. A small toothed  
comb, one that has very fine teeth, and usually  
made of ivory.
- SPRINGY**. Elastic. *Var. dial*.
- SPRINKE**. (1) A crack, or flaw. *East*.  
(2) To sprinkle; to splash. *Linc*. It occurs in  
the Ord. and Reg. p. 469.
- SPRINKLE**. (1) A brush used by Roman Catholics  
for sprinkling the holy water. "*Isopus*, a spren-  
kylle; *aspersorium*, idem est," *Nominale MS*.  
(2) A number, or quantity. *Var. dial*.
- SPRINT**. A snare for birds. *North*.
- SPRIT**. (1) To sprout; to grow. *Chesh*.  
(2) To split. *Devon and Cornw*.
- SPRITE**. The woodpecker. *East*.
- SPRITTEL**. A sprout, or twig.
- SPROIL**. Liveliness. *Devon*.
- SPRONG**. (1) The stump of a tree or tooth.  
*Sussex*. It is sometimes pronounced *spronk*.  
(2) A prong of a fork, &c. *West*.
- SPRONGE**. Spread abroad. (*A.-S.*)  
Kyng Arduis toke hys lese and wente,  
And ledd with hym hys lady gente,  
Home rychele come they ryde;  
Alle hys londre was fullle fayne  
That the queene was come ageyn,  
The worde *spronge* fullle wyde.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 82*.
- SPRONGENE**. Shivered in pieces.  
Whene his spere was *sprongene*, he spede hyme fullle  
zerne,  
Swappede owte with a swerde that swykede hym  
never.  
*Morte Arthur, MS. Lincoln, f. 72*.
- SPROT**. "Sprotte, a fysshie, *esplene*," *Palsgrave*.  
A sprat, or smelt.
- SPROTES**. (1) Fragments. Small wood or  
sticks for firing is still called *sprate-wood*.  
And thei breken here speres so rudely, that the  
trouchous fleu in *sprutes* and peces alle aboute the  
halle.  
*Maunderville's Travels, 1839, p. 238*.
- (2) Pimples; eruptive spots.
- SPROTTE**. To struggle. *North*.
- SPROUT**. To sprout potatoes is to break the  
young sprouts off. *North*.
- SPROUZE**. This strange verb is equivalent to  
stir or rouse up, or *uprouse* the fire. This  
may, probably, be its origin, with an acci-  
dental sibilant prefixed. *Moor's Suff. MS*.
- SPRUCE**. (1) Prussian, as Spruce-beer, &c.  
(2) To make the crust of bread brown by heating  
the oven too much. *Beds*.
- SPRUG-UP**. To dress neatly. *Sussex*.
- SPRUN**. The fore part of a horse's hoof. Also,  
a sharp piece of iron to the sprun, to prevent  
the horse slipping on the ice.
- SPRUNGE**. To kick out; to spurn. *Linc*.
- SPRUNK**. To crack, or split. *Essex*.
- SPRUNKS**.  
With fryars and monks, with their fine *sprunks*,  
I make my chiefest prey. *Robin Hood, li. 164*.
- SPRUNNY**. (1) A sweetheart. *Var. dial*.  
Where if good Satan lays her on like thee,  
Whipp'U to some purpose will thy *sprunny* be.  
*Collins's Miscellanies, 1762, p. 111*.
- (2) Neat; spruce. *Norf*.
- SPRUNT**. (1) A convulsive struggle. *Warw*.  
(2) A steep road. *North*.  
(3) Poisoned, said of cattle. *Surrey*.
- SPRUNTLY**. Spruce. Ben Jonson, v. 105.
- SPRUT**. To jerk violently, as with a spasm.  
A violent jerk or sudden movement is called  
a sprut. *Sussex*.
- SPRUTTLED**. Sprinkled over. *Leic*.
- SPRUZ**. To keep fire at the mouth of an oven  
in order to preserve the heat.
- SPRY**. (1) Chapped with cold. *West*.  
(2) Nimble; active. *Somerset*.
- SPRYNGGOLYNG**. Sparkling?  
Toward the lady they come fast rennyng,  
And sette this whele uppon her hede,  
As eny hote yren yt was *sprynggolyng* rede.  
*MS. Laud. 416, f. 75*.
- SPRYNGYNG**. In the *spryngyng* of the mone,  
i. e. at the time of the new moon.  
A sybbe maryage thys day have we made  
In the *spryngyng* of the mone.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 70*.
- SPRY-WOOD**. Small wood, spray of the sea  
the foam or froth of it blown at a distance.
- SPUD**. (1) A spittle-staff, q. v. *Var. dial*.  
(2) A baby's hand. *Somerset*.  
(3) A short dwarfish person. *Essex*.  
(4) A good legacy. *West*.
- SPUDDLE**. To move about; to do any trifling  
matter with an air of business. *West*.
- SPUDGEL**. A small kind of trowel or knife;  
also, an instrument to bale out water. *South*.
- SPUDLEE**. To stir or spread abroad the  
embers with a poker. *Essex*.
- SPUNDGING**.  
On goes she with her holiday partlet, and *sprungyng*  
herself up, went with her husband to church,  
and came just to the service.  
*Tarlton's Newses out of Purgatorie, 1590*.
- SPUNK**. (1) "*Spunk* in Herefordshire," says  
Urry, in his MS. notes to Ray, "is the ex-  
cessency of some tree, of which they make a  
sort of timber to light their pipes with."  
(2) Spirit. *Var. dial*.  
In that snug room where any man of *spunk*  
Would find it a had matter to get drunk.  
*Peter Pindar, i. 245*.
- (3) A spark; a match. *North*.
- SPUNKY**. Very spirited. *Var. dial*.
- SPUNT**. Spurned. *Suffolk*.
- SPUR**. (1) The root of a tree. *North*.  
(2) To spread manure. *West*.  
(3) To prop; to support. *South*. The spur of  
a post, a short buttress to support it.  
(4) Time; leisure. *West*.
- SPUR-BLIND**. Purbblind. *Latimer*.
- SPUR-GALLY**. Wretched; poor. *Dorset*.

**SPURGE.** (1) To ceil with a thin coat of mortar between the rafters, without laths. *East.*  
 (2) "I spurge, I clense as wyne or ale dothe in the vessell," Palsgrave. "I spurge, as a man dothe at the foundement after he is deed," Palsgrave, verb. f. 370.

A mouse on a tyme felle into a barelle of newe ale, that *spawgde* ande myght not come out.

*Gesta Romanorum*, p. 404.

With his eyen and mouth fayre closed, withoute any staring, gapyng, or frownyng, also without any drevelyng or *spurgyn*g in any place of his body.

*Hall, Henry VIII.* f. 50.

I have bene gathering wolves haïres,  
 The madd dogges foames, and adders eares;  
 The *spurgyn*g of a deadmans eyes;

And all since the evening starre did rise.

*Percy's Reliques*, p. 245

**SPUR-HUNT.** Or *spur-hound*, a finder, or dog that finds and puts up game.

**SPURK.** To rise up quickly. *East.*

**SPURLING.** A cart-rut. *Northumb.*

**SPURN.** (1) A piece of wood inserted at one end in the ground, and at the other nailed at an angle to a gatepost, for the purpose of strengthening or supporting it. *Lincol.*

(2) To kick. Also, a kick.

(3) An evil spirit. *Dorset.*

**SPUR-NAG.**

And like true *spur-nags*, strain hardest against the hill; or, like thunder, tear it there most, where we meet with the sturdiest and most rugged oak.

*A Cap of Grey Hair*, 1638, p. 52.

**SPURN-POINT.** An old game mentioned in a curious play called *Apollo Shroving*, 12mo. Lond. 1627, p. 49.

**SPURRE.** The same as *Spere*, q. v.

**SPURRIER.** A maker of spurs.

**SPURRING.** A smelt. *North.*

**SPURRINGS.** The banss of marriage.

**SPURROW.** To ask; to inquire. *Westm.*

**SPUR-ROYAL.** A gold coin, worth about fifteen shillings. See *Snelling's Coins*, p. 24.

**SPURS.** (1) The short small twigs projecting a few inches from the trunk. *East.*

(2) When a young warrior distinguished himself by any martial act he was said *to win his spurs*, spurs being part of the regular insignia of knighthood.

**SPURSHERS.** Straight young fir trees.

**SPURTLE.** A small stick. *North.*

**SPUR-WAY.** A bridle-road. *East.*

**SPUTE.** Dispute. *Gawayne.*

**SPUTHER.** Squabble.

When we know all the pretty *sputher*,  
 Betwixt the one house and the other.

*Brome's Songs*, 1661, p. 171.

**SPY.** The pilot of a vessel.

**SQUAB.** (1) An unfledged bird; the young of an animal before the hair appears. *South.*

(2) A long seat; a sofa. *North.* "A squob to sit on, *pulcrus mollicellus*," Coles.

(3) To squeeze; to knock; to beat. *Devoa.*

**SQUAB-PIE.** A pie made of fat mutton well peppered and salted, with layers of apple, and an onion or two. *West.*

**SQUACKETT.** To make any disagreeable noise

with the mouth. "How Pincher *squackett's* about!" *Sussex.*

**SQUAD.** (1) Sloppy dirt. *Lincol.*

(2) A group, or company. *Somerset.*

(3) *An awkward squod*, an awkward boy. Perhaps from *squod*, a small body of recruits learning their military exercises.

**SQUAGED.** Smeared?

*For to make clene thy boke if yt be defowlyd or squaget.*—Take a schevyr of old broun bred of the crummys, and rub thy boke therwith sore up and downe, and yt shal clense yt. *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 163.

**SQUAGHITE.** Shook.

The medwe *squaghte* of her dentes,  
 The fur flegh out so spark a flintes.

*Beeves of Hamtoun*, p. 69.

**SQUAIGE.** To whip, or beat. *East.*

**SQUAIL.** To throw sticks at cocks. *Squailer*, the stick thrown. *West.* Mr. Akerman says *squailing* is used for *throwing*, but something more is required than merely throwing; the thing thrown must be some material not easily managed. Jennings properly says, to fling with a stick; and he might have added, with a stick sometimes made unequally heavy by being loaded with lead at one end. Squailing therefore is often very awkwardly performed, because the thing thrown cannot be well directed; hence the word *squailing* is often used in ridicule, not only of what is done awkwardly, but what is untowardly or irregularly shaped. "She went up the street *squailing* her arms about, you never saw the like;" an ill shaped loaf is a *squailing* loaf; Brentford is a long *squailing* town; and, in Wiltshire, Smithfield Market would be called a *squailing* sort of a place.

**SQUAILS.** Nimcins. *Somerset.*

**SQUAIMOUS.** Squeamish. Perhaps as *esquaimous*, which I fear is explained wrongly.

**SQUAINE.** A herdsman, or servant.

Hit is alle the kyngus waren,

Ther is nouthur knygt ne *spwayne*

That dar do sich a dede. *MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 49.

**SQUALL.** "*Obeseau*, a young minx or little proud squall," Cotgrave. "*Tu es un coïnar*, thou art a squall," Hollyband's *Dictionarie*, 1593. The term was one of endearment as well as of reproach.

**SQUALLEY.** According to Blount, "a note of faultines in the making of cloth."

**SQUALLY.** A crop of turnips, or of corn, which is broken by vacant unproductive patches, is said to be *squally*. *Norw.*

**SQUAMES.** Scales. (*Lat.*)

**SQUANDERED.** Dispersed; e. g. "His family are all grown up, and *squandered* about the country;" i. e. settled in different places. *Warw.* "And other venturers he hath squandered abroad," *Merch. Ven.* i. 3.

**SQUAP.** (1) To sit down idly. *Somerset.*

(2) A blow. Also, to strike.

**SQUARD.** A rent in a garment. Also, to tear. *Cornw.*

**SQUARE.** (1) To quarrel; to chide. *Shak.*

(2) To stand aside. *Yorksh.*

(3) To put one's self in an attitude fit for boxing.  
*Var. dial.*

(4) To strut; to swagger about. *Deron.*

(5) Honest; equitable. "*Square dealing.*"

SQUARE-DICE. Dice honestly made.

SQUARELY. Roundly; excessively.

SQUARES. (1) There is a common phrase, *all squares*, meaning all settled, all right. An instance of it occurs in the *Pickwick Papers*, p. 434. *To break squares*, means to depart from the accustomed order. See an instance of this latter phrase in *Lambarde's Perambulation*, 1596, p. 466. *To break no squares*, to give no offence, to make no difference. *How gang squares, how do ye do? How go the squares, how goes on the game, as chess, the board being full of squares.*

(2) Broad hoops of iron holding coals in the baskets while they are being drawn up from the pits. *North.*

SQUARKIN. (1) "I squarkyn, I burne the utter part of a thyng agaynst the fyer, or roste mete unkyndly, *je ars*. This mete is nat rostydy, it is squarkynnyd," *Palgrave*, verb. f. 371.

(2) To suffocate. *Ibid.*

SQUARY. Short and fat. *North.*

SQUASH. (1) To splash. *East.*

(2) An unripe pod of a pea.

(3) To squeeze or crush to pieces. *West.*

SQUASHY. Soft; pulpy; watery. *Warw.*

SQUAT. (1) To bruise; to lay flat; to slap. *South.* "In our Western language *squat* is a bruise," *Aubrey's Wilts*, Royal Soc. MS. p. 127. "To squatte, or throwe anie thing against the ground," *Baret*, T. 213.

And you take me so near the net again,  
I'll geve you leave to *squat* me.

*Middleton's Works*, v. 36.

(2) To make quiet. *Var. dial.*

(3) To splash. *North.*

(4) A short stout person. *Linc.*

(5) To compress. *Decon.*

(6) A small separate vein of ore.

(7) Flat. (8) To make flat. *Kent.*

SQUAT-BAT. A piece of wood with a handle used to block the wheel while stopping on a hill. *Sussex.*

SQUATCH. A narrow cleft. *Somerset.*

SQUATMORE. The name of a plant.

Neer or at the salt-worke there growes a plant they call *squatmore*, and hath wonderfull vertue for a squatt; it hath a roote like a little carrat: I doe not heare it is taken notice of by any herbalist.

*Aubrey's MS. Wilts*, p. 127.

SQUATTING-PILLS. Opiate pills; pills calculated to squat or quiet any one. *East.*

SQUAWK. To squeak. *Var. dial.*

SQUAWKING-THRUSH. The missel-thrush. *I. Wight.*

SQUAWP. A dirty or peevish child.

SQUEAK. To creak, as a door, &c.

SQUEAKED. Spoke. *Deron.*

SQUEAL. Infirm; weak. *Deron.*

That he was weak, and ould, and *squeal*,  
And *zeidom* made a hearty meal.

*Peter Pindar*, ed. 1794, i. 286.

SQUEAN. To fret, as the hog.

SQUEECH. The same as *Queach*, q. v.

SQUEEZE. To squeeze. "Don't *squeeze* me to the wall," don't drive the bargain too close. A Gloucestershire phrase.

SQUELCH. (1) A fall. (2) To fall.

And yet was not the *squelch* so ginger,  
But that I sprain'd my little finger.

*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 242.

(2) To give a blow in the stomach. *North.* See *Middleton*, iv. 410. "To squab, *squelch*, *collido*," *Coles*. Also, a blow.

He was the cream of Brecknock,  
And flower of all the Welsh;  
But George he did the dragon fell,  
And gave him a plaguy *squelch*.

*St. George for England*, 2d Part.

SQUELCH-BUB. An unfledged bird; used also for an ignorant youth. *Derby.*

SQUELCH-GUTTED. Very fat. *South.*

SQUELE. To squall; to shriek. *East.*

Bounden with his swatheling bonde,  
There thouzte him hit lay *squelonde*.

*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 9.

SQUELSTRING. Sultry. *Devon.*

SQUELTRING. Sweltering.

The slaughter'd Trojans, *squeltring* in their blood,  
Infect the air with their carcasses,  
And are a prey for every ravenous bird.

*Tragedy of Locrine*, p. 28.

SQUEMOUS. Sauey. *Lanc.*

SQUENCH. To quench. *Var. dial.* "Fetche pitch and flaxe, and *squench* it," First Part of the *Contention*, p. 59.

SQUIB. "*Conuicchia*, a kinde of bushy squib," *Florio*, ed. 1611, p. 117.

SQUIB-CRACK. Cracking like a squib?

So your rare wit, that's euer at the full,  
Lyes in the cave of your rotundious skull,  
Untill your wisdomes pleasure send it forth,  
From East to West, from South unto the North.  
With *squib-crack* lightning, empty hogthead thundring,  
To maze the world with terror and with wondring.

*Taylor's Laugh and be Fat*, 1630, p. 79.

SQUICHT.

But think you *Basilisco squicht* for that,  
Ev'n as a cow for tickling in the horn?

*Tragedy of Solomon and Persata*, p. 222.

SQUIDDLED. Cheated; wheedled. *West.*

SQUIDGE. To squeeze. *I. Wight.*

SQUIDLETS. Small pieces as of meat or cloth. "What use he sich little *squidlets* as that?" *Dorset.*

SQUIERIE. A company of squires.

SQUIE. A skiff, or small boat.

SQUIGGLE. To shake about. *Essex.*

SQUILLARY. A scullery. *Palsgrave*. "The pourveyours of the buttlarye and pourveyours of the squylerey," *Ord. and Reg.* p. 77. "*Sergeant squyllonare*, *ibid.* p. 81. "All suche other as shall long unto the squyllare," *Rutland Papers*, p. 100. The squiller's business was to wash dishes, &c.

How the *squiler* of the kechyn,  
Pers, that hath woned hereyn.

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 39.

SQUILT. A mark caused by disease. *Salop.*

**SQUIMBLE-SQUAMBLE.** "*Griffe graffe*, by hooke or by crooke, *squimble squamble*, scamblingly, catch that catch may," Cotgrave.

**SQUINANCY.** A quinsey.

Good Lord, how many Athenian oratours have wee that counterfeit *squinancy* for a little coyne.

*Don Simonides*, 2d Part, 1534.

If Jupiter be signifiicator of the death, it denoteth that hee shall die of a plursie, of a *squinance*, or of some hot apostumations of the liver, or of the lungs, or of other sicknesses comming of wind or of blood; and that if he be fortunate.

*The Art of Astrologie*, 1642.

**SQUINANCY-BERRIES.** Black currants.

**SQUINCH.** (1) A quince. *Devon*.

(2) A crack in a floor. *West*.

(3) A small piece of projecting stonework at the top of the angle of a tower.

**SQUINCY.** A quinsey.

Shall not we be suspected for the murder, And choke with a hempen *squincy*.

*Randolph's Jealous Lovers*, 1646, p. 56.

**SQUINDER.** To smoulder. *East*.

**SQUIN-EIES.** Squinting eyes.

Gold can make limping Vulcan walke upright, Make *squin-eies* looke straight.

*How to Choose a Good Wife*, 1634.

**SQUINK.** To wink. *Suffolk*.

**SQUINNY.** (1) To squint. *Var. dial.* Shake-speare has the term, King Lear, iv. 6.

(2) Lean; slender. *East*.

(3) To fret, as a child. *Hants*.

**SQUIPPAND.** Sweeping. *Robson*.

**SQUIR.** (1) To cast away with a jerk. Boys *squir* pieces of tile or flat stones across ponds or brooks to make what are denominated *Ducks and drakes*. The term is used in the Spectator, No. 77. "I saw him *squir* away his watch a considerable way into the Thames."

(2) To whirl round. *Sussex*. Bailey gives *squirm* as a South country word, meaning "to move very nimbly about, spoken of an eel."

**SQUIRE.** (1) To wait or attend upon.

(2) *A squire of the body*, originally the attendant on a knight, but the term was afterwards applied to a pimp. *Squire of dames*, a person devoted to the fair sex; also, a pander. A pimp or procurer was also termed simply a *squire*. To *squire*, to pimp, as in the City Match, 1639, p. 35, "and spoile your *squiring* in the dark."

(3) "Squyer for a carpentar, *esquierre*," Palsgrave. "Squyer a rule, *riglet*." *Ibid*.

(4) The neck. For *Swire*.

**SQUIRLITY.** Scurrility. Webster, iii. 28.

**SQUIRM.** To wriggle about. *South*.

**SQUIRREL.** A prostitute.

**SQUIRREL-HUNTING.** A curious Derbyshire custom. The *wakes* at Duffield are held on the first Sunday after the first of November, and on the *wakes* Monday the young men and boys of the village collect together, to the number of two or three hundred, and with pots and kettles, frying-pans, cows' horns, and all the discordant instruments they can pro-

cure, proceed to Kedleston, about three miles distant, in search of a squirrel. They gather themselves round the fine oaks and elms in the park, and with the noise of their instruments and their loud halloos soon succeed in starting one amongst the houghs. This they chase from tree to tree, until stunned with the noise, and wearied with exertion, it falls to the ground, and is captured; it is carried back in triumph to Duffield, and not unfrequently undergoes the torment of a second hunt in a wood near the village. Whether this is the remains of a privilege of hunting in the forest of Duffield, possessed by the inhabitants or not, I know not, but many unsuccessful attempts have been made to stop it, the inhabitants always asserting their right to hunt. At the same village the old custom of wren hunting is still observed. See *Hunting-the-Wren*.

**SQUIRT.** "Squyrte a laxe, *foire*, Palsgrave, subst. f. 66.

**SQUIRTEL.** "Sqwyrtyl or swyrtyl, *sifons, sibilo*," Prompt. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 162.

**SQUISE.** To squeeze. Baret, 1580.

**SQUISH-SQUASH.** The noise made by the feet in walking over a swampy piece of ground. *South*.

**SQUISHY.** Sloppy and dirty. *East*.

**SQUIT.** *Small*. A word confined in its use.

"A little *squit* of a thing" is said disparagingly of a somewhat diminutive and not pleasing young woman.

**SQUITTER.** (1) To squirt. *Somerset*.

(2) Corrupt matter. Batman, 1582.

(3) A lask, or looseness. *Var. dial*.

**SQUIZZEN.** To crush; to rumple. *East*. Also the part. pa. of *to squeeze*.

**SQULSH.** The same as *Gulch*, q. v.

**SQUOACE.** To truck, or exchange. *Somerset*.

**SQUOAVERAN-CALLAN.** A jesting youth.

**SQOB.** (1) With a crash. "He throwed him down *squob*." *Sussex*.

(2) *To squob a bird's nest*, to throw sticks or stones at it and break the eggs. *Oxon*.

(3) Fat and lusty; plump.

**SQUOBBLE.** A term among printers; when the letters fall out of a form they say it is *squobbed*. Holme, 1688.

**SQUOLK.** A draught of liquor. *Essex*.

**SQUOLSH.** The sound which is produced by the fall of soft heavy bodies. *Essex*.

**SQOT.** To spot with dirt. *Derb*.

**SQUOURGE.** To scourge. *Palsgrave*.

**SQUOZZON.** Squeezed. *North*.

**SQUY-BOBBLES.** This singular word was familiarly used by mine hostess at Felixstow. "He'd a bawt the home, but for the lawyer's *squi-bobbles*," referring to difficulties or delay about title. I know not how far the use of the word may extend. It seemed expressive and easily understood. *Moor's Suff. MS*.

**SQUYWINNIKEN.** Awry; askew. *East*.

**SQWERYLLE.** A squirrel. This form occurs in the *Nomiale MS*. xv. Cent.

SRUD. Clothed. (*A.-S.*)

And com into then halle,  
Ther hoc wes send with palle. *MS. Digby 36.*

STA. State. *Hearne.*

STAB. A hole in the ground in which the female rabbit secures her litter while they are very young. *Sussex.*

STABBING. *Stabbing the dice*, a system of cheating by using a box so contrived that the dice would not turn in it.

STABBLE. To soil anything by walking on it with dirty shoes. *Hants.*

STABLER. "*Stabularius*, a stabyer." *Nominale MS.* xv. Cent.

STABLE. To make firm or stable.

Ryȝt so the gyfte of pite festes,  
And stables the hert thare it restes.

*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 4.*

STABLED. When a rider sinks with his horse into a deep hole or bog, he is said to be stabled. *Oxon.*

STABLISSE. To establish. (*A.-N.*)

Til God of his goodnesse  
Gan stablisse and stynte,  
And garte the hevne to stekie  
And stonden in quite.

*Piers Ploughman, p. 22.*

STABLYE. Station of huntsmen. *Gawayne.*

STABULL. Stable; firm.

Gye calde forthe the constabull,  
A nobull man, and of councell stabull.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 167.*

STACE. Statius, the Roman poet.

STACIA. A term of comparison used in Norfolk, e. g. that will do like stacia, as drunk as stacia, &c.

STACK. (1) A chimney-piece. *West.*

(2) A flight of stone steps outside a building. *Glouc. and Heref.*

STACKBARS. Large hurdles with which hay-stacks in the field are generally fenced. *Yorksh.*

STACKE. Stuck. (*A.-S.*)

STACKER. To reel; to stagger. *North.*

STACK-TOMB. A table monument. *East.*

STADD. Put; placed.

Y wylle dyne for love of thee,  
Thou haste byn strongly stadd.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 65.*

STADDLE. (1) The stain left on metal after the rust is removed. *West.* According to Grose, "a mark or impression made on anything by something lying upon it."

(2) A support for a stack of corn, &c. *Stadling.* stuff to make a staddle.

(3) To cover. *West.*

STADBLE-ROW. A large row of dried grass ready for quiling or carrying. *Derby.*

STADBOW. An instrument used by comb-makers, mentioned by Holme, iii. 383.

STADE. (1) A shore or station for ships. This word is constantly used at Hastings. "Stade and saeth, a sea-bank or shore, Sax. *stathie, lituus, stathio narium*, whence at Hith in Kent the landing-place or sea-side to which the boats come up is now called the *stade*, and at Haselden in Yorkshire the like landing-places are called *Hindra stathes*," Kennett *MS.*

(2) Placed?

When they ware *stade* on a strenghe, thou *stade* hafe withstondene,

Bot ȝif thowe wolde alle my steryne stro, c f re the monys.

*Monte Athure, MS. Landon 4, 73.*

STADELL. The step of a ladder. *Kent.*

STADIE. A stadium.

And with o wynde he wolde ronne a *stadie*.

*MS. Digby 230.*

STADLE. To cut woods in such a manner as to leave, at certain distances, young plants to replenish them. *Stadles*, young growing trees left after cutting underwood.

It is commonlie seeme that those young *stadles*, which we leave standing at one and twentie yeeres fall, are usuallie at the next side-cut downe without any danger of the statute, and serve for fire bote, if it please the owner to burne them.

*Harrison's England, p. 214.*

STAED. A bank. *Oxon.*

STAFF. (1) Part of a knight's armour, alluded to in Warner's *Albion's England*, xii. 291.

(2) A measure of nine feet. *Devon.*

(3) To scoff at; to ridicule. *Decon.*

(4) A pair of fighting-cocks. *South.*

(5) To put down his staff in a place, to take up his residence. To keep the staff in his hand, to retain possession of his property; to part with the staff, to part with his property. *Staff hedge*, a hedge made of stakes and underwood.

(6) A stave, or stanza.

STAFF-HIRD. To have sheep under the care of a shepherd. *North.*

STAFF-HOOK. A sharp hook fastened to a long handle to cut peas and beans, and trim hedges. *I. of Wight.*

STAFFIER. A lacquey. (*Fr.*)

Before the dame, and round about,  
March'd whiffles and staffiers on foot.

*Hudibras, II. ii. 60.*

STAFFLE. To walk about irregularly. *North.*

STAFFORD-COURT. He has had a trial in Stafford Court, i. e. he has been beaten or ill-treated. "*Il a esté au festin de Martin baston*, he hath had a trial in Stafford Court, or hath received Jacke Drums intertainment," Cotgrave, "*Braccésca licenza*, as we say Stafford's law," Florio, p. 66.

STAFF-RUSH. The round-headed rush.

STAFF-SLING. A kind of sling formed with a staff. "*Putcaria, fastibulum, staffslyng*," *Nominale MS.* "Staffe slyng made of a clyfte stycke, *ruant*," Palsgrave.

With carbarelle and with wilde fyre.

With *staffslynges* and other atyre.

*MS. Add. 10036, f. 24.*

Foremeste he sette hys arweblasteres,

And aftyr that hys good archeres,

And aftyr hys *staffslyngeres*,

And othir with scheeldes and with spere.

*Richard Coeur de Lion, 4455.*

STAF-FUL. Quite full.

Now ar thay stoken of sturne werk *staf ful* her hom.

*Sir Gawayne and the Grene Knight, 494.*

STAFF. Lost or wasted?

Then take out the suet that it be not *staff*.

For that, my freend, is good for leacherant.

*The Booke of Hunting, 1596.*

- STAG. (1) A castrated bull. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) A hart in its fifth year. Maistre of the Game, MS. Bodl. 546.  
 (3) A young horse. *Cumb.*  
 (4) A wren. (5) A cock turkey, killed for eating in his second year. *East.*  
 (6) A romping girl. *Yorksh.*  
 (7) A gander. *North.* Aubrey gives the following Lancashire proverb:  
 He that will have his fold full  
 Must have an old tup, and a young bull;  
 He that will have a full flock  
 Must have an old *stogge* and a young cock.  
*MS. Royal Soc. p. 293.*
- STAGART. A hart in its fourth year. Maistre of the Game, MS. Bodl. 546.
- STAGE. A step, floor, or story. Palsgrave has, "stage, a scaffolde, *estage*, *beffroy*."  
 Then shall men fetch down off the *stage*  
 All the maidens of parage,  
 And bring hem into an orchard,  
 The fairest of all middelard.  
*Ellis's Met. Rom. iii. 126.*
- STAGGARTIL. A stack-yard. *Line.*
- STAGGED. Boggled. *Decon.*
- STAGGERING. "Staggering or leanyng of an house, *bransle*," Palsgrave.
- STAGGERING-BOB. A very young calf. *Chesh.*
- STAGGERS. (1) Staggering or violent distress, metaphorically from the disease so called. *Shak.* See Nares, in v.  
 (2) The giddiness in sheep occasioned by a worm in its brain. *Dorset.*  
 (3) Old quick removal from one hedge to another. *Salop.*
- STAGGERY. Liable to tremble. *Midr.*
- STAGGY-WARNER. A boy's game. The boy chosen for the stag clasps his hands together, and holding them out threatens his companions as though pursuing them with horns, and a chase ensues, in which the stag endeavours to strike one of them, who then becomes stag in his turn.
- STAG-HEADED. Said of a tree the upper branches of which are dead. *North.*
- STAGING. (1) Scaffolding. *Norf.* The term occurs in Anecdotes and Traditions, p. 37.  
 (2) Standing quite upright. *Northumb.*
- STAGNATE. To astonish utterly. *Var. dial.*
- STAGNE. A lake. "By the *stagne* of Genazareth," Golden Legend, ed. 1483, f. 82. "Duckes meate, whiche is a kinde of weades hovering above the water in pondes or stanges, *lens palustris*," Huloet, 1552.
- STAGON. The male of the red deer in its fourth year. See Harrison, p. 226.
- STALD. Of advanced age. *Var. dial.*
- STALDLIN. A part of a corn-stack left standing. *North.*
- STAIL. A handle. *Var. dial.*
- STAIN (1) To paint. *Somerset.*  
 (2) To outdo, or excel.
- STAINCH. A root like liquorice. *North.*
- STAINCHILS. Door-posts. *North.*
- STAIR-FOOT. The bottom of the stairs.
- STAITH. An embankment; a narrow road or

lane leading over the bank of a river to the waterside; a warehouse. The same as *Stathe*, q. v.

STAK. A stake: a post. (*A.-S.*)  
 He ys a lyoun in feld,  
 When he ys spred undur scheld!  
 Hys helme shal be wel steled,  
 That stond shal as *stak*. *Dogrevant, 1044*

STAKE. (1) To shut; to fasten. *North.*

(2) Lot, or charge. *Devon.*

(3) To block up.

Theu caus'd his ships the river up to *stake*,  
 That none with victual should the town relieve.  
*Donnyon's Poems, p. 27.*

(4) In MS. Med. Rec. Lincoln, f. 294, xv, Cent. is a receipt for "the *stake* in the syde." The tightness of the chest, producing difficulty of breathing, is called *staking at the stomach*. See Salop. Antiq. p. 576. "The brest with the *stak*," Arch. xxx. 413.

(5) A small anvil standing on a broad iron foot, to move on the work-bench at pleasure. Holme gives the name to "a great iron for a smith to forge iron or steel-work upon."

STAKE-AND-RICE. A wattled fence.

STAKE-BEETLE. A wooden club to drive stakes in. *South.*

STAKE-HANG. Sometimes called only a *hang*. A kind of circular hedge made of stakes, forced into the sea-shore, and standing about six feet above it, for the purpose of catching salmon, and other fish. *Somerset.*

A know'd ill about the *stake-hangs*

Tha zälmon vor ta catch,

Tha pitchin an tha dippin net,

Tha slime an tha mud-hatch.

*Jennings's Observations, 1825, p. 141.*

STAKER. To stagger. (*A.-S.*) "Offensator, he that *stakereth* in redyng, as though he were not perfecte in readyng, or readeth otherwyse than it is written," Elyot, ed. 1559. "*Stak-kerunge* on the ground," Morte d'Arthur, ii. 52. Still in use in Devon.

STAKING. Costiveness in cattle. *Yorksh.*

STALANE. A stallion. "*Emissarius*, a stallane," Nominale MS.

STAL-BOAT. A fishing-boat. *Blount.*

STALDER. A pile of wood. It is the translation of *chantier de bois* in Hollyhand's Dictionary, 1593. A stalder is the stool on which casks are placed.

STALE. (1) To steal. Also, stolen.

Also if ye ever *stale* eny straynche child,

As som women do in divers place.

*MS. Laud. 416, f. 62.*

Nodur no man of flesche nor felle,

Hyt ys a fende *stale* fro helle.

*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 33, f. 118.*

(2) A decoy; a snare. "Stale for foules takynge," Palsgrave. "The lyon never prayet' on the mouse, nor faulcons stoupe not to dead *stales*," Dorastus and Fawna, p. 38. "Laie in *stale*," i. e. in wait, Stanilhurst's Deser. Ir land, p. 21. "A *stale* or pretence, a fraud or deceit," Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 392.

If it be a solitary beauty you court, which as yet  
 is *stale* in the *stale*, so that he be beside take to the

seent, she will not long be so, for your attendance will be but like the fowler's *stale*, the appearance of which brings but theirs to the net.

*A Copie of the Breviary of the Countess of Devon's Household*, 1680, p. 96.  
He ordeined certain of his men to give assault to the house of Gainsborough while he stode in a *stall* to be in waite for the rebete that might come from Callis.

*Hall's Union*, 1548, *Hon. W.* r. 31.

- 3 A company or band? "To keep the stale," Malory's *Morte d'Arthur*, i. 150.

With hys steyne brande he strykes of hys huvede,  
And sterttes owtte to hys stele, and with his *stale*  
wende. *Morte d'Arthur*, MS. Lincoln, f. 67.

- (4) A prostitute. A cant term. Our old writers use the term in the sense of a *substitute for another in wickedness, especially in adultery*, as in Middleton, ii. 521, or sometimes as a cover for another's guilt.

And that is all I could do, for before  
I coul'd get earnest of any ones love,  
To whom I made addresse, even she would say,  
You have another mistresse, go to her,  
I wil not be her *stale*.

*The Shepherds Holiday*, sig. G. i.

Must an husband be made a *stale* to sinne, or an  
inlet to his owne shame?

*The Two Lawe-hire Lovers*, 1640, p. 21.

- (5) Wanting freshness, formerly applied in this sense generally.
- (6) Urine. Still in use. "Stale, pyss, *eschuy*," Palsgrave, 1530, subst. f. 66.
- (7) A stalk. *Warw.*
- (8) To render stale or flat; to make cheap or common. *Shak.*
- (9) A hurdle. *North.*
- (10) The round of a ladder.
- (11) The confederate of a thief.  
Lives like a gentleman by sleight of hand,  
Can play the foist, the nip, the *stale*, the stand.  
*Taylor's Blood of Courtiers*, 1630, p. 8.
- (12) To hide away. *Somerset.*
- (13) A stale maid, an old maid.

STALE-BEER. Strong beer. *I. of Wight.*

STALENGE. To compound for anything by the year or number. *North.*

STALINGE. Urine.  
Summe of Alexander knyghtes lykked irene,  
summe dranke oyle, and summe ware at so grete  
meschefe that they dranke thaire awene *stalinge*.  
*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 27.

STALK. (1) A company of foresters.

(2) To use a stalking-horse for obtaining wild-fowl and game.

(3) The leg of a bird. "Oiseau trop haut assis, whose staulkes (or legs) are too long," Cotgrave, in v. *Assis*.

(4) A quill, or reed.

(5) The part of a crossbow from which the arrow is ejected. "Stalke of a shafte, *fast*," Palsgrave, 1530, subst. f. 66.

(6) The upright piece of a ladder; the principal upright in any small monumental erection.

(7) The stem of a tree. *West.*

STALKE. To step slowly. (*A.-S.*)  
And to the hedde he *stalketh* stille,  
Where that he wist was the wife,  
And in his hande a rasour knife  
He bare, with whiche hir throte he cut.  
*Gower*, ed. 1554, f. 32.

STALKER. (1) A fowler. Properly, one who used the stalking-horse. *North.*

(2) A kind of fishing net.

STALKING. Wet and miry. *Glowe.*

STALKING-COAT. A sort of coat worn in England in the reign of Henry VIII.

STALKING-HORSE. A horse real or fictitious, by which a fowler screens himself from the sight of the game.

What a she bizzard it is! A man can scarce get a shoot at him with a *stalking-horse*. He has been scar'd sure.

*Clarke's Pheasant and Partridge*, 1655, p. 126.

There is no getting at some fowl without a *stalking-horse*, which must be some old jade trained up for that purpose, who will gently, as you would have him, walk up and down in the water which you please, flodding and eating the grass that grows therein; behind whose fore-shoulder you are to shelter yourself and gun, bending your body down low by his side, and keeping his body still full between you and the fowl. When you are wither shot take your level from before the fore-part of the horse, giving fire as it were between his neck and the water, which is much better shooting than under his belly. Now to supply the defect of a real *stalking-horse*, which will take up a great deal of time to instruct and make fit for this exercise, an artificial one may be made of any piece of old canvas, which is to be shap'd in form of a horse, with the head bending downwards, as if he graz'd. It may be stuffed with any light matter, and should be painted of the colour of a horse, whereof brown is the best; in the middle let it be fixt to a staff, with a sharp iron at the end, to stick into the ground as occasion requires, standing fast while you take your level; and farther, as it must be very portable, it should also be mov'd, so as it may seem to graze as it goes; neither ought its stature be too high or too low, for the one will not hide the body, and the other will be apt to fright the fowl away. But when you have so beat the fowl with the *stalking-horse* that they begin to find your deceit, and will no longer endure it, you may stalk with an ox or cow made of painted canvas, till the *stalking-horse* be forgot, while others again stalk with stags, or red deer, formed out of painted canvas, with the natural horns of stags fixed thereon, and the colour so lively painted that the fowl cannot discern the fallacy.  
*Dictionary Rusticum*, 1736.

STALL. (1) To forestall. *Joussan.*

(2) To tire; to satiate. *North.*

(3) To choke. *Northumb.*

(4) A temporary hut. *Northampton.*

(5) To set fast, as in mud, &c.

(6) A doorless pew in a church.

(7) A covering for a finger, used to protect it when cut or sore. *Var. dial.*

(8) A term of contempt.  
So shall you meete with that *stall*,  
That woulde my kingdome clayme and call.  
*Chaucer's Pylgrym*, l. 178.

(9) To stall a debt, i. e. to forbear it for a time. *Leycester Corresp.* p. 45.

(10) Place; seat; room. *Stalle*, to sit in place, to order. (*A.-S.*)  
Als he was stoken in that *stall*,  
He herd byhind him, in a wall,  
A dor open fair and wele,  
And tharout come a danyel.  
*Yvain and Gawain*, 1795

And thanke the lord that syteth on hye,  
That formeth and stalleth the kyngys see.

*MS. Cantab. Ec. li. 38, f. 2.*

(11) To make, or ordain. *Stalling to the rogue*,  
an old method of admitting into the society  
of canting rognes.

(12) To fatten. "It is tyme to stall your oxyn  
that you entend to sel after Ester." *Palsgrave*.

**STALLAGE.** A wooden trough on which casks  
are placed for working beer. *Sussex*.

**STALLANT.** A stallion. *Palsgrave*.

**STALLING.** Making, or ordaining. So ex-  
plained by Dekker, in his *Lanthorne and  
Candle-Light*, 1620, sig. C. iii.

**STALLING-KEN.** A house for receiving stolen  
goods. Dekker, 1612.

**STALLION.** A slip from a plant.

**STALUME.** A stallion. *Palsgrave*.

**STALWORTH.** Strong; stout; brave.

We had a brolar they callyd Moradas,  
Wyth the emperowre he was,

A stalwoorth man y-nogh.

*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 33, f. 80.*

And this waud nought brusell ne faldande bot stal-  
woorthly lastand. *MS. Coll. Ec. ii. 10, f. 5.*

And scho strenyde me so stalwoorthly, that I  
had no mouthe to speke, ne no hande to styrre.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 193.*

And stallwoorthly were so he wende,

And lastandely to hys lyves ende.

*MS. Harl. 2250, f. 16.*

**STAM.** (1) The stem of a vessel?

So stowtly the forsterne one the *stam* hyttis,

That stokkes of the sterc-burde strykkys in peces.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 91.*

(2) To amaze; to confound. *East*.

**STAM-BANG.** Plump down. *Cornw.*

**STAMBER.** To stammer.

Curled locks on idiots heads,

Ye allow as the amber,

Plays on thoughts as girls with beads,

When their inasse they stamber.

*Armin's Nest of Ninnes, 1605.*

**STAMEL.** A kind of fine worsted.

Some *stamel* weaver, or some butcher's son,

That scrub'd alate withun a sleeveless gown.

*The Returne from Parnassus, p. 248.*

Shée make request for a goone of the new-fashion  
stufte, for a petticoate of the finest *stammell*, or for a  
hat of the newest fashion.

*The Arrangement of Bowd, vllb, forward, and  
Unconstant Women, 1623, p. 12.*

But long they had not danc'd, till this young maide,

In a fresh *stammell* petticoate aray'd,

With vellure sleeves, and bodie tied with points,

Began to feele a loo-ensesse in her joynts.

*Times Courtiers Deuour, 1621, sig. D. iv.*

**STAMINE.** (1) Linsey-woolsey cloth; a garment  
made of that material.

Oo kirtel and oo cote for somer, with a blak  
habite above hem, and evereithr tyme ij. *stamins*.

*MS. Bodl. 423, f. 182.*

(2)

Standis styffe one the *stamine*, steris one aftyre.

Strekyne over the strome, thare stryvyng begyennes.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 91.*

**STAMMER.** To stumble, or stagger. *North*.

**STAMMERING.** Doubtful. *Batman, 1582.*

**STAMMIN.** Wonderful; surprising. *East*.

**STAMP.** (1) A halfpenny.

(2) A tune.

Songes, *stamps*, and cke daunces,

Dyers plenté of pleasaunces,

And many unknouth notys newe

Of swich folkys as lovde trewe.

And instrumentys that dyde excele,

Many moo thane I kane telle. *MS. Fairfax 16.*

While Josian was in Ermome,

She hadde lerned of ministracie,

Upon a fithere for to play

*Staumpes, notes, garibiles gay.*

*Beves of Handoun, p. 143.*

(3) To bruise in a mortar.

*Stampe* the anyone, and *tenpre yt* with watur,

and *jif* the syke to drynk, and anon he schal *speke*.

*MS. in Mr. Pettigrew's Possession, xv. Cent.*

(4) To thrash out the seeds of flax.

(5) Put to stampe, i. e. to press.

Wrote a greate boke of the saied false and feined  
miracles and revelacions of the saied Elizabeth in a  
faire hand, redy to bee a copie to the printer when  
the saied boke should be put to *stampe*.

*Hafl, Henry VIII, f. 221.*

(6) Explained by Hearne, a pond.

Sir James of Beauchamp wounded and may not stama,

In a water *stampe* he was dronkled beand.

*Langtoft's Chronicle, p. 298.*

**STAMP-CRAB.** One who treads heavily.

**STAMPERS.** Shoes. *Dekker*.

**STAMPINGS.** Holes in a horse's shoe.

**STAMPS.** (1) "Pounders or beating-hammers  
lift up by a wheel, moved with water, and  
falling by their own weight to stamp or beat  
small the slags or cinders of refuse metal, are  
call'd *stamps*," Kennett MS.

(2) Legs. A cant term, occurring in Dekker's  
*Lanthorne and Candle-Light*, 1620, sig. C. iii.

**STAM-WOOD.** The roots of trees stubbed or  
grubbed up. *South*.

**STAN.** (1) A stone. *Line*.

(2) To reckon; to count. *Neve*.

(3) A stiek used by butchers for keeping the  
belly and legs of a slaughtered beast stretched  
out. Holme, 1688.

**STANARD.** A yard for stones. *Line*.

**STANBRODS.** Slate pins, generally made of  
the leg-bones of sheep.

**STANCH.** A lock in a river or canal, including  
the masonry and gates, &c. *Line*.

**STANCHIL.** (1) The stannel-hawk. *North*.

(2) A bar; generally, the iron-bar of a window,  
or a stanchion, q. v.

Round about the saied tomb-stone, both at the  
sides and at either end, were set up neat *stanchils*  
of wood, joynd so close that one could not put in  
his hand betwixt one and the other.

*Daves' Ancient Rites, ed. 1672, p. 118.*

**STANCHON.** The bar of a window. Also, a  
prop or support. The term is still in use in  
the first sense, generally pronounced *stanchion*.  
See Grose and Pegge, p. 152. "Stanchon of  
a wyndowe, *croysce*," *Palsgrave*. "Stanchon,  
a proppe, *estanchon*," *Ibid*.

**STANCHLESS.** Insatiable. *Shak*.

**STANCROPPES.** The herb *crassula minor*.

See MS. Sloane 5, f. 4, xv. Cent.

**STAND.** (1) *To stand in hand, to stand on*, to  
concern or interest. *To stand to do it*, to be



- able to do it. *To stand to a child*, to be sponsor for it. *To stand to*, to maintain an assertion. *To stand upon anything*, to make it a matter of consequence. *To stand for it*, to engage to the correctness of anything. *To stand by any one*, to protect him.
- (2) A stall in a stable. *North*.
- (3) To put up with. *Var. dial.*
- (4) The stickleback. *Suffolk*.
- (5) A young unpollled tree. *East*.
- (6) A beer-barrel set on one end.
- (7) A building erected for spectators at a race or other amusement.
- (8) A frame for supporting barrels, &c.
- (9) To be maintained or upheld.
- STANDARD.** (1) A frame, or horse. Wooden frames of various kinds are so called.
- (2) A large chest, generally used for carrying plate, jewels, and articles of value, but sometimes for linen.
- Item, the said Anne shall have two *standard chestes* delivered unto her for the keeping of the said diaper, the one to keep the cleane stuff, and th' other to keep the stuff that hath been occupied. *Ordinances and Regulations*, p. 215.
- (3) A tree growing unsupported. *Var. dial.*
- (4) One who remains long in a place.
- (5) A large wax taper. "A great torch of wax, which we call a *standard* or a quarrier," Florio, p. 161, ed. 1611.
- (6) The upright bar of a window.
- STANDAXE.** An ox-stall. Arch. xiii. 383.
- STAND-BACK-DAY.** A day, among a company of sheep-shearers, in which some or all the company have no employment. *East*.
- STANDELWELKS.** Satyrion. *Gerard*. *Standerg* is another name, ib. p. 169.
- STANDERS.** (1) "The trees left for encrease in the woods." This is the explanation of the word in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.
- (2) Iron uprights used in building? *Privy Purse Expences Eliz. York*, p. 25.
- STANDERT.** A standard. *Palsgrave*. *Meyrick* explains it, "a pole, on the top of which was set a mark."
- STAND-FURTHER.** A quarrel; a disunion. "There's quite a stand-further between them." *Wills*.
- STAND-HOLES.** "I'll stand holes," I will hold to my bargain; sometimes thus limited, "I'll stand holes till next Wednesday." It seems borrowed from the game kit-kat, or bandy wicket, at which if a player indicate an intention of running indiscreetly in the opinion of another, the latter will fix him to his position by roaring out "*stand holes*."
- STANDING-HOUSE.** A domestic establishment. See Stanhurst, p. 21.
- The beere that is used at noble mens tables in their fixed and *standing houses*, is commonlie of a yeare old, or peradventure of two yeares tanning or more, but this is not generall.
- Harrison's England*, p. 167.
- STANDING-PECE.** "Standyng pece, *couppe*," *Palsgrave*. "Standyng pece, with a cover, *couppe*," *ibid.* "Standyng-pece, *crathera*," MS. Arundel 249, f. 89.
- STANDING-STOOL.** A small wooden machine with wheels, formerly used for children.
- Thus far his infancy: his riper age  
Requires a more misterious folio page,  
Now that time speaks him perfect, and 'tis pittle  
To dandle him longer in a clo-e committee,  
The elf dares peep abroad, the pretty foole  
Can wag without a truckling *standing-stoole*.  
*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 130.
- STANDING-WATCH.** Sentinels or scouts in an army stationed at the outer posts.
- STANDISH.** An inkstand.
- Pausing awhile over my *standish*, I resolved in  
verse to paynt forth my passion.  
*Pierce Penlesse*, 1592
- STAND-STILL.** A stoppage. *Var. dial.*
- STANDYTH.** Remaineth.
- Y tryste in God that he schalle me spede,  
He *standyth* wyth the ryght.  
*MS. Cantab. Ft. ii. 38, f. 79.*
- STANE.** A stone. *Stane-still*, still as a stone quite still. *North*.
- When the king had said his will,  
Al the lordes sat *stane-still*;  
Of al the wise men that thar ware,  
Nane kowth gif him graith answare.  
*The Sevyn Sages*, 3668.
- STANFRA.** Backwards; unwilling. *Yorksh.*
- STANG.** (1) An eel-spear. *North*.
- (2) To throb with pain. *Line*.
- (3) A rood of land. *North*.
- (4) The bar of a door. "A bolte, a barre or stang of a dore," Florio, p. 89.
- (5) A piece of wood on which the carcases of beasts are suspended. *North*.
- (6) A wooden bar; the pole on which a tub is suspended. "Tine, a stand, open tub, or soe, most in use during the time of vintage, and holding about foure or five paillefulls, and commonly borne by a *stang* betwene two," *Cotgrave*. "Tbis word is still used in some colleges in the University of Cambridge: to *stang* scholars in Christmas being to cause them to ride on a coltstaff or pole for missing of chappel," Ray, ed. 1674, p. 44.
- And yet hem halebez al hole the halvez-to-geder,  
And sythen on a stif *stange* stoutly hem henge.  
*Sir Gawain and the Grene Knight*, 1614.
- (7) *Riding the stang*. This is a custom well known throughout the North, and intended for the benefit of those husbands who heat their wives. Formerly the offending party was forcibly mounted across a *stang* or pole, on which he was conveyed with a rabble at his heels through the town or village, and compelled to listen to the proclamation of his unmanly conduct, accompanied with the noise of tin cans, horns, &c. But now some one of the assembled multitude, consisting chiefly of boys, is elevated on a pole or ladder, and gives utterance to the following dogrel verses:
- Ran, Dan, Dan, the sign of our old Tin Can,  
*Taylor Wood* has been heating his good woman;

He beat her with neither stick, stone, nor stower,  
But up'd with his goose and knock'd her ower.  
If ever he does the like again,  
As we suppose he will,  
We'll mount him on a nanny goat,  
And ride him down to hell.

So runs a version obtained some years ago at Louth by Mr. Adcock, and probably continues to this day. In the neighbourhood of Lincoln there is a considerable variation. The cry or proclamation is as follows:

Ran, Tan, Tan, the sign of the old Tin Can;  
Stephen Smith's been paying his daughter Nan;  
He paid her both behind and before,  
He paid her 'cause she wouldn't be his whore.  
He lick'd her neither with stake nor stower,  
But up wi' his fist and knock'd her ower.  
Now if Steenie Smith don't mend his manners,  
The skin of his . . . shall go the tanner's:  
And if the tanner don't tan it well:  
Skin, tanner, and . . . shall go to hell.

(8) The shaft of a cart. *Westm.*

STANGEY. A tailor. *North.*

STANIEL. A base kind of hawk. "Auctus, Anglice a staniel," *Nominale MS.*

STANK. (1) Stop! addressed to horses.

(2) A tank, or receptacle for water. Brockett explains it, a wet ditch. "Stagnum, a ponde, a stanke, a dam," *MS. Harl. 2270, f. 181.*

Also in that contrie ther ben bestes, taughte of men to gon into watres, into ryveres, and into depe stanke, for to take fysche.

*Mandrivell's Travels, 1839, p. 209.*

She doith greet harm naneliche yn pondez and in stankeys, for a couple of otrys withoute more shal wel destruye of fysh a greet ponde or a greet stanke, and therefore men huntain hem.

*MS. Bodl., 546.*

The fishes in stankez and wayters thare,  
With nettes and yngnes thay tooke alwhare.

*MS. Lansd., 203, f. 2.*

(3) A dam. Also, to dam up.

And thane Alexander and hys oste went alle aboute that ryvere, and come tille this forsaide stanke, and luded thame aboute it.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 28.*

And stanck up the salt conducts of mine eyes  
To watch thy shame, and weep mine obsequies.

*Fletcher's Poems, p. 154.*

(4) To tread on. *Cornw.*

(5) A disagreeable situation. *Cornw.*

(6) A pole, or stang, q. v.

(7) To sigh; to moan; to groan. *Cumb.*

(8) Weak; worn out. *Spenser.*

STANMARCHIE. The herb alisaunder. *Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 163.*

STANNAGE. A stall.

In this proces of tyme, while Simon dwelte with his said master, they kepte a stannage at our Ladie fater.

*MS. Ashmole 203.*

STANS.

The emperour seyde, that is a herd chaus,  
Bot what letys man to do peans?  
Slauth it is withouten stans,  
That drawys man fro hys penus.

*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 106.*

STANSTICKLE. The prickleback. *East.*

STAP. (1) Stay; visit. *Devon.*

(2) The stave of a tub. *North.*

STAPEL. (1) A post of the bed.

Under ech stapel of his bed,  
That he niste, four that hid.

*The Seryn Sages, 201.*

(2) A small shaft of a coal-pit.

STAPLE. *Merchants of the staple*, a title given to an ancient company of merchants who exported the staple wares of the country.

They did prest of the *marchauntes of the staple* xvij. m. l. late before, which was a great displeasure to the kyng, and a more corasey to the quene.

*Hall, Henry VI. f. 94.*

STAPLER. Anything which tends to destroy the hopes or expectations of another. *Norf.*

STAP-SHARD. A stop-gap. *Somerset.*

STAR. (1) To crack glass so that it appears something li'e a star with many radii.

(2) A white spot on a horse's forehead.

STAR-BASON. An impudent-looking fellow.

STARCHING-BRUSIL. A long square brush used by weavers for starching yarn. *Holme's Academy of Armory, 1688.*

STARE. (1) A starling. "Staare a byrde, *extourneaue*," *Palsgrave. "Sturnus, a stare."* *MS. Arund. 249, f. 90.*

Where every day the queens bird-keeper had the care of teaching me to whistle, as they doe here your *stares* or blackbirds.

*A Comical History of the World in the Moon, 1659.*

The *stare* wyl chatre and speke of long usage,  
Though in his speche ther be no greet resoun.

*Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 150.*

(2) Sedge, grass of the fens. "Bent or *starr*, on the N. W. coast of England, and especially in Lancashire, is a coarse reedy shrub—like ours perhaps—of some importance formerly, if not now, on the sandy blowing lands of those counties. Its fibrous roots give some cohesion to the siliceous soil. By the 15 and 16 G. II. c. 33, "plucking up and carrying away *starr* or bent, or having it in possession, within five miles of the sand hills, was punishable by fine, imprisonment, and whipping." *Moor's Suffolk Words.*

(3) Stiff; weary. *North.*

(4) To shine, or glitter. *Pr. Parv.*

(5) To swagger, or bully. A cant term.

STAREE. "To staree; can your horse staree? i. e. can your horse travel in stiff clay roads, where he must go up and down as it were over steps and stairs, which horses bred in many parts of Somersetshire can very readily do," *MS. Devonshire Gloss.*

STARF. (1) Died. (*A.-S.*) Hence may be derived the phrase *starved with cold*, dead or nearly dead with cold.

Merlin fram him went away,  
The king starf that ich day.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 103.*

And he tolde oute his felonye,  
And starfe forth with his tale anone.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 67.*

(2) "Starf take you, a common phrase of imprecation in Kent, which signifies as much as a plague take you, Sax. *steorfa, lues, pestis*," *Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 389.*

STARGAND. Starting. *Gawayne.*

STARING3. " *Aggricciamenti*, astonishments, starings of ones haïres." Florio, p. 15, ed. 1611.

STARK. (1) Stiff. Still in use.

Nay, gude Josephe, com nere and behold,  
This bludy lames body is *starke* and cold.

*MS. Bodl. e Mus* 160.

(2) Stout; strong. (*I.-S.*)

And thogh Asepart he thefe *starke*,  
ÿt many hondys make lÿght wakke.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 118.*

No cunsell myght them to reformacyon call,  
In ther openyon they were so stordy and *starke*.

*Bale's Kynges Johann, p. 50.*

He had a pike-staff in his hand,  
That was both *stark* and strang. *Robin Hood, i. 98.*

He was bysshepe and patryarke  
Of Constatynenohle *starke*. *MS. Harl. 1701, f. 45.*

(3) A species of turnip. *North.*

(4) Hard; difficult. *Linc.*

(5) To walk slowly. *Dorset.*

(6) Very; exceedingly. *Var. dial.*

(7) Covetous; greedy; dear. *Yorksh.*

STARKEN. To tighten. *North.*

STARKENES. Firmness; strength.

And bring them to the gates  
Of hell and utter derkenes,  
And all by stubbornne *starken*es.

*Doctour Double Ale, n. d.*

STARK-GIDDY. Very angry; mad. *Lanc.*

STARKING. Quick. *North.*

STARKISH. Rather stiff, applied to land, the soil of which is principally clay. *Linc.*

STARK-STARING. Excessively. *Var. dial.*

STARKY. Stiff; dry. *West.*

STARLING. A martin. *Lanc.*

STARLINGES. Pence of sterling money.

STARX. (1) A star. *North.*

(2) A bit; a portion. *Linc.*

STAR-NAKED. Stark-naked. *Suffolk.*

STARNELL. A starling. *North.*

STAROP. A stirrup.

Syr Befyse ynto the sadulle startyth,  
He towchyd nodur *starop* nor gyrthe.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 101.*

STARRISH. Strong, as medicine. *North.*

STARRY-GAZY-PIE. A pie made of pilchards and leeks, the heads of the pilchards appearing through the crust as if they were studying the stars. *Cornw.*

STAR-SLIME. " *Sterre slyme, lymas*," Palsgrave. Carr has *star-slubber*, star-slough, a gelatinous substance, often seen in fields after rain.

START. (1) To begin anything. *Var. dial.*

(2) The same as *Stert*, q. v.

(3) Started; moved. *Gawayne.*

START-CHAINS. Chains consisting of four or five large links attached to harrows to which the whipple-trees are hooked. *East.*

STARTIE. A handle. See *Stert*.

Brynye it to powdere one irene or in a pott *startie*,  
and do a lÿttle of that powdr to thyne eghne

*MS. Lincoln. Med. f. 284.*

STARTING-HOLE. " *Stertyng hole, myg tapy-net, lieu de refuge*," Palsgrave. "A starting-hole, *subterfugium*," Coles.

STARTINGS. Openings in a coal-mine.

STARTLE. To sparkle; to shine.

STARTLER. A great drinker. *West.* "One who does not easily start from his seat and leave his pot-companions in the lurch, but maintains his part like an old soldier, unless the white sergeant makes her appearance," *MS. Devonsh. Gloss.*

STARTLY. Liable to startle. *Var. dial.*

START-UP. An upstart. *Shak.*

STARTUPS. A kind of rough country boots with high tops. See *Nares*.

He borrowed on the working daies

His holy russets oft.

And of the bacon's fat, to make

His *startups* blacke and soft.

*Percy's Reliques, p. 150.*

A payre of *startuppes* had he on his feete,

That lased were up to the small of the legge;

Homelic they were, and easier then meete,

And in their soles full many a wooden pegge.

*Thyune's Debate, p. 53*

When hee in pleasaunt wise

The counterfet expreste

Of *downe* with cote of russet hew

And *startups* with the riste. *MS. Harl. 3885, f. 13.*

STARVED. Excessively cold. *Var. dial.*

STARY. To stir. *Pegge.*

STAT. Stopped. *Devon.*

STATE. (1) A canopy. Properly an elevated chair or throne with a canopy over it.

From thence to the penthouse, where he break-  
fasted under a *state*, and from thence took horse  
about ten of the clock. *Carterwright's Diary, p. 75.*

(2) Worry; fright; fear. *Var. dial.*

(3) A personage of high rank.

STATED. Suited. *Suffolk.*

STATERY. Merchandise.

STATESMAN. One who occupies his own estate; a small landholder. *North.*

STATH. A step of a ladder. *Kent.*

STATHE. A landing-place for merchandise; a wharf. The term occurs in an old document printed in the *Archæologia*, xxv. 418.

Persons desirous of contracting with the Hull corporation for the construction of a timber *lanving-stath* at the Ferry-boat Dock at Hull, and other works connected therewith, and for removing the old Breakwater Jetty there, must send their tenders, marked Tender for *Landing-stath*, to the town clerk, Town-hall, Hull, on or before noon on the 6th day of July next. *Newspaper Advertisement, 1836*

STATHEL. (1) To establish. (*I.-S.*)

For thai helded in the ivels unright,

Thai thought redes whilk *stathel* thai ne might

*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 15*

(2) The same as *Staddle* (2).

STATION. (1) The act or form of standing. Also, the state of rest. *Shak.*

(2) A place of rest for pilgrims on their way to a holy seat, as the Holy Land, &c.

STATION-STAFF. A straight pole divided into feet and inches, used in measuring land.

STATIST. A statesman. *Jonsou, ii. 262.*

STATUA. A statue. (*Lat.*) The term *statue* was sometimes applied to a picture.

STATUMINATE. To support. (*Lat.*)

STATURE. A statue. This use of the word is not uncommon in early writers.

**STATUTE-CAPS.** Woollen caps, enjoined to be worn by a statute dated in 1571, in behalf of the trade of cappers. See Maloué's *Shakespeare*, iv. 419.

**STATUTE-MERCHANT.** Defined in the old law dictionaries, "a bond acknowledged before one of the clerks of the statutes-merchant, and mayor of the staple, or chief warden of the city of London, or two merchants of the said city for that purpose assigned, or before the chief warden or mayor of other cities or good towns, or other sufficient men for that purpose appointed."

**STATUTES.** Assemblages of farming servants, held possibly by statute, in the early part of May, at various places in the country, where masters and mistresses attend to hire servants for the ensuing year, commencing at Old May-day. At these statutes the groom will be distinguished by a straw or two in his hat; the carter or waggoner by a piece of whipcord; the shepherd by a lock of wool, &c.

**STAUD.** Snrfeited, tired; from *Stall*, q. v.

**STAUGING.** A custom prevalent in Cumberland on Christmas eve. The maid-servants of the substantial families, if found out of doors, are seized by the young men, placed in chairs, and borne to the nearest beer-shop, where they are detained until they buy their liberty by small sums, which are usually expended by their captors in liquor.

**STAULE.** A decoy; a stale, q. v.

**STAULKIE.** Long.

Wherefore Bacchus is pictured riding in a chariot of vine branches, Silenus riding beside him on an ass, and the Bacche or Satyres shaking together their *staulkie* javelins and paulmers. By reason of their leaping they are called *scirtii*, and the anticke or satyricall dauncing Siennas, and they also sometimes *scinniste*; sometimes *Ægipane*.

*Topoell's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 13.

**STAUNCHE.** To stop; to satisfy.

**STAUNCHEs.** Damps or offensive vapours arising in underground works, mines, &c.

**STAUNCH-GREINE.** "Stanche greyne for wrytares, *planula*," Prompt. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 163.

**STAUNCH-HAWK.** According to Bloune, "one well entred for the game." Gent. Rec. ii. 63.

**STAUNDE.**

Be the quartere of this jere, and bym quarte *staunde*, He wyll wyghtlye in a quhylye one his wayes bye.

*Morte Arthure*, MS. Lincoln, f. 59.

**STAUP.** To walk badly. *North*.

**STAUPINGS.** The holes made by the feet of horses and cattle in miry highways, and other places. *North*.

**STAUPS.** Cask-staves. *Northumb.*

**STAUTER.** To totter, or stagger. *Line*.

**STAVE.** (1) A staff, or pole. (*A.-S.*)

Summe with arowes, summe with *staves* of engynes. The fyre al-o byganne for to sett in hoasesz within the citee, and rayse a grete lowe.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 11.*

(2) In bear-baiting, to interpose with a staff to stop the bear. *Nares*.

(3) The step of a ladder. *East*.

(4) To cut a hedge. *Yorksh.*

(5) A narrow bridge over a brook.

(6) To stow, knock, or force down.

**STAVER.** (1) A hedge-stake. *Yorksh.*

(2) To totter; to tumble. *North*.

**STAVERWORT.** The herb staggerwort.

**STAVES-AKER.** A species of larkspur.

Red leather and surfet water.

Scarlet colour or *staves-aker*.

*Songs of the London Prentices*, p. 153.

The small roots of elckbor which are like to onions, have power in them to purge the belly of dogs; other give them goats-milk, or salt beaten small, or sea-crabs beaten small and put into water, or *staves-aker*, and imediately after his purgation, sweet milke.

*Topoell's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 181.

**STAVLAN.** Lounging. *Cumb.*

**STAW.** (1) To stay; to hinder. *North*.

(2) To be restive, as a horse. *Lanc.*

**STAWED.** Set; placed. *North*.

**STAW-FED.** Over-fed. See *Stall*.

**STAY.** (1) A ladder. *Line*.

(2) To support. *Lilly*.

(3) The stanchion of a window.

(4)

To my dear daughter Philippa, queen of Portugal, my second best *stay* of gold, and a gold cup and cover. *Test. Petrus*, p. 142.

(5) Ascended. (*A.-S.*)

How he uproos and sithen up *stay*,

Mony a mon hit heide and say.

*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. i. 2.

**STAY-BAR.** The horizontal bar of a window. See Willis's Arch. Nomen. p. 58.

**STAYERS.** Stairs. A very common old form of the word, most absurdly retained by Mr. Knight in the Merch. Ven. iii. 2, in a different sense. See Dyce's Remarks, p. 56. Jennings gives *stayers* as the Somersetshire pronunciation of stairs, Gloss. p. 72. Chaucer has *steyers*.

**STAYKFDHOLLIS.** Holes in a wall used by workmen to erect their scaffolding.

**STEAD.** (1) A place; a spot; a farmhouse and offices. From the *A.-S. stede*.

(2) To aid; to assist; to support. *Shak*.

(3) To supply a place. *East*. "Stead up your appointment," Shakespeare.

**STEADY.** (1) A stithy. *Northampton*.

(2) Sober; attentive to work. *Var. dial*.

**STEAKS.** "Is that your lackey yonder in the *steaks* of velvet," Middleton, i. 336.

**STEALE.** (1) The handle of several agricultural implements, &c. *South*. "Steale or handle of a staffe, *manche, hantel*," Palsgrave. "Steale of a shafte, *just*," ibid.

(2) The stalk of an apple. *Line*. "The stanlike or steale of fruits," Cotgrave.

**STEALY-CLOTHES.** A boys' game, thus described by Brockett.

The little party divide themselves into two bands, drawing a line as the boundary of their respective territories; and at equal distances from this line, deposit the hats, coats, or handkerchiefs of each in a heap. The game commences with a de-

ance, and then they make mutual incursions, each trying to seize and carry away some article from the other's store; but if they are unfortunately caught in the attempt, they must not only restore the plunder, but remain prisoners until one of their own party can make his way to them, and touch them. When all the things of the one party are transferred to the other's head quarters, the game is won. A well-contested match will sometimes last nearly a whole day.

STEAM. (1) To rise, or ascend.

The wals stand to this dale, a few streets and houses in the towne, no small parcell thereof is turned to orchards and gardens. The greater part of the towne is steepe and steaming upward.

*Stanhurst's Description of Ireland*, p. 26.

(2) To send forth dust. *South*.

STEAN. (1) A stone vessel. "A great pot or stean," Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593. Spenser uses it in this sense. Palmer defines it, "a large upright jar of baked clay." *Stean* is still the pronunciation of *stone* in the North, and so it was in Elizabeth's time. See Lambard's Perambulation, 1596, p. 205. In some places a cask or vat is so called.

(2) To mend a road with stones; to line a well, &c. with stone or brick. *South*.

(3) A large box of stones used for pressing cheese in making it. *Dorset*.

STEANING. Any kind of path or road paved with small round stones. *West*.

STEATHING. A lath and plaster partition.

STEAVER. A collier who superintends the coal-pit; a banksman. *North*.

STEAWK. A handle. *Lanc*.

STEAWP. All; every part. *Lanc*.

STEAWT. Proud. *Lanc*.

STEAȝ. Ascended. (A.-S.) The following is written in the early Kentish dialect:

*Creda*. Ich leve me God, vader almiȝt, makere of hevene and of erthe, and in Jesu Crist his zonc on leptoure Lord, thet i-kend is of the holi gost, y-bore of Marie mayde, y-pyned onder Pouns Pilate, y-nayed a rode, dyad, and be-bered, yede down to helle, thane thriilde day aros vram the dyade, *steaȝ* to hevenes, zit a the riȝt half of God the vader almiȝt, thaunes to comene he is, to dome the quike and the dyade. Ich y-leve ine the holi gost, holi cherche generalliche, mennesse of halȝen, lesnesse of zennes, of vlesse arizinge, and lyf evrelestinde. Zuo by hit. *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 42.

STECHE. A stich in the side.

A drynke for the *stecher*, and narrowness of hart and other evylle. Take hartes-tonge, violet, lecorice, andyve, pelture, fenelle, of everiche ilike miche, and of i-ope, a quartone of fytes, and sethe thvce togidyr in a galon of water into a potelle. Efer powre owt the licour, and do it in a panne, and take thre rawe egges-schelles, and do therto; and than sethe it on the fyre, and styre it fast; efer wrynge it thurge a clothe, and than put it in a clene veselle coverd alle nyȝt, and than gyff hym to drynke that is seke tylle he be hole.

*MS. Shave* 7, f. 80.

STECK. A stopping place. To take the steck, i. e. to become restive. *North*.

STEDDE. Furnished; provided?

I wille noghte stire with my stale halfe a stede lenghe, Bot they be *stedde* with more stuffe hane one zowc stede hovys. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 83.

STEDDLE. To support, or make steady. If a table having uneven legs does not stand steadily, it is said to be *steddled* by putting something under the deficient leg. It is also used in the participle *steddled*, when a table has been marked or stained. *Linc*.

STEDE. (1) A place; a station. (A.-S.)

But she it yaff to the Scottisse knight,  
For he was of an unkouth *sted*.

*MS. Harl.* 2252, f. 99.

And God myȝt not in no manere,  
Alyȝt bote in feyre *stede* and clere.

*Religious Poems*, xv. Cent.

Hys grete *stedes* schewyd me ichone,  
And sethyn he made me aȝene to gone  
Into the *sted* where he me fette,  
In that same *sted* ther he me sete.

*MS. Ashmole* 61, xv. Cent.

Joly Robyn, he seid, wel mot thou be,  
Be God so shuld thou to me  
On other *stede* than here.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 49, f. 52.

(2) In *hys stede*, in his place, instead of him.

Now ys he gone, my lady free,  
In *hys stede* ye schalle take me;

Am y not a knyght?

And we schalle do so prevely,

That whethyr he leve or dye,

Ther schalle wete no wyȝt.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 39, f. 72.

(3) Set; appointed.

That daye the tournament solde be *sted*,  
Thay hors-de hym on aue olde crokede *stede*,  
And jitt for-thoghte thame alle.

*Isumbras*, 613.

STEDFAST. The herb palma Christi.

STEDFUL. Steadfast. *Weber*.

STEE. A ladder; a stile. *North*.

STEE-HOPPING. Gossiping; romping. *West*.

STEEL. (1) To iron clothes. *Devon*.

(2) *Trewe as stee*, faithful as steel, a common phrase in early romances, and found even in Shakespeare, *Mids. Night's Dream*, ii. 2.

He was the kynge of Arragon.

A nobull man and of grete renown,

Syr Ardas was hys name;

He had a quene that hyght Margarect,

*Trewe as stee* y yow be-hett,

That falsely was broght in blame.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 71

3) A stile. *North*.

(4) Courage. Kennett, *MS. Lansd.* 1033.

STEEPLY. Hard; firm. Tusser, p. 34.

STEEM. (1) Esteem; value.

Over gestes it has the *steem*,

Over alle that is or was.

*R. de Brunne*, ap. Warton, i. 69.

(2) To bespeak a thing. *North*.

(3) A flame of fire. *Pr. Parv.*

STEEMING. A turn. *Devon*.

STEEN. Spite; envy. *Norf.*

STEEP. (1) Rennet. *Lanc*.

(2) To tilt a barrel. *Devon*.

(3) To dress or trim a hedge. *West*.

(4) To finish anything off. *Oxon*.

STEEPERS. In trimming hedges, the central branches, cut half through and laid lengthwise, are so called. *West*.

STEEPING-RAIN. A soaving rain. *North*.

**STEEPLE-HATS.** Long hats, described by Stubbes as "peaking up like the spere or shaft of a steeple, standing a quarter of a yarde above the croune of their heades, some more, some lesse, as please the phantasies of their inconstant miudes, 2d ed. 1585, f. 21. *Steepled hatles* are mentioned in Wright's Passions of the Minde, 1621, p. 330.

**STEEPLE-HOUSE.** A church.

**STEER.** (1) Very steep. *West.*

(2) An ox in its third year. *North.*

Juvenus is a yonge oxen when he is no longer a calf, and he is then callyd a *steere* when he begyneth to be helpfull unto the profit of man in eringe the erth. *Dialogues of Creatures Moralysed*, p. 233.

(3) To frighten. *Launce.*

(4) To stun with noise. *North.*

(5) To stir; to move. *Palsgrave.*

**STEERISH.** Young, as an ox. *GloUCE.*

**STEERT.** Acute; painful. *Somerset.* A sharp point is called a *steert*.

**STEEVE.** To dry; to stiffen. *West.*

**STEEVING.** A term used by merchants, when they stow cotton or wool by forcing it in with screws. *Diet. Rust.*

**STEG.** The same as *Stag*, q. v.

**STEGH.** Ascended. (*A.-S.*)

And ros to lyve the thryde day,  
And *stegh* to hevne the xl. day.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 132.*

Reke *stegh* in the ire of hym, and fire brynt of his face; coles ar kyndeled of hym.

*MS. Coll. Eton. 10. f. 25.*

**STEG-MONTH.** The month of a woman's confinement. *Steg-widow*, a man whose wife is confined. *North.*

**STELER.** A star. A corrupt form. The copy in *MS. Bodl.* 175 reads *starre*.

A *steler* of Jacobe sprynge shall,

A man of Isarell,  
That shall overcome and have in bande  
All kynges and dukes of strange lande.

*Chester Plays*, i. 89.

**STEL.** To walk very slowly. *Line.*

**STELP.** "*Steip of helms*, eighteen helms, *Hills*," Holloway's Dictionary, p. 163.

**STEIT.** As well as. *Northumb.*

**STEK.** Stuck.

Ande al graythed in grene this gome and his wedes,  
A strayt cote ful strejt, that *stek* on his sides.

*Syr Gawayn and the Grene Knyzt*, 152.

**STEKE.** (1) To fasten with a stick. The following proverb is still in vogue; and Ray says *steak* is to shut a door in the North.

When the hors is stole, *steke* the stabulle dore.

*MS. Douce 52.*

(2) "Steke of flesshe, *charbonnee*," Palsgrave.

**STEKIE.** To stick fast. (*A.-S.*)

**STEL.** Stole; crept softly.

And ho stepped stilly, and *stel* to his bedde,  
Kest up the coryn, and creped withinne.

*Syr Gawayn and the Grene Knyzt*, 1191

**STELCH.** (1) Stealth. *Salop.*

(2) A stilt; a pole; a post. *West.*

**STELCH-STAFF.** A rod of wood which keeps asunder the traces of waggoun harness. *West.*

**STELE.** (1) The stem of an arrow. Palsgrave,

verb. in v. *Fether*. Also, the stem or stalk of anything. "*Candelabri scapus*, the shanke or stele of the candlestick," Nomenclator, Lond. 1585, p. 245.

(2) A handle. Still in use.

And lerned men a ladel bugge

With a long *stele*,

And caste for to kepe a crokke

To save the fatte above.

*Piers Ploughman*, p. 412.

(3) A horse-block; a stepping-stone.

**STELLENDELICH.** By stealth.

Many of his men and bestes,

Agein kyng Absaunders hestes

*Stelendelich* drooken of this lake.

*Kyng Absaunders*, 2650.

**STEL-GERE.** Steel clothing, i. e. armour.

Stifest under *stel-gere* on stedes to ryde,

The wyjtest and the worthyest of the worldes kynde.

*Syr Gawayn and the Grene Knyzt*, 260.

**STELL.** (1) To stall, or fix permanently.

(2) A large open drain. *Cumb.*

(3) A fold for cattle. *North.*

**STELLEERE.** The steelyards. "A Romane beame or *stelleere*, a beame of yron or wood, full of nickes or notches, along which a certayne peize of lead playing, and at length setting towards the one end, shewes the just weight of a commodity hanging by a hookke at the other end," Cotgrave.

**STELLIFIED.** "Made him stellified," i. e. named a constellation after him. (*Lat.*)

And thoug Romaynis made him *stellified*,

His gretheed, for alle that, dide avale.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 15.

**STELLING.** A shed for cattle. *North.*

**STELLIONATE.** Fraudulent dealing. (*Lat.*)

**STEM.** (1) The handle of a tool. *Deron.*

(2) A period of time. *Wills.* In Cornwall, a day's work is called a *stem*.

(3) To soak a leaky vessel. *Line.*

**STEME.**

Thou shalt have garments wrought of Median silke,

Enechast wth pretious jewells recht from far,

By Italian marchants that with Russian *stemes*

Plous up huge forrowes in the Terren Mine.

*The Taming of a Shewe*, p. 22.

**STEMMIN.** (1) A day's work. *Cornw.*

(2) The slay of a weaver's loom.

**STEMPLES.** The cross pieces which are put into a frame of woodwork to cure and strengthen a shaft. See Ray's English Words, 1674, p. 118. Carr has *stemplar*, timber to support the roof of a mine. "At the silver mines in Cardiganshire, they sink a perpendicular square hole or shaft, the sides where of they strengthen round from top to bottom with travers pieces of wood calld *stemples*, upon which, catching hold with their hands and feet, they descend without using any rope," Kennett, *MS. Lansd.* 1033, f. 390.

**STEMPNE.** Voice; command. (*A.-S.*)

He that behynde sat to sterc,

May not the fore *stempne* here.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 91.

**STENCILS.** The posts of a door. *North.*

**STEND.** (1) A stretcher. *Launce.*

(2) To extend; to rear, as a horse. *North*.  
**STENKRITH.** The rush of water in a narrow channel. *Northumb.*  
**STENT.** (1) A right of pasturage. *North*.  
 (2) An allotted portion. *Var. dial.* "Stent, portion, part." Palsgrave, 1530. "Stente or certeyne of valwe ordrede and other lyke, *taxatio*," MS. Harl. 221, f. 164.  
**STENTE.** To cease; to desist. (*A.-S.*)  
**STENTINGS.** Openings in a wall in a coal-mine. *North*.  
**STEO.** To rise; to ascend. (*A.-S.*)  
 Weilawe! deth the schal adun throwe,  
 Ther thu wenest hejest to steo.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix. f. 243.*  
**STEP.** (1) A walking distance. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) "Step, where a mast stant yu a schyppe, *parastica*," Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 164.  
**STEPE.** Deep; sunk.  
 Lyfte up hys hed fro the grounde,  
 With stepe ceyn and roghie browe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 36, f. 99.*  
**STEP-MOTHER.** (1) A horny filament shooting up by the side of the nail. *Step-mother's blessing*, a hang nail.  
 (2) The flower of the violet. *North*.  
**STEP-OVER-TRASH.** To go beyond the bounds of propriety. *Southern.*  
**STEPPING.** Walking. *North*.  
**STEPPING-STONE.** A horse-block. *West.*  
**STEPPLES.** Short neat steps; a flight of neat steps from the parlour, &c. *North.*  
**STERCIL.** Hard; rough; tough. (*A.-S.*)  
 Nis non so strong, ne *sterch*, ne kene,  
 That mai ago deathes wither blench.  
*MS. Cotton. Calig. A. ix. f. 243.*  
**STERCORY.** Dung. (*Lat.*)  
**STERE.** (1) A rudder. *Palsgrave*.  
 For whanne y may my lady here,  
 My wit with that hath lo-te his *steere*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 42.*  
 (2) To guide; to direct; to rule.  
 Laverd me *steres*, nocht want sal me,  
 In stede of fode thare me lonked he.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii f. 14.*  
 (3) To stir. *Chaucer*.  
 In him thogh the mete it synkedh,  
 And *stereth* therynne out to gete.  
*MS. Lansd. 793, f. 127.*  
 (4) Strong; stout.  
 Then came the dewke Raynere,  
 An hardy knyght and a *stere*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 151.*  
**STERESMAN.** A pilot. (*A.-S.*)  
**STERE-TRE.** A rudder. (*A.-S.*)  
 Wife, tent the *stere-tre*, and I shalle assay  
 The depnes of the see that we here, if I may.  
*Towneley Mysteries, p. 31.*  
**STERIN.** Stern; cruel; fierce. (*A.-S.*)  
 He herd thair strakes, that war ful *sterin*,  
 And yern he waytes in ilka heryn,  
 And al was made ful fast to bald.  
*Yvaine and Gawin, 3219.*  
 He was *steryne* and stowte,  
 With many knyghtes hym abowte.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 150.*  
**STERK.** Strong, or stark.

My blod to have to this werk,  
 That schuld be so strong [and] *sterk*.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 47.*  
**STERN.** (1) A helm, or rudder. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) The tail of an animal. *Var. dial.*  
**STERNAGE.** The guidance. *Shak.*  
**STERNE.** A star. *Nominal MS.*  
 In the mornyng to rise, the tyme at the day *sterne*,  
 The emperour and luse to scke thei suld alle *zerne*.  
*Langtoft's Chronicle, p. 161.*  
 Lighte daye I wilbe called aye,  
 And the *sterne*s nighte, as I saie.  
*Chester Plays, i. 20.*  
**STERRACLES.** Performances; strange things, sights, or doings; pranks. "I take onne, as one dothe that playeth his *sterakels*, *je tempeste*," Palsgrave, verb. f. 384.  
 Whan thou art sett upon the pynnacle,  
 Thou xalt ther pley n a qweynt *steracle*,  
 Or ellys shewe a grett meracle,  
 Thyself from hurte thou save.  
*Coventry Mysteries, p. 208.*  
 They hem rejoise to see and to be sayne,  
 And to scke sondry pilgremages,  
 At grete gaderynges to walken upon the playne,  
 And at *steracles* to sitte on high stages,  
 If they be faire to shewe ther visages.  
*Appendix to Walter Mapes, p. 297.*  
 The dead sayntes shall shewe both visyons and  
 myracles;  
 With ymages and relyckes he shall wurke *sterracles*.  
*Bale's Kyngs Johan, p. 30.*  
 What, Pamphagus, I praye the for Goddes sake  
 why whippest thou it about, or playest thou thy  
*stearcles* on this fashcion.  
*Palsgrave's Acolastus, 1540.*  
**STERRE.** A star. (*A.-S.*)  
 Undrstoodith, sir, truly,  
 That no *sterre* falleth fro the sky.  
 But I shal telle what it may be,  
 That the folke so falling se.  
*MS. Lansd. 793, f. 97.*  
**STERT.** (1) The point of anything. *West.*  
 (2) A leap. *Prompt. Parv.*  
 (3) The tail, or handle. "Stert of a plow, *queue de lachareue*," Palsgrave.  
 (4) The stalk of fruit. "Stert of frute, *queue de fruit*," Palsgrave. "Pertica, Anglice a yerde to mete londe or a perche, a stert of an apple, *vel instrumentum quo pisces capiuntur*," Medulla MS. xv. Cent.  
 (5) A moment, or very short time. *At a stert*, immediately, Chancer, Cant. T. 1707.  
 (6) To meet with very suddenly.  
**STERTLE.** (1) To leap. (*A.-S.*)  
 Bot I, that privaly hafe aspied thi gategz, whenne  
 thou wenez moste securely for to *stertle* abowte, I  
 salle *sterre* apone the, and take the.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 7.*  
 (2) Hasty; in a hurry.  
**STERTLING-ROIL.** A wanton slattern.  
**STERVE.** To die; to perish. (*A.-S.*)  
 And nrightwise samen forworth thai sal,  
 And relikes of wick sal *sterve* with al.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 25.*  
 For when he *sterves* take sal he nocht alle,  
 Ne with him his blis light doune s. lle.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 33.*  
**STERYNMESTE.** Most severe. (*A.-S.*)

He was the *sterynneste* in stoure that ever stele werryde,  
Fore he has stooayede nure stale and stroyede for ever.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 93.*

STETCH. As much land as lies between one furrow and another. *Stetched up*, laid into ridges by the plough. *East.*

STETCHELLED. Filled very full. *North.*

STETCHILL. A troublesome child. *Linc.*

STEVEL. To stagger; to stumble. *North.*

STEVEN. (1) Voice; sound; noise. (*A.-S.*)

Fader owre, that art in hevene,  
Halowed be thy name with meke *stevens.*

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 132.*

Of a kyng and of a queene,  
What bale and blys was them betwene,  
Y schalle yow telle fulle evyn:

A gode ensaumpulle ye may here,  
Yf ye wylle thys story here

And herkyn to my *stevyne.*

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 71*

When Litle John heard his master speake,  
Well knewe he it was his *stevyn*;  
Now shall I be loost, quoth Litle John,  
With Christ his might in heaven.

*Robin Hood and Guy of Gisborne.*

(2) A time of performing any action previously fixed upon. *At unset steven*, a phrase signifying a time not previously appointed. *They settlen steven*, they appointed a time. See *Morte d'Arthur*, i. 266. "To set the steven, is to agree upon the time and place of meeting previous to some expedition," West. and Cumh. Dial. p. 390.

For a Cristmas gestyenyng, as clerks rede,  
*At on-set stevyn*, is quyrt in dede.

*Archæologia, xxix. 342.*

Hyt ys sothe seyde, be God of heven,  
Mouy metyn *at on-sett stevyn*;

And so befelle hyt there. *Eglamour, 1263.*

First let us some masterye make

Among the woods so evyn,  
Wee may chance to meet with Robin Hood  
Here att some *unsett steven.*

*Robin Hood and Guy of Gisborne.*

(3) To bespeak. *Yorksh.*

STEVENNED. Particoloured.

STEW. (1) A pool to preserve fish for the table to be drawn and filled again at pleasure. Ray inserts this among his South and East Country Words, ed. 1674, p. 76.

Evne anon after the owls flight,  
Whan that true men shulde goo to rest,  
To bribe and bere away the best,  
That sojourned and kept bien in *stiewes.*

*Piers of Fulham, p. 119.*

(2) Fright; great suspense. *Var. dial.*

(3) A cloud of dust, or vapour.

(4) A batter's drying room. The term was formerly applied to a small closet.

(5) A brothel. Still in use. "The stewes, or place without the wals of the cite where bawderie was kept," Baret, 1580. "Stewes, a place for comen women, *bordeau*," Palsgrave. Venus denotes in houses, all places belonging to women, as garished beds, *stewes*, also places where gloves, rings, jewels, perfumes, the place or seat of the woman or mistress of the house, also a musick room, dancing room, bed cloaths, and where silk and other rich commodities are kept.

*Bishop's Marrow of Astrology, p. 57.*

(6) A stove. *Stew pot covered*, a covered pan used for heating rooms with charcoal.

STEWARDLY. Careful; managing. *Devon.*

STEWED-BROTH. Strong broth boiled up with raisins, currants, prunes, mace, &c.

STEWES. A strumpet. *Whetstone.*

STEY. A ladder; universal in Lancashire and Yorkshire, but not general in the adjoining counties. A carpenter in Todmorden said to his apprentice, "Thee a reet! thee't sa blind *thagh cant see a hoile in a stey.*" See *Stee.*

STEYE. To ascend. (*A.-S.*)

Befyse lepe up, full lyght he was,  
And up he *steyed*, y undurstonde.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 108*

With laddren *steye* that couthe best,  
The cite to asail have thai no rest.

*Gy of Warru ike, p. 85.*

STEYNOUR.

And in proporcion joyeethe the *steynour.*

*MS. Ashmole 59, f. 19.*

ST. HUGH'S-BONES. Shoemakers' tools.

STIBBORNE. Stubborn. *Chaucer.*

And he that holdithe a quarel agayn right,

Holdyng his purpos *stiburn* ageyn reason.

*Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 168.*

STIBILLE. A carpenter's tool. "*Bipenaus, bilens*, a stybylle," Nominale MS.

STICH. (1) A sheaf of corn. *Decon.*

(2) A small inclosure. *Cornw.*

(3) *Stiche* in Chester Plays, i. 47, is probably an error for *sliehe*, slimy mud.

STICHALL. This term, which in some places has *Bub* prefixed to it, appears to be a word of reproach, used to children principally by their parents, when they are doing something wrong, and are in the way, or when they are heedless and inattentive to something that has been told them, e. g. "Get out of the way, you *bub-stichal*;" and, "what a young *stichal* he must be to bring such a message!" MS. Gloss. of Linc. by the Rev. J. Adcock. The term occurs in the old play of Lady Alimony, quoted by Nares.

STICHEL. To eat too much. *North.*

STICHEWORT. The herb *lingua aris*. It occurs in MS. Sloane 5, f. 5.

STICHLING. A third year perch.

STICK. (1) A term of reproach, as "you are a pretty *stick*." A clergyman is called a good or bad *stick* according as he has a good or bad delivery. *Warw.*

(2) A strike among workmen. *North.*

(3) A timber-tree. *West.*

(4) To cut a beast's throat. *Var. dial.*

(5) A lot of twenty-five eels.

(6) "Stykkyn or tukkyng up of clothys, *saffacianatio*," Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 164.

STICK-AND-BAIL. Trap-ball. *Oxon.*

STICK-AND-LIFT. When a person is poor and has nothing beforehand, they say such a one is at *stick and lift*, that is, lives from hand to month. *Linc.*

STICKER. A stick used for stopping a waggon ascending a hill. *Heref.*

STICKING-PIECE. The part of an animal's neck where the butcher sticks it. *North.*



**STICKING-PLACE.** A fixed place. The phrase occurs in Shakespeare, *Macbeth*, i. 7.

Which flower out of my hand shall never passe,  
But in my harte shall have a *sticking-place*.

*Proctor's Gorgious Gallery*, 1578, repr. p. 182.

**STICKINGS.** The last of a cow's milk.

**STICKLE.** (1) To tickle. *Var. dial.*

(2) A shallow in a river where the water, being confined, runs with violence. *Somerset.* The term is applied to the violence and rapidity of the stream in the following passage:

When they came thither, the river of the Shenin,  
which in ironeth and runneth round about the cite,  
they found the same to be so deepe and *stikle* that  
they could not passe over the same.

*Holinshed, Conq. Ireland*, p. 37.

(3) To stiek firmly to anything. *Lanc.*

(4) To part combatants. "I styckyll betwene  
wrastlers or any folkes that prove mastries,  
to se that none do other wronge, or I parte  
folkes that be redy to fyght," Palsgrave.

(5) Haste. *Stickle busy*, very officious.

(6) Steep. *Devon.*

(7) Fright; amazement. *Cumb.*

(8) The current below a waterfall. *West.*

**STICKLE-BACK.** The prickleback. *Var. dial.*

Waspis and eysturis, and gret cart-sadyllis,  
Moskettus in mortrous, caudrons and ladyls,  
The pekerel and the perche, the mennous and the roche,  
The borbotus and the *stykylbakys*, the flouy're and  
the loche. *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 85.

**STICKLE-BUTT.** Headlong. *North.*

**STICKLER.** (1) A person who presides at back-  
sword or singlestick, to regulate the game; an  
umpire; a person who settles disputes.

Come, niver mine tha single-sticks,  
Tha whoppin or tha *stickler*;  
You d'wont want now a brawken head,  
Nor jitchy zoort o' tickler! *Ballad of Tom Gool.*

(2) A small officer who cut wood for the priory  
of Inichester within the king's parks of Claren-  
don. *Blount.*

**STICKLING.** "A sharpling, shaftling, *stickling*,  
bankstickle, or sticklebacke," Cotgrave in v.  
*Espinoche*. "Gamerus, a stekelyng," Nomi-  
nale MS. "Stykelynge, *silurus*," Pr. Parv.  
"Stykelyng, a maner of fysshe," Palsgrave.

**STICKLY.** Rough; prickly. *North.*

**STICKS.** Furniture. *Cumb.*

**STICKS-END.** The unburnt end of a stick  
from the fire. *Dorset.*

**STICKY-STACK.** A boys' game, running up  
the eut part of a haystack to try who can put  
in a stick the highest. *North.*

**STID.** (1) Place. See *Stede*.

She zede into a fer centre,  
Ther no man knew hir pryveté,  
Nor fro what *stid* she come.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 45.*

And for that odur Edwart love,  
Thou shalt sitte here above,  
In *stidde* alle of the kyng.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 54.*

Non wonder hafe zow therof,  
My will hit wos i-wise,  
For I wil kepe that ilke *stide*,

That in my ward now is.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 78.*

(2) Qu. an error for *did*?

In Chams fair streams *stid* gently swim,  
And naked bathe each curious limbe.

*Randolph's Poems*, 1643, p. 126.

**STIDDEN.** Stood. *North.*

**STIDDY.** An anvil. *Var. dial.*

**STIE.** (1) A lane. (*A.-S.*)

The scheref made to seke Notyngham

Bothe be strete and *stye*,

And Robyn was in mery Scherwode

As lizt as lef on lynde. *MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 131.*

Thast thou i-come in any *stye*,

And cropped zerus of corne the by.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. II. f. 145.*

(2) To ascend. (*A.-S.*)

A shadowe of the erthe riseth sone,

And *stie*th up above the mone.

*MS. Lansd. 783, f. 86.*

**STIFADRE.** A stepfather.

I schel the telle *altogadre*,

Beten ichave me *stifadre*. *Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 20.

**STIFE.** (1) Obstinate, inflexible, stiff. "A *stife*

*quean*, a lusty *quean*," Ray. Stife bread,  
strong bread, made with beans and peas, &c.  
which makes it of a strong smell and taste.  
*North.*

(2) Suffocating vapour. *Northumb.* Moor has  
the adjective *stify*, stifling.

**STIFF.** (1) Proud. *Var. dial.*

(2) Rich; wealthy. *North.*

(3) A ladder. *Yorksh.*

(4) Pleased; fond of. *North.*

(5) A blacksmith's anvil. *Suffolk.*

(6) Firmly; positively. *Var. dial.*

Two or three other came in and said she was by  
common fame accounted a witch. Wee found her  
guiltie, and she was condemned to prison, and to the  
pillorie, but stood *stiffe* in it that she was no witch.

*Gifford's Dialogue on Witches*, 1603.

(7) Strong; healthy; lusty. *North.* It con-  
stantly occurs in writers of the sixteenth and  
seventeenth centuries in the sense of *brave*.

Somtyme I was an archere good,

A *stiffe* and eke a stronge,

I was commytted the best archere,

That was in mery Englonde. *Robin Hood*, i. 77.

**STIFFLE.** A complaint in horses.

The horse is said to be *stifled* when the stiffling  
bone is removed from the place; but if it be not re-  
moved nor loosened, and yet the horse halteth by  
meanes of some griefe there, then we say that the  
horse is hurt in the stifflie, and not stifled. The  
stifflie commeth by means of some blow, or some  
great straine, slipping or sliding. The signes be  
these. If he be stifflid, the one bone wil sticke out  
farther than the other, and is apparant to the ele.  
Martin woulde have you to cure the stifflie in al  
points like unto the shoulder-pight, saving that the  
pins need not bee so long, because the stiffling place  
is not so broad as the shoulder, and standing in the  
stable; let him have a pasterne with a ring on his  
forelegge, and thereunto fasten a cord, which cord  
must go about his necke, and let it be so much  
strained as it may bring his sore legge more forward  
than the other to keepe the bone from starting out.  
But if the horse bee but hurt in the stifflie with some  
stripe or straine, then the bone wil not stand out,  
but perhaps the place may be swollen. The cure  
according to Martin is thus. First annoint the  
place with the ointment mentioned before, every day

once the space of a fortnight, and if the horse amend not with this, then rowel him with a hearen rowel, or else with a quill, and let the neather hole be somewhat before the sore place, and elense the hole every daye by turning the rowel, continuing stil to annoint the place with the ointment aforesaid, and that wil make him whole.

*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 405.

**STIFLE.** To ruin. *Norff.*

**STIFLER.** (1) A busybody. *East.*

(2) A severe blow, almost sufficient to deprive one of his senses. *Norff.*

**STIGH-ROPE.** A rope-ladder.

**STIGHTELE.** To establish; to dispose.

And wete sho wend he sold be slane,  
And, certes, than war hir socor gane;  
But fast he stighteld in that stowr,  
And hastily him come socowre

*Yvain and Gawain*, 3241.

He commande Syr Cayous take kepe to thoos lordez,  
To stightyle tha steryne mene, as there statte askys.

*Morte Artuure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 54.

**STIGMATIC.** Explained in the old dictionaries, "a person who has been branded with a hot iron for some crime." Metaphorically, a deformed or evil person.

For that prodigious bloody *stigmatic*  
Is never call'd unto his kingly sight,  
But like a comet he portendeth still  
Some innovation, or some monstrous act.

*Death of Robert, Earl of Huntingdon*, p. 76.

**STIHE.** A path, or lane.

Fogheles of heven and fi-sches of se,  
That forthgome *stihes* of the se.

*MS. Cott. Vesp. s. D. vii. f. 4.*

**STIKE.** (1) A verse, or stanza.

(2) To stick; to pierce. (*A.-S.*)

**STIKE PILE.** The herb stork's-bill.

**STIKILLICHE.** Piercingly. (*A.-S.*)

Of hire faired, saun faile,  
He hadde in hert gret mervaille;  
On hire he lokid *stikilliche*,  
And heo on him al outerliche.

*King Alisunder*, 219.

**STIKPYLE.** The herb *acus demenys*.

**STILE.** (1) To direct, as a gun.

(2) To iron clothes. *Exmoor.*

(3) A narrow path; a road. *Yorksh.*

The Scottes gaudes might nothing gain,  
For all that stumbilde at that *stile*.

*Minn's Poems*, p. 5.

(4) The upright post in a wainscot to which the panels are fixed.

**STILE-BOTE.** Wood claimed of the lord, by an owner of lands, for making stiles.

**STILETTO-BEARD.** Among the numerous fashions in beards, cultivated to excess by our ancestors, the short and pointed beard known as the *stiletto* was one of the most prominent, and is frequently referred to by our early writers. Taylor, the water-poet, in describing the beards of his time, mentions "some sharp, stiletto fashion, dagger like."

**STILL.** (1) A hill. *Browne.*

(2) Constant; continual. *Shak.* "By still practice," Titus And. iii. 2; "the still pierce . . . air," All's Well that ends Well, iii. 2.

**STILL-AN-END.** Commonly; generally. *Shak.*  
This phrase is still in use.

**STILLATORIE.** A still. (*A.-N.*) Also, a place where distillations were performed.

**STILLE.** Quietly; with a low voice.

Nowt proude as Prechoures beth,

But preyen ful *stille*. *Piers Ploughman*, p. 473.

**STILLECHE.** Still. (*A.-S.*)

Ac deth luteth in his scho,  
Him *stilleche* to for-do.

*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix. f. 243.*

Jhesu Cryste they thanked moche

And wente ageyn full *stilleche*,

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 33.*

**STILLER.** (1) The inside of an oven. This word occurs in Holbynd's Dictionary, 1593.

(2) The piece of wood carried over a milkpail to balance it. *North.*

**STILLID.** Distilled. *Stilling*, distillation.

For the maselles, take the *styllid* water of frumetorye, and drynke it two sponefulle therof iij. dayes togedere, and they schulle never appere more.

*MS. Med. Ric. xv. Cent.*

**STILLING.** A frame for barrels. "A gauntre or *stilling* for hogs-heads, &c, to stand on," Cotgrave in v. *Chantier*. "A stilling for cask, *suber*," Coles' Lat. Diet.

**STILL-ROOM.** The housekeeper's room.

**STILL-SOW.** A sly fellow. "A close, sly, lurking keave, a *stil sow*, as we say," Florio, p. 9. "Still swine eat all the draff," Merry Wives, iv. 2. This proverb is still in use.

**STILLY.** Still; quiet; quietly.

Ac Arthur was wel *stilly*  
With his folk neighe hem bi.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 141.

The mylners wife did rise water to make,  
*Stilly*, for the milner should not wake,  
The right way agayne could she not take,  
For the house was so wide.

*The Milner of Abington*, n. d.

**STILO-NOVO.** After the Roman Calendar had been reformed by Pope Gregory XIII. in 1582, English travellers writing from abroad were accustomed to date their letters *stilo novo*, and the term became a kind of cant one for anything reformed or new. "And so I leave you to your *stilonovo*," Beaumont and Fletcher.

**STILT.** The handle of a plough. *North.*

**STILTED.** Covered with dirt to a considerable height, or in a great degree. Stockings are said to be stilted, when new footings have been added to the original leggings. *Line.*

**STILTS.** Crutches. *East.*

**STIM.** To ram down tightly. *Derb.*

**STIMBLE.** Mingere. *Norff.*

**STIME.** A partiele, or ray of light.

Wherewith he blinded them so close,  
A *stime* they could not see.

*Robin Hood*, i. 111.

They are seay gunny and furr'd up some time,  
I can nut leauk at leet nor see a *stime*.

*A Yorkshire Dialogue*, 1637, p. 49.

**STIMEY.** Dim-sighted. *North.*

**STIMMER.** A piece of iron used to ram down powder for blasting rocks, &c.

**STIN.** To groan. *Yorksh.*

**STINE.** A sty in the eye. *Line.*

**STING.** To thatch a stack. *North.*

**STINGER.** The sting of an insect. *West.* It is sometimes called a *stinge*.

**STINGO.** Strong beer or ale. The *Yorkshire Stingo* is the name of a celebrated inn in the suburbs of London.

Such *stingoo*, nappy, pure ale they had found;

Let's loose no time, said they, but drink a round.

*The Praise of Yorkshire Ale*, 1607, p. 29.

**STINGUISH.** To extinguish.

**STINGY.** (1) Ill-tempered. *Var. dial.*

(2) Piercing, as the wind. *Norfol.*

**STINK-A-PUSS.** A term of contempt.

**STINKERD.** A stinking fellow. A term of reproach. "A stinkard, *homo fetidus*." Coles. For now the *stinkards* in their irefull wraths, Bepeleted me with lome, with stones, and laths.

*Taylor's Works*, 1630, ii. 145.

He must be honyed and come over with Gentle Reader, Courteous Reader, and Learned Reader, though he have no more gentilite in him than Adam had (that was but a gardner), no more civilitie than a tartar, and no more learning than the most errand *stinkard*, *Morgan's Phoenix Britannicus*, p. 29.

**STINKERS.** A sort of bad coal.

**STINK-HORN.** The stinking fungus.

**STINK-TRAP.** A small circular plate of iron, joined to a hollowed half sphere of the same material, made for covering the top of a drain to keep out any offensive smell.

**STINT.** A limited number of cattle gaits in common pasture. *Craeen*.

**STINTANCE.** Stop; cessation. "Weep without any stintance," London Prodigal, p. 7.

**STINTE.** (1) To stop. (*J.-S.*) To blow the stint, i. e. the cheek or stop to the hounds. Still in use as a substantive, a limit, or quantity; a limited quantity.

And when heo *stynthe* and seyth no more,

Ȝef thou syst heo nedeth lore,

Ȝenne syst to hyre on this wyse,

And say, take the gode avyse.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 137.*

The litell boye *stunt* nought

Till the horse was home brought;

Thereof wiste the clerkes nought,

For sothe as I you saie.

*The Miller of Abington*, n. d.

He toke hur abowte the myldelle smalle,

And layd hur downe upon the grene,

Twys or thrys he served hur soo withalle,

He wolde nat *stunt* yet as I wene.

*MS. Roul. C. 258.*

Then Robin he hasted over the plain,

He did neither *stunt* nor lin,

Untill he came unto the church,

Where Allin should keep his wedding,

*Robin Hood*, ii. 49.

The byschop *stunt* in that stoude.

*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 38, f. 47.*

He drewe hys swyrde; or he *stunte*

Hys hedd he smote of at a dynte.

*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 38, f. 173.*

(2) The purr, or sea-lark. According to Moor, a species of plover. "The stint, or junco; it is a kind of a sea-lark, with a straight, long, slender bill, and black; the legs long, of a dusky or blackish colour, with a tincture of green," Holme, ii. 279.

**STINTEED.** In foal, as a mare. *West.*

**STINTLESS.** Without stopping; ceaseless.

There he performd victorious conquering;

His life was nothing els but *stintlesse* passion.

*Rowland's Betraying of Christ*, 1593, Sig. E. iv.

**STIOLING.** Perishing from cold.

**STIONY.** The sty in the eye. *East.* "Styaney yn the eye," Prompt. Parv. f. 164.

**STIPE.** A steep ascent. *Heref.*

**STIPONE.** "A kind of sweet compound liquor druck in some ill places in London in the summer time," Blount's Gloss, p. 612.

**STIR.** (1) He has plenty to stir on with, i. e. he is immensely rich. *North.*

(2) A crowd. *Norfol.*

(3) Very hard wood. *Somerset.*

**STIR-ABOUT.** Oatmeal and dripping mixed together and *stirred about* in the frying-pan. Wilbraham, p. 80, calls it "a hasty pudding."

**STIRACKES.**

The Sabceans, by reason of the continuall use of mirthe and frankincens, grow to a loathing of that savour: for remedy of which anyoance, they perfume their houses by burning *stirackes* in goatskins. And thus much for the severall parts of a goat.

*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 233.

**STIRE.** (1) To stir; to move; to slip. (*J.-S.*)

If I saide *stired* mi fote be,

Thi merci, Laverd, helped me.

*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 67.*

That thorne no blaste of temptacion,

Oure hertes be *stirredde* noythere up no down.

*MS. Hart. 2260, f. 4.*

(2) To steer; to direct. *Skelton.*

**STIREHOUSE.** A storehouse.

In rainy weather they are whiter a great deal than at other times, unless it be when they couple together, for then they appeare very red. I my selfe about the middest of Aprill, did once open a thicke female worme, and within the fles I found a certa receptacle ringed round about, and filling up the whole cavity of the body, having a thinne membrane or coate enclosing it, and in this aforesaid *stirehouse* the earth which she had fed on, and where with she was susteyned, was held and contained. Her eyes were found to bee in a safe place above the receptacle, next to the mouth, there were many of them on a heape together, being all of a whitish colour. *Topsell's Historie of Serpents*, 1608, p. 307.

**STIRK.** A heifer. *North.* "Hekfere, heeste, or styrke, *juvenca*," Pr. Parv. p. 234.

**STIRKE.** To become stiff with cold. "Clyngyne or styrkyne, *rigeo*," Pr. Parv.

**STIRMAN.** A steers-man. "Rother or a styman, *renex*," Noniuale MS. xv. Cent.

**STIROP.** A stirrup.

A levedy ad my love leyt, the bole began to belle,

The cokou ad the kite keyt, the doge is in the welle;

Stod y in my *stirop* streyt, i-schok out of the schelle.

*MS. Arund. Coll. Arm. 27, f. 150.*

**STIRPE.** A race; a family.

Of whiche malady, because it was straung and rare to the physicians of England, he at the kynges manoure of Grenewiche desessed, levyng one soune behynde hym to contynue his *stirpe* and familie

*Hall, Henry VII. l. 55.*

**STIRRIDGE.** Commotion. *Deron.*

**STIRRING.** (1) "Amongst husbandmen, the second tilth or fallow called *stirring*," Florio, p. 273. Markham explains it "the second ploughing for barley."

(2) A bustle; a merry-making. *North*.  
**STIRRING-POT.** "A long strong iron pot, with an handle about two yards; with it being red hot, is stirred the mettle and lead together in melting pots, till they be well incorporated," Holme, 1688.  
**STIRROW.** A hasty-pudding. *Chesh*.  
**STIRRUP-CUP.** A parting cup taken on horseback before leaving; a stirrup-glass.  
 Boy, lead our horses out when we get up,  
 Wee'l have with you a merry *stirrup-cup*.  
*Praise of Yorkshire Ale, 1697, p. 27.*  
**STIRRUP-HOSE.** "Stirrop-hose, *chaussettes à estrier*; the stirrop of the hose, *l'estrier de la chaussette*," Howell, 1660, sect. 53. Holme mentions "large stirrop hose, or stockings, two yards wide at the top, with points through several i-let holes, by which they were made fast to the petticoat-breeches by a single row of pointed ribbons hanging at the bottom." Grose has *stirrups*, a kind of buskins. *Stirrup-stockings*, Coles.  
**STIRRUP-LADDER.** A thatcher's short ladder holding to the roof with spikes. *West*.  
**STIRRUP-OIL.** A sound beating. Still in use, according to Major Moor, p. 406. "To give one some stirrup-oil, *aliquem fugigare*," Coles' Lat. Diet.  
**STIRRUPS.** "Rings or iron bands that binde the shanks of the wheele, which we call the *stirrups* of a wheele," Florio, p. 68.  
**STIRRUP-VERSE.** A verse at parting.  
 Must Megg, the wife of Batt, aged eighty,  
 Decea'd November thirteenth, seventy-three,  
 Be cast, like common dust, into the pit,  
 Without one line of monumental wit?  
 One death's head distich, or mortality-staff,  
 With sense enough for church-yard epitaph?  
 No *stirrup-verse* at grave before she go?  
 Batt does not use to part at taverns so.  
*Batt upon Batt, seventh ed. p. 23.*  
**STIRT.** Started. (*L.-N.*)  
 And was about him to slen,  
 Ae other *stirt* hem bituen.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 124.*  
 Kay up *stirt* and King Yder,  
 Afot foughten with swerdes cler.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 144.*  
 Methought thanne I *stute* up anone,  
 And to the broke I ranne and gate a stone,  
 And to the cokkowe licrtly cast,  
 And for drede he fleyez away ful fast,  
 And gladd was I whan thit he was goon.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. i. 6, xv. Cent.*  
**STIRTADE.** Starting; spirited. *Gawayne*.  
**STIRTELAYS.** Quickly; immediatly.  
*Stirtelays* steryne one steryne with styffe mene of armes,  
 Mony luffliche launce appone lofte stonys.  
*Morte Arthur, MS. Lincoln, f. 91.*  
**STIR-UP-SUNDAY.** The twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity, the collect for that day beginning with the words *stir up*.  
**STITCH.** (1) A contortion; a grimace.  
 (2) A narrow ridge of land. *Cumb*.  
 (3) A stack or bundle of ten sheaves of eorn set up together in a field. *Devon*.  
 I be a cone whim. Thomas, an I dwon't think I shall goo ta school again theeze summer. I shall

be out amangst ye. I'll goo wi' ta mawy, an ta hā makin, an ta reapy—I'll come åter, an zet up the *stitches* vor ye, Thomas. *West Country Dialogue*.

(4) A tailor. *Far. dial.*

(5) To go through stitch, i. e. to go through or accomplish completely. "Now wee are in, wee must goe through *stitch*," Tragedy of Hoffman, 1631, sig. F. iii. "*Passe-par-tout*, a resolute fellow, one that goes *through-stitch* with every thing hee undertakes, one whose courses no danger can stop, no difficultie stay," Cotgrave. "To go thorow-stitch with the work, *opus peragere*," Coles.

(6) *Stop stitch while I put a needle in*, a proverbial phrase applied to any one when one wishes him to do anything more slowly.

**STITCHBACK.** Strong ale. *South*.

**STITE.** As soon. *Yorksh.*

**STITELEERS.**

This is the watyre abowte the place, if any dyche may be mad, ther it schal be pleyed; or ellys that it be strongly Barryd al abowte, and lete north over many *stiteleers* be withinne the place.  
*Sharp's Cov. Myst. p. 23.*

**STITH.** (1) Ascendeth. (*A.-S.*)

Mon that thuncheth he breketh armes,

That y-wis bytokneth harmes.

Mon that syth tren blowe ant here,

Bitokneth wyunyng, ant no lere,

anon that *styth* on tre an heb,

Gode tidynge him is neh. *Reliq. Antiq. i. 262.*

(2) A blacksmith's anvil. (*A.-S.*) *Stithy* is the most general form of the word. "Stythe for a smythe, *enclume*," Palsgrave.

As hit were dyntes of a *stithi*,

That smythes smyten in her smythi.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 138.*

(3) Carbonic acid gas. *North*.

**STITHE.** (1) Firm; strong; stiff. "*Stithe*, strong, stiff, ab As. *stidh*, stiff, hard, severe, violent, great, strong; *stithe cheese*, i. e. strong cheese," Ray, p. 45 ed. 1674.

The stremys are so styffe and *stythe*,

That many a manne ther loses thaire lyfe.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 132.*

On stedes that were *stithe* and strong,

Thai rideu togider with schafes long.

*Amis and Amaloun, 1303.*

A tournament thai ches,

With knightes *stithe* on stede. *Sir Tristrem, p. 142.*

(2) Hot; oppressive; stifling. *East*.

(3) To ascend, or climb. Batman, 1582.

**STITHOM.** Confusion; bustle. *Lin.*

**STIVART.** Place; station.

Love maketh moni mai with teres to wede:

Love hath his *stivart* by sti and by strete.

*App. to Combevale's Octavian, p. 59.*

**STIVE.** (1) A kind of hive made of straw used at cock-fights for putting the birds in to keep them warm. *To be stived up*, to be stifled up in a warm place.

(2) To push with poles. *Scott*.

(3) To walk energetically. *North*. Mr. Hunter says, to walk with affected stateliness.

(4) Dust. *Far. dial.*

(5) Strong; muscular. *North*. *Styest*, most strong or powerful.

And strengest upon my stede,  
 And *stygest* under gurdell,  
 And lovelokest to loken on,  
 And lykynge a-bedde. *Piers Ploughman*, p. 519.

(6) To shiver with cold. *Devon.*

STIVED. Baked hard. *Will. Werv.*

STIVEN. Sternness. *Grose.*

STIVER. (1) To start up. *Devon.*  
 (2) To exert one's self violently. "How he  
*stivers* through the mud." *Sussex.* To flutter. *Kent.*

(3) A bristling of the hair. *West.*  
 (4) A small Dutch coin.  
 Through thy protection they are monstrous thrivers,  
 Not like the Dutchmen in base doytis and *stivers*.  
*Taylor's Workes*, ii. 3.

(5) To *stieer* about, to stagger. *Sussex.*

STIVES. Stews, or brothels.

STIVING. Close; stiling. *Worc.*

STIVOIR. A kind of bagpipe. Also, a player  
 upon the stivoir. (*A.-N.*)  
 Ther were trumpes and fithelers,  
 And *stivoirs* and tabourers.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 243.

Organisters and gode *stivoirs*,  
 Munstrels of mouthe, and mani dysour,  
 To glade tho hernes biithe.  
*Gy of Warwick*, p. 274.

STIVVEN. A road is said to be *stivven* up  
 when so full of snow as to be impassable.  
*Norf.*

STIYT. Fixed. *Will. Werv.*

STOACH. To make an impression on wet land,  
 as oxen do in winter. *Sussex.*

STOAK-HOLE. A round hole out of which  
 the fire in the furnace proceeds. *Holme.*

STOB. A small post. The gibbet post of the  
 notorious Andrew Mills, in the bishopric of  
 Durham, was called *Andrew Mills' stob*. To  
*stob* out, to demand or portion out land by  
 stobs. It is also used in reference to spines  
 or thorns that have pierced the flesh. *York.*

STOBBALL-PLAY. Aubrey, in his Nat. Hist.  
 Wilts, Royal Soc. MS. p. 347, gives the following  
 account of this game:—"It is peculiar  
 to North Wilts, North Gloucestershire, and a  
 little part of Somerset, near Bath; they strike  
 a ball stuffed very hard with quills, and  
 covered with soale-leather as big as a . . . .  
 bullet, with a staffe commonly made of withy  
 about three and a halfe feet long. Colem-  
 downe is the place so famous and so frequented  
 for stobball playing. The twife is very fine,  
 and the rock freestone is within an inch and  
 half of the surface, which gives the ball so  
 quick a rebound. A stobball-ball is of about  
 four inches diameter, stuffed very hard with  
 quills, sowed into soale leather, and as hard  
 as a stone. I doe not heare that this game is  
 used anywhere in England but in this part of  
 Wiltshire, and Gloucestershire adjoining.  
 They strike the ball with a great turned staff  
 of about four feet long." So far Aubrey,  
 which I have corrected by reference to the  
 rough draft of this work in the Ashmolean  
 Museum. See also Stowe's Survey of London,

ed. 1720, b. i. p. 257. "A stow-ball, *pila clavata*," Coles.

STOBLE. Stubble. *Palsgrave.* "Stipula, a  
 stoble and a stree," Medulla MS.

STOBWORT. The herb oxys, or sorrel. "Wood  
 sorrell or stubwoort," Gerard, p. 1030.

STOCHE. A stab. *Yorksh.*

STOCK. (1) The udder. *Kent.*

(2) A root. (3) To root up. *West.*

(4) Strong; muscular. *I. of Wight.*

(5) A stocking. *Shak.*

(6) At cards, when part of the cards only is  
 used, the remainder was called the *stock*.

(7) The same as *Stockado*, q. v.

(8) The back of a grate. *Var. dial.*

(9) To peck, as a bird. *Heref.*

(10) To strike and wrench with an axe having a  
 flat end. *West.*

(11) Cattle. *Var. dial.*

STOCKADO. A thrust in fencing. "*A stoc-*  
*cata*, with a thrust or stoccado," Florio.

STOCK-CARD. A large wooden instrument  
 used for carding wool.

STOCKED. Confined. *Chaucer.*

Roges and vagabonds are often *stocked* and  
 whipped; scolds are ducked upon cuckingstooles in  
 the water. *Harrison*, p. 185.

STOCKEL. An old pollard tree. *Heref.*

STOCKENED. Stopped in growth. *Line.*

STOCKERS. Persons employed to fell or grub  
 up trees. *West.* See *Stock* (3).

STOCKING-IRON. An implement used for  
 grubbing weeds up.

STOCK-MILL. A fulling-mill. *Glouc.*

STOCKPORT-COACH. A horse with two wo-  
 men riding sidewise upon it. *North.*

STOCKS. (1) A wooden prison for the legs,  
 used in villages as a punishment for petty  
 offences. They may still be seen in many  
 places, though generally disused. They are  
 introduced upon the stage in the old play of  
 Hick Scorne, and in King Lear. The Worcester  
 Journal of Jan. 19th, 1843, informs us  
 that this old mode of punishment was recently  
 revived at Stratford-on-Avon for drunkenness,  
 and a passer-by asking a fellow who was doing  
 penance how he liked it, the reply was—"I  
 beant the first mon as ever were in the stocks,  
 so I don't care a fardin about it." Holme  
 describes the stocks, "a prison or place of  
 security to keep safe all such as the constable  
 finds to be night-walkers, common drunkards  
 and swearers, that have no money, and such  
 like; also petty thieves, strippers of hedges,  
 robbers of hen-roosts, and light-fingered per-  
 sons, who can let none of their masters or mis-  
 tresses goods or cloaths lye before them; also  
 wandring rogues, gipsies, and such as love  
 begging better than labour."

And twenty of thes odur ay in a pytt,

In *stockes* and feturs for to sytt.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 233.

And if from the *stocks* I can keep out my feet,  
 I fear not the Compter, King's Bench, nor the Fleet  
*Academy of Compliments*, 1771, p. 281.

- (2) The frame of a churn or the stand upon which it is put. *West.*
- STOCK-SHEARS. Shears used by needle-makers for cutting wire the required length.
- STOCK-SLEEVE. "*Manche Lombarde*, a stocke sleeve, or fashion of halfe-sleeve, whose upper part is raised, and full of plaits or gathers," Cotgrave. "A stock-sleeve, or kind of half-sleeve," Howell, 1660.
- STOCKY. (1) Irritable, headstrong, and contrary, combined. *Sussex.*
- (2) Impudent, brassy; used on the borders of Leicestershire, to which county it perhaps more properly belongs. *Lin.*
- (3) Short and thick of growth. *West.*
- STODDLE. "Stodyll a toole for a wever, *lame detisserant*," Palsgrave.
- STODE. Stood; remained still.
- The abbot sayd to his covent,  
There he stode on grounde,  
This day twelfe moneth came there a knyght,  
And borowed foure hundred pounce.
- Robin Hood*, i. 17.
- The schylde in the schouldr wode  
Halfe a fotz or hyt stode.
- MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 179.*
- STODE-MERE. A mare in foal. (*A.-S.*)
- Bot the boye was never so blythe,  
Als whenne he herde the name kytte  
Of the stode-mere stythe;  
Of na thyng thanne he roghte. *Perceval*, 367.
- STODGE. (1) To stuff; to fill; to distend; to squeeze tightly together. *West.*
- (2) Pottage, or soft food. *Devon.* Forby has *stodge*, to stir up various ingredients into a thick mass.
- (3) Thick slimy mud. *South.*
- STODGE-FULL. Quite full, or unable to contain more. The ground or the road is said to be *stodgy*, or *all of a stodge*, when it is wet, deep, and miry. *Warw.*
- STOFFADO. "A term for the stuffing of any joint of meat, or belly of any fowl, or the like," Holme's Academy, 1688, iii. 84.
- STOGGED. Set fast in a mire. *Devon.*
- STOGGEREL. An old pollard. *West.*
- STOIN'D. Astounded.
- Stoin'd and amaz'd at his own shade for dread,  
And fearing greater dangers than was need.
- British Bibliographer*, i. 290.
- SFOITH. "*Stipa*, a stoith," occurs in Nominale MS. among the *nomina vestimentorum*.
- STOITING. The jumping of pilchards above the surface of the water. *East.*
- STOK-DOWE. A stock-dove. "*Palumbus, palumba*, a stok dowe," Nominale MS.
- STOKE. (1) A yard in length.
- (2) To stir the fire. *Var. dial.*
- (3) A stock. Nominale MS.
- STOKEN. Shut; fastened. *North.*
- Syr, sche seyde, nothyng welle,  
For sche was stoken yn that castelle.
- MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 142.*
- Olympias is now awroke,  
Ac yet heo is in prison stoke.
- Kyng Alisaunder*, 1132.
- STOKER. A man employed to stir and attend to the fire in a brewery, &c. *Var. dial.*
- STOKEY. Close, or sultry. *North.*
- STOLDRED. Stealth. *Kent.*
- Some little corn by stoldred brought to town.  
*Billingsly's Brachy-Martyrologium*, 1657, p. 107.
- STOLE. (1) A stool. (*A.-S.*) There was a weaver's instrument called the *stole*.
- (2) Part of the ecclesiastical habit, worn about the neck. (*A.-N.*)
- ȝef the wonte stole or fanone,  
When thou art in the canone,  
Passe forth wythowten turne,  
But that thou moste rewe gerne.
- MS. Cotton. Claud. A. ii. f. 150.*
- (3) Robe of royalty. *Weber.*
- (4) A kind of packing-chest for robes and clothes. We still have "groom of the stole." See Privy Purse Expences of Eliz. of York, p. 45.
- (5) To drink; to swallow. *Norw.*
- STOLEN. "Stolen things are sweet," an old proverb still in common use.
- From busie cooks we love to steal a bit  
Behmd their backs, and that in corners eat.  
Nor need we here the reason why entreat,  
All know the proverb, *stollen bread is sweet*.
- History of Joseph*, n. d.
- STOLKY. Wet and miry. *Glouc.*
- STOLNE. Stolen. (*A.-S.*)
- Than sende Joseph aftur hem men that saydon  
that thei were wykkd men, that aftur that here  
lorde hadde made hem wel at ese, haddon *stolne* hys  
coupe that he lovid moste.
- MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 46.*
- STOLPE. A post, or stulp. *North.*
- The cradle to have five *stolpes*, three at the head,  
and twoe at the feet, and the king's armes on the  
middle *stolpe*, and all the other *stolpes* with other  
armes, and well carpeted all about, with a pane  
thereon of cloth of gould furred with ermins.
- Ordinances and Regulations*, p. 127.
- STOLSY. To walk in the dirt. *Beds.*
- STOLT. Strong; stout. *Sussex.*
- STOLY. Dirty; disorderly. *Suffolk.*
- STOM. (1) The instrument used to keep the malt in the vat. *North.*
- (2) A large branch of a tree. *Beds.*
- STOMACH. (1) Pride; hauteur.
- (2) To bear, or put up with. *Var. dial.*
- (3) Anger. (4) To resent. *East.* Both these senses are used by early writers. To stick in the stomach, i. e. to remember with anger.
- STOMACHFUL. Stubborn. Also, angry.
- STOMACHY. Proud; haughty; irritable; easily offended. *Var. dial.*
- STOMAGER. "Curet, breastplate, or stomager, *thorax*," Huloet, 1552.
- STOMBER. To confuse; to confound. *Salop.*
- STOMBLED. The same as *Poached*, q. v.
- STOMELAR. A stumbler. *Pr. Parr.*
- STOMPEY. To stump or walk. *Var. dial.*
- STONAGE. Any heap of stones. Stonchenge is so called by the country people.
- STONAS. An entire horse. *Suffolk.*
- STONAYE. To confound; to astonish.
- Whenne any stirttez to stale, stuffe thame the bettere,  
Ore thei wille be *stonayede* and stroyede in gone straste  
londez.
- Morte Arture*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 73.

He was so stoned of that dente,  
That nygh he had hys lyff ente.  
*Richard Coer de Lion, 421.*  
And soche a strok to Befyse he lante,  
That he was stoned of that dynte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 125.*

**STONCHEDE.** Stopped.  
And the wynde stonchede and blew no more,  
And the meyst turnde into a bryt cloude.  
*Chron. Filolten, p. 127.*

**STONCROP.** The plant *crassula minor*.

**STOND.** "Stonde a vessell, they have none,"  
Palsgrave, 1530, subst. f. 67.  
Hwer is thi bred and thin ale,  
Thi tunne and thine stonde?  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix. f. 245.*

**STONDAND-FIGNADE.** Is thus described in an early and curious poem on cookery:  
Fyrst play thy water with hony and salt;  
Grynde blanchyd almonds, I wot thou shalle;  
Thurgh a streynour thou shalt hom streyne,  
With the same water that is so clene:  
In sum of the water stepe thou shalle  
Whyte brede crustes to alye hit withalle.  
Then take figgus and grynde hom wele,  
Put hom in pot, so have thou cele.  
Then take brede, with mylke hit streyne  
Of almonds that be white and clene.  
Cast in the fyggus that ar i-grynde,  
With powder of peper that is tho kynde;  
And powder of canel, in grete lordys house,  
With sugur or hony thou may hit dowce.  
Then take almonds cloven in twen,  
That fryd ar with oyle; and set with wyn  
Thy dissh, and floryssh hit thou mygt  
Wyth powder of gynger that is so bryt;  
And serve hit forth, as I spake thenne,  
And set hit in sale before, &c.  
*MS. Sloane 1966, pp. 91, 92.*

**STONDE.** To stand; to remain. (*A.-S.*)  
No nan in chyche stonde schal,  
Ny lene to pyler ny to wal.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 130.*

**STONDENDE.** Standing.  
Thorow syste of hem misturnid were,  
Stondende as stonis here and there.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 41.*

**STOND-HORSE.** "Stonde horse, naturel,"  
Palsgrave, subst. f. 67.

**STONDLE.** A bearing-tub. *Norf.*

**STONE.** (1) A gun-flint.  
(2) In composition, signifying *quite*; as *stone-blind*, quite blind; *stone-cold*, *stone-dead*, *stone-still*, &c. Still in use.  
Ever satt Percyvelle stone-stille,  
And spakke nothyng hir tille,  
Tille scho hade sayde alle hir wille,  
And spakke lesse ne mare.  
*Perceval, 841.*

**STONE-AX.** A stone-worker's axe.

**STONE-BOW.** A crossbow for shooting stones.  
"Stone-bowe, *arcubasta*," Pr. Parv.

**STONE-BURNISHER.** A stone used for polishing and making bright a piece of silver or gold. Holme, 1688.

**STONE-CHAT.** The wheatear. *North.*

**STONE-HATCH.** The ring-plover. *Norf.*

**STONE-HONEY.** Honey hardened and candied white like sugar. Also called *corn-honey*.

**STONE-HORSE.** A station. "*Cheval entier*," a stone-horse," Cotgrave in v. *Entier*.

**STONE-JARS.** Large jugs are so called, though composed of earthenware. *Hunter.* Forby has *stone-ware*, old-fashioned earthenware of a dusky white or grayish colour.

**STONEN.** Made of stone. *West.*

**STONE-SPITCHIL-DIKE.** A raised earthen dike, faced with stones. *North.*

**STONE-WEED.** Knot-grass. *Suffolk.*

**STONGEN.** To stab; to pierce. (*A.-S.*)  
They ben y-sewed with whight silke,  
And semes ful qneynte,  
Y-stongen with stiches  
That stareth as sylver. *Piers Ploughman, p. 433.*

**STONK.** A shock of corn. "*Discaux de gerbes*," sheafes of corne set tenne and tenne in a heape; halfe-thraves of tenne sheaves apeece; ten sheaved *stonks* or shocks of corne," Cotgrave, 1632.

**STONNORD.** The herb stonecrop.

**STONT.** Standeth. (*A.-S.*)  
In the myddel the chyld stont,  
As he ys folowed in the font.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 129.*  
Thay stont stilly a stownde;  
Thay putt up pavilyons ronde.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 131.*

**STONY-HARD.** The plant corn-gromwell.

**STOO.** A stool. *Lanc.*

**STOOD.** Cropped short. *North.*

**STOOK.** (1) A sort of stile beneath which water is discharged. *Somerset.*  
(2) A shock of corn. *North.*  
Lesly having instantly ordered to raise the country for the Perlam't, under the command of Col. Lawson and Col. Chomly, marched the next day towards Newcastle. The corn was then all in the *stook*; and Lesly knew well that if he had stayed to beggar the towne, he might have taken it within a few weeks.  
*Tullie's Narrative of the Siege of Carlisle, p. 7.*

(3) The remains of a pillar of coal after it has been riven by a board. *Newe.*

(4) To stoop the head. *North.*

**STOOL.** (1) To ramify, as corn. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To plough; to cultivate. *Yorksh.*

**STOOL-BALL.** An ancient game at ball, played by both sexes. According to Dr. Johnson, it is a play where balls are driven from stool to stool. See a further notice in Strutt, p. 97. In Lewis's English Presbyterian Eloquence, p. 17, speaking of the tenets of the Puritans, he observes that "all games where there is any hazard of loss are strictly forbidden; not so much as a game at *stool-ball* for a Tansay, or a cross and pyle for the odd penny at a reckoning, upon pain of damnation." This quotation is given by Brand, in his Pop. Antiq. The following is from Herriek's Hesperides, 1648, p. 280:  
At *stool-ball*, Lucia, let us play  
For sugar-cakes and wine;  
Or for a tansie let us pay,  
The losse be thine or mine.  
If thou, my deere, a winner be  
At trundling of the ball,  
The wager thou shalt have, and me,  
And my misfortunes all.  
Poor Robin, in his Almanack for 1677, in his

Observations on April, opposite the 16th and 17th, Easter Monday and Tuesday, says,—

Young men and maids,  
Now very brisk,  
At barley-break and  
Stool-ball frisk.

*Brand's Popular Antiquities*, i. 105.

*Isa.* Ay, and at stool-ball too, sir; I've great luck at it. *Ward.* Why, can you catch a ball well?  
*Isa.* I have catch'd two in my lap at one game.

*Middleton's Works*, iv. 597.

When health and weather both invite,  
At stool-ball to play for our delight.

*The Pleasant Alarum*, 1703.

**STOOL-OF-OFFICE.** A close-stool.

And as of one part of a tree a chaire of state may be made, and of another part a carved image, and of a third part a *stool of office*, so men, being compounded and composed all of one mould and mettle, are different and disconsortant in estates, conditions, and qualities.

*Taylor's Works*, i. 134.

**STOOLS.** The roots of copse, or hedgewood cut down nearly to the ground. *Var. dial.* "To go a stooling, signifies to be employed in woods, generally without the owner's leave, in cutting up such decayed stools, or stumps, or moots, for fuel," *MS. Devon*. Gl.

**STOOL'S-FOOT.** To lay the *stool's-foot* in water, means to make great preparation for receiving a guest. *East.*

**STOOL-TERRAS.** To set turfs two and two, one against the other, to be dried by the wind. *West.*

**STOON.** A stone. (*A.-S.*)

Oure Lord wroot it hymselfe  
In *stoon*, for it stedfast was,  
And stonde sholde evere.

*Piers Ploughman*, p. 323.

**STOOP.** (1) To fall, or pounce upon, as a hawk on the wing does upon his prey.

(2) To steep; to macerate. *West.*

(3) A post, or stulp. *North.*

(4) A drinking cup; a pitcher. Still in use in the latter sense.

(5) A barrel; a beer-vessel. *Northumb.*

(6) To tilt a eask. *South.*

**STOOR.** (1) To rise up in clouds, as smoke, dust, fallen lime, &c. *Yorksh.*

(2) To stir, or move actively. *West.*

(3) A sufficient quantity of yeast for a brewing. See *Forby's East Anglia*, p. 329.

**STOOREY.** A mixture of warm beer and oatmeal stirred up with sugar. *North.*

**STOOTH.** To lath and plaster. *North.*

**STOP.** (1) To cover; to hide. "A hassocke or mat to *stop* a privy with," *Florio*, p. 84.

(2) A small well-bucket. *Norf.*

(3) To poke; to thrust; to place. *North.*

(4) To fasten a feather to the wing of a hawk in place of a broken one.

(5) The same as *Stab*, q. v.

**STOP-DICE.** A kind of false dice, mentioned in *Palsgrave's Aelostus*, 1540. Chapman alludes to stop-eater-trays.

**STOPEN.** Stopped; advanced. (*A.-S.*)

**STOP-GLAT.** A make-shift; a substitute.

**STOPLESS.** A portable wooden stopper for the mouth of an oven. *North.*

**STOPPE.** (1) To stuff. *Pegge.*

(2) A bucket, or milking-pail. Still in use in Norfolk. The holy-water *stoppe* was a vessel containing holy-water placed near the entrance of a church, and was sometimes made of lead.

**STOPPER.** A person at tennis, football, and other games, who stops the balls.

**STOPPING.** Honey laid so long in the cells that it has become bad and hard.

**STOPPING-PAN.**

Then stop the veine with a little hogs-grease, and then tacked on the shoes, and turpentine molten together, and laid upon a little flax, and cram the place where you did let him blood hard with tow, to the intent it may be surely stopt. Then fill both his feet with hogs grease, and bran fried together in a *stopping pan*, so hot as is possible. And upon the stopping, clap a piece of leather, or else two splents to keepe the stopping.

*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 400.

**STOPPINGS.** A barrier of plank, brick, or stone, filling up an excavation to give direction to a current of air in a coal mine.

**STOPPLE.** (1) The stopper of a bottle, &c.

But that yt lackes a *stoppell*,  
Take thee heare my well [fayer] bottill,  
For it wilt houde a good pottill,  
In faith, I can geve thee no more.

*Chester Plays*, i. 142

Bot both your sisters and your child  
Provided well for this,  
Their tubbs can never leake,  
Because the *stopple* there is.

*MS. Poems*, temp. James I.

(2) The stalk of a pipe; the tufts of straw used in thatching stacks. *West.*

(3) Stubble. *Devon.* "Halm, or stobyl, stopyll, *stipula*." *Prompt. Parv.* p. 223.

And thoru haubert and ys coler, that nere nothyng souple,

He smot of ys heved as lytlyche as yt were a lute *stouple*.

*Rob. Gloucester's Chronicle*, p. 223.

**STOP-RODS.** Are explained by Carr, "the wattling of the shafts of a mine." *North.*

**STOP-SHOORD.** A stop-gap. *Somerset.*

**STOPWOUR.** The herb Alleluja.

**STORBET.** Disturbed. (*A.-S.*)

Hast thou be slowe to Goddes servyse,

Or *storbet* hyt by any wyse.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 140.*

**STORE.** (1) Strong; powerful; large. (*A.-S.*)

*Tyrwhitt*, iv. 253, was apparently unacquainted with this meaning of the term.

On a grene hylle he sawe a tree,

The savvyr of hyt was strong and *store*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 49.*

Fra sa mekille a manne and sa *store*

Had thay never sene byfore.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 126.*

For Sir Anlaf, the king of Danmark,

With an o-st *store* and stark,

Into Ingland is come;

With fifteen thousand knyghtes of priis,

Alle this lond thai stroyrn y-wis,

And mani a toun han none.

*Gy of Warwike*, p. 363.

The king and his men ilkane

Wend tharwith to have bene slane,

So blew it *stor* with slete and rayn.

*Yvain and Gawain* 1297.



- (2) Anything laid up for use. (3) *To tell no store of a thing*, to consider it of no use or importance. *Chaucer*.
- (4) A receptacle for any articles.
- (5) To stock, or furnish. (*A.-N.*)
- (6) The plant *Libanum Olibanum*, according to MS. Sloane 5, f. 6, xv. Cent.
- (7) *Store is no sore*, an old phrase meaning that things stored up cause no harm.  
 Multiply thy medecyns ay more and more,  
 For wyse men done sey *store ys no sore*.  
*Ashmole's Theat. Chem. Brit.* 1652, p. 186.  
 This is the cause, sir, that I judged it so vile,  
 Bycause it is so common in talking every while;  
 For plentie is not deintie, as the common saying is.  
*No, nor store is no sore*, perceive you this.  
*Reverde's Grounde of Actes*, 1579.
- (8) Number; quantity.  
 Others were sav'd, whose crimes rose to that store  
 As they deserv'd death twentie times before.  
*Braithwaite's Law of Denmark*, 1617, p. 78.
- (9) To move; to stir.  
 Loke ye *store* not of that stedd,  
 Whedur y be quyck or dedd.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 191.*
- STORE-PIGS. Pigs nearly full grown.
- STORGIN. A sturgeon. Nominale MS.  
 That made the erthe and the planettes sevyu,  
 And in the see the *sturgione*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 170.*
- STORIAL. Historical; true. (*A.-N.*)
- STORKEN. (1) To gain strength. *Cumb.*  
 (2) To cool; to stiffen. *North.*
- STORKING. Some kind of bird. "*Fronator*, a storkyng." Nominale MS.
- STORK'S-BILL. "*Storck's bill*, to *storken*, proper to fat growing cold, and so hard," Hallamshire Gl. p. 124.
- STORM. (1) To scold; to be angry. *East.*  
 (2) A shower. *Wills.*
- (3) A fall of snow. Also, a long continued frost. *North.* To be stormed, i. e. to be starved with cold.
- STORM-COCK. The missel thrush. *North.*
- STORMING-THE-CASTLE. A kind of sea-game mentioned in *Peregrine Pickle*, ch. 16.
- STORM-STAID. Detained on a journey on account of a storm. *North.*
- STORQUE.  
 Rip up each vein and sinew of my *storque*,  
 Anatomize him, searching every entraille.  
*The Muses Looking-Glasse*, 1643, p. 48.
- STORVE. To die. (*A.-S.*)  
 My sone schalle not thys day *storve*,  
 Be seynt Thomas that y schalle serve.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. n. 33, f. 135.*  
 Ther-while Ypocras, with a knif,  
 Binom that schild his swete lif,  
 And let him hirie sikerliche,  
 Als he were *storeven* sodainliche.  
*The Snyyn Sages*, 1126.
- STORVING. Slaying; killing. (*A.-S.*)  
 Betwene the barons and the king  
 Aujt to be no *storing*. *MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 103.*
- STORY. A falsehood. *Var. dial.*
- STORY-POSTS. The upright timbers reaching from the top to the bottom of a story in a building of carpenter's work. *Willson.*
- STOT. (1) A young ox. *North.* "*Stotte, beveau*," Palsgrave. Tyrwhitt thinks Chaucer uses the term for *stod*, a stallion. "*Stot hors, caballus*," Pr. Parv. f. 165.  
 And saide thaire fee was fro thame revede,  
 Certus, syr, us es noghte levyde  
 A *stotte* unto zoure plowghe!  
*Isambas*, 92.
- (2) To rebound, as a ball. *North.*
- STOTAYE. To stumble; to stammer.  
 Than he *stotays* for made, and alle his strenge faylez,  
 Lokes uppe to the lyfte, and alle his lyre chauoges.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 97.  
 Un-comly in cloystre. i coure ful of care,  
 I loke as a lurdeyn and listne til my lare,  
 The song of the cesofa, dos me syken sare,  
 And site *stotiand* on a song, a moueth and mare.  
*Reliq. Antiq.* i. 291.
- STOTCH. To poach land; "the cattle have *stotched* the field," that is, covered it with their footmarks. *Kent.*
- STOTE. A kind of weasel. The polecat is called a *stote* in Somersetshire.
- STOTEDE. Remained; rested?  
 Anone to the forest they found,  
 There they *stotede* a stound;  
 They pyght pavelouns round,  
 And loggede that nyght. *Degrevant*, 226.
- STOTER. To stumble. *North.*
- STOTEYE. Cunning; stratagem. *Will. Werv.*
- STOTHE. The slay of a weaver's loom. Also, a post or upright of a wall.
- STOT-PLOUGH. A plough drawn by stots.  
 Mr. Hutchinson, in his History of Northumberland, speaking of the dress of the sword-dancers at Christmas, adds: Others, in the same kind of gay attire, draw about a plough, called the *stot-plough*, and when they receive the gift make the exclamation *Largess!* but if not required at any house for their appearance, they draw the plough through the pavement and raise the ground of the front in furrows. I have seen twenty men in the yoke of one plough. He concludes thus: The *stot-plough* has been conceived by some to have no other derivation than a mere rural triumph, the plough having ceased from its labour. *England's Popular Antiquities*, i. 260.
- STOT-TUESDAY. The first Tuesday which occurs after the 27th of October.
- STOTTY. Gritty, as soil is. *West.*
- STOU. A place, or seat. (*A.-S.*)  
 On *stou* ase thou stode,  
 Thou retest the under rode.  
*Wright's Lyric Poetry*, p. 98.
- STOUD. A young colt. *West.*
- STOUDE.  
 Of alle oure riche clothes tid us never a shroude,  
 Whose hath don for Godes love, he may be ful *stoude*.  
*Walter Mapes, Appendix*, p. 349.
- STOUK. (1) The handle of a pail. Also, a drinking-cup with a handle. *North.*  
 (2) To raise a steam. *North.*  
 (3) A stock or heap of anything.
- STOUN. (1) Stolen. *North and Scot.*  
 (2) To smart with pain.  
 Ah, Nan, steek'th winderboard and maek it dark,  
 My neen are varra sair, they *stoun* and wark.  
*A Yorkshire Dialogue*, 1667, p. 49.
- STOUND. (1) To beat severely. *East.*  
 (2) To ache; to smart with pain. *North.*  
 (3) To long for; to pine for. If carrots or any

- other food of which horses are very fond are given to them for a short time, and then withheld, they are said to *stound* for them. Early in the spring, cows *stound* for grass.
- (4) A wooden vessel for small beer.
- (5) A moment, or short time. (*A.-S.*) Still in use, according to Morby and Moor.
- Heven bi, dat alle schalle wyne,  
Schylde bi dedely synne,  
And geve us the blys of hevyo!  
Yf ye wylle a *stounde* blyne,  
Of a story y wylle begynne,  
That graecus ys to nevyn.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 71.*
- Then seyde the kyng that ylike *stounde*,  
Me thyngyth that was Sir Roger hounde,  
That wente wyth hym thoo,  
When the queene was flemed owt of my lond;  
Syr, they seyde, we undurstonde  
For sothe that hyt ys soo!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 74.*
- Thei shal be fedde with deth that *stounde*,  
The prophete it saith that here is founde.  
*MS. Addit. 11305, f. 96.*
- For-thi thay named [hym] that *stounde*,  
Knyghte of the table rownde.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 130.*
- In what place they schal be founde,  
I schal jow telle at the *stounde*.  
*MS. Poem on Blood-letting, xv. Cent.*
- (6) Stunned. *Spenser.*
- (7) To astound, or astonish. *East.*  
They take also their name of the word *mase* and *theefe*, or *master theefe* if you will, because they often *stound* and put such persons to their shifts in townes and villages, and are the principall causes of their apprehension and taking.  
*Harrison's Description of England, p. 231.*
- (8) To beat a drum. *North.*
- STOUNDEMELE. By short spaces of time; by degrees; every moment. (*A.-S.*)  
Syn ye were first unto your make y-knyt,  
Wel han ye kept your chambre of prevete;  
For hardely may no mane sey as yet,  
That with your boode foleyed han ye.  
And now cometh age, foo to your beauté,  
And stelyngly it wastyth *stounde-mele*.  
*MS. Fairfax 16.*
- And every day, withoutte wordes moo,  
*Stoundemele* from the heven aboven,  
Goddis aungels come to and froo.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 44.*
- Stoundemele* from the heven adoun  
Goddis aungelle cam to and fro.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 6.*
- STOUP. A post. *Line.* "Stoulpe before a doore, *souche*," Palsgrave.
- STOUPÉ. (1) To bend; to stoop. (*A.-S.*) Also, to stoop as a hawk does.  
For now she loves to lyve of change,  
And *stoupes* to every praye;  
So he that wyll cache her  
Had neede for to wache her,  
Or els she wyll sore away.  
*MS. Ashmole 48.*
- (2) To give up. A cant term.
- STOUPINS. Steppings, or holes made by the feet of cattle. *North.*
- STOUR. (1) Dust. *North.*
- (2) Harsh; deep-toned. *Yorksh.*
- STOURE. (1) Battle; conflict. (*A.-S.*)

- Me ys wo now for yowre sake  
Agaynste thy kynne to stonde in *stoure*.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 120.*
- Tryamowre wolde nevyr have reste,  
But bare hym boldely to the beste,  
That was moost of honowre;  
To ylike a prynce he was preste,  
Hors and man downe he caste,  
So styrde he hym in that *stoure*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 76.*
- He stalworthe in *stoures*,  
By sayne Martyne of Towres.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 134.*
- (2) Great; severe. *Arch. xxx. 413.*
- (3) Stiff; inflexible. *East.* "Stoure, rude as course clothe is, *gros*," Palsgrave.
- (4) Palsgrave has, "Stoure of conversacyon, *estourdy*," *adject. f. 96.*
- (5) A stake. Still in use.  
And if he wille nojte do soo, I salle late hym wit  
that ye salle sende a grete powere to his citee, and  
bryne it up stikke and *stourre*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 41.*
- (6) The round of a ladder; the stave in the side of a waggon.
- (7) Time.  
Whilom while Venus' son did seek a bower  
To sport with Psyche, his desired dear,  
He chose her chin, and from that happy *stour*  
He never stints in glory to appear.  
*Greene's Works, ii. 231.*
- (8) Water. Kennett, *MS. Lansd. 1033.*
- STOUT. (1) Tall. *Somerset.*
- (2) The gad-fly; a gnat. *West.*  
Not all tha naisy *stouts* could wáke  
En vrom is happy zleep,  
Nor emmets thick, nor vlies that buz,  
An on is hors da creep.  
*Ballad of Jerry Nutty.*
- (3) Proud. Batchelor, p. 143.
- STOUTE. To be disobedient to?  
For no man ful comunly  
Beseceth a wyfe of foly,  
But there the wyfe ys aboute  
The gode man for to *stoute*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 20.*
- Lewed man, thou shalt cursyng doute,  
And to thy prest thou shalt nat *stoute*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 72.*
- STOUTY. Stout. *Skellon.*
- STOVEN. A young shoot from the stump of a tree after it has been felled. *North.*
- STOVENNED. Split; cracked. *Yorksh.*
- STOVER. (1) Fodder for cattle; provisions.  
"Assen and muylyn with heore stoveris,"  
Kyng Alisaunder, 1866.  
And maked hir a ful fair fer,  
And fond hire that night *stover*.  
*The Sevyll Sages, 2696.*
- Our low medowes is not onelie full of sandle  
cinder, which breedeth sundrie diseases in our cat-  
tell, but also more rowtwe, foggie, and full of flags,  
and therefore not so profitable for *stover* and forrage  
as the higher meads be.  
*Harrison's Description of Britaine, p. 110.*
- (2) To bristle up; to stiffen. *West.* The term  
is used by Ford, i. 402.
- STOW. (1) To lop or top trees. *East.* "Stowd,  
cropt as horse's ears," Thoresby, 1703.
- (2) To resist, hinder, or stop.

5ff any man *stow* me this nyth,  
I xal hym geve a dedly wownde.

*Coventry Mysteries*, p. 217.

- (3) To dry in an oven. *Kent*.  
 (4) To silence any one. A cant term.  
 (5) To confine cattle. *Norf*.  
 (6) A place for putting things in.  
 (7) *Stow, stow*, a term formerly addressed to a hawk by a falconer to make it come to his fist. See *Gent. Rec.* ii. 58.

STOWE. (1) Stole. *Weber*.

- (2) "Stowe, streyth passage betwix ij. wallys or hedgys, *intrapedo*," Pr. Parv.

(3) To cope with an enemy.

They stokede stedys in stoure with stelene wapyns,  
And aile *stouede* wythstrenghe that stode theme agaynes.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 60.

- (4) "Stowyne or waryne, or hesettyne, as men done moneye or chaffer, *commuto*," Pr. Parv.

STOWER. (1) The same as *Poy*, q. v.

(2) A flock of geese. *Yorksh.*

STOWERED. Staked. *North.*

Standing together at a comon watering place ther called Hedgedyke, lately *stowered* for cattail to drynke at.

*Archæologia*, xxiii. 23.

STOWINGS. Loppings. *East.*

STOWLIN. A lump of meat. *Linc.*

STOW-STEDE. A narrow bank of earth laid across a ditch or stream for the passage of men and cattle. *Canbr.*

STOWTE. Strong; powerful.

The emperowre was fulle *stowte*,  
And beseged the castelle abowte.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 77.*

When the steward sawe Gye,

*Stowte*ly he can hym hye.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 157.*

STOWTER. To struggle; to walk clumsily.

STRA. Straw. *East.*

STRABLET. A long narrow piece of anything. *Somerset.*

STRABRODS. The wooden pins or stobs used in fastening thatch to the roof of a building.

STRACHY. "The lady of the *Serachy* married the yeoman of the wardrobe," Twelfth Night, ii. 5. The real meaning of this word is a mystery. Mr. R. P. Knight supposes it to be a corrupt form of *stratici*, a title of magistracy in many states of Italy.

STRACK. A bar of iron.

STRACKLE-BRAINED. Dissolute; thoughtless. *Strackling*, a loose wild fellow. *North.*

TRACT. Distracted. *Var. dial.*

STRAD. A kind of leather gaiter worn as a protection against thorns. *West.*

STRADDLEBOB. A blackbeetle. *I. Wight.*

STRADDLINS. Astride. *Var. dial.*

STRADIOTES. A class of soldiers. (*Gr.*)

Among the Frenchmen were certayne light horsemen called *stradiotes*, with shorte styropys, bever hatts, smal speres, and swerdes like semeteries of Turkey.

*Hall, Henry VIII.* f. 28.

STRAFE. To stray. *Salop.*

STRAFT. A scolding quarrel. *East.*

STRAGE. (1) Slaughter. (*Lat.*)

(2) To stray, said of cattle.

STRAGLE. To stray. *Var. dial.*

That we might not think amiss of that Almighty Being which has made us, nor of the sundry beings he has made, that we may neither dote nor dare, *stragle* nor be lost.

*N. Fairfax, Bulk and Selvedge of the World*, 1674.

STRAGLERS. Another name for the game of *astragals*, q. v. See MS. Ashmole 788, f. 162.

STRAIGHT. (1) Too tight; narrow. *North.*

(2) A narrow alley. A cant term.

(3) Straightway; immediately. *Var. dial.*

(4) To make things straight, to put them in order, as to balance accounts, &c.

STRAIGHTER. A smoothing iron. *North.*

STRAIGHT-NOSED-TONGS. Tongs used by smiths for holding short or flat pieces of iron in the fire.

STRAIGHTS. A kind of cloth. It is spelt *streyt* in the Exp. Elizabeth of York, p. 104. Straights were made in large quantities in Devonshire. Blount describes *strails*, "a sort of narrow, coarse cloth, or kersey."

STRAIL. "Strayle, bed cloth, *slamina, stragula*," Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 165.

STRAIN. (1) Lineage; descent. *Shak.*

(2) To flow, as a river. *Drayton.*

(3) To strain courtesy, to stand upon ceremony, to be extremely formal. "Thynke yon that it is good maner to strayne courtesye in this maner," Palsgrave, verb. f. 376.

(4) To copulate, said of the cat. See Brockett and Wilbraham. Shakespeare uses the word applied to a woman, "When he *strains* that lady," Henry VIII. iv. 1.

(5) "I strayne, as a hauke doth, or any other syche lyke fowle or beest in theyr clawes, *je estraings*," Palsgrave, 1530, verb. f. 376.

STRAINE. (1) To stretch out.

Sithene was thou *strayne*de one the crosse so faste.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 190.*

(2) To restrain; to curb. *Gawayne.*

STRAINGESPORTED. Transported. *East.*

STRAINT. Pressure; tension. *Spenser.*

STRAIT. To straiten; to puzzle. *East.*

STRAITE. To bind fast.

In kevil and bridel thair chokes *strate*,

That ye nocht neghe to ne laite.

*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 20.*

STRAKE. (1) Struck. *Hampole.*

He says, Now hasse thou taughte me

How that I salle wirke with the.

Than his swerde drawes he,

And *strake* to hym thro. *Perceval*, 1720.

(2) To go; to proceed. (*J.-S.*) "To strake about, *circumire*," MS. Devonsh. Glossary.

The stormes *straked* with the wynde,

The waves to-bete bifore and behynde.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 12.

(3) Plighted by shaking hands.

ÿss, seyde the Erle, here myn honde,

Hys trowthe to hym he *strake*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 64.*

(4) To stretch one's self; to lie down. *East.* It is derived from the A.-S.

(5) "*Absis*, the strake of a cart whele wherin the spokes bee sette," Elyot, ed. 1559; "*rietus*, a hoope or strake of a carte," *ibid.* Carr has *straker*, the iron rim of a wheel.

- (6) A crevice or opening in a floor, &c. A rut in a road was also so called.
- (7) A slice, or narrow portion.  
Likewise another in Oxfordshire not verie farre from Burford, and the third over against Lachlade, which is parted from the main countie of Barkeshire by a little *strake* of Oxfordshire.  
*Harrison's Description of England*, p. 155.
- (8) To blow a horn. See *Stroke* (6).
- STRAKE-NAILS. "*Broche grandi*, great headed studs called brodes or strake nailes," Florio, p. 68, ed. 1611.
- STRALES. Two year old sheep. *North*.
- STRAM. (1) A loud sudden noise. *West*.  
(2) To beat; to spring or recoil with violence and noise; to dash down. *Devon*.
- STRAMALKING. Gadding and loitering, said of a dirty slovenly female. *East*.
- STRAMASH. The same as *Stram* (2).
- STRAMAZOUN. A direct descending blow with the edge of a sword. "A stramasson or down-right slash," Howell.
- STRAM-BANG. Violently; startingly. *Devon*.
- STRAME. A streak, mark, or trace. *West*.
- STRAMMER. A great falsehood. *Var. dial.*
- STRAMMERLY. Awkward; ungainly. *Kent*.
- STRAMMING. Hugs; great. *West*.
- STRAMOTE. A stalk of grass. *Dorset*.
- STRAMP. To trample upon. *North*.
- STRAND. One of the twists of a line of hemp or horsehair; a withered stalk of grass. *Sussex*.
- STRAND-HEADS. Arrow-heads.
- STRANDY. Restive; passionate. *Strandy-mires*, children who are strandy. *North*.
- STRANG. Strong. *North*.
- STRANGE. (1) A strange woman, i. e. an immodest woman, a prostitute. Ben Jonson, ed. Gifford, iv. 418.  
(2) Backward; retiring; shy; coy. A common use of the word in old plays.  
(3) To wonder at. *North*.  
(4) Foreign; uncommon. *He made it stronge*, he made it a matter of difficulty or nicety. (*A.-N.*)  
(5) To estrange. (*A.-N.*)  
The see his propie kynde chaungeth,  
And alle the world his forme strangeth.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 191
- STRANGER. (1) A visitor. *North*.  
(2) An imperfection in the snuff of a candle, causing it to gutter.
- STRANGILLION. The strangry.
- STRANGLE. To tire, or weary. *Baber*.
- STRAP. (1) Credit. *Yorksh*.  
(2) To flog, or beat. *Var. dial.*  
(3) A cluster, or bunch. *North*.
- STRAP-OIL. A severe beating. It is a common joke on April 1st to send a lad for a pennyworth of strap-oil, which is generally ministered on his own person.
- STRAPPADO. An ancient mode of punishment, the victim being "drawn up to his height, and then suddenly let fall half way with a jerk, which not only breaketh his arms to pieces, but also shaketh all his joints out of

joint," Holme. "The strappado, *equuleus, trochlea*," Coles. Brathwaite wrote, "A Strappado for the Divell, epigrams and satyres alluding to the time," 1615.

But the best is that in Spaine you shall have fellows for a small peece of silver take the *strappado*, to endure which torture another man could not be hyrde with a kingdome.

*Dekker's Knight's Conjuring*, p. 6.

STRAPPER. A strong large person. *Strapping*, large and muscular. *Var. dial.*

STRAPS. "Peeces of leather fastned to the waistband instead of eyes or holders," Holme, Academy of Armory, 1688.

STRAPULS. "Straple of a breche, *femorale, feminale*," Pr. Parv. "*Tibiale*, a straple," MS. Harl. 2270, f. 187.

Why hopes thou nott for sothe that ther stode wonus a coke on Seynt Pale stepull toppe, and drewe up the *strapuls* of his brech. How preves thu that? Be all the iij. doctors of Wynberehylls, that is to saye, Vertas, Gadatryme, Trunpas, and Dadytrymsert. *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 82.

STRASE. In MS. Med. Lincoln. f. 304, one of the tokens of approaching death is said to be if the sick person "pulle the *strase* or the clothes."

STRAT. (1) To stop; to hinder. *Devon*.

(2) To splash with mud. *Devon*.

(3) To bring forth young prematurely, applied to beasts. *Cornw.*

(4) To dash in pieces. *West*.

(5) A blow. *Somerset*.

STRATCH. To slake lime. *Somerset*.

STRATE. A street, or path. See *Martire*.

STRATH. Straight. *Ritson*.

STRAUGHINESSE. Madness. *Palsgrave*.

STRAUGHIT. (1) Stretched. *West*.

For pure joye, as in a rage,  
She *straight* to hym all at ones,  
And fill aswoune upon the stones.

*Gower*, ed. 1554, f. 184.

(2) Distracted. "I am straight, *je suis enragé*," Palsgrave, 1530.

STRAUNGID. Estranged. (*A.-N.*)

For anone after he was chaugyd,  
And fram hys owne kynde *strawngyd*.

*Gower, MS. Cantab. Ff.* i. 6, f. 2.

STRAVAIGE. To stroll about. *North*.

STRAVE. Strove; tried. *North*.

STRAW. (1) To strew about. *North*.

(2) *Not worth a straw*, a common phrase for anything quite worthless.

Whate soevey he be, and yf that he  
Whaote money to plede the lawe,  
Do whate he came in ys mster than  
Shale not prove *worthe a strawe*.

*Nugæ Porticæ*, p. 48.

(3) *A man of straw*, a person who is not possessed of property.

(4) "To throw straws against the wind, *cum ventis litigare*," Coles.

(5) *In the straw*, an accouchement.

STRAWBERRY-PREACHERS. An expression applied by Latimer to designate the non-residents of his day, who only visited their cures once a year. It afterwards became proverbial.

**STRAW-CUTTER.** A machine used for cutting straw into chaff. *Var. dial.*

**STRAW-JOINER.** A thatcher. *Devon.*

**STRAW-MOTE.** A straw. *Devon.*

**STRAY.** The right of stray, i. e. of pasturing cattle on commons.

**STRAYE.** The sky?

Abraham, doe as I thee saye,  
Loke and tell, and yf thou maye,  
starrs standinge one the *straye*;  
That impossible were. *Chester Plays*, l. 63.

**STRAÏT.** Straight; directly.

Lechery, robbery, or monslajt,  
Byd hym telle even *strajst*  
MS. *Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 145*

**STRE.** A straw. (*A.-S.*)

And sayeth that suche an husboude  
Was to a wyf nougt worth a *stee*.  
*Cowper, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134. f. 33.*

Thei leyn upon the hors gold and silver gret  
quanteete, and thei patten abouten him gret plente  
of *stee*. *Mandeville's Travels*, p. 253.

**STREAK.** (1) To stretch. *North.* Laying out a dead body is termed *streaking*.

Goddot so I wille:  
And loke that thou hire tille,  
And *strek* out hire thes. *MS. Digby 86.*

2) The same as *Strake*, q. v.

**STREAM.** To pass along in a train actively; to draw out at length. *West.*

**STREAMERS.** (1) The Northern lights. *North.*  
(2) Persons who work in search of stream tin.

A mining term.  
**STREAM-WORKS.** "In Cornwall they have two sorts of stannaries or metal works, i. e. lode-works and stream-works. The latter are in the lower places, when they trace the vein of tin by ditches, by which they carry off the water that would break in upon them." Kennett, *MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 392.*

**STREAVE.** Stray. "For some streave lordship," Hall's *Satires*, p. 127.

**STREBERY.** The strawberry tree. "*Fragum*, a strebery," Nominale *MS.* "*Fragum*, a streboré," *MS. ibid.*

**STREECH.** The space taken in at one striking of the rake. *Streech measure* is that in which a straight stick is struck over the top of the vessel. Barnes, p. 354.

**STREEK.** (1) To iron clothes. *East.*

(2) To measure corn by passing a flat piece of wood over the top of the measure. "*Hostio* is to strekyn corne," *MS. Harl. 1738. Streeked measure*, exact measure.

(3) A strata of coal. *North.*

**STREELY.** Long; lean. *Suffolk.*

**STREET-WALKER.** A common prostitute.

**STREEVED.** Tried; strove. *Cornw.*

**STREIGHT.** Stretched. (*A.-S.*)

**STREINABLE.** Violent.

In this Josina his daies, it chanced that a Portingale ship was driven and drowned by force of a *streinable* tempest neere unto the shore of one of the Scottish Isles. *Holinshed, Historie of Scotland*, p. 39.

He weyed up his ancors and halsed up hys sayles, havinge a prosperous and *strenable* wynd and a freshe gale sente even by God to delyver him from that perill and jeoparddie. *Hall, Richard III. f. 17.*

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**STREINE.** To constrain; to press closely.

**STREIT.** Strict; severe.

of his ordres he was wcl *streit*, and he was in grett fere

For to ordeini eni man *bote* he the *betere* were.

*Life of Thomas Becket*, ed. Black, p. 14.

**STREIT-BRETH.** Short breath.

At the hole of the throte ther be too,  
That lepre and *strept breth* wyl undo,  
MS. *Poem on Blood-Letting*, xv. cent.

**STREITE.** (1) Straight. (*A.-S.*)

(2) Straitly; narrowly. (*A.-S.*)

**STREIVES.** Beasts which have strayed.

**STREKE.** (1) To pitch, or erect.

Furthe stapes that steryne, and *steeke* his tentis  
One a strenghe by a streme in thas strait landez.  
*Morte Arthure*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 66.

(2) To strike; to go rapidly.

To kepe hym thane were thay ware,  
Thaire dyntis deris hym no mare,  
Thenne who so hade *strekynne* sare  
One a harde stone. *Perceval*, 1371

Bothe they *strekyn* faste.  
They mett togedur at the laste.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 157.*

(3) Direct; straight. (*A.-S.*)

Girdez *strece* thourghe the stour oo a stede ryche;  
Many steryne mane he steride by strenghe of hyme one.  
*Morte Arthure*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 72.

(1) To scratch out or cancel anything.

**STREMEDEN.** Streamed; flowed. (*A.-S.*)

**STREMERE.** A flag; a banner.

Upon the hiest maste there  
He set up a *stremere*  
Of hys fadurs armys bryghte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 116.*

**STREMES.** The rays of the sun.

**STREN.** Race; progeny. (*A.-S.*)

For the mi-bigeten *stren*,  
Quic y schal now dolven ben.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 39.

**STRENCII.**

ÿung and olde, brihet, and schene,  
Alle he riveth in one *strench*.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix. f. 243.*

**STRENCULT.** Scattered. *Robson.*

**STREND.** Race; generation. (*A.-S.*)

For he saide in his hert, nougt sal I wende,  
Withouten ivel, fra *strend* in *strende*.  
*MS. Cotton. Vespas. D. vii. f. 5.*

**STRENE.** (1) The shoot of a tree. *Line.*

(2) A New-year's gift. *Dorset.*

(3) To copulate, said of a dog. *Durh.*

**STRENGEST-FAITHED.** Possessing the most powerful faith. *Chaucer.*

**STRENGITHIE.** Strengthen. (*A.-S.*)

Now God, that dyed appon a rode,  
*Strengthe* hym bothe bone and blod,  
The fyld for to have!

*Torrent of Portugal*, p. 8

**STRENGTHII.** (1) A castle; a fortress. *Gifford.*

(2) Used in the provinces by farmers to express the number or quantity of labourers they have at their command. *Var. dial.*

(3) To strengthen. (*A.-S.*)

And more to *strength* their power, Joyn'd with the Pope.  
*Taylor's Works*, 1630, in. 18

**STRENGTHING.** A strengthening. *Palsgravi.*  
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**STRENKILLE.** To sprinkle.

Tak haver, and perche it wele in a panne, and  
strenkille it wele in the perchyng with water.  
*MS. Lime. Med. f. 292.*

**STRENKITH.** Strength.

In hys tyme ther was no knyghte,  
Of armes, of strenkyth of honde,  
That bare soche pyse in all that londe.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 147.*

Syr Barnard seyde, What haste thou thought  
Of justyng canste thou ryght night,  
For thou art not of age.  
Syr, he seyde, what wott ye  
Of what strenkyth that y bee,  
Or y be provyd in felde with the sage?

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 75.*

And yf sche at hur day fayle,  
Ther schalle no thyng hur avayle,  
But Burloude schalle hur wedd,  
And Tryanowre nocht we kenne,  
Wherefore ther passyth here no men,  
Wyth strenkyth but they be kedd.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 80.*

**STRENKLE.** "Strenkyl to cast holy water,  
*rimpslau,*" Palsgrave. It is the same as  
*Sprinkle*, q. v.

**STRENTHE.** Strength. Also, to strengthen.

Ne the strenthe of hys ennys,  
Ne the soteleys that in thaim lycs.

*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 4.*

To bowe hym ay into mekenes,  
And no more wery than the sone es,  
That evermore he rises in lewthe,  
Ay the more he gederis hys strenthe.

*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 17.*

The gifte of pité es swilke a grace,  
That to charité it may us purchase,  
And onre hertys so strenthe faste,  
That no fondyng may us down caste.

*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 18.*

**STRENGERE.** A strainer.

**STREPE.** To strip. (*A.-N.*)

**STRESS.** To confine in narrow limits.

**STRESSE.** A distress. A law term.

And of this rent, yf that he doith faile,  
I gyve hym powre to skore on the tale,  
And take an *stresse*, yf that nede be,  
Upon the grounde, one, two, or thre

*MS. Harl. C. 86.*

**STREST.** An extremity?

Wyndes and wedors have her drevyn,  
That in a *strest* be they revyn.

*Torrent of Portugal, p. 73.*

**STRET.** (1) To stretch. *North.*

Als fere as I may *stret* and streche,  
I wyll helpe with all my myght,  
Both by day and by nyght,  
Fast to runne into the wode.

*MS. Ashmole 61.*

(2) Strait; tight. *West.*

**STRET-BODIED-COAT.** "A stret-bodied  
coat, this is close to the body and arms, and  
is usually worn without a doublet, having under  
it a waisteote with side or deep skirts  
almost to the knees." Holme, 1688.

**STRETCH.** (1) To walk in a dignified manner.  
*Willan's Yorksh.*

(2) A strike to measure corn.

(3) A plot of ground on which weavers stretch  
their warps. *West.*

**STRETCHABLE.** Upright. List of old words  
prefixed to Batman upon Bartholome, 1582.

**STRETCHER.** (1) The board in a boat against  
which a rower places his feet.

He knowes, though they had an oar in every  
mans boat in the world, yet in his they cannot  
challenge so much as a *stretcher*.

*Dekker's Knight's Conjuring, p. 39.*

(2) A falsehood. *Var. dial.*

(3) A stick to keep out the traces from the  
horses' legs. *Var. dial.*

**STRETCHING-STICKS.** Sticks used by glovers  
for stretching the thumbs and fingers of  
gloves. Holme, 1688.

**STRETT.** A road; a way. (*A.-S.*)

Seyde Tryanowre, then wolde y fayn wytt  
Why ye two kepe thys *strett*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 80.*

**STREUD.** Strided. *North.*

**STREUT.** To tear, or slit. *Dorset.*

**STREVILL.** A three-pronged fork for taking  
up harley or short hay. *Devon.*

**STREWYS.** Bad people? In the Latin version  
which accompanies the following it is *malorum*.  
And be not to moche byfore nether to fer byhynd-  
vowre felowys for drede of *strewys*. *MS. Bodl. 565*

**STREYTHED.** Straightness. (*A.-S.*)

**STRICKE.** Direct; straightway. (*A.-S.*)

He sall nocht eftir hys lyfes ende  
Weende *strycke* to purgatory,  
Bot even to helle withowten mercy.

*Hampole, MS. Bates, p. 105.*

**STRICKING-PLOUGH.** A kind of plough used  
in some parts of the county of Kent.

**STRICKLE.** (1) A piece of wood used in striking  
off an even measure of corn. *West.*

(2) A whetstone for a seythe. *North.* It is  
mentioned by Holme, 1688.

(3) "A slender sparr, rabated in the ends, an-  
swerable to the breadth of the casting-frame,  
whercon the plummer runs his lead when it is  
new cast; by this he beats down the sand in  
the frame, and keeps it of an even height;  
and when the lead is cast over to run in the  
frame, the plummer followeth the lead with  
this instrument to drive it forward, and keep  
it that the sheet be all of a thickness," Holme,  
Academy of Armory, 1688.

**STRICTLAND.** An isthmus.

Beyond the which I find a narrow going or *stret-*  
*land* leading fro the point to Hirst Castell, which  
standeth into the sea as if it hoong by a thred from  
the mane of the land.

*Harrison's Description of Britaine, p. 56.*

**STRIDDLE.** To straddle. Also, to walk in an  
affected manner. *North.*

**STRIDE.** (1) To measure by paces.

(2) To stride a lance, i. e. to be killed by the  
point of a lance.

**STRIDE-WIDE.** A cant term for ale mentioned  
in Harrison's England, p. 202.

**STRIDLING.** Astride. "Fy on the beest, thou  
standest so a *strydlyng* that a man may dryve  
a cart betwene thy legges." Palsgrave.

**STRIE.** A straw.

Of both was he mayden cleue,  
Nevere yete in game ne in greue,  
That hire ne wolde leyke ne eye,  
No more than it were a *strie*.

*Havelok, 998.*

**STRIG.** The foot-stalk of a flower, leaf, or

- fruit. *South*. "Strigges of bay leaves,"  
Cunningham's Rev. Acc. p. 19.
- STRIKE.** (1) An iron spear or stanchel in a gate  
or palisade. *Willson*.
- (2) To proceed or go anywhere; to go rapidly.  
See *Streke*.  
He saide to his sone, Tak a pike,  
To-night thou schalt with me *strike*.  
*The Seyn Sages*, 1254
- (3) To steal money. An old cant term given in  
Dekker's *Belman of London*, 1608. "Now  
we have well bound, let us strike some chete,"  
Earle's *Microcosmography*, p. 254.
- (4) *Strike me luck*, an old phrase meaning to  
conclude a bargain.  
You see what bangs it has endur'd  
That would, before new feats, be cur'd;  
But if that's all you stand upon,  
Here, *strike me luck*, it shall be done.  
*Hudibras*, II. i. 540.
- (5) A hushel. *Line*.  
Some men and women, rich and nobly borne,  
Gave all they had for one poore *strike* of come.  
*Taylor's Works*, 1630, f. 15.
- (6) "Stryke to gyve mesure by, *roulet a mesurer*,"  
Palsgrave. See *Streck*.
- (7) Flies are said to *strike* and meat to be *struck*,  
when the latter is fly-blown. *Line*.
- (8) To anoint or rub gently. *Devon*.
- (9) "Stryke of flaxe, *pouper de filace*," Palsgrave.  
See Chaucer, *Cant.* T. 678.
- (10) To make a straight line by means of a  
chalked piece of string. *West*.
- (11) To stroke softly.
- (12) To make anything smooth.  
The wardoper to delyver the second sheete unto  
two yomen, they to crosse it over theyr arme, and to  
*strike* the bedde as the ussher shall more playnly  
shewe unto theym. *Archæologia*, iv. 312.
- (13) *To strike hands*, to shake hands.
- (14) To raise or rise up? To shriek?  
And whanne she was relevyd, she *stryked* and saide,  
My lord sire Launcelot, alas! why be ye in this  
plyte? and thenne she swooned ageyne.  
*Morte d'Arthur*, ii. 343.
- (15) To balance accounts.  
And the said journall, with the two other bookes,  
to lye upon the greencloth dayly, to the intent the  
accountants, and other particular clerkes, may take  
out the solutions entred into the said bookes, where-  
by they may *strike* their lydgers, and soe to bring in  
their accompts incontinently upon the same.  
*Ordinances and Regulations*, p. 229.
- (16) To rebound. *Palsgrave*.
- (17) A combination among workmen to leave off  
their occupations until they obtain an increase  
of wages. *Var. dial.*
- (18) The break of day. *North*.
- (19) To tap, as a barrel, &c.
- (20) To spread, or lay out flat.
- (21) "I stryke, I let downe the crane, *je lache*;  
*stryke* lowe stryke, *lachez jusques a terre*,"  
Palsgrave, 1530, verb.
- STRIKE-BAULK.** To plough one furrow, and  
leave another. *Kent*.
- STRIKE-BLOCK.** A kind of plane, used by  
joiners for short joints.
- STRIKE IN.** To begin. *Var. dial.*

- STRIKER.** (1) A wench. An old cant term  
occurring in Middleton, Massinger, &c.
- (2) "An heavy piece of wood wherewith the  
fleme is smitten or driven into the horse neck  
vein when he is blooded," Holme, 1688.
- STRIKILLE.** It is the translation of *osorium*  
in the *Nominale MS.* xv. Cent.
- STRINDE.** (1) Stride. *Line*. Thus a hop,  
*strind*, and jump; a cock's *strind*, for a cock's  
stride or tread, &c.
- (2) Race; progeny; child. (*A.-S.*)  
And seyne with baptyme weschede that *strynde*,  
With synne was fyldede with Adames dede.  
*MS. Lincoln* A. i. 17, f. 219
- STRINE.** (1) A ditch. *Salop*.
- (2) The side of a ladder. *Leac*.
- STRING.** (1) *Always harping upon one string*, a  
common phrase for incessant repetition.  
But her parents, ever harping upon one *string*, un-  
pounded this averseness and declaiming of hers to a  
modest bashfull shame.  
*The Two Lancashire Lovers*, 1640, p. 14
- (2) I had all the world in a string, i. e. com-  
pletely at my command.
- (3) A narrow vein of ore. *North*.
- (4) Stock; race; progeny. *Cumb.*
- STRINGER.** (1) A person who made strings for  
bows. See Nares.
- (2) A wench. *Beaum. and Flet.* ii. 140.
- STRINGY.** Cold; nipping, applied to the  
weather. *Suffolk*.
- STRINKLE.** (1) Same as *Strenkle*, q. v. "  
*persorium*, a *strynkylle*," *Nominale MS.*
- (2) To scatter; to sprinkle. *Var. dial.*
- STRINTE.** The same as *Strinde* (2).  
And leaves well, of no mans *strynte*,  
Is he not gotten by leffe of kinde,  
*Chester Plays*, i. 106.
- STRINTH.** Strength; power. (*A.-S.*)  
The meke hym lawys to serve stalworthly,  
Als he that is stronge and mygy,  
That alle hys strenthe, thourie mekenes,  
To Goddes *strenth* chargettes es.  
*MS. Harl.* 2260, f. 17.
- STRIP.** (1) To strip a cow is to milk her very  
clean, so as to leave no milk in the dug. In  
the dairy districts of Suffolk the greatest im-  
portance is attached to stripping the cows, as  
neglect of this infallibly produces disease. It  
is the same as the Norfolk *stroocking*. Forby's  
*East Anglia*, p. 330.
- (2) To go very rapidly.  
The swiftest bound, when he is hallowd, *strippe*  
forth.  
*Gosson's Schoole of Abuse*, 1579.
- (3) Destruction; mutilation. *Blount*.
- STRIFE.** (1) To heat. *Palsgrave*. Still in use.  
Also, to heat time in music.
- (2) Race; kindred. (*Lat.*)
- (3) A woodman's knife. *Line*.
- (4) A fool. *Wilts*.
- (5) To thrash corn.  
Thare after it becomes corne ripe  
Bothe for to berye and for to *strype*.  
*MS. Harl.* 2260, f. 19.
- STRIPPING.** "The washing and sifting of the  
wast tin in order to return the rough and  
course to the stamps, and the finer to the

wreck, is call'd the *stripping* of tin." Kennett, MS. Lausd. 1033.

**STRIPPINGS.** (1) The last milk drawn from a cow in milking. *Var. dial.*

(2) Refuse?

He is cheife under the master cooke in that place, and bath for his fee the *strippings* of beefe. *Ordinances and Regulations*, p. 238.

**STRIPT.** Striped. Middleton, iv. 447.

**STRIT.** (1) A street. *East.*

(2) Strideth?

Mon in the mone stond and *strit*,  
On his hot forke is burthen he bereth,  
Hit is muche wonder that he na down slyt.  
For doute lest he valle he shoddreth ant shereth. *Introd. Mds. Night's Dream*, p. 53.

**STRITCH.** (1) The same as *Strike* (6).

(2) To stretch. *North.*

**STRITE.** Straight. *North.*

**STRITHE.** To stride the legs.

**STRIVE.** (1) To take a bird's nest. *East.*

(2) Strife.

The meke hym lawes to serve symply,  
Als duse the shepe es noyt wylly,  
That mekely gos withouten *stryve*,  
Whethere so the herde hym wille dryve.

*MS. Harl.* 2260, f. 17.

He lovyd ay contact, and *stryve*,  
Ther was non hollyn wors on lyf. *Tundale*, p. 2.  
That made them of *streyys* were.

*MS. Cantab.* Fl. ii. 38, f. 64.

**STRIVELING.** The town of Stirling. It occurs frequently in old documents.

**STROAK.** Two pecks of corn. *Yorksh.*

**STROAKINGS.** The same as *Strippings*, q. v. It is also called *strookings*. See Forby.

**STROCAL.** "A long iron instrument like a fire-shovel to carry the metall out of a broken into a whole pot, used by glass-makers," Blount's *Glossographia*, p. 615.

**STROCKE.** A kind of sweet cream.

**STROD.** A forked branch of a tree. *Sussex.*

**STRODE.** Threw. *Devon.*

**STROF.** Strove; contended. (*A.-N.*)

**STROGGLE.** To murmur; to grumble. "I strogoll, I murmure with wordes secretly, *je grommelle*; he stroggleth at every thyng I do, *il grommelle a tout tant que je fays*," Palsgrave, verb. f. 378.

**STROGS.** Short splatterdashes. *L. of Wight.*

**STROIL.** (1) Couch-grass. *West.*

(2) Strength; agility. *Devon.*

**STROKE.** (1) Quantity. *Var. dial.*

(2) Sway; influence; prevalence.

This house, as well for antiquitie as for the number of worshipfull gentlemen that be of the surname, beareth no small *stroke* in the English pale of Ireland. *Stanhurst's Deser. of Ireland*, p. 38.

(3) To soothe, encourage, or flatter.

(4)

So to master the Irish that with such manner of strengths of wals and rampires had not as yet bene acquainted, for till those daies they knew no defense but woods, bogs, or *strokes*.

*Holmshead, Hist. Ireland*, p. 56.

(5) A game; a proceeding. *Essex.*

(6) A blast of a horn. A term formerly used by hunters. *Twice*, p. 45.

**STROKE-BIAS.** Is thus described:

The Kentish men have a peculiar exercise, especially in the eastern parts, which is nowhere else used in any other country, I believe, but their own; 'tis called *stroke-bias*, and the manner of it is thus: In the summer time one or two parishes convening make choice of twenty, and sometimes more, of the best runners which they can call out in their precincts, who send a challenge to an equal number of racers within the liberties of two other parishes to meet them at a set day upon some neighbouring plain, which challenge, if accepted, they repair to the place appointed, whither also the country resort in great numbers to behold the match, where, having stripped themselves at the goal to their shirts and drawers, they begin the course, every one having in his eye a particular man at which he aims; but after several traverses and courses on both sides, that side whose legs are the nimblest to gain the first seven strokes from their antagonists carry the day and win the prize. Nor is this game only appropriated to the men, but in some places the maids have their set matches too, and are as vigorous and active to obtain a victory.

*Brome's Travels over England*, 1700, p. 264.

**STROKER.** A flatterer. Jounson, vi. 84.

**STROLL.** A narrow slip of land. *Devon.*

**STROM.** (1) An instrument, according to Ray, to keep the malt in the vat. *North.*

(2) A storm, or tempest.

Al siker hit were alond to gon,  
Ac swiche a *strom* hem cam upon,  
That sore hem gonne drede.

*Romance of Isembour*, p. 423.

**STROMBOLI.** A name given to pieces of bitumen, highly charged with sulphur and salt, found along the coast near Brighton. No doubt from the volcanic island so called.

**STROME.** To walk with long strides.

**STROMMELL.** Straw. A cant term, given in Dekker's *Lanthorne and Candle-Light*, 1620.

**STROMMELLING.** Awkward; unruly. *Wills.*

**STRONDE.** A strand, or shore. (*A.-S.*)

We came hedur on the *stronde*,  
Fro Constantyne the nobulle londe.

*MS. Cantab.* Fl. ii. 38, f. 164.

**STRONES.** Tenants who are bound to assist the lord in hunting, and turning the red deer on the tops of the mountains to the forest. *Nicolson and Burn's West. and Cumb.*

**STRONG-DOCKED.** Large and powerfully made about the loins. *East.*

**STRONTE.** Qu. *Stroute*, to contend?

This makyth men mysdo more than ougte ellis,  
And to *stroute* and to stare, and *stryve* azeyn vertu.

*Deposition of Richard II.* p. 21.

**STROO.** To strain a liquid through cloth, or to press it through a narrow passage, as through the teeth.

**STROOK.** Struck. *Suffolk.* *Strooken* occurs in Honours Academie, 1610, i. 43, 67.

'Twas profit spoyld the world. Till then, we know it.  
The usurer *strook* sayles unto the poet.

*Brome's Songs*, 1661.

They blind his sight, whose soules more blind,  
Had quite extinct the light of grace;  
They buffet him, and bid him find  
Who 'twas that *strook* him on the face.

*Rowland's Betwixting of Chest*, 1523, sig. E. 1.

**STROOP.** (1) The gullet. *Nerf.*



(2) To bawl out, or cry aloud; from *Stroop*, the gullet. *East*.

**STROOTCH.** To drag the legs in walking. *Kent*.

**STROP.** (1) A cord. *Devon*.

(2) To milk a cow with pressure of finger and thumb, and so to draw the last drops. In doing this cleverly consists much of the art of milking, as an unskilful hand is apt, by not attending to this part of the mystery, to dry up a cow's milk. A *stropped milk cow* is a cow about to calve, and therefore, as they express it, one not in full profit; that cannot be milked *full handed*, but must be stropped. *Lincol.*

**STROPE.** A strap. "A thonge, or that whiche is bounden to the middes of a darte or javelyn wherwith it is throwen, a *strope* or a *loupe*," Elyot, 1559.

**STROSSERS.** Tight drawers. They were much worn by the Irish. The term is corrupted into *strouces* in Sir John Oldcastle, p. 71.

**STROTHER.** (1) A marsh. *North*.

(2) The rudder of a vessel.

Then Hanyhald arose hym up to sese both ship and *strotther*. *The History of Beryn*, 1151.

**STROU.** Destroy; devastate.

The king of Danmark with gret wrong,

Thurch a geaunt that is -o strong,

Wil *strou* al our thede. *Gy of Warwick*, p. 338.

**STROUNGE.** Morose; severe. *North*.

**STROUPE.** "Strowpe of the throte, *epiglottis*," Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221. The windpipe is still called the *strowpe* in Norfolk.

R tittle him ran, a stroke on him he fest,  
He smote him in the helm, bak ward he bare his *strowpe*.  
*Lincotol's Chronicle*, p. 190.

**STROUT.** (1) Same as *Ishtroul*, q. v.

The accidents (saith he) that doe accompany the bitings of spyders are these that follow. The wounded place waxeth red, yet doth it not swell nor grow very hot, but it is somewhat moist. If the body become cold, there will follow trembling and shaking, the groyne and hammes doe much *stroute* out, and are exceeding distended, there is great provocation to make water, and striving to exonerate nature, they sweat with much difficultie, labour, and paine. Besides, the hurt persons are all of a cold sweat, and teares destill from their eyes that they grow dym-sighted therewith.

*Topsell's Historie of Serpents*, 1608, p. 252.

(2) To strut. Still in use.

Shake not much thy head, nor *strout* it not too much out with bridling in thy chinne, for that is more comely for great horses than for thee.

*Schoole of Good Manners*, 1629.

(3) A struggle; a bustle; a quarrel.

(4) To swell out. Still in use. "Boeyne owte, or strowtyne," Pr. Parv. p. 41.

**STROUTE.** See *Stroute* and *Strout* (3).

**STROVE.** (1) Argued obstinately. *Cornw.*

(2) Confusion; uproar. *West*.

**STROW.** (1) Confusion. *Cornw.*

(2) To strew. Still in use.

(3) Loose; scattered. See *Nares*.

**STROYALL.** A contraction of *destroy-all*, a person who delights in waste.

**STROYE.** To destroy. It occurs as late as 1610, in Honours Academie, p. 75.

Some they *stroye* and some they brenne.

They slewe my men on a day.

*MS. Cantab.* Fr. ii. 38, f. 165.

He saye, his craftes are so ryfe,

Ther is no mane apone lyfe,

With swerde, spere, ne with knyfe,

May *stroye* hym allane. *Peuceval*, 564.

Luk, my parkes are *stroyed*,

And my veners are drawed.

*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 132.

**STROY-GOOD.** A mischievous person. Forby has *stry-good*, a wasteful person.

**STRUB.** To rob. *Devon*.

**STRUCK.** (1) Stricken. *Shak.*

(2) Struck all of a heap, i. e. excessively surprised, astounded. *Var. dial.*

**STRUCK-WHEEL.** "The wheel of wood that is fastned at one end of the main spindle in a jack to receive the line, or chain to turn the spit, is calld the *struck-wheel*, and according to the number of grooves in them they are calld *two struck* or *three struck* wheels," Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 392.

**STRUD.** Roost.

And all the cranes, because it was so early, were at *strud*, as their custome is generally, all stood upon one leg and held the other under their wing. Stephano, seeing the advantage, not willing to let so faire a bal fall to the ground, began himself: Now, sir, quoth he, I hope yourself and the rest of the gentlemen will confesse I have wonne the wager: for you see here is never a crane that hath more than one lezge. *Tarlton's Newes out of Purgatorie*, 1590.

**STRUGGED.** Far and chubby. *West*.

**STRULL.** Well; excellently. *Norf.*

**STRUM.** (1) A strumpet. *Norf.*

(2) To play music. *Var. dial.*

**STRUMEL.** A loose, long, and dishevelled head of hair. *Norf.*

**STRUMUCK.** To stray; to wander. *Staff.*

**STRUMPLES.** To cock one's strumples, i. e. to utterly astonish him. *Salop.*

**STRUNCHEON.** A verse of a song. *Lincol.*

**STRUNT.** (1) A bird's tail. *North*. It is sometimes used for the tail of any animal.

(2) The penis. A cant term.

Consenting she, his art'rizle *strunt* he drew.

And to 'es venereous game he hastily flew.

*Middleton's Epigrams and Satyres*, 1640.

(3) To be sullen, or proud; to walk in an affected manner. *North*.

(4) To cut off short. *Yorksh.*

**STRUNTY.** Docked; short. *North*.

**STRUSHINS.** Orts, from *Strushion*, destruction. It lies in the way of strushion, i. e. in a likelihood of being destroyed. *North*.

**STRUT.** (1) To brace, in carpentry.

(2) Stubbornness; obstinacy. *North*.

(3) Dispute; contention. See *Stuntise*.

**STRUYEN.** To destroy. (*A.-N.*)

Thow has in thy realtee revengyde thy peple,

Thurgh he help of thy hande thyne enemye are *struyede*.

*Monte Athure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 19.

Hast thow *istroyed* corn or grys,

Or other thyng that sowen was?

*MS. Cott. T. 5. 2. 1. A.* u. 1, 147.

STRY. (1) To spoil; to destroy. *East.*

*Strye the rotes and bryng them to dedd,  
And set dokys and nettuls yn ther stede.*

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 131.*

(2) A witch. "Com hedyr, thou old stry,"  
Towneley Mysteries, p. 148.

STRYANCE. Wastefulness. *East.*

STRYE. To stay; to ease; to cure.

STRY-GOODLY. Wasteful. *East.*

STUB. (1) An old root, or stump; also, to grub  
such roots up. *Var. dial.*

And badd hym take a maddock anon.  
And *stubble* the olde rote away,  
That had stonde there many a day.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 129.*

This is a hard grisle growing upon the cronet, and  
sometime goth round about the cronet, and is  
called in Italian *Seprosso*. Laurentius Russius saith,  
that it may grow in any other place of the leg, but  
then we cal it not a ring-bone, but a knot or knob.  
It cometh at the first either by some blow of ano-  
ther horse, or by striking his owne foote against  
some *stub*, or stone, or such like casualty. The  
paine whereof breedeth a viscous and slimy humor,  
which resorting to the bones, that are of their owne  
nature colde and dry, waxeth hard, cleaveth to some  
bone, and in processe of time becommeth a boue.

*Topseil's Four-Footed Beasts, 1611, p. 411.*

(2) A considerable stock; a good round sum.  
*Southerset.*

(3) A kind of short nail.

(4) A castrated bull. *Heref.*

(5) To ruin by extravagance. *North.*

(6) A prop; a support. *East.*

STUB-APPLE. The wild apple. *East.*

STUBBERD. A kind of apple. *West.*

STUBBLE-GOOSE. A goose turned out to  
feed on stubble. Still in use.

Of many a pilgrim hast thou Cristes curse,  
For of thy persleeve yet fare they the worse,  
That they han eten in thy *stubble* goose.

*Chaucer, Cant. T., 4349.*

STUBBLENESS. Stubbornness; surlieness.

STUBBO. (1) Stubble. *Chesh.*

(2) Thick; short. *Chesh.*

STUBBY. Short and thick, like the stump of  
a tree. *Var. dial.*

But they were sturdy and *stubbled*,  
Myghty pestels and clubbed.

*Skelton's Works, i. 108.*

STUB-FEATHERS. The short unledged fea-  
thers on a fowl after it has been plucked.

STUB-RABBIT. One of these cunning crea-  
tures of few friends, will under alarm ensconce  
itself close to a *stub* whence it is difficult to  
dislodge it: and will then be so called.  
*Moor's Suffolk MS.*

STUBS. Stubble. *Northampton.*

STUCK. (1) The handle of a porcelain, or  
crockery vessel. *Ware.*

(2) A spike. *West.*

(3) To stare like a stuck pig, a metaphor  
borrowed from the operation of pig-killing.

(4) The same as *Stockado*, q. v.

(5) A shock of corn. *Heref.*

(6) A slough, or mire. *Nurf.*

STUCKLING. (1) An apple pasty, thin, some-

what half circular in shape, and not made in  
a dish. *Sussex.*

(2) A small river fish. *South.*

STUCKS. Iron pins which are put into the  
upper part of the blocks of a drag, for the  
purpose of preventing the timber slipping off  
the side. *North.*

STUD. (1) A meditation. *West.*

(2) The upright in a lath and plaster wall.  
*Oron.* "Stud and stud-breadth is in Yorkshire  
the way of building the walls of a house in  
small frames or panells of timber fill up  
with brick or stones, or plastering." Kennett,  
*MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 392.*

For as in these our houses are commonhe strong  
and well timbered, so that in manie places there are  
not above foure, six, or nine inches betweene *stud*  
and *stud*. *Harrison's England, p. 187.*

STUDDERIE. A large stable.

King Henrie the Eight erected a noble *studderie*,  
and for a time had verie good successe with them,  
till the officers, waxing wearie, procured a mixed  
brood of bastard races, whereby his good purpose  
came to little effect.

*Harrison's Description of England, p. 220.*

STUDDIED. Put in a deep thought. *Yorksh.*

STUDDLES. Weavers' implements. *Westm.*

STUDDY. A smith's stithy. *North.*

STUDY. To amaze; to astonish. *North.*

STUERDLY. Thrifty. *Devon.*

STUFF. (1) Medicine; furniture, &c. *Var. dial.*

(2) Rubbish. (3) Nonsense; foolish talk.

STUFFING-STICK. A stick made of iron or  
hard wood, used for poking the stuffing into  
chairs, &c. *Holme, 1688.*

STUFFINS. Coarse flour; used at times syno-  
nymously with *shorts* and *sharps*. The real  
distinction between these words is this: the  
first remove above bran is *shorts*; the next  
above that is *sharps*: and *shorts* and *sharps*  
are occasionally and respectively termed coarse  
or fine stuffins. *North.*

STUFFURE. Stuff. *Pr. Parr.*

And when hit is braict smal, take up the *stuffure*,  
and do hit in a chargeour, and putte therto powder of  
pepur, and saffron, and powder of clowes.

*Ordinances and Regulations, p. 453.*

STUFFY. Very fat. *Var. dial.*

STUGGE. A hog's trough. *Pr. Parr.*

STUGGED. Healthy; strong. *Devon.*

STUGGY. Thick and stout. *Devon.*

STUK. Short; docked. *Pr. Parr.*

STULING-KEN. A receiving house for stolen  
goods. This cant term is given in Dekker's  
*Lanthorne and Candle-Light, 1620, sig. C. iii.*

STULK-HOLE. A miry puddle. *East.*

STULL. (1) A luncheon. Also, a great piece of  
bread, cheese, or other eatable. *Essex.*

(2) Timber placed in the backs of levels, and  
covered with boards or small piles to support  
rubbish. *Corwa.*

STULP. A short stout post, put down to mark  
a boundary, or driven into the ground for any  
purpose. See a passage in Stowe, as quoted  
by Nares. It is the same as *stoop*, which is  
still used in the North of England. See other  
references in Carlisle's Account of Charities,

- p. 309; and Hall, Henry VI. ff. 12, 78. The reader will find this term under other forms. "Stoulpe before a doore, *souche*," Palsgrave.
- STILTCH.** A crutch; a stilt for boys. This is given as a Wiltshire word in MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 2. *Stelch* is still used in the same sense, and also for a post.
- STUM.** Strong new wine, used for strengthening weak liquor. *Stum'd*, strengthened. According to Howell, *stooming* wine was effected by putting herbs and infusions into it. "Stum is wine that has never fermented," Blount, p. 615.
- There strength of fancy, to it sweetness joynes,  
Unmixt with water, nor *stum'd* with strong lines.  
*Broom's Songs*, 1661.
- Then then to the Queen, let the next advance,  
With all loyal lads of true English race;  
That scorn the *stum'd* notion of Spain and France.  
*Songs of the London Prentices*, p. 122.
- STUMMATCHER-PIECE.** An irregular, gored, piece of land, of no shape easily expressible, and so likened to the ancient article of dress, which becoming "fine by degrees and beautifully less," had no straight side, and affords not a very inapt description of a similar piece of land. *Moor's Suff. MS.*
- STUMMER.** To stumble. *North.*
- STUMP.** (1) To knock down the wicket by hand, a term used at cricket.  
(2) The tower of Boston church is generally called Boston *Stump*. *Luc.*  
(3) To step heavily. *West.*  
(4) A post. *Var. dial.*  
(5) A stupid heavy fellow. *North.*  
(6) To *stump up*, to pay cash.  
(7) To be in want of money. To be put to one's stumps, i. e. to a hard shift.  
(8) To walk very heavily. *Var. dial.*  
(9) *Stump and rump*, completely.
- STUMPERE.** Extempore.  
The zed the commonst that was there  
Was vrom a tub or a wicker chair,  
They call'd it *stumper*.  
*Wright's Political Ballads*, p. 4.
- STUMPFoot.** A club-foot.  
And saw the net the *stumpfoot* blacksmith made,  
Wherem fell Mars and Venus was betray'd.  
*Taylor's Works*, i. 1, 24.
- STUMPOINTED.** A hunted rabbit in its fright ran against the dogs and tumbled over was said to be *stumpointed*; whether this be of individual coinage or a current word, I now know not. A friend surmized that it be a contracted combination of stumud and disapointed. I have heard it since the preceding was written said of a rabbit also bailed by dogs in a ditch. *Moor's Suff. MS.*
- STUMPS.** Legs. *Var. dial.* To *stir one's stumps*, a common phrase, meaning to set about anything expeditiously.  
His long practice of the pot has exempt him from being prest a souldier: hee has quite lost the use of his *stumps*, how should he then possibly keepe his march? *Beaumont's Law of Drinking*, 1617, p. 70.  
This makes him *stirre his stumps*, and to answer

- her letter with such speedy cheerefulness, as Meliaca can expect no lesse then all successe to her desires.  
*The Two Lancashire Lovers*, 1649, p. 262.
- STUMPHY.** Ready money. *Var. dial.*
- STUNCH.** Short and stout. *North.*
- STUNDE.** A short space of time.  
Weilawel, sore he him biswicked,  
That for on *stunde* other two  
Wureheth him pine evermo.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix. f. 243.*
- STUNE.** To empty. "The cock or spigot being laid on the hoop, and the barrel of ale *stun'd*, as they say in Staffordshire, that is, drank out without intermission," Coles' English Dictionary, in v. *Cock-on-hoop*. If from the A.-S. *Stunian*, to beat, to strike against, it may simply mean *broached*.
- STUNKEY.** A term applied to arable land, when it is so saturated with wet as to be unfit for ploughing or sowing. *Warw.*
- STUNNED-POLL.** A stupid miserable fellow; a dunce. *Somerset.*
- STUNNER.** A severe blow or fall which stuns a person. *Var. dial.*
- STUNNISH.** To stun; to sprain. *Lane.*
- STUNT.** (1) Fierce and angry. *Line.* Also sulky and obstinate. "He's as *stunt* as a burnt waag, there's no turning him!" how or why I know not. *Line.*  
(2) If a person's thumb is struck violently on the end against any hard substance, so as to occasion great pain at the time, and several days after, it is said to be *stunted*.  
(3) To make a fool of one. *Durham.*
- STUNTISE.** Quarrelling?  
Hii brewen strut and *stuntise* there as sholde be pes;  
Hii sholde gon to the Holy Lond, and maken there  
her res. *Appendix to Wright's Pol. Songs*, p. 334.
- STUNTISH.** (1) Sullen. (2) Dumpy. *North.*  
*Stunty*, ill-tempered, obstinate.
- STUPE.** (1) A cloth dipped in warm medicaments, and applied to a sore.  
(2) A stupid fellow. *Var. dial.*
- STUPID.** Obstinate. *North.*
- STUPPIN.** A stewpan or skillet. *Kent.*
- STURBING.** Disturbance; fight.  
Gij werd him fast in that *sturbing*;  
Now helpe him, Jhesu, heven king!  
*Gyng Warske*, p. 206.
- STURBLE.** To disturb.  
Ne thou oghtes nat to be echesun  
To *sturble* manny's devocyon.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 74.*  
So was he *sturbled* with the mystral,  
That he hadde no grace to sey withalle.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 31.*
- STURBRIDGE-FAIR.** A very celebrated fair held annually near Cambridge.  
When th' fair is done, I to the Colled come,  
Or else I drunk with them at Trompington,  
Craving their more acquaintance with my heart  
Till our next *Sturbridge faire*; and so wee part.  
*Beaumont's Honest Ghost*, 1658, p. 189.
- STURBULING.** A disturbance.  
Set the cursid Jewes kene  
Made a *sturbulyng* hem betwene  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 35.*

Who than is thi lord,  
And who is thi king,  
And who the hider sent  
To make me *sturblyng*?

*Legend of Seynt Mergrete*, p. 99.

STURDY. (1) The same as *Giddy* (2).

(2) Sulky and obstinate. *North*.

STURE. (1) A steer. q. v. *West*.

(2) Dust; disturbance. *Deron*.

(3) Rude; ill-looking.

STURJOUN. A sturgeon.

And in the se made the *stu* join.

*Gy of Waruike*, p. 136.

STURKEN. To grow; to thrive. *North*.

STURM. Stern; morose. *Kent*.

STURRE. To stir. (*A.-S.*)

STURRY. Inflexible; sturdy. *South*.

STURT. (1) Disturbance; annoyance. *North*.

Kennett explains it, quarrel, strife. "Sturt and strive," to contend and strive, Urry's Ch.

(2) Great wages. A mining term.

STURTES. Stirrups.

And his arsouzn al-after, and his athel *sturtes*,  
That ever glomed and glent al of grene stones.

*Sir Gauwyn and the Grene Knygt*, 171.

STURTLE. To startle; to shy. *Deron*.

STUSNET. A skillet. *Sussex*.

STUT. (1) Stout; strong.

Erles myjt and lordes *stut*,

As cherles shal yn erthe be put.

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 58.

(2) To stutter. *Palsgrave*. Still in use in the North of England. "To stut, to stagger in speaking or going." Baret, 1580.

How much better is it, then, to have an elegant lawyer to plead ones cause, than a *stutting* townsman, that loseth himselfe in his tale, and dooth nothing but make legs. *Nash's Pierce Penullesse*, 1592.

(3) A goat. *Somerset*.

(4) Staggered. *Scott*.

STUTTLE-BACK. The prickleback. *East*.

STUWES. Stews; brothels. (*A.-S.*)

Save Jagge the jogelour,

And Jonette of the *stuwes*. *Piers Ploughman*, p. 121.

STY. (1) A ladder. *Yorksh.*

(2) The same as *Stie*, a lane or path. It is wrongly explained by Ritson, Weber, and some other glossarists.

(3) A small inflamed tumour on the lid of the eye is so called. *Var. dial.*

STY-BAKED. Dirty, as a pig in a sty: with the dirt adhering to or engrafted into the skin as if baked upon it. *Line*.

STYDES. Hours? *Arch.* xxx. 413.

STYK. A stitch.

For the best that sewes her any *styk*

Takes bot four penyis in a wik.

*Yvaine and Gawyn*, 3953.

STYMPHALIST. From *Stymphalides*, the large birds driven away by Hercules.

This *stymphalist* is hee that with five or six tenements and the retinue thereunto belonging, infectes the aire with stenche, and poisons that parish.

*Maroccus Estatucus*, 1595.

STYWARD. A steward. (*A.-S.*)

For nythand every a *styward*

The dome that they geve ys over hard

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 36.

SUA. So; in like manner.

Sum in the air, sum in the lift,

Thar thai drei ful hard schrift,

Thar pin thai bere opon tham ai,

And *sua* sal do to domes-da.

*MS. Cott. Vespas.* A. iii. f. 4.

SUAMONE. A kind of oil, mentioned by Chettle in his *Kind Hart's Dreame*, 1592.

SUART. Black; dark; swarthy.

SUBARBES. Suburbs. (*Lat.*)

SUBDUCE. To withdraw. (*Lat.*)

To *subduce* and convey themselves from the company of the worldly people. *Becon's Works*, p. 159.

SUBDUEMENT. Defeat. *Shak.*

SUBETH. A kind of apoplexy.

SUBFUMIGATION. A species of charm by smoke. (*Lat.*)

SUBGET. Subject. *Chaucer*.

SUBLIMATORIE. A vessel used by chemists in *sublimation*, or the separation of particles in a body by means of heat.

SUBMISSE. Submissive.

Unmov'd thereto by our *submisse* intreat,

No suite of clay obtain'd it at his hands.

*Rowland's Betraying of Christ*, 1596.

SUBNECT. To add, or subjoin. (*Lat.*)

Why may I not here take the libertie to *subnect* to this discourse of echos some remarks of sounds.

*Aubrey's Wilts, Royal Soc. MS.* p. 45.

SUBPLANTARYE. Supplanting.

Whiche is conceyvid of envye,

And clepid is *subplantarye*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 75.

SUBPOUELLE. To support.

Tho send Hys grace to *subpouelle* and comfort,

Tho alle that ys wyth wrong report.

*MS. Cantab.* ff. i. 6, f. 123

SUBRUFE. Reddish. (*Lat.*) It occurs in the *Dial. Creat. Moral.* p. 194. *Subruphus*, Robert of Gloucester, p. 481, note.

SUBSAID. Just mentioned. *Norf.*

SUBSCRIBE. To submit. Shakespeare has also the substantive *subscription*, submission.

SUBSECUTED. Cut off. (*Lat.*)

Lord, how currioures ranne into every coast, howe lyght horse-men galloped to every streyt to folowe and deteine him, yf by any possibilité he coulde be *subsecuted* and overtaken.

*Hall, Richard III.* f. 22.

SUBSISTER. A poor prisoner.

Like a *sub-sister* in a gown of rugge, rent on the left shoulder, to sit singing the counter-tenor by the cage in Southwarke.

*Kind-Hart's Dreame*, 1592.

SUBSOLARY. Earthly. (*Lat.*)

Thereby the causes and effects of all

Things done upon this *subsolarie* ball.

*Brome's Songs*, 1661, p. 196.

SUBTILITE. Subtilty.

That none his owen *astate* translate

Be fraude ne *subtillité*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 61.

SUBTLE. Smooth; fine. *Shak.*

SUBCLON. A young hart.

The dung of harts cureth the dropsie, especially of a *subclon* or young hart: the urine easeth the paine in the spleene, the wind in the ventricle and bowels, and infused into the eares, healeth their ulcers. *Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts*, 1607, p. 133.

**SUCCESS.** That which follows. *Shak.*  
**SUCCESSFULLY.** A common corruption of the word *successively*. Carr ii. 178.  
**SUCCLATION.** Pruning of trees. More's MS. Additions to Ray's North Country Words.  
**SUCH.** A country expletive. "If you don't give me my price like, I won't stay here haggling all day *and such*." *Leve*.  
**SUCHE.** To seek? *Robson*.  
**SUCK.** (1) The same as *Sock*, q. v.  
 (2) *To suck the ronyey*, to drink at an alehouse at the cost of another person.  
**SUCKE.** Juice; moisture.  
**SUCKEGGELDEST.** We are happy in superlatives. The following is a genuine speech of a gamekeeper touching the magpie. "Cousin it, 'tis the most *suckeggeldest* warmant ith' wald." *Moor's Suff. MS.*  
**SUCKEN.** The same as *Sock*, q. v.  
**SUCKET.** (1) A sucking-rabbit.  
 (2) A conserve, or sweetmeat. See Harrison's Description of England, p. 167.  
 And presently after, instead of *suckets*, twelve raw puddings. I speake not one word of drinke all this while, for indeed he is no drunkard; hee abhorres that swinish vice.  
*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, i. 144.  
**SUCK-FIST.** *Hunn-resue*. Cotgrave.  
**SUCKING-BOTTLE.** A long, narrow, hollow glass, put to a sore nipple for a child to suck through. *Var. dial.*  
**SUCKINY.** A kind of smock-frock. (*A.-N.*)  
 And she had on a *suckiny*,  
 That not of hempe herdis was;  
 So faire was none in all Arras.  
*Roman of the Rose*, 1292.  
**SUCKLING.** (1) The honeysuckle. *East*.  
 (2) In Norfolk, the common purple clover. In Suffolk, the white or Dutch clover. "Suklynge herbe, *locusta*." Pr. Parv.  
**SUCK-PINT.** "*Honneur*, a sucke-pinte or swill-pot, a notable drunkard," Cotgrave.  
**SUCKREL.** A sucking colt. *Suffolk*.  
**SUCKSTONE.** "A little fishe called a *suckstone*, that staieth a ship under saile, *remora*," Withals' Dictionarie, 1608, p. 37.  
**SUCRE.** Sugar.  
 And with the mirre taketh the *succe*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 49.  
**SUCRE-ROSETH.** Sugar of roses.  
**SUCTION.** Malt liquor. *Var. dial.*  
**SUD.** Should. *North*.  
*Leidhev meaad* receits for sweet pyes en rice puddins.  
*Westm. and Cumb. Dialects*, p. 13.  
**SUDARY.** A napkin; a kerchief. The kerchief mentioned in John, xx. 7, is so called in Wickcliffe's translation.  
 O Jhesu, fore thi blesful face,  
 Thou betoke Veroneca hi grace,  
 Upon here *sudaré*,  
 That face be ne consolation,  
 And to the fynd confusion,  
 That day when I schal dye.  
*Poems, Douce MS.*  
 His *sudary*, his wyndyng clothe,  
 There were thei lifte, I say hein bothe.  
*Curae Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 107.  
**SUDD.** Meadows are said to be *sudded*

when they are covered with drift sand left by a flood. *West*.  
**SUDDEN.** Abrupt. *South*.  
**SUDDIE.** Boggy?  
 Nevertheless the water of this river is for the most part sore troubled, as comming thorough a *sudde* or *soddie* more, so that litle good fish is said to live therein.  
*Harrison's Description of Britaine*, p. 37.  
**SUDDLE.** To soil, or tarnish. *North*.  
**SUDEKENE.** A subdeacon. (*A.-N.*)  
 Thorghe holy ordre that men tas,  
 That *sudekene* or *proste* has.  
*MS. Harl.* 2260, f. 118.  
**SUDS.** *To be in the suds*, to be sullen, or in a sulky peevish temper; to be concerned in a quarrel, or other troublesome matter.  
**SUE.** (1) To follow. (*A.-N.*)  
 But by ther bonyes ten thei be to you untrue,  
 For homward another way thei doo *sue*.  
*Digby Mysteries*, p. 7.  
 (2) To issue in small quantities. *East*.  
 (3) To drain land. Also, a drain. *Sussex*.  
**SUENT.** Smooth; even; regular; quiet; easy; insinuating; placid. *West*.  
**SUERES.** Followers. (*A.-N.*)  
 And sayde to his *sueres*  
 For sothe on this wyse,  
 Nought thy neighbors good  
 Coveyte in no tyme.  
*Piers Ploughman*, p. 459.  
**SUERIE.** To swear. *Hearne*.  
**SUERT.** Sword;  
 Wend out of londre sone,  
 Her nast thou nout to done.  
 Wel s me late thou flette,  
 Myd *suert* y shal sette.  
*Geste of Kyng Horn*, 714.  
**SUETHEL BAND.** A swaddling-band. (*A.-N.*)  
 A new horn barn lay in the croppes,  
 Bonden wit a *suethelband*.  
*MS. Cotton. Vespas. A.* iii. f. 9.  
**SUETON.** Suetonius, the historian.  
**SUEYNE.** The same as *Swaïne*, q. v.  
 The *laues*, that stod hyre besyde,  
 Fled and durste not long abyde,  
 Bot went unto the palyz sene,  
 And told both knygt and *sueyne*,  
 How that the quene away wold,  
 And had them come hyr to be-hold.  
*MS. Ashmole* 61, xv. Cent.  
**SUFF.** (1) A sough, or drain. *North*.  
 (2) To sob; to sigh; to draw the breath in a convulsive manner. *Decon*.  
**SUFFER.** To be punished. *Var. dial.*  
**SUFFETINE.** "Buffetyne, or suffetyne, *alapizo*, *olapo*," Prompt. Parv. p. 41.  
**SUFFICANT.** Sufficient.  
 Me thinketh that this evidence  
 As to this poynte is *sufficant*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 60.  
**SUFFICIENCY.** Ability. *Shak.*  
**SUFFING.** Something. *Esse*.  
**SUFFISANCE.** Sufficiency; satisfaction.  
 What wol ye more of me but repentaunce,  
 God wol Himselve have theof *suffisaunce*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Fl. i. 6, f. 116.  
**SUFFISANT.** Sufficient. (*A.-N.*)  
**SUFFRAGE.** "Suifrage or helpe, *suffrage*,"

Palsgrave. "Suffrage, the prayers that be in bokes, *suffrages*," Palsgrave.

SUFFRAUNT. Forbearing. (*A.-N.*)

And, Lord, graunt me, for thy mercy digne,  
Above all thinge for to have mekenesse,  
And make me humble, *suffraunt*, and benigne.  
*Lydgate, MS. A-chole 39, f. 12.*

SUFFRE. (1) To bear; to endure.

And ley yt to the arme also hote as he may *suffre*,  
and whan it is colde, take yt away and ley to that  
other that is hote. *MS. Med. Rec. xv. Cent.*

(2) To forbear. *Weber.*

SUFFRENTIE. Sovereignty.

Or art thou aferde of thy olde name,  
That in every place is had in fame,  
And is supported in such *suffrentie*  
From the lowest unto the hiest degree.

*Albion Knight, Shak. Soc. Pap. 1 63.*

SUFFRYNGAM. *Penitencier*, Palsgrave, f. 68.

SUFFURATE. To steal away; to withdraw.

I could conveniently *suffurate* and steal away from  
the institution and teaching of my scholars.  
*Becon's Works, p. 195.*

SUG. (1) A word used to call pigs to eat their  
wash. *Norf.*

(2) "Sugge, a byrde," Palsgrave. "Sugge,  
bryd, *curuca*," Pr. Parv. "*Curruca est que-  
dam avis que alienos pullos educit vel educat,  
et hec litiosa se dicitur eadem avis*," MS.  
Harl. 2257, f. 24.

(3) To soak. *West.*

SUGAR-BARLEY. Barleysugar. *East.*

SUGAR-BREAD. A kind of sweet cake or  
bread mentioned in Harrison's Description of  
England, p. 167.

SUGAR-CANDIAN. Sugarcandy. *Hall.*

SUGAR-CUPPING. A Derbyshire custom. On  
Easter-day children melt sugar in a cup of  
water from the Dropping Tor, and drink it.  
*Hone.*

SUGAR-LOAF. A high-crowned hat.

SUGAR-PLATE. "*Sugar-plate* or *confettes*,  
*dragee*, *confite*," Palsgrave, subst. f. 68.  
"Sukyr plate, *sucura cristalis*," Pr. Parv.

SUGAR-STONE. A name given in Cornwall  
to a kind of soft clayey schist.

SUGAR-TEAT. A small portion of moist sugar  
tied up in a rag of linen of the shape and size  
of a woman's nipple, given to quiet an infant  
when the mother is unable to attend.

SUGET. Subject. (*A.-N.*)

To the seventhe Crist seith, Blessyd ben the  
pesible folk, in the wuche alle thinges ben wel  
ordeyned, none sturynge overcomynge re-oun, hote  
al thing *sugot* to the spiryt, for he is *sugot* to God.  
*Reliq. Antiq. 1. 39.*

SUGGE. To say?

Je, quad the vox, al thou most *sugge*,  
Other elles-wer thou most abugge.  
*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 276.*

SUGGEST. To tempt. *Shak.*

SUGGOURNE. To abide; to rest; to sojourn.  
In the vale of Viterbe veteile my knyghttes,  
*suggourne* there sex wokes and solace myselfene.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 57.*

SUGRED. Sweetened, as with sugar.

He promised to be so grateful unto them that  
they should have cause to say their great curtesies

were well bestowed upon him; but all his *sugred*  
sweete promises were, in the prooffe, but gall and  
wormwood in the performance.

*Taylor's Works, 1630, iii. 82.*

What swan of bright Apollo's brood doth sing,  
To vulgar love, in courtly sonneting?  
Or what immortal poets *sugred* pen  
Attends the glory of a citizen?

*Drayton's Poems, 1637, p. 288.*

SUIFTLIKER. More swiftly.

*Suiftliker* then hee may wink,  
Or ani mans hert mai thynk.  
*MS. Cotton. Vespas. A. iii. f. 3.*

SUILK. Such.

Goddooth! quath Leve, y shal the fete  
Bred an chese, butere and milk,  
Pastees and flannes, al with *suilk*.  
*Havelok, 644.*

SUIN. Sows; swine. (*A.-S.*)

A feyre there was holdyn dede.  
This povre man had *suyne* to selle,  
And theder he wold, as I 3u telle,  
On morwe he ros and gan hym dresse;  
Hys wyf had hym bydyn and here messe.

*Reliq. Antiq. 1. 62.*

SUIRT. To break off the sharp edge of a hewn  
stone. *Northumb.*

SUIST. A person who seeks for things which  
merely gratify himself.

SUIT-BROKER. One who made a trade of  
obtaining the suits of petitioners at court. He  
was sometimes termed a *suit-jogger*.

Some by their braimes, as politicians, mono-  
polists, projectmongers, *suit-joggers*, and star-gazers.

*Taylor's Works, 1630, i. 143.*

SUITY. Uniform; even. *Heref.*

SUKCADES. Sweetmeats; suckets. Maunde-  
ville has it *sukkarle*, Travels, p. 310.

SUKKEN. Moisture. *Cumb.*

SULE. (1) To soil. (*A.-N.*)

And his syre a soutere  
*Y-suled* in grees.

*Piers Ploughman, p. 396.*

(2) Soil; earth. *Prompt. Parv.*

(3) Should ye. (*A.-S.*)

Mine kinthes, what do ye?  
*Sule* ye thus gate fro me fle?

*Havelok, 2419.*

SULFEROUS. Sultry. *Var. dial.*

SULING. A ploughland. *Kennett.*

SULK. To be sullen. *Var. dial.* In the sulks,  
i. e. sullen and peevish.

SULL. A plough. *West.*

SULLAGE. Muck, or dung. *Kent.*

SULLEN. In Cunningham's Revels Accounts,  
p. 189, mention is made of "ix. yardes of  
*sullen* cloth of gold purple." Qu. *cullen*,  
Cologne?

SULLENS. Siek of the sullens, i. e. very  
gloomy or morose. The phrase occurs in  
Lilly. "And let them die that age and  
*sullens* have," Shakespeare. See Dyce's Re-  
marks, p. 99.

SULLEVATE. To raise into enemy.

SULLOW. A plough. *West.*

SULMARD. "*Fetruens, peccoides*, a *sulmard*."  
Nominale MS. The MS. is distinctly *subnard*  
but it may be an error for *fulmard*.

SUL-PADDLE. "Sulpaddle is used in the West for a plow-staff," Blount's *Glossographia*, p. 621, ed. 1681.

SULSH. To soil; to dirty. *Somerset*.

SULT. To insult. *South*.

SULTREDGE. A coarse apron worn by poor women in some parts of Wiltshire.

SULTRONG. Sultry.

This garment is too much too warme for thee,  
In the estival of a *suiting* heat.

*Middleton's Epigrams*, 1602, repr. p. 36.

SUM. (1) Some. *Sum and al*, completely.

So thou myt knowe, *sum* and al,  
Whether the synne be gret or smal.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 146.*

(2) A question in arithmetic. *Var. dial.*

SUMA. A small cup made of blue and white stone-ware. *Somerset*.

SUMBER. Summer. *Heref.*

SUMFUN. Something. *Suffolk*.

SUMITER. A scimitar. "Sumyter, a fauchon, *sumiterre*," Palsgrave, 1530.

SUMMED. A term in falconry. "Summed is when she is in all her plumes," *Gent. Rec.* ii. 63. See *Dict. Rust.* in v.

And when the plumes were *summ'd* with sweet desire,  
To prove the pinions, it ascends the skies;  
Doe what I could, it needly would aspire  
To my soules sun, those two celestiall eyes:  
Thus from my breast, where it was bred alone,  
It after thee is like an eaglet flowne.

*Deighton's Poems*, 1637, p. 494.

SUMMER. (1) A sumpter-horse.

(2) The principal beam of a floor. See Thoresby's Letter to Ray, 1703, in v. *Bauks*; Harrison's England, p. 187.

(3) That part of a waggon which supports the bed or body of it. *Sussex*.

(4) To summer and winter any one, i. e. to know him thoroughly, or at all seasons.

SUMMER-BARM. To ferment. Said of malt liquor when it ferments in summer before the application of the yeast.

SUMMER-COCK. A term given to a young salmon in summer time. *North*.

SUMMERED. Agisted, as cattle; well fed on grass. *Summer-cat*, to agist. *North*.

SUMMER-FOLDS. Summer freckles. *Glouc.*

SUMMER-FRECKLED. Spots on the face caused by the heat of the sun. *South*.

SUMMER-GOOSE. Gossamer. *North*.

SUMMERINGS. (1) Country rejoicings and wakes formerly in vogue on Midsummer-day.

(2) Very early apples and pears.

(3) Riots or scolding matches. *North*.

(4) Cattle of one year old. *North*.

SUMMERLAND. To summerland a ground is to lay it fallow a year, according to Ray. *Suffolk*. Moor gives only the substantive.

SUMMER-LATEN. Summer fallowed. *Norf.*

SUMMER-RIDING-BOOTS. "*Demi-chase* (*Fr.*) half-chase, or half-hunting boots; so called by the French; we call them summer riding-boots." Blount's *Glossographia*, p. 187.

SUMMERSAULT. See *Somersault*.

SUMMER'S-DAY. As nice a person as one shall see on a summer's day, i. e. as one could

see. This vernacular phrase is not unusual in early writers. "They say hee is as goodly a youth as one shall see in a summer's day," Lilly's *Mother Bombie*, ed. 1632, sig. Z. x. "A proper man as one shall see in a summer's day," *Mids. Night's Dream*, i. 2. See Henry V. iii. 6, iv. 8. The phrase also occurs in later works. "As fine a fat thriving child as you shall see in a summer's day," Joseph Andrews, b. iv. c. 15.

SUMMER'S-RUN. Said of a horse which has been at grass during the summer.

SUMMER-TILLED. Fallowed. "That field was *summer-tilled* last year," i. e. lay fallow. *Line*. Sometimes termed *summer-stirred*. "To *summer-stir*, *astate sulcare*," Coles. In the South of England, land is said to have a summer fallow.

SUMMER-TREE. Same as *Summer* (2).

SUMMER-VOY. Yellow freckles in the face.

SUMMING. Arithmetic. *Var. dial.*

SUMMISTER. One who abridges.

Over this, if the historian be long, he is accounted a tridler; if he be short, he is taken for a *summister*.

*Holmshead, Chron. Ireland*, p. 80.

And thus, though rudely, have I plaid the *summister*.

*The Meane in Spending*, 1598.

SUMMITTE. To submit. *Lydgate*.

SUMMUNDER. An apparitor. "*Aparator*, a *summunder*," *Nominale MS.* *Nomina dignitatum clericorum*. The term occurs more usually *summoner* or *summer*.

SUMMUT. Something. *Var. dial.*

SUMNER. See *Summunder*.

SUMNI. Summon. (*A.-S.*)

To Westmynstre he let *sumni* the bischopes of his londe,  
And clerkes that grettest were ek and hejist, ich under-  
stonde.

*Life of Thomas Beket*, p. 19.

SUMP. (1) According to Carr, a hole sunk below the levels or drifts of a mine at a proper distance to divide the ground, and communicate air to the different works or branches. Ray says, "a round pit of stone covered over with clay within." See his *English Words*, 1674, p. 114.

(2) A puddle, or dirty pond. *Cumb.*

(3) A very heavy weight. *Suffolk*. Hence, a heavy stupid fellow is so called.

SUMPII. A simpleton. *North*.

SUMP-HOLE. A cesspool. *Yorksh.*

SUMPLE. Snapple; pliant. *West*.

SUMPTER. A horse which carried furniture, &c. on its back. It was more commonly termed a *sumpter-horse*.

But, for you have not furniture

Beseeming such a guest,

I bring his owne, and come my selfe

To see his lodging drest.

With that two *sumpters* were discharg'd,

In which were hangings brave,

Silke coverings, curtens, carpets, plate,

And all such turn should have.

*Percy's Reliques*, p. 78.

SUM-UP. To collect. *North*.

SUMPY. Boggy; wet. Damp, watery, as potatoes; heavy, as bread. *Var. dial.*

SUN. *In the sun*, tipsy.

**SUN-AND-MOON.** "Dieleystinda, a kinde of play whereiu two companies of hoyes holding hands all on a rowe, doe pull with hard hold one another, till one be overcome; it is called *Sunne and Moone*," Thomasii Dictionarium, 4to. Lond. 1644.

**SUN-BEAM.** Gossamer. *North.*

**SUN-CATE.** A dainty. *Suffolk.*

Manther, gang the grizen into the vauceeroof, bring my hat from off the spurket, ding the door after you, nemis the cat should get in and eat the *suncate*. Girl, girl, go up stairs into the garret, and fetch my hat from off the peg; shut the door for fear the cat should get in and eat the dainty.

*Grove*, ed. 1839, p. 111.

**SUN-DANCE.** A custom was formerly in vogue of rising early on Easter-day to see the *sun dance*, the superstitious believing that the sun really did dance on that day.

**SUNDAY-CLOTHES.** Best clothes, kept for use on Sundays and holidays. *Var. dial.*

**SUNDAY - SAINT - AND - EVERY-DAY - SINNER.** A person who never misses church twice every Sunday, nor an opportunity of reviling or cheating his neighbours on all the rest of the week. *Moor's Suff. MS.*

**SUNDAY'S-FELLOW.** Monday.

One asked Tarlton why Munday was called *Sunday's fellow*? Because he is a sausic fellow, saies Tarlton, to compare with that holy day. But it may be Munday thinks himselfe Sundayes fellow because it followes Sunday, and is next after; but he comes a day after the faire for that.

*Tarlton's Jest*s, 1611.

**SUNDER.** To air; to expose to the sun and wind, as hay which has been cocked, but which is still under-dry. *York.*

**SUNDERLAND-FITTER.** The knave of clubs.

**SUNDERLY.** Peculiarly; alternately.

**SUNE.** Soon?

That for schal kumen in this world  
One one *sunne* niyte. *MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix. f. 245.*

**SUNFEY.**

Under the paine of paying the billes themselves, which they refuse eyther to file or cleare within that space, without prejudice alwaies to the complanant to use an avower if he have anie, and therby to claime his double and *sunfey*. *Egerton Papers*, p. 237.

**SUNFULE.** Sinful [men]. (*A.-S.*)

An the *sunfule* so ateliche heo stondeþ  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix. f. 245.*

**SUN-GATE-DOWN.** "Sunne settynge, or sunne gate downe, *occasus*," Pr. Parv. "At the sunne gate downe, *sur la soleil couchant*," Palsgrave, 1530.

**SUNGILLE-STOK.** See *Single-hand*.

**SUNHOUN.** A halo round the sun. *South.*

**SUNK.** A canvas pack-saddle stuffed with straw. *North.*

**SUNKET.** (1) A supper. *Cumb.*

(2) To pamper with dainties. *East.* A sunketting child, i. e. a delicate child.

(3) A foolish fellow. *Norf.*

(4) A small quantity of food or drink, especially if given grudgingly. *Norf.*

**SUNK-FENCE.** A ditch cut perpendicularly on one side and obliquely on the other, com-

mon in parks, &c. affording protection without interrupting the prospect.

**SUNNEN.** Sins. (*A.-S.*)

Woltou, quod the vox, siift ounderfonge,

Tel thine *sunnan* on and on,

That ther bileve never on. *Reliq. Antiq. ii. 276.*

**SUNNING.** Basking in the sun.

So homeward bent, his eye too rude and cunning,

Spies knight and lady by a hedge a *sunning*.

*Ovid de Arte Amandi*, &c. 1677, p. 139.

**SUNNY-SIDE.** The south side of a hill.

**SUN-SHINER.** The dark shining heetle.

**SUNTORE.** Cracked by the sun. *Salop.*

**SUOAK.** To snuff the air. *Northumb.*

**SUP.** To sup sorrow, i. e. to be afflicted by anything causing sorrow.

**SUPERALTARY.** The slab which covered a stone altar in a church. (*Lat.*)

**SUPERFICIALTIE.** Superficies.

In als many journeyes may thei gon fro Jerusalem unto other conynyes of the *superficialtie* of the erthe beyonde.

*Maundevile's Travels*, p. 133.

**SUPERFLUE.** Superfluous. *Palsgrave.*

**SUPERGRESSION.** An old chemical term.

And soe with long leasure it will waste,

And not with bubbling made in haste;

For doubt of perills many moe then one,

And for *supergression* of our stone.

*Asimole's Theat. Chems. Brit.* 1652, p. 47.

**SUPERNACULUM.** An old drinking term, thus described by Nash, Pierce Penilesse, repr. p. 52, "a devise of drinking new come out of France, which is, after a man hath turnde up the bottom of the cup, to drop it on hys nayle, and make a pearl with that is left; which, if it slide, and he cannot mak stand on by reason thers too much, he must drinke againe for his penance." It is supposed to be a corruption of *super unquam*. Brathwaite mentions it in his Law of Drinking, 1617, p. 11, "they without any difficulty at all can soake and sucke it *en rav ruy*, to a nayle." The term is still in use, and is applied, according to Grose, to "good liquor, of which there is not even a drop left sufficient to wet one's nail."

Were it a whole hogshede, I would pledge thee.

What, if I drinke two? fill them to the brimme;

Wher's hee that shall marry with my sister?

I drinke thus to thee *super nactum*.

*Timon*, ed. Dyce, p. 38.

**SUPERNE.** Above; supreme. *Lydgate.*

**SUPERNODICAL.** Excessive; supreme.

O, *supernodical* foole: wel, Ile take your

Two shillings, but Ile bar strikiog at legs.

*Taming of a Shrew*, p. 185.

**SUPERTASSE.** According to Stubbes, "a certaine device made of wiers, crested for the purpose, whipped over either with gold thred, silver, or silke; this is to bee applied round about their neckes, under the ruffe, upon the outside of the bande, to beare up the whole frame and bodie of the ruffe from falling or hanging doune," ed. 1585, f. 21.

**SUPERVISOUR.** The overlooker of a will.

And to se all things truly donee

After my deth, dwely and right soene,

I ordeyn to be myn executour

Of my last will, with a *supervisour*,



Aleyn Maltson, to se truly  
My wil performyd wele and duly,  
As I have ordeynd here after myn entent,  
By good avicement in my Testament.  
*MS. Raul. C. 86.*

**SUPERVIVE.** Qu. *Supervide*, to look at.  
As I me leynd unto a joyful place,  
Lusty Phebus to *supervive*.

*Lydest. Minor Poems, p. 78.*

**SUPERVIZE.** Sight; view. *Shak.*  
**SUPETERS.** Armour for the feet.

**SUPPEDITATE.** To subdne, or tread under.

But oh Lorde, all thynges that I of long tyme  
have in my mynde revolved and immagined, that  
stelyng thief Death goeth about to subvertate, and in  
the moment of an houre clerly to *suppeditate*.

*Hall, Edward IV. f. 60*

**SUPPER.** (1) To set one his supper, to perform  
a feat impossible for another to imitate.

(2) The sucker of a pump.

**SUPPINGS.** (1) Spoon-meat. "Suppyng for  
a sicke man, *humaige, huncce*," Palsgrave.

(2) The refuse milk after the cheese is made.  
*Chesh.*

**SUPPLANTARYE.** Supplanting.

For in good feythe yt hadde I lever,  
In my simpleste, for to dye,  
Than werche suche *supplantarye*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 77.*

**SUPPLE.** To render pliant. It is now used  
only as an adjective. "To make a thing which  
is hard and rough, soft; to soften, to *supple*,"  
Hollyband's Dictionary, 1593.

Yf he be accursed than are we a mete cuppell,

For I am interdect; no salve that soke can *supple*.

*Bute's Kunge Johan, p. 62.*

**SUPPLIE.** To supplicate. (*I.-N.*)

**SUPPOELLE.** (1) To support. (2) Support.

So that thir myghte no schippez come here the  
haven for to vetaille the ritee, or *suppoelle* it with  
mene, by cause of the bastelle.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 5.*

And to live in reste and in quiete

Thoru; thi supporte and thi *suppoelle*.

*MS. D'gby 230*

And wher nede was, he made *suppoement*

*Hardyng's Chronicle, f. 49*

**SUPPORTAILE.** Support. (*I.-N.*)

And io mischef, whanne drede wolde us assaile,

Thou arte oure schilde, thou arte oure *supportaile*.

*Lyndgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 22.*

**SUPPORTATION.** Support. (*Lat.*)

For there is no great man so weake, but hath  
counsell and *supportation* of inferior officers, nor  
mean man so sottish, but hath friends or servants in  
the dispatch of his businesse.

*History of Patient Grisel, p. 33.*

**SUPPOSALL.** A supposition.

Hee incroches often upon admittance (where  
things be well delivered) to multiply his observa-  
tion, and he will verifie things, through a scandalous  
*supposall*, as if they were now committed.

*Stephens' Essayes and Characters, 1615, p. 219.*

**SUPPOSE.** (1) To know with certainty. A  
person announcing what he knows to be a  
fact will say, "I *suppose* Mr. A. is dead." *Salop.*

(2) A supposition.

To speake with him she kindly doth entreat,

Desiring him to clare her darke *suppose*.

*Taylor's Workes, 1630, iii. 22.*

**SUPPOSITOR.** A medical term, meaning an  
excitement or provocative. Ford, ii. 182.

**SUPPRISSED.** Oppressed.

Goddis law hiddith help the *supprissid*, jugith to  
the fadirles, defendith the wydow, and how tempo-  
ral lordis ow to thole no wrong he don; and maad  
doctors and lawis and resoun acordyn to this.

*Apology for the Lollards, p. 79.*

**SUPPETHED.** Imputed. *Drayton.*

**SUP-UP.** The legitimate meaning of *sup up* is  
to give cattle their last meal at night, or sup-  
per. It is a rural phrase, and has extended  
from the farmyard to other actions and occu-  
pations. *Var. dial.*

**SURANCE.** Assurance; satisfaction.

Thus wedded he her at Yorke in all *surance*.

*Hardyng's Chronicle, f. 86.*

**SUR-ANTLERS.** "The sur-antlers, or bear-  
antlers of a buck, but the royall of a stag,  
viz. the second branch," Howell, sect. 3.

**SURBATRE.** A kind of bruise. (*I.-N.*)

**SURBED.** "To surbed coal, to set it edge-  
ways on the fire that the heat and flame may  
cleare it and make it burn with greater vehemence."  
Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033.

**SURBATED.** Grazed, as the skin is by con-  
stant rubbing or pressure; battered. (*Fr.*)

Fresh grease is very profitable for those members  
that are *surbated* or riven of their skin, and likewise  
to anoint them that are weary with long journeyes.  
The ashes of womens haire burned in a shell, and  
mingled with the fat of swine, are said to ease the  
paine of S. Antonies fire, and to stanch blood, and  
to cure ring-wormes.

*Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts, 1607, p. 689.*

**SURCARING.**

Ac in al this *surcarking*,

Merlin com to Ban the king.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 147.*

**SURCEASE.** To stop; to cease; to refrain.

I shall gladly *surcease* to make any farther attempt  
of the house, garden, stables, and approaches, as  
falling too short of the greatness and excellency of  
it.

*Aubrey's Wills, Royal Soc. MS. p. 235.*

The watchfull bird that centinels the morne,

Shrill herald to Auroras earlie rising,

That oft proclaunes the day ere day be borne,

Distinguish from pitch-fac'd nights disguising,

*Surceas'd* to heed; why Nature taught him crow,

And did exclaime on mee for sinnng so.

*Rowland's Betraying of Christ, 1598.*

**SURCINGLE.** A long upper girth which often  
went over the pannel or saddle. "The pay-  
trellys, *sursenglyls*, and crowpers," Morte  
d'Arthur, i. 211.

**SURCOTE.** An upper coat, or kirtle, worn over  
the rest of the clothes. At a later period,  
there was a mourning garment so called,  
"made like a close or straye-bodied gowne,  
which is worn under the mantell."

**SURCREASE.** Excessive increase. *Drayton.*

**SURCREW.** A surplus.

It had once left me, as I thought; but it was only  
to fetch more company, returning with a *surcrew* of  
those splenetick vapors that are call'd hypochondriacal.

*Reliq. Wotton, ed. 1651, p. 513.*

**SURCUDANT.** Presumptuous; arrogant.

**SURDAUNT.** Arising.

And fetthermore to here and determyne all man-

ner causes, quarels, controversies, debates and demaunders, emerging and *surdaunt* among any persons cocitcinz within the said cite.

*Davies' York Records*, p. 255.

**SURDINE.** "A surdine to put in a trumpet to make it sound low," Florio, p. 514.

**SURDINY.** The fish sardine.

**SURDOWGHT.** Sour-dough; leaven. "*Fermentum, surdowght*," Nominale MS. xv. Cent.

**SURE.** (1) "I don't know, I am *sure*," a very common expression, the last sentence being merely a confirmatory tautology. *Sure and sure*, indeed.

(2) Sour Medulla MS.

**SURE-CROP.** The shrew mouse. *Dorset*.

**SUREN.** To assure. (*A.-N.*)

**SUREPEL.** A cover or case.

The sexte halle a sawtere semliche bowndene  
With a *surepel* of silke sewede fulle faire.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 88.

**SURESBY.** A person to be depended on.

**SURE-TO.** Assured to; affianced.

**SURETY.** Defence; safeguard. "*Surety, defence, sauve garde*," Palsgrave, 1530.

**SURE-WORK.** To make sure work, i. e. a certain safe conclusion to any undertaking.

Their unmannerly manner is to knocke out a mans braines first, or else to lurke behind a tree, and shoot a man with a peece or a pistol, and so make *sure worke* with the passenger, and then search his pockets.

*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, in. 68.

**SURFANO.** A plaster, or salve.

**SURFEIT.** A cold; a disorder. *Craven*.

**SURFEL.** To wash the cheeks with mercurial or sulphur water. See Ford, i. 405.

Having at home a well painted mannerly harlot, as good a maid as Fletcher's mare that bare three great foals, went in the morning to the apothecaries for half a pint of sweet water that commonly is called *surfulyng water*. A manifest Detection of the moste vile and detestable Use of Dice Play, n. d.

**SURFET.** Fault, offence, or trespass.

For wele, ne for worchyp, ne for the wlonk werkkez,  
Bot in synque of my *surfet* 1 schal se hit ofte.

*Gawayn and the Grene Knigt*, 2433

**SURFLE.** To ornament with trimmings, edgiugs, or embroidery; to plait.

**SURFOOT.** Sore-footed? See Nares.

**SURGE.** A quick motion. *South*.

**SURGENRIE.** Surgery. (*A.-N.*)

And dide hym assae his *surgenrie*

On hem that sike were. *Piers Ploughman*, p. 336

**SURGLAN.** A surgeon. *Palsgrave*.

**SURHED.** To surbed a stone is to set it edgewise, contrary to the posture it held in the quarry. *Northumb.*

**SURINGER.** A surgeon. *Peele*, iii. 94.

**SURJONER.** A surgeon. Medulla MS.

**SURKETE.** The same as *Surcote*, q. v.

*Surketes* over al he con holde,  
Off knyghtes and of persons holde,  
Sich hade he non sene.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 49, f. 54.*

**SURLETTES.** Part of ancient armour, mentioned in Hall's Union, 1548, Hen. IV. f. 12.

See *Sollerets*.

**SURMIT.** To surmise.

That by the breeche of cloth were chaledged,

Nor I thinke never were, for to my wyt

They were fantastical, imagioed;

Onely as in my dreame I dyd *surmit*.

*Thynne's Debate*, p. 67

**SURMOUNT.** To excel; to surpass.

So as the kyng himselfe acompteth.

That he alle other men *surmounteth*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 233.

**SURNAPPE.** A napkin; a tablecloth.

The *surnappe* must be properly layde towardes the salt endlong the brode edge, by the handes of th' aforenamed yeoman of the ewrie

*Warner's Antiq. Culin.* p. 100.

**SURPLIS.** A surplice. (*A.-N.*)

**SURPLUSE.** Remainder; surplus.

**SURQUEDRIE.** Presumption; arrogance; conceit. *Surquidous*, overbearing, arrogant.

O, where is alle the transitorye fame

Of pompe and pryde, and *urquidrye* in feere?

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 2.

Or rebelle in any manere weye

Of *suquidrie* or pride to werreye.

*MS. Digby* 230.

The tother branche of pride es *surquetry*, that es, to undirtake thyng over his powere, or weys to be mare wyse than he es, or better than he es, and avauntez hym of gude that he base of other, or of ille that he base of hymselfe.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 200.*

**SURRE.** A sore place; a scar.

**SUR-REINED.** Overworked. *Shak.*

**SURREPT.** To invade suddenly. (*Lat.*)

But this fonde newe founde ceremony was litle regarded and lesse esteemed of hym that onely studied and watched howe to *surrept* and steale this turtle oute of her mewe and lodgyng.

*Hall, Henry VII.* f. 20.

**SURREY.** A corruption of *Sirrah*.

**SURRY.** Syria.

Nowe of the kyng of *Surry* wylle I seye more.

*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 119.*

They drewe up sayle of bright hew,

The wynde them soone to *Surry* blew.

*Syr Isenbras, ap. Utterson*, i. 91.

**SURRYALL.** The second projection of the horn on a stag's head above the sur-antler.

And fyrst whan an hert hath fourched, and then auntelere ryall, and *surryall*, and forched one the one syde, and troched on that other syde, than is he an hert of .x. and of the more. *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 151.

**SURS.** Rising.

Att the *surs* of the sonne he sees there commande,

Raykande to Rome-ward the redyeste wayes.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 89.

**SURSANURE.** A wound healed outwardly, but not inwardly. (*A.-N.*)

**SURSAULTED.**

Returne my hart, *sursaulted* with the fill

Of thousand great unrests and thousand feares.

*England's Helicon*, repr. p. 162

**SURSERARA.** A corruption of *certiorari*?

With hollocke, sherant, malhga, canara,

I stuff your sides up with a *surserara*.

*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, in. 126.

**SURSTBYE.** A courtpie?

On morow when he shuld to court goo,

In russet clothyng he tyret hym tho,

In kyrtil and in *surstbye*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 54.*

**SURVEANCE.** Superintendence. (*A.-N.*)

**SURVEY.** A species of auction, in which farms are disposed of for three lives. *Devon.*

**SURVIOWRE.** An overlooker.

**SUSE.** (1) Six. (2) She. *Lanc.*

**SUSGINE.** A surgeon?

A *susgyne* of Salerne enserches his wondes.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 93.*

**SUSPECT.** Suspicion.

I have been in prison thus long, only upon the occasion of the disputation made in the convocation-house, and upon *suspect* of the setting forth the report thereof. *Philpot's Works, p. 5.*

**SUSPECTABLE.** Liable to suspicion.

**SUSPECTION.** Suspicion. *Chaucer.*

**SUSPENCED.** Freed. "Suspended from all their paine," Honours Academie, 1610, i. 49.

**SUSPIRAL.** "Suspyral of a cundyte, *spiraculum, suspiraculum*," MS. Harl. 221, f. 168.

**SUSPIRE.** To respire; to sigh.

**SUSPOWSE.** Suspicion.

**SUSS.** (1) A dog-fish. *I. of Wight.*

(2) To swill like a hog. *Suss, suss*, a call to swine to eat their suss or hog-wash. *East.*

**SUSSACK.** A fall; a blow. *Suffolk.*

**SUSSEX-PUDDING.** Boiled paste. *South.*

**SUSSELE.** Noise; disturbance; an impertinent meddling with the affairs of other people. *Sussex.*

**SUSTER-DOUGHTERE.** A niece. (*A.-S.*)

**SUSTRE.** A sister. (*A.-S.*)

Bycause that hurre *sustre* so besselyche of hurre soust, What he hadde y-don aȝeyne seynt Ede.

*Chron. Filodun. p. 157.*

Justice and pees, these *sustres* schal provide  
Twixt reawmes tweyne stedfast love to sette.

*MS. Harl. 3869, f. 2.*

**SUTE.** (1) After. *Hearne.*

(2) Cunning; subtle. *Staff.*

(3) A sute of locks, a set of six or more locks, whereof the respective keys shall serve only for each lock, and yet one master key shall open all. Holme, 1688.

(4) A pursuit, or following. *Pr. Parc.*

(5) Soot. MS. Dictionary, c. 1500.

(6) To clothe or suit.

The moone like *suted* in a sable weed,

Mournd for sinnes outrageous bloody deed.

*Rowlands' Betraying of Christ, 1598.*

**SUTELTEE.** See *Sotiltees*.

**SUTELY.** This word occurs in Hall, Henry IV. f. II, but is probably a misprint for *surely*, and certainly used in the same sense.

**SUTERE.** A suitor, or suppliant.

Alle men may take example, lo!

Of lowly mekenes evyn ryght here,

Be oure Lorde God that comyth me to,

Hese pore servaunt and his *sutere*.

*Coventry Mysteries, p. 201.*

**SUTLER.** One who sells provisions in a camp.

Spelt *sutteler* by Coles.

For setting on those with the luggadge left,

A few poore *sutlers* with the campe that went.

*Drayton's Poems, p. 86.*

**SUTTER.** A cobbler, or shoemaker. (*A.-S.*)

Hail he *ȝe, suttres*, with your mani lestes,

With your blote hides of sealcuth best s.

*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 176*

**SUTTES.** Fools? (*A.-N.*)

Byschoppes, archedekyns, and abbottes,

Wyse men of the church and no *sutttes*.

*MS. Cantab. Fl. il. 38, f. 211.*

**SUTTLE-BEE.**

For those kind of cattle have commonly the *suttle-bee*, and are as weary of a single life as nuns of their cloisters, and therefore catch at the very appearance of match.

*A Cap of Gray Hare for a Green Head, 1638, p. 77*

**SUTTLE'S-CABINE.** A soldier's tent.

**SUWE.** To follow; to pursue. (*A.-S.*)

With his fest he me smot;

Țherefore ich im *sward*, God it wot!

And smot him so thou might se.

*Ge of Warwick, p. 226.*

Ful litil pris sette thei therby,

But *sween* evere her *owen* foly.

*MS. Ashmole 60, f. 4.*

**SUWELLE.** To swell. (*A.-S.*)

To do that foule fleys to *suelle*,

That foule wormes scholden etc.

*Appendix to Walter Map, p. 334.*

**SUXUNDATION.** Drowning. Hulot, 1552.

**SWA.** So. See *Sua*.

It wolde wirke me fulle wa,

So mote I one erthe ga,

It ne salle nochte be-tyde me *sua*,

If I may righte rede. *Perceval, 1463.*

Als wspan and als dreti,

*Sua* meked I wittelri.

*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 22.*

**SWAB.** (1) To splash over. *North.*

(2) A rough awkward fellow. *North.*

**SWABBER.** (1) A sweeper of a vessel. Also, a kind of broom for sweeping out a boat or ship. "Their ragges served to make me swabbers," Dekker's Knights Conjuring, p. 65.

(2) Certain cards at whist by which the holder was entitled to a part of the stakes were termed *swabbers*.

**SWABBLE.** (1) To quarrel; to squabble. *East.*

(2) "Swablynge or swaggyng," Pr. Parv.

**SWACHE.** A tally; that which is fixed to cloth sent to dye, of which the owner keeps the other part. *North.*

**SWACK.** A blow, or fall. *Swacking*, huge, large. *Swacker*, anything very large.

**SWAD.** (1) A silly foolish fellow; a country bumpkin. "Swad, in the North, is a pescud shell; thence used for an empty shallow headed fellow," Blount, p. 627.

Let countrey swaines and silly *swads* be still;

To count, yoong wag, and wanton there thy fill.

*Greene's Perimedes, 1593.*

How should the reasonable soule (nlesse all his prime faculties were drowned and drenched in the lees of sense) affect such a *swad*?

*The Two Lancashire Lovers, 1640, p. 22.*

O, how this tickles mee, to see a *swad*,

Who ne'r so much as education had

To make him generous, advanc'd to state.

*Brathwaite's Honest Ghost, 1658, p. 3.*

I have opinon, and have ever had,

That when I see a stagg'ring drunken *swad*,

Then that a man worse then an asse I see.

*Taylor's Motto, 1622.*

(2) The pod of a pea, &c. *North.* Grose says the term is used metaphorically for one that is slender, p. 157, ed. 1839. Coles has a differ-

ent application. "A swad [of a woman], *obesula*." A handful of pease-straw is also called a *swad*.

(3) A sword. *Suffolk*.

(4) A fish-basket. *Sussex*.

SWADDER. A pedlar. Earle, p. 249. "Swadders or pedlers," Harrison's England, p. 184.

SWADDLE. To beat. "Hee hangde, belammed, thumped, *swaddled* her," Cotgrave, in v. Chaperon. "Swaddled, cudgelled," Coles.

I swear by God, and by saynt John,  
Thy bone, will I *swaddle*, so have I blisse.

*The Wife Lapped in Morels Skin*, n. d.

SWADDLE-BAND. "Swadybande, *bande*, *fasse*," Palsgrave.

SWADDY. Full of husks, or pods. "*Gousson*, coddie, hullie, huskie, *swaddie*," Cotgrave. See *Swad* (2).

SWAFF. As much grass as a scythe cuts at one stroke. Holme, 1688.

SWAFF. Thirst. *Wills*.

SWAG. (1) To hang loose and heavy; to sag. *Warw.* "I swagge, as a fatte persons belly swaggeth as he goth, *je assouage*," Palsgrave.

(2) To swing about. *Suffolk*.

(3) Booty; large quantity. *Leic.*

(4) "One that falls down with some violence and noise is said to come down with a swag," Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 396.

SWAG-BELLY. A loose heavy belly.

SWAGE. (1) To assuage. *Palsgrave*. In our second example, to lessen power?

Than wil he thys war *swage*.

*Guy of Warwick*, Middlehill MS.

Y schall have Harrowde and Gye,  
Tyll they be *swagged* a gode partye.

MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 130.

(2) To move anything about. *Line*.

(3) A notch in a blacksmith's anvil.

(4) A joiner's gauge. Holme, 1688, iii. 366.

SWAGER. A brother-in-law. *Durb.*

SWAGING. *Refrigeratio*, Palsgrave.

SWAGLE. The same as *Swag* (2).

SWAIB. To swing forward and backward like a pendulum. *Somerset*.

SWAIMUS. Shy; squeamish. *Cumb.*

SWAINE. A herdsman or servant; a youth not yet an esquire. (*A.-S.*) In compositions of the fourteenth and fifteenth century, the term is not exclusively applied in the original sense. Any one not a knight seems to have been so called.

Knightes, *swaines*, levedies beld,  
Maden crus hem to biheld.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 204.

3ondyr ys Gayere, an hard *swayn*,  
The emperowre sone of Almayn.

MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 150.

SWAISE. To swing the arms in walking.

SWAITHE. (1) A row of grass cut down. *Laid o' th' swaithe bank*, spread abroad. *North*.

(2) The ghost of a dying person. *Cumb.*

SWAKE. A pump-handle. *East*.

SWAL. Swelled. (*A.-S.*)

He *swal* so faste and wondrily,  
That almost bigon he for to dye.

*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 70.

SWALCH. A pattern. *Yorksh.*

SWALE. (1) A valley? Forby explains it, "a low place;" and Moor, "a gentle rising of the ground, but with a corresponding declivity."

Be the deth that I shalle dye,  
Therto my hed then dar I ley,  
Now soue in this *swale*.

MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 48.

(2) To wither in the sun. *Warw.*

(3) A piece of wood going from an upright shaft in an oatmeal mill to one of the wheels.

(4) A gutter in a candle. Also, to sweat or gutter; to melt away. *Var. dial.* Metaphorically, to grow thin.

(5) Shade; a shady place. *East*. "Swale, *unbra*," MS. Harl. 221, f. 167.

(6) To split down or off. *Heref.*

(7) Windy; cold; bleak. *North*. To lie in the swale, i. e. in the cold air.

(8) To singe, or burn. *Grose*. "And men *swaliden* with greet beete," Wicliffe's New Testament, p. 249. Kennett explains it, "to kindle or set on fire."

SWALER. A dealer in corn, or rather one who buys corn and converts it into meal before he sells it again. *Chesh.*

SWALGE. A whirlpool.

SWALLEST. Coldest. *North*.

SWALLE. Swelled. See *Swal*.

And therefore he *swalle* for envye.

MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 132.

But he his ye awayne swerveth  
From hire, whiche was nakid alle,  
And sche for angir therof *swalle*.

*Gower*, MS. Soc. Antq. 134, f. 40.

SWALLOCKY. A term applied to the appearance of clouds in hot weather before a thunder-storm. *East*.

SWALLOP. A heavy lounging walk. *Norf.*

SWALLOW. (1) A hollow in the earth. *North*. Carr has *swallow*, a deep hollow in the ground, in which the rain is swallowed or conveyed off. It is an archaism, occurring under the form *swolowe*, a gulf or abyss, as in the Legend of Dido, 179, "the swolowe of hell." Maundevile, p. 33, mentions "a sweloge of the gravelly see." According to Keunett, "where hollow caverns remain in the earth upon mine works, if the roof or top of such caverns or hole made by such fall is calld a *swallow* and a *swallow pit*." In the Pr. Parv. occurs, "Swelwhe of a water or of a grownde, *vorago*," MS. Harl. 221, f. 167.

Howevere the sayde nowse lye or be edified with his gardeyns, wallis, gutters, *swalows*, lying or beyng upon any partye of the grownde.

*Chronicon Johannis de Wethamstede*, p. 546.

They schullen seke for entre into creveys of stoonys, and into *swalows* of the erthe, fro the dredefull face of oure Lorde.

MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 7.

(2) To swallow an affront, to take an affront without any apparent retaliation.

SWALLOW-DAY. April the 15th. *Var. dial.*

SWALLOW-PEAR. The service apple.

SWALLOW'S-TAIL. "A swallowes taile in carpenters worke, which is a fastening of two

pieces of timber or boards so strongly that they cannot away." Rider's Dictionary, 1633.

**SWALME.** Sickness. See *Swame*. Also, to turn sick or ill, as in Ritson, iii. 33.

That zere litulle shalbe of wyne,  
And *swalme* among fatte swyne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 49, f. 77.*

**SWALTER.**

Slippes in in the sloppes o-slaute to the girdylle,  
*Swalters* upe swyftly with his swerde drawene.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 94.*

**SWALTISH.** Hot; sultry.

**SWAME.** An attack of sickness. In the following passage, the tokens of disease. "Swame or swame, *subita agrotatio*," Rider.

In whose bloodde bathed he should have been,  
His leprous *swames* to have wshed of clene.  
*Hardyng's Chronicle, f. 49.*

**SWAMLING.**

For *swamlyng* of glet that is abowte the lyver,  
and the longus, and the mylte.  
*MS. Med. Rec. xv. Cent.*

**SWAMP.** Lean, as cattle. *North.*

Om why is better tidded than this cow,  
Her ewr's but *swampe*; shee's nut for milk I trow.  
*A Yorkshire Dialogue, 1697, p. 36.*

**SWAN.**

Teche hyt forthe thorow-owt thys londe,  
Oon tyll othur that thys boke have now *swan*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 40.*

**SWANE.** To soften; to absorb, applied to a swelling. *Salop. Antiq. p. 583.*

**SWANG.** (1) A fresh piece of green swarth, lying in a bottom, among arable or barren land; a dool. *North.*

(2) A swaup, or bog. *Yorksh.*

(3) To swing with violence. *East.*

**SWANGE.** The groin?

Swapez in with the swerde, that it the *swange* brystedd,  
Bothe the guttez and the gorre guschez owte at ones.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 65.*

**SWANGENE.** Struck.

Swerdez *swangene* in two swelterand knyghtez,  
Lyes wyde opyne weterande on walopande stedez.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 76.*

**SWANGWAYS.** Obliquely; aside. *Norf.*

**SWANK.** (1) Laboured. (*A.-S.*)

I *swank* in mi sighing stede,  
I sxl wasche bi al nyghtes mi bede.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 3*

I *swank* criand, haase ere made.  
Chekes mine for pine I hade.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 46.*

(2) To abate; to shrink; to lessen. *Devon.*  
"When a great swelling abates, and the skin hangs loose, particularly that of the belly, it is said to swank." *MS. Devon Gl.*

(3) To strike with a sword?

He swouanle diede, and on the swarthe lengede,  
Sweltes ewynne swyftly, and *swanke* he no more.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 84.*

(4) A bog. (5) To give way, or sink.

**SWANKING.** Big; large. *North.*

**SWANKUM.** To walk to and fro in an idle and careless manner. *Somerset.*

**SWANKY.** (1) Boggy. *Var. dial.*

(2) Swaggering; strutting. *Wills.*

(3) The weakest small beer. *West.*

(4) A strong strapping fellow. *North.*

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**SWANT.** Proper; steady. *West.*

**SWAN-UPPING.** The taking of swans, performed annually by the swan companies, with the Lord Mayor of London at their head, for the purpose of marking them. The king's swans were marked with two *nicks* or notches, whence a double animal was invented, unknown to the Greeks, called *the swan with two necks*. A MS. of swan marks is in the library of the Royal Society, described in Arch. xvi. Upping the swans was formerly a favorite amusement, and the modern term *swan-hopping* is merely a corruption from it. The struggle of the swans when caught by their pursuers, and the duckings which the latter received in the contest, made this diversion very popular. See Kempe's Loseley Manuscripts, p. 369.

**SWAP.** (1) To barter; to exchange. *Var. dial.*

(2) To cut wheat in a peculiar way, to chop, not to reap it. *Sussex.*

(3) Clean; quickly; smartly. *West.*

(4) A blow. Also, to strike. In some counties, a fall is called a swap.

With *swappes* sore thei hem swong.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 118.*

And on hys body so many *swappys*,

With bloody lypys y kysse hym here.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 48.*

Kastes in his clere schelde and covers hym full faire,  
*Swappes* of the swerde hande als he by glentris.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 97.*

**SWAPE.** (1) To place aslant. *North.*

(2) To sweep. *North. (A.-S.)*

(3) A long oar used by keelmen. *Newe.*

(4) A fork for spreading manure. *North.*

(5) The handle of a pump. *Norf.* It is also the same as *Sweep* (2).

(6) A bar for hanging kettles over the fire.

**SWAPER.** The same as *Sway* (1).

**SWAPPER.** A great falsehood. *Kent.*

**SWAPPING.** Large; huge; strong. *West.*

A filch-man in his hande, a *swapping* ale dagger  
at his back, containing by estimation some two or  
three pounds of yron in the hyltes and chape.

*A Countersenne given to Martin Junior, 1580.*

**SWAPSON.** A slattern. *Warw.*

**SWARBLE.** The same as *Swarm* (1).

**SWARD.** Skin; covering. (*A.-S.*) *Sward-pork*, bacon cured in large fitches. "Sward or sworde of flesh, *coriana*," Pr. Parv.

**SWARE.** (1) Sure; true. Perhaps *swete of sware*, as in l. 441, i. e. swere or neck.

He seyde, Syrs, wendyth ovyr the see,  
And bydd the emperowre of Rome scnde me  
Hys doghtur swete and *sware*.

*Le Bone Florence of Rome, 50.*

(2) Square. *Prompt. Parv.*

(3) Painful. Conybeare's Octavian, p. 58.

(4) To answer. *Gawayne.*

**SWARF.** (1) The grit worn away from the grinding-stones used in grinding cutlery wet. *York.* Also called *wheel-swarf*.

(2) To swoon; to faint. *North.*

**SWARFF-MONEY.** "The swarff-money is one peny half-peny: it must be paid before the rising of the sun; the party most go thrice about the cross, and lay the swarff-money, and

then take witness, and lay it in the hole; and when ye have so done, look well that your witness do not deceive you, for if it be not paid, ye give a great forfeiture, xxx. s. and a white bull," Blount.

SWARFFY. Swarthy; tawny. *Lanc.*

SWARM. (1) To climb the trunk of a tree, in which there are no side branches for one to rest the hands and feet on. *North.*

He swarmed up into a tree,  
Whyle eyther of them might other se.

*Syr Isenbras*, 351.

(2) The motion of the limbs in ascending the boll of a tree in contradistinction of climbing amongst the branches. *North.*

(3) To beat; to thrash. *South.*

(4) A large number of people. *Swarmen*, a great number, Tim Bobbin Gl.

What furies guided this misguided *swarme*  
To bend their force against unthoughted harme?  
*Rowland's Betraying of Christ*, 1598, sig. B. iii.

SWART. (1) Black; dark; swarthy. Also, to blacken, as by burning, &c. "I swart, as a thyng dothe whan it begynneth to burne," Palsgrave, verb. f. 381.

Foaming about the chaps like some wilde boore,  
As *swart* and tawnie as an India Moore.

*Letting of Humours Blood in the Head-Vaine*, 1600.

(2) The same as *Sweard*, q. v.

Howbeit, where the rocks and quarrie grounds are, I take the *swart* of the earth to be so thin, that no tree of anie greatnesse, other than shrubs and bushes, is able to grow.

*Harrison's Description of England*, p. 212.

SWARTER. Darker; more black.

His neck is greter than a bole,  
His bodi is *swarter* than ani cole.

*Gy of Warwick*, p. 260.

SWARTH. (1) Black? (*A.-S.*)

Watir to sle *swarth* lice. Take mogwort, worme-wode, saveyn, the water of theis sleth the vermyu in mans eynlyddes, and in his chare benethe the navelle.

*MS. Sloane 7*, f. 51.

(2) Sward; grass; any outward covering, as the rind of bacon. (*A.-S.*) "On the swarthe lengede," *Morte Arthure*, MS. f. 84.

(3) Grose defines *swarth*, "grass just cut to be made up into hay." A *swarth* is a row of cut grass. An anonymous correspondent has furnished me with the following observations on a passage hitherto unintelligible:

"In Mr. Wright's first volume of the *Biographia Britannica Literaria* (Anglo-Saxon period), there is a riddle, the seventh line of which is thus printed:

corfen sworfen: cut and —

leaving the second word untranslated. It strikes me that *sworfen* is the same word which is now used in Kent and elsewhere as *swarthed*, or *laid in swarth*. It is the word required in that particular part of the description to carry out the process regularly, *cut and swarthed, turned and dried, bound and twisted, &c.*"

SWART-RUTTER. "A reister or swart-rutter, a German horseman," Cotgrave.

Good thrifite men, they drawe out a dinner with

sallets, like a *swart-rutter's* sute, and make Madona Nature their best caterer.

*Nash's Pierce Pennilesse*, .593.

Next five *swarttrutters* strangely apparalled with great hose down to the small of their legs, with strange caps agreeable, bearing on their necks long swords.

*Wood's Bowmans Glory*, 1682, p. 45.

SWARVE. (1) To climb.

Then Gordon *swarved* the maine-mast tree,  
He *swarved* it with might and maine;  
But Horseley with a bearing arrowe,  
Stroke the Gordon through the braine.

*Percy's Reliques*, p. 136.

(2) To swerve. *Morte d'Arthur*, ii. 225.

And doth hartily confesse that whosoever *swarves* from this patterne *swarves* from honesty, though hee be deeply learned.

*Stephens' Essayes and Characters*, 1615, p. 183.

(3) To fill up; to be choked up with sediment, as the channel of a river. *South.*

SWARY. Useless; worthless. *North.*

SWASH. (1) "To fence, to swash with swords, to swagger," Florio, p. 127. "To swash, *clango, gladiis conerepo*," Coles. Forby has *swash*, to affect valour, to vapour, or swagger; but these are secondary meanings.

(2) A roaring blade; a swaggerer.

Or score out husbands in the charcoal ashes,  
With country knights, not roaring city *swashes*.

*Orid de Arte Amandi, &c.* 1677, p. 141.

(3) A torrent of water. "A great swash of water, *magnus aquarum torrens*," Coles. The verb is still in use, to spill or splash water about.

(4) Refuse; hog-wash. *Devon.*

(5) Soft; quashy. *North.*

SWASH-BUCKET. The common receptacle of the washings of the scullery. *Devon.* A mean slatternly woman is so called. "Swash-bucket, a careless hussy that carries her bucket so that the milk or pigs wash and such like is always flapping or flashing over," MS. *Devon Glossary*.

SWASH-BUCKLER. Literally, one who makes a clattering noise by swashing his sword against his buckler. Hence, a swaggering ruffian, one with more show of bravery than real courage. "A bravo, a swash-buckler, one that for mony and good cheere will follow any man to defend him and fight for him, but if any danger come, he runs away the first and leaves him in the lurch," Florio, p. 74. Cotgrave translates *bravache*, "a roister, cutter, swaggerer, *swash buckler*, one thats ever vaunting of his owne valour."

Whereby a man maie see how manie bloudie quarels a bralling *swash-buckler* maie picke out of a bottle of haie, namelic when his braines are forebitten with a bottle of nappie ale.

*Holinshed, Chron. Ireland*, p. 87.

*Ille ipse*, the same; I desire no more than this sheep-hook in my hand to encounter with that *swash-buckler*.

*Heywood's Lovers Mistress*, p. 25.

A drukkard, a whore hunter, a gamer, a *swash-buckler*, a ruffian to waste his money in proud apparel.

*Pilkington's Works*, p. 151.

SWASHING. Slashing; dashing. *Shak.*

SWASHWAY. A deep swampy place in large sands in the sea. *Var. dial.*

SWASHY. (1) Swaggering. *East.*

(2) Watery, as vegetables are. *North*.  
**SWASIONS.** Persuasions.  
 Made at his coming into your notable presence at Wyndesore, all the *swasions* and colour, all motions in the moste appaunt wise that he could, to induce your highnes to your agreement.  
*Hall, Henry VII. f. 62.*

**SWASSING.** Dashing; splashing.  
 Drench'd with the *swassing* waves and stew'd in sweat, scarce able with a cane our boat to set.  
*Taylor's Workes, 1630, iii. 74.*

**SWAT.** (1) A quantity. *Line*.  
 (2)  
 Of hys hele he ase ne *swat*,  
 Bot thou telle wo hym bygate.  
*Wright's Seven Sages, p. 33.*

(3) Sweat. Still in use.  
 (4) A knock, or blow; a fall. *North*.  
 (5) To throw down forcibly. *North*.  
 (6) To squat down. *Yorksh*.  
 (7) To swoon. *Lanc*.  
**SWATCH.** (1) To bind, as to swaddle, &c.  
 (2) A pattern, or sample; a piece or shred cut off from anything. *North*.  
 (3) To separate, or cut off. *Yorksh*.  
 (4) A row of barley, &c.  
 One spreadeth those bands, so in order to lie,  
 As barley (in *swatches*) may fill it thereby.  
*Tusser's Husbandry, p. 135.*

**SWATCHEL.** 1) A fat slattern. *Ware*.  
 2) To beat with a swatch or wand. *Kent*.  
**SWATCHELLED.** Dirty; daggled; oppressed from walking or over-exertion. *Ware*.  
**SWATH.** (1) Same as *Swarth* (3).  
 (2) To tie up corn in sheaves. "Swathed or made into sheaves," Cotgrave in v. *Jorel*.  
**SWATH-BAUKS.** The edges of grass between the semicircular cuttings of the scythe. *Yorksh*.  
 Swath-banks, rows of new-mown grass.  
**SWATH-BONDS.** Swaddling-bands. *Nares*.  
 "Two swathe-bands." *Orl.* and *Reg.* p. 127.  
 About a faint and slender body wear  
 A flannel *swath-band* or warm stomacher  
*Quid de Arte Anandi, &c. 1677, p. 76.*

**SWATHE.** Calm. *North*.  
**SWATHIEL.** A strong man. *Gawayne*.  
**SWATHELE.** To swaddle. "Swathele me so that I run a-gasping," *Brit. Bibl.* i. 345.  
**SWATHER.** To faint. *Somerset*.  
**SWATHIE-RAKING.** The operation of hand-raking between the swathes (or mown rows) of barley or oats, to collect on to such swathes the loose stalks or ears scattered in the mowing. From a habit of transposing harsh consonants, the word is sometimes pronounced *swake-rathing* and *rake-swathing*. *Moor*.  
**SWATHING-CLOTHES.** Swaddling clothes, or bandages in which children were rolled up. *Shak*.  
**SWATTE.** Sweated. (*L.-S.*)  
**SWATTER.** To spill or throw about water, as geese and ducks do in drinking. *Yorksh*. Also, to scatter, to waste.  
**SWATTLE.** (1) To waste away. *North*.  
 (2) To drink, as ducks do water. *North*. Hence a swartling fellow, or one that always swattles, a tippler.

**SWATTOCK.** A severe fall. *Norf*.  
**SWAUR.** A swath of grass. *Devon*.  
**SWAVE.** To pass backward and forward. *Cumb*.  
**SWAY.** (1) A switch used by thatchers to bind their work, usually pronounced *swoy* in *Suffolk*. *East*.  
 (2) A balance, or lever. *Suffolk*.  
 (3) To swing. "Let us sway on," let us go on rapidly, *Shak*. We still use *swing* in a similar sense. "He went swinging on," i. e. at a violent pace; "he went at a swinging pace," &c.  
 So it happened at the last,  
 An halfepeony halter made hym fast,  
 And therein he *swayes*.  
*The Boke of Mayd Ewlyn, p. 26.*

(4) To weigh; to lean upon. *North*.  
**SWAYNE.** Noise, or sweven.  
 Hys wynges was long and wyght;  
 To the chylde he toke a flight,  
 With an howge *swayne*.  
*Torrent of Portugal, p. 24.*

**SWAY-POLE.** A long pole fixed at the top of a post as a pivot, by which water is drawn from a well. *Suffolk*. Kennett gives it as a Cheshire word, "a long pole in a pin to draw up coals from the pit, turn'd round by a horse." *MS. Lansd.* 1033.

**SWEAK.**  
 Or in a mystic morning if thou wilt  
 Make pitfalls for the larke and pheldifare,  
 Thy prop and *sweake* shall be both overguilt,  
 With Cyparissus selfe thou shalt compare  
 For gins and wyles, the oozels to beguile,  
 Whilst thou under a bush shalt sit and smile.  
*The Affectionate Shepheard, 1594.*

**SWEAKING.** Squeaking.  
 The one in a *sweaking* treble, the other in an ale-blown base.  
*Kind-Hart's Dreame, 1592.*

**SWEAL.** The same as *Swale*, q. v.  
**SWEAME.** The same as *Swame*, q. v.  
**SWEAMISII.** Squeamish; modest. *North*.  
**SWEAR.** (1) To swear by. *Shak*.  
 (2) An oath. See *Swore*.  
 (3) To spit, said of a cat. *Var. dial.* "The dog swears when he grumbles and snarles," Kennett, *MS. Lansd.* 1033, f. 398.

**SWEARD.** "Sweard, of some called Swarth, the tnr or upper crust of heath ground." *Holme*, 1688.

**SWEARLE.** An eye with a peculiar cast.  
**SWEAT.** (1) To beat; to thrash. *East*.  
 (2) To sweat a person's purse, to cause him to spend nearly all his money.  
**SWEAT-CLOTH.** A handkerchief. *North*.  
 "Swalium, a swetyng clothe," *MS. Harl.* 2270, f. 183.

**SWEATING.** Violent perspiration was formerly considered a remedy for the *lues venerea*.  
 Why, sir, I thought it duty to informe you,  
 That you were better match a ruini bawd,  
 One ten times cured by *sweating* and the tub.  
*The Citye Match, 1630, p. 54.*

**SWEB.** To faint; to swoon. *North*.  
**SWECH.** Sneh. (*L.-S.*)  
 Many men in this world aftyr here pilgimage

- have left memoriales of *swech* things as thei have herd and seyn. *MS. Bodl.* 423, f. 355.
- SWECHT.** Force, or violence. *North.*
- SWEDDLE.** To swell; to puff out. *North.*
- SWEDE.** A swarth of grass. *North.*
- SWEDIRD.** Jerked?  
Speris to-brast and in peces flouen,  
Swedes *sweyrd* out and laid hem down.  
*Roland, MS. Lansd.* 338, f. 389.
- SWEE.** (1) A giddiness in the head. *North.*  
(2) Out of the perpendicular. *Northumb.*
- SWEEL.** (1) A nut made to turn in the centre of a chair, a swivel. *Northumb.*  
(2) A sudden burst of laughter. *North.*
- SWEEM.** To swoon. *Somerset.*
- SWEEMISH.** Faint. *Somerset.*
- SWEEP.** (1) To drink up. *North.*  
(2) "A great poste and high is set faste; then over it cometh a longe beame whiche renneth on a pyne, so that the one ende haynge more poyse then the other, causeth the lyghter ende to ryse; with such beere brewers in London dooc drawe up water; they call it a *sweepe*," Elyot, ed. 1559.  
(3) An instrument used by turners for making mouldings in wood or metal.
- SWEEP-CHIMNEY.** A chimney-sweep. *Suff.*
- SWEEPLESS.** An ignoramus. *Cumb.*
- SWEEP-NET.** A large fishing-net. "Esparvier, a great sweepe-net for fishing," Cotgrave.
- SWEEPS.** The arms of a mill. *Kent.*
- SWEER.** (1) Unwilling. *Northumb.*  
(2) Sure; faithful.  
Thou art a young man as I,  
And seems to be as *sweer*.  
*Robin Hood*, i. 100.  
(3) A neck. (*A.-S.*)  
That seche aboute hir white *sweere*  
It dede, and hing hirselve there  
*Gower, MS. Bodl.* 294.
- SWEET.** (1) Perfumed. *Sweet gloves*, &c.  
(2) A term of endearment applied to a woman. Still in use. *Sweet and twenty* was also a phrase of affection to a girl.  
Say, that of all names 'tis a name of woe,  
Once a kings name, but now it is not so;  
And when all this is done, I know 'twill grieve thee,  
And therefore (*sweet*) why should I now beleve thee?  
*Drayton's Heroicall Epistles*, 1637, p. 177.  
In delay there lies no plenty;  
Then come kiss me, *sweet-and-twenty*.  
*Twelfth Night*, ii. 3.
- SWEET-BAG.** A small silk bag filled with spices, &c. used as a cosmetic.
- SWEET-BREASTED.** Sweet-voiced.
- SWEETFUL.** Delightful; full of sweets.
- SWEET-HEART.** A lover. *Var. dial.* It is also common as a verb, to court, to woo.
- SWEETIES.** Sweetmeats. *Var. dial.*
- SWEETING.** (1) A kind of sweet apple mentioned by Ascham and others, translated by *melimelum* in Rider's *Dictionarie*, 1640. A *bitter sweeting* is mentioned in *Romeo and Juliet*, ii. 4. "Swetyng an apple, *pomme douce*," Palsgrave, 1530.  
(2) A term of endearment, still in use according to Palmer's *Devon. Gl.* p. 88.

- By Jesu, he salde, my *sweeting*,  
I have but three shylling,  
That is but a lyttle tbiog,  
But if I had more.  
*The Milner of Abington*, n. d.
- Lannfal beheld that swete wy3th,  
Alle hys love yn her was ly3th,  
And keste that swete flour;  
And sat adoun her bysyde,  
And seyde, *swetyng*, what so betyde,  
I am to thyn honoure.  
*Illustrations of Fairy Mythology*, p. 12.
- SWEET-LIPS.** An epicure; a glutton.
- SWEET-MART.** The badger. *Yorksh.*
- SWEETNER.** (1) A person who bids at a sale to raise the price, not intending to purchase.  
(2) A guinea-dropper; one who dropped a guinea, and then pretending to find it when a respectable person passed by, was liberal enough to offer him half as a proper compliment for being present at the discovery, treat him at a public-house, and eventually fleece him of his money.  
Guinea dropping or *sweetning* is a poultry little cheat that was recommended to the world about thirty years ago by a memorable gentleman that has since had the misfortune to be taken off, I mean hang'd, for a misdemeanour upon the highway.  
*The Country Gentleman's Vade Mecum*, 1699, p. 57.
- SWEETINGS.**  
If I were to paint Sloth, (as I am not seen in the *sweetnings* by Saint John the Evangelist,) I sweare I would draw it like a stationer that I knowe.  
*Nash's Pierce Penitence*, 1592.
- SWEETS.** The herb sweet-cicely. *North.*
- SWEET-SEG.** A sweet-smelling, sedge-like plant. *Acorus calamus*. *East.*
- SWEET-TOOTH.** He has got a sweet tooth, i. e. he is fond of sweet things.
- SWEET-WORT.** The decoction from malt before that of the hops is extracted. *South.*
- SWEETY.** Beautiful. "It's a *sweetly* fine morning." *Line.*
- SWEF.** A cry to hounds to check them and prevent their running riot. (*A.-N.*)
- SWEFNE.** A dream. (*A.-S.*)  
His fader he tolde a *swefne* anjt that him mette.  
*MS. Bodl.* 652, f. 1.  
Within on a ryche bedde rystys a littyllie,  
And with the swoghe of the see in *sweyfnyng* he felle.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 61.
- SWEG.** To sway, or incline. *Line.*
- SWEGH.** A violent motion. (*A.-S.*)
- SWEIGH.** To swing. See *Sway*.
- SWEIGHT.** Portion; greatest quantity. *North.*
- SWELDERSOME.** Very sultry. *East.*
- SWELE.** (1) To wash. *R. de Brunne*.  
(2) A swelling; a tumour.  
So long he pleide with yong man,  
A *swele* in his membres cam than.  
*The Seven Sages*, 1596.
- SWELEWE.** To swallow. (*A.-S.*)  
For styneche of the mowthe. Ete pillole drie and cerfoyle, and *swelewe* eysel, when thou gost to bedde, and wasche thi mowthe with venegre.  
*MS. Med. Rec.* xv. Cent.  
That morsel *swelewe* thou good spede,  
But in thin honde holde the threde.  
*MS. Lansd.* 793, f. 126.



- SWELGHE.** To swallow. (*A.-S.*)  
And helle salle opene than fulle wyde,  
And *swelghe* that synfulle company.  
*Hampole, MS. Boves, p. 1.*
- SWELK.** The noise caused by the revolving of  
a barrel churn at the time of the butter separ-  
ating from the milk. *East.*
- SWELKING.** Sultry. *Norf.*
- SWELL.** (1) A fop. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To swallow. *Somerset.*
- SWELLE.** Eager; furious. (*A.-S.*)  
Dewkys, erlys and barons also,  
That arste were bolde and *swelle*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 93.*
- SWELLED-NOSE.** A person in an ill humour  
is said to have a *swelled nose*. *North.*
- SWELSH.** A quesh, or fall. *West.*
- SWELTE.** (1) To die; to faint. (*A.-S.*) *Swelt*,  
died, fainted, the part. past.  
T wys in a swonyng, *swelte* as cho walde,  
He pressed to his palfray in presance of lordes.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 61.*  
And rihte as he had saide thir wordes, he *swelt* in  
Alexander armes. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 21.*  
Where my payne for yhowe was maste,  
And whare I *sweltte* and y-heelded the gaste.  
*Hampole, MS. Boves, p. 134.*  
(2) To broil with heat. *North.*  
The dogged dog daies now with heat doe *swelt*,  
And now's the season of th' un-sea-n'd aire.  
*Taylor's Works, ii. 256.*  
Soft a while, not away so fast, they melt them;  
Piper, be hang'd awhile! knave, looke the danciers  
*swelt* them. *British Bibliographer, i. 343.*
- SWELTERED.** Very hot; overcome with heat;  
in a great perspiration. *West.* "Sweltered  
venom," venom moistened with the animal's  
sweat, Shak. "Swalteryng or swownyng,  
*sincope*," Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 167.
- SWELTH.** Mud and filth. *Nares.*
- SWELTING.** To *swelt* rice is to soften or boil  
it before being baked in a pudding. *Lanc.*
- SWELTRY.** Overpoweringly sultry.  
But as we see the sunne oft times, through over  
*sweltry* heate,  
Changing the weather faire, great stormes and thun-  
dercraks doth threat.  
*Honours Academie, 1610, i. 18.*
- SWEME.** (1) Swimming; giddiness. (*A.-S.*)  
Loke at thou come at that tyme,  
Other swowne shal i[n] *sweme*,  
The lady shall i-se. *Devorvant, 1211.*  
(2) Sorrow. *Sweatful*, sorrowful.  
Whan this was seide, his hert began to melt  
For veray *sweme* of this *sweteful* tyme.  
*Lydgate's Mour Poems, p. 33.*
- SWENE.** (1) Noise.  
You wemen of Jerusalem,  
Weepe not for me, ney make no *swene*,  
But for your owne barne teame  
You mon reme tenderlye. *Chester Plays, ii. 53.*  
(2) MS. Bodl. 175 reads *swem*.  
And nowe that fitte maie I not fleye,  
Thinke me never so *swene*.  
*Chester Plays, i. 189.*
- SWENGINGE.** (1) "Swengynge, *percussio*," Pr.  
Parv. "Swengyne or schakynce, as mene  
done clothys and other lyke," ib.  
(2) Moving; stirring. *Prompt. Parv.*

- SWENSIE.** The quinsky in the throat.
- SWEPAGE.** The crop of hay in a meadow, also  
called the *sweeps* in some parts.
- SWEPE.** (1) A whip. "Sweype for a top or  
seourge, *flagellum*; sweype or swappe, *alapa*,"  
Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 167.  
Blo and bloody thus am I bett,  
Swongen with *swepps* and alle to-swett.  
*Towneley Mysteries, p. 227.*  
(2) A baker's malkin. *Pr. Parv.*  
(3) A crop of hay. Blount, p. 628.
- SWEPERLYE.** Swiftly; speedily. (*A.-S.*)  
Swyftly with swerdes they swappene there-aftre,  
Swappez doune fulle *swepelye* swelttande knyghtez.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 69.*
- SWEPING.** A whip, or seourge.  
Mikel *sweeping* over sinful clives,  
Hopand in Laverd mercy umgives.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii f. 20*  
And ogain me thai fained and come in ane,  
Samened on me *sweepinges*, and I wist nane.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 22.*
- SWEPPENE.** Laid?  
In swathes *swepene* downe, fulle of swete floures;  
Thare unbrydilles theis bolde, and baytes thaire  
horses. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 80.*
- SWEPPLE.** Same as *Swipple*, q. v.
- SWER.** Sure.  
Serche and ye shall fynd in every congregacyon  
That long to the pope, for they are to me full *swere*.  
And wyll be so long as they last and endwer.  
*Bile's Kyng Johan, p. 8*
- SWERD.** (1) A sword. (*A.-S.*) "Ensis, a  
swerde; *ensifer*, a swerde berer," MS. Harl.  
2257, f. 38.  
They schett arows heded with stede,  
They faghte with sharpe *swyrdys* wele.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 34, f. 162.*  
(2) The same as *Sward*, q. v.
- SWERE.** Dull; heavy. *Durh.*
- SWERLE.** To twist, or roll about. *North.*
- SWERNE.** Sworn. (*A.-S.*)
- SWERNES.** Sonrness; sadness.
- SWETE.** (1) Smit. (2) Sweated. *Gawayne.*
- SWETE-HOLLE.** A pore in the skin; a sweat-  
hole. "Porus, a swete holle," Nomi-  
nale MS. xv. Cent.
- SWETELICHE.** Sweetly. (*A.-S.*)  
Heo schulen i-seon the lavedi  
That Jhesu Crist of-kende:  
Bi-tweonen hire armes  
*Sweteliche* he wende.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix. f. 245.*
- SWETHENS.** Swedes.  
Buckling besides in many dang'rous fights,  
With Norwaies, *Swethens*, and with Muscovites.  
*Drayton's Poems, 1637, p. 246.*
- SWETTER.** Sweeter. (*A.-S.*)
- SWEVEN.** A dream; a slumber. (*A.-S.*)  
As he was in sorowe and dul wepe,  
Uppon hys bedd he felle on slepe;  
He can mete a straunge *swewon*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 171.*  
Now by my faye, sayd jollye Robin,  
A *swewen* I had this night;  
I dreamt me of two wighty yemen,  
That fast with me can fight.  
*Perry's Reliques, p. 29*
- SWEVIL.** The swingel of a tail.

**SWEYE.** 1) To fall; to descend.  
Downne he *sweys* fulle swythe, and in a swoune fallys.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 97.*

(2) To sound. (*A.-S.*)

**SWEYN.** Noise.

The tables ther held an hond  
Bituen hem, withouten *sweyn*.

*Legend of Pope Gregory, p. 29.*

**SWIALOUE.** To swallow. *MS. Gloss. xv. Cent.*

**SWICE.** "Swyce or swyeers pype, *fleuste dale-mant*." Palsgrave, subst. f. 68.

**SWICIE.** Such. (*A.-S.*)

*Swiche schuld acomber also fele.*

*Arthour and Merlin, p. 26.*

**SWICHEN.** The herb groundsel.

**SWICK.** Den?

He ys black as any pyck,  
And also felle as a lyon in hys *sweyck*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 195.*

**SWIDDEN.** To swear, or singe. *North.*

**SWIDDER.** To doubt; to hesitate. *Yorksh.*

**SWIDGE.** (1) To smart; to ache. *North.*

(2) A puddle of water. *East.*

**SWIER.** (1) A squire. *Nominale MS.*

(2) The neck. See *Swire* (1).

**SWIFT.** (1) A stupid fellow. *Oron.*

(2) A wooden revolving frame used in the North for winding yarn, &c.

3) A newt. "Swyfte worme, *lesarde*," Palsgrave, subst. f. 68.

About A.D. 1636, a boy, lying asleep in a garden, felt something dart down his throat: it killed him; 'tis probable 'twas a little newt. They are exceeding nimble; they call them *swyfts* at Newmarket heath.  
*Abbey's MS. Wiltz, p. 165.*

**SWIFTER.** Part of the tackling that fastens a load of wood to the waggon. *South.*

**SWIG.** (1) To drink; to suck. *Var. dial.* In some places, any nice liquor is called *swig*.

(2) To leak out. *Suffolk.*

3) "A game at cardes called *swig* or new-cut," Florio, p. 580; "to put up the cardes, to swig or deale againe," *ib.* p. 27. "A sort of play at cards in the North, in which all the gamesters are to be silent, is calld *swig*," Kennett *MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 398.*

**SWIGGLE.** (1) To shake liquor violently. After linen has been washed, it is necessary to move it to and fro in clean water to get the soap out. To this operation this word is applied. "That's right, *swiggle* em right well." *Moor's Suff. MS.*

(2) To drink greedily. *Suffolk.*

**SWIGMAN.** "A swygman goeth with a pedlers pack," Frat. of Vacabondes, p. 5.

**SWIKE.** (1) To deceive; to betray. (*A.-S.*) Also an adjective, deceitful, treacherous; and when the substantive is understood, a deceiver or betrayer.

Swappede owtte with a swerde that *swekede* hym never.

Wroughte wayes fulle wyde and wounded knyghttez.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 72.*

Thanne Godard was sikerlike  
Under God the moste *swike*  
That evre in erthe shaped was,  
Withuten on, the wike Judas.

*Havelok, 423.*

(2) To stop; to cease. (*A.-S.*)

Sir Tirri, he seyð, forth thou go,  
Night no day thou *sweike* thou no.

*Gy of Warweke, p. 228.*

(3) A den, or cave?

Under that than was a *sweyke*,  
That made syr Ywain to myslike.

*Ywaine and Gawain, 677.*

**SWIKEDOME.** Treachery. (*A.-S.*)

With gyle and *swikedome*  
Thou lettust thi lorde to dethe don.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 106.*

Of whas mallok his month ful is  
Of *swikedome* and of bitternes.

*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 5.*

**SWIKELE.** Deceitful; wicked.

I-mette wid is soster the *swikele* wimon;  
Julas, thou were wrthe me stende the wid ston,  
For the false prophete that tou bilevest upon.

*Reliq. Antiq. 1. 144.*

Mony a *swykyll* swayne then to the swerde rode.

*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 111.*

Menslaers and *swykel*, Laverd, wlate sal.

And I in mikelhede of thi mercy al.

*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 2.*

**SWILE.** (1) To wash. (*A.-S.*)

The thrilide day shal flowe a fload, that al this world shal hylene;

Bothe heye ant lowe the flunie shal it *swyle*.

*Appendix to W. Mapes, p. 347.*

(2) Hog's-wash. "Broda, wash, swile or draffe for swine," Florio, p. 68.

**SWILKE.** Such. See *Suilk*.

But they noȝt are *swyke* als they seme.

*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 30.*

And thys me made do dedys *swykyke*,  
With whych my goost ys ofte unglade.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 20.*

A gerfaweon whyte as mylke,

In alle thys worde ys non *swylik*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 150.*

**SWILKER.** To splash about. *North.* To swilker over, i. e. to dash over. *Grose.*

**SWILL.** (1) Hog's-wash. This meaning of the word is given by Urry, in his *MS. Additions to Ray*. See *Swile* (2).

(2) A wicker basket of a round or globular form, with open top, in which red herrings and other fish and goods are carried to market for sale. "George Greenewell, the swill maker," *Chron. Mirab.* p. 33.

(3) To drink; to throw a liquid over anything. *Wore.* The first of these senses is common.

(4) To wash hastily; to rinse. *Var. dial.* "I swyll, I rynce or cense any maner vessell," Palsgrave, verb. f. 381.

(5) The bladder of a fish.

(6) "A keeler to wash in, standing on threer feet," Ray, ed. 1674, p. 47.

(7) A shade. *South.*

**SWILL-BOWL.** A drunkard. "Swilbolles, *potores bibuli*," Baret's *Alvearie*, 1580.

**SWILLER.** A scullion; one who washed the dishes, &c. "*Lira*, a swyllere," *Nominale MS. xv. Cent.*

**SWILLET.** Growing turf set on fire for manuring the land. *Devon.*

**SWILLINGS.** Hog's-wash. *Swilling-tub*, a tub for swillings. *Var. dial.*

**SWILL-PLOUGH.** "Besot, a dilling or swill-plough; the last or youngest child one hath," Cotgrave.

**SWILI-TUB.** A drunkard; a sot.

**SWILTER.** To waste away slowly. *West.*

**SWIM.** To turn giddy. *Var. dial.*

**SWIMBING.** Swimming.  
Withynne the castell is whyte shynyng  
As is the swan when heo is *swymbing*.  
*MS. Religious Poems, xv. Cent.*

**SWIMBUL.** Tyrwhitt and some manuscripts read *a romble and a swough*.  
First on the wal was peynted a foreste,  
In which ther dwelled neyther man ne beste,  
With knotty knarry bareyn trees olde  
Of stubbes sharpe and hidous to byholde;  
In which ther ran a *swymbul* in a swough,  
As it were a storme schuld berst every bough.  
*Chaucer's Cant. T. ed. Wright, 1981.*

**SWIME.** A swoon. (*A.-S.*)  
In tille his logge he hyede that tyme,  
And to the erthe he felle in *swyme*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 125.*  
Bytwene undrone and pryme,  
Luke thou come at that tyme,  
And ane of us safle ly in *swyme*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 135.*  
Tharfore aske hyt be tyme  
For deth cumth now as yn *swyme*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 75.*

**SWIMER.** A hard blow. *Deron.*

**SWIMMER.** A counterfeit old coin.

**SWIMY.** Giddy in the head; having a dimness in the sight, which causes things to turn round before you. *Sussex.* "Swymyng in the hed, *bestournement*," Palsgrave, 1530.

**SWIN.** To cut anything aslant. *North.*

**SWINACIE.** The quincey.

**SWINCHE.** Labour; work.  
In stronge *swynche* niȝt and dai to of-swynche here mete stronge;  
In such *swynche* and harde lyve hi bilevede, hem thoȝe, longe.  
*Life of Thomas Beket, p. 1.*

**SWINDGE.** The same as *Sringge*, q. v.

**SWINDLE.** A spindle. *North.*

**SWINE-BACKED.** A term in archery.  
Fourthlye in coulinge or sheeringe, whether highe or lowe, whether somewhat *swynke backed* (I must use shooters woordes) or saddle backed.  
*Ascham's Turke's Notes, 1574, f. 47.*

**SWINE-CARSE.** The herb knotgrass. *Gerard.*

**SWINE-COTE.** A pig-sty. *Palsgrave.* It occurs in the Hallamshire Gl. p. 125. *Swine-crue*, Kennett's Latin Glossary, p. 115. "A swin-hull or swine-crue, a hogs-stye," Ray, p. 47. At the batell of Brakonwete, ther as the beyre justyȝt, sym Saer and the *swynkote* thei wer sworne broȝur.  
*Reliq. Antiq. i. 84*

**SWINE-DRONKEN.** Beastly drunk.

**SWINE-PIPE.** The redwing. *Pegge.*

**SWINE-POX.** An ill sore in hogs which spreads abroad, and is a very grievous scab, proceeding sometimes from poverty, at other times from lice in the skin; so that while they have them, they'll never prosper, but will infect one another. *Dial. Rust.*

**SWINE-SAME.** Hog's-lard. *North.*

**SWINE'S-FEATHER.** A sort of small spear,

about six inches long, like a bayonet, affixed to the top of the musket-rest, and which was sometimes concealed in the staff of the rest, and protruded when touched by a spring. Fairholt, p. 609.

**SWINE'S-GRASS.** The herb knotgrass. *Gerard.*

**SWINE-STY.** A pig-sty. *Palsgrave.*

**SWINE-THISTLE.** The herb sowthistle.

**SWINFUL.** Sorrowful; sad. *Suffolk.*

**SWING.** (1) Scope; room. *To have his own swing*, follow his own inclinations. *Var. dial.*

If they will needs follow their lustes, their pleasures, and their owne *swinge*, yet in the end, he will bring them to judgement. *Dent's Pathway, p. 58.*

(2) Sway, or swing.

And there for a certayne space loytried and lurked with Sir Thomas Broughton knyght, whiche in those quarters bare great *swynge*, and was there in great auctoritie. *Hall, Henry VII. c. 5.*

(3) To shake; to mix. *Pegge.*

(4) A machine on which a person stretched himself by holding a cross board, and formerly used for strengthening the limbs.

(5) The name given to the leader of ruffians who infested the country some years ago by burning stacks, &c. and which has since become proverbial.

**SWING-DEVIL.** The swift. *North.*

**SWINGE.** (1) To beat; to chastise. *North.* "To beat, swinge, lamme, bethwacke." Cotgrave in v. *Dober.*

An ofte dede him sore *swinge*,  
And wit hondes smerte dinge,  
So that the blod ran of his deys,  
That tendre was, and swithe weys

*Harleik, 214.*

O, the passion of God! so I shalbe *swinged*;

So, my bones shalbe bang'd!

The porledge pot is stolne; what, Lob, I say,

Come away, and be hang'd!

*Mariage of Witt and Wisdome, 1579.*

(2) To singe. *Var. dial.*

(3) To cut the nettles, &c. from hedges, and make them neat.

*Swinge* brambles and brakes,  
Get forks and rakes.

*Tusser's Husbandry, p. 160.*

(4) A leash or couple for hounds. *East.*

**SWINGE-BUCKLER.** A violent dashing blade.

**SWINGEL.** (1) That part of the flail which falls on the corn in the straw. *Var. dial.* "Fleye swyngyl, *tribulum*," Pr. Parv.

(2) To cut woods down. *East.*

**SWINGER.** Anything large or heavy.

**SWINGING-STICK.** A stick used for beating or opening wool or flax. *Lanc.*

**SWINGLE.** (1) A swing. *West.*

(2) The first operation in dressing flax, i. e. beating it to detach it from the harle or skimps.

(3) In the wire-works at Tintern in Monmouthshire is a mill, where a wheel moves several engines like little barries, and to each barrie is fastned a spoke of wood which they call a *swingle*, which is drawn back a good way by the calms or cogs in the axis of the wheel,

- and draws hack the barrle, which falls to again by its own weight," Kennett MS.
- SWINGLE-HAND.** "*Excudia*, a swyngel-hande," Ortus Vocab. "A swingle-head, *excudia*," Coles. *Excudia*, a sungylle stok; *excudiatorium*, a sungylle hande," Nominale MS. "This is a wooden instrument made like a fanchion, with an hole cut in the top of it to hold it by: it is used for the clearing of hemp and flax from the large broken stalks or shoves by the help of the said swingle-foot which it is hung upon, which said stalks being first broken, bruised, and cut into shivers, by a brake," Holme.
- SWINGLE-TREE.** The same as *Heel-tree*, the bar that swings at the heels of the horse when drawing a harrow. "These are made of wood, and are fastned by iron hooks, stables, chains, and pinns to the coach-pole, to the which horses are fastned by their harnish when there is more then two to draw the coach," Holme, 1688.
- SWING-SWANG.** Swinging; drawling. *North*.
- SWINJIN.** Great; tremendous. "We shall have a *swinjin* frost to-morrow morning."
- SWINKE.** (1) To labour. (2) Labour. (*A.-S.*) Brockett has *swinked*, oppressed, vexed, fatigued. "One that works hard at any tasque is said to *swink* it away," Kennett MS.
- Swynkyne* and *suetynge* he muste tho,  
Fore his spendynge was alle go.  
*MS. Ashmole* 61, f. 3.
- Hast thou i stole mete or drynke,  
For thou woldest not therefore *swynke*,  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 143.*
- But nowe I *swinke* and sweate in vaine,  
My labour hath no end,  
And moping in my study still,  
My youthfull yeares I spend,  
*Marriage of Watt and Wisdome*, 1579.
- So bidde ich evere mete other drinke,  
Her thou lesest at thi *swinke*. *MS. Dugby* 86.
- SWINKY.** Pliant; flexible. *Devon*.
- SWINNEY.** Small beer. *Newc.*
- SWINNYING.** A dizziness in the head, more usually termed a swimming. *North*.
- SWINWROTING.** A ditch, or furrow? It is the translation of *serobs* in Nominale MS.
- SWINYARD.** A keeper of swine.  
Porters, carmen, brick-makers, maisters, chimney-sweepers, bearers of dead corps, scavengers, hostlers, ditchers, shippards, dyers of black cloth and sad colours, chandlers, herds-men, or *swinyards*, coopers, black-smiths, leather-dressers, hat-makers, farmers, plough-men and the like, as collyers, &c.  
*Bishop's Marrow of Astrology*, p. 36.
- SWIPE.** (1) To drink off hastily. *Cumb.*  
(2) The same as *Swape*, q. v.
- SWIPES.** Poor weak beer. *Var. dial.*
- SWIPINGE.**  
But lay ther, as an hound,  
Apon the bare *swyppinge* grounde.  
*MS. Addit.* 10036, f. 53.
- SWIPPE.** To move rapidly. (*A.-S.*)  
A gode man dys to wecnde to rest  
Where hys lyf salle he althyrbest,  
When the sawle fro the body *swyppes*,  
Als saynt Johan says in the Apocalippes.  
*Hampole. MS. Bates*, p. 71.

- Therefore thai *swyppe* thorow purgatory,  
Als a fowyle that fleghes smartly.  
*Hampole. MS. Ibid.* p. 103.
- SWIPPER.** Nimble; quick. *North*. "Swyppyr or delycyr, *agilis*; swyppyr and slydyr as a wey, *labilis*," Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 168.
- SWIPPLE.** The part of a flail which strikes the corn; the *blade* of a flail, as it were. *Warw.*
- SWIPPO.** (1) Supple. *Chesh.*  
(2) The same as *Swipple*, q. v.
- SWIR.** To whirl anything about. *Devon*.
- SWIRE.** (1) The neck. (*A.-S.*)  
For sorowe he gan hys handys wryng.  
And fyl bakward of hys chayre,  
And brak on two hys *swyer*. *MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 34.  
Gye 53t answerd wyth grete yre,  
I schall not leeve, be my *swyre*!  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 170.  
The swyers *swyre-bane* he swappes in sondyre.  
*Morte Arthure. MS. Lincoln*, f. 84.
- (2) A hollow near the top of a hill.
- SWIRK.** A jerk; a blow. *Suffolk*.
- SWIRL.** A whirling way motion. *East*.
- SWIRREL.** A squirrel. *North*.
- SWIRT.** (1) A squirt. *North*.  
(2) To squirt, or splash with water, &c. "Bilagged wit *swirting*," MS. Arund. 220, f. 303.
- SWIRTLE.** To move about nimbly. *North*.
- SWISE.** Very. (*A.-S.*)  
Tho cam ther to hem a junglich man, *swyse* fair and hende,  
Fairere man ne mijte beo, that oure Loverd hem gan sende.  
*Life of St. Brendan*, p. 33.
- SWISH.** To dash, as water falling. *West*. To go swish, i. e. very quickly.
- SWISH-SWASH.** Slop.  
There is a kind of *swish-swash* made also in Essex, and diverse other places, with honiconbs and water, which the homelie countrie wives, putting some pepper and a little other spice among, call mead, verie good in mine opinion for such as love to be loose-bodied at large, or a litle eased of the cough; otherwise it differeth so much from the true medheglin as chalke from cheese.  
*Harrison's England*, p. 170.
- SWISII-TAIL.** A pheasant. *Var. dial.* Also, the unent tail of a horse.
- SWISSER.** The Swiss.  
Leading three thousand must'ed men in pay,  
Of French, Scots, Alman, *Swisser*, and the Dutch,  
Of native English, fled beyond the sea,  
Whose number neere amounted to as much.  
*Drayton's Poems*, p. 84.
- SWITCH.** (1) To walk nimbly. *North*.  
(2) To cut, as with a switch.  
(3) To trim a hedge. *Yorksh.*
- SWITCHER.** A small switch. *North*.
- SWITCHING.** Cheating. *Line*.
- SWITE.** To cut. *West*.
- SWITERF.** "More subtyll in craftes and swyterf than ever they were afore," Caxton's Chronicle, Notary's edition, 1515.
- SWITHE.** (1) Immediately; quickly. (*A.-S.*)  
Forthe sche went with sorowe y-nogh,  
And tyed hur hors to a bogh,  
Tylle the throwes were alle y-doo.  
A feyre sone had sche borne,  
When sche herde the chyldre cryc hur befor,  
Hyt comfortyd hur fulle *swythe*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 74.

- Thider he wente him anon,  
So *swithe* so he mijtte gon. *MS. Digby 86.*  
Two servauntys Gye can calle,  
And bad them hye *seythe* alle  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 151.*  
Tille hur felowes she seide,  
To the church go we, I rede,  
As *supthe* as we may.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 45.*  
For *switheli* drie thai sal als hai,  
And als wortes of grenes tite fal sal thai.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 24.*
- (2) Very; excessively. (*A.-S.*)  
The kyng seid, Let se that drynke,  
I shalle say riȝt that I thinke,  
Me thirstis *swyth* sore.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 49.*
- (3) To support? (*A.-S.*)  
In over and to the night  
Swathed me mine neeres riȝht.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 8.*
- SWITHER. (1) To scorch; to burn. *North.*  
(2) To fear. (3) A fright. *North.*  
(4) To throw down forcibly. *North.*  
(5) A number; a quantity. *Harw.*  
(6) A perspiration. *Worc.*  
(7) To sweat or melt away. *Line.*
- SWITHIN (ST.) The notion current, I believe,  
pretty extensively, that if we have rain on this  
day, not one of the next forty will be wholly  
without, is still in full force among us. Nares  
notices it as an old and often revived superstition;  
referring to ample illustrations thereof  
in Pop. Ant., where it is not, however, mentioned  
that Ben Jonson, in his Every Man out  
of his Humour, introduces it. In Alban  
Butler's Lives of the Saints, Swithin is recorded;  
but nothing is said of the rainy prodigy. *Moor.*
- SWITHINGE.  
And als warme als it may be suffrede lay it on  
the malady, and suffre it to lygge unto the jokyng  
and *swythynge* be alle passede awaye.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 303.*
- SWITTERED. Flooded. *North.*
- SWITTLE. To cut; to hack. *Hills.*
- SWITZERS. Swiss. Nares calls them, "hired  
guards, attendant upon kings." *Switzer's knot*,  
a fashion of tying the garter. The Switzers  
were noted for size and fatness. "A swizzers  
hellie and a drunkards face are no (true) signes  
of penitentiall grace," Cotgrave.
- SWIVE. (1) Futuo.  
A! seyde the pye, by Godys wylle,  
How thou art *swyved* y schalle telle.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 136.*  
Nor will I *swive* thee though it bee  
Our very first nights jollitie.  
Nor shall my couch or pallat lye  
In common both to thee and I.  
*Fletcher's Poems, p. 101.*  
And now ere sary *swyvers* brokyue owte of bande,  
Thay fille alle fulle this Ynglande, and many other  
lande.  
in everilk a tounne ther es many one,  
And everilk wyfe wenys hir selfe thar scho hafes one.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 149.*  
And for to be at this fest funerall,  
I will have called in generalle
- Alle tho that ben very good drynkers,  
And eke also alle feoble *swyvers*,  
And they also that can lyft a bole. *MS. Rawl. C. 66.*  
(2) To cut wheat or beans with a broad hook.  
*Salop.*
- SWIVEL. "Swivel is that which keepeth a  
hawk from twisting," Gent. Rec. ii. 63.
- SWIVELLY. Giddy. *I. of Wight.*
- SWIVET. A deep sleep. (*A.-S.*)
- SWIZZEN. To singe. *North.*
- SWIZZLE. Ale and heer mixed. *I. of Wight.*  
Also a verb, to drink, or swill.
- SWKYR. Sugar. Arch. xxx. 413.
- SWOB. Same as *Swab*, q. v.
- SWOBBLE. To swagger in a low manner.
- SWOB-FULL. Brimful. *East.*
- SWOD. A basket for measuring fish. *Sussex.*
- SWOGHE. See *Swoughe* and *Swoue*.
- SWOGHENED. Swooned. *Wheber.*
- SWOKELLI. Deceitfully. (*A.-S.*)  
Openand thurgh es throte of tha,  
With thair tunges *swokelli* dide thai swa.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 7.*
- SWOLE. To chain a cow in the stall. *Lanc.*
- SWOLK. To be angry. *Sussex.*
- SWOLL. For *swill*. To drench with water;  
to cleanse by dashing down much water upon  
a thing. *Line.*
- SWOLOWE. The same as *Swallow*, q. v.
- SWONGE. Beat; chastised.
- SWONGENE. Beaten. (*A.-S.*)  
Take *swongene* eyrene in hassyue elene,  
And kreme of mylke, that is so schene.  
*MS. Sloane 1996, p. 85.*
- SWONKE. Laboured. (*A.-S.*)  
Thou haste *swonke* so sore to nyght,  
That thou haste lorne thy syght.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 116.*
- SWOOP. (1) The sudden descent of a bird of  
prey upon its victim. All at one swoop, i. e.  
at one blow or swoop.  
(2) To sweep along, as a river. Pegge has it as  
the pret. of *sweep*.  
(3) The stroke or cut of a seythe.
- SWOOP-STAKES. Sweepstakes. *To cry  
swoop-stakes*, to call the winning of the stakes.
- SWOOTE. Sweat. (*A.-S.*)  
Off the hete and of the *swoote*  
Thei comeo, and of grasse that is hote.  
*MS. Lansd. 793, f. 118.*
- SWOOTH. A fright. *Leic.*
- SWOP. The same as *Swap*, q. v.
- SWOPE. To strike off.  
Let me see what ye will doe,  
And laye downe selver here.  
For the devell *swope* of my swire,  
And I doe it without hyre,  
Other for soveraigne or sire:  
It is not my manere. *Chester Plays, ii. 16.*  
The syxte peyne is gret derkenesse  
That is in helle, and nevere shal lesse;  
So thik it is men may it grope,  
But thei may not away it *swope*.  
*MS. Addit. 11305, f. 97.*
- SWORD. (1) The same as *Sward*, q. v.  
(2) The sword of a dung-put is an upright bar  
with holes for a pin, by which the put is set to  
any pitch for shooting dung.

(3) *On my sword*, formerly a common oath. *Sword and buckler*, martial.

(4) "Sworde for a flaxe wyfe, *guinche*," Palsg.

**SWORD-DANCING.** There is a very singular custom, called *sword-dancing*, prevalent in many parts of Northumberland, and in the county of Durham, during the Christmas holidays, which seems to be peculiar to the northern part of the kingdom. The sword-dancers are men entirely or chiefly composed of miners or pitmen, and of persons engaged in the various other vocations of a colliery, who, during the week intervening between Christmas and New Year's Day, perambulate the country in parties, consisting of from twelve to twenty, partly in search of money, but much more of adventure and excitement. On these occasions they are habited in a peculiarly gaudy dress, which, with their dancing, principally attracts attention. Instead of their ordinary jackets they wear others, composed of a kind of variegated patchwork, which, with their hats, are profusely decorated with ribands of the gayest hues, prepared and wrought by their sisters or sweethearts, the sword-dancers being usually young and unmarried men. This, with slight individual variations, is the description of dress worn by all the members of a sword-dancing party, with the exception of two conspicuous characters invariably attached to the company, and denominated amongst themselves respectively the *Tommy* (or fool) and the *Bessy*. Those two personages wear the most frightfully grotesque dresses imaginable; the former being usually clad in the skin of some wild animal, and the latter in petticoats and the costume of an old woman; and it is the office of those two individuals, who play by far the most important part in sword-dancing excursions, to go round amongst the company which collects to see them dance, and levy contributions in money, each being furnished for this purpose with a huge tin or iron box, which they rattle in the faces of the bystanders, and perform other antics and grimaces to procure subscriptions. A fiddler also is an indispensable *attaché* to a company of sword-dancers; and it is the business of another of the party to carry about a change of wearing apparel for his comrades, which becomes necessary when they make protracted journeys, as they sometimes do, into the country, going round amongst the towns and hamlets, and farm-steadings, and exhibiting their dance before the inhabitants. This is a peculiar kind of dance, which it would be vain to attempt to describe. It bears some resemblance to an ordinary quadrille dance, with this difference, that the sword-dancers are each furnished with long steel wands, which they call swords, and which they employ with a very peculiar and beautiful effect during the dance. The dance is sometimes accompanied with a song, and a fragment of dramatic action. The fiddler accom-

panies the song in unison with the voice, repeating at the end of each stanza the latter part of the air, forming an interlude between the verses; during which the characters are introduced by the singer, make their bow and join the circle.

1. The first that I call in he is a squire's son;  
He's like to lose his love because he is too young.
2. Altho' he be too young, he has money for to rove  
And he'll freely spend it all before he'll lose his love.
3. The next that I call in, he is a sailor bold,  
He came to poverty by the lending of his gold.
4. The next that I call in, he is a tailor fine,  
What thank you of his work? he made this coat of mine.
5. The next that I call in, he is a keelman grand,  
He goes both fore and aft, with his long sett in his hand.
6. Alas! our actor's dead, and on the ground he's laid.  
Some of us must suffer for't, young man, I'm sore afraid.
7. I'm sure 'twas none of me, I'm clear of the crime,  
'Twas him that follows me, that drew his sword so fine.
8. I'm sure 'twas none of me, I'm clear of the fact,  
'Twas him that follows me that did the bloody act.
9. Then cheer up, my bonny lads, and be of courage hold,  
We'll take him to the church, and bury him in the mould.
10. Cox-Green's a pretty place, where water washes clean,  
And Painshaw's on a hill, where we have merry been.
11. You've seen them all call'd in, you've seen them all go round,  
Wait but a little while, some pastime shall be found.
12. Then, fiddler, change the tune, play us a merry jig,  
Before I will be beat, I'll pawn both hat and wig.

In explanation of the above, it should be stated, that after the fifth verse other characters are generally introduced in a similar manner, and then the sword-dance takes place, in which one of them is killed. After the ninth verse the doctor is introduced, and a dialogue of some length takes place, which terminates in his restoring the dead man to life.

A writer in the *Gent. Mag.* for May, 1811, tells us that in the North Riding of Yorkshire the sword-dance is performed from St. Stephen's Day till New Year's Day. The dancers usually consist of six youths, dressed in white, with ribands, attended by a fiddler, a youth with the name of Bessy, and also by one who personates a doctor. They travel from village to village. One of the six youths acts the part of King in a kind of farce, which consists chiefly of singing and dancing, when the Bessy interferes while they are making a hexagon with their swords, and is killed. *Brand's Popular Antiquities*, i. 263.

**SWORDBER.** A game cock that wounds its antagonist much.

**SWORD-PLAYER.** A juggler with swords. "*Gladiator*, a swordplac'er," *Nominale MS.*

**SWORD-SLIPPER.** See *Slip* (3). The term appears to be now applied to a sword-cutler. "*Sword-sleioper*, a dresser or maker of swords; so used in the North of England; and a cutler with them deals onely in knives," *Blomfit*, p. 628, ed. 1681.

**SWORE.** An oath. (*A.-S.*)

- Hast thou geten wyth fals *swore*,  
Any thyng lasse or more.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 139.*
- SWORED.** The neck. (*A.-S.*)  
Nicolas he smot in the *swored*,  
That he laide his hed in wed.  
*King Alisaunder, 975.*
- SWOREN.** Swore, i. e. swore to kill him.  
All they chacyd me at the laste,  
And my dethe they *sworen* faste.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 175.*
- SWORLE.** To snarl, as a dog. *Sussor.*
- SWORN-BROTHERS.** Brothers in arms, bound  
by the ancient laws of chivalry. Afterwards  
any persons very intimate were so called.  
"Sworn brother and brethren in iniquity,"  
old proverb.
- SWOSE.**  
Ther he saw stedus and stockfische prykyng  
*swose* in the watur. Ther he saw hennus and  
beryngus that huntod afur hartus in heggys. Ther  
hee see elys rostyng larkus. *Reliq. Antiq. i. 83.*
- SWOSH.** A sash. *Suffolk.*
- SWOST.**  
Me wule swopen thin hus,  
And ut mid the *swost*.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.*
- SWOT.** To throw. *Warw.*
- SWOTE.** Sweat. See *Swotte*.
- SWOTHE.**  
But sche hed he defaute off *swothe*  
Towardys love, and that was rowthe.  
*Gower, MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 5.*
- SWOTTLING.** Fat and greasy. *East.*
- SWOUGHE.** (1) Swoon; swooning. (*A.-S.*)  
Thowe ther were no *swouche*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 94.*  
There he loste hothe mayne and myght,  
And ovyr the tombe he felle in *swouche*.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 99.*  
With that worde hys body can bowe,  
Downe he felle there in a *swouche*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 148.*
- (2) Sound; noise. (*A.-S.*)  
A swerde lenghe within the swarthe he swappes at ones.  
That nere swounes the kyng for *swouche* of his dyntt-2.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 65.*  
Into the foreste forthe he droghe,  
Ana of the see he herde a *swoghe*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 140.*
- (3) A splinter or chip?  
Sir Eglamour his swerde owt drowthe,  
And in his eghne it keste a *swoghe*,  
And biyuddid hym that tyde.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 140.*
- (4) A sough, bog, or mire.  
At a chapell with riche lyghte.  
In a foreste by a *swouche*. *MS. Harl. 2252, f. 98.*
- (5) Quiet.
- SWOUND.** To swoon. Also, a swoon. Still  
in common use in East Anglia.  
For grete yoye amonge them all  
In a *swounde* sche dud downe falle.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 186.*
- Still in a *swound*, my heart revives and faints,  
'Twixt hopes, despaires, 'twixt smiles and deep com-  
plaint.
- As these sad accents sort in my desires,  
Smooth calmes, rough stormes, sharp frosts, and raging  
fires,  
Put on thy boldnesse, and put backe with feares,  
For oft thy troubles doe extort my teares.  
*Drayton's Heroicall Epistles, 1637, p. 174.*
- SWOWE.** (1) To faint; to swoon. (*A.-S.*) Also,  
a swoon. See *Swoughe* (1).
- (2) A noise.  
He come to hym with a *swowe*,  
Hys gode stede undur hym he slowe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 65.*
- (3) To make a noise, as water does in rushing  
down a precipice. Also, to foam or boil up.  
"Swowyn or sowdyn, as newe ale and other  
lycure." *MS. Harl. 221, f. 177.*  
That whate *swowynes* of watyr and syngynge of  
byrdez,  
It myghte salve hym of sore that sounde was nevere.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 63.*
- SWREDEDEZ.** Swords.  
And alle done of dawez with dynttez of *swreddez*,  
For thare es nighte hor dede thare the dragone es rais-  
sede. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 75.*
- SWUGGLE.** To shake liquids. *East.*
- SWUKEN.** Deceived; betrayed.  
Unto the than cried I,  
Whil that *swuken* es mi hert.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 41.*
- SWULOCK.** To broil with heat. *East.*
- SWUNNED.** Swooned.  
The duk lay on the ground,  
In hert swyftly he *swunned*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 133.*
- SWUPPLE.** The same as *Scripple*, q. v.
- SWURLT.** Whirled. *Cumb.*
- SWY.** The herb glasswort.
- SYE.** Saw. (*A.-S.*)  
Forthe they went be day lyghte,  
Tylle hyt drewe to the nyghte:  
Londe they *eye* at the laste,  
Thedurward they drewe faste.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 150.*
- SYER.** Sire; father.  
And lokkethe hym in hir herte hoothe as fier,  
And seethe the olde, hir colde and cowherand *syer*.  
*Ludgate's Minor Poems, p. 35.*
- SYGH.** An error for *Syth*?  
And sayd to the duke, my lord, *sygh* by Gods  
hygh provision and your incomparable wysedome  
and pollicie, this noble conjunction is fyrst moved.  
*Hall, Richard III. f. 12.*
- SYLES.** The principal rafters of a house or  
building. *North.*
- SYLLABE.** A syllable. *Jonson.*
- SYNGE.** To sin. A provincial form. More  
usually, to sing. "Frigilla, a brid that *syn-  
get* for cold weder," *MS. Harl. 2181, f. 46.*  
Thow mytze *synge* als sore in thought  
As thou that dede hadest i-wrought.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 139.*
- SYPIRS.** Cloth of Cyprus.  
The stowt dedis of many a knyght  
With gold of *Sypirs* was dyght.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 136.*

**T** (1) *Right to a T*, is a very common expression, when anything is perfectly right.

(2) Beards cut in the form of a T are often alluded to by our early writers.

TA. (1) It. *Tu dev*, it does. *East*.

(2) To take. (*A.-S.*)

The sowdane sayse he wille her *ta*;  
The lady wille hir-selfe sla,  
Are he that es hir maste fa  
Solde wedde hir to wyfe. *Perceval*, 996.

TAA. (1) A toe. *North*.

And ylike a *taa* and fynger of hand  
War a rote fro that tre growand.  
*Hampole, MS B-aves*, p. 63.

(2) The one.

And whenne he was over, the lordes of Per-se went  
appon the ysz so grete a multitude that thay  
coverde the ysz fra the *taa* banke to the tother, and  
that a grete brede, and thane onane the ysz brake.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 19.*

TAANT. Tall, or too high for its breadth, or  
bigness; a *Taant* mast, house, &c. *Kent*.

TAAS. Wood split thin to make baskets with.  
*Cumb.*

TAB. (1) The lathet of a shoe. *North*.

(2) The tag, or end of a lace. *East*.

(3) Children's hanging sleeves. *East*.

TABARD. A short coat, or mantle. "*Colobium*,  
a tabard," *Nominale MS*. Strutt describes it,  
ii. 29, "a species of mantle which covered  
the front of the body and the back, but was  
open at the sides from the shoulders down-  
wards; in the early representations of the  
tabard, it appears to have been of equal length  
before and behind, and reached a little lower  
than the loins." According to Nares, the  
name of *tabarder* is still preserved in Queen's  
College, Oxford, for scholars whose original  
dress was a tabard. "Tabard, a garment,  
*manteau*," *Palsgrave*. Verstegan says in his  
time, the term was confined to a herald's coat.

Quat wylt thu zeve, so Cryst the save!  
And tak the qwyth thu wylt have.  
The man seyde, so mote I the!  
A peny xal I zeyn the.  
He seyde, Nay, withoutyn lak,  
No lece thau the *tabard* on thi bak.

*Reliq. Antiq.* i. 62.

TABBER.

*Tabberys* glosen eny whare,  
And gode feyth comys all byhynde;  
Ho shall be leyvd the se the wyl spare?  
For now the byson ledys the bleynde.

*Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 240.

TABBY. A kind of cloth.

TABERING. Restless in illness. *Somerset*.

TABERN. A cellar. *North*. See Ray's  
*English Words*, 1674, p. 48. "*Taberna*, a  
tabyrn," a tavern or inn, *Nominale MS*. Hence  
*taberner*, a tavern-keeper. "*Tabernarius*, a  
taberner," *Nominale MS*. A person who  
played the labour was also called a taberner.

TABERNACLES. Ornamental niches.

With *tabernacles* was the halle a-bouste,  
With pymacles of golde sterne and stoute.

*Syre Gawene and the Carle of Carelyle*, 610.

TABINE. A kind of silk. In a list of female

apparel in the Egerton Papers, p. 252, men-  
tion is made of "*tabines* brauncht or wrought  
with sylver or gold."

TABLE. (1) To go to the table, i. e. to receive  
the Holy Communion. *Var. dial*

(2) In palmistry, a space between certain lines  
on the skin within the hand. According to  
our first extract, the table is a line reaching  
from the bottom of the little finger to the  
bottom of the first finger. It is incorrectly  
explained the "palm of the hand" in Middle-  
ton, iv. 438; but the term was certainly  
variously applied.

Hit ys to know that the lyne that goth about the  
thombe ys cleped the lyne of lyfe or of the hert.  
The lyne that ys betweene the medylle of the pawme  
that ys betweene the thombe and the next fynger, is  
cleped *media naturalis*. The lyne that begynneth  
under the litlle fynger and streccheth toward the  
rote of the fynger next the thombe ys cleped *men-  
salis*, that is, the *table*; it ys sothely the lyne which  
is cleped the nether triangle, which is sylden  
founde, and it begynneth fro *mensali*, strecchyn  
ryt; throw the pawme tille to the wrist. *Lina  
recepta* ys he that is withyn the ende of the honde,  
appon the joynt of the hond that is betwene the  
boone of the arme or of the hond. *Mons pollicis* is  
fro the lyne of the hert tille to the rote of the  
wombe, and strecchethe itselfe to the wryste. *Mons  
manus* or the tabulle begynneth fro *mensali* to the  
wryste. *Treatise on Palmistry*, MS. xv. Cent.

Other lines also may be divided into equal sec-  
tions, as the table line, the natural line, the quad-  
rangle and triangle, which are all to be parted into  
equal portions, and according to proportion shall  
shew the time and age of life in which every acci-  
dent shall happen, which the characters shall signi-  
fie, in their several natures. This space is called  
the *table* of the hand, which hath on the one side  
the mensal line, on the other the middle natural  
line. *Sanders' Chiromancy*, p. 87.

(3) A tablet, or table-book; a record of things  
to be remembered. *Shak*.

(4) To board; to live at the table of another.  
See *Autobiography of Joseph Lister*, p. 48.

All supper while, if they *table* together, he  
peereth and prieth into the platters to pike out  
dainty morsels to content her maw.

*The Man in the Moore*, 1609.

(5) A picture. *Shak*.

(6) In architecture, a horizontal moulding,  
ornamenting the face of a wall, &c.

TABLE-BOARD. A table. *Cornw.*

TABLE-BOOK. A memorandum-book; a  
book with leaves of wood, slate, vellum, or  
asses skin, &c., for the purpose of recording  
observations and memoranda. It was some-  
times accompanied with a calendar, &c.; and  
was used on all occasions, at theatres, sermons,  
&c. "A reproof or a jeer out of your table-  
book notes," *Nabbes' Bride*, 1640, sig. G. ii.  
A table-book of wood is in the possession of  
Mr. J. H. Hearn, of Newport, Isle of Wight,  
and is described in the *Journal of the British  
Archæological Association*, ii. 193, but very  
few seem to have been preserved.

His *table-books* be a chiefe adjunct, and the most  
significant embleme of his owne quality that man  
may beare about him; for the wiping out of olde



notes give way to new, and he likewise, to try a new disposition, will finally forsake an ancient friends love, because hee consists of new enterprises.

*Stephens' Essayes*, 1615, p. 218.

**TABLE-DORMAUNT.** "Tabyllie dormond, assidella, tabula fixa, stopidiuum," MS. Dict. C. 1500. See *Dormant*.

**TABLE-LINE.** See *Table* (2).

When the *table-line* is crooked, and falls between the middle and fore finger, it signifies effusion of blood, as I said before.

*Sanders' Chiromancy*, p. 73.

**TABLE-MAN.** "A tabyllie mane, status, limp-panum," MS. Dict. c. 1500.

**TABLE-MEN.** Men used at the game of tables. Metaphorically, dice-players.

And knowing that your most selected gallants are the onely *table-men* that are plaid withal at ordinaries, into an ordinary did he most gentleman-like convey himselfe in state.

*Dekker's Lanthorne and Candle-Light*, 1620, sig. D. iv.

**TABLER.** One who keeps boarders, one who *tables* people. See *Table* (4). Also, the person who *tables*, a boarder. "Commensale, a fellow border or tabler," Florio, p. 111. "Courictor, a tabler, boarder," Coles.

**TABLERE.** The game of tables.

Hauntyst taverne, or were to any pere  
To play at the ches or at the *tablere*.

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 7.

**TABLES.** The game of backgammon. It was anciently played in different ways, and the term appears to have been applied to any game played with the table and dice. Strutt has given a fac-simile of a backgammon-board from a MS. of the 14th century, which differs little from the form now used. See *Sports and Pastimes*, p. 321. "*Alea*, table," MS. Lansd. 560, f. 45.

Go we now to chaumbursame,  
On some maner to make us game;  
To the chesses or to the *tabels*,  
Or ellys to speke of fabels.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 196.

That es, to play at *tablys* or at dyce,  
Offe the wilke comes neghen manere of vice.

*MS. Harl.* 2.60, f. 60.

An honest vicker and a kind consort  
That to the ale-house friendly would resort,  
To have a game at *tables* now and than,  
Or drinke his pot as soone as any man

*Letting of Humours Blood in the Head-Vaine*, 1600.

**TABLET.** Is explained in Baret's *Alvearie*, fol. 1580, an "ornament of gold."

**TABN.** Explained by Polwhele, a bit of bread and butter. *Corair*.

**TABOURE.** (1) To play on the tabour. (*A.-N.*) (2) "Tabowre for fowlares, *terrificium*," Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 177.

**TABOURET.** A pin-case. Also, a little low stool for a child to sit on. (*Fr.*)

**TABOURINE.** A kind of drum. (*Fr.*)

**TACES.** The skirts or coverings to the pockets. See *Meyrick*, iii. 13.

**TACHE.** (1) A spot, or blemish. (*Fr.*)

(2) A quality, or disposition; a trick; enterprise; boldness of design. (*A.-N.*)

For south this harde I hym saye,  
That he would rise the thirde daye;  
Nowe suerlye and he so maye,  
He hath a wondrous *tache*.

*Chester Plays*, ii. 87.

And to his fadris maneris enelyne,  
And wikkid *tachis* and vices eschewe.

*Ocelete, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 27<sup>b</sup>.

It is a *tache* of a devouryng bounde  
To resseyve superduyté and do excesse.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. i. 6, f. 137.

(3) A clasp. Also, to clasp; to tie. "I *tache* a gowne or a tippet with a *tache*, *je agraffe*," Palsgrave. "*Spinter*, a *tache*," MS. Arundel 249, f. 88.

Wylt thou have a buckle of golde or a golden pynne, suche as in olde tyme women used to fasten their upper garment with on the left shoulder? Stephanus calleth it a *tache* or a claspe.

*Palsgrave's Acolastus*, 1540.

(4) To take a thief.

(5) The piece which covered the pocket, and therefore the belly. *Meyrick*, ii. 251.

(6) A rest used in drilling holes. *Yorksh.*

**TACHEMENTEZ.** Attachments?

I jif the for thy thygandez Tolouse the *tache*,  
The tolle and the *tachementez*, tavernez and other.

*Moite Arthure, MS. Lincoln.* f. 7<sup>b</sup>.

**TACHING-END.** The waxed thread, armed with a bristle at the end, used by shoemakers. *North*.

**TACK.** (1) A smack, or peculiar flavour. Drayton uses the term, and it is still in common use.

He told me that three-score pound of cherries was but a kind of washing meat, and that there was no *tack* in them, for he had tride it at one time.

*Taylor's Worlkes*, 1630, l. 14.

(2) A slight blow. Also, to clap with the hands to slap. *West*.

(3) A trick at cards. *Suffolk*.

(4) To attack. *Var. dial.*

(5) The handle of a scythe. *East*.

(6) A shelf. A kind of shelf made of crossed bars of wood suspended from the ceiling, on which to put bacon, &c.

(7) To hire pasturage for cattle. *Heref.*

(8) A lease. *North*.

(9) Timber at the bottom of a river.

(10) Bad malt liquor. *North*. In some places it is applied to eatables of bad quality.

(11) Hold; confidence; reliance. *Chesh.*

(12) Substance; solidity; spoken of the food of cattle and other stock. *Norf.*

(13) A hook, or clasp. Also, to fasten to anything. "I *tack*e a thyng, I make it faste to a wall or suche lyke," Palsgrave. A wooden peg for hanging dresses on is sometimes called a *tack*.

(14) A path, or causeway. *Susse.*

**TACKELLS.** "Tackells are small ropes which runne in three partes, havinge either a pendant with a block to it or a runner, and at the other end a blocke or hoke to *cache* houlde and heave in goodes into the shipp," MS. Harl. 6268.

**TACKER.** (1) The same as *Taching-end*, q. v.

(2) A person who dresses cloth.

- (3) A great falsehood. *Devon*.  
**TACKES.** To mend apparel. *Essex*.  
**TACKET.** (1) The penis. *North*.  
 (2) A small nail, or tack. *North*. "A takett, *claviculus*," MS. Diet. c. 1500.  
**TACKLE.** (1) To attack. *Var. dial*.  
 (2) To stick to one's tackle, i. e. to be firm, not to give way in the least. "To stand to our tackling," Harrison, p. 115.  
 (3) Food; working implements; machinery of any kind, or of the human frame. *Var. dial*. "Tacle or wepene, *armamentum*," Pr. Parv. 4) A horse's harness. *Var. dial*.  
**TACKLING.** See *Tackle* (2).  
**TACKS.** "Tacks are great ropes havinge a wale knott at one end, which is seased into the clewe of the saile, and so reeved first through the chestrees, and then comes in a hole of the shipp's side," MS. Harl. 6268.  
**TAD.** Excrement. *East*.  
**TADAGO-PIE.** A pie made of abortive pigs from a sow that has miscarried. *Cornw.*  
**TADDE.** A toad. Brockett has *Taed*.  
 That myn herte anon ne barst,  
 Whon ich was from my mooder take;  
 Or ben into a put i-cast,  
 Mid a *tadde* or mid a surke.  
*Appendix to W. Mapes, p. 344.*  
**TADE.** To take. Salop. Antiq. p. 587.  
**TADE-PITS.** Certain pits upon some of the downs of Devon where toads live dry.  
**TADOUS.** Cross; peevish; fretful; tiresome. Applied chiefly to children. *Var. dial*.  
**TAFFATY-TARTS.** "Are made like little pasties, round, square, or long, the paste being rolled thin, and apples in lays, strewed with sugar, fennel seeds, and limon peel cut small; then iced in the baking," Holme, Academy of Armory, 1688.  
**TAFFETY.** (1) Dainty; nice. *West*.  
 (2) *Taffeta*, a sort of thin silk.  
 When first I saw them, they appeared tash,  
 And now their promises are worse then trash;  
 No *taffaty* more changeable then they,  
 In nothing constant but no debts to pay.  
*Taylor's Works, 1630, ii. 40.*  
**TAFFLED.** Entangled. *Dorsel*.  
**TAFFY.** A common coarse sweetmeat, made with treacle thickened by boiling. Almonds are often stuck into it. *Var. dial*.  
**TAG.** (1) The common people; the rabble.  
 2 A sheep of the first year. *South*.  
 (3) To follow closely after. *East*.  
 (4) To cut off the dirty locks of wool around the tail of a sheep. *South*.  
 (5) To understand, or comprehend.  
**TAGED.** According to Markham, "a sheep is said to be *tag'd* or *helt*, when by a continual squirt running out of his ordure, he berayeth his tail in such wise that through the heat of the dung it scaldeth and breedeth the scab therein," Husbandry, ed. 1676, p. 91.  
**TAGGELT.** A loose character. *Cumb.*  
**TAGILLE.** To entice?  
*Consille es doynge awaye of wordes riches, and*

of alle delytes of alle thynges that mane may be *tagyl'd* with in thoghte or dede.

MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 196.

- That he may hafe ryste in Goddes lufe without-  
 tene *tagillynge* of other thynges. MS. *Ibid.* f. 196.  
**TAG-LOCK.** An entangled lock. *Nares*.  
**TAGSTER.** A scold; a virago. *Devon*.  
**TAG-WOOL.** The long wool of tags or hogs not shorn while they were lambs. *Glouc.*  
**TAHMY.** Stringy, untwisted, as tow. *Cumb.*  
**TAHT.** (1) Given. (2) Taught. (*A.-S.*)  
**TAIGHL.** To take. *Chesh.*  
**TAIGLE.** To linger about a place. *North*.  
**TAIL.** (1) To turn top over tail, i. e. the head over the tail, completely over.  
 Soche a strokk he gaf hym then,  
 That the dewke bothe hors and man  
 Turned toppe ovyr *taille*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 76.*  
 (2) Slaughter. See Weber's Gloss. in v.  
 (3) To keep the tail in the water, to thrive. To *flea the tail*, to get near the conclusion of any work.  
 (4) To exchange animals with an even number on each side. *Var. dial*.  
 (5) Number?  
 Cotte thow not the wordes *taille*,  
 But sey hem oute wythowte fayle.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 150.*

- TAIL-BAND.** A crupper. *North*. "Tayl-band, *subtula*," MS. Diet. c. 1500.  
**TAIL-BINDER.** A long large piece of cut stone projecting over the corner stone of a wall to give additional firmness to it.  
**TAIL-CORN.** The inferior portion of a dressing, not fit for market. About one in twenty, or more, according to the season, will be *tail-corn*. This, though not very much inferior, would, if left in the *bake*, injure the sale at market. By the farmer who prides himself on the goodness of his sample, this is dressed out and *spent* at home. Dross is different. This is undercorn, so light and inferior as to be given to poultry.  
**TAILDE.** Carvel.  
 The wardes of the cyte of hefen bryght  
 I lycken tyl wardes that stalworthy dyght,  
 And clenely wrought and craftyly *tailde*  
 Of clene sylver and golde, and enamaylde.  
*Hampole, MS. Bowes, p. 232.*

- TAILE.** (1) To cut to pieces. (*A.-N.*)  
 (2) A tally, or notched stick; an account scored on a piece of wood. (*A.-N.*)  
 Hit is skorid here on a *taille*,  
 Have brok hit wel without fayle.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 53.*

- TAIL-ENDS.** Inferior samples of corn, such as being hardly marketable, are usually consumed at home. See *Tail-corn*.  
**TAILLAGE.** A tax. (*A.-N.*)  
**TAILLAGER.** A collector of taxes. (*A.-N.*)  
**TAILLE.** A tally. See *Tale*.  
**TAILLIOR.** A tailor. *North*.  
**TAILORS.** It is a very old saying that it takes three or nine tailors to make one man.  
 Some foolish knave (I thinke) at first began  
 The slander that three *taylers* are one man;

When many a taylers boy I know hath bene,  
Hath made tall men much fearfull to be scene.

*Taylor's Woe Kes*, 1630, iii. 73.

**TAILORS-MENSE.** A small portion left by way of good manners. See Brockett.

**TAILOURS.** A book of ancient cookery receipts thus describes the way of making *tailours* :

Take almondes, and grynde hem raw in a mortar, and temper hit with wyne and a litul water, and drawe it thorgh a streynour into a goode still mylike into a potte, and caste thereto reysons of coraunce and grete reysons my[n]ced, dates, cloves, maces, powder of peper, canel, saffronne a good quantite, and salt, and sette hem over the fire, and lete al boyle togidre a while, and alay hit up with floure of ryse or elles grated brede, and cast thereto sugor and salt, and serve hit forth in manner of mortrewes, and caste thereone powder ginger in the dish.

*MS. Harl.* 4016, f. 19.

**TAIL-PIPING.** Tying a tin can or anything to the tail of a dog, which is generally done to prevent his paying visits to the place where this punishment may be inflicted.

**TAIL-ROPE.** Part of a horse's harness. mentioned in *MS. Coll. Jes. Oxon.* 28.

**TAIL-SHOTEN.** A disease in the tail of cattle, in which the spinal marrow is so affected that in a short time the beast is unable to stand. Also called *tail-soke*.

**TAIL-TOP.** The swingle of a flail.

**TAILSOR.** A tailor. *Nominale MS.*

**TAINCT.** A kind of red-coloured spider very common in the summer time.

**TAINT.** (1) A term at tilting, apparently meaning to injure a lance without breaking it. Gifford, *Ben Jonson*, ii. 55, explains it, to break a staff, but not in the most honorable or scientific manner. See, however, the second example under *Attaint*.

(2) Explained in the Booke of Hawking, "a thing that goeth overthwart the feathers of the wings and of the tail, like as it were eaten with worms."

(3) A dirty slattern. *East*.

(4) Explained by Forby, "a large protuberance at the top of a pollard tree."

(5) "A taint or overreach in the backe or shauke of a horse," Florio, p. 47.

**TAINTERS.**

For the outward compound remedies, a plaister made of opponax and pitch is much commended, which Menippus used, taking a pound of pitch of Brutias, and foure ounces of opponax (as Etius an Actuarus doe pre-crybe) adding withall, that the opponax must be dissolved in vinegar, and afterward the pitch and that vinegar must be boyled together, and when the vinegar is consumed, then put in the opponax, and of both together make like *ta-ners* or splints and thrust them into the wound, so let them remaine many dayes together, and in the meane time drinke an antidot of sea crabs and vinegar, (for vinegar is always pretious in this confection).

*Topsell's Four-Faced Beasts*, 1607, p. 137.

**TAISAND.** Poising ready for throwing.

And ther beside, on o donjoun,

He kest a man of cler latoun,

And in his hond an arblast heldaud,

And therinne a quarel *taisand*.

*Severn Sages*, 1973.

**TAISHIES.** Taces, armour for the thighs. This form of the word occurs in Warner's *Albion's England*, xii. p. 291.

**TAISTREL.** A rascal; a villain. *North*.

**TAIT.** (1) The top of a hill. *West*.

(2) To play at see-saw. *Dorset*.

**TAKE.** (1) To give; to deliver up to. (*A.-S.*)

And alle that they aske scho wyll them take,  
For drede of theym, swylike boste they make.

*MS. Harl.* 2260, f. 59

But take hur an oolde stede,

And an olde knygt that may hur lede,

Tylle sche be paste yowre reaime,

And gyf them some spundyge,

That them owt of thy londe may brynge,

Y can no bettyr deme.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff ii 38, f. 72.

(2) A vulgar name for the sciatica, mentioned in Aubrey's *MS. Nat. Hist. Wilts.* p. 10, in the library of the Royal Society.

(3) A sudden illness. *Dorset*.

(4) A lease. *North*.

(5) "I take the wynde, as a dere dothe of a person, *je assens*," Palsgrave.

(6) *To take up*, to reprove. "Tanser, to chide, rebuke, checke, taunt, reprove, take up,"

Cotgrave. *To take up a horse*, to make him gambol. *To take on*, *to take by*, to be much

affected by any melancholy event. *To take in*, to capture, to subdue. *To take one along*,

*to take one with you*, to go no faster than he

can go with you, i. e. to let him understand

you. *To take out*, to copy. *To take one's*

*teeth to anything*, to set about it heartily.

*To take a stick to one*, to beat him. *To take on*,

to enlist for a soldier. *To take to do*, *to*

*take to task*, *to take a talking to*, to reprove.

*To take on*, to simulate. *To take after*, to

resemble. *To take off*, to mimic, to ridicule.

*To take to*, to capture, or seize; to attack.

Also, to marry; to enter on a farm; to own,

or acknowledge. *To take shame*, to be

ashamed. *To take up for any one*, to give

surety, to protect. *To take on*, to associate

with. *A take-away*, an appetite. *To take*

*one's ease in one's inn*, to enjoy one's self, as

if at home. *To take up*, to borrow money,

or take commodities upon trust. *To take up*

*a quarrel*, to settle or make it up. *To take*

*upon*, to suspect any one of a wrong action.

*To take forth*, to learn, to teach. *To take*

*order for*, to provide for or against anything.

*To take to anything*, to answer for the truth of

it; to stand to a bargain. *To take up*, to

clear up, said of the weather. Also, to reform

one's habits; to commence anything. *To take*

*clothes about one*, to wrap them well over

him. *To take about the neck*, to embrace.

*To take a breath*, to consider well before-

hand or take advice. *To take any one forth*,

to set him forwards. *To take heart*, to take

courage. *To take one's part*, to defend him.

*To take in worth*, *to take in good part*, to take

anything kindly or friendly. *To take to one's*

*legs*, to fly. *To take a horse with the spurs*,

to spur him onwards. *To take on with one's*

- self*, to torment one's self. *To take a man's ways*, to follow his example. *To take upon*, to carry one's self proudly above one's station. *To take the air*, to go out in the fresh air. *To take any one down*, to tame him.
- (7) To contain. Ben Jonson, viii. 301.
- (8) To leap. *Shak.*
- (9) To blast, as if by witchcraft. Shakespeare uses the term, and it is still current in the West of England. "Taken, as chyldernes lymmes he by the fayries, *façe*," Palsgrave. In an old MS. collection of receipts in my possession is one "for to make a man hole that keeth cold in his slepe that he ys ny take;" and another "for a man that ys take in his slepe."
- A horse which is bereft of his feeling, moving or stirring, is said to be *taken*, and in sooth so he is, in that he is arrested by so villainous a disease, yet some farrions, not wel understanding the ground of the disease, conster the word *taken* to bee striken by some planet or evill spirit, which is false, for it proceedeth of too great abundance of fleme and choler, simboltiz'd together. The cure is thus. Let him blood in his spur-vains, and his breast vaines, and then by foulding him in aboundant number of cloaths, drive him into an extreme sweat, during which time of his sweating, let one chafe his legs with oyle de bay, then after he hath sweat the space of two houres, abate his cloaths moderately, and throughly after he is dry, annoint him all over with oyle petrolium, and in twice or thrice dressing him he wil be sound.
- Markham, op. Topsell's Beasts, 1607, p. 351.*
- (10) To understand; to comprehend.
- (11) To begin to grow in the ground, said of young trees and herbs newly planted.
- TAKE-ALL.** An old game at dice, mentioned in Clarke's *Phraseologia Puerilis, 1655, p. 144.*
- TAKEL.** An arrow. (*A.-S.*)
- TAKEN.** (1) Took. *West.*
- (2) *Taken work*, a piece of husbandry work, not done by the day. *East.*
- (3) Taken by the face, i. e. put to the blush. A common Lancashire phrase.
- TAKENE.** (1) Given. (*A.-S.*)  
Swete modir, sayde he,  
What manere of thyng may this bee,  
That ze nowe hafe *takene* mee?  
What calle zee this wande? *Perceval, 199.*
- (2) To declare; to show.
- TAKER.** Purveyor.  
As for capons ze can gette none,  
The kyngys *taker* toke up eche one.  
*Interlude of the iiii, Elements, n. d.*
- TAKIL.** Tackle; accoutrements.
- TAKING.** (1) Infectious. (2) A dilemma.
- (3) Captivating; pleasing. *Var. dial.*
- (4) A sore; an attack of sickness. *West.*
- TALAGE.** Appearance?  
That passyngely was to the ye clere,  
And of *talage* inly good and fyne.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 26.*
- TALBOTES.** A receipt for "hares in *talbates*" occurs in the *Forme of Cury, p. 21.*
- TALC.** *Oil of talc*, an ancient cosmetic very frequently alluded to. Fuller, mentioning that metal, says, "being calcined and variously

prepared, it maketh a curious white-wash, which some justify lawful, because clearing not changing the complexion." Ben Jonson, ed. Gifford, iv. 95.

**TALDE.** Counted. (*A.-S.*)

The gold thane on his mantille thay *talde*,  
And till hyme-selfene thay gane it falde.

*Romance of Sir Isumbras, 306.*

**TALE.** (1) To relate tales; to tell. *Somerset.* Old writers term any discourse a *tale*.

And namely whan they *talen* longe,  
My sorowis thanne ben so stronge.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 61*

Whan they this straunge vessel syze,  
The tone therof hath spoke and *talid*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 239.*

(2) An account, or reckoning. (*A.-S.*) *To give na tale*, to make no account of.

There is so muche sorowe and bale,  
And many peynes oute of *talre*,  
Though alle men that evere had witte,  
And y-lernd hadde alle holy writte,  
Thei coude not telle it in her lore  
The peynes that there ben evermore.

*MS. Addit. 11303, f. 94.*

Goods in and out, which dayly ships doe freight,  
By guesse, by *tale*, by measure and by weight.

*Taylor's Worlkes, 1630, iii. 63.*

(3) *To tell a tale*, to turn any matter to one's profit or advantage.

(4) To settle in a place; to be reconciled to any situation. *North.*

(5) "A tale of a tub, *chose ridicule, conte, de cicogne, chanson de ricoche*." Howell.

**TALENCE.** A longing for anything.

**TALENT.** (1) A talon. An old form.

(2) Desire; inclination; lust; taste. (*A.-N.*)

See the example given in v. *Eyrane*.

There he went to the kyng,  
That had grete yoye of hys comyng;  
Sylvyr and golde he had hym sente,  
Thereof had Gye no *talente*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 155.*

And gefe the sike theroff to ete everi day a sponfulle, and hit schalle do away the clett fro his herte, and make hym *talente* to ete. *MS. Med. Rec. xv. Cent.*

(3) Perhaps as *tablet*, q. v. "These talents of their hair," Collier's Shakespeare, viii. 531, where the term seems to be wrongly explained. Malone says, "loekets consisting of hair platted and set in gold."

The *talents* of golde were on her head sette,

Hanged low downe to her knee;

And everye ring on her small finger

Shone of the chrystall free. *King Estmere, 67.*

**TALENTER.** A hawk. Middleton, v. 165.

**TALE-PIE.** A tell-tale. *North.*

**TALE-WIS.** Wise in tales. (*A.-S.*)

**TALEWORT.** Wild borage. *Gerard.*

**TALGHE.** Fat; grease; tallow.

Of these redes garte Alexander mak bates, and anoynte thame with terre and *talghe* of bestez, and badd his knyghtis row over the water in these bates.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 44.*

Tak thame thane uppe, and do thame in a panne, and do to thame a gud poreyone of schepe *talghe*, and fry thame wele samene. *MS. Linc. Med. f. 225.*

**TALIAGE.** A tax. *Prompt. Parv.*

**TALING.** Relating tales. *Chaucer.*

- TALISHE.** Fabulous. This word occurs in Palsgrave's *Acolastus*, 4to, 1540.
- TALL.** (1) Explained by Junius, "obedient, obsequious, every way flexible." See the Glossary to Urry's Chaucer, p. 81.
- (2) Valiant; bold; fine; great. This is a very common word in old plays.  
They leaping overboard amidst the billowes,  
We pluck'd her up (un-sunke) like stout *ta'l* fellows,  
*Taylor's Works*, 1630, ii. 23
- TALL-BOYS.** High cups or glasses. Grose says, bottles or two-quart pots.
- TALLE.** To mock. (*A.-S.*)  
Unarmed were the pains alle,  
Our folk hem gun to *talle*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 257
- TALLEE.** "When they hale aft the sheate of maine or fore-sailes, they say, *Tallee aft the sheate*," MS. Harl. 6268. *Taylia*, Reliq. Antiq. i. 2.
- TALLICHE.** The same as *Tally* (6).
- TALLIT.** A hayloft. *West*. "When the prisoner came in he was *watcherd*, which shewed he had not been all night in the *tallit*."
- TALL-MEN.** Dice so loaded as to come up with high numbers. A cant term.
- TALLOW-CAKE.** A cake of tallow; tallow made up in the form of a cake. *Var. dial.*
- TALLOW-CATCH.** Same as *Keech* (2).
- TALLOW-CRAP.** See *Crap* (1).
- TALLOW-HUED.** Pale as tallow. *North*.  
Burton uses the phrase *tallow-faced*.
- TALLOW-LAFE.** *Congiarium*, MS. Dict. c. 1500.
- TALL-WOOD.** "Tall woode, pacte wodde to make bylletes of, *tallies*," Palsgrave. The term is still used in Kent.
- TALLY.** (1) A term in playing ball, when the number of aces on both sides is equal. *North*.
- (2) To reckon. See Bacon's Works, p. 134.
- (3) In counting any articles which are sold by the hundred, one is thrown out after each hundred; that is called the *tally*. The number of tallies of course shows the number of hundreds. They are given in to the purchaser. *Hunter*.
- (4) A kind of small ship.
- (5) A company or division of voters at an election. *Somerset*.
- (6) Stoutly; boldly.
- (7) Seemly; decently; elegantly.
- TALME.** To become dumb?  
Hur fadur nere-hande can *talme*,  
Soche a swene hys harte can swalme.  
*Le Bone Florence of Rome*, 769.  
I donke upon David, til mi tonge *talme*;  
I ne rendrede nowt, sithen men beren palme;  
Is it also mikel sorwe, in song so is in salme?  
*Reliq. Antiq.* i. 292.
- TALSHIDES.** "One pound of white lights, ten *talshides*, eight faggotts," Ord. and Reg. p. 162.
- TALT.** Pitched.  
There was *talt* many pavylloun  
Of riche sendel and sictaloun.  
*Kyng Alisaunder*, 3254
- TALVACE.** A kind of bucket or shield, bent on each side, and rising in the middle.  
Aither brought unto the place  
A mikel rownd *talvace*.  
*Yvain and Gauvain*, 3175  
And after mete thar it was,  
The children pleide at the *talvace*.  
*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 147
- TALWHIE.** Tallow. Nominale MS.
- TAM.** The abbr. of pr. n. Thomasine.
- TAMARA.** A compound of spices.
- TAME.** (1) To broach or taste liquor. "To tame, tap, *dolinnu velinere*," Coles.  
Nowe to weete our mouthes tyme were,  
This fagette will I *tame*, yf thou rade us.  
*Chester Page*, l. 124.
- (2) To cut; to divide. *West*.
- TAME-GOOSE.** A foolish fellow. "I say cast away; yea, utterly cast away upon a noddy, a ninny-hammer, a *tame-goose*," *The Cast is Altered*, 4to. Lond. 1605.
- TAMER.** A team of horses. *Norf.*
- TAMINE.** A sort of woollen cloth.
- TAMLIN.** A miner's tool. *Cornw.*
- TAMMY.** Glutinous, or sily. *Cumb.*
- TAMPIN.** A long pellet.  
Make two stiffe long rowles or *tampins* of linnen clowtes, or such like stuffe, sharpe pointed like finger-loves, which *tampins* are called of the physicians in Latine *pesti*, and being annointed with the ointment aforesaid, thrust them up into the horses nostrils, and let them abide therein a pretty while, then pul them out, and you shal see such abundance of matter come forth at his nose as is marvelous to behold.  
*Topsell's Four-Footed Beast*, 1677, p. 373.
- TAMPING-IRON.** A tool used for heating down the earthy substance in the charge used for blasting. *Cornw.*
- TAMPION.** A piece of wood fitted to the mouth of a large gun. "Tampon for a got, *tampion*," Palsgrave, subst. f. 69.  
Unadvisedly gave fire to a peece charged with a pellet insteede of a *tampion*, the which lighting of the palaice wall, ranne through one of the private lodgings, and did no further harme.  
*Lombard's Perambulation*, 1590, p. 433.
- TAN.** (1) Taken. (*A.-S.*)  
When pese was cryed and day *tan*,  
Kyng Ardu was a joyffulle man.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. i. 38, l. 78.  
Baptem the first i-holden than,  
That falleth at the fonte be *tan*.  
*MS. Sloan*, 1785, f. 34.
- (2) To entice. (*A.-S.*)  
The fende of helle agayn skylle  
Put in hir a harde wille  
Hur fadur luf to wynne;  
And also temped was that man  
His owne dougter for to *tan*,  
To do a dedly synne.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 43.
- (3) Then. *Var. dial.*
- (4) To dun. (5) To beat. *Var. dial.*
- (6) A twig, or small switch. *Lanc.*
- TANACLES.** A kind of pincers, used formerly for torturing. "To pinch or tanacle with tongs, with pincers or tanacles," Florio, p. 352, ed. 1611.

**TANBASE.** To beat; to struggle. *Devon.*  
**TANCEL.** To beat; to flog. *Derb.*  
**TANCRETE.** A transcript, or copy. (*A.-N.*)  
**TAN-DAY.** The second day of a fair; a day after a fair; a fair for fun. *West.*  
**TANE.** (1) One. See *Cruke*.  
 (2) Taken. The same as *Tau* (1).  
 And such a custome men have *tane* therein,  
 That to be drunke is scarce accounted sinne.  
*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, ii, 261.  
**TAN FLAWING.** The taking the bark off the oak trees. *Susser.*  
**TANG.** (1) To sound, as a bell. Sometimes, to ring or pull a bell. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) A taste, or acrid twang. *Devon.*  
 (3) The sting of a bee, &c. *North.* "A tange of a nedyr, *acus*," MS. Dict. c. 1500.  
 (4) The tongue of a buckle, &c. *Last.*  
 (5) To tie. *Somerset.*  
 (6) That part of a knife or fork which passes into the haft. *West.* "A tange of a knyfe, *piramus*," MS. Dict. c. 1500.  
 (7) The prong of a fork. *North.*  
 (8) Sea-weed. *North.*  
 (9) Dirt? "You are in pretty tangs," i. e. very dirty; a Norfolk expression.  
 It depraves the mind, and leaves that *tang* and filth upon the intellectuals and affections as is not to be washed off without much ado by better counsels.  
*A Cap of Gray Hairs for a Green Head*, 1688, p. 66.  
**TANGING-NADDER.** The large dragon-fly.  
**TANGLE.** (1) Sea-weed. *North.*  
 (2) To entangle. *Palsgrave.*  
**TANGLESOME.** Discontented; obstinate; fretful. "Tanggyll, or froward, and angry," Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 177.  
**TANGLING.** Slatternly; slovenly. *North.*  
**TANK.** (1) According to Willar., a piece of deep water, natural or artificial. *North.*  
 (2) A blow. *Warw.*  
 (3) An idle amusement. *West.*  
 (4) Wild parsnip. *Gerard.*  
 Brydswete or *tank*. Hit hath leves lyke to hemlock, and a quite flower. The vertu thereof is that hit hit [is] good to hele the droppe and bytyng of venemes bestus.  
*MS. Arundel 272, f. 46.*  
 (5) A hat round at the top, but ascending like a sugar-loaf. Holme, 1688.  
**TANKARD-BEARER.** One who fetched water from conduits for the use of the citizens. Before the New River was brought to London, the city was chiefly supplied with water from conduits. See Ben Jonson, i, 24. "This is the manner of carrying water from the conduits in London to every particular family, and is so born both by men and women on their shoulders," Holme, 1688, iii, 259.  
**TANKARD-TURNIP.** The long-rooted turnip.  
**TANKEROUS.** Fretful; cross. *East.* It is sometimes pronounced *tankersome*.  
**TANNIKIN.** A name for a Dutch woman.  
 Out she would, tucks up her trinkets, like a Dutch *tanniken* sliding to market on the ice, and away she things.  
*Armin's Nest of Ninnies*, 1608.  
**TANQUAM.** "Tanquam is a fellow's fellow in our Universities, Blount, ed. 1681, p. 633.  
**TANS.** Pricklebacks. *Suffolk.*

**TANSAY-CAKE.** Was thus made:  
 Breke esges in bassyn, and swynge hem sone,  
 Do powder of peper therto anone.  
 Then grynde tansay, tho juse owte wrynge,  
 To blynde with tho egges, withowte lesynge.  
 In pan or skelet thou shalt hit frye,  
 In buttur wele skymm et wyturly,  
 Or white grece thou make take therto,  
 Geder hit on a cake, thenne hase thou do  
 With plater of tre, and frye hit browne.  
 On brodeleches serve hit thou schalle,  
 With fraunche-mele or other metis withalle.  
*MS. Stowe 1986, p. 160.*  
**TANSY.** A dish very common in the seventeenth century. It was thus made:  
*How to make a very good tansie.*  
 Take 15 eggs, and 6 of the whites; beat them very well; then put in some sugar, and a little sack; beat them again, and put about a pint or a little more of cream; then beat them again; then put in the juice of spinage or of primrose leaves to make it green. Then put in some more sugar, if it be not sweet enough; then beat it again a little, and so let it stand till you fry it, when the first course is in. Then fry it with a little sweet butter. It must be stirred and fryed very tender. When it is fryed enough, then put it in a dish, and strew some sugar upon it, and serve it in.  
*A True Gentlewoman's Delight*, 1676, pp. 13-14.  
**TANTABLIN.** Some dish or tart in cookery, mentioned in Taylor's *Workes*, 1630, i, 146. *Tantadlius*, apple-dumplings. Heref. Gl. 106. Forby has *tantablet*, a sort of tart in which the fruit is not covered by a crust, but fancifully treaked and flourished with slender shreds of pastry. A cow-plat, or human ordure, is called in ridicule a *tantadlin*, or *tantadlin-tart*.  
**TANTARA.** A confused noise. *Var. dial.* It was formerly applied to the noise of a drum.  
 There's no *tantara*, sa sa sa, or force,  
 Of man to man, or warlike horse to horse.  
*Taylor's Workes*, 1630, iii, 66.  
**TANTARABOBS.** The devil. *Devon.*  
**TANTER.** To quarrel. *North.*  
**TANTICKLE.** A prickleback. *Suffolk.*  
**TANTLE.** To dawdle, or trifle; to go gently; to attend. *North.*  
**TANTONY-PIG.** See *Anthony-pig*.  
**TANTONY-POUCH.**  
 Thou for the edge, and I the point, will make the foole bstride our mistres backs, and then have at the bagge with the dudgin hafte, that is, at the dudgen dagger, by which hangs his *tantome pouch*.  
*Lilly, ed. 1632, sig. Aa. iv.*  
**TANTRELS.** Idle persons. *North.*  
**TANTUMS.** Affected airs; insolences; whims.  
*Var. dial.*  
**TAP.** (1) To sole shoes. *West.*  
 (2) To change money. *North.*  
 (3) The spigot of a barrel. *Var. dial.*  
 (4) The hare or rabbit was said to *tap*, when making a noise at rutting time.  
 (5) To tap a tree at the root, i. e. to open it round about the root.  
**TAPART.** Of the one part.  
**TAPE.** A mole. *South.*  
**TAPECERY.** Tapestry. "A broderer of *tapecery*," Ord. and Reg. p. 99.

**TAPER-BIT.** A joiner's tool, thus described by Holme:—"the *taper-bit* is for the making of a small hole wider and larger, being in the mouth half round, whose edges are sharp, and by reason of its being taper as it goeth into a hole with the small end, and is turned about therein, the edges cut it wide by taking shavings or pairings from the hole side."

**TAPERIE.** Tapers. Ord. and Reg. p. 116

**TAPER-LADDER.** A kind of small rack having one end broader than the other.

**TAPES.** Bands of linen; pieces of lace such as form chequer-work, &c. (*A.-S.*)

**TAPET.** A hanging cloth of any kind, as tapestry, the cloth for a sumpter-horse, &c. "Tappet, a clothe, *tappis*," Palsgrave. The term was applied metaphorically to the foliage of trees.

Eke godely Flora, the goddess, ys so gay,  
Hath on her *taptes* sondré hewes sene  
Of fresh floures that so welle browded bene.

*MS. Cantab. Fl. i. 6, f. 11.*

To John Vere, Earl of Oxford, seven *tappets* of counterfeit arras of the story of Solomon.

*Test. Vetust. p. 674.*

**TAP-HOUSE.** A tavern, or inn.

Their senses are with blacke damnation drunke,  
Whose heart is Satans *tap-house* or his inne.

*Taylor's Workes, 1630, i. 3.*

**TAPILLE.** A taper.

To signifie whoso wille be clene,  
Mute oftre a *tapille* togedir made of thre.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 29.*

**TAPINAGE.** Seeret skulking. (*A.-N.*)

Ry; so thy newe *tapinage*  
Of Lollardy goth aboute  
To sette Crisist fey the in doute.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 138.*

**TAPISED.** Lurked; lay hid. *Hearne.*

**TAPISER.** A maker of tapestry. (*A.-N.*)  
"Tappyserry worke, *tapisserte*," Palsgrave.

**TAPITE.** The same as *Tapet*, q. v.

**TAPITER.** The same as *Tapiser*, q. v. See Davies' York Records, Append. p. 235.

**TAP-LASH.** Bad small beer. *Var. dial.* Also, the refuse or dregs of liquor.

His garments stonke most sweetly of his vomit,  
Fac'd with the *tap-lash* of strong ale and wine,  
Which from his slav'ring chaps doth oft decline.

*Taylor's Workes, 1630, iii. 5.*

**TAPLEY.** Early in the morning. *Evm.*

**TAPLINGS.** The strong double leathers made fast to the ends of each piece of a flail.

**TAPPE.** (1) To tap; to beat?

And your foot ye *tappyn* and ye daunce,  
Thogh hit the fryskyst horse were in a towne.

*MS. Fairfax 16.*

2)

I crosse out all this: adewe, by Saynt Johan!  
I take my *tappe* in my lappe, and am gone.

*Morality of Every-Man, p. 63.*

**TAPPER.** An innkeeper. *North.*

**TAPPIS.** To lie close to the ground, said of partridges and game. *East.*

**TAPPY.** To hide or skulk, as a deer.

**TAPPY-LAPPY.** In haste, with the coat-laps flying behind through speed.

Nancy B ill's crying out: I just gat a glif o  
Gweorge runnin', *tappp-lappp*, for the howley.

**TAPS.** The round pipes or cells in a beehive which are made for the queen-bee.

**TAP-SHACKLED.** Intoxicated.

**TAPSTERE.** A woman who had the care of the tap in a public-house, or inn. In Shakespeare's time, a man or woman who drew the beer was called the tapster.

**TAPTRE.** *Corcida, clipeudra*, MS. Dict. c. 1560.

**TAPULL.** Part of ancient armour, mentioned in Hall's Union, 1548, Hen. IV. f. 12. Meyrick conjectures it to be the projecting edge of the cuirass.

**TAP-WARE.** A wisp of straw or bottle of basket-work to put within side the tap-hole in a brewing or other straining vessel.

**TAR.** (1) There. *Sevyn Sages, 207*

(2) A childish word for *farewell*.

**TARAGE.** Appearance?

In every part the *tarage* is the same,  
Liche his fader of maneris and of name.

*MS. Digby 232, f. 1.*

**TARATANTARA.** The sound of trumpets.

**TAR-BARELLE.** A combustible missile used in ancient warfare.

With bowes schot and with arblast,  
With *tarbareille* and with wilde fyre.

*MS. Addit. 10036, f. 24.*

**TARBLE.** Tolerable. *West.* Also *tarblish*.

**TAR-BOX.** (1) A box used by shepherds for carrying tar, used for anointing sores in sheep, for marking them, and for other purposes. *Tarre boyste*, Chester Plays, i. 125.

Shepherds, leave singing your pastorall sonnetts,  
And to learne complements shew your endeavours:  
Cast of for ever your twee shillings bonnetts,  
Cover your coxcombs with three pounds beavers.  
Sell carte and *tarbate* new coaches to buy,  
Then, "good your worshipping," the vulgar will cry.

*MS. Addit. 5032, f. 205*

(2) A term of contempt.

**TARDLE.** To entangle. *Dorset.*

**TARDRY.** Immodest; bawdy. *East.*

**TARE.** (1) Eager; brisk. *Heref.*

(2) Torn. Vocab. MS. xv. Cent.

**TAREFITCH.** "Tarefytche, a corne, *lupyn*," Palsgrave, subst. f. 69.

**TARGE.** (1) A shield. (*A.-N.*)

Tho that suffir so her wyfes, God let hem never thryf,  
Hyt makyth hem to ley to wed bothe bokolar and  
*targe*.

*MS. L. ind. 416, l. 74.*

I wolde sey thee yit a worde of the *targe*. Ther  
is no wight weel armed ne wight defended ne kepte-  
withowten *toarge*, for the *tuarge* defendethe the  
tother barneys from empeyring; by hit is boothe the  
body and the toother herneys ekepte withowten  
empeyring. *Romance of the Monk, Sion College MS.*

After I tooke the gaynepaynes and the sword  
with which I gurde me, and sithe whane I was thus  
armed, I putte the *targe* to my syde.

*Romance of the Monk, Sion College MS.*

(2) To tarry; to delay. Also, delay.

Otuwel, withoute *targing*,  
Answerede Karnifecs the king.

*Romance of Otuel, p. 79.*

(3) "Targe or chartyr, *carta*," Pr. Parv.

**TAR-GRASS.** Wild vetch. *Staff.*

TARIE. To provoke; to betray.  
 TARIER. A terrier. *Palsgrave*.  
 TARING. Great; noisy; blustering. *West*.  
 TARKY. Dark. Ray gives this as a Suffolk word, but it does not seem to be now used.  
 TARLETHIER. A term of contempt.  
 TARLETTE. A tartlet. *Pegge*.  
 TAR-MARL. String saturated in tar. *Lincol.*  
 TARMINGER. Harbinger. A corruption.  
 TARMIT. A turnip. *East*.  
 TARN. (1) A lake. *North*. "Riseth out of a lake or tarne," Harrison's England, p. 95.  
 It appears they had gone early on Saturday morning to angle in the mountain *turn* of Hayswater, which abounds with fish of an excellent flavour, and it is conjectured that they sat themselves down in the midst of a heavy snow storm, and being overcome by drowsiness, had sunk into sleep and fallen victims to the inclemency of the day.  
*Newspaper Paragraph*, 1846.  
 (2) Fierce; ill-natured. *Cumb.*  
 TARNATION. A common oath.  
 TARNE. (1) A girl, or wench.  
 As sengle knave and sengle tarne,  
 Whan they synne togedyr 3erne.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 49.  
 (2) Tore; razed.  
 The spere away feyre dud glyde,  
 Hyt tarne hys skynne in manere,  
 He thought hyt came a lytull to nere.  
*MS. Cantab.* FF. ii. 38, f. 1 2.  
 TARNEL. Much; equal. *South*.  
 TAROCKS. See *Terrestrial-Triumphs*.  
 TAROTS. A game at cards. Tarots are said to be cards with printed or dotted backs. "Will you play at tables, at dyce, at tarots, and chesse?"—The French Alphabet, 8vo. Lond. 1615, p. 148.  
 TARPE.  
 He toke out the brode tarpe,  
*Robin Hood*, 1. 68.  
 TARR. To vex; to disquiet.  
 TARRA-DIDDLE. Imposed upon, generally by lies; puzzled; bewildered. *West*.  
 TARRANT. A crabbed fellow. *Yorksh.*  
 TARRAS. A terrace. *Arch.* x. 422.  
 TARRET. To tarry. *North*.  
 TARRIANCE. Ahide; delay. "Taryance, abyding, demourance; taryance, termynue, attente, attention, arrest," *Palsgrave*.  
 Where hearts be knit, what helps, if not enjoy?  
 Delay breeds doubts, no cunning to be coy;  
 Whilst lazie Time his turne by tarriance serves,  
 Love still growes sickly, and Hope daily starves.  
*Dayton's Poems*, ed. 1637, p. 285.  
 TARR-ON. "To excite to anger or violence, is still used in Cheshire. It is a good old word, used by Wicliffe in his Path Waye to Perfect Knowledg; and also in a MS. translation of the Psalms by Wicliffe, penes me: 'They have terred thee to ire.'" Willbraham, p. 112.  
 TAR-ROPE. Rope-yarn. *Norf.*  
 TARS. Tharsia, a country adjoining Cathay. *Cloth of Tars*, a species of silken stuff formerly much esteemed.  
 In toges of Tarsse fulle richelye attyryde.  
*Morte Arthure*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 87.  
 TARSE. Mentula; virga. (*A.-S.*)

Now 3e speke of a tarse,  
 In alle the world is not a warse  
 Thane hathe my hosbond.  
*MS. Porkington 10*, xv. Cent.

TARSEL. The same as *Tercel*, q. v.  
 TARST. Erst?  
 Tho tarst bigan Godrich to go  
 Upon the Danshe, and faste to slo.  
*Havelok*, 2688.  
 TARTAR. (1) Tartarus, or hell.  
 (2) A covetous, greedy person. *North*.  
 TARTARET. The passenger-hawk.  
 TARTARIAN. A thief. *Nares*.  
 TARTARIN. A kind of silk. *White tartarone* is mentioned in Ord. and Reg. p. 123.  
 Iteu, two quishions of counterfeit arres with my Lords armes; alsoe two paire of curtaines of green tartarin.  
*Test. Vetust.* p. 453  
 TARTARY. Tartarus; hell.  
 TART-STUFF. Was thus made:  
 To a dozen pound of prunes take half a dozen of Malgo raisms, wash and pick them clean, and put them into a pot of water; set them over the fire till all these are like pulp, and stir them often lest they burn to; then take them off, and let them be rubbed through a hair sive hard with your bands, by little and little, till all be through; then season them to your taste with seared ginger.  
*A True Gentlewoman's Delight*, 1676, p. 14  
 TAR-VETCHES. Tares. *South*.  
 TARY. To struggle; to get free. *Cornw.*  
 TAS. A mow of corn. *Kent*. "Tasse of corne or other lyke, *tassis*," Pr. Parv.  
 TASE. Takes. (*A.-S.*)  
 He tase the ryng and the spere,  
 Stirtes uppon the mere,  
 Fro the moder that hym bere  
 Forthe ganne he ryde!  
*Perceval*, 429.  
 TASEE. Clasp; fibula. *Gawayne*.  
 TASELL. A teazel. "*Cardo*, a thystelle or a tasell," *Nominale MS.*  
 TASES. "*Batticuli*, the tases or bases that horsemen use behind," Florio, p. 57.  
 TASH. (1) To bespatter; to splash. *North*.  
 (2) Fretful; froward. *Dumelm.*  
 TASK. (1) "Taske in workyng stynt, *tache*," *Palsgrave*. (2) "Taske that a price gadereth, *taule*," *ibid.*  
 TASKED. In full work. *North*.  
 TASKER. A thrasher. In some places, a reaper is so called. It is an archaism in the first sense. "*Triturator*, a tasker," *Nominale MS.* xv. Cent.  
 TASKS. Flax on the distaff.  
 TASK-WORK. Work taken by the piece.  
 TASP. To pant; to beat; to palpitate.  
 TASSAKER. A cup, or goblet.  
 TASSE. (1) A heap. (*A.-N.*)  
 Ther lay of paiens mani tasse,  
 Wide and side, more and lasse.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 249.  
 A povere man, whiche Baidus hyt,  
 Cam forth walkyng with his asse,  
 And hadde gadrid him a tasse  
 Of grene stikkis and of drye.  
*Gower*, *MS. Sor.* *Antiq.* 134, f. 153.  
 Thou ridest up, a sely asse,  
 Agyne the develes gryssly tasse.  
*MS. A. 11397*, f. 65.



- (?) A cup; a dish. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) To dirty; to splash. *North.*  
 TASSEL. (1) The male of the goss-hawk.  
     So she, by going the further about, comes the  
     nearer home, and by casting out the lure, makes the  
     *tassell gentle* come to her fist.  
     *Taylor's Workes*, 1630, ii. 95.  
 (2) A silly person. *North.*  
 TASSEL-BUR. A thistle. *Palsgrave.*  
 CASSELED. Adorned with tassels.  
 CASSELETS. Small tassels. *Harrison*, p. 160.  
 TASSES. Armour for the thighs. It is ex-  
 plained in the *Unton Inventories*, "flaps of  
 armour attached to the bottom of the breast-  
 plate." See *Hall*, Henry IV. f. 12.  
 FASSET. An ill-behaved woman. *Derby.*  
 TASSEY. A mischievous child; a silly fellow.  
*North.*  
 TAST. Touched; felt; examined.  
     The maiden *tast* Hornes wounde,  
     The knyges douhter, in that stounde.  
     *Horn Child and Maiden Rinnild*, p. 309.  
 TASTE. (1) To smell. *North.*  
 (2) To touch or enter upon a subject.  
 TASTOUR. "Tastour, a lytell cuppe to tast  
 wyne, *tasse agouster le vin*," *Palsgrave.*  
 TASTRILL. A cunning rogne. *North.*  
 TAT. (1) To entangle. *North.*  
 (2) Dad; father. A child's term. *Tatta* is some-  
 times heard. *Suffolk.*  
 (3) To touch gently. *Hants.*  
 (4) That. *Lanc.*  
 TATARWAGGES. Perhaps the same as *tatter-*  
*wallops*, explained by *Brockett*, "ragged clothes  
 fluttering in the wind."  
     And with graie clothis nat full clene,  
     But frettid full of *tatarwagges*.  
     *Romanse of the Rose*, 7211.  
 TATCHE. The same as *Tache*, q. v.  
 TATE. (1) To tilt; to overturn. *West.*  
 (2) A small lock of hair, wool, &c. *North.*  
 TATELING. Stammering.  
 TATER. A potato. *Tater-trap*, a trap for  
 potatoes, i. e. the mouth. *Var. dial.* Potatoes  
 are often termed *taties*. *Tatie-and-point*, a  
 good meal of potatoes, the meat being pointed  
 at in imagination. *To settle any one's taters*,  
 equivalent to settle his hash. *Tater-dropping*,  
 planting potatoes.  
 TATH. (1) Taketh.  
     For he therof his parte ne *tath*,  
     But kepeth to another that he hath.  
     *Gower*, *MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 127.  
 (2) Luxuriant grass growing about the dung of  
 animals. Also, to manure land by pasturing  
 cattle upon it.  
 TATHER. To lay out any kind of work.  
*Tathering-chain*, a chain by which work is  
 laid out and planned. *Salop. Atiq.*  
 TATHY-GRASS. Coarse refuse grass. *North.*  
 TATS. False dice. A cant term.  
 TATTER. (1) Cross; peevish. *Kent.*  
 (2) To stir actively and laboriously. *East.*  
 (3) To make a fool of any one. *Midr.*  
 (4) To chatter, or gabble. *Pr. Parv. Tat'ter*  
 a female scold. *Norf.*

TATTERDEMALLION. A ragged fellow.

The pox and piles shall reverence thee; one fire  
 strikes out another; and whole families shall main-  
 taine their *tatterdemallions*, with hanging thee out  
 in a string.

*Breathwaite's Smoking Age*, 1617, p. 147.

I have carried a great many in my wherry, males  
 and females, from the silken whore to the pitifull  
 poor *tatterdemalion* that have had forty times more  
 whipcord given them for nothing.

*Poor Robin's Visions*, 1677, p. 73.

TATTERWALLOPS. See *Tatarwagges*.

TATY. (1) A board or pole, resting, in the mid-  
 dle only, on some elevated place, and bal-  
 anced so that two persons, one sitting on  
 each end, may move up and down alternately  
 by striking the ground with the feet.

(2) Fit; suitable. *North.*

TAUBASE. Unruly behaviour. *West.*

TAUCKNET. A small cannon?

Thy fakens, *taw-kurts*, minions all,  
 Arow thou hast them layde.

*Gaufrido and Barnardo*, 1570.

TAUGHT. Tight. *Var. dial.*

TAUGHTIE. Delivered up. (*A.-S.*)

He *taughte* hym some to the kiste,  
 Ther he alle the golde wiste. *Perceval*, 2109.

TAUKE. The herb *daucus asiaticus*.

TAUM. (1) To faint with sickness; to fall gently  
 to sleep. *North.*

(2) A fishing-line. *Yorksh.*

TAUNT. (1) A certain quantity.

Good ale he doth so haunt,  
 And drynke a due *taunt*.

*Doctour Doublet's*, n. d.

(2) To tease; to importunate. *East.*

(3) Lofty; loftily masted. *I. Wight.*

TAUNTLING. Tossing the head. *Lincol.* "There  
 she was, turling and *tauntling*."

TAUNTONS. A kind of broad cloths made at  
 Taunton in Somersetshire.

TAURD. Towards?

Ryght so fares the foule fynde,  
 Sen he wos bonden soo;

He berkes and grennes *taurd* men,  
 Bot he ne may noost doo.

*MS. Cantab.* ff. v. 48, f. 81.

TAURE. The constellation Taurus.

TAUTE. Gave? (*A.-S.*)

on him this shome me haveth spoken.

Leve Nelde, bi-lef al this;

Me thinketh that thou art onwis.

The mon that me to the *taute*,

He weste that thou hous touhest saute.

*MS. Diebo* 86.

TAUST. Behaved; mannered. *Gaufrage.*

TAVE. (1) To kick; to fidget about, especially  
 with the feet; to rage. *Var. dial.* It occurs in  
 the *History of Beryn*, 1327.

(2) To work up plaster, &c. *Cumb.*

TAVELL. "An instrument for a sylke woman  
 to worke with," *Palsgrave.*

TAVERN. (1) A cellar. *Yorksh.*

(2) The tavern bitch has bit him in the head, i. e.  
 he is tipsy.

TAVERNER. The keeper of a tavern.

Ryght as off a *taverner*,

The greene busche that hangeth out

Is a sygne, it is no dowte,

- Outward folkys if r to tete  
That within is wyne to selle.  
*MS. Cotton. Tiber. A. vii. f. 72.*  
Mary, at the dore even hereby,  
Yf we call any thyng on hye,  
The *taverer* wyll answere.  
*Interlude of the vij. Elements, n. d.*
- TAVERNGANGE.** *Attobecuo, MS. Diet. c. 1500.*
- TAVERN-TOKEN.** A token coined by a tavern-keeper. To swallow a tavern token, was a cant phrase for being tipsy. See the Honest Whore, i. 4.
- TAVORT.** Half a bushel. *Sussex.*
- TAW.** (1) To dress hemp, or leather.  
And whilst that they did nimbly spin,  
The hempe he needs must *taw*.  
*Robin Goodfellow, p. 23.*
- (2) To soften, or make supple.  
(3) A whip. *North.*  
(4) A large choice marble.  
(5) To twist; to entangle. *North.*  
(6) To tie; to fasten. *Somerset.*
- TAW-BESS.** A slatternly woman. *North.*
- TAWDERIED-UP.** Finely dressed. *Line.*
- TAWDRY.** (1) *Tawdry lace*, a kind of fine lace alluded to by Shakespeare, Spenser, &c. "Tawdry-lace, *fimbriae nudinis sanctae Etheldredae emptae*," Coles.  
(2) A rural necklace. *Drayton*
- TAWE.** Tow. (*A.-S.*)
- TAWER.** (1) Aftergrass. *Dorset.*  
(2) A leather-dresser. *Var. dial.*
- TAWL.** To stroke, or make smooth. *West.*
- TAWLINGS.** The mark from which boys shoot in playing at marbles. *South.*
- TAWNY.** A bullfinch. *Somerset.*
- TAWNY-MEDLY.** *Tanny mesley*, Palsgrave.
- TAWS.** A piece of tanned leather. *North.*
- TAWSTOCK-GRACE.** Finis. *Devon.*
- TAXAGE.** Taxation. *MS. Diet. c. 1500.*
- TAXERS.** Two officers yearly chosen in Cambridge to see the true gage of all weights and measures. *Blount.*
- TAX-WAX.** The same as *Farwar*, q. v.
- TAYE.** To manure land. "Tayng of lond, *ruderario, stercoriza*," Pr. Parv. At f. 186 it is spelt *taym*, "taym loude with schepys donge."
- TAYLARD.** A term of reproach.
- TAYSED.** Driven; harassed. *Gawayne.*
- TAYTE.** (1)  
There he levede in a *tayte*  
Bothe his modir and his gayte.  
*Perceval, 253.*
- (2) Plump; fat? Syr Gawayne, p. 52.
- TAZZY.** A mischievous child. *North.*
- TAYTE.** Taught. (*A.-S.*)  
And by gonne, as I 3er *tayte*,  
At *simila modo* even stra3te.  
*MS. Cotton. Claud. A. ii. f. 150.*
- TE.** (1) To. *Yorksh.*  
(2) To go; to draw to. (*A.-S.*)  
But she aunsweryd hym ay in haste,  
To none bot Launcelot wold she *te*.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 160*
- The devel bevede so muche pooste,  
That alle mosten to helle *te*.  
*Harrowing of Hell, p. 13*  
Never eft y nil no woman se,  
Into wildernes I chilt *te*,  
And hve ther evermore  
With wyldre bestes in holtes hore  
*Sir Orpheus, ed. Long, 173*
- (3) To tug; to pull. (*A.-S.*)  
In the toune he herd belles ring,  
And loude erie and miche weping,  
Clothes to tere, her to *te*,  
More sorwe no might non be.  
*Gy of Warwick, p. 249.*
- (4) Thee. Amis and Amiloun, 1599.
- TEA.** (1) The one. *North.*  
(2) Too; likewise. *Yorksh.*  
(3) To take tea. *Var. dial.*
- TEAD.** A torch. This word is used several times by Spenser.  
Now's the glad and checrefull day,  
Phæbus doth his beames display,  
And the faire bride forth to lead  
Makes his torch ther nuptial *tead*.  
*Heywood's Marriage Triumph, 1643.*
- TEADY.** Tired; peevish. *North.*
- TEAGLE.** A crane for lifting goods. *North.*
- TEAGS.**  
All ye that love, or who pretends,  
Come listen to my sonnet;  
Black baggs or vizards, who have friends,  
Or English *teags* or bonnets. *Folly in Print, 1667.*
- TEAK.** A whitlow. *Somerset.*
- TEAKERS.** A running of watery matter from a sore. *Northumb.*
- TEALIE.** A tailor. *Lawc.*
- TEAM.** (1) A tandem. *Var. dial.*  
(2) A litter of pigs. *Keul.* Brockett has *teem*, a brood of young ducks. *A.-S.* team. It is a common archaism, spelt *teune*.  
(3) Empty. *Yorksh.*  
(4) An ox-chain in harness. *North*  
(5) "A teame beast, everie beast that draweth or heareth burdens," Baret, 1580.
- TEAM-BANDS.** The same as *Start-chains*, q. v.
- TEAMER.** (1) A team of five horses. *Norf.*  
(2) To pour out copiously. *East.*
- TEAMERMAN.** A waggoner, carter, or driver of a teamer. *Norf.*
- TEAM-FULL.** Brimful. *North.*
- TEANT.** It is not. *Var. dial.*
- TEAP.** A peak, or point. *Somerset.*
- TEAR.** (1) To go fast. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To break, or crack. *West.*
- TEAR-A-CAT.** To rant violently.
- TEARING.** Great; rough; topping; noisy; blustering; hot-headed. *Var. dial.*
- TEARN.** (1) The sea-swallow. *Arch. xiii. 352.*  
(2) They were. *Lawc.*  
(3) To compare; to liken. *Yorksh.*
- TEART.** Sharp; severe; painful. *West.*
- TEAR-THE-MOOR.** "To tear the moor," says Urry, in his MS. additions to Ray, "about Hungerford signifies to gett roaringly drunk. They tore the moor litterly."
- TEARY.** Weak and thin. *Dorset.* This term is generally applied to plants.

TEASER. (1) A kind of hound.  
(2) Anything which causes trouble. *Var. dial.*  
TEATA. Too much. *North.*  
TEATH. Tithe. *North.*  
Therefore, of all that I have wonne  
To geve thee *teath* I wil helpe.  
*Chester Plays*, i. 58.

TEATHE. The dung of cattle. *North.*  
TEATHY. Peevish; crabbed. *Yorksh.*  
TEATISH. The same as *Teathy*, q. v.  
Lightly, hee is an olde man, (for those) yeares are  
most wayward and *teatish* yet he never so olde or  
so froward, since avarice likewise is a fellow vice of  
those fraile yeares, we must set one extreme to  
strive with another, and alay the anger of oppression  
by the sweet incense of a newe purse of angels.  
*Nash's Piesse Penitence*, 1592.

TEATY-WAD. The same as *Sugar-teat*, q. v.  
TEAUP. A tup, or ram. *North.*  
TEAVE. The same as *Tave* (1).  
TEAWSE. To pull, or ruffle. *Lanc.*  
TEBLE. Qu. an error for *treble*?  
Theophanos for God in *teble* wyse  
Therme apperid, as ge have herde devyse.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 25.

TECHE. (1) To teach. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) To intrust; to appoint to.  
TECHY. Peevish; cross; touchy. *South.*  
TECKEN. Taken; took. *Line.*  
TECTLY. Covertly; secretly.  
TED. (1) To spread hay. "I teede hey, I  
tourne it afore it is made in cockes, *je fene*."  
Palsgrave. Still in use.  
(2) To turn flax when it has been laid on the  
ground to dry. *West.*  
(3) To burn wood-fires. *Line.*  
(4) To be ordered to do anything. *Em.*  
(5) The nickname for *Edward*.  
TEDDER. Live within thy tedder, i. e. live  
within thy bounds. Tusser, p. xxiii.  
TEDDING-POLE. The long stick used for  
turning or tedding flax. *West.*  
TEDDY. Edward. *Var. dial.*  
TEDY. Tedious; vexations. *North.*  
TEE. (1) The same as *Te* (2).  
Telle me the tyme when byt schall bee,  
When thou schall to hevne *tee*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 33.*  
Of grete age schal he noyt be  
Oute of this worlde whan he schal *tee*.  
*MS. Harl. 2320, f. 33.*

(2) To tie. *North.*  
TEE-DRAW. A place of resort. *North.*  
TEE-FALL. A mode of building in the pent-  
house form, common in Northumberland.  
TEE-HEES. Laughters. "Ye tee-heeing pixy."  
Exmoor Scolding, ed. 1839, p. 6.  
For all the *tee-hees* that have been broke by men  
of droll, or dirt that has been thrown from daring  
spight.  
*Fairfax, Bulk and Selvedge of the World*, 1674.  
TEEHOLE. The passage in a hive through  
which the bees pass in and out. *East.*  
TEEMT. A lock of wool, flax, &c. *Cumb.*  
TEE-IRON. An instrument for drawing the  
lower box in the barrel of a pump.  
TEEL. (1) To place anything in a leaning posi-  
tion against a wall, &c. *Wills.*

(2) To give. *Devon.*  
(3) To set a trap. *Devon.*  
(4) To sow and harrow in seed. *West.*  
TEELED. Buried. *Corur.*  
TEEM. (1) To pour out. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To unload a cart. *Yorksh.*  
(3) To cause? to contrive?  
Ah, said he, thou hast confessed and bewrayed all;  
I could *teeme* it to rend thee in peeces; with that  
she was afraid, and wound away, and got her into  
company. *Gifford's Dialogue on Witches*, 1603.  
Alas, man, I could *teeme* it to go, and some coun-  
sell me to go to the man at T. B. and some to the  
woman at R. H. And between them both, I have  
lingred the time, and feare I may be spoiled before I  
get remedie. *Gifford's Dialogue on Witches*, 1603.  
(4) To bring forth young. *Teeming-woman*, a  
prolific woman. *North.*  
TEEMING. Overflowing.  
Discard that dullness; why should soft delight  
Be so oppos'd? why so should love affright  
Thy tender mind, which *teeming* youth requires?  
Why should dull ponderings drink up those desires?  
*History of Joseph*, 1692.  
TEEMONER. A sea term, in common use it  
would appear among the Woodbridge seamen,  
and probably elsewhere, meaning, it is be-  
lieved, the man on the look-out. *Noor's*  
*Suffolk MS.*  
TEEN. (1) To light a candle. *Var. dial.* Her-  
rick uses *teend*, to light or kindle.  
(2) Angry. Also as *teue*, q. v.  
(3) To shut; to close; to change. *West.* Also,  
to hedge or inclose a field.  
(4) Taking. *Chesh.*  
TEENAGE. The longer wood to make or mend  
hedges with. *Kennett*. In some places it is  
called *teenet*.  
TEEN-LATHE. A tithe-barn. *North.*  
TEENS. In her teens, i. e. more than twelve  
years old, thirteen, fourteen, &c.  
That powder'd girl in blooming *teens*,  
How mellow and how fine!  
*Caps Well Ft. Newc.* 1785, p. 12.  
TEENY. (1) Tiny; very small. *North.*  
(2) Fretful; peevish; fractions. *Lanc.*  
TEER. (1) Tar; resin; balsam. (*A.-S.*)  
Men fynd-th lumps on the sand  
Of *teer*, no finer in that land.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 18.  
(2) "Teere of flowre, *amolum*." Pr. Parv.  
(3) To daub with clay. *North.* Hence a clay  
wall is sometimes called a *teer-wall*.  
TE-ERE. A contraction of "this year," often  
used for *yet*. "I have not seen it te-ere."  
*Hovefordsh.*  
TEERE. To plaster between rafters. *Lanc.*  
TEE-RING. A ring on the shaft of a waggon  
or cart, through which the tie of the thill-  
horse is put to enable him to draw.  
TEERY. Full of tears? In Warwickshire, the  
term *teery* means smeary, moist, adhesive,  
as the ground is after a frost.  
But these thinges overpast, if of your health and myne  
You have respect, or pittie ought my *teery* weeping eye n  
*Romulus and Juliet*, 1592.  
TEERY-LERRY. The note of the lark.

- The larke that many mornes herselfe makes merry  
With the shrill chanting of her *teery-terry*.
- Broune's Britannia's Pastorals*, i. 140.
- TEES.** Iron holdfasts in the shape of the top  
of the letter T, pendant on short chains from  
the seels of a horse's collar, or from the thill-  
bells. They are thrust, one end first, through  
staples on the shafts. *Moor*.
- TEEST.** A vessel for refining silver.  
As golde to fyre is fynid by assay,  
And at the *teest* sylver is depurid.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 7.
- TEETHWARD.** "He is clarke to the *teeth-*  
*ward*, he hath eaten his service book; spoken  
in mockage by such as maketh shew of learn-  
ing and be not learned," Hollyband's Dic-  
tionarie, 1593.
- TEETY.** Fretful; fractious. *North*.
- TEFFIGIES.** Effigies. "The teffigies and coun-  
terfait," Honours Academie, 1610, ii. 9.
- TEFT.** The same as *Heft*, q. v.
- TEG.** A sheep in its second year. *Var. dial.*  
"A teg or sheepe with a little head and wooll  
under it's belly," Florio, p. 32. Palsgrave  
applies the term to a young deer, "tegge or  
pricket, *saillant*;" properly the doe in its se-  
cond year. Skelton seems to apply the term  
to a woman.
- TEGH.** Went. (*A.-S.*)  
Beves to the hors *tegh*;  
Tho the hors him knew and segh.  
*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 85.
- TEGHHELL-STANE.** A tile-stone. (*A.-S.*)  
If thu wenes the fever sal tak the man or the  
morne: tak on the even before a gude fatte ele, and  
do hit al qwhik in a litel pocenet ful of gude wyne,  
and cover hit wele with a *teghell stane* that hit gaught  
oute, and lat hit be swa all oyght.  
*Reliq. Antiq.* i. 54.
- TEIGHTE.** Promised. See Chester Plays, i. 95.  
It is, perhaps, an error for *heighte*.
- TEIL.** To procure, or obtain. (*A.-S.*)  
Go *teyl* thi mete with swynk and swoot  
Into thi tyvys ende. *Coventry Mysteries*, p. 30.
- TEILE.** The birch tree. (*Lat.*) According  
to Juuius, the lime tree was so called.
- TEINE.** Seems to signify a narrow, thin plate  
of metal. Tyrwhitt's Gl. p. 249.  
I say, he toke out of his owen sleve  
A *teine* of silver, yvel mote he cheve.  
*Chaucer, Cant. T.* 16693.
- TEINTEN.** To die. (*A.-N.*)
- TEISE.** (1) A fathom. (*Fr.*)  
In me prououn thow schelt abide,  
Under therthe twenty *teise*.  
*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 56.
- (2) To pull to pieces with the fingers.
- TEISIL.** "Teyssyl, *chardon*," Palsgrave.
- TEITE.** Quick; speedily. (*A.-S.*)  
The laddes were kaske and *teyte*,  
And un-bi yeden him ilkon. *Havelok*, 1841.
- TEITHE.** Tithe. Nominale MS.  
Teche hem also welle and greythe  
How they schule paye here *tythe*.  
*MS. Cotton, Claud. A. ii. f. 131.*
- TEJUS.** Very. This word is of extensive use.  
*Tejus* good, *tejus* bad, *tejus* quick, *tejus* slow,  
&c. *Sussex*. It is sometimes used for *tedious*.
- TEK.** "Tek or lytylle towche, *tactulus*," Fr.  
Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 178.
- TEKE.** A tick. Nominale MS.
- TEKEN.** To betoken; to note; to mark; to  
observe. (*A.-S.*)
- TEKYL.** Ticklish.  
Of hire taylor oftetyne be lyght,  
And rygh *tekyll* undyr the too.  
*Coventry Mysteries*, p. 134.
- TELARY.** Pertaining to weaving.
- TELDE.** (1) A tent; a habitation. (*A.-S.*)  
And toke ther lawncys and ther sheldes,  
And leyde them upon the *teldes*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 220*  
Alle that stode on ilk a syde  
Hade joye to se Clement ryde,  
Byfore the sowdans *telde*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 107.*  
There myght they se a wondyr thyng  
Of *tellys* riche and ma[n]y a tente.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 119.*
- (2) To set up; to build; to cover.
- TELE.** Deceit. (*A.-S.*)  
So wyth cha[r]mes and wyth *telev*  
He ys i-broghte azejn to hele.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 131.*  
Wychecrafte and *tebyng*  
Forbode thou hem for any thyng.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 131.*
- TELERE.** A fine linen cloth, formerly worn by  
ladies as part of the head-dress.  
That thay be trapped in gete,  
Bathe *telere* and mantelete,  
Ryghte of a fyne velvete,  
And make we na draye.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 134*
- TELL.** (1) To talk. *Somersel.*  
(2) *I cannot tell*, I know not what to say or  
think of it. A common phrase in old plays.  
See Jonson, i. 125. *To hear tell*, to learn by  
hearsay.
- TELLABILLE.** Speakable.
- TELLE.** (1) To count; to tell. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) To recognize. (3) To remember. *Var. dial.*  
(4) To proclaim a tournament?  
Now of justynges thay *telle*;  
Thay sayne that syr Percyvelle,  
That he wille in the felde duelle,  
Als he hase are done. *Perceval*, 113.
- (5) A teal. Nominale MS.  
(6) To eat hastily. *Devon.*
- TELLED.** Told. *Var. dial.*
- TELLY.** A stalk of grass, &c. *North.*
- TELT.** (1) Pitched; set up. (*A.-S.*)  
And swithe *teft* her pavilou  
A litel withouten Cardoil toun.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 118
- (2) A tent. *Prompt. Parv.*  
(3) "Telte hayyr, *gauda*;" teltyd, *gaudatus*,  
Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221, f. 178.
- TELWYNGE.** "Telwyng or twyhtyng, *scis-*  
*sulatus*," Pr. Parv. MS. Harl. 221.
- TEME.** (1) Race; progeny. (*A.-S.*)  
Tho said the kyng of Jerusalem,  
This child is come of gentille *tems*.  
*Torrent of Portugal*, p. 81.
- (2) To beget; to propagate. (*A.-S.*)  
(3) Anything following in a row, as a team of  
horses, &c. (*A.-S.*)

(4) To discourse?

Wan I the wolde *teme* and *teche* [wat] was uvel and  
;wat was guod. *Appendix to W. Mapes*, p. 335.

(5) A theme, or subject. *Palsgrave*.

(6) To emit vapour. *Somersvt.*

(7) To empty; to make empty.

With swerdis swyftly thay smyte,  
Thay *teme* sadils fulle tye.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 134*

Sire Degrevant, ar he terte,

*Teme*de the carl one the beste,

And hontede his forste

Wyth bernus fulle bolde. *Degrevant*, 490.

TEMERATED. Violated. (*Lat.*)

Nay, they both professed that the case was so  
clear and undoubted, that they both must have  
sinned against their consciences, and have *temerated*  
the oath they had taken when they were made  
judges, if they should have argued otherwise.

*MS. Harl. 646*

TEMESE. The Thames. (*Lat.*)

And put hem in an erthen pot that be clene, and  
put therto tweyne galones of clene *Temese* water that  
be taken at an ebbe. *MS. Sloane 73, f. 214*

TEMNEST. Most contemned. *Shak.*

TEMOROUSLY. Rashly. (*Lat.*)

TEMPED. Intimidated; made afraid.

Thai war so temped in that tye,

Thare thai durst no lenger hide.

*The Scryn Sages*, 2813.

TEMPER. Heat and moisture as productive of  
vegetation. *Var. dial.*

TEMPERAL. "*Temperalium*, a temperal,"  
Nominal MS. among the vestments of a  
priest.

TEMPEST. A thunderstorm not necessarily  
accompanied with wind. *East.*

TEMPLE-MOLD. A pattern, or mould used by  
masons in fashioning their work.

TEMPLES. "The temples belong to the weav-  
ers, and are two staves with broad ends set  
with sharp pins, which being laid together,  
may be stretched out to any reasonable breadth  
as cloth is made; and by the pins putting into  
the selvage of the cloth, it is kept open while  
it is in weaving," Holme. "Tempylle of a  
wefer, *virgula*," *MS. Diet. c. 1500*.

TEMPLET. A model. *North.*

TEMPLYS. An ornament of gold set with ru-  
bies, placed upon each temple, and dependant  
from the head. This fashion was prevalent  
with ladies of quality, temp. Hen. VI. "Tem-  
plet, a thyng made of latyn, *templete*,"  
*Palsgrave*, subst. f. 69.

My body to be buried in the abbey of Tewks-  
bury; and I desire that my great *templys*, with the  
balys, be sold to the utmost, and delivered to the  
monks of that house, so that they grutchet not with  
my burial there. *Test. Vetust.* p. 239.

TEMPRE. (1) To correct; to manage. *Tenpre*  
*thy tail*, be moderate and calm.

(2) To mix together; to mingle. Still in use,  
according to Moor, p. 423.

Take warmdre, stampe it, and *temper* it with  
watur, and than streyne it; and than take a spon-  
fulle of that lekour, and putt it in his mowthe,  
and he schal speke. *MS. Med. Rec. xv. Cent.*

TEMPS. Time. (*A.-N.*)

TEMPT. To attempt. *South*

TEMPTATIOUS. Tempting.

TEMPTION. Temptation. *Middleton.*

TEMSE. A sieve. *North.*

Marcolphus toke a lytyll cyve or *temse* in his oon  
hande, and a foot of a bere in the othre hande.

*Salomon and Marcolphus*, n. d.

TEMSING - CHAMBER. The sifting-room.  
*North.*

TEMS-LOAF. Bread made of sifted or fine  
flour. "*Miche*, a fine manchet; the country  
people of France call so also a loafe of boulted  
bread or tems bread," Cotgrave. In the notes  
to Tusser, *tems loaf* is explained, "a mixture  
of wheat and rye, out of which the coarser  
bran only is taken."

TEMTOUS. Tempting; inviting. *West.*

TEMZE. Thames. *Prompt. Parv.*

TEMZER. "A *temzer*, a range or coarse  
searche," *MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 2*, an early list  
of Wiltshire words.

TEN. Then. *East.*

TENANDRYE. Houses let to tenants?

His *tenandrye* was alle downe,

The beste innes in yke towne.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 130.*

TENANT-IN-TAIL. A jocular term applied to  
a lady not very virtuous.

Alyed was countess would be,

For she would still be *tenaunt in taile*

To any one she could be.

*MS. Poems in Dr. Bliss's Possession*, xvii. Cent.

TENANT-RIGHT-MEASURE.

As many use a false mile for our English mile, so  
diverse use false perchches, when we have one onely  
perch allowed by Statute; for in some places in  
this Kingdome, notwithstanding the Statute pro-  
vided for the contrarie, they use twelve foote in a  
perch, unto the great losse of the buyer, wherewith  
they bee accustomed to meate meadowes, calling it  
*tenant-right-measure*; of no word of art, but onely  
implying (as I take it) to be a right and proper mea-  
sure belonging unto tenants; for so the word it selfe  
imports. Others more proper and agreeing unto  
the nature of the said measure, call it curt measure;  
likewise before the said Statute (which many unto  
this day use) a perch of 18, 20, and 24 feete, called  
woodland measure; all which differ from the true  
and allowed measure, in such sort as ensueth.

*Hopton's Baculum Geodæticum*, 4to. 1614.

TEN-BONES. (1) A boy's game, mentioned in  
Clarke's *Phrasologia Puerilis*, 1655, p. 254.

(2) Fingers. A cant term.

TENCE. Cause of dispute. *Weber.*

TENCH-WEED. "A sort of pond-weed, having  
a slime or mucilage about it, supposed to be  
very agreeable to that fat and sleek fish. It  
is *Potamogeton natans*, Lin." Forby, p. 344.

TEN-COMMANDMENTS. See *Commandments*.

TEND. (1) To watch. *North.*

(2) To wait at table. *East.*

(3) Injured; spoilt? (*A.-S.*)

Hast thou i-smelled any thyng

That hath *tend* thy lykynge?

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 144*

TENDABLE. Attentive. *Palsgrave.*

TENDE. (1) Tenth. Also, tithe.

The *tende* branche may men calle

Foly play, that es laste of alle.

*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 60.*

- Ri;twis he was Goddes frende,  
And trewely 3af to him his *teude*.  
*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 7.
- (2) To offer; to present; to hold out; to stretch forth. (*A.-N.*)
- TENDER. A waiter at an inn. *East*.
- TENDERINGS. " *Dintiers*, the cods, dowcets, or *tenderings* of a deere." Cotgrave.
- TENDER-PARNELL. A tender creature, fearful of the least puff of wind or drop of rain. As tender as Parnell, who broke her finger in a posset drink.
- TENDRON. (1) A stalk of a plant. (*Fr.*)  
(2) " Tendron of a wayne, *ceps*," Palsgrave.
- TENE. (1) Grief; sorrow; anger; hurt; injury; trouble. Also, to grieve, &c. (*A.-S.*)  
But they wyste not what they my; sey,  
Hur stede they fonde, sche was awey,  
Then had that traytur *tene*;  
Ther journey then they thought evylle sett,  
But they wyth the lady not mett,  
They wyste not what to mene.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 73.  
His graculous granseres and his grawnndame,  
His fader and moderis of kyngis thay came.  
Was never a worthier prynce of name.  
So exelent in al our day.  
His fader fore love of mayd Kateryn,  
In Fraunce he wrojt turment and *tene*,  
His love hee sayd hit schuld not ben,  
And send him ballis him wyth to play.  
*MS. Douce* 302, f. 29.
- (2) Heed; attention.  
Wherby ye maye take good *tene*  
That unbeleffe is a fowle syne.  
*Chester Phys.*, i. 118.
- (3) To lose, or suffer loss. *Lanc.*
- (4) Hard; difficult; perilous; fatiguing.
- TENEBLE-WEDNESDAY. *Mecredy de la semayne penseuse*, *Mecredy saint*, Palsgrave. The three nights before Easter were termed *tenebra*. " Coles, suche as be gyven in tenebre weke," Palsgrave.  
Therefore men clappes to *tenebrise*  
To kyrke men for to brynge,  
Bothe with claperes and with stones,  
And no bellis ryng.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 33.
- TENEBRUS. Dark. (*Lat.*)  
The radiant brightnes of golden Phebus  
Auster gan cover with clowde *tenebrus*.  
*Pastime of Pleasure*, p. 15.
- TENEFUL. Injurious. (*A.-S.*)
- TENEL. " Tenel, vessel, *tenella*; tenel or crele, *cartallus*," Pr. Parv. f. 178.
- TENENT. Opinion. The word occurs with this explanation in a table appended to the Academy of Complements, Lond. 1640.
- TENGED. Stung. *Yorksh.*
- TEN-GROATS. Ten groats were formerly the customary fee to priests, lawyers, &c.
- TENIENTE. A lieutenant. (*Span.*)
- TEN-IN-THE-HUNDRED. Was formerly the usual rate of usury, and hence the term was jocularly applied to a miser. The epitaph on Combe, attributed to Shakespeare, calls the former ten-in-the-hundred.  
He that puts forth money dare not exceede the

rate of 10 in the 100, but he that uttereth ware doth make his rate to his owne contentment.

*The Death of Usury*, 1594, sig. B. iv.

- TENISLYE. Angrily. (*A.-S.*)
- TENNEL. To die away, as trees. *North.*
- TEN-PINS. A kind of game.  
To play at loggets, nine holes, or *ten pinnes*,  
To trie it out at foot-ball by the shiunes.  
*Letting of Honour's Blood in the Head-Vaine*, 1600.  
Nine, a favourite and mysterious number every where, prevails in games. We have, like others, nine-pins, which we rather unaccountably call *ten-pins*, or rather *tempins*, although I never saw more than nine used in the game.  
*Mom's Suffolk Words*, p. 249.
- TEN-POUNDING. A method of punishment practised amongst harvest-men. *Suffolk.*
- TEN-SIGHT. Ten times. *West.*
- TENT. (1) To attend to; to guard; to hinder; to prevent. *North.* To take tent, i. e. to take heed or care, Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 34. Ray gives the following Cheshire proverb, " I'll *tent* the, quoth Wood; if I cannot rule my daughter I'll rule my good."  
He let hur have wemen at wylle  
To *tent* hur, and that was skylle,  
And broght hur to bede;  
Whit so evyr sche wolde crave,  
Alle sche myght redyly hyt have,  
Hur speche was one speedd.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 74.

- (2) Intent; purpose; design.  
The feirthe es despite off penaunce,  
When a man thour wickud comberance  
Es nevere in wille ne in *tente*  
Off hys syn hym to repente.  
*MS. Houl.* 2260, f. 21.  
Apon the feild his fader went,  
And sought Abel wit al his *tent*.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas.* A. iii. f. 7.
- (3) A roll of lint, or other material, used in searching a wound. " Tente of a soore, *tente*," Palsgrave. To tent, to search a wound, &c.
- (4) Attention; observation. *North.*
- (5) I cannot tent, I have no time.
- (6) To scare, or frighten. *Yorksh.*
- (7) A little piece of iron which kept up the cock of a gun-lock.
- (8) " Tent, or tent-wine, is a kind of alicant, though not so good as pure alicant, and is a general name for all wines in Spain, except white," Blount, p. 643. " Hollock and tent would be of small repute," Taylor's Workes, 1630, iii. 65.
- (9) A man's penis. *Blount.*
- TENTAGE. Tent; camp.  
Upon the mount the king his *tentage* fixt,  
And in the towne the barons lay in sight,  
When as the Trent was risen so betwixt,  
That for a while prolong'd th'unnatural fight.  
*Drayton's Poems*, 1637, p. 29.
- TENTATION. Temptation; trial.  
Nor's any place exempted from *tentation*,  
Save heaven, to ill that never had relat. in.  
*MS. Addit.* 10311, f. 22.
- TENT-BOB. A very small spiler. See Aubrey's Miscellanies, ed. 1721, p. 145.
- TENTE. To content; to satisfy.
- TENTER. (1) A person who tents cows, &c. *Lin.*

(2) A watcher; a hired collector of tolls. *North.*

(3) A stretcher or trier of cloth used by dyers and clothiers, &c. *Jacob.*

**TENTERBELLY.**

Bell, the famous idoll of the Babylonians, was a mere imposture, a juggling toy, and a cheating bable, in comparison of this Nicholatan, Kentish *tente belly*. *Taylor's Works*, 1630, i. 145.

**TENTER-HOOKS.** He sits on tenter hooks, i. e. is very fidgety or uneasy.

**TENTHÉDEL.** Tenth part. *Will. Werv.*

**TENTYFLY.** Attentively. See Maundevile's Travels, p. 299, ed. 1839.

**TEONE.** To injure?

Hupe forth, Hubert, hosede pye,

Iehot thart a-marsted into the mawe;

Thah me *teone* with hym that myn teh mye,

The cherld nul nout adoun er the day dawe.

*MS. Harl. 2253, f. 115.*

**TER.** Anger; passion. *North.*

**TERAWNTRYE.** Tyranny. *Pr. Parv.*

**TERCEL.** The male of the goshawk. It was called the *gentle tercel* from its tractable disposition. According to some, the term was also applied to the male eagle.

**TERCEL-GENTLE.** A rich man. *Grose.*

**TERCIAN.** Eighty-four gallons of liquor.

**TERE.** (1) Tedious; wearisome.

To telle the metis were to *tere*

That was at that soperc.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 136.*

(2)

The kyng commaundit a squyer *tere*,

Goo telle the scheperde in his ere

That I am the kyng.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 49, f. 55.*

(3) To hurt; to injure.

He wenes to live and hem *tere*.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 50.

(4) To cover with earth; to inter.

**TEREMENT.** Interment; funeral.

Massyngers were sent to Rome

After the Pope, and he come sone

To here *terement*. *Syr Gowgghter*, 595.

**TEREPYS.**

To telle hir botonus were dure,

Thay were anamelde with asure,

With *terepys* and with tredoure

Glemerand hir syde.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 133.*

**TEREY.** Tapering. *Salop.*

**TERIAR.** "Teryare or ertare, *irritator*; teryar or longe lytare, *morosus*," Pr. Parv.

**TERINS.** A sort of singing-bird. (*A.-N.*)

And thrustils, *terins*, and mavise,

That songin for to winne hem prise.

*Romaunt of the Rose*, 665.

**TERLYNCEL.** The name of a devil.

Than ys thys *terlyncele* skylle,

Slepe thou long and y shal hele.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 29.*

**TERM.** To call; to name.

**TERMAGANT.** The name of an old Saracen deity, corrupted from *Tervagant*. He was represented in our old plays as of a most violent character, and hence the term came to be applied to anything violent or fiery. A scold is still termed a termagant.

For this teare-throat *termagant* is a fellow in folio,

a commander of such great command, and of such greatnesse to command, that I never saw any that in that respect could countermand him.

*Taylor's Works*, 1630, iii. 79.

**TERMERS.** Persons who visited the metropolis at term-time, which was formerly the fashionable season. The term is generally applied to those who came for intrigues or tricks.

**TERMES.** Times for work. (*A.-N.*)

**TERMINED.** Judged; determined. (*A.-N.*)

Whiche to my lady stant enclyned,

And hath his love noust *termined*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 62.*

And thus, with the helpe of Almighty God, the moaste glorious Virgin Mary his mothar, and of Seint George, and of (all) the Saynts of heven, was begon, finished, and *termined*, the reentrie and perfecte recover of the juste title and right of owr sayd soveraygne Lord Kyng Edward the Fowrthe, to his realme and crowne of England, within the space of xj. wekes. *Arrival of King Edward IV.* p. 30.

**TERM-TROTTER.** A resorter to the capital during term-time. Middleton, i. 330.

**TERNE.** A thrust in fencing.

**TERR.** To uncover. *North.*

**TERRA.** A turf. *Exmoor.*

**TERRA-FIRMA.** A name given by the Venetians to their continental possessions.

**TERRAGE.** Earth, or mould. (*Lat.*)

So the vyne hys holsum fresche *terrage*,

Wych gyveth comfort to all manner of ge.

*Ashmole's Theat. Chem. Brit. 1652, p. 213.*

**TERRE.** (1) To stir; to provoke. *Baber.*

(2) To strike to the earth. (*Lat.*)

**TERREMOTE.** An earthquake.

Whereof that alle the halles quok,

As it a *terremote* were.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 190.*

**TERRENE.** Earthly. (*Lat.*)

And far more lovely than the *terrene* plant,

That blushing in the aire turnes to a stone.

*The Taming of a Shrew*, 1607.

**TERRER.**

The *terror* of the house being master thereof, as being appointed to give entertainment to all sorts, noble, gentle, and of what degree soever, that came thither as *strangers*.

*Davies' Ancient Rites*, 1672, p. 139.

**TERRESTRE.** Earthly. (*A.-N.*)

**TERRESTRIAL-MULLET.** "A kind of a stone which hath also a kind of motion with it, especially if it be put in vinegar." Holme.

**TERRESTRIAL-TRIUMPHS.** "German, a kind of playing-cards called *terrestriall triumphs*," Florio, p. 207.

**TERRET.** The ring on the saddle through which the girths pass. *East.*

**TERRIBLE.** Very; excessive. *Var. dial.*

**TERRICK.** A trifle, or little thing. *Devon.*

**TERRIER.** A kind of auger. *Howell.*

**TERRIFY.** To tease; to torment. *Var. dial.*

**TERRIT.** A clump of trees. *Warw.*

**TERSE.** "A firkin, rundlet, or *terse*, containing nine gallons of our measure," Higgins' Nomenclator, 1585, p. 340.

**TERTAGATE.** A target, or buckler.

**TERTIA.** That portion of an army which is levied out of one particular district. (*Span.*)

- TERVEE. To struggle, or kick about. *Exm.*
- TERWYD. Tired; wearied. *Pr. Parv.*
- TESE. To tease wool.
- TESING. A ringworm.
- TESSEL. Order, condition, said of land.
- TEST. To take the test, i. e. to take the Sacrament in testimony of being a member of the Church of England.
- TESTE. (1) The head. (*A.-N.*)
- (2) The same as *Teest*, q. v.
- TESTED. Made pure as gold. *Shak.*
- TESTER. (1) A sixpence. See *Testone*.
- Tarlton, seeing himself so over-reacht, greatly commended the beggers wit, and withall, in recompence thereof, gave him a *teaster*. With that the begger said that hee would most truly pray to God for him. No, answered Tarlton, I pray thee pray for thy selfe, for I take no usury for almes-deeds.  
*Tarlton's Jestes*, 1611.
- (2) The fixed top and head parts of a bedstead. *Var. dial.*
- Ther was at hur *testvre*  
The kyngus owne banere;  
Was nevere bede ryche  
Of empyrce ne gwene!  
*Degrevant*, 1485.
- TESTERE. A piece of iron armour which covered the head of a horse. (*A.-N.*)
- TESTIF. Headstrong. (*A.-N.*)
- TESTIFICATION. Testimony.
- TESTONE. The testone was in Henry VIII.'s reign applied to the English shilling, but in the time of Elizabeth the sixpence was so termed. "She restored sundrie coines of fine silver, as peeces of halfe-penie farding, of a penie, of three halfe-pence, peeces of two pence, of three pence, of four pence (called the groat), of sixpence, usuallie named the *testone*," Harrison, p. 218.
- TESTORN. Testy; touchy; angred.
- TESTY. A witness. *Howell.*
- TETCH. (1) A spot, or bleuish. (*A.-N.*)
- (2) "Tetche or maner of condycion, *mos*," *Pr. Parv.* MS. Harl. 221, f. 178.
- TETCHY. (1) Touchy; quarrelsome. *Var. dial.*
- (2) Applied to land that is difficult to work or to manage. *East.*
- TETE. A woman's teat. *Palsgrave*. It also occurs in *Pr. Parv.* MS. Harl. f. 179.
- TETER-CUM-TAWTER. A seesaw. *East.*
- TETHIDE. Full of tempers; ill-tempered. Towneley Mysteries, Gloss. in v.
- TETIER. (1) To marry. *Warw.*
- (2) The royal name Tudor. *Drayton*.
- (3) A cord or chain to tie an animal at pasture. "To live within the *tether*," to live within bounds. *Kent.*
- TETHER-DEVIL. The plant woody nightshade.
- TETHER-STAKE. A stake driven into the ground to which cattle are tied up. *Var. dial.*
- TETHINGE. Tidings; intelligence.
- So that the *tethinge* therof to the kynges com,  
That a lither theof and a manquellere hadde so list  
dom.  
*Life of Thomas Becket*, p. 49.
- TETHTERE. The tester of a bed.
- TETINE. To writhe, or turn about.
- TETRICALL. Sour; sullen; gloomy.
- TETRIFOL. The plant trefoil. "To the flowering tetrifol," *British Bibl.* ii. 283.
- TETRINE. Foul; horrible? "Mystes blake and cloudes tetryne," Skelton, ii. 396.
- TETSY. Elizabeth. *Liue.*
- TETTA. Shall we? *Devon.*
- TETTERWORT. The plant celidony.
- TETTIES. Teats. *Var. dial.*
- TETTY. (1) Betty. *Pegge.*
- (2) Peevish; fractious.
- TEUGH. Tough. *North.*
- TEUK. The redshank. *Essex.*
- TEW. (1) To tow along. Also, the rope by which a vessel or boat is towed.
- Some on their breasts, some working on their knees.  
To winne the banke whereon the Barons stood;  
Which o'er the current they by strength must *tew*,  
To shed that bloud which many an age shall rew.  
*Drayton's Poems*, 1637, p. 31.
- (2) To be actively employed; to labour; to work hard; to fatigue. *North.*
- (3) To pull, or tear about; to tumble over; to discompose; to tease. *Var. dial.*
- (4) Tender; sickly. *I. of Wight.*
- (5) To mix together. *North.*
- (6) A hempen string. *Somerset.*
- (7) A number, or quantity. *West.*
- TEWED. When applied to a muslin cover, means that it is creased and soft. *Yorksh.*
- TEWEL. A tail. *Dunelm.* Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033. It occurs in Chaucer, *Cant. T.* 7730, spelt *towel*. The fundament of a horse is still so called in Norfolk.
- TEWELL. A pipe, or funnel; a louvre. "A tewelle of a chymney, *epicaustorium*," MS. Dict. c. 1500. "In the back of the smith's forge, against the fire-place, is fixed a thick iron plate and a taper pipe in it about five inches long, which comes thro the back of the forge, and into which is placed the nose of the bellows; this pipe is call'd a *tewel*, or a *tewel-iron*," Kennett MS. f. 411.
- TEWFET. A lapwing. *North.*
- TEWHE. To taw leather. *Lydgate.*
- TEWKE. "Tewke to make purses of, *trahis*," *Palsgrave*, subst. f. 69.
- TEWLY. A word in common use in the counties of Essex and Cambridgeshire, particularly the latter, and signifying qualmish. Ex. A person feeling rather poorly in the morning, and not relishing his breakfast. "You are rather *teuly* this morning." A person in delicate health is called a *teuly* one.
- TEW-TAW. To *tew-taw* hemp, i. e. to beat or dress hemp. More's MS. Additions to Ray's South and East Country Words.
- TEWTER. An instrument for breaking flax, as a brake for hemp. *Chesh.*
- TEXT. Truth. *Marston.*
- TEXTUEL. Ready at citing texts. (*A.-N.*)
- TEYE. "Teye of a cofyr or forcer, *teca, thecarium*," *Pr. Parv.* f. 178.
- TEYL. Scorn.
- But thogh a man sey never so weyl,  
Unto hys sawys men fyden *teyl*.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 14.



TEYELLEYSER. A tailor. *North.*

TEYSE. To poise it for shooting.

And he with that an arow hath hente,

And gan to *teyse* it in his bowe.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 167.*

THA. (1) Then.

That for hir sake righte *tha*,

Sone he gane *nddir-ta*

The sory sowdane to sla,

Withowttene aoy lett. *Percival, 1329*

(2) Those. *Hampole, MS.*

THIAC. That. *Wills.*

THACKE. (1) Thatch. "Erige, holme or thacke," Huloet, 1552. "And also for thack,"

Tusser, p. 164. *Thakkid*, thatched, Leland

Itin. ii. 39. "Thakke, *tegnen, tectura*,"

Vocab. MS. "The original meaning of this

word is straw or rushes, our Saxon ancestors

using no other covering for their houses. Af-

terwards it was extended to slate and tiles;

and he who covered a building, either with

these or the more antient materials, was

called a thacker, or thatcher," Hallamsh. Gl.

p. 162. "To thack on, to lay on or cover,"

Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 412.

(2) To thump; to thwack. (*A.-S.*) "Thacked

him with stones," Brit. Bibl. i. 361.

THACKER. A thatcher. *Var. dial.*

A proud *thacker* of Thecoa would laugh them to

scorn and contemn their dispiling discipline.

*Pikington's Works, p. 331.*

THACK-PRICKS. Pegs for securing thatch.

THACK-TILES. Roof-tiles. *Grose.*

THACSTARE. A thatcher. *Pr. Parv.*

THAFFER. Therefore. *Norf.*

THAGGY. Thick and misty. *Yorksh.*

THAGH. Though. (*A.-S.*)

And *thagh* the chyldre bote half be bore,

Hed and necke and no more,

Bydde hyre spare never the later

To crystene hyt and caste on water.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 12B.*

THAIRE. Their. *North.*

That es to say, we sulde ay

*Thaire* persones love and for thayme praye.

*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 2.*

THAKNALES. The same as *Strabrods*, q. v.

THAME. A thumb. *Lanc.*

THAMPY. Damp. *Yorksh.*

THAN. (1) A common form of *then*.

(2) A den. Octovian, 553.

THANDER. Yonder. *Warw.*

THANDON. "Thandon for wyldre digges,

swannns, and piggus," is thus described:

Take washe the isues of swannes anon,

And skoure the guttus with salt ichon;

seth alle togedur and hew hit smalle,

The flesshe and eke the guttus withalle.

Take galingale and gode gynger,

And canel, and grynd hom al io fere;

And mynde bred thou take therto,

And tempur hit up with broth also;

Colour hit with brend bred or with blode,

seson hit with venegur a lytelle for gode.

Welle alle togedur in a posnet,

In servyce forth thou schalt hit sett.

*MS. Sloane 1966, p. 56.*

THANK. (1) Thankfulness; good will.

(2) *Thanks and a thousand*, a thousand thanks.

*Thanks be praised*, a common exclamation of

thankfulness after an unexpected blessing.

*Thank God, thank you*, a reply after grace is

said after dinner, and addressed to the host.

*Thank you for them*, an answer to an inquiry

after absent friends, meaning they are very

well, I thank you for them.

THANKWORTH. Thankworthy.

That was *thankworth* is thanne blame.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 54*

THANKYNGYS. Thanks.

The *vj*, the tokene *ys* that he doythe dewe

*thankyngys* to the good wyll of God.

*MS. Cantab. F. f. ii. 33, f. 8.*

THANNA. Then.

Item if any woman take any monce to lye with

any man, but she ly stille with hym til it be the

morwe tyme and *thanna* arise, she shal make a fyn

of vi. s. viij d. *MS. Bodl. e Mus 220.*

THANNE. Then. (*A.-S.*)

THANY. Damp. *Craven.*

THARBOROUGH. A third-borough, or con-

stable.

THARD-CAKE. A thin circular cake of con-

siderable size made of treacle and oatmeal.

Brockett calls it, "a cake made of unfer-

mented dough, chiefly of rye and barley,

rolled very thin and baked hard." It appears

to be a corruption of *tharf*, unleavened.

THARE. Behoveth; needeth. (*A.-S.*)

Of his comyng the frere was fayne;

The *thare* noghte be so hayne.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 146.*

THARE. (1) Need?

And wele *ys-en*, *zij* thai willen,

That hem no *tharf* never spillen.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 2*

(2) Stuff; backward; shy. *North.*

THARFE. A number, or company.

THARFLY. Slowly; deliberately. *Yorksh.*

THARKY. Dark. *South.*

THARLLE. A slave or vilein.

Lorde, sende it unto the syke *tharlle*,

And gyff me *lysens* to lye in case.

*MS. Cantab. F. f. i. 6, f. 46.*

THARMES. Entrails. *North.* "Trutum, An-

glice a tharme," Nominale MS.

Of the chyldre that she bare yo here armys,

Al to-drawe were the *tharmys*.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 5.*

THARN. To mock; to scorn. *Devon.*

THARNE. (1) To yearn; to need; to want.

That es *thornynge* for ever of the syght namely

Of owre Loverd Godd Almyghty.

*Hampole, MS. Booces, p. 213*

(2) To be deprived of. (*A.-S.*)

THARNEN. Made of thorn. *Wills.*

THAROWTE. Out in the air.

THARRY. Dark. *Suffolk.*

THARST. Daring.

What, arte thou bolde or *tharst* in euery wys.

*Lydgate, MS. Ashmoze 39, f. 26.*

THART. Need. (*A.-S.*)

He thoght that whan Jhesu was dede,

He *thart* have of hym no drede.

*MS. Cantab. F. f. v. 49, f. 35.*

THAR-VORE. Therefore. (*A.-S.*)

- Thar-sore*, mon, thu the bi-tench,  
Al schal falewi thi grene.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix. f. 243.*
- THARWE. Throw; moment.
- THASER. A thatcher; a huilder.
- THAT. (1) It. *East.*  
(2) So; so much; so great. *North.*
- THATADONNET. See *Adonnet*.
- THAT-A-WAY. That way. *Yorksh.*
- THATCH'D-HEAD. One wearing the hair matted together, as the native Irish in times past. *Nares.*
- THATCH-GALLOWES. A rogue.
- THATENS. "A *thatens*" and a *thisens*. In that manner and this manner.
- THAT-I-LEAVE. That is a point I will not determine. "So folks sah, but *that I leave*," i. e. to others to decide. *Moor's Suff. MS.*
- THAT-NOT. Wherefore.
- THAT-OF. Although.
- THAT'S-ONCE. That is, that's once for all, that's dat. See *Peel's Works*, i. 129.
- THAT'S-WHAT. That's what the matter is.
- THAT-THERE. (1) That. *Var. dial.*  
(2) A London rider. *Devon.*
- THAU. Though. *Thauf, Jennings*, p. 75.  
Bot *thau* he wrothe hym never so sore,  
For sothe I nylle prove hym no more.  
*Wright's Seven Sages*, p. 61.
- THAVE. To give, bear, sustain. (*A.-S.*)
- THAVEL. A pot-stick. *North.*
- THAW. Thou. *Var. dial.*
- THAYN. A nobleman. (*A.-S.*)
- THE. (1) A thigh. (*A.-S.*)  
If I fonde ever grace in the,  
Lay thi honde undir my *the*,  
And hete me truly bi covenonde.  
That I not graven he in this londe.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 34.*  
The fendys here crokys fasted yn hys knees,  
And al to-drove and rente hys *thees*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701. f. 10.*  
Beholde my shankes, behold my knees,  
Beholde my hed, armes, and *thees*.  
*Bliss's Bibl. Miscell. p. 48.*
- (2) To thrive; to prosper. (*A.-S.*)  
God that sittis in trinite,  
Gyffe thaym grace wel to *the*  
That lystyns me a whyle.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. v. 48, f. 47.*  
He is wys that is wood,  
He is riche that bath no good;  
He is bynd that can y-see,  
Wel is hym that nere may *thee*.  
*MS. Bodl. 100, f. 1.*
- (3) This. *Heref.*
- (4) There; though. (*A.-S.*)
- THEABLES. Gooscherries. *Norf.*
- THEAD. A strainer placed at the bottom of a mash-tub in brewing. *East.* "Thede, brues instrument, *qualns*," Pr. Parv.
- THEAK. To thatch. *North.* Also, thatch. "Tector, a *theaker*," *Nominale MS.*
- THEAL. A board; a plank; a joist. *Leic.*
- THEAX. Moist; damp. *Westm.*
- THEAT. Firm; close; staunch. Spoken of barrels when they do not run. *North.*
- THEAVE. An ewe of the first year. Ray gives this as an Essex word, but Pegge says it is applied in the North to a sheep of three years old.
- THEC. That. *I. of Wight.*
- THECCHE. To thatch. (*A.-S.*)  
And some he taughte to *thee*,  
To dyche and to *theeche*.  
*Piers Ploughman*, p. 410.
- THECBE. To teach. (*A.-S.*)  
*Theche* hem to come and schryve hem clene,  
And also hosele hem bothe at ene.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 128.*
- THE-DAY. To-day. *North.*
- THEDE. (1) A brewer's instrument. *Palsgrave.*  
(2) Country; land; kingdom. (*A.-S.*)  
Scho says, bloody are his wede,  
And so es his riche stede,  
Siche a knyght in this *theede*  
Saw I never nane. *Perceval*, 1255.
- THEDAM. Prosperity. (*A.-S.*)  
Now thrifte and *thedam* mote thou have, my leve  
swete barn. *The Goode Wif*, p. 14.
- THIEDURWARDE. Toward that place.  
He harde besyde at a place  
A grete mornynge of a man;  
*Thiedurwarde* he drew hym than.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38, f. 174.*
- THEE. You; your; thy. *West.*
- THEEZAM. These. *Somerset.*
- THEEFE. A term of reproach, not necessarily applied to one who thieves.  
Fiftene yeres es it gane  
Synne he my brodire hade slaue,  
Now hadde the *theefe* undirtane,  
To sla us alle thenne. *Perceval*, 923.
- THEER. Deer.  
But sone he was besette  
As *theer* ys yn a nette.  
*Lybeaus Discoun*, 1133.
- THEFELY. Like a thief. (*A.-S.*)
- THEGITHER. Together. *North.*
- THEI. Though; although. (*A.-S.*)
- THEINE. Thence; therefrom.  
And Alexander gert spire thame in the langage  
of Inde whare thay mytte fynde any fresche water;  
and thay talde whare, and schewed thame a place a  
littille *the-me*. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 28.*
- THEINES. Servants. (*A.-S.*)  
Hwer bedh thme *theines*  
That the leove were.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix. f. 246.*
- THEIR. Used sometimes for *their's*.
- THEIRSELS. Themselves. *North.*
- THEKE. Thatch. Still in use.
- THELOURE. Gold and silver and riche stones,  
That vertu bere man for the nones.  
Gode clothes of sikelatoun and Alsaundrims,  
*Theboure* of Matre, and purper, and biis.  
*Sir Gy of Warwick*, p. 95.
- THEM. Those. *Var. dial.*
- THEMEL. "Save nedel and threde and *themel*  
of lether," Gower, *MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134,  
f. 254.
- THEMMIN. Those. *Wilts.*
- THEMMY. Those. *Somerset.*
- THEN. That time. *Var. dial.*
- THENCIL. To think. (*A.-S.*)

- Mon, let sunne and lustes thine ;  
Wel thu do and wel thu *thench*.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix. f. 243.*
- THIENE.** (1) To prosper. (*A.-S.*)  
Thai schal have ayrs ham betwene,  
That schal have grace to thryve and *thene*.  
Thother schul have turment and tene.  
*MS. Douce 302, f. 1.*
- (2) To reach. (*A.-S.*)  
Non mai longe lives *thene*,  
Ac ofte him lieth the wrench.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix. f. 243.*
- THIENKE.** To think. (*A.-S.*)  
Thus thow mytze syngededyche,  
Jef thow *thienke* theron myche.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 139.*  
Upon his worde hire herte adlytze,  
*Thenkende* what was best to done.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 66.*
- THIENNES.** Thence. (*A.-S.*)  
But who that cometh therein certheyn,  
So lightly may he not turne ayen,  
For he shal bevere *thiennes* come,  
These sawes hath the boke y-dome.  
*MS. Addur. 11305, f. 94.*
- THENOUTEZ.** Sinews ?  
Namely, of bonez, of cartilagez, of invicturez, of  
grosse nervez, of *thenoutez*, and of colligacionez.  
*MS. Sloane 965, f. 23.*
- THEOFLICHE.** Like a thief. (*A.-S.*) See  
Kyng Alisaunnder, 4002.
- THEOFTHE.** Theft. (*A.-S.*)  
And do *theofthe* and robberie in al the lond aboute.  
*Life of Thomas Beket, p. 19.*
- THEOLOGY.** A theologian.
- THEORBO.** A kind of lute. (*Ital.*)  
And wanting nothing but a song,  
And a well-tun'd *theorbo* hung  
Upon a bough, to ease the pain  
His tugg'd ears suffer'd, with a strain.  
*Hudibras, l. iii. 166.*
- THEORIQUE.** Theory. *Shak.*
- THEPES.** Gooseberries. An East country  
word, given in Sir Thomas Brown's Tracts,  
p. 146.
- THER.** (1) Those. *North.*  
(2) There; where. *Therafter*, in proportion to  
it. Still in use. "*Thereater*, at that rate, in  
proportion." Smith's *L. of Wight Gloss. Thera-*  
*myd*, therewith.
- THERE-A-WAY.** There.
- THEREAWAYS.** Thereabouts. *There and*  
*thereaways*, thereabouts. *Var. dial.*
- THEREFORE.** Therefore I say it, i. e. that is  
my argument! *West.*
- THERENCE.** From that place. *West.*
- THERE-RIGHT.** (1) Straight forward. *Var.*  
*dial.*  
(2) On this very spot. *West.*
- THERF-BREED.** Unleavened bread. (*A.-S.*)  
With *therf-breed* and letus wilde,  
Whiche that groweth in the filde.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 30.*
- THERKENES.** Darkness. (*A.-S.*)
- THERLE.** Ill-nourished; gaunt; delicate.  
*Devon.*
- THERST.** Durst.
- That wyf *therst* not say day,  
For wordes ylle,  
But grauntede well that ylike day  
Her lordes wylle. *Octavian, 681.*
- THERTHURF.** There-through.  
And *therthurf* me tazte hire the wei, so that heo  
thider com,  
And seode aboute as a best that ne couthe no wysdom.  
*Life of Thomas Beket, p. 4.*
- THERUPPE.** Thereupon. (*A.-S.*)
- THERWE.** Through. *Will. Werv.*
- THERZEN.** There-against; against.  
To hasten love is thyng in wayne,  
Whan that fortune is *therzen*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 95.*
- THESE.** This. *Heref.*
- THESELF.** Itself. *East.*
- THESTER.** Dark; obscure. (*A.-S.*) "In thester  
stede." Kyng Alisaunnder, 4906.  
For it is alle *thester* thing,  
Nil ich make therof no telling.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 64.*  
On an *thester* stude I stod  
Ao luitel striff to here.  
*MS. Digby 86, f. 195.*
- THETCHES.** Vetches. *Oxon.*
- THETHEN.** Thence. (*A.-S.*)
- THETHORNE.** "Thethorne tre, *ramnus*," Pr.  
Parv. *Ramnus* is the medlar tree.
- THEUT.** Giveth. See *Ungunde*.
- THEVE.** "Theve, brusch," Pr. Parv.
- THEW.** (1) Manner; quality. (*A.-S.*)  
Ful selde ys synger gode yn *thew*,  
But that yn sum poynt he ys a shrew.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 21.*  
His vertnes and good *thewys*,  
And good ensample that he schewys.  
*MS. Cotton. Thier. A. vii. f. 72.*  
For wymmenes speche that ben schrewes,  
Turne ofte away gode *thewes* ?  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 127.*  
Also thy chyldre that were schrewes,  
Hast thow i-taght hem gode *thewes* ?  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 144.*
- (2) Thawed. *Var. dial.*
- (3) A cucking-stool. Brand, iii. 52. "Thewe or  
pylory, *collistrigium*," Pr. Parv.
- THEWE.** (1) Subjection. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) A slave, or bondsman. (*A.-S.*)
- THEWED.** Towardsly. *North.*
- THEWES.** Shakespeare seems to use this term  
in the sense of *sinews*. See 2 Henry IV. iii. 2.  
&c. Can it mean *thighs* ?
- THEWID.** Educated; mannered. (*A.-S.*)  
It sit a preste to be wet *thewid*,  
And schame it is yf he be lewid.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 40.*
- THEY.** (1) Those. *Var. dial.*  
(2) Thy. Skelton's Works, i. 125.
- THI3.** Though; although.  
This child, *thi3*; hit were jung, wel hit understod,  
For sei child is some i-lered ther he wole beo god.  
*Life of Thomas Beket, p. 8.*
- THIBEL.** (1) A smooth round stick used for  
stirring broth, porridge, &c. *North.*  
(2) A dible, or setting-stick. *North.*
- THIC.** This; that. *West.*
- THICEY.** That. *Cornw.*
- THICK.** (1) Very intimate. *Var. dial.*

(2) *To go through thick and thin*, to overcome every kind of obstacle.

(3) Frequent; plentiful. *Var. dial.*

(4) Stupid; obstinate. *South.*

(5) A thicket, or close bush. Moor has *thicks*, groves or woods with close underwood. Suffolk Words, p. 426.

THICK-BILL. The bullfinch. *Lanc.*

THICKED. Thickened.

Thither they conveie their clothes to be *thicked* at the falling milles, sometimes ten miles for the same. *Harrison's Britaine*, p. 52.

THICKEE. This. *Devon.*

THICKEMNY. That. *Somerset.*

THICK-END. A considerable part; as if you ask how far such a place is, the answer would probably be, "The *thick-end* of a mile." *Lincol.*

THICK-HOTS. Water-porridge. *North.*

THICKLISTED. Short-winded. *Devon.*

THICK-PODDITCII. Thick water-gruel. *Lanc.*

THICK-SET. (1) Strong. (2) Closely planted.

THICK-SKINNED. Coarse; vulgar; unpolished.

THICK-SPINNING. Bad conduct. *North.*

THIDER. Thither. (*A.-S.*)

Wher wec were aldeimast,

Thai were *thider* sent on hast.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 83.

THIEF. (1) *As safe as a thief in a mill*, very secure. Still in common use.

There she may lodge, and trade too if she will.

As sure and safe as *theeves* are in a mill.

*Taylor's Works*, 1630, iii. 9.

(2) An imperfection in the wick of a candle, causing it to gutter. *Var. dial.*

THIGGE. To beg. *North.*

Thaym were betere *thygge* thayre mete,

Than any gode on that wyse gete. *MS. Harl.* 2260, f. 60.

THIGH. (1) To cower down.

(2) To carve a pigeon.

THIKFOLD. Very frequent.

THILKE. This same; that same. (*A.-S.*)

THILL. (1) A shaft. *Thill-horse*, a shaft-horse. "Thyll horse, *limonnier*," Palsgrave. "Thyll of a carte, *le tymon*," *Ibid.*

(2) In a coal mine, the surface upon which the tram runs. *Newc.*

THILLER. The same as *Filler*, q. v.

THILL-HANKS. The leather thongs fastened into the hames of the collar of the thiller.

THILTUGS. Chains attached to the collar of the shaft-horse.

THIMBLE. The holl of a gate-hook on which the gate turns. *Staff.*

THIMBLE-PIE. A flip given with a thimble on the finger, a common term in girls' schools.

THIMMEL. A thimble. *North.*

THIN. *To run thin*, to try to get released from a disadvantageous bargain.

THINDER. Yonder. *East.*

THIN-DRINK. Small beer. *Var. dial.*

THING. (1) "The worth of a thing is what it will bring," is a common proverb, the origin of which is often erroneously attributed to Butler.

For what is worth in any thing,  
But so much money as 'twill bring.

*Hudibras*, II. l. 463.

(2) That's the thing, i. e. quite right.

(3) This term is constantly applied to a lady in early metrical romances.

Seyde Organata that swete *thyng*,

Y schalle geve the a gode goldre ryng,

Wyth a fulle ryche stone. *Eglamour*, 616.

Gye starte to that maydyn 3yng,

And seyde, Make no dole, my swete *thyng*.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 176.

(4) The pudendum. *Var. dial.*

THING-DONE. An old game described in Cythlia's Revels, ed. Gifford, ii. 306.

THING-OF-NOTHING. Anything worthless.

THINGUMMITE. An unmeaning word used when the name of a person or thing is forgotten. "Hew towld ye?" "Why, Mr. *Thingummite*." This is generally applied to a person. *Thingumbobe* and *Thingummerry* are terms about equivalent, or perhaps applied more frequently to things. I have, however, heard them all applied to persons. *Thingomy*, *thing-omightum*, are also used.

THINK. (1) Thing. This very common vulgarism is found in Lelandi Itin. ii. 39.

(2) *To think scorn*, to disdain. *To think shame*, to feel ashamed. *To think on*, to remember or remind.

THINKE. To seem. (*A.-S.*)

THINNE. (1) Slender; small. (*A.-S.*)

(2) To the, or prosper. See *Thene*.

And ou myne errand go thou tye,

Also not thou *tayne*.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 52.

THINNY. To whine. *Devon.*

THIN-SKINNED. (1) A term applied to land with a thin superstratum of good soil.

(2) Easily offended. *Var. dial.*

THIN5TH. Thinketh. (*A.-S.*)

THIR. To frighten, hurt, or strike dead. *Erm.*

THIRD. For *thrid*, thread.

THIRD-BOROUGH. A constable. Lambarde says, "In some shires, where every third borow hath a constable, there the officers of the other two be called *thirdborows*."

Hobb Andrw he was *thridborow*;

He bad hom, Pesse! God gyff hom sorro!

For y mey arrest yow best.

*Hunting of the Hare*, 190.

THIRDENDEALE. (1) A third part.

(2) A measure containing three pints. *West.* Anciently it was eighty-four gallons, according to a note in Pr. Parv. p. 117. Kennett has *thirindale*, q. v.

Hut holdis a gode *thrydendele*,

Ful of wyne every mele.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 51.

THIRD-FATHER. A great-grandfather.

THIRDING. (1) Doing a thing the third time, particularly, I think, hoeing turnips. "A them there tahnups done woth?" "No, w are *thirlding* 'em." *Moor's Suff. MS.*

(2) A custom practised at the universities, where two thirds of the original price is allowed by the upholsterers to the students for household goods returned to them within the year.

THIRDINGS. The Ridings. This word is given by Urry, in his MS. Additions to Ray.

**THIRETELLE.** The herb *apium risus*.  
**THIRLABILLE.** Easily penetrated.  
**THIRLAGE.** The service of certain lands, the tenants of which are bound to take their corn to grind at the lord's mill.  
**THIRLE.** (1) To pierce through. (*A.-S.*)  
 And now to see than *thyrlice* with a nayle,  
 How shulde my sorowfulle harte bot fayle?  
*Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 130  
 (2) Lean; thin; meagre. *Devon*.  
 (3) A hole. (*A.-S.*)  
 If thou ware in a myrke house one the daye, and  
 alle the *thirles*, dores and wyndows ware stokyne  
 that na sone myght enter.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 241.*  
**THIRSTLE.** A thrush. *Devon*.  
**THIRSTY.** Sharp; eager; active.  
**THIRTEEN.** *Thirteen-pence-halfpenny* was formerly the wages of a hangman, and hence the term was jocularly applied to him.  
**THIRTOVER.** Perverse; morose. *South*.  
**THIRTY-ONE.** See *One-and-Thirty*.  
**THIS.** Thus.  
**THISAN.** This. *North*.  
**THIS-A-WAY.** This way. *Yorksh.*  
**THISE.** These. (*A.-S.*)  
**THIS-HERE.** This. *Var. dial.*  
**THISSEX.** This way. *Var. dial.*  
**THISSUM.** This. *West.*  
**THISTLE-CROWN.** According to Snelling, p. 24, a gold coin worth about four shillings.  
**THISTLE-FINCIL.** "*Carduelis*, a linnet, a thistlefinch." Nomenclator, 8vo. 1585, p. 57.  
**THISTLE-HEMP.** A kind of early hemp.  
**THISTLE-TAKE.** A duty of a halfpenny, anciently paid to the lord of the manor of Halton, in the county of Chester, for every beast driven over the common, suffered to graze or eat but a thistle. *Bailey*.  
**THISTLE-WARP.** Same as *Thistle-finch*, q. v.  
**THITE.** Tight; close; compact. *East*. "Thyht, hool fro brekyng, not brokyne." Pr. Parv. "Thyht, not hool within, *solidus*," ib.  
**THITER.** (1) A dung-cart. *Linc.*  
 (2) A foolish fellow; an idiot. *North*.  
**THIVEL.** The same as *Thibel*, q. v.  
**THIXILLE.** An axe, or hatchet.  
**THYSANDEZ.** Tidings. "I jif the for thy *thyjandez*," Morte Arthure, MS. Linc. f. 70.  
**THO.** (1) Then; when. (*A.-S.*) Still in use in the first sense in Somerset.  
*Tho* he hadde it y-seyd,  
 The king sore was amayd.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 86.  
 (2) Those; the. (*A.-S.*)  
**THODDEN.** Sodden; not well baked. *North*.  
**THODS.** Gusts of wind. *North*.  
**THOPE.** Though. Still in use in the Northern counties, pronounced *thof*.  
 And *thof* the bryde blythe be  
 That Percyelle hase woue the gree,  
 Jete the rede knyghte es he  
 Hurte of his honde. *Perceval*, 81.  
**THOFFER.** Because. *Staffolk*.  
**THOFT.** Thought. *Devon*.  
**THOFT-FELLOW.** A fellow oarsman.

**THOGFE.** Though. (*A.-S.*)  
*Thogfe* Percevelle hase slayne the rede knyght,  
 Jitt may another be als wyghte,  
 And in that gere be dyghte,  
 And takene alle hym fra l *Perceval*, 1455.  
**THOGHE.** Though; although.  
*Thoghe* every day a man hyt haunte,  
 Jyt wyl no man be hyt agrante.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 23.  
**THOISE.** The tusk of a boar.  
**THOKE.** "Thoke, as onsadde fisch, *humorosus*, *insolidus*," Pr. Parv. See Blount, in v. *Thokes*.  
**THOKISIL.** Slothful; sluggish. *East*. In Lincolnshire it is usually *thoky*.  
**THOLD.** Told. Octovian, 634.  
**THOLE.** (1) To bear; to suffer. (*A.-S.*)  
 And suche a stenche is in that hole,  
 Noon ertly man ne myght it *thole*.  
*MS. Addit.* 11305, f. 96.  
 Bad him orpedliche he schuld kethe,  
 For he no schuld there *tholy* dethe.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 80.  
 Fro Lumbarde comyn y am,  
 There have y *tholed* moche schame.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 155.  
 (2) The dome of a vaulted roof.  
 (3) To stay; to remain. *North*.  
 (4) To afford. *Yorksh.*  
 (5) To give freely. *North*.  
**THOLEMODE.** Patient; forbearing. (*A.-S.*)  
 Be he wykked or be he gode,  
 Thon shalt to hym be *tholemode*.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 72.  
 The fyfte es to be *tholemode* whenne mene mysdose us; the sexte es gladly to forgyffe when mene haves grevede ns. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 217.*  
**THOLEMODNES.** Patience. (*A.-S.*)  
 Whenne evene commys, wuthe gret joye I lofe my Lorde. The ende of my lyfe I habyde in gude hope and *tholemodnes*. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 195.*  
**THOLES.** Are the small pins which they bear against with their oars when they row, and stand in holes on the upper side of the gunwale of the boat, being commonly made of ash, for toughness. They are also termed *thole-pins*.  
**THOLLE.** "Tholle, a cart pynne, *cheville de charette*," Palsgrave, 1530.  
**THOMASING.** A custom in Derbyshire, going from house to house on St. Thomas's day with a basket and can to beg milk, wheat, oatmeal, or flour.  
**THOMAS-OF-KENT.** St. Thomas a Becket was frequently called St. Thomas of Kent.  
**THOME.** The thumb. "*Pollex*, a thome," Nominale MS. Still in use in Linc.  
**THOMELLE-TAA.** The great toe. *North*.  
 I hane blede one the fute on the same syde, and one the veyne that is bitwix the *thomelle taa* and the nexte.  
*MS. Lincoln. Med.* f. 201.  
**THONE.** (1) Thawed. *Linc.*  
 (2) Damp; moist; limber. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) Theu. (*A.-S.*)  
 Thay woide not lett long *thone*,  
 Bot lavede in hir with a s-pone,  
 Then scho one slepe felle also sone,  
 Reght certeyne in hy. *Perceval*, 2248.  
 (4) A kind of stone. "*Terebentus*, Auglice a thone," Nominale MS.

**THONER-FLONE.** A thunderbolt. (*A.-S.*)  
**THONG.** To rope; to stretch out into viscous threads or filaments. *Somerset.*  
**THONGEDOUN.** Thanked. (*A.-S.*)  
 They *thongedoun* God and mourendoun no more.  
*Chron. Filodun.* p. 13.  
**THONGY.** Ropy; viscid. *Somerset.*  
**THONKE.** Favour. (*A.-S.*)  
 This lorde whiche wolde his *thonke* purchase,  
 To eche of hem *zaf* them a *zifte*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 43.  
**THONKYNG.** Thanking; thanks. (*A.-S.*)  
**THONLY.** The only. The ehision of the *e* is very common in early writers.  
 To inter-ede for me to his excellent *Matie* that the farme of the French wyne may retorne to hym that was the auncient tennant and *thonly* improver of it.  
*Egerton Papers*, p. 460.  
**THONNERE.** To thunder. *North.*  
 Over wates that ere kalde,  
 God of masthede *thonnered* he.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D.* vii. f. 17.  
**THONWANGE.** The temple. (*A.-S.*)  
 Stampe tham wele, and make a plaster, and lay on the forhede, and on the *thomwanges*, bot anyoynte hym firste with popilione if he hafe anger in his lyver.  
*MS. Lincoln A.* i. 17, f. 305.  
 Take pullul ryalle, and seeth it in oyle, and anyoynte thi fronte and thi *thomwanges*.  
*MS. Line. Med.* f. 280.  
**THONWRING.** A thundering. (*A.-S.*)  
**THONY.** Damp. *North.*  
**THOR.** These. *North.*  
**THORE.** There. (*A.-S.*)  
 Wyth chylde waxe the lady *thore*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff.* ii. 33, f. 82.  
 They sayled forthe withouten ore,  
 The syghte of Ynglonde loste they *thore*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff.* ii. 33, f. 150.  
**THORES.** Doors. *Ritson.*  
**THORH-RECHE.** To reach through. (*A.-S.*)  
 That londe lehulle *thorh-reche*,  
 And do mi fader wreche.  
*Geste of King Horn*, 1291.  
**THORNBUSIL.** A bush of thorns. "Thorn-bushe, *espine noire*," Palsgrave.  
**THORNE.** A bush, or briar.  
 Alle als nakede als they were borne  
 stode togedir undir a *thorne*,  
 Braydede owte of thaire bedd. *Isumbroos*, 103.  
**THORN'S-BULL.** The stout part of a thorn, the branches being cut off. *East.*  
**THORN-TREE.** The medlar tree.  
**THOROUGH.** (1) Through. *Var. dial.*  
*Thorow* the grace of God almyzt,  
 A worde into hir body lyst  
 That the bisshop s; eke;  
 Terys felle hir een froo,  
 Down on hir brest cowth thei goo;  
 Hur colars thei al to-breke.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff.* v. 43, f. 46.  
 (2) An interfurrow between two ridges.  
 (3) *Thorough go nimble*, a diarrhoea.  
**THOROUGH-POLE.** A pole in a waggon which connects the fore axle with the hinder one.  
**THOROUGH-SHOT.** A spavin which shows itself on both sides of a horse's hough or hock; called also Thorough-pin.  
**THOROW-STONE.** A flat gravestone.

Over the midst of the said vault there did lye a fair *thorow-stone*, and at either side of the stone it was open, so that when any of the monks was buried, whatsoever bones were found in his grave, they were taken out of the grave where he was buried, and thrown through the same into the said vault.  
*Davies' Ancient Rites*, 1672, p. 99.  
**THORP.** A village. (*A.-S.*) "Thorpe, *hameu*." Palsgrave, 1530, subst. f. 70.  
 Ther been in Ingland without smale *thorpes* liij. ml. and iijj. townes. *MS. Cotton. Titus D.* xx. f. 90.  
**THORPS-MEN.** Villagers. (*A.-S.*)  
 Or else to call in from the fields and waters, shops and work-housen, from the inbred stock of more homely women and less filching *thorps-men*.  
*Fairfax, Bulk and Selvedge*, 1674.  
**THORTE.** Feared. *Hearne.*  
**THORUE.** Through. (*A.-S.*)  
 For that prayer es so presyous,  
 And so haly and so vertuous,  
 That *thorue* vertu of and *thorue* myzt,  
 Some grace sal in thare hertus lyst.  
*MS. Harl.* 2260, f. 2.  
**THORUN.** Thorn; bush.  
 Sire Degriuant on the morwoun  
 Com aze to the *thorun*,  
 Ther hys stede stod by-forun,  
 And lenges all that day. *Degriuant*, 1336.  
**THORUTILIKE.** Thoroughly. (*A.-S.*)  
**THORS.** Through. (*A.-S.*)  
 That *thor*; the myzt of the Holy Gost,  
 Is in urthe of power most  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A.* ii. f. 133.  
**THOSTE.** Dung, or ordure. It is used in Gloucestershire, according to Hole's *MS. Gloss.*  
**THOTEEN.** Thirteen. *Yorksh.*  
**THOUCTE.** Thought. (*A.-S.*)  
**THOUGHT.** (1) The same as *Catch* (1).  
 (2) Opinion. *North.*  
 (3) A very minute difference in degree, as in *Much Ado about Nothing*, iii. 4.  
 (4) A rower's seat. *Var. dial.*  
 (5) Sorrow; sadness; grief. Hence *thoughtful*, heavy, anxious, sorrowful.  
**THOUM.** A thumb. *Craven.*  
**THOUNTHER.** Thunder. (*A.-S.*)  
 Duste drofe up on lofte dr. vinge showte.  
 As *thouther* in thykke rayne persheth the skyes.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A.* ii. f. 114.  
**THOUSANDEELE.** A thousand times.  
 For in good feythe this leysth welle,  
 My wille was bettere a *thousandeelle*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 43.  
**THOU'S-LIKE.** You must. *Kent.*  
**THOUT.** Thought. *North.*  
**THOWE.** (1) Thought. See *Eglamour*, 592.  
 I drede me noghte without blame,  
*Thowe* thou do me peyne and schame.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff.* ii. 38, f. 37.  
 (2) To thaw. *Pr. Parv. MS.* f. 187.  
 (3) Then. *Gawayne*.  
**THOWGHTS.** Pieces of wool matted together, and hanging down in lengths of about four inches. *Line.*  
**THOWTHYSTYLLE.** "Thowthystylle herbe, *rostrata poracum*," *Pr. Parv.*  
**THOWTS.** The seat of rowers in a boat; the *thwarts* perhaps, or what go across. "The

- thoughts, the seats of rowers in a boat,"* Dict. ap. Moor.
- THOWTYNE.** "Thowtyne or seyne thow to a mane, *two*," Prompt. Parv.
- THOȚT.** Thought. (*A.-S.*)  
Kyng Aylbryȝt gret dyspyt adde in ys *thoȝt*,  
That the Brutons nolde Seynt Austyn abue noȝt.  
*Robert of Gloucester's Chronicle*, p. 235.
- THRAA.** Bold. *Thraeste*, boldest.  
To forgyffe hym his werkes wyld,  
That he had bene so *thraa*. *MS. Lincoln A.i. 17, f. 148*  
Thare they thronge in the thikke aod thristis to the  
erthe  
Of the *thraeste* men thre hundrethe at ones.  
*Morte Arthur*, *MS. Lincoln, f. 92.*
- THRAFE.** Thrived.  
Thus he welke in the lande  
With hys darte in his hande;  
Under the wilde wodde wande  
He wexe and wele *thrafe*. *Perceval*, 212.
- THRAG.** To fell, or cut down.
- THRAGES.** Busy matters. *Speght.*
- THRAIL.** A flail. *Beds.*
- THRALAGE.** Perplexity. *Linc.*
- THRALL.** (1) A slave, or vilen.  
This kyng, as thou herdest er this,  
Hede a *thral* that dede amys. *Religious Poems*, xv. Cent.  
(2) Cruelty; severity.  
Wherefore good Christfan people, now  
Take waraung by my fall:  
Live not in strife and envious hate,  
To breed each other *thral*.  
Seeke not your neighbors lasting spoyle,  
By greedy sute in lawe;  
Live not in discord and debate,  
Which doth destruction draw.  
*Ballad on the Burning of Beccles*, 1586.
- (3) Hard; cruel.  
At Beverley a sudden chance did falle,  
The parish chirch stepille it felle  
At evynsonge tyme, the chance was *thral*,  
Ffourscore folke ther was slayn thay telle.  
*MS. Bodl. e Mus.* 160.
- (4) A stand for barrels. *Warw.*
- (5) A short space of time.
- THRALLY.** Hardly; cruelly. (*A.-S.*)  
Thay toylede the bytwene thayme,  
And threted the *thraly*. *MS. Lincoln A.i. 17, f. 232*
- THRAMP-WITH.** A sliding noose of withy or rope to fasten cows in their stalls. *Chesh.*
- THRANGE.** (1) Thrusted; went through.  
Thurch the bodi ful neythe the hert  
That gode swerd thure him *thrang*.  
*Gy of Warwick*, p. 51.
- (2) To crowd; to squeeze. *North.*  
At morne when day sprange,  
Gentyl men to hatuds *thrange*,  
Syr Degrabelle was dyght. *Eglamour*, 1109
- THRAP.** (1) To crowd. A place is said to be *thrap full* when excessively crowded. *Essex.*  
(2) "As busy as Thrap's wife, who hung herself in the disheloth." A Derbyshire proverb.
- THRASHLE.** A flail. Lhud's *MS. Additions to Ray, Ashmolean Museum.*
- THRASTE.** Thrusted out. (*A.-S.*)
- THRATE.** Urged; pressed. (*A.-S.*)  
There as he was moste hate,  
For to drynke y-nogh he *thrate*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 199.*
- THRATLE.** To speak with a hollow rattling voice. Honours Academie, 1610, i. 80.
- THIRATTE.** To threaten. (*A.-S.*)
- THIRATTLES.** Sheep's dung. *East.*
- THRAVE.** (1) Thrived. *Perceval*, 226.  
(2) A company, properly of threshers, but applied to any indefinite number.  
Many a man wyll go bare,  
And tak moche kark and care,  
And hard he wyll fare  
Alle the days of hys lyfe;  
And after comyth a knave,  
The worst of a *thrave*,  
Aod alle he shalle have  
For weddyng of hys wyffe.  
*MS. Lansd.* 210, f. 80.
- (3) Twelve fads of straw. Also, twenty-four, or twelve sheaves of wheat. *North.*
- (4) To urge. *Linc.*
- THRAW.** (1) A twist, and v. to twist. Hence *heads and thraws*; hence, also, *thraw hook*, a rude instrument for making coarse hay ropes. *North.*  
(2) To turn wood. *North.*
- THRAWL.** A stand for a barrel. *Linc.*
- THRAWN.** A scolding, or chiding. *Dunelm.*
- THREAD.** To spin a good thread, i. e. to succeed in any undertaking. *Thread and thrum*, the good and bad together.
- THREADEN.** Made of thread.
- THREAD-NEEDLE.** A game, in which children stand in a row joining hands, the outer one, still holding her neighbour, runs between the others, &c.  
Eight people, four of each sex, who had arranged themselves together, a man and a woman alternately, and joining hands like children at *thread-needle*, form'd a straight line that reach'd across the Mall.  
*Adventures of Mr. George Edwards*, 1751, p. 140.
- THREADS.** "In a skrew-plate and skrew-pin, the dents or hollows are calld grooves, and the prominent or rising parts are the threads; the outer threads of the skrew-plate make the grooves on the skrew-pin, and the grooves in the skrew-plate make the threads on the skrew-pin," Kennett, *MS. Lansd.* 1033.
- THREAP.** (1) Obstinate to maintain or insist upon a thing in contradiction to another, e. g. "He *threaped* me down it was so." *Linc.* "I threpe a mater upon one, I beare one in hande that he hath doone or said a thing amysse," Palsgrave, verb. f. 389.  
It's not for a man with a woman to *threape*,  
Unless he first gave oer the plea;  
As wee began wee now will leave,  
And he take mine old cloake about mee.  
*Percy's Reliques*, p. 52.
- (2) To beat, or thrash. *North.*
- (3) To urge; to press. *Linc.*
- (4) To cozen, or cheat. *Lanc.*
- THREAP-GROUND.** Disputed land. *North.*
- THREAT.** To threaten. *Palsgrave.*  
Which should they joyne, would be so strongly sided,  
Two mighty hoasts, together safely met,  
The face of warre would looke so sterne and great,  
As it might *threat* to heave him from his seat.  
*Drayton's Poems*, 1637, p. 18.

**THREAVE.** The same as *Thrave*, q. v.  
**THRECHE.** To pinch. *Palsgrave*.  
**THREDEGAL.** Unsettled, as applied to weather, and I never heard the word applied to anything else. I lately heard this speech. "The weather fare to look thredegal, and the clumps of the evening are coming on." *Moor*.  
**THREDTENE.** Thirteen.  
**THREE-COCKED-HAT.** A cocked hat.  
**THREE-FARTHINGS.** A three-farthing piece of silver current in Shakespeare's time, and frequently alluded to for its thinness, &c.  
**THREE-FOLD.** Bog-bean; buck-bean. *Yorksh.*  
**THREE-HALFPENNY-HORSE-LOAF.** A nickname for a very little person.  
**THREE-MAN.** A cluster of three nuts is called a three-man cluster of nuts.  
**THREE-MENS-SONG.** A song for three voices. "To sing rounds, catches, giggies, or *three mens songs*," Florio, p. 538. Compare pp. 59, 80, ed. 1611.  
**THREE-OUTS.** When three persons go into a public-house, call for liquor generally considered only sufficient for two, and have a glass which will divide it into three equal portions, they are said to drink *three outs*.  
 An alewife in Kesgrave neare to Ipswich, who would needs force three serving men (that had bene drinking in her house, and were taking their leaves) to stay and drinke the *three outs* first (that is, wit out of the head, money out of the purse, ale out of the pot) as shee was coming towards them with the pot in her hand was suddenly taken speechlesse and sicke, her tongue swolne in her mouth, never recovered speech, the third day after dyed.  
*Woe to Drunkards, a Sermon by Samuel Ward, Preacher of Ipswich, 1627.*  
**THREE-PILE.** The finest kind of velvet. Hence, metaphorically, *three-piled*, refined.  
 My will is that if any roaring boy springing from my race happen to be staid, swaggering, or swearing *three-pild* oaths in a tavern, or to bee kild in the quarrell of his whoore, let him bee fetched hither in my own name, because heere he shall be both lookt too and provided for.  
*Dekker's Strange Horse Race, 1613.*  
**THREE-SHEAR.** A sheep of two or three years, having been thrice shorn.  
**THREESOME.** Treble. *North*.  
**THREE-SQUARE.** Triangular, like a bayonet or small sword-blade. *Four-square*, die-shaped; a cube.  
**THREE-SQUARE-SHEEP.** A four-year sheep.  
**THREE-THREADS.** Half common ale, mixed with stale and double beer.  
**THREE-THRUM.** When a cat purrs she is said to sing *three-thrum*. *Line*.  
**THREE-TREES.** The gallows, so called from their ancient triangular form.  
**THREE-WAY-LEET.** When three roads meet, it is called a *three-way-leet*. *Suffolk*.  
**THRENES.** Lamentations. (*Gr.*)  
**THREO.** Three. (*A.-S.*)  
 To Noe is flood in the shippe were heo,  
 Noe and hys sonsys *threo*.  
*Religious Poems, xv. Cent.*  
**THREP.** Torture; cruelty. (*A.-S.*)

**THREPE.** (1) To speak; to call; to shout. It has likewise the same meanings as *threap*, q. v.  
 3e are sloghe and lyen to slepe  
 Whan 3e ajens the preebur *threpe*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 29.*  
 Of the nyghtgale notez the nolsez was swette;  
 They *threpe* wyth the throstills thre hundredth at ones.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 63.*  
 Because I was arayed with some clothes of sylke of my sayde maisters, came unto me and *threped* upon me that I should be the Duke of Clarence sonne that was before tyme at Develyn. *Hall, Henry VII. f. 50.*  
**THREPIHEL.** A flail. *Lanc.*  
**THREPPE.** To rush?  
 Woundes those whydyrewyns, werrayed knyghtles,  
*Threppede* thorowe the thykkys thryttene sythis.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 76.*  
**THREPS.** Threepence. *Var. dial.*  
**THRESHEL.** Same as *Thrashe*, q. v.  
**THRESHER.** A duster of furniture.  
**THRESHFOD.** A threshold. *Yorksh.*  
**THRESTE.** To thrust. (*A.-S.*)  
**THRESWOLD.** A threshold. (*A.-S.*)  
**THRET.** Threatened.  
 Withoute thi castel I am biset,  
 Harde with thre foune *thret*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 63.*  
**THRETE.** To threaten. (*A.-S.*)  
 He *thretyth* me to be slaun,  
 And for to wyne hys loode agayn.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 118.*  
**THRETENETHE.** The thirteenth.  
 The *thretenethe* artykele, as tulle I may,  
 That Cryst hymself on Holy Thursday  
 Stegh into hevenc in flesh and blod,  
 That dyede byforn on the rood.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 133.*  
**THRETTY.** Thirty. (*A.-S.*)  
 Yn the halle that he there hadd,  
 V. and *thretty* knyghtys he madd,  
 Be that odor day abowte none. *Eglamour, 1004.*  
**THREVE.** The same as *Thrave*, q. v.  
**THRIBBLE.** Treble; threefold. *Yorksh.*  
**THRICHE.** To thrust or press down. *Lanc.*  
**THRIDDE.** Third. (*A.-S.*)  
 The Holy Gost, bysone *thyrdde*,  
 Leveth also I 3ow byde.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. v. f. 132.*  
 The *thridde* folc laide Bretel,  
 Strong and doinde knight wel.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 143.*  
 When hyt come to the *thyrd* day,  
 That alle knyghtys went away.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 151.*  
**THRIDDE-HALF.** Two and a half.  
 Hard gates havy gon,  
 Sorewen soffred mony on:  
 Thritty wynter and *thridde-half* yer.  
 Havy woned in lond her.  
*Harrowing of Hell, p. 15.*  
**THRIDDEN.** Of thread.  
 Which did reveale him then to be indeede  
 A *thridden* fellow in a silken weede.  
*Stephens' Essays and Characters, 1615, p. 5.*  
**THRIDDENDEL.** A third part.  
 And asked gif ani wer so bold;  
*Thriddenel* his lond have he schold.  
*Gy of Warwick, p. 299.*  
**THRIDE.** A thread. See Florio, p. 12.



- And of this wolle I will apynne *thrive* by *thrive*,  
To hill me from the coude. *Chester I lays*, i. 37.
- THRIVE.** (1) Thrive. (*A.-S.*)  
Pettar, I save thee sickerlye,  
Or the cocke have crowen *thrye*,  
Thou shalte forsake my companie,  
And take thy worde againe. *Chester Plays*, ii. 25.
- (2) Trouble; affliction. (*A.-S.*)
- THRIFT.** (1) Growing pains. *Lanc.*  
(2) Scurf on a horse. *Var. dial.*  
(3) The sea-pink. *Var. dial.*
- THRIFT-BOX.** An earthen box for saving money  
in, so contrived that the coin cannot be got  
out without breaking it.
- THRILE.** To pierce through. (*A.-S.*)  
His arrowes that er scharpe sentence *thriland* mens  
hertes. *MS. Coll. Eton*, 10.
- THRILLY.** Thrilling. *North.*
- THRIMMEL.** To pull out; to gripe hard; to  
part with money reluctantly. *North.*
- THRIMMER.** To handle anything. *Lanc.*
- THRIN.** Three. *Thrinfulde*, threefold.  
Selcouth thing he seide withyn  
Is closed in these *zerdes thrin*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 40.  
Cristofere in Criste I calle the here,  
In my name, by *thryne* manere.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 125.  
Als witty men ful wele has talde,  
Schrift aw to be *thrinfulde*.  
*MS. Galba E.* ix. f. 66.
- THRINGE.** (1) To thrust. (*A.-S.*)  
Who strengths the poor, and pridful men down *thrings*,  
And wracks at once the pow'rs of puissant kings.  
*Works of Du Bartas*, p. 369.
- (2) To crowd; to press forward. (*A.-S.*)  
(3) To rumble. In *MS. Med. Linc.* f. 289, is a  
receipt for "thryngyng in the wambe."
- THIRINGID.** Quite covered over?  
His kneys coveryd with plates many,  
His thies *thryngid* with silk, as I say  
*Roland, MS. Lansd.* 333, f. 388.
- THIRIPPA.** To beat. *Chesh.*
- THIRIPPLE.** To labour hard.
- THIRIPPLES.** The rails of a waggon; the move-  
able ladders. *Chesh.*
- THIRSTY.** Thirsty. *Spenser.*
- THRIVE.** So mote I thrive, i. e. if I may prosper,  
a common expletive phrase.  
Nay, seyde Gye, so mote y *thryve*,  
Never whylle y am on lyve.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. li. 38, f. 154.
- THRO.** (1) Eager; earnest; sharp.  
As Jewes fond he none so *thro*,  
For ofte thi sougte him to slo.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 120.  
When sche come undur a wode syde,  
Sche myght no lenger abyde,  
Hur peynys were so *throo*;  
Sche lghtyd downe, that was so mylde,  
And there sche travaylyd of a chylde,  
Hyrselfe allone, withowtyn moo  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. li. 38, f. 74.
- (2) Bold. See *Thraa*.  
Ther is no lady of flesshe ne bone,  
In this world so thryve or *thro*.  
*MS. Harl.* 2252, f. 94.  
Thoghe the knyjt were kene and *thro*,  
The owtlawys waone the chylde hym fro.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 85.
- THROAT.** He lies in his throat, i. e. he lies  
flatly, a phrase implying great indignation in  
the person who employs it.  
And therefore, reader, understand and note,  
Whoever sayes I lye, he lies in's *throat*.  
*Taylor's Travels from London to the Isle of Wight,*  
with his Returne and occasion of his Journey,  
1648, p. 14.
- THROAT-BALL.** "Throte gole or throte bole,  
*neu de la lagorge, gosier*," Palsgrave. "Ept-  
*glotum, a throte gole*," Nomin le MS.  
Thi make and thi malte, thi lyve and thi lunge,  
And thi *throte bolle* that thu mide sunge.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A.* ix. f. 246.  
And to leave the folowyn of such a doubtful cap-  
tayne which with a leaden sword would cut his owne  
*throte-bulle*. *Hal's Union*, 1549.
- THROAT-LATCH.** (1) The narrow thong of  
the bridle which passes under a horse's throat.  
"The throat-thong or throat-band of a bridle,  
*sousgorge*," Sherwood. It is also called the  
throat-hap.  
(2) The strings of a hat, cap, &c. fastened under  
the chin.
- THROAT-PIECE.** "The throat-piece (or fore-  
part of the neck) of a hog," Sherwood.
- THROAT-WORT.** The giant bell-flower.
- THROCK.** The piece of wood on which the  
blade of a plough is fixed
- THROC-NEDILS.** A kind of herb mentioned  
in *MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 286.
- THRODDEN.** To thrive; to increase. *North.*
- THROE.** Eager; willing.  
There as the swift hound may no further goe  
Then the slowest of foot, be he never so *throae*.  
*The Booke of Hunting*, 1595.
- THROH.** A coffin. (*A.-S.*)  
Ase me wolde him nymen up,  
Ant leggen in a *throh* of ston  
*Chronicle of England*, 747.
- THROLY.** Earnestly; eagerly; hardly.  
In at the durres thei *throly* throst  
With staves ful gode ilkone;  
Alas! alas! seid Robyn Hode,  
Now mysse I litulle Johnne.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 147.  
The theeffe at the dede thrawe so *throly* hym thryng. z.  
That three rybbys in his syde he thrystez in sunder.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 65.
- THROM.** From. *Salop.*
- THROME.** Company, or body of people.  
Whiles thou were in our *throme*,  
No were we never overcome.  
*Arthour and Merlin*, p. 9.  
Tho thai thider weren y-come,  
Ordeind and told her *throme*,  
Fourti thousand men thai founde.  
*Arthour and Merlin*, p. 138.
- THRONG.** (1) Busy. *North.*  
In these times, great men, yea and men of justice,  
are as *thron* e as ever in pulling down houses, and  
setting up hedges. *Sanderson's Sermons*, 1639, p. 113.
- (2) A press of business. *North.*  
(3) To crowd; to press.
- THRONGE.** Thrust down. (*A.-S.*)  
Yn yustyng ne yn turnament,  
Ther myjt no man with sytt hys dynte,  
But he to the erthe them *thronge*. *F. Glamour*, 1023.
- THROO.** A slip or width of corn which a set

of reapers drive before them at once, whether it consist of one or more lands or ridges.

**THROPE.** A thorp, or village. (*A.-S.*)

Nught [fer] fro that paleyse honorable,  
Where as this Mark[i]s shope his marlage,  
There stode a *thrope* of site delitable,  
In whiche that pore folke of that village  
Hadden here bestis and here herborage,  
And of her labour toke here sustynance,  
Aftir that the erthe yere hem habundaunce

*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 63.*

**THROPPLE.** (1) The windpipe. *Var. dial.*

(2) To throttle, or strangle. *North.*

**THROSHIEL.** The threshold. *Suffolk.*

**THROSSEN.** Thrust; pressed. *North.*

**THROSTEL.** A thrush. *North.* "Merulus, *merula*, Anglice a thyrstyle cok," Nominale MS. xv. Cent. "Thrusshe a hyrde, *gryue*," Palsgrave. "Thrustell cocke, *moulcis*," Palsgrave, subst. f. 70.

Gladdie is the *thrustel* whane the floures spring,  
The somer is to him so acceptable.

*MS. Ashmole 59, f. 20*

Or if thou wilt goe shoote at little birds,

With bow and boult, the *thrustle-cocke* and sparrow,  
Such as our cuntry hedges can afforde,

I have a fine howe, and an yvorie arrow.

*The Affectionate Shepheard, 1594.*

The nyzyngale, the *thrustlecoke*,  
The popejay, the joly laverocke.

*MS. Parkington 10, f. 55.*

**THROUGH.** (1) From. *North.*

(2) To be through with any one, i. e. to complete a bargain with him.

(3) The same as *Perpent-stone*, q. v.

(4) A flat gravestone. *North.* "Thurwhe stone of a grave, *sarcophagus*," Pr. Parv.

**THROUGH-CARVED-WORK.** Carved work in which spaces are cut entirely through the material.

**THROUGHEN.** Another copy of the Siege of Jerusalem in MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 123, reads "bounden togedur."

xxx.<sup>9</sup> Jewes in a thrumme, *throughen* in ropes

*MS. Cott. Vespas. E. xvi. f. 83.*

**THROULLID.** Pierced (*A.-S.*)

And to be *throullid* hond and food

With charp naylus to the rod,

And to be lift up in the cros,

Betwene two thevys for to hyng;

Of aysel and gal that propherd the drynke,

With a spere thi hert persid was.

*MS. Douce 302, xv. Cent.*

**THROUSHOT.** The hole of a rabbit under ground through a bank. It is an expressive word, where the animal has *shot through*. It is also applied to a spendthrift, "a *through-shot* sort of a fellow." *Moor.*

**THROW.** (1) Time. (*A.-S.*)

Syr, soche ys Godys myghte,

That he make may hye lowe,

And lowe hye in a lytelle *throwe*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 240.*

Hayle and pulle I schall fulle faste

To reyse housys, whyle I may laste,

And so, within a lytell *throwe*,

My mayster gode schall not be know.

*MS. Ashmole 61.*

Syr, he myn hore berd

Thou schall se within a *throwe*.

*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 61*

And gadred them togyder

In a lytell *throwe*,

Seven score of wight yonge men

Came redy on a rowe. *Robin Hood, i. 79.*

(2) To work at the tin mines. *North.*

(3) A thoroughfare; a public road. *South.*

**THROWE.** To turn wood for cups, &c. A turner's lathe is still called a *throwe*.

**THROWER.** A sort of knife used for cleaving lath or hurdle stuff. It appears to have been formerly called *frower*. See Moor, p. 151.

**THROW-IN.** To pay a forfeit. *East.*

**THROWING-CLAY.** "At the potteries in Staffordshire they call four different sorts of clay *throwing clays*, because they are of a closer texture, and will work on the wheel," Kennett, MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 414.

**THROWING-THE-STOCKING.** A curious custom, thus described in a poem dated 1733:

Then come all the younger folk io,

With ceremony *throu the stocking*;

Backward, o'er head, in turn they toss'd it,

Till in sack-posset they had lo-t it.

Th' intent of flinging thus the hose

Is to hit him or her o' th' nose;

Who hits the mark, thus, o'er left shoulder,

Must married be ere twelve months older.

Deucalion thus, and Pyrrha, threw

Behind them stones, whence mankind grew.

*Brand's Pop. Antiq. ii. 108.*

The first use the two lads of the castle made of their existence was to ply the bridegroom so hard with bumpers, that in less than an hour he made divers efforts to siog, and soon after was carried to bed, deprived of all manner of sensation, to the utter disappointment of the bridesmen and maids, who, by this accident, were prevented from *throuing the stocking*, and performing certain other ceremonies practised on such occasions.

*Peregrine Pickle, chap. 4.*

But as luck would have it ye parson said grace.

And to frisking and dancing they shuffled apace.

Each lad took his lass by the fist;

And when he had squeez'd her, and gaum'd her untill

The fat of her face ran down like a mill,

He toll'd for the rest of the girt.

In sweat and in dust having wasted the day,

They enter'd upon the last act of the play,

The bride to her bed was convey'd;

Where knee deep each hand fell down to the ground,

And in seeking the garter much pleasure was found,

'T would have made a man's arm have stray'd.

This clutter ore, Clarinda lay

Half bedded, like the peeping day

Behind Olympus cap;

Whiles at her head each twitting garle

The fatal *stocking* quick did whirle

To know the lucky hap.

The bridegroom in at last did rustle,

All dissap pointed in the bustle,

The maidens had shav'd his breeches;

But let him not complain, tis well,

In such a storm, I can you tell,

He save'd his other stitches.

*Account of a Wedding, Fletcher's Poems, p. 230.*

**THROWLY.** Thoroughly. *North.*

**THROWN.** Disappointed. *Yorksh.*

**THROWSTER.** One that throws or winds silk or thread. "Throwstar, *devideresse de soye*," Palsgrave, 1530.

**THRUBCHANDLER.**

Then take they did that lodly boome,  
And under *thrubchandler* closed was hee.

*Syr Gawayne*, p. 280.

**THRUCK.** The piece of wood that goes through the beam of a plough, at the end of which the neck or share is fastened. *Chesh.*

**THRUFF.** (1) Through. *North.*

(2) A table-tomb. *Cumb.*

**THRULL.** To piece. See *Thrile*.

**THRUM.** (1) Green and vigorous, usually applied to herbage. *Glouc.*

(2) The extremity of a weaver's warp, often about nine inches long, which cannot be woven. Generally, a small thread. *North.* Also, to cover with small tufts like thrums.

(3) Futuo. See Florio, pp. 5, 144.

(4) To beat. *Suffolk.*

(5) To purr, as a cat. *East.*

(6) Sullen; rough; bearish. *North.*

(7) A bundle of twigs through which the liquor percolates from a mash-tub.

**THRUMBLE.** To handle awkwardly. *North.* The term occurs in Howell, 1660.

**THRUM-CHINNED.** Rough chinned.

**THRUMMED.** Knitted. *Thrum-cap*, a knit cap. A thrummed hat was one made of very coarse woollen cloth. *Minsheu.*

**THRUMMELD.** Stunted in growth. *North.*

**THRUMMY.** Fat; plump. *Yorksh.*

**THRUMMY-CAP.** The name of a sprite who occasionally figures in the fairy tales of Northumberland. He is generally described as a "queer-looking little auld man," and the scene of his exploits frequently lies in the vaults and cellars of old castles.

**THRUMP.** To gossip. *North.*

**THRUMS.** Threepence. *Grose.*

**THRUNCH.** Much displeased. *North.*

**THRUNK.** (1) Busy. *Lanc.*

(2) Thronged; crowded. *Chesh.*

**THRUNK-WIFE.** A fussy, busy woman. *Lanc.*

**THRUNTY.** Healthy; hardy. *North.*

**THRUSFIELD.** A thrush. *Salop.*

**THRUSHES.** A disease in horses.

**THRUSH-LICE.** Millepes. *North.*

**THRUST.** "*Boute-hors*, the play called *Thrust out the harlot*, wherein the weakest ever come to the worst," Cotgrave.

**THRUSTE.** A thirst. (*A.-S.*)

And such a *thruste* was on him falle,  
They he meste other deye or drynke,

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 53.

**THRUSTLE-COCK.** See *Throstel*.

**THRUSTY.** Thirsty. *North.*

**THRUT.** The throw of a stone; also a fall in wrestling. *Lanc.*

**THRUTCH.** For thrust. *Chesh.* Maxfield measure, heap and thrutch, Prov.

**THRUTCHINGS.** The last pressed whey in the making of cheese. *Lanc.*

**THRUS.** Through. (*A.-S.*)

Thorow the grace of God almyzt,  
That is mercifulle to every wyzt,  
And *thrus* his modur Mary.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 45

**THRYDDYTH.** Third. (*A.-S.*)

For hit byfell thus in the same *thryddyth* day.

*Chron. Filodun.* p. 61.

**THRYNGE.** Throng, or crowd. (*A.-S.*)

The sowdan dud before hym brynge,

All hys goddys in a *thryng*.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. xl. 38, f. 109.

**THRYST.** (1) Threw. (2) Given. *Gawayne.*

**THUCK.** That. *Wills.*

**THUD.** A heavy blow, or the sound which it emits. The stroke of a sledge hammer against the wall of a house is of that kind. *North.*

**THUE.** Slave. (*A.-S.*)

The crie was sone wide outh, among *thue* and *freo*,

That seint Thomas schoelde after him archebischop

beo.

*Life of Thomas B-ket*, p. 11

**THUELLE.** The same as *Tewell*, q. v. "*Epi-causterium*, a *thuelle*," Nominale MS.

**THULGED.** Endured. *Gawayne.*

**THULLE.** This. *Hearne.*

**THUM.** To beat.

For he's such a churle waxen now of late, that and he be  
Never so little angry he *thums* me out of all cry.

*The Taming of a Shrew*, 1607.

**THUMB.** To have the thumb under the girdle, i. e. to be very melancholy.

**THUMB-BAND.** A small band of hay, &c.

**THUMB-BIT.** A piece of meat eaten on bread, so called from the thumb being placed on it.

**THUMBING.** A Nottingham phrase, used to describe that species of intimidation practised by masters on their servants when the latter are compelled to vote as their employers please, under pain of losing their situations.

**THUMB-NAIL.** See *Supernaculum*.

**THUMB-RING.** A large ring, generally plain, formerly worn on the thumb.

**THUMB-SNACK.** A fastening to a door in which the latch is lifted by pressing the thumb on the broad end of a short lever which moves it.

**THUMMEL-TEE.** See *Thomelle-tee*.

**THUMP.** The same as *Bang*, q. v.

**THUMPING.** Large; great. *Var. dial.*

**THUMPKIN.** A clown, or bumpkin. *Oxon.*

**THUMPLE.** To fumble. *North.*

**THUNCHE.** To seem. (*A.-S.*)

Of fleysht lust cometh shame,

Thath hit *thunche* the body game,

Hit doth the soule smerte. *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 111.

**THUNDER-BOLT.** (1) The corn poppy. *West.*

(2) The fossil belemnite. *North.*

**THUNDER-CRACK.** A clap of thunder.

**THUNDER-PICK.** The pyrites. *Suffolk.*

**THUNDER-STONE.** The water-worn gypsum is so called in the North by the vulgar.

**THUNDER-THUMP.** To stun with noise.

A very clown in his own language comes off better than he that by a romantick bombaste doth *thunder-thump* his hearer into an *equilibrium* between scorn and wonder.

*A Cap of Gray Hairs for a Green Head*, 1680, p. 81.

**THUNK.** A thong. *North.*

- THUNNER.** Thunder. *North.*  
**THURCH.** Through. (*A.-S.*)  
 Whar *thurch* y tel moder thine  
 Dingner to be ded than inoder mine.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 41.  
 He stayed about hym with his spere,  
 Many *thurch* gane he bere. *Perceval*, 1170.
- THURF.** Through. *Thurfout*, throughout.  
 This child *thurf* his fader heste.  
*Life of Thomas Beket*, p. 9.
- THURGHFARE.** To pass through. (*A.-S.*)  
 Bot in liknes *thurghfars* man,  
 Bot and ydel es he droned onan.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 27.*
- THURGHOUT.** Throughout; quite through.  
**THURII.** Through. (*A.-S.*)  
 Heo brohte us blisse that is long,  
 Al *thurh* hire childeringe.  
*MS. Cotton. Calig. A. ix. f. 243.*
- THURIBLE.** A ceuser. (*Lat.*)  
**THURIFICATION.** Burning incense.  
**THURINDALE.** A pewter flagon holding about  
 three pints. *Wilt.* See *Thriddendel*.
- THURL.** A long adit in a coal-pit.  
**THURLES.** Holes. (*A.-S.*)  
 Til I se and fele his flesshe,  
 The *thurles* bothe of honde and fete.  
*Cursor Mundi. MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 114.*
- THURLGH.** Through. (*A.-S.*)  
 Mony wonders oure Lorde ther wrojt  
*Thurlgh* the cardenales rede.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 79.*
- THURLINGS.** "In coal-pits there be several  
 partitions or divisious call'd wallings or stauls  
 separated by pillars or ribs of earth and coal,  
 with passages through them call'd *thurlings*  
 opened for convenience of air and easier car-  
 riage of the coal," Kennett *MS.*
- THURROK.** The hold of a ship. (*A.-S.*)  
**THURROUGH.** A furrow. *Leic.*  
**THURRUCK.** A drain. *Kent.*
- THURS-HOUSE.** "A thurs-house or thurse-  
 hole, a hollow vault in a rock or stony hill  
 that serves for a dwelling-house to a poor  
 family, of which there is one at Alveton, and  
 another near Wettonmill, com. Staff.," Kennett.
- THURSE.** A giant. (*A.-S.*)  
 With schankez unschaply schowande togedyrs,  
 Thykke theefe as a *thurse* and thukkere in the hanche.  
*Morte Arthur, MS. Lincoln, f. 65.*
- THURSTLEW.** Thirsty. (*A.-S.*)  
 In revers *thurstlewe*, and moyst upon the londe;  
 Gladde in mornynge, in gladnes compleyneng.  
*Lydgate's Minor Poems*, p. 75.
- THURT.** (1) Across. *South.*  
 (2) An ill-tempered fellow. *Berks.*
- THURTE.** Need. (*A.-S.*)  
 Als fayre a lady to wyefe had he  
 Als any ertilly mane *thurte* see,  
 With tunge als I sow nevene. *Isumbras*, 26.
- THURT-HANDLED.** Cross-handled; thwart-  
 handled, having a handle standing across from  
 side to side, as a short-handled basket.
- THURTIFER.** Unruly. *Wilt.*
- THURTLE.** To cross in discourse; to contra-  
 dict. *Somerset.*
- THURT-SAW.** A cross-cut saw. *Somerset.*
- THUS.** So; this. *North.*
- THUS-GATES.** In this manner.  
 Bot a mane of the citee that highte Hismonne,  
 whene he saw his cuntree *thugates* be destroyed,  
 come and felle one knees before Alexander, and  
 bigane for to syng a sange of musyke and of mur-  
 nyng with an instrument of musike.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 11.*
- THUSSOCK.** A tussock, or tuft.
- THWACK.** (1) To fill to overflowing.  
 How deere and entier friends he and I were one  
 to the other during his life, the letters he addressed  
 me from time to time, to the number of six hun-  
 dred, *thwackt* with love and knodnesse, doo mani-  
 festile declare.  
*Stanihurst's Description of Ireland*, p. 42.
- (2) Same as *Thwange* (2).
- THWAITE.** Land, which was once covered  
 with wood, brought into pasture or tillage; an  
 assart. *Thwaite* enters into the name of  
 many places in Westmoreland and Cumber-  
 land.
- THWANGE.** (1) The latchet of a shoe.  
 "Thwange, *tigula*," Nominale *MS.*  
 (2) A large piece. *North.*
- THWARLE.** Tight; hard. *Gawayne.*
- THWARTE.** To fall out, or quarrel. *To thwart  
 the way*, to stop one in the way.
- THWEYN.** To prosper. (*A.-S.*)  
 Addiwyst yt wyll not bee,  
 I wot I mune never more *thweyn*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 51.*
- THWITE.** To cut; to notch. *North.* See  
*Stanihurst's Ireland*, pp. 16, 18. "I *thwyte*  
 a stycke, or I cutte lytell peces from a thyng,"  
*Palsgrave*, verb. f. 390.
- THWITEL.** A knife. (*A.-S.*)
- THWITTEN.** Cut. *North.*
- THY.** (1) They.  
 And of these berdede bukkes also  
 Wyth hemself *thy* moche mysdo,  
 That leve Crysten mennys acyse,  
 And haunte al the newe gyse.  
*MS. Bodl. 415, f. 21.*
- (2) Therefore. *Gawayne.*
- THYRCE.** A spectre. (*A.-S.*) "Thyrce, wyk-  
 kyd spyryte, *ducius*," Pr. Parv. "A thurse, an  
 apparition, a goblin, Lanc.," Kennett *MS.*
- THYTED.** Cut, as with a knife. List of old  
 words prefixed to *Batman* uppou *Bartholome*,  
 fol. Lond. 1582.
- THYZLE.** A cooper's adze. *North.*
- TIAL.** A tie. *Fletcher.*
- TIB.** (1) The anus. *North.*  
 (2) The ace of trumps in the game of gleeck was  
 so called. See the *Compleat Gamester*, ed.  
 1721, p. 8.  
 (3) A calf. A term of endearment. *Tib* and  
*Tom* were names for low persons.  
 (4) The flap of the ear. *Linc.*  
 (5) *Tib of the buttery*, a goose.  
 (6) The extreme end of a cart. *East.*
- TIBBET.** The overhanging peak of the bonnet.  
*Linc.*
- TIBBY.** Isabella. *North.*
- TIB-CAT.** A female cat. *Yorksh.*
- TIBERT.** A name for a cat.
- TICE.** To entice. *Var. dial.*

All these and more he give thee for thy love,  
If these and more may *tye* thy love away.

*The Affectionate Shepherd*, 1594.

- TICHER.** A sheaf of corn. *South.*
- TICING.** Setting up turves to dry, in order to prepare them for fuel. *Deron. Corru.*
- TICHY.** Fretful; touchy. *Howell.*
- TICK.** (1) A slight touch. A game called *tic'* is mentioned by Drayton, and is still played in Warwickshire. A boy touched by one who is in the first instance fixed upon to commence the game, is in his turn obliged to overtake and touch another of the party, when he enters *tick*, and so the game proceeds.  
(2) To toy. See Forby, p. 348.  
Such *tickme*, such toying, such smiling, such winking, and such manning them home when the sports are ended, that it is a right comédie to marke their behaviour. *Gosson's Schoole of Abuse*, 1574.  
(3) Loving; fond. *West.*
- TICKET.** A tradesman's bill, formerly written on a card or ticket. *Run o' the ticket*, run in debt. Shirley, iii. 56, since corrupted into *tick*. "Plaies upon ticket," Stephens' Characters, 1615, p. 239.
- TICKETINGS.** Weekly sales of ore. *Derh.*
- TICKLE.** (1) To excite. *Berou.*  
(2) Tottering; unsteady; uncertain; inconstant. "Tyckyll, nat stedy, *inconstant*," Palsgrave. A thing is said to be *tickle* when it does not stand firmly and may easily be overturned. Sometimes, in harvest, they say, "It's very *tickle* weather," meaning thereby that it threatens rain, that it is not set fair. *Line.*  
Yet if she were so *tickle*, as ye would take no stand, so ramage as she would be reclaimed with no lure. *Greene's Gwydonius*, 1593.
- TICKLE-BRAIN.** A species of liquor.
- TICKLE-ME-QUICKLY.** An old game mentioned in Taylor's Motto, 1622, sig. D. iv.
- TICKLE-MY-FANCY.** The pansy.
- TICKLE-PITCHER.** A drunkard. *Var. dial.*
- TICKLER.** (1) Any smart animal; also a shrewd, cunning person. *L. of Wight.*  
(2) Something to puzzle or perplex.  
(3) An iron pin used by brewers to take a bung out of a cask. *Var. dial.*
- TICKLE-TAIL.** (1) A wanton. *Hall.*  
(2) A schoolmaster's rod. *North.*
- TICKLISH.** Uncertain. *Var. dial.*
- TICKLY.** Ticklish. *Palsgrave.*
- TICK-TACK.** (1) A kind of backgammon, played both with men and pegs, and more complicated. The game is frequently alluded to, as in Apollo Shroving, 1627, p. 49; Taylor's Motto, 1622, sig. D. iv; Poems on State Affairs, ed. 1705, p. 53; Howell, 1660, sect. 28. To play at tick-tack was sometimes meant in an indelicate sense; as in Lilly, ed. 1632, sig. Dd. iii; Hawkins, i. 150.  
In this lande I did see an ape plaie at *ticke-tacke*, and after at Irish on the tables, with one of that lande. *Bullein's Dialogue*, 1573.  
(2) A moment of time. *Yorksh.*
- TID.** (1) Silly; childish. *West.*  
(2) Quickly; promptly; readily.  
(3) A small cock of hay. *Line.*

(1) The udder of a cow. *Yorksh.*

**TIDDE.** Happened. (*A.-S.*)

**TIDDER.** Sooner. *West.*

**TIDDIDOLL.** An over-dressed, affected, young woman in humble life. *Suffolk.*

**TIDDLE.** (1) To rear tenderly; to pet. *Tiddling*, a young pet animal. *West.*  
(2) To fidget or trifle about. *South.*

**TIDDLIN-TOP.** The summit. *East.*

**TIDDY.** The four of trumps at gleek. See the Compleat Gamester, p. 8.

**TIDDY-WREN.** A wren. *West.*

**TIDE.** (1) Time; season. (*A.-S.*)

Oure kyng went hym in a *tyde*

To pley hym be a ryver side.

*MS. Cantab.* ff. v. 48, f. 47.

Save tho that mowe not abyde,

For peryle of deth, to that *tyde*.

*MS. Cott. Claud.* A. ii. f. 128.

(2) The tithe. *Kent.*

(3) Tidings; news. Perceval, 1173.

**TIDEFUL.** Seasonable. (*A.-S.*)

**TIDIFE.** The titmouse. *Skinner.* Drayton mentions a singing bird called the *tidy*, perhaps the same, for Skinner's explanation appears to be doubtful.

**TIDLWINK.** A beer-shop. *West.* It is called in some places *kidlwink*.

**TIDN.** It is not. *Somerset.*

**TIDY.** (1) A pinafore. *North.*

(2) A workbag. *Var. dial.*

(3) Considerable; much. *East.*

(4) Clever; ready; neat. (*A.-S.*)

(5) Honest; well-disposed. *West.*

**TIE.** (1) A short, thick, hair rope, with a wooden nut at one end, and an eye formed in the other, used for hopping the hind legs of a cow while milking. *North.*

(2) To fasten, as the door, &c.

(3) A foot-race. *Kent.*

(4) The tick of a bed. *Somerset.*

(5) A casket, or box. (*A.-S.*) *Loken in hur ty*, a phrase sometimes meaning simply, in her possession.

**TIED.** Compelled. *North.*

**TIE-DOG.** A bulldog, or mastiff.

**TIED-UP.** Costive, said of cattle.

**TIENS.** Upright poles behind the cribs in a stall for cows. *West.*

**TIER.** (1) A bitter drink or liquor.

(2) Moreover. *Cumb.*

**TIERING.** Coarse half-veiling. *Lanc.*

**TIERS.** Two persons who *tie*, or count equal in a game. *Var. dial.*

**TIE-TOP.** A garland. *North.*

**TIFE.** To dress, or put in order.

Or *ʒyf* thou *tyfyst* the over proudly

Over mesure on thy body.

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 22.

**TIFF.** (1) To excite. *Somerset.*

(2) A draught of liquor. *Var. dial.*

(3) To deck out; to dress.

(4) Thin small beer. Still in use.

That to shall quickly follow, if

It can be rais'd from strong or *tiffe*.

*Brome's Songs*, 1661, p. 165.

- (5) To fall headlong. *Yorksh.*  
 TIFFANY. A portable flour sieve.  
 TIFFITY-TAFFETY-GIRLS. Courtesans, so called from the dress they formerly wore.  
 TIFFLE. To trifle. Still in use.  
 TIFFLES. Light downy particles.  
 TIFFY. Fretful; touchy. *Sussex.*  
 TIFFY-TAFFY. A difficult piece of work. Also, a poor silly trifter. *North.*  
 TIFLE. To turn, to stir, to disorder anything by tumbling in it; so standing corn, or high grass, when trodden down, is said to be tified. *North.*  
 TIFLED. A tified horse, i. e. one broken above the loins. *North.*  
 TIFT. (1) A small draught of liquor, or short fit of doing anything; also, condition, as to health of the body; as a verb, it means fetching of the breath quickly, as after running, &c.  
 (2) A tiff, or fit of anger.  
 (3) To irritate. *Linc.*  
 (4) A small boat. *North.*  
 (5) To adjust. *North.*  
 TIG. (1) A slap, as a mode of salutation.  
 (2) The last blow in sparring.  
 (3) A play among children, on separating for the night, in which every one endeavours to get the last touch. *Willan's Yorksh.*  
 (4) A call to pigs. *Var. dial.*  
 TIGGY-TOUCHWOOD. A game where children pursue each other, but are exempt from the laws of the game whilst touching wood.  
 TIGHT. (1) Firm; smart; thriving. Also, prompt, active, alert. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) Furnished; provided.  
 (3) Promised. *Chester Plays*, ii. 16.  
 A steward was with king Ermin,  
 That hadde tight to sle that swin.  
*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 35.  
 (4) Begun; pitched; fixed. *Ritson.*  
 (5) For *tite*, soon, quickly.  
 TIGHTED-UP. Finely dressed. *East.*  
 TIGHTISH. In good health. *Var. dial.*  
 TIGHT-LOCK. Coarse sedge. *East.*  
 TIGHTLY. Smartly; quickly. *Shak.*  
 THING. Laughing?  
 Liper lok and twinkling,  
 Tihing and tikeling,  
 Opin brest and singing,  
 Peise midoutin lesing  
 Arn toknes of horelinge.  
*Reliq. Antiq.* ii. 14.  
 THY. To laugh. See *Tee-hees*.  
 TIKE. (1) A common sort of dog. *North.*  
 Aubrey says, "The indigence of Yorkshire are strong, tall, and long legg'd; them call'em opprobriously long-legd *tyke*;" *MS. Royal Soc.* p. 11. The term occurs very early as one of contempt. "Some heytheue tykes," *MS. Morte Arthure*, f. 91.  
*Tykes* too they had of all sorts, bandogs,  
 Curs, spaniels, water-dogs, and land-dogs.  
*Cotton's Works*, 1734, p. 77.  
 (2) An old horse or mare. *North.*  
 (3) A small bullock. *Coles.*

- (4) Corn. *North.*  
 TIKEL. The same as *Tickle*, q. v.  
 TIL. (1) To. Still in use.  
 (2) Maure. *North.*  
 TILBURY. Sixpence. A cant term.  
 TILD. To incline, or tilt. *East.*  
 TILDE. Turned; moved. *Hearne.*  
 TILDER. A machine in a cellar, wedge-formed, for being interposed between a cask and the wall behind it, to *tild*, or *tilt* it up. The article is called *tilder*, and the operation to *tild* or *tilt*.  
 TILE. (1) To set a trap; to place anything so that it may fall easily. *West.*  
 (2) To cure. (*A.-S.*)  
 Ichave so *tyled* him for that sore,  
 Schel hit never eft ake more.  
*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 118.  
 TILE-KILL. A kiln for tiles.  
 TILESIIARD. A piece of a tile. "*Chiapia*, a brick-hat, a *tilsharde*," Florio, p. 97.  
 TILE-STONE. A tile.  
 TILET-TREE. The linden tree.  
 TILERS. Husbandmen. (*A.-S.*)  
 TILL. (1) Than. *West.*  
 (2) A drawer in a cupboard, &c. It is now only applied to the money-drawer.  
 (3) To prop up. *Var. dial.*  
 (4) Tame; gentle. *Kent.*  
 (5) To come; to bring. *Devon.*  
 TILLE. To obtain. (*A.-S.*)  
 TILLER. (1) To germinate. *North.*  
 (2) A sapling. *Kent.*  
 (3) The stalk of a cross-bow. Sometimes used for the bow itself. The term is applied in Suffolk to the handle of any implement.  
 TILLET. "Tyllet to wrap cloth in, *toylette*," Palsgrave, subst. f. 70.  
 TILLETH. Moveth. *Hearne.*  
 TILLE-THAKKERS. Tilers.  
 TILLEUL. "Tyllenll a kynde of frute, *tilleul*," Palsgrave, 1530, subst. f. 70.  
 TILLING. Crop, or produce. *West.*  
 TILLOR.  
 I wolt that the said Cecillie, in full contentation of all such summes of money as I owe unto her, have my bed of arres, *tillor*, testor, and counterpane, which she late borrowed of me. *Test. Fetust.* p. 452.  
 TILLS. Pulse; lentils. *Var. dial.*  
 TILLY-VALLY. A phrase of contempt.  
 TILLY-WILLY. Thin and slight; unsubstantial; thus, cloth, tape, &c. are said to be poor *tilly willy* things when they are deficient in substance. *Linc.*  
 TILMAN. A farm-labourer. *Palsgrave.*  
 TILSENT. Tinsel.  
 TILSTERE. A magician, or charmer.  
 TILT. (1) Violence. *North.*  
 (2) On the tilt, i. e. on the saddle by the thigh. *Meyrick*, ii. 252.  
 (3) A forge. *Yorksh.*  
 (4) To tilt, or tournay.  
 This gresse attaint so *tilteth* in my thoughts,  
 Maintaining combat to abridge mine ease.  
*The Troublesome Raigne of King John*, 1611.  
 (5) To tilt up, i. e. to canter. *Devon.*

- (6) To totter. *Ermoor*.
- TILTER. (1) Order. *Suffolk*. See Fairfax, Bulk and Selvedge, 12mo. 1674, p. 75.
- (2) A sword. A cant term.
- TILTH. (1) The produce of tilling.  
So that the *tithe* is nyse forlorne,  
Whiche Criste sewe with his owen honde.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 13r.
- (2) A place for tilting in.
- TILTISH. Apt to kick, said of a horse.
- TILTURE. Cultivation. *Tusser*.
- TILTY. Touchy. *West*.
- TIMARRANY. Two poor things. *Norf.*
- TIMBER. (1) Forty skins of fur. See a note in Harrison's England, p. 160.
- (2) Strength; build; might.  
Sich thy dwelling shalle be here,  
That thou woldist my son here,  
Hys *tymber* flor to asay.  
*Torrent of Portugal*, p. 99.
- (3) To timber a fire, i. e. to supply it with wood. To timber-cart, to go with a team for timber.
- (4) A timbrel. *Palsgrave*.
- (5) A kind of worm.
- (6) To make a nest. *Diet. Rust.*
- (7) A crest. Howell, 1660.
- TIMBER-DISHES. Trenchers. *Devon*.
- TIMBERED. Built. See *Timber* (2).  
Alanson, a fine *timbered* man, and tall,  
Yet wants the shape thou art adorn'd withall:  
Vandome good carriage, and a pleasing eie,  
Yet hath not *Suffolk's* princely majestie.  
*Deighton's Poems*, 1637, p. 299.
- TIMBER-LEAVES. Wooden shutters.
- TIMBERN. Wooden. *Devon*.
- TIMBERSOME. Timorous. *West*.
- TIMBER-TASTER. A person in a dockyard who examines timber and pronounces it fit for use.
- TIMBRE. To build. (*A.-S.*) *Timbred his tene*, occasioned his trouble.
- TIMBRELL. A pillory. This word occurs in Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.
- TIMBRES. Basins. (*A.-N.*)
- TIMBOODLE. A silly fellow. *Cornue*.
- TIME. (1) Tune. Jounson, v. 180.
- (2) A theme, or subject. *Palsgrave*.
- (3) Apprenticeship. *Var. dial.*
- (4) To give one the time of the day, i. e. to salute him. This phrase is still common in the country.
- (5) To summon; to call. "Whenne thus wele tyme," *MS. Morte Arthure*.
- (6) The times. *Shak*.
- TIMELESS. Untimely. *Shak*.
- TIMELY. Early; recently. *Var. dial.*
- TIMERSOME. Timid. *Var. dial.*
- TIMES. (1) Hours. (2) *Times and often*, very frequently. *By times*, early. *Times about*, in turns. *In times*, now and then.
- TIMINGS. Grounds of beer. *Kent*.
- TIMMER. (1) Timber. *Var. dial.* "Tymmyr, *meremium*," *Cathol. Anglie. MS.*
- (2) Provision; fare. *North*.
- (3) To trifle, or idle.

- TIMMY. Timid; fretful. *West*.
- TIMOROUS. (1) Difficult to please; uncertain; fretful. Sometimes *timoursome*.
- (2) Terrible. Skelton, ii. 306.
- TIMOTHY. A child's penis. *South*.
- TIMP. The place at the bottom of an iron furnace where the metal issues out.
- TIM-SARAIL. A sledge touching the ground in front, and having wheels behind.
- TIM-WHISKY. A light one-horse chaise without a head. *South*.
- TIN. (1) Cash; money. *Var. dial.*
- (2) Till. *Chesh.*
- TINCT. Tincture. *Shak*.
- TIND. To kindle. *West*.  
As the seal maketh impression in the wax, and as fire conveyeth heat into iron, and as one candle *tinleth* a thousand.  
*Sanderson's Sermons*, 1669, p. 56.
- TINDES. Horns.  
The thrydd hownde fyghtyng he fyndys,  
The beste stroke hym wyth hys *tyndys*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 79.*
- TINDLES. Fires made by children in Derbyshire on the night of All Souls, Nov. 2.
- TINE. (1) To lose. (*A.-S.*) It occasionally has the meaning, to perish, to cause to perish.  
Of the turtyl that *tyne*s hire make,  
That nevere aftere othere wille take.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 118.*  
For 3yf thou make any man falsly *tyne*,  
As for theft, thou shalt have pyne.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 14.*  
For 3yf thou doust, thou mayst hem *tyne*,  
And for that pryde go to pyne.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 22.*  
He hath smetyn the dewke Segwyne,  
Hys hors he made hym for to *tyne*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 161.*  
I dar saye, withouten *tyne*,  
That we shul so oure londes *tyne*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 35.*  
That ys owre God so gracyous,  
And ys so looth manny-sowle to *tyne*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 17.*  
For alle if he levede als a swynne,  
He wenes God wille hym noȝt *tyne*.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 20.*
- (2) The prong of a fork, &c. *Var. dial.* Tined hooke, Harrison's England, p. 232.
- (3) To divide a field with a hedge. Also, to mend a hedge. *West*.
- (4) To light; to kindle. *Var. dial.*
- (5) Wild vetch, or tare.
- (6) To shut; to inclose. *North*.
- (7) A forfeit, or pledge. *North*.
- (8) A moment, or brief space of time.
- TINESTOCKS. The short crooked handles upon the pole of a scythe. *West*.
- TING. (1) The girth which secures the panniers of a packsaddle. *Devon*.
- (2) To beat; to girth; to bind. *West*.
- (3) To sting. (4) A sting. *North*.
- (5) To ring a bell. *East*. "To ting as a bell," *Cotgrave in v. Souner*.
- (6) A prong fork. *Devon*.
- (7) To chide severely. *Ermoor*.
- (8) To split; to crack. *North*.

TINGE. A small red insect. *Pegge*.  
 TINGER. A great falsehood. *Devon*.  
 TINGLE-TANGLE. A small bell.  
 Now hang the hallowed bell about his neck,  
 We call it a mellisonant *tingle-tangle*.  
*Randolph's Amintas*, 1640.  
 TINGLING. Sharp. *Var. dial.*  
 TING-TANG. The saints-bell. *Var. dial.*  
 TING-WORM. A venomous worm that bites  
 cattle under the tongue. *Glouc.*  
 TINING. (1) Dead wood used in tining or re-  
 pairing a hedge. *Chesh.*  
 (2) A new inclosed ground. *Wilts.*  
 TINK. To tinkle, as bells.  
 TINKER. To mend clumsily. *West.*  
 TINKLE. To strike a light. *Northampton.*  
 TINKLER. A tinker. *North.* "A tinker,  
 or tinkeler," Baret's *Alvearie*, 1580.  
 TINLEY. The same as *Tindles*, q. v.  
 TINNET. The same as *Tinog*, q. v.  
 TINO. A contracted form of "ought I know,"  
 generally joined to a negative. *Devon.*  
 TINSED-BALL. A child's ball wrought with  
 worsted of various colours. To *tinse* a ball is  
 to work such a covering upon it. *Hunter.*  
 TINSEY. A water can. *Oxon.*  
 TINSIN. A kind of satin.  
 TINT. (1) Lost. (*A.-S.*)  
 Tille thou at helle come, thou walde noghte stynte,  
 And ware sesede of that thou hade *tynte*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 191.*  
 (2) Destroyed. See *Tine* (1).  
 It rayned fire fra heven and brunstane,  
 And *tynt* al that thare was and spared name.  
*MS. Cott. Galba E. ix. f. 97.*  
 (3) *Tint for tant*, tit for tat.  
 (4) It is not. *West.*  
 (5) A goblin. *North.*  
 (6) Half a bushel of corn.  
 TINTED. Lost; neglected. *North.*  
 TINTERNELL. The name of an old dance.  
 TINTIL. The same as *Tining*, q. v.  
 TINTY. Tinted. *Northampton.*  
 TIP. (1) To overturn. *West.*  
 (2) To give. (3) A donation. *Var. dial.*  
 (4) A draught of liquor. *West.*  
 (5) A smart but light blow.  
 (6) To adjust the top of a stack.  
 TIP-CAT. A boy's game, fully described in  
 Strutt, ed. 1830, p. 109.  
 TIP-CHEESE. A boy's game.  
 TIPE. (1) A ball, or globe.  
 (2) A trap for rabbits, &c. *Yorksh.*  
 (3) To empty liquor from one vessel into ano-  
 ther. *North.*  
 (4) To toss with the hand. *Line.*  
 TIPER-DOWN. Strong drink. *Yorksh.*  
 TIPE-STICK. The piece of wood which, reach-  
 ing from shaft to shaft, keeps the body of a  
 cart in its place, and prevents it from *typping*  
 up or over. *Line.*  
 TIPPED. Healed; pointed.  
 TIPPERD. Badly dressed. *North.*  
 TIPPET. *To turn tippet*, to make a complete  
 change. An old phrase.

TIPPLE. (1) To tumble: to turn over, as is done  
 in tumbling.  
 (2) Drink. *Var. dial.*  
 TIPLER. A tumbler: hence, when they talk  
 of a tumbler pigeon, you hear them say,  
 "What a *tippler* he is!"  
 TIPPLING. Haymaking. *Narf.*  
 TIPPLING-HOUSE. A beer-shop.  
 TIPPY. (1) Smart; fine. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) The brim of a cap or bonnet.  
 TIPS. (1) Small faggots. *Suff.*  
 (2) Irons for the bottoms of shoes.  
 TIP-TEERERS. Christmas mummers. *Hants.*  
 TIPTOON. Tiptoos; the extremities of the  
 toes. Chaucer, *Cant. T.* 15313.  
 TIP-TOP. (1) Quite at the top.  
 (2) The best of anything. *Var. dial.*  
 TIRANDYE. Tyranny.  
 But wrougten upon *tirandye*  
 That no pite ne myte hem pleye.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 92.*  
 But now *tyrantrye* ys holden ryzt,  
 And sañnesse ys turned to sotelté.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 2.*  
 TIRANT. Special; extraordinary. *West.*  
 TIRDELS. Sheep's dung. *Hulbet.*  
 TIRE. (1) To tear; to pluck; to feed upon, as  
 birds of prey. (*A.-N.*)  
 (2) To attire; to dress. Also, to dress food.  
 Then xij. knyghtys he dud *tyre*  
 In palmers wede anon.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 121.*  
 He brougt me to a feyre palas,  
 Wele *tyred* and rychly in all ease;  
 He shewyð me hys castelus and tourys,  
 And hys hey bauls and bouce,  
 Forestes, ryvers, frutes and floures  
*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*  
 Let my moyst hair grow rich with perfume sweats,  
 And *tyre* my brows with rose-bud coronets.  
 The royal tombes commands us live: since they  
 Teach that the very gods themselves decay.  
*Fletcher's Poems, p. 45.*  
 (3) The head-dress.  
 Wyth wynnys and *tyris* wrappid in pride,  
 Yelow under yelow they covyr and hyde.  
*MS. Lond. 416, f. 74.*  
 In that day shall the Lord take away the orna-  
 ment of the slippers, and the cables, and the round  
*tires*, the sweet-balles, and the bracelets.  
*Deut's Pathway, p. 46.*  
 (4) Prepared; ready; dressed; attired.  
 By that the shyppes were gon and rowed in the depe,  
 Trussed and *tyred* on toteryng wawes.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 111.*  
 (5) A tier, row, or rank.  
 (6) The iron rim of a wheel.  
 TIREDER. More tired. *East.*  
 TIRELING. Worn out; tired.  
 TIREMAN. A dealer in dresses, and all kinds  
 of ornamental clothing.  
 TIREMENT. Interment.  
 TIRET. A leather strap for hawks, hounds, &c.  
 TIREWOMAN. A milliner.  
 TIRE. The tuck of a cap, &c.  
 TIRING-BOY. One who stirs the colour about  
 in printing cloth, &c. *Lanc.*



- TIRING-HOUSE.** An old term for the dressing-room at theatres, tennis-courts, &c.
- TIRL.** To put in motion. In many old ballads we read, "he *tirled* the pin at the castle gate;" as one would say, he rang the bell. *North.*
- TIRLINS.** Small pebbles, coals, &c.
- TIRNEDEX.** Turned. (*A.-S.*)
- TIRPEIL.** Trouble; broil; villany; base action; vileness; roguery. *Hearne.*
- TIRSTY.** Trusty. *Ritson.*
- TISAN.** Barley-water. (*A.-N.*)
- TISCAN.** A handful of corn tied up as a sheaf by a gleaner. *Cornu.*
- TISE.** To entice.  
 Lytyl or mochel synne we do,  
 The fend and oure fleshe *tyssyn* us therto.  
*MS. Hart. 1701, f. 1.*  
 Hast thou i-seyn any thyng  
 That *tyssed* the to synnyng?  
*MS. Cotr. Claud. A. ii. f. 144.*  
 Adam answered with wykyd wyll,  
 The eddyre he *tyssed* me thertyll.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 85.*  
 Y may evyr aftur thys  
 That thou woldyst *tyse* me to do amys,  
 No game schulde the glewe!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 72.*
- TISEDAY.** Tuesday. "The tuesday tharaftyre,"  
 Morte Arthure, *MS. Lincoln, f. 94.*
- TISS.** To hiss. *Somerset.*
- TISSICK.** Atickling faint cough. *East.*
- TISSUE.** A riband. (*A.-N.*)
- TISTY-TOSTY.** (1) The blossoms of cowslips collected together, tied in a globular form, and used to toss to and fro for an amusement called *tisty-tosty*. It is sometimes called simply a *tosty*.  
 (2) Swaggering. The term was formerly applied to swaggering swashbucklers, &c.
- TIT.** (1) A horse. *Var. dial.*  
 This he spake to intice the minde of a lecherous young man,  
 But what spurres need now for an untam'd *titt* to be trotting,  
 Or to add old oile to the flame, new flaxe to the fier?  
*Barnefield's Affectionate Shepherd, 1594.*  
 (2) A teat. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) Bit; morsel. *Somerset.*  
 (4) This. *Yorksh.*  
 (5) A nice smart girl. *Var. dial.*  
 (6) A dam in a river.
- TIT-BIT.** A delicate morsel. *Var. dial.*
- TITCHED.** Touched. *Var. dial.*
- TITE.** (1) A spring of water. *Oxon.* I believe this word is now obsolete; but one part of Clipping Norton is, I am informed, still called *Tite-end*.  
 (2) For *tideth*, happeneth.  
 (3) To put in order. *North.*  
 (4) Soon. Still in use.  
 The steward also *tyte*  
 The kyng let drawe hym, with grete dyspyte,  
 Wyth horsys thorow the towne.  
 And hanged hym on the galowe tree,  
 That al men myght hyt see,  
 That he had done tresone!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 75.*  
 (5) Weight. *Somerset.*

- TITELERIS.** Tattlers.
- TITERING.** Courtship. (*A.-S.*)
- TITE-TITY.** To balance on the hand; to play at seesaw. *Somerset.*
- TIT-FAGGOTS.** Small short faggots.
- TITH.** Tight, or strong.
- TITHANDE.** Tidings.  
 Then tolde the kynge hur *tythande*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 72.*  
 Knyghtys of dyvers londys,  
 When they harde of these *tythandys*,  
 They gysed them fulle gay;  
 Of every londe the beste,  
 Thedur they rode withouten reste,  
 Fulle wele arayed and dyght.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 76.*
- TITHING.** A company of magpies.
- TITHINGE.** Tidings.  
 There fadnrs be not well lykyng,  
 Wheu they harde of that *tythyng*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 160.*
- TITIMALE.** The herb *euphorbia*.
- TITIVIL.** A worthless knave.  
 For the devill hymself, to set farther divisi on  
 betwene the Englishe and Frenche nacion, did ap-  
 pareil certain cathepoules and parasites, commonly  
 called *titivils* and tale tellers, to sowe discord and  
 dissencion. *Hall, Henry VI, f. 43.*  
 Tynckers and tabberers, typlers, taverners,  
*Tyttyfylls*, fryfullers, turners and trumppers.  
*Theroydes, p. 17.*
- TIT-LARK.** A sort of lark differing from the skylark, of a lower flight and inferior note.
- TITLELES.** Without title. (*A.-S.*)
- TITLERES.** Hounds. *Gawayne.*
- TITLING.** "The birde that hatcheth the cuckowes egges," Nomenclator, 1585, p. 57.
- TITMOSE.** The pudendum.  
 Hir corage was to have ado with alle;  
 She had no mynd that she shuld die,  
 But with her prety *tytmose* to encreede and multiply.  
*Reby. Antiq. ii. 28.*
- TITMUN.** Qu. *Titmus*, a titmouse?  
 That can finde a *titmuns* nest,  
 And keape a robin redbreste.  
*Messyngus, ap. Collier, ii. 470.*
- TITTE.** (1) Soon; quickly.  
 And for I may noyt thys dette quyte,  
 Lorle, that I have done forgyve me *tytte*.  
*MS. Hart. 2200, f. 3.*  
 (2) Tightened?  
 And the fecte upward fast knytted,  
 And in strang paynes be streyned and *tytted*.  
*Hampole, MS. Bawes, p. 210.*
- TITTER.** (1) Sooner; earlier. *North.* "Titter up ká," i. e. the earliest riser call the rest.  
 This example is taken from Urry's MS. Additions to Ray.  
 A! fadir, he said, takes to none ill,  
 For with the geaunt fighte I wille,  
 To luke if I dare byde;  
 And bot I *titter* arme me be,  
 I selle noight ktt, so mote I the,  
 That I ne salle to hyne ryde.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 103.*  
 (2) To tremble. *Suffolk.*  
 (3) To seesaw. *East.*
- TITTERAVATING.** Tiresome. *East.*
- TITTERS.** A kind of weed.

**TITTER-TOTTER.** The game of seesaw.  
**TITIVATE.** To dress neatly. *Var. dial.*  
**TITTLE.** (1) To tickle. *East.*  
 (2) The mark on dice.  
 (3) To bring up by hand.  
**TITTLE-BAT.** The stickleback.  
**TITTLE-GOOSE.** A foolish blab. *West.*  
**TITTUP.** A canter. *Var. dial.*  
**TITTY.** (1) A cat. *North.*  
 (2) The breast, or milk therefrom.  
 (3) Sister. *Cumb.*  
 (4) Tiny; small. *Var. dial.*  
**TITTY-MOUSE.** A titmouse. *Baret.*  
 The mouse a *titty-mouse* was no doubt,  
 A birde and generation,  
 That may appeare yet more at large  
 By oughten propagation.  
*MS. Poems in Dr. Bliss's Possession.*

**TITTYRIES.**  
 No newes of navies burnt at seas;  
 No noise of late spawn'd *tittyries*.  
*Herrick's Works, i. 176.*

**TIV.** To. *North.*  
**TIVER.** Red ochre. *East.*  
**TIXHILL.** A needle.  
**TIXTE.** A text. (*A.-S.*)  
**TIZZY.** Sixpence. A cant term.  
**TJ5ANDIS.** Tidings.  
 The maydene rynnnes to the haille  
 Tj5andis to frayne. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 137.*

**TJ5T.** (1) Position?  
 The bisshop seyd anonryjt,  
 Abide, woman, in that tjt.  
 Tille my sermoide be done.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 46.*

(2) Made; did.  
 stinte but wolde he, if he myjt,  
 The foly that his bretheren tjt.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. C. U. Trin. Cantab.*

(3) Fastened; tied. (4) Prepared.  
**TLICK.** To click the fingers.  
**TO.** (1) Until.  
 Theys knyghtus never stynte ne blane,  
 To thay unto the cete wanne.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 116.*

(2) In Lincolnshire, *to* is used for *of* and *for*.  
 As "think *to* a thing," and "bread *to* breakfast." In Devonshire it often occupies the places of *at* and *with*. "When were you *to* Plymouth?"

(3) Two; twice; too. *North.*  
 (4) Contr. of *tobacco*.  
 (5) Took. Same as *Ta*, q. v.  
 His panterer *to* a lofe tho y wys.  
*Chron. Filodun, p. 15.*

(6) Compared with. Still in use. "That man is nothing to him."  
 (7) To harass, or fatigue. *Yorksh.*  
 (8) Thou. *North.*  
 (9) Shut; put to. *Var. dial.*  
 (10) Almost. *Heref.*  
 (11) *To and again*, from time to time.  
**TO-** A prefix to verbs of *A.-S.* origin, implying destruction or deterioration.  
**TOAD.** Like a toad under a harrow, i. e. in a state of torture. *Var. dial.*  
**TOAD-BIT.** A disease in cattle. *North.*

**TOAD-EATER.** A parasite. *Var. dial.*  
**TOAD-IN-A-PIOLE.** Beefsteaks baked in batter; or, rather, a piece of beef placed in the middle of a dish of batter, and then baked.  
**TOAD-PADDOCK.** A toadstool. *Lanc.*  
**TOAD-PIPES.** The herb horse-tail.  
**TOAD'S-CAP.** Toadstool. *Todyshatte, Pr. Parv. East.* Called *toads-meat* in the Isle of Wight.  
**TOAD-SKEP.** Fungus on old trees.  
**TOAD-SLUBBER.** The mucus or jelly which incloses the eggs of a toad.  
**TOAD-SPIT.** Cuckoo-spittle.  
**TOAD-STONE.** A stone formerly supposed to be found in the head of a toad, and considered a sovereign remedy in many disorders.  
**TOADY.** (1) Hateful; beastly. *West.*  
 (2) To flatter any one for gain.  
**TOAK.** To soak. *Somerset.*  
**TOARE.** Grass and rubbish on corn-land after the corn is reaped; or the long sour grass in pasture fields. *Kent.*  
**TOART.** Towards. *West.*  
**TOATLY.** Quiet; easily managed. *Chesh.*  
**TOB.** To pitch; to chuck. *Beds.*  
**TO-BRASTE.** Burst in pieces.  
 Thaire gud speris al *to-braste*  
 On molde whenne thal met.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 135.*

**TO-BROKE.** Broken in pieces.  
 The gatis that Neptunus made  
 A thousande wynter thertefore,  
 They have anone *to-broke* and tore.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 45.*

**TOBY-TROT.** A simple fellow. *Devon.*  
**TOCHER.** A tether. *Norf.*  
**TO-CLATEREN.** Clattered together.  
 The cloudy alle *to-clateren*, as they cleve wolde.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 109.*

**TOD.** (1) A fox. Still in use.  
 (2) Two stone of wool.  
 (3) A bush, generally of ivy. In Suffolk, a stump at the top of a pollard.  
 And, like an owle, by night to goe abroad,  
 Roosted all day within an ivie *tod*,  
 Among the sea-cliffes, in the dampy caves,  
 In charnell-houses, fit to dwell in graves.  
*Daynton's Poems, 1637, p. 254.*

(4) A disease in rabbits. *West.*  
 (5) Toothed. Still in use.  
 (6) The upright stake of a hurdle.  
**TO-DAISTE.** Dashed in pieces.  
 And daste out the teth out of his heved,  
 And *to-daiste* his bones.  
*MS. Trin. Coll. Oxon. 57.*

**TO-DAY-MORNING.** This morning.  
**TODDLE.** To walk with short steps, as a child. *Toddles*, a term of endearment.  
**TODDY.** (1) Rum and water. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) Very small; tiny. *North.*  
**TODELINGE.** A little toad.  
**TODGE.** The same as *Stodge*, q. v.  
**TOD-LOWREY.** A bugbear, or ghost. *Line.*  
**TO-DO.** Fuss; ado. *Var. dial.*  
**TO-FALL.** The same as *Tee-fall*, q. v.  
**TOFET.** Half a bushel. *Kent.*  
**TOFFY.** The same as *Taffy*, q. v.

TOFLIGHT. A refuge. (*A.-S.*)  
 TO-FORNE. Before.  
 That a maide bathe a chille borne,  
 The whiche thyng was not se *to-forne*,  
*Lodgegate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 55.*

TO-FRUSCHED. Dashed to pieces.  
 Downe into the dyke, and thare he fele and was  
 alle *to-frusched*. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 1.*

TOFT. Open ground; a plain; a hill. Kennett  
 explains it "a field where a house or building  
 once stood."

TOG. To go, or jog along. *Glouc.*  
 TOGACE. The name of a cat.  
 TOG-BELLIED. Very fat. *Glouc.*  
 TOGE. A toga. *Shak.* The term is explained  
 a *coat* in the canting dictionaries.  
 TOGGERY. Worn-out clothes.  
 TO-GIDERE. Together. (*A.-S.*)  
 TO-GINDE. To reduce to pieces.  
 TOGITHEKS. Together. (*A.-S.*)  
 TOGMAN. A coat. A cant term.  
 TO-GRYNDE. Grind to pieces.  
 Wylde bestys me wylle *to-grynde*,  
 Or any man may me fynde.  
*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 33, f. 244.*

TOIL. (1) The piece of armour which was buckled  
 to the tasset, and hung over the cuishes.  
 Meyrick, ii. 180.  
 (2) An inclosure into which game was driven.  
 TOILE. To tug. (*A.-S.*)  
 TOILOUS. Laborious. *Palsgrave.*  
 TOINE. (1) Shut. *Lanc.*  
 (2) To tune a musical instrument.  
 TOIT. (1) Proud; stiff. *West.*  
 (2) A cushion, or hassock. *Devon.*  
 (3) A settle. *Somerset.*  
 (4) To fall, or tumble over. *North.*  
 TOITISH. Pert; snappish. *Cornw.*  
 TOKE. (1) Gave; delivered up. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) To glean apples. *Somerset.*  
 TOKEN. (1) A fool. *Wilts.*  
 (2) A small piece of brass or copper, generally  
 worth about a farthing, formerly issued by  
 tradesmen.  
 (3) A plague-spot on the flesh.  
 (4) To betroth. *Cornw.*  
 TOKENYNG. Intelligence.  
 But forthe he went monyths thre,  
 But *tokenyng* of hur never harde hee.  
*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 33, f. 140.*  
*Tokenynges* sone of hym he fonde,  
 Slayne men on every honde,  
*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 33, f. 67.*

TOKIN. An alarm-bell. (*Fr.*)  
 TOKNE. A token, or sign. *Pr. Parv.*  
 TOKYTES. Kites? The printed edition reads  
 "gleides or puttocks."  
 These women haddyn wyngges like *tokytes*, that  
 with crying voyse sekyn her mete.  
*Wimbetun's Sermon, 1388, MS. Hatton 57, p. 15.*

TOLD. Accounted. (*A.-S.*)  
 TOLDERED-UP. Dressed out. *Lin.*  
 TOLE. (1) To draw. Hence, to entice. It occurs  
 in the last sense in very early writers. See  
 Wright's Seven Sages, p. 103.  
 (2) A mass of large trees. *Sussex.*  
 (3) To tear in pieces.

(4) A weapon.  
 TOLEDO. A sword, or dagger, so called from  
 the place of manufacture.  
 TOLERATE. To tyrannize. *East.*  
 TOLKE. A man; a knight.  
 TOLLACION. Abduction. (*A.-N.*)  
 The vice of supplantacione,  
 With many a fals *tollarion*,  
 Whiche he conspireth alle unknowe.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 76.*

TOLL-BAR. A turnpike. *Var. dial.*  
 TOLL-BOOTH. A town-hall. *North.*  
 TOLL-BOY. Cheap goods. *Dorset.*  
 TOLLE. To incite one to do anything.  
 TOLLEN. To measure out; to count.  
 TOLLER. (1) Tallow. *South.*  
 (2) A toll-gatherer. (*A.-S.*) *Tollers*, Skelton,  
 i. 152, erroneously explained by Mr. Dyce  
*tollers, speakers.*  
*Tollers* officij git es ille,  
 For they take tolle oft agayn skylle.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 75.*

TOLLETRY. Magic. This term is derived  
 from *Tollet*, or Toledo, in Spain.  
 TOLL-NOOK. A corner of the market-place  
 where the toll used to be taken. *North.*  
 TOLL-LOL. Tolerable. *Var. dial.*  
 TOLMEN. Perforated stones.  
 TO-LOOKER. A spectator. *Devon.*  
 TOLPIN. A pin belonging to a cart.  
 TOLSERY. A penny. A cant term.  
 TOLSEY. The place where tolls were taken.  
 TOLTER. To struggle; to flounder.  
 TOLYONE. To plead. *Pr. Parv.*  
 TOM. (1) A close-stool. *Somerset.*  
 (2) The knave of trumps at gleek.  
 TOMBESTERE. A dancing woman. (*A.-S.*)  
 TOM-CAT. A male cat. *Var. dial.*  
 TOM-CONY. A simple fellow.  
 TOM-CULL. The fish miller's-thumb.  
 TOM-DRUM. "Tom Drum his intertainment,  
 which is, to hale a man in by the head,  
 and thrust him out by both the shoulders," Stan-  
 hurst's Ireland, p. 21.  
 TOME. (1) Time; leisure.  
 And se wille here and holde 5ow stille,  
 And take 5ow *tome* awhile ther-tille.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 122.*  
 I have no *tome* to com therto,  
 I have no *tome* thider to fare.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 90.*  
 Here may a man reede, that has *tome*,  
 A lang processe of the day of dome.  
*Hampole, MS. Bowes, p. 184.*

(2) Fanciful; light.  
 It is gude powder to ete if ye thynk that thi  
 hevede be *tome* abovene.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 200.*

(3) Heartburn; flushings. *North.*  
 (4) Empty. Wright's Pol. Songs, p. 303.  
 So dud these wrecches of joye *tome*,  
 Thei douted not Goddes dome.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 19.*

(5) A hair-line for fishing. *Cumb.*  
 (6) To go towards. *Somerset.*  
 (7) To faint away. *North.*  
 TO-MEDIS. In the midst. (*A.-S.*)

## TOMEHED.

Schent be alle are quede doand  
Over *tomched* in anil land.

*Ms. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 15.*

TOMEREL. A dung-cart.

TOM-FARTHING. A silly fellow.

TOMMY. (1) Provisions. *Var. dial.*

(2) A simple fellow. *North.*

(3) A small spade for excavating the narrow bottoms of under drains. *North.*

TOMMY-BAR. The ruff fish. *North.*

TOMMY-LOACH. The loach fish.

TOM-NODDIES. Puffins are so called in Northumberland. See Pennaut's Tour in Scotland, ed. 1790, i. 48.

TOM-NODDY. A fool. *Var. dial.*

TOM-NOUP. The titmouse. *Salop.*

TO-MONTH. This month. *Luc.*

TOMOR. Some kind of bird.

The pelican and the popynjay,

The *tomor* and the turtill trw.

*Ms. Cantab. FF. v. 49, f. 6B.*

TO-MORROW-DAY. To-morrow. *West.*

TOM-PIN. A very large pin.

TOM-PIPER. The name of a personage in the ancient morris-dance.

TOM-POKER. A hugbear for children.

TOMRIG. A tomboy. *Glouc.*

TOMS-OF-BEDLAM. These vagabonds have already been noticed under *Abraham-men*,

q. v., their other appellation. Aubrey, in his Nat. Hist. Wilts, Royal Soc. MS., p. 259, relates the following anecdote concerning Sir Thomas More:—"Where this gate now stands [at Chelsea] was, in Sir Thomas More's time, a gate-house, according to the old fashion. From the top of this gate-house was a most pleasant and delightfull prospect, as is to be seen. His lordship was wont to recreate himself in this place, to apricate and contemplate, and his little dog with him. It so happened that a Tom ô Bedlam gott up the staires when his lordship was there, and came to him, and cryed, "leap, Tom, leap," offering his lo, violence to have thrown him over the battlements. His lo. was a little old man, and in his gown, and not able to make resistance, but having presentnesse of witt, seyde, "Let's first throw this little dog over." The Tom ô Bedlam threw the dog down. "Pretty sport," sayd the Lord Chancelour, "goe down, and bring it up, and try again." Whilset the mad-man went down for the dog, his lordship made fast the dore of the staires, and called for help, otherwise he had lost his life by this unexpected danger." To this Aubrey appends the following note:

"Till the breaking out of the civill warres Tom ô Bedlams did travell about the countrey; they had been poore distracted men that had been putt into Bedlam, where recovering to some sobernesse, they were licentiated to goe a begging, e. g. they had on their left arm an armilla of tinu printed in some workes, about four inches long; they could not gett it off.

They wore about their necks a great horn of an oxen in a string or bawdrie, which when they came to an house for almes, they did wind; and they did putt the drink given them into this horn, whereto they did putt a stopple. Since the warres I doe not remember to have seen any one of them." In a later hand is added, "I have seen them in Worcestershire within these thirty years, 1756."

TOM-TAILOR. The daddy-long-legs.

TOM-TELL-TRUTH. A true guesser.

TOM-TILER. A henpecked husband.

TOM-TIT. The wren. *Norf.*

TOM-TODDY. A tadpole. *Cornw.*

TOM-TOE. The great toe. *Var. dial.*

TOM-TOMMY. See *Double-Tom*.

TOM-TROT. A sweetmeat for children, made by melting sugar, butter, and treacle together; when it is getting cool and rather stiff, it is drawn out into pieces about four inches long, and from its adhesive nature each piece is wrapped up in a separate bit of paper.

TOM-TUMBLER. The name of a fiend? See Scot's Discoverie of Witchcraft, 1584, as quoted in Ritson's Essay on Furies, p. 45.

TON. (1) To mash ale.

(2) The one. (*A.-S.*)

The erle of Lancaster is the *ton*,  
And the erle of Waryn sir Johne.

*MS. Cantab. FF. v. 49, f. 52.*

(3) Taken. Sir Tristrem, p. 214.

(4) The tunny fish? Middleton, iv. 401.

(5) A spinning-wheel. *Even.*

TONDER. Tinder. (*A.-S.*)

TOE. (1) Toes. (*A.-S.*)

(2) Betaken; committed. *Garroque.*

TONEL. A kind of fowling net.

TON-END. Upright. *North.*

TONG. (1) To toll a bell. *West.*

(2) Twang, or taste. Also as *Tang*, q. v.

TONGE. Thong. Skelton, ii. 274.

TONGUE. (1) A small sole. *Suffolk.*

(2) The sting of a bee.

(3) "Tong of a balauce, *lanquette*," Palsgrave.

(4) To talk immoderately. *West.*

TONGUE-BANG. To scold heartily. *South.*

TONGUE-PAD. A talkative person.

TONGUE-TREE. The pole of a waggon.

TONGUE-WALK. To abuse. *Var. dial.*

TONKIL. Same as *Dalnatie*, q. v.

TONKEY. Stumpy and short. *Devon.*

TONMELE. A large tub, or tun.

TONNE. A barrel, or tun.

The abot that was thider sent,  
Biheld the *tonne* was made of tre.

*Legend of Pope Gregory, p. 19.*

TONNE-GRET. As large as a tun.

TONNHOOD. The bullfinch. *North.*

TONOWRE. "Fonel or tonowre, *fusorium*, *infusorium*," Pr. Parv. p. 170.

TONPART. Of the one part.

TONSE. To dress, or trim. *North.*

TONSILE-HEDGE. A hedge cut neat and smooth. *North.*

TON-TOTHER. One another. *Derb.*

## TONTYGH. A ton?

Item, sol. Petro sire pro liij. quarters of a *tontygh* of fireston, vij s. vijd.

*Notwich Corporation Records*, temp. Hen. VI.

TONUP. A turnip. *Linc.*

## TONY. A simpleton.

TOO. A toe. (*J.-S.*)

And who so on the fire goos,  
He brenneth bothe foote and toos.

*MS. Lansd.* 793, f. 68.

TOODLE. A tooth. *Craven.*TOOL. (1) It will. *Sonerset.*

## (2) To level the surface of a stone.

(3) A poor useless fellow. *Var. dial.*TOOLS. Farming utensils. *West.*TOOM. (1) Empty. *North.*

The nobleman led him through many a roome,  
And through many a gallery gay.

What a deele doth the king with so many *toome* houses,  
That he gets um not filld with corne and hay?

*The King and a Poore Northerne Man*, 1640

## (2) To take wool off the cards.

(3) Time. See *Guest*, ii. 205. It also means unoccupied space or room.

Here may men rede, that have *toom*,

A longe processe of the day of doom.

*MS. Addit.* 11305, f. 91.

TOOMING. An aching in the eyes. *North.*TOON. (1) Too. *East.*(2) The one; the other. *Var. dial.*

The *toon* hoved, and behelde  
The strokys they gaf undur schylde,  
Gret woudur had hee!

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 36, f. 80.

TOOR. (1) The toe. *Somerset.*(2) Tother; the other. *Devon.*TOORCAN. To wonder or muse on what one means to do. *North.*

## TOORE. Hard; difficult.

TOOT. (1) The devil. *Linc.*(2) To pry inquisitively. *North.* "Tooting and prying," Taylor's *Workes*, 1630, i. 119. Also, to gaze at eagerly.(3) Total; the whole. *Suffolk.*(4) To blow a horn. *Var. dial.*(5) To whine, or cry. *West.*(6) To shoot up, as plants. *North.*(7) To try; to endeavour. *Devon.*TOOTH. Keep; maintenance. *North.*

TOOTH-AND-EGG. A corruption of *tutenag*, an alloy or mixed metal. In this county spoons, &c., used by the common people are made of it, and these articles are thence vulgarly termed *tooth and egg* in this and the adjoining county of Nottingham. *Linc.*

TOOTH-AND-NAIL. To set about anything *tooth and nail*, to set about it in earnest.

TOOTH-HOD. Fine pasturage. *North.*

TOOTHING. Bricks left projecting from a party-wall ready for a house to be built next it.

TOOT-HORN. Anything long and taper, like a cornet or horn. *Somerset.*

TOOTH-SOAP. A kind of tooth-powder.

Of the heads of mice being burned is made that excellent powder, for the scowring and cleansing of the teeth, called *tooth-soape*; unto which if spikenard

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be added or mingled, it will take away any filthy sent or stronge savour in the mouth.

*Topsell's Beasts*, 1607

## TOOTHISOME. Palatable.

No swagg'ring terms, no taunts; for 'tis not right  
To think that onely *toothsome* which can bite.

*Randolph's Jealous Lovers*, 1646.

## TOOTHWORT. The herb shepherd's-purse.

TOOTHY. (1) Peevish; crabbed. *South.*

## (2) Having many or large teeth.

## TOOTING-HOLE. A loophole in a wall, &amp;c.

TOOTLEDUM-PATTICK. A fool. *Cornw.*TOOTLING. The noise made with the tongue in playing on the flute. *Northamptonsh.*

TOO-TOO. Excessive; excessively; exceedingly. "*Too-too*, used absolutely for very well or good." Ray's *English Words*, 1671, p. 49. It is often nothing more in sense than a strengthening of the word *too*, but too-too was regarded by our early writers as a single word. See further observations in *Shak. Soc. Pap.* i. 39; *Wit and Wisdom*, notes, p. 72, where I have printed a very large number of quotations from early writers exhibiting the meaning of this compound word.

Who *too-too* suddenly accepting the same, hoping thereby to have upheld the Protestant party in Germany, and not being succoured out of England as the Bohemians expected, was himself the year following driven out of that his new elective kingdom.

*MS. Harl.* 646.

TOOZLE. To pull about roughly. *North.*TOP. (1) To burn off the long cotton end of the wick of a candle. *Var. dial.* Also, to snuff a candle.(2) The head. *Tail over top*, headlong. *Top over tail*, head over tail, precipitately, rashly, hastily.

But syr James had soche a choyp,  
That he wyste not be my *toppe*,  
Whethur hyt were day or nyght.

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 76.

Thou take hym by the *toppe* and I by the *tayle*,  
A sorowfull songe in faith he shall singe.

*Chester Plays*, ii. 176.

Soche a strokk he gaf hym then,  
That the dewke bothe hors and man  
Turned *toppe ovyr tayle!*

*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 76.

Wyth here kercheves the devyls sayle,  
Elles shal they go to helle bothe *top and tayle*.

*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 59.

(3) Good; capital. *Var. dial.*

## (4) To wrestle.

## (5) A pit term for coal when quite prepared for removal by wedges or powder.

## TOP-AND-SCOURGE. Whip-top.

## TOPASION. The topaz stone.

TOP-CASTLES. Ledgings surrounding the mast-head. In *Eglamour*, 1072, it is apparently applied to the upper turrets of a castle, or perhaps to the temporary wooden fortifications built at the tops of towers in preparing for a siege. According to Mr. Hunter, *Hallamshire Glossary*, p. 24, "any building which overtops those around it, will be called in derision a *cob-castle*."

**TOPENS.** A twopenny piece.

Thomas Usshere de Norwico, marchant, indict. est coram justic. domini regis de pace in civitate Norwici observanda assign., de eo quod idem Thomas nocte diei Dominice in festo sancti Bartholomei apostoli, anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum quinto, apud Norwicum in mansione ejusdem Thomæ solvit cuidam Thomæ atte Hirne bochere, servienti Roberti Candelere de Norwico bochere, pro bras. a dicto Thoma atte Hirne empt., x. s. in singulis denariis et in aliis denariis vocatis pens of topens fabricatis de ære vocatis brasenpens, secundum formam et similitudinem denar. vocat. Yorkpens, dicens et affirmans eidem Thomæ atte Hirne solutionem prædictam fore bonum argentum et abili. monetam, prædictus Thomas Usshere sciens dictam solutionem esse fals. et contrafact. eidem Thomæ atte Hirne pro bona solutione fals. et fraudulent. ibidem liberavit.

*Norwich Corporation Records, temp. Hen. VI*

**TOP-FULL.** Quite full. *Var. dial.*

**TOPING.** Excellent; tiptop. *West.*

**TOPINYERE.** A paranoir.

**TOP-LATCH.** The thong which passes through holes in the seal of a horse's collar, and serves to fasten it, or to loosen or tighten it, as may be necessary. It is also the rising and falling latch which, catching the movable part of the cow-bauk, confines her when milked. *Moor.*

**TOPLESS.** Supreme. *Shak.*

**TOPMAN.** A merchant vessel.

**TOPPER.** One who excels. *Var. dial.*

**TOPPICE.** To hide, or take shelter.

**TOPPING.** (1) A mode of cheating at play by holding a dice in the fingers.

(2) A curl, or tuft of hair, &c.

(3) Fine; excellent; in good health.

**TOPPINGLY.** In good health. *North.*

**TOPPING-POT.** An allowance of beer given in harvest time, when a mow was filled to the very top. *East.*

**TOPPING.** The second skimming of milk.

**TOPPITS.** The refuse of hamp.

**TOPPLE.** (1) A crest, or tuft.

(2) To fall; to tumble; to tumble in confusion. Also, to cause to fall, &c. *Topple tail over.*

topsy-turvy.

I am *topplid* in my thouȝte,

So that of resone levethe nouȝt.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 42.*

**TOPPLE-OVER.** Said of sheep, beasts, or other farming live stock, when they sell for double their cost. "I jest *toppled* em over in the year."

**TOP-SAWYER.** A leading person.

**TOPSIDE-TURVY.** Topsy-turvy.

**TOPS-MAN.** A foreman, or bailiff.

**TOP-STRING.** The same as *Top-latch*, q. v.

**TOP-UP.** To make a finish; thus, when one has eaten largely of solid food, he is said to *top up* with pastry and lighter eatables; also, when a person has come to ruin or into distress, through any cause, he is said to be *topped up*.

**TOR.** A hill. *Devon.*

**TORBLE.** Trouble; wrangling.

**TORCEYS.** Torches. (*A.-N.*)

**TORCH.** This phrase was recently heard at Boyton, near the sea. "Law! how them clouds *torch* up, we shall ha rain." This implied a rolling upwards of heavy smoke-like clouds, as if they were the dense smoke of celestial fires.

**TORE.** Broke. *West.*

**TORES.** The ornamental wooden knobs or balls which are still to be seen on old-fashioned cradles and chairs.

**TORETES.** Rings. (*A.-N.*)

**TORF.** Chaff that is raked off the corn, after it is threshed, but before it is cleaned. *Kent.*

**TORFEL.** To fall; to die. *North.*

**TORFITCH.** Wild vetch. *West.*

**TO-RIGHTS.** In order. *Var. dial.*

**TORKELARE.** A quarrelsome person.

**TORKESS.** To alter a house, &c.

**TORKWED.** An instrument applied to the nose of a vicious horse to make it stand still during the progress of shoeing.

**TORMENT.** A tempest. (*A.-N.*)

**TORMENTILL.** The herb setfoil.

**TORMENTING.** Sub-ploughing, or sub-hoeing.

*Devon.*

**TORMIT.** A turnip. *North.*

**TORN.** (1) Broke. *Wills.*

(2) A spinning-wheel. *Conoor.*

**TORNAY.** To tilt at a tournament.

**TORNAYEEZ.** Turns; wheels. *Gawayne.*

**TORN-DOWN.** Rough; riotous. *Line.*

**TORNE.** (1) To turn. (*A.-S.*)

But thogh a man himself be good,

And he *torne* so his mood,

That he haunte fooles companie,

It shal him *torne* to grete folie.

*MS. Lat. 903, f. 60.*

(2) Angry.

**TO-ROBBYDD.** Stolen away entirely.

My yoye, myn heite ye all *to-robbidd*,

The chyde ys dedd that soke my breste

*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 30, f. 47.*

**TO-ROF.** Crumbled to pieces.

That he tok he al *to-rof*,

So dust in winde, and aboute drof.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 110.*

Hys rakk he all *to-roof*,

And owt of the stabull drofe.

*MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 30, f. 111.*

**TORPENS.**

Item, I bequeath to myne especial good Lord George Earl of Shrew bury a cope of cloth of gold of white damasce, with *torpens* cloth of gold and velvet upon velvet. *Test. Fetust, p. 452.*

**TORPENT.** Torpid. *More.*

**TORREN.** Toru.

In a colde wyntur, as the kyng and Thomas ware in fere in the Chepe at London, the kyng was warre of a pore man that was sore acolde with *torren* clothys. *MS. Cantab. FF. ii. 30, f. 111.*

**TORRIDIDDLE.** Bewildered. *Dorset.*

**TORRIL.** A worthless woman, or horse.

**TORT.** (1) Sparkling. *West.*

The North Wills horses and other stranger horses, when they come to drinke of the water of Chalke river, they will sniff and snort, it is so cold and tart. *MS. Aubrey's Wills, p. 53.*

(2) Wrong. (*A.-N.*)  
 (3) A wax candle.  
 (4) Receipt for making "torte of fyssh" in MS. Cott. Julius D. viii. f. 94. [Tart?]  
 (5) Large; fat. *Glouc.*  
**TORTIOUS.** Injurious. *Spenser.*  
**TORTIVE.** Twisted; turned aside.  
**TORTORS.** Turtles. *Gawayne.*  
**TORTUOUS.** Oblique; winding. (*A.-N.*)  
**TORTYLL.** Twisted. *Ritson.*  
 A hundred torne y haffe schot with hem,  
 Under hes tortyll tre. *Robin Hood*, l. 91.  
**TORVED.** Stern; severe.  
**TORY.** An Irish robber. The *tories* were noted for their ferocity and murders.  
 And now I must leave the orb of Jupiter, and drop down a little lower to the sphere of Mars, who is termed a *tory* amongst the stars.  
*Bishop's Marrow of Astrology*, p. 43.  
**TORY-RORY.** In a wild manner.  
**TOS.** Tues. (*A.-S.*)  
 Hise fet he kisten an hundred sythes,  
 The *tos*, the nayles, and the lthes.  
*Havelok*, 2163.  
**TOSH.** A projecting tooth. *Toshnail*, a nail driven in aslant like a tosh.  
**TOSIER.** A basket-maker. *South.*  
**TO-SONDRE.** Go to pieces; split.  
 The fyry wolke gan to thundr,  
 As thou; the world schulde alle *to-sondre*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134. f. 91.  
**TO-SPRED.** Scattered abroad. (*A.-S.*)  
**TOSS.** The mow or bay of a barn into which the corn is put preparatory to its being threshed.  
**TOSSICATED.** Restless; perplexed.  
**TOSSING-BALL.** A ball to play with.  
**TOSS-PLUME.** A swaggering fellow.  
**TOSS-POT.** A drinkard.  
**TOSSY-TAIL.** Topsy-turvy. *Devon.*  
**TOSTICATED.** (1) Tossed about. *West.*  
 (2) Intoxicated. *Var. dial.*  
**TOSTYRN.** A toasting-iron.  
**TOT.** (1) A small drinking cup, holding about half a pint. *Warw.*  
 (2) A tuft of grass; a bush.  
 (3) A term of endearment.  
 (4) Anything very small. *East.*  
 (5) A foolish fellow.  
**TOTALD.** Killed, or injured in an irretrievable manner. *East.*  
**TOTE.** (1) To look, observe, or peep. (*A.-S.*)  
 Devocion stondyth fer without  
 At the lypys dore, and *toteth* ynne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 25.*  
 (2) The whole. Still in use.  
 (3) To bulge out. *Somerset.*  
 (4) A tuft of grass, hair, &c. *Lauc.*  
 (5) Large; fat. *Glouc.*  
**TOTEHILL.** An eminence. *Chesh.* "Totehyll, *montaignette*," Palsgrave, 1530.  
**TOTELEK.** A whisperer. "Be no totiler," MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 B. xvii. f. 111.  
**TOTER.** A seesaw. Nominale MS.  
**TOTEY.** Irritable. *North.*  
**TO-THE-FORE.** Forthcoming. *North.*

**TOTHER.** The other. (*A.-S.*) This is now generally considered a provincial vulgarism.  
 The *tother* day on the same wyse,  
 As the kyng fro the borde can ryse.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 74.*  
**T'OTHER-DAY.** The day before yesterday. *Sussex.* In some places this expression is indefinite.  
**TOTHEREMMY.** The others. *West.*  
**TOTLE.** A lazy person. *West.*  
**TOT-O'ER-SEAS.** The golden-crested wren.  
**TO-TORN.** Torn to pieces.  
 Rather thanne he schulde be forlorn,  
 Vit I wolde eft be al *to-torn*.  
*MS. Coll. Camb Cantab. E. 55, f. 25.*  
**TOT-QUOT.** A general dispensation.  
**TOTSANE.** The herb *agnus castris*.  
**TOTT.** To note. It is also used as a substantive.  
 With letters and credence, the copy wherof, with my poore opioun upon the same, *totted* in the margyne, I sende unto your Highnes herewith.  
*State Papers*, i. 150.  
**TOTTARD.** The herb *nascorium*.  
**TOTTED.** Excited; elevated.  
**TOTTERARSE.** The game of seesaw.  
**TOTTERED.** Tattered.  
**TOTTER-PIE.** A high-raised apple-pie.  
**TOTTLE.** To toddle. *Var. dial.*  
**TOTTY.** (1) Dizzy; reeling. (*A.-S.*) This term is still used in the provinces.  
 So *toty* was the brayn of his hede,  
 That he desidrd for to go to bede,  
 And whan he was ones therin laide,  
 With hymself mervailously he fraide.  
*MS. Rawl. C. 36.*  
 (2) Little. *Suffolk.*  
**TOTYNG-HOLE.** A spy-hole.  
 They within the cite perceyved well this *totyng-hole*, and layed a pece of ordynaunce directly against the wyndowe.  
*Hall, Henry VI. f. 23.*  
**TOU.** Snares for taking game. *East.*  
**TOUCH.** (1) Time; occasion. *West.*  
 (2) To bow, by touching the hat, &c. in token of respect to a superior. *North.*  
 (3) A cunning feat or trick. "Touche, a crafty dede, *tour*," Palsgrave.  
 (4) A habit, or action.  
 (5) A kind of very hard black granite. See Stanihurst, p. 31. The term was also applied to marble.  
 (6) To infect or stain.  
 (7) A touchstone. *Shak.*  
**TOUCH-BOX.** A receptacle for lighted tinder carried by soldiers for matchlocks.  
 He had no sooner drawne and ventred ny her,  
 Intending only but to have a bout,  
 When she his flaske and *touch-box* set on fier,  
 And till this hower the burning is not out.  
*Letting of Honour's Blood in the Head-Vaine*, 1600.  
**TOUCHIER.** A little; a trifle. *North.*  
**TOUFFA.** A small shed, at the end of farm-houses, to contain implements of agriculture and gardening.  
**TOUGH.** (1) Difficult. See *Tow*.  
 (2) The beam of a plough.  
**TOUGHIER.** A portion, or dowry.

And she wad han you of all loves to wad me : and  
you shall han me for your *tougher*.

*The Two Lancashire Lovers*, 1640, p. 18.

- TOUGHT.** Tight. Still in use.
- TOUGHY.** The same as *Claggum*, q. v.
- TOUGINGE.** Tugging.
- TOUKEN.** To dye. (*A.-S.*)
- TOUNISCHMEN.** Townsmeu. *Leland*.
- TOUR.** A tower. (*A.-N.*)
- TOURMENTES.** Engines. List of old words  
prefixed to Batman upon Bartholome, 1582.
- TOURN.** A spinning-wheel. *Erm.*
- TOURT.** To decay. *Suffolk*.
- TOUSE.** (1) To tug, or pull about.  
(2) A noise, or disturbance. *Dorset*.  
(3) A slight blow. *Somerset*.
- TOUSELED.** Having tassels.
- TOUSER.** A coarse apron. *Devon*.
- TOUT.** (1) The backside. "Rubyng of ther  
toute," MS. Ashmole 61, f. 60.  
(2) A tunnel across a road. *Lincol.*  
(3) To solicit custom. *Var. dial.* Hence *touter*,  
a person who touts for inns, &c.  
(4) To follow or be followed. *North*.
- TOVET.** A measure of two gallons, according to  
Cooper's Sussex Glossary. Kersey says, "a  
measure of half a bushel or two pecks."
- TOW.** (1) Tough. *Var. dial.* Also, difficult.  
The phrase, *to make it tow*, *to make it tough*,  
is common in early writers in various shades  
of sense, but generally, *to make it difficult*, or  
take great pains with any matter; *to treat an  
insignificant task or matter with as much care  
as if it were of great importance*.  
Befe and moton wylle serve wele enow ;  
And for to seche so ferre a lytill bakon flyk,  
Which hath long hauggid, resty and tow ;  
And the wey I telle you is comborous and thyk,  
And thou might stomble, and take the cryk.  
*Reliq. Antiq.* vi. 29.  
To day thou gate no moné of me,  
Mide thou it never so tow ;  
*MS. Crutab. FF. c. 48, f. 53.*
- (2) Tools, or apparatus. *East*.  
(3) Pleasant; delightful. *Devon*.
- TOWAHL.** A towel. (*A.-N.*)  
Wyth thre *towayles* and no lasse  
Hule thyn auter at thy masse.  
*MS. Cotton. Claud. A. ii. f. 150.*
- TOWAN.** A sand hillock. *Devon*.
- TOWARD.** At hand; forthcoming.
- TOWARDES.** Toward. (*A.-S.*)
- TOWARDLY.** Prosperous; doing well.
- TOW-BLOWEN.** A blown herring. *Suffolk*.
- TOWD.** Told. *Lanc.*
- TOWEL.** (1) An oaken stick. *Warw.* Also a  
verb, to beat with an oaken cudgel.  
(2) The anus. *Reliq. Antiq.* i. 192.
- TOWEN.** (1) To tame. *Northumb.*  
(2) A town. Nominale MS.  
(3) Fatigued. *Gavayne*.
- TOWER.** (1) A high head-dress much worn by  
ladies about the year 1710.  
(2) Curled hair on the forehead.
- TOWER-LIGHTS.** The small upper lights of a  
perpendicular window in a church.

- TOWGHT.** A piece of rope-yarn used for tying  
up sacks. *North*.
- TO-WHEN.** Till when; how long.
- TO-WHILLS.** Whilst.
- TOWING-LINE.** A line affixed to a barge and  
a horse towing it. *Towing-path*, the path  
used by horses in towing.
- TOWLE.** To toll, or entice.
- TOWLETTES.** The flaps which hang on the  
thighs from the tassels. Arch. xvii. 295.
- TOWLING.** Whipping horses up and down at  
a fair, a boy's mischievous amusement.
- TOWLY.** A towel. *East*.
- TOWN.** (1) A village. *Var. dial.* Town-gate,  
the high road through a town or village.  
(2) The court, or farmyard. *Devon*.
- TOWN-HUSBAND.** An officer of a parish who  
collects the moneys from the parents of illegi-  
timate children for the maintenance of the  
latter. *East*.
- TOWN-PLACE.** A farmyard. *Cornw.*
- TOWN-TOP.** A large top whipped by several  
boys at the same time. So a town-bull is a  
bull kept for the use of the community.
- TOWPIN.** A pin belonging to a cart.
- TOWRETE.** To fall upon; to attack. (*A.-S.*)
- TOWRETH.** "Said of a hawk when she lifteth  
up her wing," Diet. Rust.
- TOW-ROW.** Money paid by porters to persons  
who undertake to find them work. *East*.
- TOWRUS.** Eager. Said of the roebuck.
- TOWT.** To put out of order; to entangle, or  
rumple. *Var. dial.* Hence *towty*, disorderly,  
ill-tempered.
- TOWTE.** Taught. "*Dooceor*, to be towte,"  
MS. Vocab. xv. Cent. in my possession.
- TOXE.** Tusk. Kyng Alsaunder, 6123.
- TOY.** Whim; fancy; trifle. To take a toy,  
i. e. to take a fancy, to go about at random.  
For these causes, I say, she ran at random and  
played her pranks as the *toy* took her in the head,  
sometimes publicly, sometimes privately, whereby  
she both disparaged her reputation, and brought  
herself into the contempt of the world.  
*MS. Hol. 4888.*
- TO-YEAR.** This year. *Var. dial.* "To jere,  
*horuu*," Cathol. Anglie. MS. xv. Cent.
- TOZE.** (1) The same as *Touse*, q. v.  
(2) To disentangle wool or flax.
- TPROT.** An exclamation of contempt. See  
Wright's Political Songs, p. 381.
- TRACE.** (1) To walk. Still in use.  
(2) A track, or path. "Trace, a streyght way,  
*trace*," Palsgrave, 1530. Also a verb, to fol-  
low the track of an animal.  
(3) A sledge, or small cart.
- TRACE-SIDES.** Traces separated.
- TRACE-WAY.** Built trace-way, i. e. stones  
built longitudinally in the front of a wall.
- TRACK.** Right course, or track. *West*.
- TRACT.** (1) To trace, or track.  
(2) Delay. State Papers, i. 241.
- TRADE.** (1) A road. *Sassere*. Metaphorically  
applied to the road or path of life. Also, a rut  
in a road.  
(2) Stuff; rubbish. *Devon*.



- (3) Trod. (*A.-S.*)  
 (4) Conduct; habit; custom. *East.*  
**TRADERS.** Tradesmen's tokens.  
**TRADES-AND-DUMB-MOTIONS.** A country game, where one boy makes signs representing the occupation of some trade, and another boy guesses it.  
**TRAFER.** A searcher, or hunter.  
**TRAFFICK.** (1) Lumber; rubbish. *North.*  
 (2) Passage of people. *Var. dial.*  
**TRAFFING-DISH.** A bowl through which milk is strained into the tray in which it is set to raise cream.  
**TRAGEDY.** A tragedy, says the Prompt. Parv. is a "pley that begunnythe with myrthe and endythe with sorowe." The term was also applied to a tale.  
 The last acte of a tragedie is alwaies more heave and sorrowfull than the rest.  
*Lanbarde's Perambulation, 1596, p. 329.*  
**TRAGETTES.** Juggling tricks.  
 Jogulours gret advantage they getes,  
 With japes and with *tragettes*.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 53.*  
**TRAIE.** To betray. (*A.-S.*)  
 And penaunce on hem layd,  
 For that thai hadde God *p-trayd*.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 29.*  
 For alle the golde that ever myght be,  
 Fro heven unto the wordis ende,  
 Thou beys never *trayed* for me,  
 For with me I rede the wende.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 46, f. 120.*  
**TRAIK.** To sicken; to die. *North.*  
**TRAILLE.** (1) A trellis work for creepers, used in an arbour. See Florio, p. 113. Drayton uses it for a creeping plant. In architecture, ornaments of leaves, &c.  
 (2) To loiter. *North.*  
 (3) To drag. *Torrent, p. 56.*  
 (4) The train of a gown.  
 (5) To carry hay or corn. *inc.*  
 (6) To hunt by the track or scent.  
 (7) A portion, or fragment.  
 (8) A kind of sledge or eart.  
**TRAILLEBASTONS.** A company of persons who bound themselves together by oath to assist one another against any one who displeased a member of the body. The Trailebastons, according to Langtoft, arose in the reign of Edward I, and judges were appointed expressly for the purpose of trying them. They are supposed to have derived their name from long staffs which they carried.  
**TRAILING-BEER.** Beer given to mowers as a fine by persons walking over grass before it is cut. *Var. dial.*  
**TRAIL-TONGS.** A dirty slattern. *Trail-tripes* is also used in the same sense.  
**TRAILY.** Slovenly. *Cumb.*  
**TRAIN.** (1) The tail of a hawk. Also, something tied to a lure to entice a hawk. A trap or lure for any animal was also called a train.  
 (2) Treachery; stratagem; deceit.  
 Y trowe syr Marrok, be Goddes payne,  
 Have slayne syr Roger be some *trayne*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 75.*  
 At a batayle certeyne  
 Of Sarsyns that have done *trayne*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 155.*  
 And now thou woldyst wondur fayne  
 Be the furste to do me *trayne*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 72.*  
 (3) Clever; apt. *Yorksh.*  
 (4) To harbour, said of a wolf.  
**TRAIIS.** The traces of a horse.  
**TRAISE.** To betray. *Ritson.*  
**TRAISTE.** (1) To trust.  
 (2) Dregs of wine, beer, &c.  
**TRAISTEELY.** Safely; securely. "I may *traistely* hym take," *MS. Morte Arthure.*  
**TRAIT.** The coarser meal. *Cornw.*  
**TRAITERIE.** Treachery. *Concer.*  
**TRAITHEID.** Trained; educated.  
**TRAILILLY.** A term of endearment.  
**TRALUCENT.** Translucent.  
**TRAM.** (1) A small bench for setting a tub on, used in the dairy. *Herts.*  
 (2) A sort of sledge running on four wheels, used in coal mines. *North.*  
 (3) A train or succession of things.  
**TRAME.** (1) Deceit; treachery. *Line.*  
 (2) A portion or fragment of anything.  
**TRAMMEL.** (1) An iron hook by which kettles are hung over a fire. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) A contrivance used for teaching a horse to move the legs on the same side together.  
 (3) A kind of fowling-net.  
 (4) The hopper of a mill.  
**TRAMP.** (1) To trample. *West.*  
 (2) A walk; a journey. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) A walking beggar. *Var. dial.*  
**TRAMPER.** A travelling mechanic.  
**TRAMPEER.** A lawyer.  
**TRANCE.** A tedious journey. *Lauc.*  
**TRANCITE.** A passage.  
**TRANE.** (1) To delay, or loiter.  
 (2) A device; a knot. *Gawayae.*  
**TRANELL.** To trammel for larks. (*Fr.*)  
**TRANLING.** A perch one year old.  
**TRANSAM.** The hutel.  
**TRANSCRIT.** Copy; writing. (*I.-N.*)  
**TRANSELEMENT.** To change. (*Lat.*)  
 The joyful waters dull the gn' fa-pare,  
 And would *transelement* themselves to fire.  
*Born's Snags, 1661, p. 116.*  
**TRANSFISTICATED.** Pierced through.  
 For though your beard do stand so fine mustated,  
 Perhaps your nose may be *tranfistated*.  
*Let Eng of Humour's Blood in the Head-Vaine, 1600.*  
**TRANSFERET.** To pass over the sea.  
 Shortly after that Kyng Henry had taryed a convenient space, he *transferet* and arryved at Dover, and so came to his maner of Greenewiche,  
*Hall, Henry VII. f. 28.*  
**TRANSIIAPE.** Transformation.  
 If this displease thee, Mid. s, th n I'll shew thee,  
 Ere I proceed with Cupid and his love,  
 What kind of people I commerc'd w'thal  
 In my *transiappe*.  
*Henrywood's Love's Mistress, p. 16.*  
**TRANSLATOR.** A cobler. *Var. dial.*  
**TRANSMEWE.** To transform. (*I.-N.*)  
**TRANSMOGRIFY.** To transform. *Var. dial.*  
**TRANSOLATE.** Transferred.

The Jewes were put out of state,  
And her kyngdome al translate.

*Cæsar Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 53.*

TRANS-SHIFT. To alter; to change.

TRANSMUME. To copy, or transcribe.

TRANSMPT. (1) A copy.

(2) The lintel of a door.

TRANT. A trick, or stratagem.

Thynke no syne thus me to teyn,  
And fyll with trant.

*Copi's Excerpta Antiqua, p. 100.*

TRANTER. A carrier. *Var. dial.*

TRANTERY. Money arising from fines paid by those who broke the assize of bread and ale.

TRANTY. The same as *Aud-farand*, q. v.

TRAP. (1) To pinch, or squeeze. *North.*

(2) A short hill. *Somerset.*

(3) A small cart. *Var. dial.*

(4) To tramp as with pattens. *Devon.*

(5) An old worn-out animal. *North.*

(6) *Up to trap*, very cunning.

(7) To dress up finely.

The which horse was trapped in a mantellet bront  
and bakke place, al of fine golde in sciftes of device,  
with tasselles on cordelles pndaunt,

*Hall, Henry VIII. f. 76.*

(8) A foot-bridge. *Berks.*

TRAP-BALL. A game played with a trap, a ball, and a small bat. The trap is of wood, made like a slipper, with a hollow at the heel end for the ball, and a kind of wooden spoon, moving on a pivot, in the bowl of which the ball is placed. By striking the end or handle of the spoon, the ball of course rises into the air, and the art of the game is to strike it as far as possible with the bat before it reaches the ground. The adversaries on the look-out, either by catching the ball, or by bowling it from the place where it falls, to hit the trap, take possession of the trap, bat, and ball, to try their own dexterity.

TRAP-BITTLE. A bat used at trap-ball.

TRAPE. (1) A pan, platter, or dish.

(2) To trail on the ground. *Var. dial.*

TRAPES. (1) A slattern. *Var. dial.*

(2) To wander about. *Var. dial.*

TRAPESING. Slow; listless. *North.*

TRAPPAN. A snare; a stratagem.

TRAPPERS. The trappings of horses.

TRAPS. Goods; furniture, &c.

TRAPSTICK. The cross-bar by which the body of a cart is confined to the shafts.

TRASE. (1) Trace; path?

Syr, that was never my purpos  
For to leve oon soeche a trase  
Be nyghte not be day.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 67.*

(2) Track of game. *Gawayne.*

TRASENINGS. A term in hunting, the crossings and doublings before the hounds.

TRASH. (1) Anything worthless. It was also a cant term for money. "Pelfe, trash, *id est*, money," Florio, p. 63. Shakespeare, however, hardly intended a pun when he wrote, "who steals my purse, steals trash."

(2) Nails for nailing up tapestry, &c.

(3) To harass; to fatigue. *North.*

(4) To place a collar loaded with lead, or a loose rope, round the neck of a hound, to keep him back from going before the rest of the pack. Metaphorically, to restrain, to check, to retard.

TRASH-BAG. A worthless person. *Line.*

TRASHED. Betrayed.

TRASHES. Trifles. It is the translation of *haguonaudes* in Holyband's *Dictionarie*, 1593.

TRASHMIRE. A slattern. *North.*

TRAT. (1) A tract, or treatise.

(2) An idle loitering boy. *West.*

TRATE. See *Crate*.

TRATTLE. To prattle, or talk idly.

Styll she must trattle: that tunge is always steryng.

*Bale's Kynges Johan, p. 76.*

TRATTLES. The dung of sheep, hares, &c.

TRAUNTER. A pedlar. See *Tranter*.

TRAUNWAY. A strange story. *North.*

TRAUSES. Hose, or breeches.

TRAVAILLE. To labour. (*A.-N.*)

TRAVE. (1) A frame into which farriers put unruly horses. (*A.-N.*)

(2) To stride along as if through long grass. *North.*

(3) In the trave, i. e. harnessed. *East.*

(4) To set up shocks of corn.

TRAVERS. Dispute.

And whanne they were at *travers* of this thre,  
Everiche holdyng his opinioun

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 13.*

TRAVERSAUNT. Unpropitious.

Thou hast a dominacioun *traversaunt*,

Wythowte numbre doyst thou greeve.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 137.*

TRAVERSE. (1) The place adjoining a blacksmith's shop where horses are shod. *Var. dial.*

(2) To digress in speaking.

(3) A moveable screen; a low curtain. *Traves*, State Papers, i. 257.

(4) To transgress. (*A.-N.*)

(5) Thwarting contrivance.

TRAVIST. Bewildered.

TRawe. (1) To draw. *Heerne.*

(2) The shoeing-place of a farrier.

TRAY. (1) A hurdle. *Line.*

(2) A mason's hood for mortar.

TRAYERES. Long boats. *Wæber.*

TRAYET. Betrayed.

He seid, Jhesu, it may not be,

That thou shuldist trayet be.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 15.*

TRAYPOLES. Knots; devices. *Gawayne.*

TRAYING. Betraying.

Therefore thy sorowe schall never slake,

Traytur, for thy false trayng.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 36, f. 47.*

TRAYTORY. Treachery.

Owre false steward hath us schent

Wyth hys false traytory.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 75.*

TRAY-TRIP. A game at dice. It is mentioned in Taylor's *Motto*, 1622, sig. D. iv.

TRE. The same as *Tree*, q. v.

TREACHER. A traitor; a deceiver.

TREACHETOUR. A traitor. *Spenser.*

TREACLE-BALL. The same as *Claggun*, q. v.

**TREACLE-BUTTER-CAKE.** Oat-cake spread over with treacle is so called. *North.*

**TREACLE-WAG.** Weak beer in which treacle is a principal ingredient. *West.*

**TREACLE-WATER.** A mess made with treacle, spirits of wine, &c. used for coughs.

**TREADLE.** The foot-board attached to a spinning-wheel, or similar machine.

**TREAF.** Peevish; froward. *South.*

**TREAGUE.** A truce. *Spenser.*

**TREATABLY.** Intelligibly.

**TREATISE.** A treaty. *Palsgrave.*

**TREBLOT.** According to the Pr. Parv. a "sly instrument to take brydys or beestes."

**TREBUCHET.** A cucking-stool.

**TRECHAUNT.** Pliant; yielding.

**TRECHIE.** Track; dance. *Hearne.*

**TRECHET.** To cheat; to trick. *Hearne.*

**TRECHOURE.** (1) A cheat. (*A.-N.*)

(2) An ornament for the head, formerly worn by women. (*A.-N.*)

**TREDDLE.** (1) A whore. A cant term.

(2) The dung of a hare. *South.*

Tak the *triddis* of an hare; and stampe thame with wyne, and anyoate the pappes therewith.

*MS. Lincoln Med. f. 291.*

(3) The step of a stair, &c.

**TREDE-FOULE.** A cock. *Chaucer.*

**TREDEN.** To tread. (*A.-S.*)

**TREDOURE.** A caudle thus made:

Tac bred and grate hit, make a lyoure of rawe eyren, do therto saffrone and poudre douce: alye hit with good broth, and mak hit as caudell, and do therto a litelle verjus.

*MS. Cotton. Julius D. viii. f. 91.*

**TREE.** (1) Wood; staff; stick. The cross is often called *tree* in early poetry.

How my sone lyeth me beforne

Upon my skyrte takyn fro the *tree*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 47.*

Syr, sche seyde, be Godys *tree*,

I leve hyt not tyll y hyt see.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 129.*

Hyt ys Goddes body that sollered ded

Upon the holy rode *tree*,

To bye owre synnes and make us fre.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 130.*

(2) A butcher's gambrel. *Suffolk.*

(3) The handle of a spade. *West.*

**TREE-GOOSE.** The Solan goose.

**TREESIN.** Three weeks since. *Lanc.*

**TREEN.** (1) Wooden.

Plowge and harwe coude he digt,

*Treen* beddes was he wont to make.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Col. Trin. Cantab. f. 77.*

(2) Trees. The *A.-S.* plural.

**TREENWARE.** Earthen vessels? *Ray.*

**TREET.** A kind of bran. *North.*

**TREE-WORM.** "*Teredo*, *treworm*," *MS. Vocab.*

**TREGETOUR.** This word was used in two senses: (1) A magician. (2) A cheat.

My sone, as gayle undir the hat,

With sleystis of a *tregetoure*,

Is hid envye of suche colour,

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 73.*

Outher a *tregetoure* he most be,

Or ellis God himself is he.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Col. Trin. Cantab. f. 76.*

He sall gedyr fast to hym than

Alle that of the deevles crafte kan,

Als nygromancyeres and *tregetoures*,

Wyeches and fals enchwantows,

*Hampole, MS. Bourc. p. 129.*

**TREIE.** Vexation. (*A.-S.*)

**TREJETED.** Marked; adorned. *Gawayne.*

**TREJAWNY.** A mess, made very poor, of barley meal, water, and salt.

**TRELLASDOME.** A trellis work.

**TREMEL.** To tremble.

**TRENCH.** (1) A bit for a horse.

(2) To cut, or carve. (*Fr.*)

**TRENCHANT.** Cutting; sharp. (*A.-N.*)

**TRENCHÉPAINE.** A person who cut bread at the royal table. (*A.-N.*)

**TRENCHER.** A wooden platter.

**TRENCHER-CAP.** The square cap worn by the collegians at Oxford and Cambridge.

**TRENCHER-CLOAK.** A kind of cloak worn formerly by servants and apprentices.

**TRENCHERING.** Eating.

**TRENCHER-MAN.** A good eater.

Spotted in divers places with pure fat,

Knowne for a right tall *trencher-man* by that.

*Letting of Honour's Blood in the Head-Vaine, 1600.*

**TRENCHMORE.** A boisterous sort of dance to a lively tune in triple time. See Stanilhurst's Ireland, p. 16.

Some sweare, in a *trenchmore* I have trode a good way to winne the world.

*Kenj's Nine Daies Wonder, 1600.*

**TREND.** (1) To bend; to turn.

(2) A current, or stream. *Devon.*

**TRENDLE.** (1) A brewer's cooler. *West.*

(2) The turning beam of a spindle. "*Tusbulus*, a webster's *trendyl*," *MS. Harl. 1738.*

(3) To roll; to trundle.

He smote the sowdan with hys sworde,

That the hedd *trendyll* on the borde.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 170.*

**TRENKET.** A shoemaker's knife. "An instrument for a cordwayner, *latton atorner*," *Palsgrave, 1530.*

**TRENYNG.** Twinkling.

**TRENNE.** Wooden.

Thenre byhulde he that body so elene,

How hit lay ther inne that *trenne* chest.

*Chron. Fitzroy, p. 98.*

**TRENNLE.** A stout wooden pin driven through the outer planks of a ship's side to fasten them to the ribs. *South.*

**TRENT.** Handled; seized. It seems to mean *laid down* in Gy of Warwike, p. 7.

**TRENTAL.** Thirty masses for the dead.

Fore schryfte and fore *trental* thai sorne al this st . . .

5if hit because of govetyse, cursud then thai be.

*MS. Douc. 392, f. 4.*

**TRENTES.**

The grace of God me thynke thane wintes,

That ledes thaire lyf with swylke *rentes*.

*MS. Harl. 260, f. 70.*

**TREON.** Trees. (*A.-S.*)

Alle that destruyeth *treon*, othre gras, growyn, wythinne the cherche walles bythout leve of the parson, or of the vycary, othre of hem that have the kepyng therof.

*MS. Butey 55, p. 17.*

TREPEGET. A military engine used for projecting stones, arrows, &c.

Also reparacion and amendinge of wallis, makyng and amendinge of engynes, of *trepegettis*, ordonaunce of stones to defende thy walles or to assaille thy enemies. *Vegetus, MS. Douce 291, f. 53.*

TREPETT. A stroke.

TRESAIL. A great-grandfather.

TRESAWNTE. A passage in a house.

TRES-COZLS. A game mentioned by Sir J.

Harrington in his Epigrams, *MS. Addit. 12049.*

TRESENS. "That is drawn over an estates chambre *ciel*," Palsgrave.

TRESOURE. Treasure. (*A.-N.*)

To gete good is my labour,  
And to awmente my *tresoure*.

*MS. Cott. Tib. A. vii. f. 40.*

TRESOURYS. The tresses of the hair.

And bad anon hys turmentours  
Do hange hur be hur *tresourys*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 38.*

TRESPASET. Done wrongly.

Therefore take hede on thy lyvynge  
3 of thou have *trespaset* in syche thyng.

*MS. Cotton. Claud. A. ii. f. 138.*

TRESSE. (1) A clasp. (2) An artificial lock or gathering of hair. (*A.-N.*)

TRESSEL. A trestle, or support.

TRESSOUR. See *Tresourys*.

TREST. (1) Trusty?

For he was hardi, *trewe* and *trest*,  
Of all this lond and yong man best.

*Athons and Merlin, p. 107.*

A lok of that levedy, with lovelich lere,  
Mi gode ganeliche game gurte to grounde;  
Couthe I carpe carpyng, *trestly* [erestly?] and clere.  
Of that birde bastons in bale ire bounde.

*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 8.*

(2) A strong large stool. *Lanc.*

TRESTILLE. A trestle.

TRET.

Hath thy herte be wroth or gret,  
When Goddes serves was drawe on *tret*.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 140.*

TRETABLE. Tractable. (*A.-N.*)

Whate saylth vertu wiche is not *treteballe*?  
Reure of sykenesse is hasty medecyne.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 130.*

TRETE. (1) To treat; to discourse. (*A.-N.*)

(2) A plaster, or salve.

(3) Row; array. *Gawayne.*

TRETEE. A treaty. *Chaucer.*

TRETIS. (1) A treaty. *Chaucer.*

(2) Long and well-proportioned. *Tyriv.*

TRETORY. Treachery. *Skelton.*

TRETOWIEE. A traitor. *Pr. Parr.*

TREVED. "Trapes, treved."—*MS. Lansd. 560.*  
f. 45, co. *Lanc.*

TREWE. (1) A truce. (*A.-N.*)

The empetowre was then a sory man,  
And Morlas asked *trewe*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 79.*

(2) True; faithful. *Trewey*, truly.

Seche thyh herte *trewey* ore,  
3 of thou were any tyme for-swore.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 138.*

Hast thou be scharpe and byss  
To serve thy mayster *trewey*?

Hast thou *trewey* by uche way

Deservet thy mete and thy pay.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 141.*

TREWELUFE. (1) The herb oneberry.

(2) A true-love knot.

TREWETHE. Trnth. (*A.-S.*)

TREWETS. Pattens. *Suffolk.*

TREY-ACE. Gone before you can say *trei-ace*,  
i. e. in a moment.

TREYATTE. Treaty.

TREYGOBET. An old game at dice.

TREYTE. A treatise.

A soule that list to singe of love

Of Crist that com tille us so lawe,

Rede this *treyte* it may hym move,

And may hym teche lightly with awe.

*MS. Bodl. e. Mus. 160.*

TRIACLE. A remedy; an antidote. There was, however, a particular composition in ancient medicine called *triacle*, which seems alluded to in the following passage:

A zens venym more holson than *tryacle*.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, p. 1.*

TRIBBET-DOOR. A wicket, or half-door.

TRIBET. A common children's game played in Lancashire, which perhaps may be said to be the primitive form of *trap*. It is almost impossible to describe it. It is played with a *pum*, a piece of wood about a foot long and two inches in diameter, and a *tribet*, a small piece of hard wood.

TRIBON. The desk of the officiating priest.

TRIBS. Triplets at marbles.

TRICE. (1) To thrust; to trip up. (*A.-S.*)

(2) A very small portion.

TRICELING. Tripping up.

TRICHUR. Treacherous; cunning.

Hold man *lechur*,

Jong-man *trichur*,

Of alle mine live

Ne sau I worse live.

*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 15.*

TRICK. (1) Character; peculiarity.

(2) To dress out; to adorn.

(3) Neat; elegant.

The ivory palace of her stately neck

Cloth'd with majestick aw, did seem to check

The looser pastime of hur gamesome hair,

Which in wilde rings ran *trick* about the ayre.

*Fletcher's Poems, p. 254.*

(4) To draw arms with pen and ink.

TRICKER. The trigger of a gun.

TRICKET. (1) The game of handy-wicket.

(2) A game at cards, somewhat like *loo*.

TRICKINGS. Ornaments of dress.

TRICKLE. (1) To drip. *Var. dial.*

(2) To bowl, or trundle. *Eust.*

TRICKLING. The small intestines.

TRICKLY. Neatly.

Lylly whyte muskells have no peere,

The fishewyves fetche them quyklye;

so he that hath a consciens cleere,

May stand to hys tikkell *tryklye*.

But he that seekest to set to sale,

Seche baggage as ys olde and stale,

He ys lyke to tell another tale.

*Elderton's Lenton Staffs, 157<sup>o</sup>.*

TRICKMENTS. Decorations.

TRICKSY. (1) Neat; adroit; elegant. *Tricksie-trim*, spruce, Florio, p. 580. Goldsmith, in his *Vicar of Wakefield*, ch. xxvi, uses *tricksy* in the sense of *tricky*.  
 (2) Playful; frolicsome.  
 TRICK-TRACK. The same as *Tick-tack*, q. v.  
 TRICKY. Full of tricks. *Var. dial.*  
 TRICULATE. To adorn. *East.*  
 TRIDGE. To trudge, or labour.  
 TRIDLE. A weaver's treddle.  
 TRIDLINS. The dung of sheep. *North.*  
 TRIE. (1) Choice; select. (*A.-N.*)  
 He wold not ete his cromys drye,  
 He lovyd nothyng but it were trie.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 50.*  
 Claryones cryden faste and curyous pypes,  
 Tymbres, tabers and trumpers fulle trye.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 114.*  
 (2) To rush in. (3) To pull out.  
 TRIETE. A company, or body.  
 TRI-FALLOW. To till ground the third time.  
 TRIFFE. To thrive.  
 TRIFLED-CORN. Corn that has fallen down in single ears mixed with standing corn.  
 TRIG. (1) Tight; true; faithful. *North.*  
 (2) Neat; trim. *Var. dial.* Also, to dress fine. *Triggered up*, smartly dressed.  
 (3) To fill; to stuff. (4) Full.  
 (5) Well in health. *West.*  
 (6) Sound and firm. *Dorset.*  
 (7) To prop or hold up. *Var. dial.*  
 (8) Active; clever. *Devon.*  
 (9) A narrow path. *Warw.*  
 (10) To trip and run. *East.*  
 (11) To stumble; to trip up.  
 (12) A small gutter. *Salop.*  
 (13) A mark at ninepins. Also, a stick across which a bowler strides when he throws the bowl away.  
 TRIGEN. A skidpan for a wheel.  
 TRIG-HALL. A hospitable house. *West.*  
 TRIGIMATE. An intimate friend. *Devon.*  
 TRIG-MEAT. Any kind of shell-fish picked up at low water. *Cornw.*  
 TRIGON. A triangle.  
 TRIKLOND. Trickling.  
 He shalbe teyryd ful woodur sore,  
 So away he may not fle,  
 His neb shalle rife or he then fare,  
 The red blode triklond to his knee.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 122.*  
 TRILL. (1) To whirl; to throw.  
 (2) To roll; to trickle.  
 (3) The anus. A cant term.  
 TRILLIBUB. Anything trifling. The term is now applied only to tripe.  
 TRIM. (1) To beat. Still in use.  
 (2) Neat. (3) Neatly.  
 (4) To scold. *Heref.*  
 (5) In a correct order. *Var. dial.*  
 (6) To poise or make a boat even.  
 TRIMLE. To tremble. *North.* In *MS. Sloane 7. f. 76*, is a receipt "for the palsy that makyth man and woman to *trimylle*."  
 The Sarazone that helde the suerde in hande,  
 Full fast he *trimylle* fote and hande,  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 129.*

Blowinge off bugles and bemes aloft,  
 Trymlyng of tabers and tymbring soft  
*Roland, MS. Lansd. 388 f. 384*

TRIMMEL. A large salting tub. *Devon.*  
 TRIMMER. Timber that binds and supports the bricks of a hearth at some distance from the chimney.  
 TRIMMING. Large; huge. *West.*  
 TRIMPLE. To walk unsteadily. *West.*  
 TRIM-TRAM. A trifle, or absurdity.  
 TRIN. A flat tub used for receiving the cider from the press. *West.*  
 TRINCUMS. Jewels; trinkets.  
 TRINDLE. A wheel. *Derb.*  
 TRINDLES. (1) The dung of goats, &c.  
 (2) The fellos of a wheel. *North.*  
 TRINDLE-TAIL. A species of dog.  
 TRINE. (1) Triple. (*A.-N.*)  
 (2) To follow in a train.  
 (3) Thirteen fellics. Twenty-five spokes.  
 (4) To hang. A cant term.  
 TRINE-COMPAS. The Trinity.  
 TRINEDADO.  
 I care no more to kill them in braveado,  
 Then for to drinke a pipe of *Trivedado*.  
*Letting of Humours Blood in the Head-Vaine, 1606*  
 TRINK. An old engine used for catching fish, mentioned in Stat. 2 Hen. VI. c. 15. See Chitty's Treatise on the Game Laws, 1812, i. 248.  
 TRINKET. A porringer.  
 TRINKLE. (1) To trickle. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) To endeavour to turn the opinion of another by unfair means. *East.*  
 TRINNEL. The same as *Trindles*, q. v.  
 TRIOTHT. A trout. *Nominal MS.*  
 TRIP. (1) A flock of sheep; a herd of swine, or goats. See *Sounder*.  
 (2) Race; family. *Craven.*  
 (3) New soft cheese made of milk. *East.* Chaucer mentions "a trippe of chese," but the sense appears to be doubtful.  
 (4) A small arch over a drain.  
 (5) "A hard ball with a small projecting point, made of wood, or stag's horn, or earthenware, used in the game called also *trip*. These balls are first raised from a drop, that is, a stone placed with a smooth edge at an angle towards the horizon, and then struck with a pummel placed at the end of a flexible rod called the *trip-stick*. The game is almost peculiar to the North of England," Hunter, p. 93. It is also called *trip-trap*.  
 (6) To fetch *trip*, to go backwards in order to jump the further.  
 TRIPPE-CHEEK. A fat blowzy face.  
 TRIPLE. One of three. *Shak.*  
 TRIPOLY. To come from *Tripoly*, a phrase meaning to do feats of activity; to vault, or tumble.  
 TRIPPET. (1) The same as *Trip* (5).  
 (2) A quarter of a pound. *Yorksh.*  
 TRIP-SKIN. (1) A piece of leather, worn on the right hand side of the petticoat, by spinners with the rock, on which the spindle plays,

- and the yarn is pressed by the hand of the spinner. *Forby*.
- (2) The skinny part of roasted meat, which before the whole can be dressed becomes tough and dry, like a *trip* overkept, or the leather used by the old woman. *Forby*.
- TRISE. To pull up.
- TRISTE. (1)  
Hast thou be prowde and eke of port  
For *tryste* of lady and eke of lord.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 140.*
- (2) To trust.  
I was in prison wel ye wist,  
To helpe of you ne myght I *triste*.  
*MS. Addit. 11305, f. 90.*  
My lorde, when he went to the see,  
For speycalle *tryste* he toke me to the.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 72.*
- (3) A post or station in hunting.  
I se huntynge, I se hornes blow,  
Houndes renne, the dere drawe adowne,  
And atte her *triste* bowes set arow,  
Now in August this lusti fresh cesone.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 13.*
- (4) A trestle, or support.
- (5) A windlass.
- (6) A cattle-market. *North*.
- TRISTER. See *Triste* (3).
- TRISTESCE. Sadness.  
Save only that I crye and bidde,  
I am in *tristesce* alle amide.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 126.*
- TRISTILY. Safely; securely. "Qwhenne they *tristily* had treyd." *Morte Arthure*, *MS. Lincoln*, f. 57.
- TRISTIVE. Sad. (*Lat.*)
- TRISTUR. The same as *Triste* (3).
- TRIUMPH. (1) A public show.
- (2) A trump at cards. (*Fr.*) The game of trump was also so called.
- TRIVANT. A truant; a loiterer.
- TRIVET. *Right as a trivet*, perfectly right.  
A common phrase.
- TRIVIGANT. Termagant. (*Ital.*)
- TRIWEDDE. Honesty. *Hearne*.
- TROACHER. A dealer in smuggled goods.
- TROANT. A foolish fellow. *Étm.*
- TROAT. To bellow, said of the buck.
- TROCHE. To branch. (*A.-N.*)
- TROCHES. Were thus made:  
Take of Benjamin six ounces, wood of aloes  
eight ounces, styrax-calamite three ounces, musk  
half a dram, orrice two ounces, sugar-candy three  
pound; powder them, and with rose-water make  
*troches*.  
*Cosmeticks, 1660, p. 133.*
- TROCHINGS. The cluster of small branches  
at the top of a stag's horn.
- TROD. A footpath. *Line*. "Ran from trod  
to trod," *Du Bartas*, p. 360.
- TRODE. Track; path. (*A.-S.*)  
Yf thou ever trowyde ore undyrstode  
That thi wytt ore thi gude  
Commys of this-elfe and noste of Gode,  
That es grett pryde and fals *trode*.  
*R. de Banne, MS. Bowes, p. 16.*
- TRODUS. Steps.  
They nyste never wher he was a-go,  
Ne of his *trodus* no sygne ther nase.  
*Chron. Filoston, p. 15.*
- TROEN.  
Peny rydys *troen* be *troen*,  
Ovyr all in ylke a toen,  
On land and eke on flode.  
*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 110.*
- TROFELYTE. Ornamented with knots. *Gaw.*
- TROGH. A tree.
- TROGHTE. Belief?  
The thryde es for-thy that we have  
Alle o *troghte* that sal us save.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 21.*
- TROIFLARDES. Triflers; idlers.
- TROITE. The cuttle-fish? "*Sepia*, Anglice a  
*troite*," *Nominale MS.*
- TROJAN. A boon companion; a person who  
is fond of liquor. A cant term. According to  
some, a thief was so called; but it was applied  
somewhat indiscriminately. A rough manly  
boy is now termed "a fine Trojan." *Grose*  
has *trusty Trojan*, a true friend.
- TROKE. (1) To barter; to truck. *North*.
- (2) To fall short.  
He mone stonld faste thereby,  
Or ellys hys schote wolle *troke*.  
*MS. Parkington 10, f. 58*
- TROKES. Square pieces of wood at the tops  
of masts to put the flag-staffs in.
- TROLL. To trundle. *To troll the bowl*, to  
pass the vessel about in drinking.
- TROLLEN. To draw; to drag. (*A.-S.*)
- TROLL-MADAM. A game borrowed from the  
French in the 16th century, now known under  
the name of *trunks*, q. v. *Brand* quotes a  
curious account of this game, from which it  
appears to have formed a favorite indoor  
amusement with the lady fashionables at Bux-  
ton about the year 1572, and to have been  
somewhat like the modern game of *bagatelle*.  
There is an allusion to it in the *Winter's Tale*,  
iv. 2.
- TROLLOP. (1) A slattern. *Var. dial.*
- (2) A string of horses. *Line*.
- TROLLOPISH. Filthy; dirty. *South*.
- TROLLY. A low heavy cart. *Var. dial.*
- TROLLYBAGS. Tripe. *Var. dial.*
- TROLLY-LOLLY. Coarse lace.
- TROLUBBER. A hedger and ditcher. *Devon.*
- TROME. Band, or company. (*A.-S.*)
- TROMPE. (1) A trumpet. (*A.-N.*)
- (2) A shin, or shank.
- TROMPOUR. A trumpeter.
- TRONAGE. A toll for the weighing of wool in  
the market. *Coles*.
- TRONCHEON. A scab.
- TRONCHION. A fragment. (*A.-N.*)  
Upon a *tronchon* of a spere,  
He set the hed of the hore.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 100.*
- TRONE. (1) A throne. (*A.-N.*) It is the verb,  
to enthroned, in this example.  
And ther soulys to hevyn here,  
Before God *tronyd* they were.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 36.*
- (2) A ridge of mown hay. *West*.
- (3) A post, or log of wood.
- TRONES. A steelyard. *North*.
- TRONSOUN. A club, or staff.

And was bicomen a garsoun,  
In hond berand a *tronsoun*.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 269.

TROP. An interjection used by riders to excite a dull horse. *Somersel.*

TROPE.

ȝef he be styf and of herte heȝ,  
Trope hym softe, and go hym neȝ,  
And when thou herest where he wole byde,  
ȝeve hym penaunce thonne also that tyde.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 146.*

TROPERY. The first words of a psalm, &c.  
TROPIE.

And asprie hem bi tropie,  
And so fond hem to astroie.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 250.

TROROROW. The cry of hunters returning home after the hunt is over.

TROSSERS. Close drawers, or trousers.

TROSTELS. Trestles.

It. to Davy vj. peweter platters, a planke to make a table-bord, with a payer of trostels.

*Test. Fetust.* p. 786.

TROT. An old woman, in contempt.

This leare I learned of a beldame Trot,  
(When I was yong and wylde as now thou art.)

*The Affectionate Shepherd*, 1394.

TROTEVALE. A trifling thing.

Yn gamys and festys and at the ale,  
Love men to lestene trotevale.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 1.*

ȝe women, thinketh on this tale,  
And taketh hyt for no trotevale.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 34.*

So fare men here by this tale,  
Some holde hyt but a trotevale.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 61.*

Or thou ledyst any man to the ale,  
And madist hym drunk with trotevale.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 40.*

TROTH. (1) Faith; pledge; assurance.

(2) A band, or company.

TROTH-PLIGHT. The passing of a solemn vow, either of friendship or marriage.

TROTTER-PIE. Urry, in his *MS.* Additions to Ray, gives this as an Oxfordshire term for a round apple-pie with quinees in it. It now appears to have fallen out of use.

TROTTERS. Curds. *North.*

TROTTLIES. Sheep's dung. *Line.*

TROU. A small cart, or drag. *Chesh.*

TROUAGE. Tribute. (*A.-N.*)

TROUBLE (1) An imperfection. *West.*

(2) Dark; gloomy. (*A.-N.*)

(3) To be in trouble, to be arrested for any crime. *Var. dial.*

(4) A woman's travail. *East.*

(5) To trouble signifies to be in trouble. "Don't you trouble" means "don't trouble yourself." *Herefordsh.*

TROUBLOUS. Full of troubles.

Thertof right it must nedis be thus,  
My soule to dwell in waters troublous,  
That ben salt and bitter for to taste,  
And them to take as for my repaste.

*MS. Rawl. C. 86.*

TROUBY. A troubling.

TROUE. A hole. (*A.-N.*)

TROUGH. A stone coffin.

TROUL. The same as *Troll*, q. v.

TROUNCE. To beat. *Var. dial.* Trouncer, one who beats, Ovid de arte Amandi, a mock poem. Lond. 1677, p. 149.

TROUNCE-HOLE. A game at ball, very like trap-ball, but more simple; a hole in the ground serving for the trap, a flat piece of bone for the trigger, and a cudgel for the bat.

TROUNCH. To tramp in the mud. *Devon.*

TROUNCHEN. To carve an eel.

TROUS. The trimmings of a hedge.

TROUT. To coagulate. See *Trouths*.

TROUTHHEDE. Truth. (*A.-S.*)

Fynde he may ynouge to telle  
Of hir goodness-e, of hir trouthelede.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 1.*

TROUTS. Curds taken off the whey when it is boiled; a rustic word. In some places they are called trotters. *North.*

TROVEL. A mill-stream.

TROW. A trough. *Suff.* "Tyll two trowys he gan hym lede." *MS. Asbm.* 61.

TROWANDISE. Begging. (*A.-N.*)

TROWCAN. A little dish.

TROWE. To believe, think, suppose.

Os y nevyr syr James sloo,  
He delyyr me of woo,  
And so y trowe he schalle!

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 78.*

TROWEL. To play trowel, i. e. traunt.

TROWET. Truth.

Be mey trowet, thow seys soyt, seyde Rohen.

*Robin Hood*, i. 85.

TROWLIS. Perfidious. (*A.-S.*)

His knytehode, his power, his ordinaunce, his ryȝte,  
Agayn-t the *troullis* tempest awayld hym no thyng,  
What may manhode do agaynst Goddes myȝte?  
The wynde, the water spareth nodyr pryncce ne kyng!  
Haply that trowbill was for wickyd lyvynge,  
God wolde every creature his maker shulde know,  
Wherefore, good Lorde, evermore thy will be doo!

*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D. xv*

TROW-MOTHER. A reputed mother.

TROWPES. Thorps; villages.

The tame ruddoke and the cowarde kyte,  
The coke that orlege ys of troumpes lyte.

*Chaucer, MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 28.*

TROWS. A sort of double boat, with an open interval between, and closed at the ends; used on the North Tyne for salmon fishing; the fisher standing across the opening, leister in hand, ready to strike any fish which may pass beneath. *Northumb.*

TROWSES. The close drawers over which the hose or slops were drawn. *Gifford.*

TROXY. Frolicsome. *Leic.*

TRUAGE. Homage?

Hoping that, as he should stoop to doo him *truage*, he might seaze upon his throate and stifle him before he should be able to recover himselfe from his false embrace.

*Nash's Pierce Pennilesse*, 1592.

TRUANDISE. Idleness?

But they me schopen that I schulde  
Eschive of slep the *truandise*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 121.*

TRUB. A slattern. *Devon.*

TRUBAGULLY. A short, dirty, ragged fellow

- accustomed to perform the most menial offices.
- TRUBYLYERE.** More zealous?  
For it may falle sum'tyme that the *trubylyere* that thou has bene owtwarde with actyfe werkes, the more brynnande desyre thou salle hafe to Godd.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 224.*
- TRUCHMAN.** An interpreter. *Troocheman*, Cunningham's Rev. Acc. p. 126. Sometimes printed *trouchman*, as in Peele, ii. 201.
- TRUCK.** (1) A cow is said to truck when her milk fails. *North.*  
(2) Odds and ends; rubbish. *East.*  
(3) Wicked language. *North.*  
(4) A drag for timber. *Far. dial.*  
(5) To hate, or diminish. *Derb.*  
(6) To traffic by exchange.  
(7) An old game. Holme, iii. 263.
- TRUCKLE.** (1) To roll. *Devon.*  
(2) A pulley. Also a wheel or ball underneath anything for the purpose of moving or rolling it. Still in use.
- TRUCKLE-BED.** A low bed on small wheels or castors, trundled under another in the day time, and drawn out at night for a servant or other inferior person to sleep on. *Forby.*
- TRUCK-SHOP.** A shop at which the workmen, in some of the manufacturing districts, receive various articles of food, clothing, &c., in lieu of money, for their wages.
- TRUCKY.** Cheating. *Yorksh.*
- TRUE.** Honest.
- TRUE-BLUE.** The best blue colour. Metaphorically, a honest good fellow.
- TRUELLE.** Labour; sweat.
- TRUE-PENNY.** "Generally *Old-Truepenny*, as it occurs in Sh. Hamlet, where the application of it to the ghost is unseemly and incongruous, yet it has attracted no notice from any commentator. Its present meaning is, hearty old fellow; staunch and trusty; true to his purpose or pledge," Forby. This appears more to the purpose than the information given by Mr. Collier, "it is a mining term, and signifies a particular indication in the soil of the direction in which ore is to be found."
- TRUFF.** (1) A trough. *West.*  
(2) A trout. *Cornw.*
- TRUFFILLERE.** A trifler.
- TRUFLE.** Anything worthless.
- TRUG.** (1) A trull. Middleton, ii. 222.  
(2) A wooden basket for carrying chips or vegetables. *Sussex.* Ray says, "a tray for milk or the like."  
(3) Two thirds of a bushel of wheat.
- TRUGGING-PLACE.** "The whore-house, which is called a *trugging-place*," The Belman of London, 1608.
- TRUGH.** Through.  
That no man may his letters know nor se,  
Allethough he looke *trugh* spectacles thre.  
*MS. Racl. C. 86.*
- TRULL.** (1) To nderdrain. *Sussex.*  
(2) To bowl, or trundle. *Far. dial.*
- TRULL-OF-TRUST.** A woman of bad character.  
Fnr to satisfye your wanton lust  
I shall apoynt you a *trull-of-trust*,  
Not a feyrer in this towne.  
*Introd. of the Four Elements.*
- TRUME.** A company of people. (*A.-S.*)  
Bisydes stondeh a feondes *trume*,  
And waiteth whene the saules cume.  
*MS. Coll. Jes. Oron. I. 29.*
- TRUMP.** (1) A game at cards, similar to the modern game of whist.  
(2) To lie; to boast. *North.*  
(3) The tube of a pea-shooter.  
(4) A trumpeter. (*A.-N.*)
- TRUMPEN.** To sound a trumpet.  
The kyng, whanne it was nygte anone,  
This man assente, and bad him gone  
To *trumpen* at his brother gate.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 52.*
- TRUMPET.** A trumpeter.
- TRUMPH.** A trump at cards. *North.*
- TRUMPS.** Anything falling out fortunately is said to *turn up trumps*. To be put to the last trumps, i. e. to the last push.
- TRUNCH.** Short and thick. *East.*
- TRUNCHON.** A horse-worm. *Palsgrave.*
- TRUNDLE.** 1) Anything globular. *North.*  
(2) The small entrails of a calf.
- TRUNDLE-BED.** Same as *Truckle-bed*, q. v.
- TRUNDLE-TAIL.** A curly-tailed dog.
- TRUNDLING-CHEATS.** Carts, or coaches.
- TRUNIS.** Confidence; trust. (*A.-S.*)
- TRUNK.** (1) A tube; a pea-shooter.  
(2) A trump at cards. *North.*  
(3) The same as *Trunk-hose*, q. v.  
(4) A place for keeping fish in.  
(5) An under-ground drain. *Sussex.*  
(6) To lop off. *Howell.*  
(7) A blockhead, or dunce. *Blount.*
- TRUNKET.** A game at ball played with short sticks, and having a hole in the ground in lieu of stumps or wicks, as in cricket; and with these exceptions, and the ball being cop'd instead of bowled or trickled on the ground, it is played in the same way; the person striking the ball must be caught out, or the ball must be deposited in the hole before the stick or cudgel can be placed there.
- TRUNK-HOSE.** Large breeches, which, on their first appearance, covered the greater part of the thighs, but afterwards extended below the knees. They were stuffed to an enormous size with hair, wool, &c.  
An everlasting bale, hell in *trunk-hose*,  
Uncased, the divel's Don Quixot in prose.  
*Fletcher's Poems, p. 130.*
- TRUNKS.** (1) Same as *troll-madam*, q. v. It is still called *trunks*. Brand, ii. 215.  
Yet in my opinion it were not fit for them to play at stoole-ball among wenches, nor at mum-chance or maw with idle loose companions, nor at *trunks* in Guile-hals.  
*Rainoldes' Overthrow of Stage-Playes, 1599, p. 23.*  
(2) Iron hoops, with a bag net attached, used to catch crabs and lobsters. *Hartlepool.*
- TRUNK-WAY.** A watercourse through an arch of masonry, turned over a ditch before a gate



- TRUNK-WEAM. A fiddle.
- TRUNLIN. A large coal. *North.*
- TRUNNIE. The same as *Trendle*, q. v.
- TRUNTLEMENT. Trumpery. *North.*
- TRUPHILLE. A trifle.
- TRUSH. (1) A hassock. *Kent.*  
(2) *To trush about*, to litter.  
(3) To run about in the dirt. *North.*
- TRUSLE. (1) Trust. *Weber.*  
(2) To wrap up; to get ready.
- TRUSS. (1) A padded jacket worn under the armour to protect the skin.  
(2) To tie the points of hose. *To truss up*, to tuck up the gown, &c.  
(3) The baggage of an army.  
(4) To pack up. Hence, to make ready.  
And *truss* al that he mithen fynde  
of hise, in arke, or in kiste.  
*Havelok*, 2018.  
(5) A boy's game, like leap-frog.  
(6) *Truss up*, to hang a person.
- TRUSSEL. (1) A pack, or bundle.  
(2) A stand for a barrel. *Kent.*
- TRUSSES. The same as *Trowses*, q. v.
- TRUSSING. In falconry, is a hawk's raising any fowl or prey aloft; soaring up, and then descending with it to the ground.
- TRUSSING-BASKET. A basket used for conveying large parcels of goods. Called also a *trussing-coffer*.
- TRUSSING-BED. A travelling bed. "*Trussyng bedde, lit de champ*," Palsgrave.  
Also my large bed of black velvet, embroidered with a circle of fetter-locks, and garters, all the beds made for my body called in England *trussing beds*.  
*Test. Vetust.* p. 141.
- TRUT. (1) Stercus. *Hearne.*  
(2) The cry of hunters returning home after the sport is finished.
- TRUTHY. Faithful; veracious. *East.*
- TRY. (1) To fare. *Somerset.*  
(2) A corn screen. Also, to screen.  
(3) To boil down lard. *East.*  
(4) *How de try*, how do you do? *Exm.*  
(5) A club tipped with iron.
- TRYALYTES. Three benefices united.
- TRYERS.  
And shew'd themselves as errant tyars,  
As th' were 'prentice to the *tryers*.  
*Brome's Songs*, 1661, p. 167.
- TRYSTI. Trusty; secure.  
On *trysti* roche heo stoundeth fast,  
And wyth depe dyc he both all be cast.  
*Religious Poems*, xv. Cent.
- TRYVE. To drive.  
In chastisyng hath made a rod  
To *tryve* away hire wantonnesse.  
*Gower*, *MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 111.
- TU. To work hard. *North.*
- TUARN. The place in an iron furnace which receives the metal. *Staff.*
- TUAY. Two.  
From anemorwe to the midday,  
He hadde strengthe of knyghtes *tuay*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 178.
- TUB. (1) *Tale of a tub*, a stupid nonsensical story.  
(2) The top of a malt-kiln. *Essex.*  
(3) The garnet. *Cornw.*  
(4) One mode of curing the *lues venerea* was by the *tub*, the patient sweating for a considerable time in a heated tub. This mode is often alluded to by early writers.
- TUBBAN. A clod of earth. *Cornw.*
- TUBBER. A cooper. *North.*
- TUBBLE. A mattock. *Devon.*
- TUB-IRON. An iron placed in front of a smith's fire-place, having a hole through which the spout of the bellows is put.
- TUBLE. Earthenware. *West.*
- TU-BRUGGE. A drawbridge.
- TUCK. (1) To eat. Also, an appetite.  
(2) A short pinafore. *East.*  
(3) To smart with pain. *Wills.* In Devonshire, to pinch severely.  
(4) A slap. *Devon.*  
(5) A horizontal fold made in a garment to accommodate it to the height of a growing person.  
(6) To touch. *Somerset.*  
(7) A rapier. Still in use.  
(8) To chuck. *Cornw.*
- TUCKER. (1) A fuller. *West.*  
(2) The same as *Pinner*, q. v.
- TUCKER-IN. A chambermaid. *West.*
- TUCKET. A slight flourish on a trumpet.
- TUCKING. A bag used for carrying beans in when setting them. *Glouc.*
- TUCKING-GIRDLE. "*Tuckying kyrrell, sainture decourser*," Palsgrave.
- TUCKS. Iron pins in the frame of a timbering to prevent the timber slipping off.
- TUCKSHELLS. Tusks. *Sussex.*
- TUE. (1) To rumple. *North.*  
(2) The same as *Tew*, q. v.
- TUEL. (1) A towel. *West.*  
(2) The fundament. See *Tewel*.  
(3) A vexatious meddling. *North.*
- TUEN. To go.  
Ant alle the other that mine buen,  
Shule to blisse with me *tuen*.  
*Harvowing of Hell*, p. 29.
- TUFF. (1) A Turkish turban.  
(2) A tassel. Also, to ornament with tassels.  
(3) A lock of wool.  
(4) To spit or hiss, as a cat.
- TUFFOLD. A small outhouse. *Yorksh.*
- TUFF. A grove, or plantation.
- TUFT-HUNTER. A hanger-on to noblemen and persons of quality.
- TUFT-MOCKADO. A mixed stuff made to imitate tufted taffeta, or velvet.
- TUFT-TAFFATY. A taffaty tufted, or left with a nap on it, like velvet.  
Sleeveless his jerkin was, and it had been  
Velvet, but 'twas now (so much ground was seen)  
Become *tufttaffaty*; and our children shall  
See it plain rash a while, then nought at all.  
*Donne's Poems*, p. 129.
- TUG. (1) A contest. *Var. dial.*  
(2) A timber-carriage. *Sussex.*  
(3) To rob; to spoil. *North.*  
(4) A difficult undertaking. *West.*

**TUG-IRON.** An iron on the shafts of a waggoun to hitch the traces to.

**TUGMUTTON.** A great glutton.

**TUGURRYSCHUDDE.** A hut.

**TUGHT.** Twitched; torn off.

**TUINDE.**

*Tuynde* thyn ye, that thow ne se  
The cursede worlides vanyte.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 127.*

**TUKE.** Gave. (*A.-S.*)

He had the letter by the noke,  
To the erle he it tuke.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 130.*

**TUL.** To. *North.*

**TULIEN.** To labour; to till. (*A.-S.*)

**TULKE.** A man, or knight.

**TULKY.** A turkey. *Suffolk.*

**TULLE.** To allure. (*A.-S.*)

**TULLY.** A little wretch. *Yorksh.*

**TULSURELIKE.** Red in the face.

**TULT.** To it. *North.*

**TULY.** A kind of red or scarlet colour. Silk of this colour is often alluded to, as in Richard Coer de Lion, 67, 1516; and carpets and tapestry, Syr Gawayne, pp. 23, 33. In MS. Sloane 75, f. 214, are directions "for to make bokeram, tu'y, or tuly thred, secundum Cristiane de Prake in Beme."

I schel the yeve to the wage  
A mantel whit so melk,  
The brooder is of tult selk,  
Beten abouten with rede golde.

*Beves of Hamtoun, p. 47.*

**TUM.** To card wool for the first time. Ray says, to mix wool of divers colours.

After your wool is oyl'd and anointed thus, you shall then *tum* it, which is, you shall put it forth as you did before when you mixed it, and card it over again upon your stek cards; and then those cardings which you strike off are called *tummings*, which you shall lay by till it come to a spinning.

*Macham's English House-Wife, 1675, p. 126.*

**TUMBESTERE.** A dancer.

Hero his doughter, that was a *tumbestere*, and tumblede byfore him and other grete lordes of that contri, he grantede to yeve here whatever he wolde byde.

*MS. Harl. 2309, f. 8.*

**TUMBLE.** (1) To dance.

Hyt telleth that Erout swore  
To here that tumbled yn the flore.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 19.*

(2) To rumple the dress. *Var. dial.*

**TUMBLE-CAR.** A cart drawn by a single horse; probably so named from the axle being made fast in the wheels, and turning round with them.

**TUMBLER.** (1) A tumbril. *East.*

(2) A dancer. See *Tumble* (1).

(3) A kind of dog formerly employed for taking rabbits. This it effected by tumbling itself about in a careless manner till within reach of the prey, and then seizing it by a sudden spring.

**TUMBLING-SHAFT.** A spindle rod in an oatmeal mill, lying under the floor. *East.*

**TUMBREL.** (1) A cucking-stool.

(2) A dung-cart. *West.*

Wherfore breake off your daunce, you fairies and elves, and come from the fieldes, with the torne carcasses of your tumbrills, for your kingdome is expired.

*Epist. prefixed to Sidney's Astrophel and Stella, 1591.*

**TUMMALS.** A heap; a quantity. *Deron.*

**TUMMLE.** To tumble. *North.*

**TUMMUZ.** Thomas. *North.*

**TUMP.** A heap; a hillock. *West.*

**TUMPTSNER.** A settler. "That'll be a *tumptsner* for the old gentleman." *Somerset.*

**TUMPY.** Uneven; having tumps. *West.*

**TUN.** (1) A tub; a barrel. Also a verb, to put liquor into casks or barrels.

That nyze his hous he let devyse,

Endelonge upon an axoltre,

To sette a *tunne* in his degre.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 92.*

But when trouthe sette abroche here *tunne*.

*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 45.*

(2) The upper part of a chimney. Sometimes, the chimney itself. *West.*

(3) A stalking-horse for partridges.

(4) A town. *Havelok, 1001.*

(5) A little eup. *Kennett.*

**TUNACLE.** "A tunacle, *dalmatica, tunica, tunicala*," MS. Dictionary, circa 1500.

**TUNDER.** Tinder. *Var. dial.*

**TUN-DISH.** A wooden funnel, through which liquor is poured into casks. *West.*

**TUNE.** (1) To the "tune" of any sum, is a phrase often used. "You look as if you were Don Diego'd to the *tune* of a thousand pounds."—*The Tatler*, No. 31.

(2) Order; temper. *Var. dial.*

**TUNE-UP.** To begin to sing. *South.*

**TUNHOLVE.** Ground ivy. *Pr. Parv.*

**TUNMERE.** The line of procession in perambulating the bounds of a parish. *East.*

**TUNNEGAR.** A funnel. *West.*

**TUNNEL.** (1) A funnel. Still in use.

(2) An arched drain. *Yorksh.*

**TUNNEL-GRUNTERS.** Potatoes. *West.*

**TUNNER.** (1) Either. *Deron.*

(2) The same as *Tunnel*, q. v.

**TUNNIF.** The forget-me-not. *East.*

**TUNNING.** Brewing.

**TUNNING-DISH.** (1) A funnel. (2) A wooden dish used in dairies. *West.*

**TUNWONGE.** "*Tempus*, a tunwonge," Nominale MS. inter membra humani corporis. See *Thonwange*.

**TUP.** (1) A ram. *Var. dial.* Turn the tup to ride, i. e. put the ram to the ewe. Also a verb, to butt. It is an archaism.

(2) To bow to a person before drinking. *Lauc.*

**TUPMAN.** A breeder of tups or rams.

**TURBANT.** A turban. Florio, p. 101.

**TURBE.** Squadron; troop. *Hearne.*

**TURBERY.** A boggy ground.

**TURBOLT.** A turbot.

**TURCOT.** The wryneck. *Howell.*

**TURCULONY.** An old dance.

**TUREILE.** A turret. *Hearne.*

**TURF.** (1) Cakes for firing, made by tanners from the refuse of oak bark. *Wills.*

- (2) Peat moss. *Lanc.*  
 (3) "Turfe of a cappe, *rebras*," Palsgrave. "Tyrf or tyrvyng upon an hooode or sleve. *resolucio*," Pr. Parv.  
 (4) To adjust the surface of sown turf.  
 TURFEGRAVER. A ploughman.  
 TURFING-SPADE. A spade made for undercutting turf. *Var. dial.*  
 TURGY. White magic; a pretended conference with good spirits or angels. *Blount.*  
 TURIN. The nose of the bellows.  
 TURK. (1) An image made of cloth or rags, used by persons as a mark for shooting.  
 (2) A savage fellow. *Var. dial.*  
 TURKEYS. (1) Turkish. (*A.-N.*) "Turkes howe, *arc turquoys*," Palsgrave. "Turkes sworde, *espee, esclamme*," Ibid.  
 (2) A precious stone, the turquoise.  
 TURKEY-BIRD. The wryneck. *Suffolk.*  
 TURLINS. Coals of a moderate size. *North.*  
 TURMENTILLE. The herb setfoil.  
 Who so drinckth the water of *turmentille*, it conforth mans mawe, and clensthy venym, and it abathe swellinge. *MS. Sloane 7, f. 51.*  
 TURMENTISE. Torment. (*A.-N.*)  
 TURMENTRIE. Torment; torture.  
 TURMIT. A turnip. *Var. dial.*  
 TURN. (1) Year, or time.  
 (2) A spinning-wheel. *Devon.*  
 (3) To curdle; to turn sour. *North.* It is used in this sense by Shakespeare.  
 (4) An act of industry. *West.*  
 (5) To turn the head; to tend in sickness, to attend to, to direct, to educate.  
 (6) The sheriff's court. *Blount.*  
 TURNAMENT. (1) Change.  
 And all to ashis this lady was brent,  
 And after arose agayne alyve as she was,  
 And oft she had this *turnament*.  
*MS. Laud. 416, f. 75*  
 (2) A revolving engine.  
 For thys *turnament* ys so devyssid,  
 I schall he in my blode baptyssyd.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 39.*  
 TURNBACK. A coward.  
 TURN-BROACH. Before the introduction of jacks, spits were turned either by dogs trained for the purpose, or by lads kept in the family, or hired, as occasions arose, to turn the spit, or *broach*. These boys were the turn-broaches. See Warner's Antiq. Culin. p. 97.  
 A *turne-broche*, a boy for hogge at Ware.  
*Lydgate's Minor Poems, p. 52.*  
 TURNBULL-STREET. Formerly a noted resort for courtesans and bad characters.  
 When *Turne-bul-street* and Clarken-well  
 Have sent all bawdes and whores to hell.  
*Cobbes Prophecies, 1614.*  
 TURNED-CARD. A trump card.  
 TURNEGRECE. A spiral staircase.  
 TURNEPING. Collecting turnips. *West.*  
 TURNESOLE. A dish in ancient cookery described in Warner's Antiq. Culin. p. 84.  
 TURNEY. An attorney. *Var. dial.*  
 TURNIE. A tournament.  
 TURNING. (1) A plait in linen.

- (2) A jest, or repartee.  
 (3) Tournaying. *Hall.*  
 TURNING-STICKS. Long crooked sticks to turn layers of corn.  
 TURNOVER. A sort of apple tart, where the pieces of fruit are laid upon one half of a circular piece of crust, and the uncovered part whelmed over the fruit and then baked. It also means a put off, or excuse, for not doing anything.  
 TURN-PAT. A crested pigeon.  
 TURN-PIKE. (1) A lock in a river.  
 (2) A turnstile, or a post with a movable cross at the top. Jonson, v. 235.  
 TURNSEKE. To feel giddy.  
 TURN-SPIIT. This dog is thus described in Topsell's Four-Footed Beasts, 1697, p. 177:  
 There is comprehended, under the cures of the coursest kinde, a certaine dog in kitchen service excellent; for when any meat is to be roasted, they go into a wheel, which they turning round about with the waight of their bodies, so diligently looke to their businesse, that no drudge nor scullion can do the feate more cunningly. Whom the popular sort herenpon call *turnespiets*, being the last of all those which wee have first men'ioned.  
 TURN-STRING. A string made of twisted gut, much used in spinning.  
 TURN-TIPPET. Same as *Turn-Turk*, q. v.  
 TURN-TRENCHER. A Lincolnshire game.  
 TURN-TURK. "To turn Turk was a figurative expression for a change of condition or opinion," Gifford. The expression is still used, said when a person becomes ill-tempered on account of a joke, &c.  
 TURNING-TREE. The gallows.  
 And at the last, she and her husband, as they deserved, were apprehended, arraigned, and hanged at the foresayd *turning-tree*.  
*Hall, Henry VIII. f. 224.*  
 TURPIN. A kettle. A cant term.  
 TURQUIS. Turkish.  
 Some aitre issued oute the sameselle, and the dwarfe, and had his *turquis* bowe in his honde and the arowes.  
*MS. Digby, 185.*  
 TURRE. (1) A word used in driving pigs.  
 (2) To butt, as a ram does.  
 TURRIBLE. A thurible, or censor.  
 TURTERS. "*Grapiller*, to gather grapes after the *turters* or first gatherers thereof," Hollyband's Dictionarie, 1593.  
 TURTURE. A singing shepherd. (*Lat.*)  
 TURVEE. To struggle. *Ern.*  
 TURVES. The pl. of *turf*.  
 TUSH. (1) A tusk; a tooth. *North.*  
 (2) To draw a heavy weight. *West.*  
 (3) The wing of a ploughshare. *Glouc.*  
 TUSK. A tuft of hair. "Tuske of heer, *monceau de cheveulx*," Palsgrave. The term occurs in Ben Jonson.  
 TUSKIN. (1) Was thus made:  
 Take raw porke and hew hit smalle,  
 And grynde in a morter: temper hit thou schalle  
 With swongen egges, but not to thynne;  
 In gryndyng put powder of peper within.  
 Thene this flesh take up in thy honde,  
 And rolle hit on halles, & undurstonde,

In gretnes of trabbes; I harde say  
In boylande water thou kast hom may.  
To harden then take hom owte to cole,  
And play fressh broth fayre and wele.  
Ther in cast persoley, ysop, samay, [saneray ?]  
That smalle is harked by any way.  
Alye hit with floure or brede for-thy,  
Coloure hit with saffroun for the maystré;  
Cast powder of peper and clawes ther to,  
And take thy halles or thou more do,  
And put therin; boyle alle in fere,  
And serve hit forth for *tuskyne dere*.

*MS. Sloane 1996, p. 93.*

- (2) A kind of long coloured cloth.  
(3) A country carter, or ploughman.  
**TUSSES.** Projecting stones left in the masonry to tie in the wall of a building intended to be subsequently annexed.  
**TUSSEY.** A low drunken fellow.  
**TUSSICATED.** Driven about; tormented.  
**TUSSLE.** To struggle; to wrestle.  
**TUSSOCK.** A tangled knot or heap. *Var. dial.*  
Also, a twisted lock of hair.  
**TUSTE.** A tuft of hair.  
**TUT.** (1) A hassock. *Cornw.*  
(2) *A tut for a tush*, equivalent in meaning to tit for tat.  
(3) To pull; to tear. *Devon.*  
(4) A sort of stobball (q. v.) play.  
**TUT-GOT.** Come upon or overtaken by a *tut*, or goblin. This spectre is recognized in and near Spilsby, but not in all parts of the county. *Linc.*  
**TUTHE.** A tooth. *Nominal MS.*  
**TUTHERAM.** The others. *West.*  
**TUTVILLUS.** An old name for a celebrated demon, who is said to have collected all the fragments of words which the priests had skipped over or mutilated in the performance of the service, and carried them to hell. See Piers Ploughman, p. 547; Townley Mysteries, pp. 310, 319; Reliq. Antiq. i. 257; MS. Lansd. 762, f. 101.  
**TUTTLESHP.** Protection; custody.  
**TUT-MOUTHED.** Having the lower jaw projecting further than the upper.  
**TUT-NOSE.** A short snub-nose. *East.*  
**TUTS.** A term at the old game of stool-ball. See Clarke's Phrasologia Puerilis, 8vo. Lond. 1655, p. 141.  
**TUTSON.** The periwinkle. *East.*  
**TUT-SUB.** A hassock. *Somerset.*  
**TUTTER.** (1) To stutter. *Somerset.*  
(2) Trouble; bother. *East.*  
**TUTTING.** (1) A tea-drinking for women, succeeded by stronger potations in company of the other sex, and ending, as might be expected, in scenes of ribaldry and debauchery. It is so called only, I believe, in Lincoln; in other places in the county it is known by the name of a bun-feast. The custom is now obsolete, or nearly so, to the amelioration, it is hoped, of society.  
(2) An inferior description of ball; perhaps from *tuts*, a maternal term of endearment for a child's feet. *Linc.*

- TUTTLE.** (1) Tothill Fields.  
(2) A cross-grained fellow. *Lanc.*  
(3) To whisper; to tell tales. *North.*  
**TUTTLE-BOX.** An instrument used by ploughmen for keeping their horses a little apart, that they may see forward between them to make a straight furrow.  
**TUTTY.** (1) A flower; a nosegay. *West.*  
(2) Ill-tempered; sullen. *Beds.*  
**TUTTY-MORE.** A flower-root. *Somerset.*  
**TUT-WORK.** Work done by the piece. *West.*  
**TUYLES.** Tools.  
And the cause hereof, as it wele semes, es for 3e hafe na irene whareof 3e myghte make 3ow tuyles for to wirke withalle. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 35.*  
**TUYNEN.** To separate.  
And as my3ty, as I 3ow telle,  
Bothe of the gates of hevenc and helle  
To *tuynen* and open at heyre byddyngc,  
Wythowte 3eynstonddyngc of any thyngc.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 133.*  
**TUZ.** A knot of wool or hair. *Leic.*  
**TUZZIMUZZY.** (1) A nosegay. See Florio, p. 492; Nomenclator, 1585, p. 113.  
(2) The female pudendum.  
(3) Rough; ragged; dishevelled. *East.*  
**TWA-BLADE.** A plant with two leaves.  
**TWACHEL.** The dew-worm. *East.*  
**TWACHYLL.** A term applied to the female pudendum in the Reliq. Antiq. ii. 28.  
**TWACK.** To change frequently. *East.*  
**TWACKT.** Beaten; knocked about.  
**TWAGE.** To pinch; to squeeze. *North.*  
**TWALLE.** A towel. Also, a net, or toil.  
Hurte blessud moder, seynt Wultrud,  
Toke a *twaylle* of ry3t gode aray.  
*Chrom. V. liden. p. 64.*  
**TWAIN.** Two. (*A.-S.*)  
**TWALE.** A mattock; an axe.  
**TWALL.** A whim. *Suffolk.*  
**TWALY.** Vexed; ill-tempered. *Salop.*  
**TWAM.** To swoon. *North.*  
**TWANG.** (1) A sharp taste. *Var. dial.*  
(2) A quick pull; a sudden pang. *North.*  
**TWANGDILLOWS.**  
Pleas'd with the *twangdillows* of poor Crowdero  
in a country fair. *Collins' Miscellanies*, 1762, p. viii.  
**TWANGHEY.** A tailor. *North.*  
**TWANGLE.** To entangle; to ruffle. *East.*  
**TWANGLING.** (1) Small; weak. *North.*  
(2) Noisy; jingling. *Shak.*  
**TWANK.** (1) To let fall the carpenter's chalk-line upon the board. *East.*  
(2) To give a smart slap with the flat of the hand, a stick, &c. *East.*  
**TWANKING.** (1) Complaining. *Dorset.*  
(2) Big; unwieldy. *North.*  
**TWARCINGE.** Crookedness.  
**TWARLY.** Peevish; cross. *Chesh.*  
**TWAT.**  
Give not male names then to such things as thine,  
But think thou hast two *twats* & wife of mine.  
*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 104.  
**TWATETH.** A huck or doe *twateth*, i. e. makes a noise at rutting time.  
**TWATTLE.** (1) To tattle; to chatter. *Twatlers*, idle talkers, Stamburst, p. 36.

(2) To pat; to make much of. *North*.  
 (3) A dwarf, or diminutive person.  
 TWATTLE-BASKET. An idle chatterer.  
 TWAYE. Two.  
 Dame, he seyde, how schalle we doo,  
 He fayleth *twaye* tethe also.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 134.*  
 TWEAG. Doubt; perplexity.  
 TWEAGERS. The same as *Plushes*, q. v.  
 TWEAK. A whore. Also, a whoremonger.  
 TWEASOME. Two in company. *North*.  
 TWE. To be in a *twee* is to be sweating with  
 fright or vexation; probably per metathesis  
 for *tew*. *Linc.*  
 TWEEDLE. To twist. *Decon.*  
 TWEER. To peep; to pry. See *Twire*.  
 TWEERS. Bellows at an iron furnace.  
 TWEEZES. Tweezers. Middleton, iv. 119.  
 TWEIFOLD. Double. (*A.-S.*)  
 TWELE. The same as *Twill*, q. v.  
 TWELF-TYDE. Twelfth day.  
 At the city of New Sarum, is a very great faire  
 for cloath at *Twelftyde* called Twelfe market.  
*Aubrey's Wiltz, MS. Royal Soc. p. 333.*  
 TWELL. Twelve. Arch. xxx. 414.  
 TWELVE-HOLES. A game similar to nine-  
 holes, mentioned in Florio, ed. 1611, p. 20.  
 TWELVE-SCORE. That is, twelve score yards,  
 a common length for a shot in archery.  
 TWEY. Two. (*A.-S.*)  
*Twey* schelyng ther is more;  
 Forgete hem not, be Goddis ore!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 53.*  
 TWEYANGLYS. A kind of worm.  
 TWEYNED. Separated.  
 TWIBIL. (1) A mattock; an axe. An imple-  
 ment like a pickaxe, but having, instead of  
 points, flat terminations, one of which is hori-  
 zontal, the other perpendicular. *Herefordsh.*  
 (2) An instrument used for making mortises,  
 "Twyble an instrument for carpentars,  
*bernago*," Palsgrave. The two meanings of  
 this word have been frequently confused.  
*Se, se, seyde the twybylle,*  
 Thou spekes ever ageyne skylle,  
 I-wys, i-wys, it wyll not bene,  
 Ne never I thinke that he wylll thene.  
*MS. Ashmole 61.*  
 TWICK. A sudden jerk. *West.* It occurs as a  
 verb in Towneley Myst. p. 220.  
 TWICROOKS. Little crooks bent contrary ways  
 in order to lengthen out the trammels on  
 which the pot-hooks are hung. *Glouc.*  
 TWIDDLE. (1) A pimple. *Suffolk.*  
 (2) To be busy about trifles. *To twiddle the*  
*figgers*, to do nothing. *Var. dial.*  
 TWIES. Twice. (*A.-S.*)  
 The pater noster and the crede  
 Preche thy paresch thou moste nede  
*Twyes* or thryes in the zere,  
 To thy paresch hole and fere.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 132.*  
 TWIFALLOW. See *Trifallow*.  
 TWIFILS. Two-folds.  
 TWIG. (1) To understand a person's motives or  
 meaning. "I *twigged* what he'd be arter."  
*Var. dial.*

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(2) To beat. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) To do anything energetically.  
 TWIGGEN. Made of twigs.  
 TWIGGER. A weneher. Dido, p. 50. The  
 term is applied to a sheep in Tusser, p. 93.  
 TWIGHT. (1) To twit; to reproach. The term  
 occurs in Holinshed, Chron. Irel. p. 80.  
 (2) To twitch, or bind.  
 (3) Quickly?  
 Mahoune and Margot he will forsak *twight*,  
 For to be cristyned and forsak ther syne.  
*Roland, MS. Lansd. 388, f. 384*  
 (4) Pulled; snatched. (*A.-S.*)  
 Bot among them all *ryght*,  
 The quene was away *twyght*,  
 And with the feyry away i-nome,  
 The ne wyst wer sche was come!  
*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*  
 Be the neck sche hym *twyghte*,  
 And let hym hange all nyghte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 117.*  
 TWIGLE. (1) To wriggle. (2) Futno.  
 TWIKIN. A word used in Yorkshire for two  
 apples growing together.  
 TWIKLE. To walk awkwardly, as if with a  
 twist in the legs. *Northumb.*  
 TWILADE. To load, unlade the load, then re-  
 turn for a second and take up the first load.  
 This is done where the ground is broken or  
 stickle. *Dorset.*  
 TWILL. (1) A quill; a reed. *North.*  
 (2) A spool to wind yarn upon.  
 (3) Until. *East.*  
 (4) A sort of coarse linen cloth.  
 TWILLY. To turn reversedly. *North.*  
 TWILT. (1) To beat. *East.*  
 (2) A quilt. *Var. dial.*  
 TWILY. Restless; wearisome. *West.*  
 TWIN. To divide into two parts. *Chesh.*  
 TWINBILLING. A twin.  
 TWINDLERS. Twins. *Lanc.*  
 TWINE. (1) To entwine. *South.*  
 (2) To languish, or pine away. *North.*  
 (3) To whine, or cry. *Yorksh.*  
 TWINGE. (1) To afflict.  
 (2) An earwig. *North.*  
 (3) A sharp pain. *Var. dial.*  
 TWINK. (1) A chaffinch. *Somerset.*  
 (2) A moment of time; as, *in a twink*, for, in the  
 twinkling of an eye.  
 TWINKLE. To tinkle.  
 TWINLINGES. Twin children.  
 Of *twinlinges* hir thouzte no gamen,  
 That fauzte ofte in hir wombe samen.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 22.*  
 Se ze the zonder pore woman, how that she is pynd  
 With *twynlienges* two, and that dare I my hedde wedde.  
*Chevelere Assigne, 27.*  
 TWINNA. It will not. *West.*  
 TWINNE. To separate; to divide; to part; to  
 depart from a place or thing.  
 Thare the deth, that spares ryzt none,  
 Has *twynned* two and hente that one.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 117.*  
 That thi hous, he sendeth the word,  
 Shal never *twynned* be fro sword.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 50.*

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That never twynneth oute of thy presence,  
But in heyven abydeyth ay with the,  
And in erthe mekely nowe with me.

*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 53.*

TWINNEN. To couple together. (*A.-S.*)

TWINNY. According to Forby, to rob a cask before it is broached. *East.*

TWINS. An agricultural instrument used for taking up weeds, &c. *West.*

TWINTÉ. A jot.

TWINTER. A beast two winters old.

TWINTLE. To hew, or chip. *Line.*

TWIRE. To peep out; to pry about. Also, to twinkle, to glance, to gleam.

TWIRIN. A pair of pincers.

TWIRIPE. Imperfectly ripe. *West.*

TWIRTER. This word occurs in Grose, but seems to be an error for *twinter*, q. v.

TWISH. An interj. of contempt.

TWISSEL. A double fruit. Also, that part of a tree where the branches separate.

TWIST. (1) The fourchure. See Cotgrave.

(2) A twig. (*A.-S.*)

(3) A good appetite. *Var. dial.*

(4) To lop a tree.

TWISTE. To twitch; to pull hard. (*A.-S.*)

TWISTER. To twist, or turn. *Suffolk.*

TWISTLE. That part of a tree where the branches divide from the stock. *West.*

TWIT. (1) A fit of ill humour. *East.*

(2) The noise made by an owl.

(3) Anything entangled. *North.*

(4) An acute angle. Carr. ii. 223.

(5) *Twit com twat*, idle talk.

Heavens grant that thou wouldst speak, but bridle that,

I'me angry with thy tatling *twit com twat*.

*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 63.

TWITCH. (1) To tie tightly. *North.*

(2) To touch. *West.*

(3) An instrument used for holding a vicious horse. Still in use.

TWITCH-BALLOCK. The large black-beetle.

TWITCH-BELL. An earwig. *North.*

TWITCHE-BOX. The same as *Touch-bar*, q. v.

TWITCHEL. (1) To castrate. *North.*

(2) A narrow passage, or alley. *North.*

(3) A childish old man. *Chesh.*

And when thou shalt grow *twyghilde*, she will bee carefull and kinde (religiously) to thee.

*Davies' Scavage of Folly*, p. 218.

TWITCHER. A severe blow. *North.*

TWITCHERS. Small pincers.

TWITCH-GRASS. Couch grass. *Var. dial.*

TWITCHY. Uncertain. *East.*

TWITTEN. A narrow alley. *Sussex.*

TWITTER. (1) To tremble. *Var. dial.*

(2) A fit of laughter. *Kent.*

(3) To spin yarn or thread unevenly.

(4) The chirping of birds. *East.*

(5) The tether of cattle. *Lanc.*

(6) Uneasy. *Craven.*

TWITTER-BONE. An excrescence on a horse's hoof, owing to a contraction.

TWITTER-LIGHT. Twilight.

TWITTERS. Shreds; fragments. *North.*

TWITTLE. To tell tales; to prate.

TWITTLE-TWATTLE. Idle talk; tittle-tattle.

It occurs in the True Conduct of Persons of Quality, 12mo. Lond. 1694, p. 61.

TWITTY. Cross; ill-tempered. *East.*

TWIVETE. A carpenter's tool.

TWIZZLE. To roll and twist. *Suffolk.*

TWNG. A tongue. Hampole MS.

TWO. Both. *Var. dial.*

TWO-BILL. A slat-axe, q. v. *Devon.*

TWO-BOWED-CHAIR. An armchair. *West.*

TWO-DOUBLE. Beat together; bowed in such a manner that the extremities almost meet.

TWO-FACED. Double-faced; insincere.

TWO-FURROWING. Double ploughing. *Norf.*

TWO-MEAL-CHEESE. Cheese made of equal quantities of skimmed and new milk. *Glouc.*

TWONNER. One or the other. *Liuc.*

TWORE. To see. Dekker, 1620.

TWOTHREE. A large quantity. *West.*

TWYBITTLE. A very large mallet. *Herefordsh.* "Bipennis, *twybyte*"—MS. *Lausd.* 560, f. 45, co. Lanc.

TWYE. Twice. (*A.-S.*)

But folowe thou not the chyldre *tweye*,  
Lest afterwarde hyt do the nuye.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 128.*

TWYNNEN. Twined. *Gawayne.*

TWYVALLY. To bother, or puzzle. *Glouc.*

TYBURN-BLOSSOM. A young pickpocket.

TYBURN-CHECK. A rope.

TYBURN-TIPPET. A halter.

TYCEMENT. Enticement.

But thoghe no man have therof evyl,  
ÿt hyt ys the *tycement* of the devyl.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 18.*

TYD. (1) Gone. *Qu. ryd.*

The quene was greatly encouraged with the victory obtained late at Wakefeld, partly because the Duke of Yorke, her utter enemy, was *tyd* out of the worlde.

*Hall, Henry VI. f. 100.*

(2) A delicate morceau. *Liuc.*

TYE. (1) Tied.

Ther durste no man come hym nye,  
There he stode yn hys rakke *tye*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 107.*

(2) A feather-bed. *Coran.*

(3) An extensive common pasture.

TYKE. A sheep-tick. *West.*

TYMOR. A kind of bird.

The pellycan and the popyngay,  
The *tymor* and the turtle trewe.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 49.*

TYPH-WHEAT. A kind of corn, like rye.

TYPOUN. Type; pattern. *Gawayne.*

TYRAN. A tyraut.

TYRE. A *tyre*, or as we spell it, tier or teer, of guns, is now used to signify a number of guns placed in a row, as along a ship's side. In the following passage it seems to mean the discharge of the whole row of battering ordnance. See the editor's note.

The pieces that lay upon St. Antonie's steeple were by them dismounted, and within six or seaven *tyre* after, the pieces on St. Nicholas steeple were likewise cast downe. *Hayward's Qu. Eliz., p. 60.*

**TYTELET.** Commencement; chief. *Gawayne.*  
**TYTELID.** Entitled.  
 And in the boke of Elizabeth,  
 That *tytelid* is of hir avisious.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 11.*  
**TYTER.** A see-saw. *Devon*

**TYTH.** Quickly.  
 And seyde, eteth an appel *tyth*,  
 And beth as wyse as God Almyth.  
*MS. Coll. Trin. Oxon. 57, art. 2.*  
**TYUP.** The last basket sent out of a coal-pit  
 at the end of the year. *North.*

**U-BACK.** A yule-block. *North.*  
**UBBERINE.** To bear up; to support.  
**UBBLY-BREDE.** Sacramental cakes.  
**UBEROUS.** Fruitful. (*Lat.*)  
**UCHE.** Each; every. (*A.-S.*)  
 But bi the fruyte may men ofte se  
 Of what vertu is *uche* a tre.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 1.*  
 Owre *uche* dayes bred we the pray  
 That thow zeve us thys same day.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 132.*

**UDE.** Went. (*A.-S.*)  
 As holé, as fayre, as hit upon urthe *ude*.  
*Chron. Filodun. p. 73.*

**UFFLERS.** Bargemen not in constant employ,  
 who assist occasionally in towing. *East.*

**UG.** (1) A surfeit. *Northumb.*  
 (2) To feel a repugnance to. *North.* It has  
 very nearly the same meaning as the old  
 English verb *ugge*, to feel an abhorrence of, to  
 be terrified.

And there was so mekille folke dede in that ba-  
 taile that the sone wexe eclipte, and withdrewe his  
 lighte, *uggande* for to see so mekille scheddyng of  
 blude.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 10.*

For this paynes ar so felle and harde,  
 Als yhe sal here be redd eftyrwarde,  
 That ilk man may *ugge* bothe yhowing and awlde,  
 That heres thaim be reheced and tawld.  
*Hampole, MS. Boice, p. 189.*

**UGHTENDIFE.** The morning.  
**UGLY.** (1) Horrid; frightful. (*A.-S.*) *Ugly-*  
*sone, ugsome, horrible, frightful.*  
 (2) An abuse; a beating. *East.*

**UINTEMENT.** Ointment.  
**ULEN-SPIEGEL.** Owl-glass, pr. n. (*Germ.*)

**ULLET.** An owl. *Lauc.*

**ULUTATION.** A howling. (*Lat.*)

**UM.** Them. *South.*

**UMAGE.** Homage.  
 Withouten abod wel swithe come,  
 To don *umage* Arthur his sone.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 127.*

**UMBE-CLAPPE.** To embrace. "Umbe-clappes  
 the cors," *MS. Morte Arthure, f. 72.*

**UMBE-GRIPPE.** To seize hold of. "Umbe-  
 grippys a spere," *MS. Morte Arthure, f. 92.*

**UMBE-LAPPE.** To surround; to wrap round.  
 And he and his o-*te umbylapped* alle thare enemys,  
 and daunge thame doune, and slewe thame ilke a  
 moder sone.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 5.*

**UMBEN.** About; around. (*A.-S.*)

**UMBER.** (1) A sort of brown colour. Umber  
 is a species of ochre. See Nares.

(2) The shade for the eyes placed immediately  
 over the sight of a helmet, and sometimes at-  
 tached to the vizor.

(3) Number. *Var. dial.*

(4) The grayling fish.

(5) Shade. *Chesh.* From the French. *Umbre*  
 occurs in the *Morte d'Arthur, i. 255.*

**UMBE-SET.** To set around or about.  
 The Sarasines him *umbe-set*,  
 In hard shour togider thei met.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 49.*

**UMBESTONDE.** Formerly; for a while.

**UMBE-THINKE.** To recollect. *North.*  
 The thirde commandement es, *umbethynke* the  
 that thow halowe thi halydaye.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 195*

The seven was of clay, tulle that entent that a  
 mane that es raysed up to the dignyte of a kyng  
 sulde alway *umbethynk* hym that he was made of  
 erthe, and at the laste to the erthe he salle agayne.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 22*

Alexander thanne *umbethoghte* hym one what wyse  
 he myghte best come to for to destroy this citee.  
*MS. Ibid. f. 5*

**UMBIGOON.** Surrounded.  
 Now have I shewed the a motley cote, a wed-  
 dyng cote, a cote with golden hemmes, the whiche  
 shuld be a maydens cote, *umbigoon* with diversitees  
 of vertues.  
*MS. Bodl. 423, f. 136.*

**UMBLES.** The entrails of a deer.  
**UMBLESC.** Humility.

It sit the welle to leve pride,  
 And take *umblesee* upon thy side.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 60.*

**UMBRAID.** Strife; contention.

**UMBRANA.** The umber, or grayling.

**UMBRAS.** To attain?  
 With schrifte of mouthe and penans suert,  
 They wene theire blisse for to *umbra*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 66.*

**UMBREIDE.** Upbraiding.  
 Moyses for this *umbreide*  
 Was dredginge in his herte.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 36.*

**UMBREL.** (1) A lattice.

(2) The same as *Umber* (2). It is sometimes  
 written *umbrere*. "Keste upe hys *umbrere*,"  
*MS. Morte Arthure, f. 63.*

**UMBREY.** To censure; to abuse.

**UMBYLUKE.** To look around.  
 At the fyrste salle everylke gud Cristene mane  
*umbyluka* hym, and ever be warre that he tynne  
 noghte the schorte tyme, or wrange dispende it or  
 in ydilnes late it overjasse.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 243.*

**UMGANG.** Round about. (*A.-S.*)

**UMGIFE.** To surround; to encompass.

**UMGRIFE.** To seize; to catch. (*A.-S.*)

**UMLAPPE.** To unfold; to wrap around.

Thai sal *umlappe* thaim alle aboste,  
 And gnawe on ylk a lyrame and sowke  
*Hampole, MS. Boice, p. 203.*

**UMSETTE.** Surrounded; beset.

Thai sal be *umsette* so on ylk a syde,  
 That thai may nowthyr flee, ne thaim hyde.  
*Hampole, MS. Boice, p. 160.*

**UMSTRID.** Astride. *North.*  
**UMSTRODE.** Strided across.  
 Oure swete Lorde fulle myldly  
 This asse he *umstrode*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 87.*

**UMTHINES.** Truth.  
**UNWHILE.** Once; on a time; sometimes.  
 Fallace ys, as who seye gyle,  
 As many one sweryn *umchyle*. *MS. Harl. 1701, f. 19.*  
*Umchile* the childe sowkede hir pappe;  
*Umchile* ganne thay kyssed and clappe.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 101.*

**UNWYLLES.** Want of will; refusal. *Gaw.*  
**UM-YHODE.** Went around. (*A.-S.*)  
**UN.** (1) Him. (2) One. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) Used in composition for *in*.  
**UN-** In composition denotes privation or deterioration. For many words commencing with it, look under the simple forms.  
**UNAFFILED.** Unadvised.  
 No strenged of love howe myzte  
 His herte, wichie is *unaffiled*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 53.*

**UN-AVESY.** Unadvised.  
 I wille rathere, quod he, chese the sadnesse of an  
 alde wyse manne, thane the *un-avesy* lightnesse of  
 songe menne. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 3.*

**UNAWARES.** Unaware. Still in use. It is a  
 common metropolitan vulgarism.  
**UNBAIN.** Inconvenient. *North.*  
**UNBARBED.** Not trimmed; uncut.  
**UNBATED.** Not blunted; sharp.  
**UNBAYNE.** Disobedient. (*A.-S.*)  
**UNBEER.** Impatient. *North.*  
**UNBEKNOWN.** Unknown. *Var. dial.*  
**UNBELDE.** Timid. (*A.-S.*)  
**UNBENE.** Rugged; impassable. *Gawayne.*  
**UNBETHINK.** To recollect. *North.* See  
*Unbe-thinke*. Also, to think beforehand.  
**UNBETIDE.** To fail to happen.  
**UNBIDDABLE.** Unadvisable. *North.*  
**UNBODIE.** To leave the body. (*A.-S.*)  
**UNBOGHISOME.** Disobedient. *Hampole.*  
**UNBOKEL.** To unbuckle; to open.  
**UNBORELY.** Weakly. (*A.-S.*)  
**UNBOUN.** To undress. *North.*  
**UNBRACE.** To attain?  
 And with that worde, as sche dide *unbrace*  
 To touche the cloth that hee lay in bounde,  
 Withoute more, this Salome hath founde  
 Remedye, and was made hoille azen.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 11.*  
 With schryfte of mouthe and penaunce smerte,  
 They wene ther blis for to *unbrace*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 48.*

**UNBRASE.** To carve a mallard.  
**UNBRYCHE.** Unprofitable. (*A.-S.*)  
 But calleth hym yu the gospel ryche,  
 As unkynde and *unbryche*. *MS. Harl. 1701, f. 45.*

**UNBUXUM.** Disobedient. (*A.-S.*)  
 I usedde wronge with my body,  
 And serves the *unbuxumly*. *MS. Harl. 2260, f. 3.*  
 God put hym in odur lyknes,  
 For hys grete *unbuxumes*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 242.*

**UNCANNY.** Giddy; careless. *North.*  
**UNCE.** (1) An ounce. (2) A claw.  
**UNCELY.** The same as *Unselly*, q. v.

**UNCERTEYNOUR.** More uncertain.  
 Is no thing certeynere then dede,  
 Ny *uncerteynour* then his tide.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 141.*

**UNCIVIL.** Unacquainted with the language  
 and manners of good society.  
**UNCLE.** (1) Unclean.  
 My lippis poln e, my mouth with synne foylid,  
 Myn hert *uncl* and full of cursednesse.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 27.*  
 (2) See *Aunt*, and Pegge's Gl. in v.  
**UNCO.** Awkward; strange. *North.*  
**UNCOME.** (1) Not come. *North.*  
 (2) An ulcerous swelling. This word is still  
 used in some of the Northern counties. It  
 occurs in Baret's *Alvearie*, 1580.  
**UNCOMMON.** Very. *Var. dial.*  
**UNCONAND.** Ignorant. (*A.-S.*)  
 Bot sommen has wytte to *undyrstand*,  
 And yhit that are fulle *unconand*.  
*Hampole, MS. Botes, p. 15.*

**UNCONVENABLE.** Inconvenient.  
**UNCORCED.** Parted from the body.  
**UNCOTHIS.** News. *North.*  
**UNCOUPLE.** To let or go loose.  
 He *uncupilde* hys hundis  
 Tille his rachis bundys.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 131.*

**UNCOUS.** Unkerd; melancholy. *Kent.*  
**UNCOUTIL.** (1) Unknown. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) Uncommon; not vulgar; elegant.  
**UNCTURE.** Greasing or oiling carts, &c.  
**UNCUSTOMED.** (1) Smuggled. *North.*  
 (2) Out of use or practice.  
**UNDEDELY.** Immortal. (*A.-S.*)  
 Bot thou that arte so grete and so gloryous, and  
 callez thiselfe *undedly*, thou salte wyne nathingne  
 of me, if alle thou hafe the overhande of me.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 8.*

**UNDEFOUTERE.** Less devout.  
**UNDELICH.** Manifestly. (*A.-S.*)  
**UNDELT.** Undivided.  
 Oon in Godhede *undelt* is he,  
 And oon substauce with perones thre.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 61.*

**UNDENIABLE.** Good. *Chesh.*  
**UNDER.** (1) To subdue.  
 (2) An under-ground drain. *Lin.*  
**UNDER-ALL.** In all; altogether.  
**UNDER-BACK.** See *Under-deck*.  
**UNDERBEAR.** To bear; to undergo.  
**UNDER-BRIG.** An arch. *North.*  
**UNDER-BRIGHT.** A bright light appearing  
 under clouds when they are near the  
 horizon. *North.*  
**UNDER-BUTTER.** The butter which is made  
 of the second skimmings of milk. *Staff.*  
**UNDERCORN.** Short, weak, underling corn,  
 overlung by the crop. *Norfolk.*  
**UNDERCREEPING.** Mean; pitiful; in an un-  
 derhand way. *Somersct.*  
**UNDERCUMFUN.** To understand or discover  
 a person's meaning. *Lin.* It is sometimes  
*undercumstand*.  
**UNDER-DECK.** The low broad tub into which  
 the wort runs from the mash-tub.  
**UNDER-DRAWING.** Ceiling. *North.*



**UNDER-FAVOUR.** An old apologetic expression before saying anything rude.

**UNDERFIND.** To understand. *Derb.*

**UNDERFOE.** To perform, undertake.

**UNDERFONG.** Understood. *Havelok.*

**UNDERFONGE.** To undertake; to accept; to receive. Used by Spenser, to ensnare.

**UNDER-FOOT.** Low. To bid under-foot, i. e. to offer a low price for anything.

**UNDERGA.** To supplant. (*A.-S.*)

**UNDERGETE.** To understand. (*A.-S.*)

**UNDERGROUNDS.** Anemones. *Devon.*

**UNDERGROWE.** Of a low stature.

**UNDERGRUB.** To undermine. *East.*

**UNDERLAID.** Trodden down. *Var. dial.*

**UNDERLAY.** (1) To incline from the perpendicular, said of a vein in a mine. *Derb.*  
(2) To subject; to place under.  
(3) To mend the sole of a shoe.

**UNDERLINGE.** An inferior.  
Hast thou envyet thyn *underlynge*,  
For he was gode and thryvyng.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 141.*  
He was to alle men *underlynges*,  
So lowe was never syt no kyng.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 241.*

**UNDERLOUT.** To be subject to.

**UNDERLY.** Poor; inferior.

**UNDERMELE.** The afternoon. *Chaucer.* Later writers use the term for an afternoon meal. "A middaies meale, an undermeale," Nomenclator, 1585, p. 81.

**UNDERMINDING.** Subornation.

**UNDERMOST.** The lowest. *North.*

**UNDERN.** Nine o'clock, a. m. (*A.-S.*)  
Bi this was *undern* of the day,  
The ljt began to hyde.  
*Cursor Mundi, f. 103.*

**UNDERNEAN.** Beneath. *Var. dial.*

**UNDERNOME.** Took up; received.  
And thenne was seynt Jon in Herodes prisone,  
for he hadde *undernome* him of the fals devors, for  
that was his brothers wyf. *MS. Harl. 2596, f. 8.*  
And whan synne dothe vertu *undernym* and myne,  
The light of grace will no lenggic shyne.  
*MS. Lond. 416, f. 53.*

**UNDER-ONE.** On the same occasion.

**UNDERPIGHT.** Propped up. (*A.-S.*)  
And *underpygite* this mancyoun ryalle,  
With seven pilcris, as made is memorye.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 3.*

**UNDER-PINNING.** The pediment of brick or stone on which the frame of a wooden house is placed.

**UNDER-PROPPER.** See *Supertasse.*

**UNDERSET.** To prop up. *Palsgrave.*

**UNDER-SONG.** The burden of a song.

**UNDERSORT.** The vulgar. *Yorksh.*

**UNDERSPORE.** To raise a thing by putting a spore or pole under it. (*A.-S.*)

**UNDER-SPURLEATHER.** An underling.

**UNDERSTAND.** To hear. *Yorksh.*

**UNDERSTOD.** Received. *Havelok.*

**UNDERTAKE.** To take in; to receive.

**UNDER-THE-WIND.** So situated behind a bank, house, &c. as not to feel the wind.

**UNDERTIME.** Evening. *Spenser.*

**UNDERWROUGHT.** Undermined. *Shak.*

**UNDIGHT.** Undressed; unprepared.

**UNDIGOON.** Undergone.  
Whenne Jhesus had bapteme *undigoon*,  
He lafte Jon stille bi flom Jurdon.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 390.*

**UNDIRSHONE.** Pattens. (*A.-S.*)

**UNDISPAYRID.** Unimpaired.  
*Undispayrid* the heeste schalle not varye  
Of the prophceye, awhile thou; it tarye.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 16.*

**UNDO.** (1) To unfold. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) To cut up game. *Gawayne.*

**UNDOUBTOUS.** Undoubted.

**UNDREGHE.** Without sorrow.  
In lufe thi hert thou heghe,  
And fyghte to felle the fende;  
Thi daycs salle be *undreghe*  
Whenne thi del neghes neghe.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 222.*

**UNDUBITATE.** Undoubted. *Hall.*

**UNDUR.** Undern, q. v. It is spelt *undurou* in the MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 135.  
The sonne schon, they had wondur,  
For hyt drewe to the *undur*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 117.*  
Hys strength shulla wax in suche a space  
From the *undure-tyme* tulle none.  
*MS. Harl. 2252, f. 120.*

**UNDURTANE.** Undertaken.  
For thy love y have *undurtane*  
Dedes of armys thre.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 64.*

**UNDURYEDE.** Understood.  
The hors sone *unduryede*  
That Befyse was not on hys rygge.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 107.*

**UNDYED.** Dyed hack again.  
Blakke into white may not be *undyed*,  
Ne blood infecte with corrupcioun.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 1*

**UNE.** Even. *North.*

**UNEATHILY.** Unwieldy. *East.*

**UNEAVE.** To thaw. *Devon.*

**UNEMENT.** An ointment.

**UNEMPT.** To empty. *Heref.*

**UNEQUAL.** Unjust. Jonson, iii. 233.

**UNERTE.** Short.

**UNESCHUABLE.** Unavoidable.

**UNESE.** Uneasiness. (*A.-S.*)

**UNEVEN.** Unjust; unfair.

**UNEXPRESSIVE.** Inexpressible.

**UNFACEABLE.** Unreasonable. *East.*

**UNFAINELY.** Sorrowfully.

**UNFAIRE.** Ugly; frightful.

**UNFAMOUS.** Unknown.

**UNFAWE.** Not glad; displeased.

**UNFEATHERED.** Dispossessed.

**UNFERE.** Weak; feeble; indisposed.  
Therby lay mony *unfere*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 85*  
How he heled a mon *unfere*,  
That seke was eigte and twenty zere.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Bod. f. 2.*  
His fadir olde and *unfere*,  
Ofte he fedde with good dynere.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Bod. f. 22*

**UNFEST.** Weak; not firm.

**UNFILED.** Pure; undefiled.

UNFORBIDDEN. Disobedient. *North*.  
 UNFORTUNATE. In bad circumstances.  
 UNFREMED. Unkind. *North*.  
 UNGANG. Circuit?  
 The whilke will nocht come with me til heveo bot  
 that dwell in the *ungang* of covaytise.  
*MS. Coll. Eton.* 10, f. 41.  
 UNGAYNE. (1) Inconvenience.  
 There rynnnes bysyde this heghe mountayoe  
 A water that turnes to mekille *ungayne*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 142.  
 (2) Inconvenient; troublesome. *North*.  
 Therof the pepul wold be fayne,  
 Fore to cum home *azayne*,  
 That hath goon *gatis ungayne*.  
*MS. Douce* 302, f. 2.  
 (3) Awkward; clumsy. *Var. dial.*  
 UNGEAR. To unharness. *North*.  
 UNGLAD. Sorry. (*A.-S.*)  
 If thou my some hast joye had.  
 Whan thou another *syge unglad*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 62.  
 UNGODE. Bad; evil.  
 UNGODLY. Squeamish; nice. *North*.  
 UNGONE. Not gone. *North*.  
 UNGRACIOUS. Unfortunate.  
 UNGRATHILY. Improperly; unbecomingly.  
 UNGREABLE. Disagreeable.  
 UNGUNDE. Ungrateful.  
 Wit this hetel be the smieth,  
 And alle the worle thit wite,  
 That theut the *ungunde* alle this thing,  
 And goht himselfe a beggyng.  
*MS. Bib. Reg.* 7 E. iv. f. 45.  
 UNHAP. Misfortune.  
 UNHAPPILY. Censoriously.  
 UNHAPPY. Mischievous; unlucky.  
 UNHARDELED. Dispersed. *Gawayne*.  
 UNHARDY. Not bold. (*A.-N.*)  
 UNHECKLED. Untidy; disordered.  
 UNHELE. (1) To uncover. See *Helv*.  
 (2) Misfortune. (*A.-S.*)  
 UNHENDE. Ungentle.  
 To Sir Gawayne than sayd the kyng,  
 Forsothe dethe was to *unhende*.  
*MS. Harl.* 2252, f. 100.  
 UNHEPPEN. Clumsy. *North*.  
 UNHERTY. Timid; cowardly.  
 UNHIDE. To discover.  
 UNHOMED. Awkward; unlikely. *Cumb*.  
 UNHONEST. Dishonorable. *North*.  
 UNION. A fine pearl. (*Lat.*)  
 UNITE. A gold coin worth about twenty shil-  
 lings. See *Snelling's Coins*, p. 24.  
 UNJOINE. To separate; to disjoin.  
 UNJOINT. To carve a curlew.  
 UNKARD. (1) Lonely; dreary; solitary. Few  
 provincial words are more common than this.  
 It is derived from the *A.-S.* *un-cwyd*, quiet,  
 solitary.  
 (2) Old; ugly; awkward; strange; unusual;  
 particular; inconvenient; froward. *Var. dial.*  
 UNKEK. Unopened.  
 UNKEMBED. Uncombed.  
 UNKENDE. Unnatural.  
 It wastes the body and forduse  
 Throuc *unkende* outrage us.  
*MS. Harl.* 2260, f. 141.

UNKENT. Unkenned; unknown.  
 UNKER. Of you. (*A.-S.*)  
 UNKETH. Uncouth; strange.  
 UNKEVELEDEN. Uncovered.  
 UNKIND. Lonely. *North*.  
 UNKINDE. Unnatural. (*A.-S.*)  
 UNKIT. Uncut. *MS. Douce* 302, f. 2.  
 UNKNOWABLE. Incapable of being known.  
 UNKNOWING. Unknown. *North*.  
 UNKNOWN. An unknown man, one who does  
 good secretly. *North*.  
 UNKUD. Unknown.  
 Thou shalt have ever thi heed hud,  
 Thishame shal not be *unkud*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab.* f. 6.  
 UNKUNNYNGE. Ignorance.  
 I am rude to reherse all  
 For *unkunnyng* and for laeke of space.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashm.* 39, f. 19.  
 UNKYNDESCHIPE. Unkindness.  
 As he whiche throw *unkyndeschipe*  
 Envieth every felawschipe.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 81.  
 UNLACE. (1) To cut up. *Gawayne*.  
 (2) To unfasten; to unclotche. *ib.*  
 UNLAWE. Injustice. (*A.-S.*)  
 Cayphas herde that ilke sawe,  
 He spake to Jhesu with *un-lawe*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff.* v. 48, f. 18.  
 UNLEED. A general name for any crawling,  
 venomous creature, as a toad, &c. It is some-  
 times ascribed to man, and then it denotes a  
 sly, wicked fellow, that, in a manner, creeps to  
 do mischief, the very pest of society.  
 UNLEFE. Unbeloved; loathsome.  
 UNLEK. Unlocked; opened.  
 UNLETTED. Undisturbed.  
 UNLICKED. Unpolished. *Var. dial.*  
 UNLIFTY. Unwieldy. *Devon*.  
 UNLIGHT. To alight. *West*.  
 UNLOVEN. To cease loving.  
 UNLUST. (1) Dislike. (2) Illness.  
 UNMACKLY. Misshapen. *North*.  
 UNMANNODE. Cowardice.  
 UNMANNED. Untamed. *Shak*.  
 UNMATCHED. Unequally matched.  
 UNMAYTE. Immense.  
 Goddes grace thare he es wille nochte be *un-mayte*,  
 bot ever he es wyrkkande, and he es waxeand ay  
 mare and mare to mekille the mede.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i.* 17, f. 243.  
 UNMEK. Wicked. (*A.-S.*)  
 UNMERCIFULLY. Very. *West*.  
 UNMESTE.  
 Heyngere of men prayse y leste,  
 For that office es moste *unmeste*.  
*MS. Harl.* 2260, f. 59.  
 UNMIGHTY. Unable. *Chaucer*.  
 UNMYLDE. Fierce.  
 Ordeyned hath by grete cruelte  
 This ram to kepe boles ful *unmylde*,  
 With brasen feete, rancegeous and wilde.  
*MS. Digby* 230.  
 UNNAIT. Useless; vain; unprofitable.  
 UNNE. To give, consent, wish well to.  
 UNNEATH. Beneath. *Somerset*.  
 UNNES. *Unnethe*, scarcely.

UNNETHE. Scarcely. (*A.-S.*)

How schulde themne a dro[n]ken mon  
Do that the sobere *unnethe* cou.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 135.*

Alle the processe in that day,  
That alle this world speke of may,  
Shal than so shortly ben y-do,  
A moment shal *unnethe* therto

*MS. Addit. 11305, f. 91.*

UNNOCK. To shoot an arrow.

UNNOTEFUL. Unprofitable.

UNNOYEAND. Agreeable.

The *unnoyeand* to sustayne us and fede,  
And to helpe us and ese us in owre nede.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 189.*

UNORDAYNDE. Inordinate.

The delyste that has noghte of *unordaynde* styr-  
ryng, and mekely has styrryng in Criste.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 196*

Wharefore a man that weded es,  
Schulde kepe hym ay in clenens,  
And no dede *unordaynyly* to wyrke,  
Agayn the sacrament of holy kyrke.

*MS. Harl. 2200, f. 91.*

UNOURSE. Old; worn out. (*A.-S.*)

Now age *unourne* putteth awey favoure,  
That floury youghthe in his soun conquerid.

*Oceleve, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 255.*

UNPATIENTNESS. Impatience.

UNPEES. Disquiet.

Thei forsoke this worldes ese,  
To mon wrouȝte thei never *unpees*

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 83.*

UNPEREGAL. Unequal.

UNPERFECT. Imperfect. *North.*

UNPINNE. To unbolt. (*A.-S.*)

UNPITOUS. Cruel; not pitous.

UNPLAYNE. Obscure.

For who that is to trouthe *unplayne*,  
He may not faylen of venjaunce.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 45.*

UNPLEASED. Unpaid.

UNPLITE. To unfold. *Chaucer.*

UNPLUNGE. Unexpectedly. *Line.*

UNPLYE. Open; unfolded.

UNPOSSIBLE. Impossible. *North.*

So mighty is he evere moo,  
*Unpossible* is not him to do.

*MS. Abbot. 11305, f. 92*

UNPOWER. Helplessness. *Dorset.*

UNPROPER. Not confined to one.

UNPROPICE. Unpropitious.

UNQUEMEFULLY. Unpleasantly.

*Unquemefully* themne shul thei quake,  
That al the erthe shal to-shake.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 134.*

UNQUERT. Uneasiness.

He herde her menyng and *unquert*,  
And shope therfore in lital stert.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 36.*

UN-QUEYNTE. Unquenched.

Hycken the worlde to fyre *un-queynte*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 34, f. 26.*

UNRAD. Bold; imprudent.

UNRAKE. Not stirred.

Eke as charbokyll casteth ryght beyms,  
With rody lighte, as cole that is *unrake*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 12.*

UNRAY. To undress. *West.*

UNREADY. Undressed.

UNREAVE. To unravel. *Spenser.*

UNRECLAIMED. Wild, as a hawk.

UNRECURING. Incurable.

UNREDE. Imprudent. (*A.-S.*)

UNREDUCT. Unreduced.

UNRESONABLE. Irrational.

Go out of the schip, thou, and thi wif, thi sones,  
and the wyves of thi sones with thee, and lede out  
with thee alle livyng beestis that be at the of eeh  
fleish, as wel in volatils as in *unresonable* bestis.

*Wicliffe, MS. Bodl. 277.*

UNRESPECTIVE. Inconsiderate.

UNREST. Want of rest; uneasiness; trouble;

vexation. (*A.-S.*)

UNRID. Dirty; disorderly. *North.*

UNRIDE. Harsh; severe; large. (*A.-S.*)

And toke hys burdon yn hys honde,

Of stele that was *unryde*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 88.*

They hym assayled on every syde,

And he gave them strokas *unryde*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 171*

An iryne clube he gane hyme ta,

Was mekille and *unryde*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 140.*

UNRIGHTE. Wrong. (*A.-S.*)

Mekille maugre base he

That chalanges *unrighte*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 132.*

UNRO. Vexation; trouble.

If he bigon to harpe and syng,

Of his *unro* he had restyng.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 47.*

UNRUDE. Civil; polished.

UNRSAD. Unsteady.

UNSAUGHTIE. At strife.

UNSAWNEY. Unfortunate. *Yorksh.*

UNSCAPE. To put one in mind of something  
disagreeable in discoursing.

UNSCHEPELICHE. Unshapely; ugly.

UNSCIENCE. Not-science. *Tyrwhitt.*

UNSCRIFE. To put in mind of. *North.*

UNSEKE. Not sick; healthy.

UNSELE. Unhappiness. (*A.-S.*)

Lord, he seide, now se I wele,

My syme bath set me in *unsele*.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 8.*

ȝa, he said, that saughe I wele;

How myghte that make so myche *unsele*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 123.*

UNSELY. Unhappy.

Whereof the world ensample fette,

May aftir this, whanne I am goo,

Of thilke *unselly* jolyf woo

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 38.*

Galatun mett king Samgran,

An *unselly* hoge man.

*Arthur and Merlin, p. 182.*

*Unselly* ghost, hwat d-stu here?

Thu were in helle mine vere.

*MS. Co. L. Jrs. Gron. I. 29.*

UNSENE. Invisible. Hall, Henry VI. f. 63,

uses it for not previously seen.

So the soule, withouten weene,

To alle thinge hit is *unseen*.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 4.*

UNSENSED. Stunned; insensible. *East.*

UNSET. Not appointed. See *Steevn.*

UNSETE. Unsuitable.

**UNSEWYR.** Insecure; unsafe.  
 Ful *unsewyr* atte the laste may he be,  
 To sette hys herte in swych abundaunce.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 136.*

**UNSHAKEN.** Perfect; in good order.

**UNSIENE.** Dark; not bright.

**UNSIETTE.** Opened.

**UNSHOTE.** To open a door, &c.

**UNSIDED.** In confusion. *North.*

**UNSIHT.** Unseen. *Ritson.*

**UNSTITINGE.** Unsuitable.

**UNSKERE.** To unfold; to discover.

**UNSKYLWYS.** Irrational.  
 Bot lyfes als aue *unskylwys* best.  
*MS. Hart. 4196, f. 216.*

**UNSLEKKED.** Unslacked.

**UNSLEPT.** Having had no sleep.

**UNSLEJE.** Unskilful; not sly.  
 Greet he was and also heje,  
 He semed Sathanas *unsleje*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 47.*  
 A, Lord God! that I was *unslye*;  
 Alasse! that ever he come so nye.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 55.*

**UNSNECK.** To unlatch a door. *North.*

**UNSOAPED.** Low; dirty. *Var. dial.*

**UNSOFT.** Hard. *Chaucer.*

**UNSOGHT.** Disturbed; disordered.

**UNSOLEMPNE.** Uncelibrated.

**UNSOUTERLY.** Unhandy. *Devon.*

**UNSPARELY.** Unsparingly. *Gawayne.*

**UNSPERE.** To unbolt. *Lydgate, p. 54.*

**UNSPOILE.** To despoil; to undress.

**UNSTANCHEABLE.** Inexhaustible.

**UNSTANCHIED.** Unsatisfied.

**UNSTEKE.** Unfastened; not bolted.

**UNSTIL.** In motion. *Suffolk.*

**UNSTRIKE.** To draw the strings of a hawk's hood, to be in readiness to pull off.

**UNSTRONGE.** Weak. (*A.-S.*)

**UNSECURITY.** Irregular. *West.*

**UNSUMED.** Said of the feathers of a hawk, when not fully grown.

**UNSWADE.** To take off swaddling-clothes.

**UNSWARE.** To answer.  
 Belevest thou on Fader, and Sone, and Holy Gost,  
 As thou art holden, wel thou wost,  
 Thre persons in 'Trynyté,  
 And on God? *Unsware* thou me.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 137.*

**UNSWEAR.** To perjure. *Drayton.*

**UNSWELL.** To fall after swelling.

**UNTALDE.** Not reckoned. (*A.-S.*)

**UNTANG.** To untie. *Somerset.*

**UNTEREST.** Uttermost.

**UNTERMED.** Interminable.

**UNTEYDE.** Unabated.  
 In alle that ever 3e have seyde,  
 My sorow is evermore *unteyde*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 125.*

**UNTHANK.** No thanks; ill-will.

**UNTHAW.** To thaw. *South.*

**UNTHIENDE.** Outcast; abject.  
 The worldys wyslys ryzt noust me payes,  
 For they ben false and ful *unthende*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 23.*

**UNTHIEWID.** Unmannerly.

What is to ben of pride *unthewid*  
 A3en the hye Goddis lawe.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 58.*

**UNTHRIFT.** Prodigality.

**UNTHRIVE.** To be unsuccessful.  
 His wif made him to *unthrive*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 59.*

**UNTID.** (1) Unseasonable. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) Anointed. *MS. Vocab.*

**UNTIDY.** Dirty; slovenly; ignorant.

**UNTIL.** To; unto. (*A.-S.*)

**UNTIME.** An unseasonable time.

**UNTO.** Until. (*A.-S.*)

**UNTOWARD.** Wild; fierce.

**UNTRIMMED.** Being a virgin. See a note in Dilke's *Old Plays*, iv. 95.

**UNTRISTE.** To mistrust.

**UNUSAGE.** Want of usage.

**UNVALUED.** Invaluable.

**UNVAMPED.** Fresh; genuine.

**UNVOYANDNES.**  
 His rightwisnes es in gude dedes and his *unvoy-*  
*andnes* es that he es withoute ille.  
*MS. Coll. Eton. 10, f. 11.*

**UNWAGED.** Without wages or salary.

**UNWARELY.** Unawares; unforeseen.  
 And *unwarely* affere hym on the playne  
 Apperid an angell with face sterre and bright.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 51.*

**UNWARNEDD.** Without intimation.  
 The kyng hymselfe wolde ofte tyme come too  
 mete *unwarned*, and sytt downe, for love that he  
 had to seynt Thomas  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 11.*

**UNWARY.** Unexpected. *Spenser.*

**UNWELDE.** Unwieldy.  
 Thou shal him saye I am *unwelde*  
 For longe lyved am I in elde.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 8.*  
 A clobb of yron in honde hathé tan,  
 That was mekyllé and fulle *unwelde*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 64.*

**UNWEMMED.** Spotless. (*A.-S.*)

**UNWERNISHIT.** Unexpectedly.

**UNWETING.** Not knowing. (*A.-S.*)

**UNWEVID.** Unfinished; imperfect.

**UNWEXE.** To decrease.

**UNWINE.** Want of joy. (*A.-S.*)

**UNWINLY.** Unjoyously. (*A.-S.*)  
 I sold hym *unwynly* wake  
 Or to morne day. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 132.*

**UNWISDOME.** Folly. (*A.-S.*)

**UNWIST.** Unknown.

**UNWIT.** Want of wit or knowledge. *Unwit-*  
*andnesse*, ignorance. (*A.-S.*)

**UNWITONDE.** Not knowing it.  
 And Jhesu aftir stilly stalle,  
 Joseph and Mary *unwitonde*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 78.*

**UNWITTHLY.** Unwisely. (*A.-S.*)

**UNWRAIN.** To uncover; to unfold.

**UNWRASTE.** Wicked; base; weak.  
 And hys seryauntes that were *unwraste*,  
 Fette forthe the chylde yn haste.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 140.*

**UNWRITHTLY.** Unworthily.  
*Unwrithtly* art thou made gentyll,  
 3yf thou yn wurdys and dedys be yl.  
*MS. Hart. 1701, f. 20.*

UNWRY. Uncovered. (*A.-S.*)  
Whanne every racke and every cloudy skye  
Is voyde clene, so hire face uncouthe  
Schalle schewe in open and fully he *unwryn*.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 9.*

UNYED. United.  
Bowe, I besече the, thyn heven, and come down  
to me, soo that I be knyt and *unyed* to the, and I be  
made one spirite wyth the.  
*Caxton's Divers Fruitful Ghostly Maters.*

UNYON. An onion. Nominale MS.

UON. To run. *Somerset.*

UP. (1) Upon. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) To rise; to get up. *West.*

UP-A-DAISA. An expression used when  
dancing a child up and down.

UP-ALONG. Down along. *South.*

UPAZET. In perfection. *Exmoor.*

UP-BLOCK. A horse-block. *Glowe.*

UPBRAID. The same as *Abraid*, q. v.

UPBRAYDE. An up-stroke?  
Hys swyrde brake with the *upbrayde*.  
And therwith was Gye dy-mayed.  
*MS. Cantab. Ft. ii. 38, f. 213.*

UPCAST. To reprove. *North.*

UPE. Upon. (*A.-S.*)

UPEHOVEN. Upraised. (*A.-S.*)

UPELONDERS. Country people. This word  
occurs in MS. Arundel. 42.

UP-FOND. To raise with effort.

UPIIAF. Heaved up. (*A.-S.*)

UPIIALE. To draw or pull up.

UPIIAND-SLEDGE. A large iron hammer  
lifted up with both hands.

UPHEADED. (1) Having the horns nearly  
straight. (2) Ill-tempered. *North.*

UPIIPEPE. To heap up.

UPIIPEVE. To raise; to exalt.

UPHOLD. To warrant; to vouch for. *North.*

UPLAND. High land. *North.* The term oc-  
curs in Brathwait's Law of Drinking, p. 147.

UPLANDISH. Countryfied. (*A.-S.*)

UPLIFTE. Lifted up.

UP-MET. Having full measure. *North.*

UP-ON-END. Perpendicular.

UPPARD. Upwards. *Hearne.*

UPPEN. To mention; to disclose. *East.*

UPPEREST. Highest.

UPPER-HAND. To apprehend. *East.*

UPPER-HATCH. To understand. *Norf.*

UPPERLET. A shoulder-knot. *East.*

UPPER-STOCKS. Breeches.

UPPER-STORY. The head. *Var. dial.*

UPPING. Point; crisis. *North.*

UPPING-BLOCK. A horse-block. *Var. dial.*

UPPINGS. Perquisites. *Somerset.*

UPPING-STOCK. See *Upping-block*.

UPPISH. Proud; insolent. *Var. dial.*

UPRAPE. To start up.

UPRIGHT. (1) Emirely. *East.*  
(2) Straight. This term was applied to persons  
lying down, as well as standing.

UPRIGHT-MAN. The chief of a crew of beg-  
gars. See *Grose* in v.

UPRISE. To church women. *Cornw.*

UPRISTE. The Resurrection.  
Jhesus seide, I am *upriste* and lif.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 88*

UPROAR. Confusion; disorder. *West.*

UPSE-DUTCH. A heavy kind of Dutch beer,  
formerly much used in England. *Upse-freese*,  
a similar drink imported from Friesland.  
*Upse-English*, a strong ale made in England in  
imitation of these. *To be upse-Dutch*, to be  
tipsy, or stupefied. *To drink upse-Dutch*, to  
drink swinishly, like a Dutchman. See Ben  
Jonson, iv. 150.  
Tom is no more like thee then chalks like cheese,  
To pledge a health or to drinke *up-se freese*.  
*Letting of Humours Blood in the Head-Vaine, 1660.*

UPSET. (1) A cross; an obstruction.  
(2) A smith's term, when the iron at heat is  
driven back into the body of the work.

UPSETTING. (1) A christening. *Exmoor.* In  
the North, the first party after an accouche-  
ment.  
(2) *Upsetting and down-throssan*, hereabouts.  
(3) A disagreement; a quarrel. *South.*

UPSHOT. Result; issue. *Var. dial.*

UPSIDES. To be upsides with any one, i. e.  
to be even with, or a match for him.

UPSIGHTED. A defect in vision, produced by  
a contraction of the lower portion of the iris,  
thus depriving a person of the power of readily  
seeing objects below the level of his eyes.  
*Somerset.*

UPSODOWN. Upside down.  
And I kan, by collu-youn,  
Turne alle estates *up-so-down*,  
And sette, though ffolke hadde it sworne.  
That is bakward to go by fforne.  
*MS. Cotton. Titul. A. vii. f. 66.*  
Thus is this worlde turned *up-so-doune*,  
Tyll many mans dampnacowne.  
*Hampole, MS. Bales, p. 54.*

UPSPRING. An upstart.

UPSTANDS. Marks for boundaries of parishes,  
estates, &c., being live trees or bushes cut off  
about breast high. *Kent.*

UPSTARING. Somewhat presuming. *Suff.*

UPSTARTS. Puddles made by the hoofs of  
horses in clayey ground. *East.*

UPSTIR. Disturbance. *Somerset.*

UPSTODE. Stood up. (*A.-S.*)

UPSTROKE. Conclusion. *North.*

UPTACK. (1) To understand. *North.*  
(2) A person not to be equalled.

UPTAIS-ALL. Riotous confusion.

UP-TO. Equal to; upon. *Var. dial.*

UPWARD. Top, or height.

UP-WENDE. Went up.

UP-WITH. Up to or equal with.

URCHIN. (1) A hedgehog. *Var. dial.* "A ur-  
chone, a beest, *herrysson*," Palsgrave.  
(2) The key of the ash tree.  
(3) A fairy, or spirit.

URE. (1) An hour. MS. Cott. Vesp. D. ii.  
(2) An ewer, or washing-basin.  
(3) Fortune; destiny. (*A.-N.*)  
(4) Use. Also, to use.  
(5) An udder. *North.*

(6)

Now late hire come, and liche as God ȝow ure,  
For ȝow disposeth taketh ȝowre aventure.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 7.*

URED. Fortunate.

URGE. To retch. *West.*

URGEFUL. Urgent; importunate.

URINCH-MILK. Whey.

URINE. (1) A net made of fine thread, formerly used for catching hawks.

(2) Mingere. *MS. Vocab.*

URIST. Sunrise.

Veisith his lyzte whanne it begynneth dawe,  
At the wrist in the morowynge.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 18.*

URITH. The bindings of a hedge.

URLED. (1) Starved with cold. *North.*(2) Stunted. *Urlying, a dwarf. North.*

URLES. Tares.

URNE. To run; to flow.

URRY. The blue clay which is often found immediately above a strata of coal.

URRYSONES. Orisons.

URTHE. Earth.

Alle thyng made wyth on spelle,  
Hevene, and *urthe*, and eke helle.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 133*

US. We; our. *Var. dial.*

USAGE. Experience; practice.

USANT. Using; accustomed. (*A.-N.*)

USAUNCE. Usage; practice.

Brouȝte to the temple to his oblacoun,  
As was the lawe, custum, and *usaunce*.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 29.*

And so bifelle upon a day,  
As thiike tyme was *usance*.

*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 51.*

USCHEW. Issue, the right of a road out of a wood. *Finchale Ch.*USE. (1) Usury; interest. *Var. dial.*

O tis a thing more than ridiculous,  
To take a man's full sum, and not pay *use*.

*Fletcher's Poems, p. 68.*

(2) To haunt; to frequent.

USER. A profitable animal.

USERE. An usurer.

Alhys lyf, soth to say,

He wurthe to an *usere*. *MS. Harl. 2320, f. 36.*

USES. Practical inferences derived from doctrine, a term used by Puritans.

USTILMENT. Furniture; utensils.

UT. Out. Still in use.

UTAS. The eighth day, or the space of eight days, after any festival. "Utas of a feest, *oelaves*," Palsgrave.UTCHY. I. *Somerset.*UTEN. Without; foreign. (*A.-S.*)

UTHAGE. The chaffinch. The whinchat is so termed in Shropshire.

UTRAGE. Excess. (*A.-N.*)

To bringe into that heritage

That I have lost bi myn *utrage*.

*Corsor Munds, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 6.*

UTTER. Outward; more out. *Utter-barristers*, lawyers who pleaded without the bar.UTTERANCE. Extremity. (*A.-N.*)

UTTERESTE. Uttermost.

Telle me, ser, what thay are that hase thus farene  
with the, and I sewre the, als I am trew mane, I  
salle venge the to the *uttereste*.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 20.*

UTTERLY. Thoroughly; entirely.

Thorowe the londe *utterly*

He dud grete chevalry.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 153.*

UTTREN. To publish; to give out; to sell.

UVELE. Evil. *Beket, p. 20.*UVVER. Upper; over. *North.*UZZARD. The letter Z. *Lanc.*UZZLE. A blackbird. *Yorksh.*

VACABONDE. A vagabond.

VACAT. Anything missing. (*Lat.*)VACCARY. A cow-pasture. *Lanc.*

VACCHE. To fetch.

VACHERY. A dairy. *Pr. Parv.*

VADE. To fade.

All as a slope, and like the grasse,  
Whose bewty some doth *vade*. *MS. Ashmole 802.*

VADY. Damp; musty. *Devon.*VAG. (1) To thump. *West.*(2) Turf for fuel. *Devon.*

VAGABOND. To wander.

VAGACIONE. Wandering.

Whenne the mynde es stableded sadely without-  
tene changeunge and *vagacione* in Godd and gastely  
thynges. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 220.*

VAGAUNT. Vagrant; wanderer. *Baber.*

VAGE. To stroll; to wander about. Also a substantive, a voyage, a journey.

VAIL. (1) Progress. *South.*(2) To lower; to let fall. (*Fr.*) It was used as a mark of submission or inferiority, to lower the sails of a ship, &c.(3) Empty. *Somerset.*

VAILE. To avail.

Whate *vayleth* bewte which ys nat mercyablile?

Whate *vayleth* a sterre when hit do nat schyne?

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 130.*

VAILS. Gifts to servants.

VAIR. Truly. (*A.-N.*)

VAIRE. A kind of fur, supposed to be that of a species of weasel still so called.

And sythene to bedd he es broghte als it ware a  
prynce, and happed with ryche robes appone hyme  
ynewe, wele furred with *vayre* and with gryse.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 248.*

VALE. Many. *Hearne.*VALENCE. (1) To ornament with drapery. Shakespeare, in Hamlet, ii. 2, uses the word allegorically, applied to a face being *valenced* or fringed with a beard.

After folowed his three aydes, every of them  
under a pavilion of crymosyn damaske, and purple  
poudred with H. and K. of fyne golde, *valenced* and  
frynged with golde of damaske.

*Hall, Henry VIII. c. 12.*

(2) Valencia in Spain.

VALENCY. Valiancy.

- VALENTIA. The tin machine used for lifting beer, wine, &c., out at the bung-hole of a cask, by pressing the thumb on the small hole at top. *Moor.*
- VALENTINE. The custom of the different sexes choosing themselves mates on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th, the names being selected either by lots, or methods of divination, is of great antiquity in England. The name so drawn was the *valentine* of the drawer.
- Thow it be ale other wyn,  
Godys blessing have he and myn.  
My none genty! *Volontyns,*  
Good Tomas the frere. *MS. Harl. 1735, f. 48.*
- VALERIE. Valerius Maximus.
- VALEW. Value. *Spenser.*
- VALIANCE. Valour. *Spenser.*
- VALIANT. Worth. Middleton, ii. 8.
- VALIDITY. Value. *Shak.*
- VALIDOM. Value; extent. *North.*
- VALL. *To vall over the desk, to have the bans of matrimony thrice called. Ermoor.*
- VALLEY. (1) To rock.  
(2) A small hollow, or channel.
- VALLIMENT. Value. *Staff.*
- VALLIONS. The valance of a bed.
- VALLOED. Laid in fallow.
- VALLOR. A fallow. In Sussex this name is given to a large wooden dish used in dairies.
- VALLOW. A press for cheese.
- VALOR. Value; extent. *Becon.*
- VALOUR. To esteem. *East.*
- VALUATION. Quantity. *Var. dial.*
- VALURE. Value; worth. *(Fr.)*
- VAMBRACE. Armour for the front of the arm.  
See Hall, Henry IV. f. 12.
- VAMP. To patch up.
- VAMPER. To vapour; to swagger.
- VAMPLATE. A round plate of iron fixed at the end of a tilting lance to guard the hand.
- VAMPLETS. Rude gaiters to defend the legs from wet. *Hills.*
- VAMPY. The bottoms of hose, or gaiters attached to the hose, covering the foot. Grose has *vampers*, stockings. "*Pedana*, *vampethe*." Nominale MS.
- VAMURE. The same as *Acantmure*, q. v.
- VANCE-ROOF. The garret. *Norf.*
- VANG. To receive; to earn; to catch; to throw. Ray says, "to answer for at the font as godfather; he *vang'd* to me at the vant."
- VANISHED. Made vain.
- VANISTE. Vanished.  
And es *vanyste* to heven an hey,  
Thoue holy thougt with gostely ey.  
*MS. Harl. 2290, f. 13.*
- VANITY. Dizziness?  
For *vanyt* of the hede a gude medsyn. Take the juce of walworte, salt, hony, wax, ensence, and boyle them togyder over the fyre, and therwythe anoynt thine hede and thy templeys.  
*MS. Sloane 7, f. 79.*
- VANT. (1) A font. *Somerset.*  
(2) The van of an army.
- VANTAGE. (1) Advantage; benefit.
- (2) Surplus; excess; addition.
- VANTBRACE. Same as *Vambrace*, q. v.
- VANT-CURRIER. Advanced guard. *(Fr.)*
- VANTE. A winter trap for birds, made of willow, &c. *Somerset.*
- VANTERIE. Boasting. *Daniel.*
- VAPOUR. To bully; to swagger.
- VAPOURED. Inclined to yawn. *East.*
- VARA. Very. *Somerset.*
- VARDAS. Talk; speech. *Yorksh.*
- VARDET. A verdict. Still in use.
- VARDELE. A common eye or thimble of a gate, with a spike only. *Norf.*
- VARDYKE. Verdict; judgment. *North.*
- VARIAUNT. Changeable. *(A.-N.)*
- VARIEN. To change; to alter. *(A.-N.)*
- VARIETY. A rarity. *Chesh.*
- VARLET. (1) The knave at cards.  
(2) A servant. The serjeant-at-mace to the city counters was also so called.
- VARMENT. Vermin. *North.*
- VARMER. A large hawk. *I. of Wight.*
- VARNDE. Burnt. *R. Glouc.*
- VARNISH. Same as *Barnish*, q. v.
- VARRAYLIER. More truly.  
And the nerrer that thai sal hym be,  
The *varraylier* thai sal hym se.  
*Hanjoie, MS. Boies, p. 235.*
- VARRY. To fall at variance; to contend.
- VARSAL. Universal; great. *North.*
- VARY. Variation; turn. *Shak.*
- VASEY. To comb; to curry; to plague; to give a beating; to force away. *West.*
- VASSALAGE. Valour; courage. *(A.-N.)*
- VAST. (1) Waste; deserted place.  
(2) A great quantity. *Var. dial.*  
(3) *Vast little*, a very small portion.
- VASTACIE. Waste and deserted places.
- VASTURE. Great magnitude.
- VASTY. Vast; immense.
- VAT. The bed of a cider press.
- VAULTING-HOUSE. A brothel. Florio, p. 97.
- VACMPES. Gaiters. See *Vampy*.
- VAUNT. A dish made in a fryingpan with marrow, plums, and eggs.
- VAUNTOUR. A boaster. *(A.-N.)*
- VAUNTPERLER. A boaster. *(Fr.)*
- VAUNT-WARDE. The avant-guard. *(A.-N.)*
- VAUSE. According to Holme, "to make the jaumes to oversale the mullions."
- VAUTER. A dancer.
- VAVASOUR. A kind of inferior gentry, one who held his lands in fealty. *(A.-N.)*  
Bothe knightes and *vavasour*,  
This damisels love paramour.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 329.*  
And sythen he hath had grete honoure,  
That furste was a pore *vavogere*.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38, f. 202.*
- VAW. (1) Few. (2) Glad.
- VAWARD. The vanward; the fore part.
- VAWTH. A bank of dung or earth prepared for manure. *Somerset.*
- VAY. To succeed; to prosper. *South.*
- VAYNE. Vanity. *(A.-N.)*
- VAYTE. To take. Thornton Rom. p. 308.

VAZE. To flutter about. *West.*  
 VAZEN. Faiths. *Somerset.*  
 VEAGUE. (1) A teasing child. *West.*  
 (2) A freak; a whim. *Somerset.*  
 VEAK. A gathering, or uleer. *West.*  
 VEAKING. Fretful; peevish. *Decon.*  
 VECISE. Bladder. (*Lat.*)  
 VECKE. An old woman. *Chaucer.*  
 Florent his wofulle heed up lette,  
 And syþe this vekke where sche sat.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 49.*  
 VECTIGAL. Tithes. *Leland, iv. 111.*  
 VEDGING. Sideling. *Decon.*  
 VEERCE. A verse. *Pr. Parc.*  
 VEERING. A furrow. *Glouc.*  
 VEERS. Young pigs. *Cornw.*  
 VEGE. A run before leaping. *West.*  
 VEGET. Lively; brilliant. (*Lat.*)  
 VEGETIVE. A vegetable. *Davenant.*  
 VEGGE. A wodge. *Pr. Parc.*  
 VEILLE. An old woman. (*A.-N.*)  
 VEIR. Truly. *See V'air.*  
 VEIRE. Fair; good; beautiful.  
 VELANIE. Wickedness.  
 VELASOUR. Same as *Vavasour*, q. v.  
 VELATED. Veiled. *Becon, p. 112.*  
 VELE. Veil. *Spenser.*  
 VELL. The salted stomach of a calf, used for making cheese; a membrane.  
 VELLE. Velvet. *Spenser.*  
 VELLING. Getting turf up for burning.  
 VELURE. Velvet. (*Fr.*)  
 VELVET-GUARDS. Trimmings of velvet.  
 VELVET-HEAD. The incipient horns of a stag which are covered with a rough skin.  
 VELVET-TIPS. *See Velvet-head.*  
 VELYARDE. Old man; dotard.  
 VELYM. Vellum. *Pr. Parc.*  
 VEMDE. Foamed. *Hearne.*  
 VENON. Venom. *North.*  
 VENAIG. To change; to revoke. *West.*  
 VENCOWSDE. Vanquished.  
 He that on hys hedd byt bare  
 schulde not be *concourse* in no warre.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 193.*  
 VENDABLE. To be sold. (*A.-N.*)  
 VENDAGE. Vintage; harvest. (*A.-N.*)  
 VENDS. A limited sale of coal, as arranged by the trade. *Newc.*  
 VENERIE. Hunting. (*A.-N.*)  
 VENERIEN. Venereal. *Pulsgrave.*  
 VENETIANS. A kind of hose or breeches made to come below the garters.  
 VENGE. To revenge. (*A.-N.*)  
 Sone, he now of comfort gode,  
 And *venge* thu, yt thou may.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 89.*  
 For if the t-one hirt the tothere sore,  
 The tothere ne *venges* hym nevere the more.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 2.*  
 VENGEABLE. Revengeful; cruel.  
 VENGEANCE. Very.  
 VENGED. (1) Avenged.  
 The greyhownde dyd hym sone to go,  
 When hys maystyrz dethe he had *vened* soo.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 74.*  
 (2) Winged. *Chaucer, ed. Wright, 1387.*

VENICE-GLASS. A cup, goblet, or looking-glass, made of fine crystal glass.  
 VENIED. Musty; mouldy. *West.*  
 VENIME. Poison; venom. (*A.-N.*)  
 VENISON. Brawn of a wild boar.  
 VENJAWNCERE. A revenger.  
 VENNE. Mud; dirt. (*A.-S.*)  
 Hereof mowe men se gret schewyng  
 In dyvers maners of clothyng,  
 Now schort, now traylyng upon the *venne*,  
 Now streyt, nows wyde as nyse menne.  
*MS. Laud. 486, f. 21.*  
 VENNEL. A gutter; a sink. *North.*  
 VENNY. Rather. *Heref.*  
 VENOM. (1) A gathering in any part of the finger but the top. *Decon.*  
 (2) Dry; harsh. *Warw.*  
 VENQUESTE. Vanquished.  
 VENT. (1) An inn. (*Span.*)  
 (2) To snuff up; to smell. (*Lat.*)  
 (3) To vend, or sell. Still in use.  
 (4) An opening in any garment.  
 VENTAL. *See Arentaile.*  
 VENTER-POYNT. A children's game.  
 At shove-groate, *venter-poynt*, or *cross* and pile.  
*Letterz of Humours Blood in the Head-Vaine, 1600.*  
 VENT-HOLE. The button-hole at the wrist of a shirt. *Somerset.*  
 VENTIDUCT. A passage for air.  
 VENTOSE. A cupping-glass. (*A.-N.*)  
 VENTOSITE. The colic.  
 VENTOUSE. To enp. (*A.-N.*)  
 Bledde thane on the wayne that is bitwix the ankille and the hele, or elles be *ventouse* on the thee with a boyste beside the bocche  
*MS. Lincoln Mss. f. 301.*  
 VENTOY. A fan.  
 VENU. A jump, or leap. (*A.-N.*)  
 VENU. A bout or thrust in fencing.  
 VENUS. A term at the game of astragals. q. v.  
 See *MS. Ashmole 788, f. 162.*  
 VENVIL. This word occurs in an old MS. of the rights of the parish of Mavey, quoted in Marshall's Rural Economy of the West of England, i. 326, meaning the right of pasturage and fuel. It is supposed by Marshall to be a corruption of *fen* and *field*.  
 VEO. Few; little. *West.*  
 VEOLTI. Filth. *Weber.*  
 VEPPE. Wept; cried.  
 VER. (1) The spring. (*Lat.*)  
 (2) Man; knight. *Gawayne.*  
 VERAMENT. Truly. (*A.-N.*)  
 The erle of Glowsytoor *verament*  
 Toke hys leve and home he wente.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 62.*  
 These thre poyntes *verement*  
 Nowther sehale do but bothe assent.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 131.*  
 VERAY. True. (*A.-N.*)  
 VERCLEF. Cleaved. *Hearne.*  
 VERD. (1) Green; greenness.  
 (2) Fared. *Sevyn Sages, 612.*  
 VERDE. Feared; was moved; enraged. Also, army, forces, rout. *Hearne.*  
 VERDED. An Italian wine.  
 VERDEKYN. A firkin.



VERDINGALE. A fardingale.  
 VERDITE. Judgment; sentence. (*A.-N.*)  
 VERDUGO. A hangman. (*Span.*)  
 VERDURE. Tapestry.  
 VERDUROUS. Green. *Drayton.*  
 VERE. Fere; companion. (*A.-N.*)  
 VEREL. A small iron hoop. *North.* Also, the ferule of a knife.  
 VERGE. Green.  
 VERGEOUS. Verjuice. *Palsgrave.*  
 VERGER. A garden; an orchard.  
 VERITEE. Truth.  
 VERLICHE. Fairly. *Hearne.*  
 VERLOFFE. A furlough. (*Flem.*)  
 VERLORE. Forlorn; lost. *Hearne.*  
 VERMAILE. Red. (*A.-N.*)  
 VERMILED. Adorned; flourished.  
 VERN. A partner in a mine.  
 VERNACLE. A miniature picture of Christ, supposed to have been miraculously imprinted upon a handkerchief preserved in St. Peter's at Rome. A diminutive of *Verony*, q. v.  
 And I salle make myne avowe devoty to Criste,  
 And to the haly *vernacle* vertuous and noble.  
*Monte Athase, MS. Lat. in. f. 56.*  
 VERNAGE. A kind of white wine.  
 A thougt so swete in my corage,  
 That never piment ne *vernage*  
 Was half so swete for to drynke.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 178.*  
 VERNISH. To varnish. (*A.-N.*)  
 VERNYNGE. Varnishing? "Item, fore stuffynge of a saylle, *vernynge* and glewynge."—Manners and Household Expenses of England, p. 389.  
 VERONY. The cloth or napkin on which the face of Christ was depicted, that which was given by Veronica to our Saviour before his crucifixion to wipe his face, and received a striking impression of his countenance upon it.  
 Like his modir was that childe,  
 With faire visage and mode ful mylde;  
 Sene hit is bi the *verony*,  
 And bi the ymage of that lady.  
*Cursor Mund., MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 115.*  
 VERQUERE. An old game on the tables, mentioned in "Games most in Use," 12mo. Lond. n. d.  
 VERRE. (1) Crystal glass. (*A.-N.*)  
 In alle the erthe y-halwid and y-holde,  
 In a closet more clere than *verre* or glas.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 14.*  
 (2) Wool. (*A.-N.*)  
 (3) To cover over; to conceal.  
 (4) A fur. Same as *Vaire*, q. v.  
*Ferre* and gryce we have piente,  
 Galde and sylvyr and ryche stones.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 164.*  
 VERREY. True; truly. (*A.-N.*)  
 And whanne the pepull of his person had a *verrey* syte,  
 Thayre malice was quenched, were thay never so woo.  
 Wherefore, good Lorde, ever more thy wille be do!  
*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D. xv.*  
 Hyt ys *verre* Goddes blode  
 That he schedde on the roide.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 130.*

VERSAL. Universal. *Butler.*  
 VERSE-COLOURED. Variegated.  
 VERSER. A poet; a poetaster.  
 VERSET. A little verse. (*A.-N.*)  
 VERTE. Green. (*A.-N.*)  
 VERTU. Power; efficacy.  
 Thorough the worshipful *vertu*,  
 And the gret myght of Crist Jhesu.  
*MS. Addit. 11305, f. 91.*  
 VERTUES. Active; efficacious.  
 Or for thow art a *vertues* mon,  
 And const more then another con.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 140.*  
 VERVELS. The little silver rings at the ends of the jesses of a hawk.  
 VERVENSIE. Fervency.  
 VERVISES. A kind of cloth.  
 VERY. Really; truly; verily.  
 VES. Was. (*A.-S.*)  
 VESE. (1) To run up and down. *Glove.*  
 (2) To drive away; to fly.  
 VESSEL. The eighth of a sheet of paper.  
 VESSELEMENT. Plate; furniture.  
 Curteynes or outhter vestyment,  
 Or any outhter *vesselement*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 62.*  
 VESSES. A sort of worsted.  
 VESSY. When two or more persons read verses alternately, they are said to *ressy*.  
 VEST. Invested; clothed.  
 VESTER. A fescue. *Somerset.*  
 VESTIARY. A wardrobe.  
 VESTMENT. See *Vesselement*.  
 VET. The feet. *West.*  
 VETAYLE. Provisions; victuals.  
 Oxin, shepe and *vetayle*, withowtyn any dowte  
 Thay stale away, and caried ever to and froo,  
 God suffris moche thyng his wille to be doo!  
*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D. xv.*  
 VETING. Courting. *Devon.*  
 VETOYN. The herb betony.  
 VETRES. Fetters. Nominale MS.  
 VETTY. Apposite; suitable. *Devon.*  
 VETUSE. Old. (*Lat.*)  
 VEVER. A fish-pond. (*A.-N.*)  
 He drew his *vevers* of fysche,  
 He slewe his fosters *i-wys-e*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 130.*  
 VEWE. A yew-tree. *Chesh.*  
 VEWTER. A keeper of hounds.  
 VEY. True. (*A.-N.*)  
 VEYDEN. Voideth.  
 VEYNE. Penance.  
 VEYNED. Feigned.  
 Sehe seyde an eveille was on hur falle,  
 And *veyned* hur to be dede.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 96.*  
 VEYNORD. A vineyard.  
 Withoutyne the *veynord* thai him cast,  
 And there thai him sloze,  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 91.*  
 VEZE. The same as *Pherze*, q. v.  
 VI. We. *Rob. Glouc.*  
 VIA. An exclamation of encouragement, movement, or defiance. (*Ital.*)  
 VIAGE. A voyage, or journey.  
 VIANDRE. Feed; sustenance. (*A.-N.*)  
 VICARY. A vicar. (*Lat.*)

VICE. (1) Advice. Still in use.  
 (2) A winding or spiral stair. "Vyce, a tourn-  
 yng stayre, *vis*," Palsgrave.  
 (3) The cock or tap of a vessel.  
 (4) The buffoon of our early dramas.  
 (5) Fault; crime; injury. (*A.-N.*)  
 (6) The fist. *Somerset*.  
 VICTUALLER. A tavern-keeper.  
 VICTUALS. For a child to be her mother's  
*victuals*, is to be her pet. *West*.  
 VIDE. To divide. *South*.  
 VIE. (1) To wager or put down a certain sum  
 upon a hand of cards.  
 (2) The game of prisoners' base. *Devon*.  
 (3) To turn out well; to succeed. *West*.  
 (4) Life. *Legende Cathol.* p. 71.  
 (5) Envy.  
 And afterward under Pounce Pylate  
 Was i-take for eye and hate.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 132.*  
 VIERGE. A rod. (*A.-N.*)  
 VIES. Devizes, co. Wilts.  
 VIEW. (1) The footing of a heast.  
 (2) The discovery of an animal. An old term  
 in hunting.  
 VIEWLY. Pleasing to the sight. *Viewsome* is  
 also heard. *North*.  
 VIFTE. The fifth.  
 VIG. To rub gently. *West*.  
 VIGE. A voyage, or journey. *West*.  
 VIGILE. The eve of a festival. Also, the wake  
 over a dead body. (*A.-N.*)  
 Or any other fastynge day,  
 Lentun or *vygyle*, as telle he may.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 146.*  
 VIGOUR. Figure. *West*.  
 VIKER. A vicar. (*A.-N.*)  
 VILANIE. Wickedness; injury.  
 VILARDE. An old man.  
 VILD. Vile. This is a very common form of the  
 word in early writers.  
 VILE. A wicked fellow.  
 VILETE. Baseness.  
 Muche dud thei me of *vileté*,  
 That myne owne shuld have be.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 125.*  
 He that was hanged on a tre  
 Bysyde Jhesu for *vyltē*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 35.*  
 VILIPEND. To think ill of.  
 VILLIACO. A rascal; a coward. (*Ital.*)  
 VILOUS. Horrid.  
 Then was ther a boor yn that foreste,  
 That was a wondur *vylous* beste.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 131.*  
 VINE. (1) A vineyard.  
 (2) Any trailing plant bearing fruit.  
 (3) To find. *Somerset*.  
 VINE-GRACE. A dish in ancient cookery  
 composed of pork, wine, &c.  
 VINELOME. A kind of spice.  
 VINE-PENCIL. A blacklead pencil.  
 VINEROUS. Hard to please. *North*.  
 VINETTES. Sprigs, or branches.  
 VINEWED. Mouldy. *West*.  
 VINID. Same as *Finewed*, q. v.

VINNY. A scolding bout. *Exm.*  
 VINOLENT. Full of wine. (*Lat.*)  
 VINTAINE. Speedily. (*A.-N.*)  
 VIOL-DE-GAMBO. A six-stringed violin.  
 VIOLENT. To act with violence.  
 VIOLET-PLUM. A dark purple plum of a very  
 sweet taste, shaped like a pear: in the eastern  
 parts of the county it is sometimes called a  
 Lincoln plum. *Line*.  
 VIPER'S-DANCE. St. Vitus's dance.  
 VIPPE. The fir-tree.  
 The salyng *vippe*, cypresse deth to playne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 25.*  
 VIRE. To turn about. (*Fr.*)  
 VIRENT. Green; unfaded.  
 VIRGINAL. (1) Maidenly. *Shak.*  
 (2) An oblong spinnet.  
 VIRGIN - MARY - THISTLE. The *carduus*  
*benedictus*.  
 VIRGIN'S-GARLANDS. Garlands carried at  
 the funeral of virgins, and afterwards hung in  
 the church.  
 VIRGIN-SWARM. A swarm of bees from a  
 swarm in the same season.  
 VIRID. Green. (*Lat.*)  
 VIRK. To tease. *Devon*.  
 VIRNE. To inclose; to surround.  
 VIROLAL. A sort of roundelay.  
 Use no tavernys where be jestis and fahlis,  
 Syoggyng of lewde halettes, rondelettes or *virrolais*.  
*MS. Laud. 416, f. 44.*  
 VIROLFE. The same as *Verel*, q. v.  
 VIROUN. A cirenit. (*A.-N.*)  
 VIS. Countenance. (*A.-N.*)  
 We may oother se hym ne here hyne, ne fele hym  
 als he es, and therefore we may ooghte hafe the  
 vis of his lufe here in fulfilling.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 226.*  
 VISAGE. To front or face a thing.  
 VISE. (1) Aim. (*A.-N.*)  
 Thus thys worlde thow mo-te despyse,  
 And holy vertues have in *visse*.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 127.*  
 (2) The same as *Pheezé*, q. v.  
 VISEFIGURE. To disfigure. *North*.  
 VISGY. A pick and hatchet in one tool, for  
 tearing down hedges. *Cornw.*  
 VISIKE. Physic.  
 Ther is *visike* for the seke,  
 And vertuis for the vics eke.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 82.*  
 VISNOMY. Countenance.  
 VIT. To dress meat. *Devon*.  
 VITAILLE. Victuals. (*A.-N.*)  
 VITIOUS. Spiteful; revengeful. *West*.  
 VITLER. A tavern-keeper.  
 He scornes to walke in Panles without his bootes,  
 And scores his diet on the *vitlers* post.  
*Letting of Humours Blood in the Head-Vaine, 1600.*  
 VITTRE. A whim; a pretence. *West*.  
 VITTY. Decent; proper; handsome. *West*.  
 VIVELICHE. Lively; vividly.  
 VIVERS. Provisions.  
 VIVES. "Certaine kinnels growing under the  
 horsse's care," Topsell, 1607, p. 360.  
 VINEN. The female fox.  
 VLEER. A flea. *Somerset*.

VLONKE. Splendid; rich. (*A.-S.*)  
 VLOTHER. Nonsensical talk. *West.*  
 VLUEKECCHE. An imposthume in the milt.  
 VLY-PECKED. Low-lived. *Devon.*  
 VOAKY. Greasy; unwashed. Applied to wool  
 as it comes from the sheep. *West.*  
 VOC. An ugly face. *Rugby.*  
 VOCABLES. Words. *Palsgrave.*  
 VOCALE. Sound.  
 VOCATE. To ramble about idly. *West.*  
 VOCE. Strong; nervous. *Somerset.*  
 VODE. (1) To wander. (2) To vex.  
 VOGUE. In vogue, i. e. *en train.*  
 VOIDE. (1) To depart; to go away.  
 (2) To remove; to quit; to make empty.  
 (3) A parting dish; the last course; a slight  
 repast or collation.  
 VOIDER. A basket or tray for carrying out  
 the relics of a dinner or other meal, or for  
 putting bones in. Brackett says it is still  
 in use. A clothes basket is so called in  
 Cornwall. According to Kennett, "a wooden  
 flasket for linnen cloaths." Dekker applies the  
 term to a person who clears the table.  
 VOIDING-KNIFE. A knife used for taking off  
 remnants of bread, &c. to put in the voider.  
 VOINE. To foim, in fencing.  
 VOISDYE. Stratagem. (*A.-N.*)  
 Now schalt thou here a gret mervayle,  
 With what *voisye* that he wrougte.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 217.*  
 VOIX. Voice.  
 Kyng Edward in hys ryght hym to endowe  
 The commens therto have redy every houre:  
 The *voix* of the people, the *voix* of Jhesu,  
 Who kepe and preserve hym from all langour.  
*MS. Bibl. Soc. Antiq. 101.*  
 VOKE. (1) Folk. *West.*  
 (2) The same as *Boke*, q. v.  
 VOKET. An advocate?  
 To consente to a fals jugging.  
 Or hyredyst a *woket* to swyche thyng.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 36.*  
 VOKY. (1) Gay; cheerful. *North.*  
 (2) Damp; moist. *Var. dial.*  
 VOL. Full. *R. Glouc.*  
 VOLAGE. Light; giddy. (*A.-N.*)  
 VOLANT-PIECE. A piece of steel on a helmet  
 presenting an acute angle to the front.  
 VOLATILS. Wild fowls; game. (*A.-N.*)  
 Make we man to oure ymage and liknesse, and be  
 he sovereyn to the fischis of the see, and to the  
*volatils* of hevене, and to unresonable bestis of erthe.  
*MS. Bodl. 277.*  
 VOLD-SHORE. A folding stake to support  
 hurdles. *Hills.*  
 VOLENTE. Willing.  
 For of free choice and hertely *volente*,  
 She hath to God avowed chastite.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 15.*  
 VOLEY. On the voley, i. e. at random, incon-  
 siderately, at a stroke. (*Fr.*)  
 VOLLOUTH. Wicked; unjust. (*A.-S.*)  
 VOLLOW. A fallow. *Sussex.*  
 VOLNESSE. Fulness; perfection.

And alle thre beth oone, **thawgh** it be so,  
 In oon *volnesse* and in no mo.  
*Religious Poems, xv, 1 cent.*  
 VOLOWTEN. Flouting. *West.*  
 VOLUNTARIE. A flourish before playing.  
 VOLUNTARIES. Volunteers. *Shak.*  
 VOLUNTE. Will. (*A.-N.*)  
 To suffre deth oonly for mannis sake,  
 Uncompellid, frely of *volunté*.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 1.*  
 VOLUPERE. A woman's cap; a kerchief.  
 VOLVELLE. A contrivance found in some old  
 astronomical works, consisting of graduated  
 and figured circles of pasteboard or vellum  
 made to revolve, and used for various cal-  
 culations.  
 VOM. Foam.  
 VOMYSMENT. Vomiting.  
 Hast thou wyth suché *vomysment*  
 I-cast up ajayn the sacrament?  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii, f. 142.*  
 VONDEDEN. Founded.  
 VONE. To take; to lead. *Hearne.*  
 VOOK. The voice. *Pr. Parr.*  
 VOOR. (1) A furrow. *Sussex.*  
 (2) To warrant. *South.*  
 VORBISEN. A parable.  
 VORE. Forth. To draw *vore*, to twit one with  
 a fault. *Ermoor.*  
 VORE-DAYS. Late in the day. *Erm.* No  
 doubt from the *A.-S.* forð-dages.  
 VORE-RIGHT. Blunt; rude. *West.*  
 VORN. For him. *West.*  
 VORT. Till; until; for to. *Hearne.*  
 VORTHY. Forward; assuming. *West.*  
 VOUCHIEN. To vouch. *Vouchen safe*, to  
 vouchsafe. (*A.-N.*)  
 To upe-ryse fra dede thou *vouchede* safe  
 To eke the trowhe that we here hafe.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1, 17, f. 191.*  
 Lorde, y have servyd yow many a day  
*Vouché* ye hur safe on mee.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii, 33, f. 64.*  
 VOUTEGER. A vaulter? Rolls House B. v.  
 4, temp. Hen. 8th.—"Item to Fredregio  
 Gracian the kinges *voutteger*, xxiiiij. s. iiij. d.  
 per annum."  
 VOUR. To devour; to eat up.  
 VOUSE. Strong; nervous; forward. *West.*  
 VOUSSURE. A vault. (*A.-N.*)  
 VOUT. A vault. *Palsgrave.*  
 VOUTE. Mien; countenance. (*A.-N.*)  
 Sir, sais the senatour, so Crist mott me helpe.  
 The *voute* of thir vesage has woundyle us alle.  
*Monte Achare, MS. Lincoln, C. 54.*  
 VOWARD. The vanguard of an army.  
 VOWEL. The afterbirth of a cow. *West.*  
 VOWER. (1) Devoir; duty.  
 (2) Four. *Somerset.*  
 VOWESS. A votaress; a nun.  
 VOWTES. A dish in cookery described in MS.  
 Sloane 1201, f. 37.  
 VOYAGE. A journey by land. (*A.-N.*)  
 VOYDEE. The same as *Vuide* (3).  
 VRAIL. A rail. *South.*  
 VRAMP-SHAKEN. Distorted. *Devon.*  
 VRAPED. Drawn tight. *Devon.*

VREACH. Violently. *Devon*.  
 VREATH. A low hedge. *Devon*.  
 VRITH. The bindings of hedges. *South*.  
 VROZZY. A nice thing. *Devon*.  
 VUDDICKS. A coarse fat woman. *West*.  
 VUDDLES. A spoilt child. *Wilts*.  
 VUG. To strike; to elbow. *Somerset*.  
 VULCH. The same as *Vug*, q. v.  
 VULGATE. Publicly known.  
 VUMP. To knock; to thump. *Devon*.  
 VUNG. Received. *Devon*.  
 VUR. (1) Far. (2) To throw. *West*.  
 VURE. Four? Our?  
     Graunte us grace, in thyh hyze holde,  
     Whanne we deye to holde vure tapris lyzte.  
     *Lydgate, MS Soc. Antig. 134, f. 30.*  
 VURRID-BRID. Household bread made of  
 meal as it comes from the mill without the  
 bran being taken from it. *Devon*.  
 VUR-VORE. Far-forth. *Ermoor*.

VUSTIN-FUME. A violent passion.  
 VUSTLED-UP. Wrapped up. *West*.  
 VUSTY. Fusty; mouldy. *West*.  
 VYCE. Countenance. (*A.-N.*)  
     Gye ovyr all lovydd Felyce,  
     The erlys doghtur with the feyre vyce.  
     *MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 148.*  
 VYLANLYCHE. Wickedly.  
     Why that thou oughtste with no righte  
     To gabbe on hym so vylanlyche.  
     *MS. Harl. 2252, f. 102.*  
 VYNCE. To conquer. (*Lat.*)  
 VYRE. An arrow for a crossbow. (*A.-N.*)  
     That al his hert hath set a fuyre  
     Of pure envye, and as a vyre  
     Which fleeth out of a mighty bowe.  
     Awey he fledde for a throwe.  
     *Gower, MS. Bodl. 294.*  
 VYSERNE. A visor, or mask.  
 VYVERE. The same as *Veeer*, q. v.

WA. Well; yes. *North*.  
 WAA. Woe. Still in use.  
     Wyches, he said, waa mot thow he!  
     Hafe 5e forsakyne my goddis so free.  
     *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 128.*  
 WAAG. A lever. *Yorksh.*  
 WAAST. A waste; a wilderness.  
 WAB. Gabble; nonsense. *Devon*.  
 WABBLE. (1) To tremble; to reel. *North*.  
 (2) To do anything awkwardly. *Var. dial.*  
 WABBLER. A boiled leg of mutton.  
 WACCHE. Watling.  
     And some for wacche and fa-ting,  
     That maketh her hernes to drie and cling  
     *MS. Lansd. 793, f. 72.*  
 WACCHERE. Watch.  
     Duk Roland and Erle Olyver  
     Thilke nigt kepte the wacchere.  
     *MS. Ashmole 33, f. 46.*  
 WACHE. A flock of birds.  
 WACHID. Weary; tired.  
 WACKEN. (1) Watchful. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) Lively; sharp; wanton. *North*.  
 WACKERSOME. Wakeful. *North*.  
 WACNE. To awaken. (*A.-S.*)  
 WAD. (1) Would. *North*.  
 (2) Line, or rank. In land-surveying, when they  
 are setting out their stakes they are said to  
*wad* in a line; hence it is taken to signify a  
 line, and it is said of persons, they are all in  
 the same *wad*, when connected together in  
 any way of business, &c.  
 (3) A wisp of straw. Also, a bundle or quantity  
 of anything. *West*.  
 (4) Blacklead. *Cumb.*  
 (5) Woad. (6) A forfeit. *North*.  
 (7) What. *Hearne*.  
 WADDEN. Supple. *North*.  
 WADDER. A grower of wad or woad.  
 WADDLE. (1) To roll up and down in a con-  
 fused and disorderly way. *Var. dial.*

(2) The wane of the moon. *Somerset*.  
 (3) To fold up; to entwine. *Devon*.  
 (4) The wattle of a hog.  
 WADDOCK. A large piece. *Salop*.  
 WADE. (1) To go; to pass. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) The sun is said to wade when covered by a  
 dense atmosphere. *North*.  
 (3) A joint or tenon is said to wade when it  
 slips too easily from any cause.  
 WADEABLE. Fordable. *Coles*.  
 WADGE. To wager; to bet. *Devon*.  
 WADIR. Water. *Craven*.  
 WADLER-WIFE. In Newcastle, the keeper of  
 a register office for servants.  
 WADLING. A wattled fence. *West*.  
 WADMAL. A very thick coarse kind of wool-  
 len cloth. Coarse tow used by doctors for  
 eattle is also so called.  
 WAE-ME. Woe is me! *North*.  
 W.ENE. To sneak away.  
 WAFERER. A person who sold wafers, a sort  
 of cakes so called.  
 WAFER-PRINT. A mould for wafers.  
 WAFF. (1) The movement of a large flame from  
 side to side. *Northumb.*  
 (2) A spirit, or ghost. *North*.  
 (3) A nasty faint smell. *North*.  
 (4) To bark. *Cumb.*  
 (5) To puff or boil up. *North*.  
 (6) A slight attack of illness.  
 WAFFLE. To wave; to fluctuate. *North*.  
 WAFFLER. (1) The green sandpiper. *North*.  
 (2) A person who is very weak. *Cumb.*  
 WAFFLES. An idle santering person.  
 WAFFY. Insipid. *Line*.  
 WAFRESTERE. A maker of wafers for con-  
 secration at the sacrament. (*A.-S.*)  
 WAFRON. A cloud, or vapour.  
 WAFT. (1) A barrel. *Somerset*.  
 (2) A lock of hair.

- (3) A puff. Also, blown, wafted.  
 (1) To beckon with the hand.  
**WAFAGE.** Passage by water.  
**WAFTERS.** Swords having the flat part placed in the usual direction of the edge, blunted for exercises. *Meyrick.*  
**WAFTURE.** A slight waving motion.  
**WAFYS.** Vagabonds.  
**WAG.** (1) The same as *Wagge*, q. v.  
 (2) To chatter. (3) To pass on.  
**WAGE.** (1) To hire. Still in use.  
 (2) Pay; wages; reward; hire.  
 For thou woldyst bryng me thys message,  
 I wylle geve the thy *wage*.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 102.  
 Ye have a knyght at yowre *wage*,  
 For yow he ys an evell page.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 166.  
 (3) To be pledge for; to warrant. Also a substantive, a pledge.  
 (4) To bribe. *Var. dial.*  
 (5) To contend.  
 (6) To mould clay for pots, &c.  
**WAGET.** Watchet colour.  
**WAG-FEATHER.** A silly swaggerer.  
**WAGGE.** To move; to shake.  
 she had made of lethyr an howge bagge,  
 By wyceheraft she cowde make it to *wagge*.  
*MS. Laud.* 416, f. 1.  
 The vertu of hit is, if that a man have *waggyng*  
 teth, if he ete of hit hit wulle make home fat.  
*MS. Arundel* 272, f. 46.  
**WAGGLE.** To shake; to roll; to waddle.  
**WAGHE.** A wall.  
 so hedously that storme ganne falle,  
 That sondr it braste bothe *waghe* and walle.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1.* 17, f. 125.  
**WAGHT.** Wage, gage, or pledge.  
**WAGING.** The dung of the fox.  
**WAG-LEG.** A black venomous fly.  
**WAGMOIRE.** A quagmire. *Spenser.*  
**WAGSTERT.** The titmouse.  
**WAGTAIL.** A profligate woman.  
**WAG-WANTON.** The shaking grass.  
**WAHAWHE.** An interj. in hallooing.  
**WAHAN.** When. (*A.-S.*)  
**WAID.** Weighed. *Tusser.*  
**WAIF.** A stray cattle. *North.*  
**WAIFFANDE.** Waving; moving.  
 Sebippis salle stande appone the sande  
*Waiffande* with the sees fame.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1.* 17, f. 122.  
**WAIFINGER.** The same as *Waif*, q. v.  
**WAILE.** (1) A veil. *Somerset.*  
 (2) Weal; prosperity. (*A.-S.*)  
**WAILY.** Very sorrowful. *North.*  
**WAJME.** A flaw, or tear. *Suffolk.*  
**WAIEMENTE.** To lament. (*A.-S.*)  
 There dwellde they sore *waiementent*,  
 sixe dayes fulle to the ende.  
*MS. Trin. Coll. Oxon.* 37, tit. 2.  
**WAIN.** (1) A home, or dwelling.  
 (2) A waggon. Still in use.  
 (3) To fetch. It occurs in *Tusser*, p. 141, wrongly explained in glossary.  
 (4) To move; to go; to turn.  
**WAIN-MEN.** Waggoners.

- WAINSCOTS.** Boards for wainscots.  
**WAINTE.** Quaint; extraordinary. *North.*  
**WAINTRY.** Very well. *Cumb.*  
**WAIR.** (1) To lay out; to expend. *North.*  
 (2) The spring. *Vocab. MS.*  
**WAISCHE.** Washed.  
 The mcke als wele wylle hym haste  
 To serve the leste als the maste,  
 Als God dyde that symply lete  
 Wehn he *waische* hys dyschyplys fete.  
*MS. Hart.* 2260, f. 16.  
**WAISE.** A bundle or wisp of straw.  
**WAIST.** (1) A girdle. (2) Ways.  
**WAISTCOATEERS.** Low prostitutes.  
**WA-IST-HEART.** An interj. of pity.  
**WAIT.** (1) To wot, or know. *North.* "Now wayte thou wher that I was borne," *MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 48.  
 (2) Laid out; expended. *Cumb.*  
 (3) The hautboy, a musical instrument.  
 (4) To blame. *Yorksh.*  
 (5) Bold; active. *Robson, Gl.*  
**WAITE.** (1) To watch. (*A.-N.*)  
 (2) A watchman. *Prompt. Parv.*  
**WAITER.** (1) Water. *Vocab. MS.* See the third example in v. *Stank* (2).  
 (2) A small tray. *Var. dial.*  
**WAITH.** An apparition of a person about to die, or recently dead. *North.*  
**WAITHE.** Languid. *I. of Wight.*  
**WAIT-OF.** To wait for. *Yorksh.*  
**WAITS.** Musicians. *Var. dial.* "The waytys blew lowde," *MS. Cantab.* Ff. v. 48, f. 54.  
 Grete lordys were at the assent,  
*Waytys* blewde, to mete they wente  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 69.  
**WAIT-TREBLE.** A sort of bagpipe.  
**WAIVERS.** Small waving twigs. *East.*  
**WAK.** To languish. (*A.-S.*)  
**WAKE.** (1) To watch. (*A.-S.*)  
 And anon they somonyd the knyghte,  
 That he schulde *wake* the galows that nyght.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 38, f. 133.  
 (2) A parish festival, kept originally on the day of the dedication of the parish church. Laterally a watch, a vigil.  
 (3) To watch the night with a corpse.  
 (4) To revel. Also, a revel.  
 (5) Hay placed in large rolls for the convenience of being carried. *West.*  
**WAKEMETE.** Provisions for wakes.  
**WAKERIFE.** Quite awake.  
**WAKES.** Rows of green damp grass.  
**WAKKENISE.** Watchful. (*A.-S.*)  
**WAKKER.** Easily awakened. *North.*  
**WAKMEN.** Watchmen. (*A.-S.*)  
**WAL.** Will; pleasure.  
**WALAWAY.** Woe! alas! *Chaucer.*  
 There was rydyng and rennyng, sum cryed *walaway*!  
 Unknowyng to many men who the bettur hadde  
*MS. Btbl. Reg.* 17 D, xv.  
**WALCIL.** Insipid; waterish. *North.*  
**WALDE.** (1) Power; dominion.  
 For the erlc hym had in *walde*,  
 Of dedis of armes was he halde.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1.* 17, f. 138.

(2) Plain; field. (*A.-S.*)

Jhesu toke this corn in *walde*,  
And wondrously aboute him dalt.  
*Curios Mundis, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 77.*

## (3) Would. Perceval, 915.

WALDING. Active; stirring. *Dunelm.*WALE. (1) To choose; to select. *North.*(2) Choice; good; excellent. *North.*(3) Slaughter; carnage; death. (*A.-S.*)

(4) A whirlpool; the foaming wave.

(5) Weal; prosperity. (*A.-S.*)

(6) Will. Perceval, 1587.

(7) The ridge of threads in cloth. Hence used generally for texture.

(8) To court; to woo. *Yorksh.*(9) A tumour, or large swelling. *Kent.*

(10) The fore-front of a horse-collar.

(11) To seek. *Gawayne.*

(12) A rod. Also, to strike.

WALEWEDE. Valued?

An owche of sylver *waleweide* therinne.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 113.*

WALHWE-SWETE. The herb bittersweet.

WALK. (1) To wag; to move; to work.

(2) A flock of snipes.

(3) A journey; a long absence.

(4) A plantation of willows.

(5) Uninclosed land. *East.*

(6) To depart.

(7) To walk the round, to go the round, said of a watchman.

WALKER. A fuller. *North.*

WALKING-SUPPER. A supper where one dish is sent round the table, every person being his own carver.

WALKLY-FIGS. Birch rods.

WALK-MILL. A fulling mill. *North.*WALKNE. Air; sky; welkin. (*A.-S.*)

WALL. (1) Go by the wall, a name for strong ale. To the wall, in difficulties; to go to the wall, to be put on one side, to be slighted. Laid by the wall, dead but not buried. To take the wall, to walk nearest the wall in passing any one in the street.

(2) The stem of a rick.

(3) A wave. *North.*(4) A spring of water. *Chesh.*

Amyd the toure a *walle* dede sprynge,  
That never is drye but ernynge.

*Religious Poems, xv. Cent.*

(5) "Wall of a shyppes," Palsgrave.

(6) "Wall of a stryppes," *enfleure*, "ib.

(7) The side of a mine. Also, to pave the roads of a mine with stone.

WALLAGE. A confused mass. *West.*

WALL-BIRD. The spotted flycatcher.

WALLE. (1) To boil.

Further ther is a water *wallinde* hot,  
That is deop, and long, and brod.  
*MS. Coll. Jes. Oxon. I. 29.*

(2)

A wyckyd wound hath me *walled*,  
And traveyld me frome topp to too.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 46.*(3) A whale. *MS. Harl. 1587, f. 43.*

WALLERS. Women who rake the salt out of the leads at the salt-works at Nantwich.

WALL EYED. Having eyes with an undue proportion of white. Any work irregularly or ill done, is called a *wall-eyed* job. It is applied also to any very irregular action.

WALLIGE. A loose bundle of anything.

WALLIS. The withers of a horse.

WALLON-TONGE. *Romant. Palsgrave.*WALLOW. (1) To beat. *Var. dial.*

(2) To gallop. Also, a gallop. Still in use, to move quickly with great effort.

(3) To waddle. *Somerset.*(4) To be slatternly. *Lin.*(5) To bubble up. *North.*

(6) A thick piece of fat.

(7) To wrap up temporarily. *East.*(8) To tumble over. *Suffolk.*WALLOWING. Great. *Var. dial.*WALLOW. (1) The alder tree. *Salop.*(2) Flat; insipid. *North.*(3) To fade away. *Somerset.*WALLOWISH. Nauseous. *Heref.*WALL-PLAT. (1) The flycatcher. *West.*

(2) A mantel-piece; a shelf fixed in the wall; a piece of timber lying on the top of the wall to which the timbers or spars are attached.

WALLSPRING. Wet springy land. *West.*WALL-TILES. Bricks. *North.*

WALL-TOOTH. A large double-tooth.

WALL-UP. To spring out; to cause to spring out; to cause to swell. *West.*WALLY. (1) To cocker; to indulge. *North.*(2) Alas! *Yorksh.*

WALME. A bubble in boiling.

Wyth vij. *walms* that are so felle,  
Hote spryngyng out of helle.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 15.*WALMYNG. Boiling. (*A.-S.*)

Thou haste undur thy heddis hedd  
An hoot *walmyng* ledde.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 137.*WALNOTE. A walnut. (*A.-S.*)WALOPANDE. Galloping. "On walopande stedez," *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 76.*WALSH. An attached lean-to building, not having a pitched roof; used in the marshes near Spilsby. *Lin.*WALT. (1) Ruled; governed. (*A.-S.*)(2) To totter; to overthrow. *North.*(3) Threw; cast. *Gawayne.*WALTED. Laid, as corn. *East.*WALTER. To tumble; to roll about. "To turne or walter in mire," *Baret, 1580.*

WALTHAM'S-CALE. As wise as Waltham's calf, i. e. very foolish. Waltham's calf ran nine miles to suck a bull.

WALTYN.

Thai *waltyn* at here wil to ware,  
These wodis and the wastus that ther were.

*MS. Douce 302, f. 34.*WALVE. To wallow, or roll about. *Devon.*WALWORT. The herb *flipendula*.WALY. Alas! (*A.-S.*)WAM. Whom; which; whence. *Hearne.*

- WAMBALS. A body-garment twilled or quilted with wool, cotton, or tow. *Kennett*.
- WAMBE. A hubbling up.
- WAMBLE. To roll; to rumble.
- WAME. The stomach. *Yorksh.* "Enter. wame," Nominale MS. xv. Cent.
- WAMETOWE. A belly-band, or girth.
- WAMLOKES. Unwashed wool.
- WAN. (1) Gained. (*A.-S.*)
- (2) One. Still in use.
- (3) Went. (*A.-S.*)
- (4) A wand, or rod. *Var. dial.*
- (5) Begot?
- He wende welle the gode man  
Were hys fadur that hym wan.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 245.*
- WANBELEVE. Perfidy; treachery.
- WANCE. Once. *Devon.*
- WANCHANCY. Unlucky; wicked. *North.*
- WAND. (1) To inclose with poles.
- (2) To span. A term at marbles.
- (3) Lamentation; misery.
- (4) A penis. *Dunelm.*
- WANDE. (1) Went.
- The aungell to hevenc *uande*,  
Whan he had seyde hys errande.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 33.*
- (2) Pole; rod; bough; club.
- (3) Change?
- Sayde Tryamowre on that covenaunt,  
My ryght name schalle y not *uande*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 31.*
- WANDED. Covered with boughs or twigs.
- WANDELARD. Waudered; went. *Hearne.*
- WANDLE. Saddle; pliant; nimble. *North.*
- WANDLY. Gently. *Cumb.*
- WANDLYSAND. Mistrowing.
- WANDREME. Tribulation; agony.
- WANDRETHE. Trouble; sorrow.
- The sexte vertue es strenge or stalworthnes  
noghte anely of body bolle of herte and wille evnyly  
to suffire the wele and the waa, welthe or *wand-*  
*rethe*, whethere so betyde. *MS. Lincoln A. 17, f. 117.*
- WANE. (1) Dwelling; home.
- Than spekes that wyse in *wane*,  
Thou hase oure gude mene slane  
*MS. Lincoln A. 17, f. 132.*
- (2) Are destroyed.
- (3) To decrease. (*A.-S.*)
- (4) Won. *Perceval*, II.
- (5) Manner. *Perceval*, 422, 1264.
- (6) Came; arrived; went.
- (7) An inequality in a board, &c.
- (8) Wanting; deficient. (*A.-S.*)
- WANENE. Whence. *Hearne.*
- WANG. (1) A cheek-tooth. (*A.-S.*)
- (2) A blow on the face. *Leic.*
- WANGED. Tired. *Devon.*
- WANGER. A pillow. (*A.-S.*)
- WANGERY. Soft; flabby. *Devon.*
- WANGHER. Large; strapping. *East.*
- WANGLE. To totter; to vibrate. *Chesh.*
- WANG-TOOTH. A grinder. *North.*
- WANHOPE. Despair. (*A.-S.*)
- Gode men I *wanhope* falle.  
That je in no *wanhope* falle.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 47.*

- WANLAND. The wane of the moon.
- WANIE. To fade; to wane; to decrease.
- WANION. *With a wanion*, an imprecation signifying, with a curse.
- WANKE. (1) Winked.
- Oure kyng on the scheperde *wanke*  
Prively with his eye.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 55.*
- (2) Happy; prosperous.
- WANKLE. (1) Ill; weak. *North.*
- (2) Unstable; unsteady; uncertain.
- Thomas, truly I the say,  
This worlde is wondur *wankle*;  
Of the next batelle I wyll the say,  
That shalbe done at *spynard* hille.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 122.*
- (3) Lumber; flabby; ticklish.
- WANKLING. Weakly. *Heref.*
- WANLACE. (1)
- Where that he myghte make a *wanlace*,  
And any thynge to the kyng purchace.  
*MS. Harl. 1761, f. 29.*
- (2) To drive the wanlace, i. e. to drive the deer to a stand. A hunting term.
- WANNE. (1) Pale; wan. (*A.-S.*)
- The wynde owt of the havyn them blew  
Ovyr the *wanne* streme.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 55.*
- (2) Came; arrived.
- To Harrowde Gye sone *wanne*,  
A gode swyde he toke hym than.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 180.*
- WANNECLOUTE. The entrails.
- WANNELE. The gait of a tired man.
- WANSHONE. To want; to lack.
- WANSONE. Inefficient. (*A.-S.*)
- WANSONE. To wane; to decrease.
- WANSY. Sickly; weak. *Staffolk.*
- WANT. (1) A cross-road. *Essex.*
- (2) A mole. In MS. Sloane 2584, is a receipt "for to take wontis." Still in use.
- (3) I cannot want, i. e. do without, spare. A very common idiom, and still in use.
- (4) A mental imbecility. *North.*
- (5) Absence. *Shirley*, i. 277.
- (6) A defect or hole in a board.
- WANTERS. Unmarried persons, i. e. those who want mates. *North.*
- WANTL-TUMP. A mole-hill. *Glove.*
- WANTON. A fondling; a pet.
- WANTONLY. Unintentionally.
- WANTOWE. Dissolute; profligate.
- WANTRISTE. Mistrust.
- And for *wantriste*, hire felow Salome,  
Opnly that alle mygte it see,  
Wexe in that arme deed and colde as stone.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq., 154, f. 10.*
- WANTY. (1) A leather tie, or rope; a stout waggon rope; a surcingle. *Var. dial.* Tisser uses the word in the sense of a rope by which burdens are tied to the back of a horse.
- (2) Deficient; not enough. *North.*
- WANWEARD. A profligate. *North.*
- WANY. Spoilt by wet, said of timber.
- WANZE. To waste, pine, or wither. *East.*
- WAP. (1) To beat. Also, a blow.

(2) Futuo. A cant term.

This doxy dell can cut been whids,  
And *wap* well for a win,  
And prig and cloy so benshiply  
Each de useavile within.

*Canting Songs*, 1725.

(3) Smartly; quickly. *Var. dial.*

(4) To yelp; to bark. *Somerset*. "Wappynge of howndes," Prompt. Parv.

(5) To flutter; to beat the wings. Generally, to move in any violent manner.

(6) A bundle of straw. *North*.

(7) To wrap or cover up.

(8) A fall. Still in use.

(9) A kind of mongrel cur.

(10) A pup. *Lanc*.

WAPE. Pale. *East*.

WAPED. Stupified. (*A.-S.*) Still in use, according to Moor's *Suffolk Words*, p. 467.

WAPPEN'D. Steevens seems to be correct in deriving this word from *wap*, futuo.

WAPPENG. Quaking. *Batman*, 1582.

WAPPER. (1) Anything large. *Var. dial.*

(2) To move tremulously. *Somerset*.

(3) A great falsehood. *Var. dial.*

WAPPERED. Restless; fatigued. *Glouc*.

WAPPER-EYED. Having eyes that move in a quick and tremulous manner, either from a natural infirmity, or from want of sleep.

WAPPER-JAW. A wry mouth. *East*.

WAPPET. A yelping cur. *East*.

WAPPING. Large. *Var. dial.*

WAPS. (1) A wasp. *Var. dial.*

(2) A large truss of straw. *North*.

WAPSE. To wash. *Sussex*.

WAPYNES. Weapons.

WAR. (1) Wary; wise; aware.

(2) Work. *North*. (3) Was; be.

(4) Worse. Still in use.

(5) The knob of a tree.

(6) Staid aside; give way; beware.

(7) To spend; to lay out. *North*.

WARANDE. Warrant.

Mi Fadir he is je undirstande,  
Him I drawe to my warande.

*Cursor Mundi*, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 91.

WARBEETLES. The large maggots which are bred in the backs of cattle. *Norfolk*.

WARBELL. A term applied to a hawk when she makes her wings meet over her back.

WARBLES. See *Warbeetles*.

WARBOT. "A worme, *escarbot*," *Palsg*.

WARCH. Ache; pain. *Lanc*.

WARCK-BRATTLE. Fond of work. *Lanc*.

WARD. (1) To take care of.

(2) *Wardes*, outworks of a castle.

And alle the towres of crystallle schene,  
And the *wardes* enamelde and overgyllt elene.  
*Hampole*, MS. *Ewces*, p. 227.

(3) "Warde of a locke, *garde*," *Palsg*.

(4) Proper for keeping, as fruit, &c.

(5) World. *Chesh*.

(6) Hardness of the skin. *East*.

(7) A guard, in fencing.

(8) A prison; a gaol.

(9) A wardrobe. *Skelton*, ii. 184.

(10) A sort of coarse cloth.

WARDAN. Existing.

WARD-DAY. A work-day. *North*.

WARDECORPS. Body-guard. (*A.-N.*)

WARDED. Joined together. *East*.

WARDEIN. A warden; a guard; a watchman; a keeper of a gate.

WARDEMOTES. Meetings of the ward.

WARDEN. A large baking pear.

WARDER. (1) A staff; a trunchcon. "Warder, a staffe, *baston*," *Palsgrave*.

(2) One who keeps ward.

WARDEREBE. The dung of the badger.

WARDERERE. A warder, or staff.

Got so it befelle apone a tyme that Alexander smate Johas oo the heved with a *warderere* for na trespasse, wharefore Johas was gretly angryd and greved at Alexander. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 47.*

WARDICIL. A bank, or ditch.

WARDROPE. (1) A house of office.

(2) An icicle; a nose-drop.

(3) A dressing-room. *Yorksh*.

WARE. (1) Aware; sensible.

Then come syr Barnard  
Artur a dere fulle harde,  
And of me he was *ware*

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 82.*

(2) Whether. *Devon*.

(3) A weir, or dam.

(4) Corn; barley; oats. *Cumb*.

(5) To lay out labour, money, &c. This term is an archaism. *North*.

(6) Goods; dairy produce. *West*.

(7) Affairs; business.

(8) Wary; cunning.

How faryth my knyghte ser Egyllamowre,  
That doghty ys ever and *ware*.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 63.*

(9) Sea-weed. *Dunelm*.

WARE-HOUSE. A work-house for masons, &c.

WARELESS. Unperceived; incautious.

WARENCE. The herb madder.

WARENTMENTIS. Garments. (*Lat.*)

WARENTY. Take a warrant or bail?

ÿys, syr, and thou wylt *warenty*,  
And geve thy sone to day re-pyte.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 140.*

WARESCHE. To cure; to heal.

Sythene aftirwarde commes the soverayne leche,  
and takes there medecynes, and *waresche* mane of these sevene seknes, and stabiles hym in the sevene vertusz.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 200.*

WARESM. A gift. *Huloet*.

WARE-WASSEL. A stem of sea-weed.

WARIANGLE. A small woodpecker.

WARIE. To revile; to curse.

WARIMENT. Care; caution. *Spenser*.

WARISHED. Well stored, or furnished.

WARISON. (1) A gift. Properly, a gift or reward on completing any business, or on leaving any situation.

He made a crye thoro owt al the tow(n),  
Whedur he be zoman or knave,  
That cowthe bryng hym Robyn Hode,  
His *warisone* he shuld have.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 40, f. 131.*



- Boye, therefore, by my crowne,  
Thou must have thee waryson:  
The heigh horse besides Boughton  
Take thou for this travell.  
*Chester Plays, 6th pag. MS. Bodl. 175.*
- (2) The stomach. *Cumb.*  
WARIST. Cured. *Ritson.*  
WARKE. (1) An ache, or pain. *North.*  
(2) A hard stony substance covering the veins  
of coal in some mines.  
WARKE-BRATTLE. Loving to work. *Lanc.*  
WARLARE. One who stammers.  
WARLAU. A wizard, or sorcerer. (*A.-S.*)  
Bituix the *warlau* and his wuf  
Adam es stad in strang strif.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. A. iii. f. 5.*  
The foule *warlaues* of helle,  
Uendir the walyys skrykked schille.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 148.*  
WARLOK. (1) Mustard. (2) A fetterlock.  
WARLOKER. More warily. *Gawayne.*  
WARLY. (1) Warlike. (2) Warily.  
WARM. (1) To beat. *Var. dial.*  
(2) Rich; in good circumstances.  
WARMOT. Wormwood.  
WARMSHIP. Warmth. *Heref.*  
WARM-STORE. Anything laid very carefully  
by till it may be wanted. *North.*  
WARN. To warrant. *North.*  
WARDY. To warrant. *South.*  
WARNE. To deny; to forbid.  
The kynges hed when hyt ys brojt,  
A kysse wylle y *warne* the noghte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 87.*  
(2) To caution; to apprise. (*A.-S.*)  
WARNED. Fortified.  
WARNER. (1) A boys' game. A boy with his  
hands closed before him, called a warner, tries  
to touch another, in running, and so on, till  
all are touched.  
(2) A sort of mongrel cur.  
(3) A warrener. "The warner is hardy and  
felle," *MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 49.*  
WARNESTORE. To furnish; to store.  
WARNICED. Furnished. (*A.-N.*)  
WARNING-PIECE. Anything that warns  
WARNING-STONE. "The bakers in our  
county take a certaine pebble, which they  
putt in the vaulture of their oven, which they  
call the *warning-stone*, for when that is white,  
the oven is hott," Aubrey's *MS. History of*  
*Wilts. Ash. Mus. Oxon.*  
WARNISED. Fortified. *Hearne.*  
WARNT. Was not. *Var. dial.*  
WARNY. I dare say. *Devon.*  
WAR-OUTE. A term used in driving.  
WARP. (1) Four of fish. *East.*  
(2) The deposit left by the river Trent on lands  
after a flood.  
(3) To cast a foal. *South.*  
(4) To open; to lay eggs. *North.*  
(5) In some parts, land between the sea-banks  
and sea is called the warp.  
(6) To wrap up. *Somerset.*  
(7) Uttered. *Reliq. Antiq. ii. 9.*  
(8) To haul out a ship.
- (9) To weave. Hence, to contrive.  
(10) The stream of salt water that runs from  
the brine pits in Worcestershire.  
(11) An abortive lamb. *Suffolk.*  
(12) To make a waving motion.  
WARPE. Cast. "And warpe of hys wedez,"  
Morte Arthure, *MS. Lincoln, f. 63.*  
WARPS. Distinet pieces of ploughed land se-  
parated by the furrows. *East Sussex and Kent.*  
WARR. Worse. *North.* "Qua herd ever a warr  
auntur," *MS. Cott. Vesp. A. iii.*  
WARRANT. The bottom of a coal-pit.  
WARRANTIZE. A warrant, or pledge.  
WARRAY. To make war on.  
WARRAYNE. A warren.  
His woddes and his *warrayne*,  
His wyld and his tame.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 157.*  
WARR'D. Spent. *North.*  
WARRE. (1) Wary; cunning.  
Scho es *warre* and wysse,  
Hir rod as the rose on ryse.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 159.*  
(2) Aware; conscious of.  
The emperowre of this  
Was *warre*, as I wysse.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 232.*  
(3) Were. Still in use.  
WARREN. A plot; a deep design.  
WARREN-HEAD. A dam across a river in the  
more northern parts of Northumberland.  
WARREYDE. Made war.  
When I *warreyde* in Spayne,  
He mad my landis *barrayne*  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 162.*  
WARRIABLE. Able for war.  
WARRICK. To twitch a cord tight by crossing  
it with another. *Northumb.*  
WARRIDGE. The withers of a horse.  
WARRIE. To abuse; to curse.  
The fifte es *warienge* of other men,  
Offe the grace of the Holy Goste to ken.  
*MS. Hart. 2260, f. 20.*  
WARRINER. The keeper of a warren.  
When the bucces take the does,  
Then the *warriner* knowes,  
There are rabbets in breeding;  
And when the bag showes,  
Then the milke-maid knowes,  
The cow hath good feeding.  
*Cobbes Prophecies, his Signes and Tokens, 1614.*  
WARROKEN. To girt. (*A.-S.*)  
WARSEN. To grow worse. *North.*  
WARSLE. To strive; to wrestle. *North.*  
WARSLEY. Not much. *Essex.*  
WARSTEAD. A ford over a river.  
WART. (1) To overturn. *Chesh.*  
(2) To plough land overthwart. *East.*  
(3) To work. *North.*  
WARTE. Wear it; spend it.  
WARTH. A ford. *North.* In Herefordshire,  
a flat meadow close to a stream.  
WAR-WHING. Take care; beware. *West.*  
WARY-BREED. The worms in cattle.  
WAS. To wash. *Robin Hood, i. 89.*  
WASE. (1) A bundle of straw, &c., to relieve a  
burthen carried on the head.

- (2) Angry; ill-tempered. *West.*  
 (3) To breathe with difficulty. *East.*  
 WASELEN. To become dirty. (*A.-S.*)  
 WASH. (1) A narrow track through a wood; a lane through which water runs. *East.*  
 (2) Washy. Still in use.  
 (3) Ten strikes of oysters. *Blount.*  
 WASHAMOUTH. A blab. *Devon.*  
 WASHBOUGHS. The small straggling boughs of a tree. *Suffolk.*  
 WASHBREW. This term is still in use in Devon. It is thus described by Markham:  
 And lastly, from this small oat meal, by oft steeping it in water, and cleansing it, and then boiling it to a thick and stiff jelly, is made that excellent dish of meat which is so esteemed of in the west parts of this kingdom, which they call *washbrew*, and in Cheshire and Lancashire they call it *flamery*, or *flumery*.  
 WASH-DISH. The water-wagtail. *West.*  
 WASHEN. Washed. (*A.-S.*)  
 WASHER. (1) A sort of kersey cloth.  
 (2) "An iron hoope which serves to keepe the iron pin at the end of the axeltree from wearing the nave," Florio, p. 94.  
 WASHES. The seashore. *Norf.*  
 WASH-HOLE. A sink. *Var. dial.*  
 WASHING. To give the head for washing, i. e. to submit to insult.  
 WASHING-BALLS. A kind of cosmetic used in washing the face. *Markham.*  
 WASHMAN. A beggar who solicited charity with sham sores or fractures.  
 WASH-POOL. A bathing pond.  
 WASH-WATER. A ford.  
 WASK. A large wooden beetle. Also, to use a beetle. *Suffolk.*  
 WASHY. Tetchy; irritable. *East.*  
 WASSAIL. From the *A.-S.* was hæl, be in health. It was anciently the pledge word in drinking, equivalent to the modern *your health*. See *Drinkhail*. The term in later times was applied to any festivity or intemperance; and the wassail-bowl still appears at Christmas in some parts of the country. The liquor termed *wassail* in the provinces is made of apples, sugar, and ale.  
 Who so drynkes furst i-wys,  
 Wesseyle the mare dele.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. v. 48, f. 49.*  
 WASSET-MAN. A scarecrow. *Wills.*  
 WAST. (1) The belly. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) Nothingness. *In wast*, in vain.  
 WASTE. (1) To abate. *Essex.*  
 (2) The body of a ship.  
 (3) A consumption. *North.*  
 (4) To hang, or cudgel. *East.*  
 WASTEABLE. Wasteful. *Somerset.*  
 WASTE-GOOD. A spendthrift.  
 WASTEL. A cake; fine bread. (*A.-N.*) The wastel bread was well-baked white bread, next in quality to the *sinnel*.  
 WASTER. (1) A cudgel. "Wasters or cudgels used in fence-schools," Florio, p. 95.  
 (2) A damaged manufactured article.  
 (3) A thief in a candle. *Var. dial.*

- WASTERNE. A desert. "Walkede in that wasterne," *MS. Morte Arthure, f. 87. (A.-S.)*  
 WASTEYN. A desert. (*A.-S.*)  
 A gode man and ryst certeyn  
 Dwelled besyde that *wasteyn*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 12*  
 An ermyte woned for over a donne,  
 Yn a *wasteyne* fer fro the toune.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 41*  
 WASTING. A consumption. *North.*  
 WASTLE. (1) To wander. *Heref.*  
 (2) A twig; a withy. *Northumb.*  
 WASTOUR. A destroyer. (*A.-N.*)  
 WASTREL. A profligate. *West.*  
 WASTRELS. Imperfect bricks, china, &c.  
 WAT. (1) Walter. It was the old name for a hare. Used metaphorically for a wily cautious person.  
 (2) *Thou wat*, thou knowest.  
 (3) Indeed; certainly. *North.*  
 (4) A wight; a man. *Townel. Myst.*  
 (5) Hot. *Var. dial.*  
 WATCHED. Wet shod. *Var. dial.*  
 WATCHET. A pale blue colour.  
 WATCHING. A debauch.  
 WATCHING-CANDLE. The candle used when a person sits the night with a corpse.  
 WATCH-WEBS. Same as *Stalyclothes*, q. v.  
 WATE. To know. (*A.-S.*)  
 Firste es, as clerkes *wate*,  
 That who so es in welwe state  
 Schuld hold hym pryty in hyune,  
 And use solence withoute synne.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 113.*  
 His Son is wisdom that alle thinge *wate*,  
 For al the world he halt in state.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. l. 2.*  
 WATER. A river. *North.*  
 WATER-BEWITCHED. Any very weak drink.  
 WATER-BLOBS. Small watery globules.  
 WATER-BOX. The female pudendum. This term occurs in Florio, ed. 1611, p. 185.  
 WATER-BRASH. Water on the stomach.  
 WATER-CASTER. A person who judged of diseases by the inspection of urine.  
 WATER-CHAINS. Small chains attached to the bits of horses. *North.*  
 WATER-CRAW. A water-ensel.  
 WATER-CROFT. A glass jug for water.  
 WATER-DAMAGED. See *Water-bewitched*.  
 WATER-DOGS. See *Mare's-Tails*. Watergalls may perhaps have the same meaning, but I am told a second rainbow above the first is called in the Isle of Wight a *watergall*. Carr has *weather-gall*, a secondary or broken rainbow.  
 WATERE. Walter. *Pr. Parv.*  
 WATER-FURROW. A gutter, or open drain.  
 WATER-GATE. A floodgate. Also, a passage for water. Metaphorically, the water-box, q. v.  
 Fro heven oute of the *watirgatis*.  
 The reyny storme felle down algatis.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 91.*  
 WATERHEN. The moorhen.  
 WATERINGS. The spot called *St. Thomas* a *Waterings* was situated at the second mile-

- stone on the road from London to Canterbury. It was a place of execution in Elizabeth's time, and is frequently alluded to.
- WATER-LAG. See *Water-leder*.
- WATER-LEDER. A water-carrier.
- WATER-LOCK. A watering place fenced with walls, rails, or bars, &c. Blount, p. 702.
- WATER-LYNGKE. The herb *fabria minor*.
- WATER-PLOUGH. A machine formerly used for taking mud, &c. out of rivers.
- WATER-POT. "Water potte for a table, *aiguier*," Palsgrave. "Water potte for a gardyne, *arrousoier*," *ibid*.
- WATER-POUKE. A water-blister.
- WATER-PUDGE. A puddle. *Northampt*.
- WATER-RANNY. The short-tailed field mouse.
- WATERS. Watering-places. *Lin.*
- WATER-SHAKEN. Saturated with water.
- WATER-SHUT. A floodgate.
- WATER-SLAIN. See *Water-shaken*.
- WATER-SPARROW. The reed bunting.
- WATER-SPRINGE. A copious flow of saliva.
- WATER-SPRIZZLE. A disease in ducklings.
- WATER-STEAD. The bed of a river.
- WATER-SWALLOW. The water-wagtail.
- WATER-SWOLLED. Completely saturated.
- WATER-TABLE. A small embankment made across a road, especially on a hill, to carry off the water. *Sussex*.
- WATER-TAKING. A pond from which water is taken for household purposes.
- WATER-TAWY. A swooning fit. *North*.
- WATER-TEEMS. Risings of the stomach when nothing but water is discharged by vomiting. *North*.
- WATERWALL. A waterfall. Also, a wall to keep water within due bounds.
- WATER-WHEEL. A blister.
- WATER-WHELPS. Plain dumplings. *East*.
- WATER-WOOD. A watered fleece of wool.
- WATER-WOOSEL. The water-ouzel.
- WATER-WORK. An engine for forcing water.
- WATER-WORKERS. Makers of meadow-drains and wet ditches. *Norf*.
- WATER-WORT. The herb maiden-hair.
- WATH. A ford. *North*.
- WATHE. (1) A straying. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) Injury: danger; evil.  
Now take hede what I the mynne,  
þef a wyf have done a synne,  
Syche penaunce thou gyve hyre thenne,  
That hyre husbonde may not kenne.  
Leste for the penaunce sake,  
Wo and waththe bytwene hem wake.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 147.*  
I rede thou mende it with skille,  
For waththes walkes wyde.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 131.*
- (3) Game; prey. (*A.-S.*)
- WATHELY. Severely.  
With fyfty speris he fiede,  
And wathely was wondide.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 131.*
- WATKIN'S-ALE. A copy of this curious old tune is in Queen Elizabeth's Virginal Book. The original ballad is thus entitled,—
- A ditty delightfull of Mother *Watkin's Ale*,  
A warning wel wayed, though counted a tale.
- WATLYNGE-STRETE. The milky way.
- WATSTONE. A whetstone.
- WATTLE. (1) To beat. *Derb*.  
(2) A hurdle. *Var. dial*.  
(3) To tile a roof. *North*.
- WATTLE-AND-DAB. A mode of building with close hurdle-work plastered over with a mixture of clay and chopped straw. *Warw*.
- WATTLE-JAWS. Long lanky jaws.
- WATTLES. (1) Loose hanging flesh. *North*.  
(2) A kind of hairs or small bristles near the mouth and nostrils of certain fish.
- WAUDON. Supple. *Northumb*.
- WAUF. Tasteless. *Yorksh*.
- WAUGH. To bark. *North*. The term occurs in Bale's *Kynge Johan*, p. 65.
- WAUGHST. Rather faint. *North*.
- WAUGH-MILL. A fulling-mill. *Yorksh*.
- WAUCLING. Weak. *Lin.*
- WAULCH. Insuper; tasteless. *North*.
- WAUPE. The turnspit dog.
- WAURE. Sea-wrack. *Kent*.
- WAUVE. To cover over. *Heref*.
- WAVE. (1) To hesitate. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) To wander, or stray.  
(3) Wave. *Chaucer*.
- WAVER. (1) A common pond serving the whole village. *Suffolk*. "Wavoure, stouduyge watyr," *Pr. Parv*.  
(2) The situation of a quoit when pitched so that its rim lies on the hob. *Suffolk*.
- WAVERS. Young timberlings left standing in a fallen wood. *North*.
- WAW. (1) A wall. *North*.  
(2) To bark. Also, to caterwaul.
- WAWARDE. The vanguard.  
The kyng of Lebe before the *wawarde* he ledez.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 72.*
- WAVE. (1) Woe.  
Betwene the *wawe* of wod and wroth,  
Into his douȝtris chambre he goth.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 65.*  
(2) A wave. (*A.-S.*)  
(3) To move, wag, or shake.
- WAVEYS. Waves. (*A.-S.*)  
Nothyng sawe they them abowte  
But salte water and *waweys* stowte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 1. 0.*
- WAWKS. Corners of the mustachios.
- WAWL. To squeak; to cry out.
- WAWT. To overturn. *Lanc*.
- WAXE. (1) Wood. *Leic*.  
(2) To thrive; to increase. (*A.-S.*) *To wax out of flesh*, to become thin.  
(3) *A lad of wax*, a smart clever boy. "A man of wax," *Romeo and Juliet*.
- WAX-END. Shoemaker's waxed thread.
- WAXEN-KERNELS. Enlarged and inflamed glands in the neck. "Waxyng kyrnels, *glande, glanders*," Palsgrave.
- WAY. (1) The time in which a certain space can be passed over. *Two mile way*, the time in which two miles could be passed over, &c.  
(2) A way. Still in use.

- WAY-BIT. A little bit. *North.*
- WAY-BREDE. The plantain tree. (*A.-S.*)
- WAYE. To weigh; to press with weight.
- WAY-GATE. A gate across a road. *Line.*
- WAY-GOOSE. An entertainment given by an apprentice to his fellow-workmen. *West.*
- WAY-GRASS. Knot-grass.
- WAYKYER. Weaker.  
There was jollyng, there was rennyng for the sove-  
reynyé.  
There was rorynge and rumbelynge, pete to here;  
Fayne was the waykyer away for to flee,  
That day many a stowte man was ded there.  
*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D. xv.*
- WAYLANDE. Valiant.
- WAYNE. To strike; to raise.
- WAYS. *Go your ways*, get along with you.  
*Come your ways*, come along with me.
- WAY-WARDENS. Keepers of private roads.
- WAY-WORT. The herb pimpinell.
- WAY-ZALTIN. A game, or exercise, in which  
two persons stand back to back, with their  
arms interlaced, and lift each other up alter-  
nately. *Jennings*, p. 82.
- WE. (1) With. *North.*  
(2) Well. In use in the North.
- WEAD. Very angry. *North.*
- WEAKEN. To soak in water.
- WEAKLING. A weak person.
- WEAKY. Moist; watery. *North.*
- WEAL. (1) The same as *Wale*, q. v.  
2. A wicker basket used for catching eels.  
(3) To be in woe or want.
- WEALD. Forest; woody country.
- WEALTHY. Well fed. *North.*
- WEAMISH. Squeamish. *Devon.*
- WEANELL. A young beast just weaned.
- WEAR. (1) The fashion. *Shak.*  
(2) To cool the pot. *North.*
- WEARD. To bathe. *Beds.*
- WEARIFUL. Tiresome. *Var. dial.*
- WEARING. (1) A consumption. *North.*  
(2) Tiresome; tedious. *Var. dial.*
- WEARISH. Small; weak; shrunk. Also, un-  
savoury. "Werysshe as meate is that is nat  
well tastye, *mal savouré*," Palsgrave. Forby  
has *weary*, feeble, sickly, puny.
- WEARY. Troublesome; vexatious.
- WEASAND. The throat. (*A.-S.*)
- WEAT. To search the head to find if there be  
lice in it. *North.*
- WEATH. Pliant. *I. of Wight.*
- WEATHER. (1) To dry clothes in the open air.  
(2) To give hawks an airing.
- WEATHER-BREEDER. A fine day.
- WEATHER-CASTER. A person who computed  
the weather for the almanacs, &c.
- WEATHERED. Experienced.
- WEATHER-GAGE. To get the *weather-gage*  
of a person, to get the better of him. *South.*
- WEATHER-GALL. See *Water-dogs*.
- WEATHER-GLEAM. To see anything at a  
distance, the sky being bright near the horizon.  
*North.*
- WEATHER-HEAD. The secondary rainbow.
- WEATHER-LAID. Weather-bound. *East.*
- WEATHER-WIND. The bindweed.
- WEATIN. Urine. *Cumb.*
- WEAZEL. A foolish fellow. *East.*
- WEB. (1) A weaver. (*A.-S.*)  
She was the formaste web in kynde  
That men of that crafte dud fynde.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 16.*  
Of carpenteres, of smythes, of webbes, of bakeres,  
of breweres, and of alle maner men that goeth to  
huyre by the jere, or by the wyke, or by the daye.  
*MS. Burney 356, p. 99.*
- (2) The blade of a sword.
- (3) A sheet or thin plate of lead.
- (4) The omentum. *East.*
- (5) See *Pin-and-Web*, p. 625.
- WEBSTER. A weaver. *North.*
- WECHIE. A witch.  
Sixty geauntes before engenderide with fendez,  
With weches and warlaws to wacchene his tentys.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 39.*
- WED. (1) Wedded. *North.*  
(2) A heap of clothes, which each party of boys  
put down in a game called Scotch and English.  
(3) A pledge. (*A.-S.*)  
Hath any mon upon a wedde  
Borowet at the oght in nede.  
*MS. Cotton. Claud. A. ii. f. 142.*  
Hyddur he wolde take hys pase,  
My lyfe dar y lay to wedde.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 30.*
- WEDDE. (1) Wedded. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) To lay a wager; to pledge.
- WEDDE-FEE. A wager. *Robson.*
- WEDDE-FERE. Husband; wife. (*A.-S.*)
- WEDDER. A wether sheep. *North.*
- WEDDINGER. A guest at a wedding.
- WEDDING-KNIVES. Knives which were for-  
merly part of the accoutrements of a bride.
- WEDE. (1) Clothing; apparel. (*A.-S.*)  
Hast thou geve hem at here nede  
Mete and drynke, cloth or wedde.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 138.*
- (2) Madness.  
And had therof so moche drede,  
That he wende have go to wedde.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 24.*
- (3) To become mad.  
To Gye he starte, as he wold wedde,  
And smote hym downe and hys stede.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 23, f. 191.*
- WEDERINGE. Temperature.
- WEDGE. A gage; a pledge.
- WEDHOD. State of marriage.  
Save in here wedhod,  
That ys feyie to-fore God.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 129.*
- WEDHOK. A wedding-hook.
- WEDLAKE. Wedlock; marriage.
- WEDLOCK. A wife.
- WEDMAN. A husband.
- WEDOWE.  
Sene alle the erthe withouttene oure iorchipe may  
be callede *wedowre*. *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 9.*
- WEDS-AND-FORFEITS. The game of forfeits  
is so called in Warwickshire.
- WEDSETTE. Put in pledge or pawn.
- WEDUR. (1) A cloud. (2) Weather.
- WEDWEDE. Widowhood. (*A.-S.*)

Bot whether of thaim that lyves of the lyfe,  
Be it the man, be it the wyf,  
Schuld hys lif chastely lede,  
Whyles he es in the state of *wedwede*.

*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 117.*

- WEDYRCOKKE. A weathercock.  
WEE. (1) Woe; sorrow.  
(2) Very small; little. *Var. dial.*  
WEEAN. (1) A quean; a jade. *North.*  
(2) A child, or *wee one*. *Yorksh.*  
WEED. (1) Tobacco.  
(2) A heavy weight. *Devon.*  
WEEDY. Sickly; ill-grown. *Var. dial.*  
WEEF. "Weef or summe what semynge to badnesse," Prompt. Parv.  
WEEK. (1) The wick of a candle.  
(2) To squeak; to whine. *East.*  
(3) The inside of a week, i. e. from Monday till Saturday. *North.*  
(4) The side of the mouth. *Lanc.*  
WEEKY-DAY. A week-day. *Devon.*  
WEEL. (1) Well. *North.*  
(2) A whirlpool. *Lanc.*  
WEEN. (1) To whimper; to cry. *Devon.*  
(2) The same as *Wene*, q. v.  
(3) We have. *Lanc.*  
WEEPERS. Mourners.  
WEEPING-CROSS. *To come home by Weeping Cross*, to repent of any undertaking.  
WEEPING-RIPE. Ready for weeping.  
WEEPING-TEARS. Tears. *East.*  
WEEP-IRISH. To scream; to yell.  
WEEPY. Moist; springy. *West.*  
WEER. (1) The same as *Were*, q. v.  
(2) To stop; to oppose; to keep off; to guard; to protect; to defend. *North.*  
(3) Pale and ghastly. *East.*  
WEES. We shall. *Cumb.*  
WEESSEL. The weasand, or windpipe.  
WEET. (1) The same as *Wete*, q. v.  
(2) Nimble; swift. *North.*  
(3) Wet. Still in use.  
(4) To rain rather slightly. *North.*  
WEETPOT. A sausage. *Somerset.*  
WEE-WOW. Wrong. *Devon.* Also, to twist about in an irregular manner.  
WEEZWAI. A bridle. *Somerset.*  
WEFF. (1) Taste; flavour.  
(2) To snarl. *North.*  
WEFFABYLLE. Able to be woven.  
WEFFYNG. Weaving.  
Wen sche takyth hyre werke on honde,  
Off weffung other eubroudrye.  
*Gower, MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 4.*  
WEFT. (1) Wovea. *North.*  
(2) A waif, or stray.  
(3) Waved; put aside. *Spenser.*  
(4) A loss.  
(5) The ground of a wig.  
WEG. A pledge. (*A.-S.*)  
WEGGE. A wedge. *Pr. Parv.*  
WEGHT. An article like a sieve, but without holes in the bottom, which is usually made of sheepskin.  
WEGHTNES. Boldness.  
WEHEE. To neigh, as a horse.

- WEIEWORTH. The herb pimpernel.  
WEIGH. A lever; a wedge.  
WEIGH-BALK. The beam of scales.  
WEIGH-BOARD. Clay intersecting a vein.  
WEIGH-JOLT. A seesaw. *Hills.*  
WEIGHKEY. Soft; clammy. *Yorksh.*  
WEIGHT. (1) A great number. *North.*  
(2) A machine for winnowing corn.  
WEIKE. Weak; slow.  
WEILEWAY. Alas! See *Halaway*.  
He may seye *weileway* his burth,  
For wo to him is leide.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 94.*  
WEINE. (1) A vein. *Vocab. MS.*  
(2)  
That they fynd na fawte of fude to theire horsez.  
Nowthire *weyne*, ne waxe, ne welthe in this erthe.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 55.*  
WEIR. (1) A pool. (2) A dam.  
WEIRD-SISTERS. The Fates.  
WEIVE. To forsake; to decline; to refuse; to depart. (*A.-S.*)  
WEKE. (1) The wick. *Palsgrave.*  
For firste the wexe bitokeneth his manhede,  
The weke his soule, the fire his Godhede.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 29.*  
(2) To grow weak. (*A.-S.*)  
WEKET. A wicket. Also as *Bel-chox*, q. v.  
"A weket of the wombe," *MS. Addit. 12195.*  
WEKYD. Wicked; mischievous.  
WEL. Well; in good condition.  
WELAWILLE. Wild; dangerous. *Gaw.*  
WELA-WYNNE. Well joyous. *Gaw.*  
WELBODE. The insect millepes.  
WELCH. A failure. *Yorksh.*  
WELCH-AMBASSADOR. A cuckoo.  
WELCH-HOOK. A kind of bill or axe having two edges. "A Welsh hook, *raucou, nu risarma*," Howell.  
WELCHMAN'S-HOSE. To turn anything to a Welchman's hose, i. e. to turn it any way to serve one's purpose.  
WELCHNUT. A walnut. This is given in *MS. Lansd. 1033, f. 2*, as a Wiltshire word.  
WELCH-PARSLEY. Hemp.  
WELCOME-HOME-HUSBAND. Cypress spurge. Also called *Welcome to our house*.  
WELDE. (1) To wield; to govern. (*A.-S.*)  
Alle that ben of warde and elde,  
That cunnen hemself kepe and *welde*,  
They schulen alle to chyrche come,  
And ben ischryve alle and some.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 129.*  
And seide, Abraham, this is the land  
That thou and thine shul have *weldand*.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 15.*  
(2) A wood; a forest; a plain.  
(3) To carry; to bear.  
(4) To possess. Also, possession.  
WELDER. An owner; a ruler.  
WELDY. Active. (*A.-S.*)  
WELE. (1) Well. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) Wealth; prosperity; good fortune.  
Wherefore lett us say in *welc* and in wo,  
Good Lorde evermore thy wille be doo!  
*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D. xv. f. 29.*  
WELEFULNES. Happiness.

- WELFED.** Dried up; decayed. (*A.-S.*)  
For *welwed* in that gres grene,  
That ever siththen hath ben sene.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 8.*  
The whiche was whilom grene gras  
Is *welwed* hey, as tyne now.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 245.*
- WELKE.** (1) To wither; to be musty.  
The see now ebbeth, now it floweth;  
The londe now *welketh*, now it groweth.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 36.*  
(2) To mark with protuberances.  
(3) To wane; to decrease. *Spenser.*  
(4) Walked. Perceval, 209.  
Jhesus was there, he *welke* the stete,  
And with this blynde gou he mete.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 64.*  
(5) The same as *Wette*, q. v.
- WELKIN.** The sky. (*A.-S.*)
- WELKING.** Big and awkward; thus, a great *welking* fellow; generally used in the same sense as *hulking*; though at times it seems as if it were taken to signify wallowing; for they say, "He's *welking* about with his fat sides."  
*Line.*
- WELKNE.** The sky.  
A mannis synne is for to hate,  
Whiche maketh the *welkne* for to debate.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 36.*
- WELL.** (1) Surface springs, used as a source of water for domestic or other special purposes, are generally termed wells. *York.*  
(2) A chimney or vent-hole in a rick or mow.  
*Norfolk.*  
(3) To bubble up. *Palsgrave.*  
(4) To well. *North.*  
(5) *Well to live, well to do*, rich.
- WELLADAY.** Alas! *Var. dial.*
- WELL-A-TINE.** To a good purpose.
- WELLANDE.** Boiling; bubbling. Used metaphorically for furiously, madly.  
Of molten leed and bras withal,  
And of other *wellande* metal. *MS. Ashmole 41, f. 127.*  
Who so handlyth pycche *wellyng* hote,  
He shal have fylthe therof sumdeyl.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 44.*
- WELL-AN-ERE.** Alas! *North.*
- WELL-APAIID.** Satisfied. *West.*
- WELL-AT-EASE.** Heartly; healthy.
- WELL-DOING.** A benefit. *Devon.*
- WELL.** (1) To boil.  
Goth to the devel there shul ȝe go,  
For to *welle* ever in wo;  
Ever in his wo to *welle*,  
With him and his that are in helle.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 138.*  
(2) To rage; to be hot.  
(3) Very. (4) A wheel.  
(5) To flow, as from a spring.  
Mary, *welle* of mercy!  
*Wellyng* ever pite.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 105.*  
(6) Grassy plain; sward. *Gawayne.*
- WELL-HEAD.** A fountain; a spring.
- WELL-NIGH.** Almost. *Var. dial.*
- WELLS.** The under parts of a waggon.
- WELL-SEEN.** Expert; skilful.
- WELL-SOSSE.** Well-a-day! *Devon.*

- WELL-STREAM.** A spring; a fountain.
- WELLY.** (1) Almost; very. *North.*  
(2) Well-a-day, i. e. alas!  
(3) To commiserate. *North.*
- WELLYD.** Coagulated, as milk.
- WELME.** A bubble. (*A.-S.*)
- WELNE.** Well-nigh; almost.
- WELOGH.** The willow.
- WELOWE.** To wither, to dry; to rot.  
I am smyten downe and begynne to *welowe*,  
As heyte that lyeth aȝeyn the sonne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 2.*
- WELSH.** Insipid. *North.*
- WELSOME.** Wildsome.  
They namyd the chyldre Syr Degrabelle,  
That *welsome* was of wone.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 66.*
- WELT.** (1) To upset. *North.*  
(2) To totter. *Yorksh.*  
(3) To turn down the upper leather of a shoe to which the sole is fastened.  
(4) To ornament with fringe. Also, a hem or border of fur, &c.  
(5) To soak. *East.*  
(6) To beat severely. *Norf.*
- WELTE.** (1) Rolled; overturned.  
Whenne the kyng hade of hym syghte,  
In his chayere he *welte* up-ryghte:  
And whenne thay had lyfte hym up agayne,  
Thanne of Cristofer ganne he frayne.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 127.*  
(2) Wielded; governed. (*A.-S.*)
- WELTER.** To tumble, or roll about.
- WELTHE.** A welt. (*A.-S.*)
- WELTHIFUL.** Fruitful.
- WELWILLY.** Favorable; propitious.
- WELWYNGE.** A wallowing. *Pr. Parv.*
- WEM.** (1) A spot; a blemish. *East.*  
(2) The womb, or belly. *North.*
- WEMBLE.** To turn a cup upside down in token of having had enough tea. *North.*
- WEMENT.** To moan; to lament.
- WEMLES.** Without spot or stain. (*A.-S.*)  
The state of maydenhed he sal spylle,  
Maydenhed that es *wemles*.  
*MS. Bibl. Coll. Sion, xviii. 6.*
- WEMMED.** Corrupted. (*A.-S.*)
- WENCHE.** A young woman. *Wenche of the game*, a strumpet.
- WENCHEN.** Wenches. *Glouc.*
- WENDE.** (1) To change. Also, to turn, as a ship does with the tide.  
(2) To go. (*A.-S.*)  
Hast thou myȝtes hamward *wende*?  
That thou myȝtes hamward *wende*?  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 140.*  
For so sayeth Crist, withoute fayle,  
That nyȝe upon the worldis ende,  
Pees and accorde away schalle *wende*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 37.*  
But whenne that I schale hennes *wende*,  
Grawite me the blysse wythowten ende.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 130.*  
(3) To think; to conjecture. (*A.-S.*)
- WENE.** (1) To think; to suppose. (*A.-S.*)  
No, for Gode, seid oure kyng,  
I *wene* thou knowist me no thyng.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 40, f. 48.*

- (2) Guess; supposition; doubt. (*A.-S.*)  
 WENER. Fairer. *Gawayne*.  
 WENGABLES. Vegetables. *East*.  
 WENGAND. Vengeance. *Higins*.  
 WENGED. Avenged. *Gawayne*.  
 WENIAND. See *Waiion*.  
 WENNEL. A calf newly weaned.  
 WENSDAY. Wednesday.  
 WENT. (1) A crossway; a passage.  
 (2) Went away; vanished. *West*.  
 (3) Gone. From *Wende*, to go.  
 Of the brede, thurgh the Sacrament,  
 To flesche and blode hyt ys alle went  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 67.*  
 (4) To turn; to turn back. Also, the turning of  
 a stair, &c.  
 (5) A furlong of land.  
 (6) To turn sour or acid. *East*.  
 (7) The teasel, or fuller's thistle.  
 (8) Thought. (*A.-S.*)  
 He wente that tyme haffe deyed thare,  
 So that saule brynte hym thare.  
*R. de Brunne, MS. Boece, p. 2.*  
 (9) Done; fulfilled.  
 And biddle here wyl shulde he went  
 To Agladyous comandement.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 54.*  
 WENTLE. To turn, or roll over.  
 WEODEN. Weeds. (*A.-S.*)  
 WEOREN. Were. (*A.-S.*)  
 WEORRED. Defended. (*A.-S.*)  
 WEP. Wept. (*A.-S.*)  
 WEPELY. Causing tears. (*A.-S.*)  
 WEPEX. (1) A weapon. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) To weep. *Chaucer*.  
 There the pepulle schale geder withinne  
 To prayen and to weepen for here synne.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 131.*  
 WEPENE. Membrum virile.  
 WEPMON. A man. (*A.-S.*)  
 WEPPYND. Armed. (*A.-S.*)  
 Then spake Moche, the mylner sune,  
 Evermore wel hym betyde,  
 Take xij. of thi wyght zemen  
 Welle weppyynd be ther side.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 126.*  
 WER. Our. *North*.  
 WERC. Work. (*A.-S.*)  
 WERCE. Worse. *Pr. Parr.*  
 WERCHE. (1) To work. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) Thin; watery; insipid. *North*.  
 WERCOK. A pheasant.  
 WERDES. Fortunes. (*A.-S.*)  
 WERDEZ. Are. *Gawayne*.  
 WERDLICHE. Worldly. (*A.-S.*)  
 WERDROBE. The ordure of the badger.  
 WERE. (1) Doubt; uncertainty; confusion.  
 But we, that dwelle undir the mone,  
 Stonde in this world upon a weere.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 31.*  
 Ha! fadir, be nougt in a weere.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 51.*  
 And thorowe hir merite she hath the mouthes shit,  
 And lypes closed of hem that weren in weere.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashmole 39, f. 48.*  
 And thus he wandreth in a weere,  
 As man blynde that may not see.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 20.*

- (2) To wear. (*A.-S.*)  
 In honeste clothes thow moete go.  
 Baselard ny bawdryke were thou to go.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 17.*  
 (3) To defend; to protect; to save.  
 ȝyf ne myȝt with noun answeren  
 On outhere manere hymselfen were.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 25.*  
 That Florens had a tame here,  
 And was an hyrde shepe to were.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 27.*  
 (4) War.  
 And some also telles and say  
 That they have loste hors and harnay,  
 And theyre armoure and othere gere,  
 Thorue myscheyf in londe of were.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 54.*  
 (5) A pool of water. *North*.  
 (6) A weir for catching fish.  
 (7) Wore. (8) Had. *Gawayne*.  
 WERELYE. Slily.  
 As he blienched hym besyde,  
 A lyon come toward hym werelye.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 171.*  
 WEREMOD. Wormwood.  
 WERESENS. Ourselves. *Leic*.  
 WER-BEDLYNG. A commander in war.  
 WERING. (1) Growing.  
 (2) Bulwark; protection. (*A.-S.*)  
 WERKE. (1) Work. (*A.-S.*)  
 Hast thou be slowe in any dredȝ  
 For to do werke of charyte.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 140.*  
 (2) Ache. Reliq. Antiq. i. 126.  
 WERKE-DAY. A work-day.  
 For upon the werkeday  
 Men be so byy in uche way,  
 So that for here ocupacyone  
 They leve myche of here devocyone  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 148.*  
 WERLAUGHE. A wizard. "Wreke hymne on  
 this werlaughe," *MS. Morte Arthure, f. 92.*  
 WERLEDE. The world? (*A.-S.*)  
 For pompe and pryde of werlede to se,  
 And of the povre has no pyte.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 70.*  
 WERLY. Worldly. (*A.-S.*)  
 WERMESTORE.  
 And thou sal alsua mak a boure  
 For to hald in thi wermostore.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. A. iii. f. 11.*  
 WERNE. To forbid; to refuse; to hinder; to  
 deny; to warn; to guard. (*A.-S.*)  
 Joseph and Marye wolde not werne,  
 But to the scole lad him terne.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 77.*  
 Hurtyng bothe gastly and bodely is forbed,  
 And wermyng of wete to the pour in peril of dede  
*MS. Egerton 927.*  
 Thouȝ it be nougt the hoonds kynde  
 To ete chaf, ȝit wol he werne  
 An ox, whiche cometh to the herne,  
 Thereof to taken eny food.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 61.*  
 And certis that may no womman werne,  
 For love is of himselfe so derne.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 57.*  
 WERON. Were. (*A.-S.*)  
 WERPE. To throw; to cast.

## WERRAY. Make war.

And senden, is not this that mon  
That we say this 3ondir day  
A3en Jhesu name *werray* ?  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 120.*  
And alle that caste us falsly to *werray*,  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 22.*

WERRE. (1) War. (*A.-N.*)

For pes ne bydyth in no londe  
Theris *werre* is nygh-honde.  
*Religious Poems, xv. Cent.*

## (2) The worse.

It is to wondir of thilke werre,  
In whiche none wot who hath the *werre*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 31.*  
Who may to love make a werre,  
That he ne hath himselfe the *werre*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 95.*

## WERRESTE. The worst.

Sey wist y the brom,  
Thwat ys me for to don ?  
Ich have the *werreste* bonde  
That ys in oni londe. *MS. Addit. 11579, f. 29.*

WERRET. To tease; to worry. *Var. dial.*

WERRY. To bring forth young; used, how-  
ever, in the case only of rabbits, rats, and  
mice. *Line.*

## WERRYYNGE. Making war?

And alle that specially falles  
To that that men schuld hele calles,  
Withoute dougt of *werryngne*.  
In the trouthe of Criste heven Kyngne.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 138.*

WERSE. Worse. (*A.-S.*)WERSELLS. Ourselves. *North.*WERSTE. Worst. (*A.-S.*)

Bakkebytynges thys to say,  
Whan a man spekys ille ay,  
And tournes that he may here  
Of othere men on the *werste* manere.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 19.*

WERWOLVES. People who had the power of  
turning themselves into, or were turned into,  
wolves. See *A-charmed*.

## WERYE. To curse.

Thai sal be fulle of hatreden thanne,  
Ikone sal othyr *werye* and banne.  
*Hampole, MS. Boves, p. 216.*

## WESAWNT. The weasand.

## WESCH. To wash.

The kyng causyd the cokwoldes ychon  
To *wesch* withouten les. *MS. Ashmole 61, f. 61.*

WESE. To ooze out. (*A.-S.*)

## WESELS. A dish in cookery.

Fyrst grynde porke, temper in fere  
With egges and powder of peper dre,  
And powder of canel thou put thereto,  
In chapon necke thou close hit tho,  
Or elles in paunch of gryss hit pyt,  
And rost hit wele, and then dore hit  
Withoute with batere of egges and flour,  
To serve in sale or ellis in boure.  
*MS. Sloane 1936, p. 103.*

WESH. Stale urine. *North.*WESS. Washed. *Hearne.*

## WEST. (1) To set in the West.

(2) Shows. (3) Knowest. *Webber.*

## (4) A red pustule about the eye.

## WESTREN. To tend to the West.

Withoute *westyngne* or drawyngne to declyne.

## WESTRIL. A short underhand cudgel.

## WESTWALE. Westphalia.

Thay were wrought in *Westwale*  
With womene of Iare.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 136*

WESTWARD-HOE! To the West! It was  
one of the cries of the Thames' watermen.WESTY. Dizzy; giddy. *North.*

WET. To rain. *To wet the sickle*, to drink  
out earnest money at harvest time. *To wet*  
*one's whistle*, to drink.

WETAND. Thinking. (*A.-S.*)

3yf thou ever, yn evyl *wetand*,  
On fadyr or modyr leydest thyn hand.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 8.*

## WETANDLY. Knowingly.

Als ofte als I hafe done *wetandy* synne,  
And thurgh me malece *wetandy* fallyne thereinne.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 191.*

WET-BOARD. A shoemaker's cutting-out  
board. *Var. dial.*WET-BOARDS. Movable boards sliding in  
grooves in doors, &c.WETE. (1) To know. (*A.-S.*)(2) Wheat. *Nominale MS.*

The mcke hym lowes to serve comonly,  
Als duse ane asse that berys ofte hevvy,  
And berys als wel burly as *wete*,  
And als faste for smale gos als for the grete.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 17.*

## WETEWOLDIS. Wittol cuckolds.

WET-FINGER. To do anything with a wet  
finger, i. e. easily, readily.

## WET-GOOSE. A poor simple fellow.

WET-HAND. A drunken fellow. *North.*WETHE. Sweet; mild. (*A.-S.*)WETHERBED. A feather-bed. "Cum lecto  
pennato, Anglice a *Wetherbed*," Vita R. Ricardi  
II. ed. 1729, p. 162.WETHERHOG. A male or heder hog. Also,  
a surname in the county. *Line.*

## WETHERLY. With rage and violence.

## WETHEWYNDE. The plant woodbine.

WETING. Knowledge. (*A.-S.*)WET-JACKET. A man who gets drenched in  
a shower is said, naturally enough, to have a  
*wet jacket*.

## WET-SHOD. Wet in the feet.

WETTING-THE-BLOCK. A custom among  
shoemakers on the first Monday in March,  
when they cease from working by candlelight,  
and have a supper so called.WEUTER. To stagger. *Lanc.*

## WEVE. (1) To put off; to prevent.

## (2) To lift up; to raise.

WEVED. An altar. (*A.-S.*)WEVER. A river. *Chesh.*WEVET. A spider's web. *Somerset.*WEWERPOW. A dam across a ditch to keep  
up the water. *North.*

## WENE. To grow; to increase.

He that myghte lerne and holde faste,  
He schulde *wene* wyse at the laste.

*MS. Cantab. FF. in. 33, f. 147.*

WEYBREDS. Warts. *East.*



WEYEDEN. Weighed.

WEYFY. Yes, yes. *North.*

WEYFE. A wife. *Isumbras*, 124.

WEYFERUS. Travellers. (*A.-S.*)

Hast thou in herte rowthe i-had  
Of hem that were nede be-stad,  
To seke, and sore, and prisonerus,  
I-herberet alle *weyferus*.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 144.*

WEYHEDE. Carried.

I sulde fulle foule hafe bene lettide of my passage,  
whenne I solde hafe bene *weyhede* oute of this  
paynes.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 257.*

WEYHES. Rings; bracelets.

And he broghte *weyhys* in his hand, and he was  
cled alle in whitte clothes, and me thoughte this  
lady was cled in white clothe of golde.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 257.*

WEYMENT. Lamentation.

Jhesus the *weyment* undirstode,

With hem to that grave he so to.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 39.*

And as the turtle by contemplatyf,

For synne soroweth with greet *weymentynge*.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, p. 28.*

And made more *weymentacion*

Than I can make of nominacion.

*Oecleve, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 271.*

WEYNE. A waggon.

In *weynes* were thei put to lede,

That Joseph sent hem ful of sede.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 33.*

WEYNT. Done; fulfilled.

Hast thou for slowthe i-be so feynt,

That al thy wyll has be *weynt*.

*MS. Cotton. Claud. A. ii. f. 141.*

WEYSCHALLE. A balance.

WEYTHERNOY. The herb feverfew.

WEYVE. To wave; to forsake.

But ȝif thou hope that he wul *weyve*

Hys lawe, and Crysteandom receyve.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 44.*

WEYWORT. The herb *ipia major*.

WEZZLING. Giddy; thoughtless. *Lanc.*

WEZZON. The weasand, or windpipe.

WHA. (1) Who. (2) Well. *North.*

WHACK. (1) Appetite. *North.*

(2) To strike; to beat. *Var. dial.*

(3) A heavy fall. Also, to fall.

WHACKER. (1) To tremble; to quake. *North.*

(2) Anything very large. *Var. dial.*

WHACKER-GERSE. The plant cow-quake.

WHACKING. Very large. *Var. dial.*

WHAD. What. *Salop.*

By whom also thow moste mynne,

And whom he gart to do that synne,

And *whad* they were that were here ferus,

Prestes or clerkus, monkes or frerus.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 146.*

WHAIINT. (1) Quaint; odd. (2) Very.

WHAIINTISE. Cunning.

Pryde, and pompe, and covatyse,

And vayne sleghtes and *whayntyse*.

*Hampole, MS. Boucs. p. 47.*

WHAKE. To quake; to tremble. *North.*

WHAKER. A quaker. *North.*

WHALE. To thrash; to beat. *North.*

WHALE'S-BONE. Ivory. *As white as whale's bone*, a very common simile. Some ancient writers imagined ivory, formerly made from the teeth of the walrus, to be formed from the bones of the whale.

WHALM. To cover over. *Warw.*

WHAM. (1) Home.

Than preyde the ryche man Abraham

That he wile sende Lazare or sum other *wham*.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 44.*

(2) A bog; a morass. *North.*

WHAMIRE. A quagmire. *Yorksh.*

WHAMP. (1) A wasp. *Yorksh.*

(2) A young child. *Warw.*

WHANE. (1) To stroke down. *Cumb.*

(2) To coax; to entice. *North.*

WHANG. (1) A blow. *North.*

(2) To throw with violence. *Linc.*

(3) A thong. See Robin Hood, i. 98. Hence the verb, to beat or flog.

(4) Anything large. *Yorksh.*

WHANGBY. Very hard cheese made of old or skimmed milk. *North.*

WHANHOPE. Despair.

*Whanhope* es the secunde synne,

Woes hym that deyres thare-inne.

*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 20.*

WHANNE. When.

But, Lorde, how he was in his herte an evyd,

*Whanne* that Marye he hath with childe y-scyne.

*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 4.*

WHANTE. A long pole. *Pr. Parv.*

WHANTER. To flatter. *North.*

WHANTLE. To fondle. *Cumb.*

WHAP. (1) A blow. (2) To beat.

(3) To vanish suddenly. *North.*

WHAPPE. To wrap up. *Pr. Parv.*

WHAPPER. Anything very large.

WHAPPET. (1) The prick-eared cur.

(2) A blow on the ear. *Devon.*

WHAPPLE-WAY. A bridle-way. *South.*

WHARF-STEAD. A ford in a river.

WHARLE. "Wharle for a spynnell, *pevon*,"

Palsgrave, 1530. Kennett describes it "the piece of wood put upon the iron spindle to receive the thread."

WHARLING. An inability in any one to pronounce the letter R.

WHARL-KNOT. A hard knot. *Lanc.*

WHARRE. Crabs, or the crab-tree. *Chesh.*

"As sowre as wharre," is the example given by Ray.

WHARROW. The wharle of a spindle.

WHART. (1) A quart. *North.*

(2) Across. *Suffolk.*

WHARTER. A quarter. *Yorksh.*

WHARTLE. To cross; to tease. *Nurf.*

WHAR-TO. Wherefore.

WHART-WHARTLE. To tease. *Forby.*

WHAT. (1) Something.

(2) Partly; in part.

(3) While; till. (1) Quickly. *Weber.*

(5) An interjection, Lo!

WHATE. (1) Quickly. (2) Hot.

WHATEKYN. What kind of

With I. and E. the dede to the  
 Sall come, als I the kenne.  
 Bot thou ne wate in *whetekeyn* state,  
 Ne how, ne whare, ne *whenne*.

*MS. Lincoln. A. i. 17. f. 213.*

Take gode hede on hys degré,  
 Of *whatskynnes* lyyngte that he be.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 146.*

WHAT-FOR. For what reason. *Var. dial.*  
 WHAT-NOSED. Hot-nosed from drinking.  
 WHAT-SO. Whatsoever. *Gavayne.*  
 WHATSOEVER. Whatever.  
 WHAT'S-WHAT. What is good.  
 WHATTE. Knowest.  
 WHATTEN. What kind of; what.  
 WHAT-WAY. A guide-post. *Herts.*  
 WHAU. Why; yes. *North.*  
 WHAUP. (1) The larger curlew.  
 (2) A knot, or twist. *North.*  
 WHAVE. (1) To cover, or hang over. *North.*  
 (2) To turn pottery when drying. *Staff.*  
 WHAWM. (1) To overwhelm. *Yorksh.*  
 (2) Warmth. *Lanc.*  
 WHAYLE. Whole; healed.  
 When hys woundys were *whayte*,  
 He wente to the dewke sawns layle.

*MS. Cantab. F. f. ii. 33. f. 180.*

WHAY-WORMS. Whims. Carr has *whay-*  
*worms*, pimples, Craven Gloss, ii. 252.  
 And so marched toward London, where the Essex  
 men, havinge wyld *whay-wormes* in their hedges,  
 joined them with him. *Hall, Edward IV f. 53.*

WHAZLE. To wheeze. *North.*  
 WHE. Who. *North.*  
 WHEADY. Long; tedious. *North.*  
 WHEAL. A blister.  
 WHEAM. Snug; convenient. *North.*  
 WHEAMLY. Sily; deceitfully. *Line.*  
 WHEAMOW. Nimble; active. *Chesh.*  
 WHEAN. (1) To coax; to flatter. *North.*  
 (2) A small number or quantity.  
 WHEAT-EAR. The ortolan, so called in Sussex,  
 from its coming when the wheat is in the ear.  
 WHEAT-PLUM. A large fleshy plum, some-  
 times called a bastard Orleans plum. *Line.*  
 WHEAT-SHEAR. To cut wheat. *Kent.*  
 WHEAWTIT. Whistled. *Lanc.*  
 WHEAZE. A puff. *Craven.*  
 WHECKER. To neigh. *Somerset.*  
 WHEEDDER. To tremble. *North.*  
 WHEEDEN. A simple person. *West.*  
 WHEEDER. Whether. (*A.-S.*)  
 WHEE. A heifer. *Yorksh.*  
 WHEEK. To squeak. *North.*  
 WHEEL. (1) A whirlpool. *Lanc.*  
 (2) A mill. *Yorksh.*  
 WHEEL-LOCK. A small machine attached to  
 the ancient musket, used for producing sparks  
 of fire.  
 WHEEL-PIT. A whirlpool. *Yorksh.*  
 WHEELSPUN. Strong coarse yarn.  
 WHEEL-SPUR. The inner high ridge on the  
 side of a wheel-rnt. *East.* "Whele spore,  
*orbital.*" Prompt. Parv.  
 WHEELSWARF. Yellow sludge formed during  
 grinding on a wet stone.

WHEEN-CAT. A queen or female cat.

WHEENE. A queen. *North.*

That es called the *whene* of Amazonnes,  
 Undyr whose powere that folk wonnes.

*Hampole, MS. Boves, p. 136.*

WHELE. A weal, or blister.

WHELK. (1) A blow; a fall. *North.*

(2) A number, or quantity. *Yorksh.*

(3) A blister; a mark; a stripe.

WHELKER. A thump, or blow. *Cumb.*

WHELKING. Very large. *North.*

WHELL. Until. *Cumb.*

WHELME. (1) To cover over. Still in use.  
 Also, to turn over.

Tak a bryghte bacyne, and anoynte it with mylke  
 reme, and *welme* it over a prene.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17. f. 285.*

(2) To sink; to depress. (*A.-S.*)

(3) Half of a hollow tree laid under a gateway  
 for a drain. *East.*

WHELVER. A large straw hat.

WHEME. To please.

WHEMMEL. To turn over. *North.*

WHEN. An exclamation implying impatience,  
 i. e. when will it be done, &c.

WHEN-AS. When.

WHENNES. Whence. (*A.-S.*)

WHENNY. Make haste; be nimble.

WHENNYMEGS. Trinkets. *Glouc.*

WHENSOMEVER. Whenever.

WHENT. Terrible. *North.*

WHENY. To make a bow.

WHER. (1) Whether. (2) Where.

WHERE. Whereas.

WHEREAS. Where.

WHEREBOLE. See *Qairboile*.

Whypes of *wherebole* by-wente his whyte sythes.

*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 169.*

WHEREWITIL. Means; money.

WHERK. To breathe with difficulty.

WHERNE. The same as *Wharle*, q. v.

WHERR. Very sour. *Lanc.*

WHERRRET. A blow on the ear.

WHERRIL. To fret; to complain. *Line.*

WHERRY. (1) To laugh. *North.*

(2) A liquor made from the pulp of crab-apples  
 after the verjuice is pressed out.

WHERRY-GO-NIMBLE. A looseness.

WHERT. Joy; gladness.

For that ar so wyld when thai hafe *whert*,

That thai no dreede kan halde in hert.

*Hampole, MS. Boves, p. 21.*

WHERVE. A joint. *Somerset.*

WHESTHOUN. A question.

WHET. (1) To cut with a knife.

(2) To rub; to scratch. *North.*

(3) To gnash the teeth.

(1) A slight refreshment.

WHETHEN. Whence.

I caitif, *whethen* coom hit me

That I Lord myn shulde baptise the.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 80.*

WHETUER. (1) Which of two.

(2) At all events. *North.*

(3) *Whether not*, yes, also.

WHETHERS. In doubt. *Craven.*

WHETING-CORNE. The bel-chos, q. v.  
 WHIETKIN. The barvest supper. *North*.  
 WHIETLEBONES. The vertebræ of the back.  
 WHETSTONE. An ancient reward for the person who told the greatest lie. *Lying for the whetstone* is a phrase very often met with in old works. The liar was sometimes publicly exhibited with the whetstone fastened to him.  
 WHETTE. Sharpened. (*A.-S.*)  
 WHETTLE. To cut. *North*.  
 WHETTYN. Wheaten?  
 I clynge as dothe a *whettyyn* cake.  
*MS. Porkington 10, f. 60.*  
 WHEUKS. Being sick. *Lin.*  
 WHEW. (1) To whistle. *North*.  
 (2) A sudden vanishing away.  
 WHEWER. The female widgeon.  
 WHEWFACED. Very pale. *Lin.*  
 WHEWLS. Weevils. *Lin.*  
 WHEWT. To whistle; to squeak.  
 WHEWTLE. A slight whistle. *Cumb.*  
 WHEWTS. Irregular tufts of grass.  
 WHEY-WHIG. A pleasant and sharp beverage, made by infusing mint or sage into buttermilk-whey.  
 WHIBBIBLE. A whim. *East*.  
 WHICHE. (1) A chest.  
 (2) Who; whom; what; what sort of. Used in Herefordshire for *when*.  
 WHICK. (1) Quick; lively. *North*.  
 (2) A quickset plant. *Chesh.*  
 WHICKEN. (1) Quicken; become alive.  
 Whit yf the sawle thorgh syanne be slayne,  
 It may thorgh grace *whicken* agayne.  
*Hampole, MS. Boves, p. 58.*  
 (2) The wild ash-tree.  
 WHICKER. To neigh. *West*.  
 WHICK-FLAW. A whitlow. *North*.  
 WHICKS. Couch grass. *North*.  
 WHID. A dispute; a quarrel. *East*.  
 WHIDDER. To shake; to tremble. *North*.  
 WHIDDES. Words. *Dekker*.  
 WHIE. A young heifer.  
 WHIEW. To go very rapidly. *North*.  
 WHIEWER. Shrewd; sharp; violent. *Kent*.  
 WHIEF. A glimpse. *North*.  
 WHIFFING-CUP. A little cup, so called perhaps from being used by persons that smoke.  
 WHIFFLE. (1) To flutter. Also, to hesitate.  
 (2) To talk idly. *North*.  
 WHIFFLER. (1) A puffer of tobacco. Hence, metaphorically, a trifling fellow.  
 (2) The whiffers were generally pipers and hornblowers who headed a procession, and cleared the way for it. Anti-masques were usually ushered in by whiffers.  
 WHIFFLE-WHAFFLE. Nonsense. *North*.  
 WHIFFLING. Uncertain. *Lin.*  
 WHIG. Buttermilk. *Lin.* According to Markham, this is merely another term for *whay*. Brockett calls it *sour whay*.  
 WHIK. Quick; alive.  
 Thou most into the Holy Londe,  
 Wher God was *whik* and dede.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 43.*

WHIKWOD. Quick hedge.  
 WHILE. (1) Until. *Yorksh.*  
 (2) Time. (*A.-S.*) *A while's work*, work requiring a certain time. *How have you done the while*, i. e. since I saw you. *To while away the time*, to amuse one's self in an idle manner.  
 Holy eberche despyse and fyle  
 That wyl y biethly alle my *while*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 83.*  
 WHILERE. Some time before. (*A.-S.*)  
 WHILES. (1) While.  
 (2) Now and then. *North*.  
 (3) *Between whiles*, at intervals.  
 WHILK. (1) Who; which.  
 And if I wist *whilke* thei were,  
 Hit shulde come the kyng to ere.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 48.*  
 (2) To complain. *Kent*.  
 (3) To yelp; to bark. *South*.  
 WHILKIN. Whether. *Yorksh.*  
 WHILMIMER. See *Whaugby*.  
 WHILOM. Once; formerly. (*A.-S.*)  
 WHILST. Until.  
 WHILSUM. Doubtful.  
 WHILT. An idle person. *North*.  
 WHIM. (1) Home. *Somerset*.  
 (2) The brow of a hill. *Dorset*.  
 (3) A round table that turns round upon a screw.  
*Var. dial.*  
 WHIMBERRIES. Bilberries. *Lanc.*  
 WHIMLING. A childish weak person. "*Whimling*, small and weakly," Barnes.  
 WHIMLY. (1) Homely. *Somerset*.  
 (2) Softly; silently. *North*.  
 WHIMPER. To tell tales. *North*.  
 WHIMS. A windlass. *Yorksh.*  
 WHIMSY. A whim. *Devon*.  
 WHIM-WHIMS. Trinkets; trifles.  
 WHIN. Furze. *Var. dial.*  
 WHINACH. To cry; to sob. *West*.  
 WHINCOW. A bush of furze.  
 WHINGE. To whine; to sob. *North*.  
 WHINGER. A large sword. *Suffolk*.  
 WHINK. (1) A sharp cry. *North*.  
 (2) A spark of fire. *Westm.*  
 WHINNEL. To whine. *Glouc.*  
 WHINNER. To neigh. *Cumb.*  
 WHINNER-NEB. A meagre, thin-faced man, with a sharp nose. *North*.  
 WHINNOCK. (1) A milk-pail. *North*.  
 (2) The least pig in a litter. *South*.  
 WHINNY. To neigh. Also, to cry.  
 WHINS. Furze. *North*.  
 WHINSTONE. The toad-stone. *Chesh.*  
 WHINYARD. A sword, or hanger.  
 His cloake grew large and sid,  
 And a faire *whinyard* by his side.  
*Collyer of Canterbury, 1628, sig. F. 1.*  
 WHIP. (1) To do anything slyly.  
 (2) *To whip the cat*, to get tipsy. Also, to be very parsimonious.  
 (3) The top twig of a vine.  
 (4) To move rapidly. *Somerset*.  
 WHIPARSE. A schoolmaster.  
 WHIP-BELLY. Thin weak liquor. *Lin.*  
 WHIP-CAT. Drunken. Florio, p. 358.

- WHIP-CROP. The plant whitebeam.
- WHIP-HER-JENNY. A game at cards, borrowed from the Welsh. It was also a term of contempt.
- WHIP-JACK. A vagabond who begged for alms as a distressed seaman.
- WHIPPER-SNAPPER. An insignificant person. A term of contempt.
- WHIPPING. *Whipping the cat*, the custom of itinerant tailors, carpenters, &c., going from house to house to work.
- WHIPPINGLY. Hastily; gorgeously.
- WHIPPING-STRINGS. The reins used in guiding horses in driving.
- WHIPPIT. (1) To jump about.  
(2) A short light petticoat. *East*.  
(3) A kind of dog, in breed between a greyhound and a spaniel.
- WHIPPLE-TREE. The bar on which the traces of a dragging horse are hooked, and by which he draws his load. Pommel-tree is a longer bar, on which the *whipple-trees* are hooked when two horses draw abreast.
- WHIPS. A wisp of straw. *Kent*.
- WHIPS-FAGOTS. Faggots made of the tips of wood cut off in hurdle-making.
- WHIPSTALK. The handle of a whip.
- WHIPSTER. (1) A bleacher. *North*. (2) Grose explains it, "a sharp or subtle fellow."  
From Memphis comes a *whipster* unto thee,  
And a Black Indian from the Red Sea.  
*Fletcher's Poems*, p. 64.
- WHIPSTOCK. See *Whipstalk*.
- WHIPSWHILE. A short time.
- WHIP-THE-CAT. To *whip the cat* is a trick played in Hampshire. A bet is laid that one man shall tie a cat to another, and by whipping it shall make it draw him through a pond of water, or across a stream; the man who is foolish enough to accept the bet has a rope tied round his waist, and the other end is taken to the opposite side of the pond or stream to that on which he stands, and to this end is tied the cat, which is then whipped to make it draw the man through the water, and, of course, not being able to do so, it is assisted by men on the same side with the cat, and thus the poor simpleton is dragged through the water, to the infinite amusement of all the bystanders. *Holloway*.
- WHIR. To whiz. *Var. dial*.
- WHIRKEN. To suffocate. "*Nois*, drowned, whirkened," Cotgrave. *North*.
- WHIRL-BONE. The kneecap. *North*.
- WHIRL-BOUK. A churn which is worked by turning round. *Staffordsh.*
- WHIRLE. To go about idly.
- WHIRLICOTE. An open ear, or chariot. According to Stow, this vehicle was used as early as 1380. See Mr. Markland's paper on coaches, in *Archæologia*, xx. 453.
- WHIRLIGIG. A carriage. *Var. dial*.
- WHIRLIGOG. A turnstile. *West*.
- WHIRLPIT. A whirlpool.
- WHIRLPOOL. "Whirlpole a fische, *chaudron de mer*," Palsgrave.
- WHIRL-TE-WOO. Buttermilk. *Derb*.
- WHIRLY-HUFF. See *Roger's-Blast*.
- WHISH. (1) Whist; silent.  
(2) Sad; melancholy; pitiful. *West*.
- WHISHINS. Cushious. *North*.
- WHISK. (1) The game of whist. It is mentioned with other games in Taylor's Motto, 1622, sig. D. iv. It is also spelt *whisk* in the Country Gentleman's Vade-Mecum, 8vo. Lond. 1699, p. 63.  
(2) To do anything hastily. *Yorksh.*  
(3) To switch; to beat. *North*.  
(4) A kind of winnowing machine.  
(5) An impertinent fellow.  
(6) A kind of tippet. *Holme*.
- WHISKER. A switch, or rod.
- WHISKET. (1) A basket; a straw basket in which provender is given to cattle.  
(2) A small parcel. *East*.
- WHISKIN. A shallow brown drinking-bowl. Ray says this is a Cheshire word.  
And wee will ha a *whiskin* at every rushbearing;  
a wassel cup at yule; a seed-cake at fastens.  
*The Two Lancashire Lovers*, 1640, p. 19.
- WHISKING. Large; great. *North*.
- WHISKISH. Frisky.
- WHISK-TELT. Whorish. *Lauc*.
- WHISKY. A kind of gig.
- WHISP. See *Angle-berry*.
- WHISS. To whistle.
- WHISSONTIDE. Whitsuntide. *North*.  
Byfore, after, and *whissone tyde*,  
Eghte dayes they schullen abyde.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 13.*
- WHIST. Silent; still. Also, to be silent, to make silent, to hush.
- WHISTER. To whisper.
- WHISTER-CLISTER. A blow. *West*. A back-handed blow is a whister-poop, a word which occurs in the London Prodigal, p. 15.
- WHISTER-SNIVET. A hard blow. Jennings has *whister-twister*.
- WHISTLE. (1) The throat. *Var. dial*.  
(2) To try for anything uselessly.
- WHISTLEJACKET. Small beer. *Line*.
- WHISTLE-OFF. A term in falconry, meaning to dismiss by a whistle.
- WHIT. Quick.
- WHITAKER. A species of quartz.
- WHITCHEFT. Art, or cunning. *North*.
- WHITE. (1) To tell; to know.  
I shall the *whyte*, be hode myne,  
How had I lever a conyne.  
*MS. Cantab. Ft. v. 46, f. 52.*  
(2) Quit; free.  
Bot unnethes any othyr may  
Pase *whyte* thorgh purgatory away.  
*Hampole, MS. Bowers*, p. 103  
(3) A wight; a creature. (*A.-S.*)  
(4) To requite. *Chesh.*  
(5) A mark for an arrow, or rather the central part of a target.  
(6) To cut wood. *Yorksh.*  
(7) Fair specious. (*A.-S.*)

(8) An old term of endearment.  
**WHITE-ALE.** A pale-coloured ale in great estimation in some parts of Devonshire.  
**WHITE-ARMOUR.** Bright steel armour.  
**WHITE-BACK.** The white poplar.  
**WHITE-BOTHEN.** The large daisy.  
**WHITE-BOY.** See *White* (8).  
**WHITECHAPEL-PLAY.** See *Baugay-play*.  
**WHITE-FLAW.** A whitlow.  
**WHITEFRIARS.** The White-Friars near Fleet-street in London was formerly a sanctuary for offenders. See *Alsatia*.  
**WHITE-FROST.** A hoar-frost. *Var. dial.*  
**WHITE-GOLDES.** The large daisy.  
**WHITE-HEFT.** Flattery; cunning.  
**WHITE-HERRING.** A fresh herring. In the North a pickled herring is so called.  
**WHITE-HOUSE.** A dairy-house. *Wills.*  
**WHITE-LIGHT.** A candle. *Lin.*  
**WHITE-LIVERED.** Cowardly.  
**WHITE-MONEY.** Silver.  
**WHITE-MOUTH.** (1) A thrush. *Wills.*  
 (2) A foaming mouth.  
**WHITE-NEB.** A rook. *North.*  
**WHITE-PLOUGH.** The fool-plough. *North.*  
**WHITE-POT.** A dish made of cream, sugar, rice, currants, cinnamon, &c. It was formerly much eaten in Devonshire.  
**WHITE-POWDER.** Gunpowder which exploded without noise. It was formerly believed there was such a composition.  
**WHITE-PUDDING.** A sort of sausage made of the entrails and liver. *West.*  
**WHITE-RICE.** The white-beam.  
**WHITES.** White cloths.  
**WHITESTER.** A bleacher of linen.  
**WHITE-STONE.** Worthy of being marked with a *white stone*, i. e. very commendable.  
**WHITE-WOOD.** The lime-tree.  
**WHITHER.** To whiz. *North.*  
**WHITHERER.** A strong person. *Lin.*  
**WHITHINE.** Whence.  
 Whenne that thou sawe thy swete sone Jhesus ascende into hevene, fra *whithyne* he come in the manhed he tuke of the.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 17b.*  
**WHITH.** A blanket.  
**WHITING.** To let leap a whiting, i. e. to miss an opportunity.  
**WHITINGMOP.** A young whiting. Also, a young woman, a tender creature.  
**WHITINGS.** White-puddings.  
**WHITLING.** The young of the bull-trout in its first year. *North.*  
**WHITNECK.** The weasel. *Cornw.*  
**WHITSTER.** A whitesmith. *East.*  
**WHITSUN-ALE.** A festival held at Whitsuntide, still kept up in some parts of the country. The Whitson Lord, mentioned in the following example, is one of the characters in the festival.  
 Ich have beene twice our *Whitson Lord*,  
 Ich have had ladies many vare. *Melismata*, 1611.  
**WHITSUN-FARTHINGS.** Customary dues from parochial churches to their cathedral.

**WHIT-TAWER.** A collar-maker. *North.* Antiently a tanner of white leather.  
**WHITTEE-WHATTEE.** To whispyer. *North.*  
**WHITTEN.** The wayfaring tree. *Kent.*  
**WHITTER.** To whine; to complain. *Lin.*  
**WHITTERICK.** A young partridge. *North.*  
**WHITTERY.** Pale; sickly. *East.*  
**WHITTLE.** (1) To cut; to notch. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) A blanket. Still in use. Kennett says, "a coarse shagged mantle." The whittle, which was worn about 1700, was a fringed mantle, almost invariably worn by country women out of doors.  
 (3) A knife. Still in use.  
 (4) To wash; to rub. *Oxon.*  
 (5) A knot. Also, to tie.  
**WHITTLED.** Intoxicated.  
**WHITTLE-GAIT.** In Cumberland, when the village schoolmaster does not receive adequate pay to support himself from his scholars' quarter-pence, he is allowed what is called a *whittle-gait*, or the privilege of using his knife, in rotation, at the tables of those who send children to his school.  
**WHITTLETHIER.** A kind of coarse cloth.  
 Thy gerdill made of the *whittlethier* whange,  
 Which thou has wore God knawes howe longe,  
 Is turned nowe to velvet imbrethered strange  
 With gould and pearle amange. *MS. Lond. 241.*  
**WHITTY-TREE.** The mountain ash. *West.*  
**WHITWITCIL.** A pretended conjuror, whose power depends on his learning. *Erin.*  
**WHIT-WOOD.** The lime-tree. *Worc.*  
**WHITY-BROWN.** A pale dusky brown.  
**WHIVER.** To hover. *West.*  
**WHIVIL.** To hover. *Dorset.*  
**WHIZ.** To hiss. *Var. dial.* It occurs in Topsell's Beasts, 1607, p. 11.  
**WHIZZEN.** To whine. *North.*  
**WHIZZER.** A falsehood. *North.*  
**WHIZZLE.** To obtain anything slyly.  
**WHO.** (1) How. *Kent.*  
 (2) Whole. (3) She. *North.*  
**WHOARD.** A hoard; a heap.  
**WHOATS.** Oats. *Var. dial.*  
**WHOAVE.** To cover over. *Chesh.*  
**WHOCKING.** Trembling; in a fluster.  
**WHOD.** A hood.  
**WHOE.** The same as *Ho*, q. v.  
**WHOLE-FOOTED.** Very heavy footed. Also very intimate. *East.*  
**WHOLESOME.** Decently clean. *East.*  
**WHOLT.** A mischievous fellow. *North.*  
**WHOME.** Home. *North.*  
 And yf thou wylt not so do,  
 Whome with the then wylt y goo.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. II. 38, f. 210*  
**WHOMMLE.** To turn over. *Var. dial.*  
**WHONE.** One.  
**WHOO.** An exclamation of surprise.  
**WHOOBUB.** A hubbub.  
**WHOOK.** To shake. *Chesh.*  
**WHOOOP.** To hoop, or cry out.  
**WHOOOPER.** To shout. *Dorset.*  
**WHLOOR.** Where. *Yorksh.*

- WHOO-UP. The exclamation of hunters at the death of the chase.
- WHOP. To put or place suddenly. *North.*
- WHOPSTRAW. A country bumpkin.
- WHORECOP. A bastard. See *Horcop.*
- WHORE'S-BIRD. A term of reproach.
- WHORLE. To rumble with noise.
- WHORLE-PIT. A whirlpool.
- WHORLWYL. Same as *Wharle*, q. v.
- WHORRELL-WINDE. A whirlwind.  
And that Elyas was taken up  
Within a *whorrell-winde*. *MS. Astmole* 208.
- WHORT. A small blackberry.
- WHOSAY. A dubious report. *West.*
- WHOSH. To appease; to quiet.
- WHOT. Hot. Still in use.
- WHOTYEL. An iron anger. *Lanc.*
- WHOUGH. How. (*A.-S.*)
- WHOYS. Whose.
- WHIOZZENED. Wrinkled. *Derb.*
- WHREAK. To whine. *Yorksh.*
- WHIRINE. Sour. *North.*
- WHIRPE. To whimper; to whine. *North.*
- WHULE. To whine; to howl. *Suffolk.*
- WHUNE. A few. *Northumb.*
- WHUNSOME. Pleasant; delightful.
- WHUNT. Quaint; cunning.
- WHURLE. To whine, as a cat.
- WHURR. To growl, as a dog.
- WHUSSEL. A whistle. *Wussel-wood*, the alder, of which whistles are made.
- WHUST. To whist, or make silent.
- WHUTE. To whistle.
- WHUTHER. To heat; to flutter. *North.*
- WHY-NOT. An arbitrary proceeding, one without any assigned reason. Also, a sudden event.
- WHYTOWRE. Corrupt matter from a sore.
- WHY-VORE. Wherefore. *Devon.*
- WHY-WAWS. Trifles; idle talk.
- WL. (1) While. *Hearne.*  
(2) A man; a knight. (*A.-S.*)  
(3) Sorrow; woe; trouble.
- WIAN. A kind of wine.
- WIBBLE. Thin weak liquor.
- WIBBLE-WOBBLE. Unsteadily.
- WIBLING'S-WITCH. The four of clubs.
- WIBROW. The plantain. *Chesh.*
- WIC. A week. *Wiltz.*
- WICCHE. (1) A witch. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) To use witchcraft; to bewitch.
- WICHL. (1) Quick; alive. *North.*  
(2) A salt-work. *West.*  
(3) A small dairy-house. *Essex.*
- WICHIDOME. Witchcraft.  
So they lad hym wyth trecherye,  
Wyth *wychedome* and wyth sorcerye.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 136.
- WICH-ELM. The broad-leaved elm.
- WICHENE. Witches. (*A.-S.*)  
Also alle *wycheene* and alle that in wycheecraft by-leveth, other that doeth thereafter, or by here con-sayle. *MS. Burney* 336, p. 99.
- WICH-WALLER. A salt-boder. *Chesh.*
- WICK. (1) A bay, small port, or village on the side of a river. *Yorksh.*  
(2) Quick; alive. *North.*
- (3) Wight; fit for war. *Scott.*
- (4) A corner. *North.*
- WICKE. (1) Wickedness. (2) Wicked.  
Pride is the werste of alle *wicke*,  
And costeth most and leste is worth.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 60.  
But a synful soule and *wicke*  
Is als blak as any picke.  
*MS. Lansd.* 793, f. 135.
- WICKED. Dangerous. Still in use. "A wicked wounde," *MS. Med. Rec.* 1571.
- WICKEN-TREE. The mountain-ash.
- WICKER. To castrate a ram. *West.*
- WICKET. The female pudendum.
- WICKY. Same as *Wicken-tree*, q. v.
- WIDDENT. Won't. *Westm.*
- WIDDER. To wither, or dry up.
- WIDDERSFUL. Earnestly striving.
- WIDDERSHINS. A direction contrary to the course of the sun, from right to left.
- WIDDEY. A band of osier-rods.
- WIDDLE. (1) To fret. *North.*  
(2) A small pustule. *East.*
- WIDDLES. Very young ducks. *East.*
- WIDDY. A widow. *Var. dial.*
- WIDDY-WADDY. Trifling; insignificant.
- WIDE. Wide of the mark.
- WIDE-AWAKE. Intelligent.
- WIDE-COAT. A great outer coat.
- WIDE-GOBBED. Wide-mouthed. *North.*
- WIDERWYNE. An enemy. (*A.-S.*)  
Whenne these wordez was salde, the Walsche kyng hymselfene  
Was warre of this *wyderwyne* that werrayedde his knyghttez. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln,* f. 75
- WIDE-WHERE. Widely; far and near.  
What woldyst thou do with soche a man  
That thou haste soght so *wyde where*,  
In dyvers londys farre and nere.  
*MS. Cantab.* Ff. ii. 33, f. 104.  
Beterenes es thys be skylle,  
Whan a man hires of a mans ille,  
He hekes it and i-mas it mare,  
And dous it be knowyn *wyde-wase*.  
*MS. Harl.* 2260, f. 111.
- WIDGEON. A silly fellow.
- WIDOW. Sometimes a widower.
- WIDOW-BEWITCHED. A woman who is separated from her husband.
- WIDOW'S-BENCH. A share of the husband's estate which widows in Sussex enjoy beside their jointures.
- WIDOW'S-LUST. The horse-muscle.
- WIDRED. Withered.
- WIDUE. A widow. (*A.-S.*)  
And 3onge wymmen queyntly d3yt,  
That schewes thaym mekyl to mens sygt,  
And et over mekel jangelande,  
Thys es to *wydues* noyt semande.  
*MS. Harl.* 2200, f. 111.
- WIDVER. A widower. *West.*
- WIE. With; well; yes. *North.*
- WIEGIL. A lever; a wedge.
- WIERDE. Fate; fortune.  
And sayeth it were a wondre *wierde*  
To sen a kyng become an herde.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 56
- WIEST. Ugly. *West.*

- WIET. To wete; to know.
- WIF. 1) A woman; a wife. (*A.-S.*)  
2) The sudden turn of a hare when pursued swiftly by the hounds. *East.*
- WIFE-MODIR. A mother-in-law.
- WIFFLE. To be uncertain. *East.*
- WIFFLER. A turncoat. *Lauc.*
- WIFFS. Wiflies. *Kout.*
- WIFHODE. The state of a wife.  
And seyde, allas! *wifhode* is fore  
In me, whiche whilom was honeste.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 44.*
- WIFLE. A kind of ave.
- WIFLER. A huckster.
- WIFLES. Unmarried. (*A.-S.*)
- WIFLY. Becoming a wife. (*A.-S.*)
- WIFMAN. A female. *Reliq. Antiq. ii. 8.*
- WIG. A small cake. "Eschaule, a kind of wigg or symnell," Cotgrave. *Var. dial.*
- WIGGER. Strong. *North.*
- WIGGIN. A mountain-ash. *Cumb.*
- WIGGLE. To reel, or stagger.
- WIGGLE-WAGGLE. To wiggle. *East.*
- WIGHEE. An exclamation to horses.
- WIGHT. (1) A person. (*A.-S.*)  
For alle this ceté wolde thou [not] habyde,  
Bot faste a waywardé wold thou ryde,  
He es so fowle a *wighte*.  
*Octavian, Lincoln MS.*  
Alle thys thyng schalle be hym sent,  
And the love of that feyre *wighte*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 150.*
- (2) Active; swift. (*A.-S.*)  
ȝyt peraventure the tyme come myghte,  
That my sone may meete me *wighte*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 244.*  
Y schalle gyf the two greyhondys,  
As *wighte* as any roo.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 64.*
- (3) A weight.  
Hast thou uset mesures fals,  
Or *wyghtes* that were als.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 139*  
Alle that selleth by falsse mesowres, as clue, ferd,  
busschel, half busschel, other pekke, galoun, potel,  
other quart or pyntte, other by any falsse *wyghtes*,  
and alle that suche useth by here wytyngge.  
*MS. Burney 356, p. 98.*
- (4) White.  
*Wyght* ys *wyght*, ȝyf yt leyd to blake,  
And soote ys swittere aftur bytteresse.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 126.*
- (5) A small space of time.
- (6) A witch.
- WIGHTNESSE. Power; might.  
He hade weryede the worme by *wyghtnesse* of  
strenghte. *Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 61.*
- WIGHTY. Strong; active. *North.*
- WIIIE. To neigh. *Lilly.*
- WIK. Wicked. (*A.-S.*)
- WIKL. (1) A home; a dwelling.  
(2) A week. (*A.-S.*)
- WIKES. (1) Temporary marks, as boughs set up to divide swaths to be mown in the common ings, &c. *Yorksh.*  
(2) The corners of the mouth.
- WIKET. A wicket. "J'alra, a wyket, a double jate," *MS. Harl. 2270, f. 190.*

- WIKHALS. A rogue. *Hearne.*
- WIKKUDLOKEST. Most wickedly.
- WIKNES. Wickedness. (*A.-S.*)
- WILCH. Sediment of liquor. Also, a st a used in brewing. *East.*
- WILD. 1) Very anxious. *Var. dial.*  
(2) A wood, or wilderness.
- WILD-CAT. The polecat. *Lauc.*
- WILD-DELL. A dell or girl begotten and born under a hedge.
- WILDE. Wild cattle. "My wylde are awaye,"  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 132.*
- WILDECOLES. The plant colwort.
- WILDERNE. Wilderness.  
Fore now I have my queene lorne,  
The best woman that ever was borne,  
To *wilderne* I wyl gone,  
Fore I wyl never woman sene,  
And lyve ther in holtys hore,  
With wylde bestes evere more!  
*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*
- WILDERNESS. Wildness.
- WILD-FIRE. The erysipelas.  
A medsyn for the *wild-fire*. Take ij. handfelle of letuse, ij. of planteyne, and an handfelle of syngre, and bray this thre thynges togidyr, and when it is welle groundyn, take halfe a dische fulle of strouze syneger and a saucer fulle of everose, and medyl them togidyr, and do it to the evylle.  
*MS. Sloane 7, f. 70.*
- WILD-GOOSE-CHASE. A hunt after anything very unprofitable or absurd.  
No hints of truth on foot? no sparks of grace?  
No late sprung light to dance the *wild-goose chase*?  
*Fletcher's Poems, p. 262*
- WILDING. The crab-apple.
- WILD-MARE. The nightmare. *To ride the wild mare*, to play at see-saw. "To ride the wild-mare, as children who, sitting upon both ends of a long pole or timber-log (supported only in the middle), lift one another up and downe," Cotgrave. A game called *shooing the wild mare* is mentioned in Batt upon Batt, p. 6.
- WILD-NARDUS. Asarum. *Gerard.*
- WILDNESS. Cruelty.
- WILD-OATS. A thoughtless person. *To sow one's wild oats*, to grow steady.
- WILDRED. Bewildered.
- WILD-ROGUES. Rogues brought up to stealing from their infancy.
- WILD-SAVAGER. The herb cnekle.
- WILD-SPINNAGE. The herb goosefoot.
- WILE. Deceit. *By wile*, by chance.
- WILECOAT. A vest for a child. Kennett gives it as a Durham word for a waistcoat.
- WILF. A willow. *North.*
- WILGHE. A willow. (*A.-S.*)  
Tak the bark of *wilghe* that is bitwene the tre and the utter barked, and the entres of the rute; als wa do stamp thame wele, and sethe thame in swete mylke.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 295.*
- WILGIL. An hermaphrodite. *West.*
- WILKENE.  
Than tak a hundreth *wylkene* lewes, and stamp thame, and tak the jus, and loil al togedr with halfe a pownde of white lede, and twa unces of mer cury.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 296.*

- WILKY. A frog, or toad.
- WILL. (1) A sea-gull. *South.*
- (2) Passion; desire. *West.* These senses of the word are used by early writers.  
 At his *wille* don him sche lete,  
 And it was aperceiued skete.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 30.
- (3) Is. Still in use.
- WILL-A-WIX. An owl. *East.*
- WILLE. *Wille of wone*, at a loss for a dwelling. *Wille of rede*, without advice.
- WILLEMENT. A sickly-looking person.
- WILLERN. Peevish; wilful.
- WILLESAY.  
 That garres thes wormes on me to byt,  
 And ever ther saug ys *willesay*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 51.*
- WILLEY. (1) A withy. *North.*
- (2) A child's nightgown. *Cumb.*
- WILL-I-NILL-I. Whether I will or not; willing or unwilling.
- WILLOT. Will not. *North.*
- WILLOW-BENCH. A share of a husband's estate enjoyed by widows besides their jointure.
- WILLY. (1) Favorable. (*A.-S.*)
- (2) A large wicker basket. *South.*
- (3) A bull. *Isle of Wight.*
- WILLY-BEER. A plantation of willows.
- WILLYLYERE. More willingly.
- WILLYNGE. A supplication. *Mason.*
- WILLY-WAUGHT. A full draught of ale or other strong liquor. *North.*
- WILN. For *willen*, pl. of *wille*.
- WILNE. To will; to desire.  
 Hast thou *wylnet* by covetyse  
 Wordes gode over syse?  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 142.*
- Thow shalt nowyt *wylby* thy neyghbors wyf, hys hyne, hys servant, ox ne asse, hors ne beest, ne non other thyng of hys. *MS. Buxey 356, f. 96.*
- WILO. A willow.  
 Garlandes of *wyllos* schuld be fette,  
 And sett upon ther bedes.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 60.*
- WILOCAT. A polecat. *Lanc.*
- WILSOM. (1) Fat; indolent. *East.*
- (2) Dreary. Torrent of Portugal, p. 86.
- (3) Doubtful; uncertain; wilful.
- WILT. (1) To wither. *Bucks.*
- (2) A sort of rush or sedge. *East.*
- WIM. (1) An engine or machine worked by horses, used for drawing ore.
- (2) To winnow corn. *South.*
- WIMALUE. The wild mallow. It is mentioned in *MS. Lincoln*, f. 302.
- WIMANIS-MEDEMORT. French cress.
- WIMBLE. (1) Nimble. *Spenser.*
- (2) An auger. Still in use.  
 ȝis, ȝis, seyð the *wymbylle*,  
 I ame als rounde as a thymbyll;  
 My maysters, werke I wylle remembyre,  
 I schall crepe fast into the tymbyre,  
 And help my mayster within a stounde  
 To store his cofere with xx. pounce.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent.*
- WIMBLE-BENT. A long tall grass.

- WIMEBLING. To linger. *North.*
- WIMMEY. With me. *Lanc.*
- WIMMING-DUST. Chaff. *West.*
- WIMMON. A woman. (*A.-S.*)  
*Wymmones* serves thow moste forsake,  
 Of evele fame leste they the make.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 127.*
- WIMOT. The herb ibiscus.
- WIMPLE. A kind of cape or tippet covering the neck and shoulders.
- WIM-SHEET. A large cloth or sheet on which corn is winnowed. *West.*
- WIN. (1) Will. *North.*
- (2) To reach, or attain to.
- (3) A friend. *Reynard the Foxe.*
- (4) A vane, or narrow flag.
- (5) To dry hay. *North.*
- (6) Wine. (*A.-S.*)  
 Teche hem theinne never the later  
 That in the chalys ys but *wyn* and water.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 130.*
- (7) A penny. A cant term.
- WINAFLAT. Thrown on one side.
- WINARD. The redwing. *Cornw.*
- WINBERRIES. Whortleberries.
- WINCH. To wind up anything with a windlass or crane. Palsgrave, 1530.
- WINCHE. To kick.
- WINCHESTER-GOOSE. "A sore in the grine or yard, which if it come by lecherie, it is called a *Winchester goose*, or a botch." Nomenclator, 1585, p. 439. Some verses on it may be seen in Taylor's *Workes*, 1630, i. 105. It was sometimes termed a *Winchester pigeon*.
- WINCH-WELL. A whirlpool.
- WIND. 1. A dotterel. *South.*
- (2) A winch, or wince.
- (3) *To raise the wind*, to borrow money. *To go down the wind*, to decay. *To take the wind*, to gain an advantage. *To have one in the wind*, to understand him.
- (4) To winnow corn. *Deron.*
- (5) To fallow land.
- (6) To talk loudly. *North.*
- WIND-A-BIT. Wait. *Line.*
- WINDAS. An engine used for raising stones, &c. (*A.-N.*)
- WIND-BANDS. Long clouds supposed to indicate stormy weather. *North.*
- WIND-BEAM. The upper cross-beam of the roof of a house. Still in use.
- WIND-BIBBER. A hawk. *Kent.*
- WINDE. (1) To go. (*A.-S.*)  
 Syn ȝe wylle *wynde*,  
 Ye schalle wante no wede.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 39, f. 75.*
- (2) To bring.  
 Fresshe watur and wyne they *wynde* in sone.  
*MS. Cott. Calig. A. ii. f. 111.*
- (3) To turn round. (*A.-S.*)
- WINDLED. Said of meat hung up when it becomes puffed and rancid.
- WIND-EGG. An egg which has a soft skin instead of a shell. Still in use.
- WINDER. (1) A fan. *North.*



(2) A window. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) A woman who has the charge of a corpse between death and burial. *East.*  
 WINDER-BOARD. A shutter. *North.*  
 WINDERS. Fragments. *Salop.*  
 WINDEWE. To winnow corn.  
 WINDFALL. Any piece of good fortune entirely unexpected. *Var. dial.*  
 WIND-FANNER. The kestrel. *Sussex.*  
 WINDILLING. A fan for corn.  
 WINDING. A winding-cloth for a corpse.  
 WINDING-BLADE. "Payre of wynding blades, *tournettes*." Palsgrave.  
 WINDING-PIECE. A piece of land which is part of a segment of a circle. *East.*  
 WINDING-SHEET. A collection of tallow, says Grese, rising up against the wick of a candle, is styled a winding-sheet, and deemed an omen of death in the family.  
 WINDING-STOLE. *Tournette*, Palsgrave.  
 WINDLASS. Metaphorically, art or subtlety. Also, a turn or bend.  
 WINDLE. (1) Drifting snow. *Linc.*  
 (2) The redwing. *West.*  
 (3) A machine or wheel on which yarn is wound. "A yarn *windle*, alabrum," Ray's *Diet. Tril.* p. 86.  
 (4) The straw of wild grass. *North.*  
 (5) A bushel. *North.*  
 (6) A basket. *Lanc.*  
 WIND-MOW. A mow of wheatsheaves in the field. *West.*  
 WINDON. A window. *East.*  
 WINDORE. A window.  
 WINDOVER. According to Ray, the kestrel is so called in some places. See Ray's *English Birds*, p. 82.  
 WINDOW-CLOTHE. See *Wim-sheet*.  
 WINDOW-PEEPER. The district surveyor of taxes. *Var. dial.*  
 WINDROW. Sheaves of corn set up in a row one against another, that the wind may blow betwixt them; or a row of grass in hay-making. *Var. dial.*  
 WINDSHAKEN. Puny; weak. *South.* This term is used by Dekker, in his *Lanthorne and Candle-Light*, 4to, Lond. 1620.  
 WINDSHAKES. Cracks in wood.  
 WINDSPILL. A sort of greyhound.  
 WINDSUCKER. The kestrel.  
 WINDY. (1) To winnow corn. *West.*  
 (2) Talkative; noisy. *North.*  
 (3) Unsolid; silly; foolish.  
 WINDY-WALLETS. A noisy fellow; one who romances in conversation.  
 WINE. Wind. *Somerset.*  
 WINESOUR. A sort of large plum.  
 WINEWE. To winnow corn.  
 WING. To carve a quail.  
 WINGE. To shrivel up. *East.*  
 WINGER. To rumble about. *Linc.*  
 WINGERY. Oozing. *Corau.*  
 WINGLE. To heckle hemp.  
 WINGS. The projections on the shoulders of a doublet. See Fairholt, p. 618.

WININ. Winding. *Somerset.*  
 WINK. 1. A periwinkle. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) A winch, or crank. *West.*  
 WINK-A-PIPES. A term of contempt. Palmer has *wink-a-puss*, p. 96.  
 WINKERS. Eyes; eyelashes. *North.*  
 WINKIN. Like *winkin*, very quickly.  
 WINKING. Dozing; slumbering. (*A.-S.*)  
 WINKLE. Weak; feeble. *Yorksh.*  
 WINLY. (1) Quietly. *North.*  
 (2) Pleasant; delightful.  
 For some of the *wynly* wones  
 Were peynted with precyus stones.  
*MS. Harl.* 1701, f. 10.  
 Wha sal stegh in hille of Laverd *wand*,  
 Or wha sal stand in his stege hall.  
*MS. Cott. Vesqus.* D. vii. t. 14.  
 WINNA. Will not. *North.*  
 WINNE. (1) Joy. (*A.-S.*)  
 And the hounde wolde never blynnne,  
 But tance abowte faste with *wynne*.  
*MS. Cantab.* FF. iii. 20. f. 74.  
 Swete lady, full of *wynne*,  
 Full of grace and gode within,  
 As thou art floure of alle thi kynne,  
 Do my synnes for to blynnne,  
 And kepe me out of dedly synne,  
 That I be never takyn therin.  
*MS. Cantab.* FF. v. 48. f. 74.  
 (2) Furze. *Nominale MS.*  
 (3) To gain; to attain. (*A.-S.*)  
 (4) To go; to depart.  
 (5) To carve, or cut up.  
 (6) To work. *North.*  
 WINNICK. To cry; to fret. *East.*  
 WINNOLD. St. Winwaloe. *East.* Winnold-weather, stormy March weather.  
 WINNÖT. Will not. *Yorksh.*  
 WINNY. (1) To neigh. *West.*  
 (2) To be frightened. *Gibbe.*  
 (3) To dry; to burn up. *Linc.*  
 WINSOME. Lively; gay. (*A.-S.*)  
 WINT. (1) Passed; went.  
 (2) To harrow ground twice over.  
 WINTE. The wind. *Lanc.*  
 WINTER. An implement to hang on a grate, used for warming anything on.  
 WINTER-CRACK. A kind of bullace.  
 WINTER-CRICKET. A tailor.  
 WINTER-DAY. The winter season. *Norf.*  
 WINTER-HEDGE. A clothes-horse.  
 WINTERIDGE. Winter eatage for cattle.  
 WINTER-RIG. To fallow land in the winter time. *Salop.*  
 WINTER-WEEDS. Those small weeds in corn, which survive and flourish during the winter; as *alsine media*, chickweed, *veronica hederifolia*, ivy-leaved veronica, &c.  
 WINTLE-ËND. The end of a shoemaker's thread. *Isle of Wight.*  
 WINTLING. Small. *Salop.*  
 WINWE. Winnowing. (*A.-S.*)  
 WINY-PINY. Trefal; complaining.  
 WIPE. 1. The lapwing.  
 (2) To beat, or strike. *East.*  
 (3) To wipe a person's nose, to cheat him. 19

- wise his eye*, to kill a bird a fellow sportsman has missed.
- WIPER. A hand-towel. The term is now applied to a pocket-handkerchief.
- WIPES. Fence of brushwood. *Devon.*
- WIPPET. A small child. *East.*
- WIPPING. (1) Weeping; crying.  
(2) The chirping of birds.
- WIRDLE. To work slowly. *North.*
- WIRE-DRAWER. A stingy grasping person.
- WIRE-THORN. The yew. *North.*
- WIRKE. To make; to do; to cause.  
The smyth that the made, send Robyn,  
I pray to God *wyrke* hym woo.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 127.*
- WIRLY-BIT. A little while.
- WIRLYWOOD. Any revolving toy, &c.
- WIRMSLED. The herb *fucusculus porcus*.
- WIRRAWGLE. The great butcher-bird is so called in the Peak of Derbyshire, according to Ray, ed. 1674, p. 83.
- WIRRY. To worry. (*A.-S.*)
- WIRSCHPE. Worship; honour.  
He forges hym loos and *wirschepe*,  
Alþif he that strykes takes no kepe.  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 3.*
- WIRSLE. To change; to exchange. *North.*
- WIRSOM. Foul pus. *Yorksh.*
- WIRSTE. The wrist.
- WIRTCH. To ache. *North.*
- WIRT-SPRINGS. Hangnails. *Linc.*
- WIS. Same as *Wisse*, q. v.
- WISE. (1) The stalk. *Lanc.*  
Take the *wyse* of tormentile, and bray it, and  
make lee of askes, and wesche thi hevede therwith.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 280.*
- (2) Manner. (*A.-S.*)
- (3) To make wise, to pretend.
- (4) To show; to lead out; to let off.
- WISE-MAN. A conjurer.
- WISE-MORE. A wiseacre. *Devon.*
- WISENED. Shrivelled.  
The tre wcloit and *wisened* sone,  
And wex olde and dry;  
Nothing therof lette grene,  
Therof men had grete ferly.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 89.*
- WISER. And no one is the wiser, i. e. no one knows anything about it.
- WISH. (1) Bad; unfit. *Devon.*
- (2) To recommend; to persuade.
- WISHE. Washed. Chester Plays, i. 291.  
Saber to hys ynnre went,  
And *wysche* of Jocyans oyntment.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 35, f. 121.*
- WISHED. Prayed; desired; wished for.
- WISHFUL. Anxious. *North.*
- WISHNET. A pinenshion. *Yorksh.*
- WISHLI. Wisely. (*A.-S.*)  
For as *wiseli* as ever y cum too blisse,  
My wille is goode whatever y write or say.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 44.*
- WISHLY. With eager desire. *East.*
- WISNESS. Melancholy. *Devon.*
- WISHT. "He's in a *wisht* state," i. e. a state in which there is much to be wished for. *Devon.*
- A poor *wisht* thing, unhappy, melancholy "evil wished" or evil looked upon.
- WISHY-WASHY. Pale; sickly. Also, very weak, when said of liquor.
- WISIBLES. Vegetables. *East.*
- WISID. Advised.
- WISK. To switch; to move rapidly.
- WISKET. Same as *Whisket*, q. v.
- WISLOKER. More certainly. (*A.-S.*)
- WISLY. Certainly. (*A.-S.*)
- WISOMES. Tops of turnips, &c.
- WISP. (1) A seton, in farriery.  
(2) A sty in the eye. *West.*  
(3) A handful of straw. *Var. dial.*  
(4) To rumple. *East.*  
(5) A disease in bullocks which makes them sore near the hoof. *South.*
- WISS. Worse. *West.*
- WISSE. (1) To teach; to direct.  
Lorde kynge, sche seyde, of heven blys,  
Thys day thou me rede and *wisse*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 30, f. 84*  
Be thou oure helpe, be thou our socoure,  
And lyke a prophete to *wissen* us and rede.  
*Lydgate. MS. Soc. Antq. 134, f. 22*  
With stedfaste trouthe my wytes *wisse*,  
And defende me fra the fende.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 219*
- (2) Certainly. (*A.-S.*)
- (3) To suppose; to think.
- WISSERE. Teacher; director.
- WIST. Knew. (*A.-S.*)  
Many one, whan thay *wist*, thay were ryzte woo,  
Hit boodt hem not to stryve, the wille of God was soo!  
*MS. Bibl. Reg. 17 D. xv.*  
The qwere for sorowe wolde dye,  
For sche *wyste* not wherfore nor why  
That sche was flemed soo.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 73.*
- WISTER. A prospect, or view. *East.*
- WISTEY. A large populous place. *Lanc.*
- WISTLY. Earnestly; wistfully.
- WIT. (1) Sense; intelligence.  
(2) The yellow henbane.
- WITALDRY. Folly.
- WITANDLY. Knowingly. (*A.-S.*)  
As whan a man with al his myzt,  
*Witandly* holdes ther agayne  
*MS. Soune 1785, f. 50.*
- WITCH. (1) To bewitch. *Palsgrave.*
- (2) A small candle to make up the weight of a pound. *North.*
- WITCHEN. The mountain ash.
- WITCH-HAZEL. The witcher, q. v.
- WITCHIFY. To bewitch. *West.*
- WITCH-KNOT. See *Elf* (1).  
O, that I were a witch but for her sake!  
Y faith her queenship little rest should take;  
I'd scratch that face, that may not feele the aire,  
And knit whole ropes of *witch-knots* in her haire,  
*Dayton's Poems, ed. 1637, p. 253.*
- WITCH-RIDDEN. Having the nightmare.
- WITCH-WOOD. The mountain ash.
- WITCRAFT. Logic; art of wit.
- WITE. (1) To know. (*A.-S.*)  
Wherfore these thynges thow moste *wite*,  
That in thys vers neste be wryte.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 14.*

- Ac my Lord *wyteth* my soule wel,  
That thou here ne spille,  
For thou nemist withal this mygt,  
Anuye here worth a mille.  
*MS. Coll. Trin. Oron.* 57.
- 3if we be desiret,  
Our coward schippe we may it *wite*.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 340.
- 2) To depart; to go out.  
Fra theine thay removed and come tille another  
felde, in the whilke ther ware growand treese of a  
wonderfulle heghte, and thay bigane for to sprynge  
up at the sone rysynge, and bi the sone settinge  
thay *wyted* away into the erthe agayne.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 37.*  
The Russelles and the Freselles free,  
Aile salle thay fade and *wyte* awaye.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 151.*
- 3) To blame; to reproach. (*A.-S.*)
- 4) To hinder; to keep. (*A.-S.*)
- WITEL. Qu. wite it?  
And *witel* wel that one of thoo  
Is with tresoure so fulle begoo.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 141.
- WITEWORD. A covenant. (*A.-S.*)
- WITH. (1) A twig of willow. Also, a twig or  
stick from any tree, a twisted flexible rod.  
*West.*  
2) To go with, the verb *to go* being under-  
stood. *Shak.*  
3) By. (*A.-S.*)
- WITHDRADE. To withdraw.
- WITHDRAWT. A chest of drawers.
- WITHEN-KIBBLE. A thick willow stick.
- WITHER. (1) Other. *Somerset.*  
(2) To throw down forcibly. *North.*  
(3) A strong fellow. *Yorksh.*  
(4) Contrary; opposite to. (*A.-S.*)
- WITHERGUESS. Different. *Somerset.*
- WITHERING. (1) Strong; lusty. *Chesh.*  
(2) The second floor of a malt-house.
- WITHERLY. Hastily; violently. *Devon.*
- WITHERWINS. Enemies. (*A.-S.*)  
For to bring tham mightil  
Als his auen kyngrik til,  
His *witherwins* al for to spil.  
*MS. Cotton Vespas. A. iii. f. 10.*  
This three princes with heort men  
In the se forth i-wenden,  
To fytten aȝein is *wytherwines*.  
Use the aumperour heom scide.  
*MS. Lamb. 106, f. 113.*  
Aboute the toun the sette *wynnes*  
To distroie here *wytherwynnes*.  
*MS. Add. 10036, f. 24.*
- WITHERWISE. Otherwise. *West.*
- WITH-HAULT. Withheld. *Spenser.*
- WITHNAY. To deny; to withstand
- WITHOLDE. To stop; to retain. (*A.-S.*)
- WITHOUT. 1) Unless. *Var. dict.*  
2) Without water, *water* understood.
- WITHOUT-FORTH. Out of doors.
- WITHOWTEN. Without. (*A.-S.*)  
Me hath smety n *wythouten* deserte.  
And seyth that he ys owre kyng aperte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 241.*  
Preste, thy self thow mooste be chast,  
And say thy serves *wythouten* hast.  
*MS. Cott. Cantab. A. ii. f. 127.*

- WITHSAIE. To contradict; to deny.  
For thagh he fayle of hys day,  
Thow schuldest not hys wed *wythsay*.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 142.*
- WITHSAT. Withstood.  
It thoughten hem alle he seyde skile,  
Ther is no man *wytsat* his wille.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 95
- WITHSITTE. To withstand.  
Ther mygt no man *wythsitt* hys dynte,  
But he to the erthe them thronge.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 60.*
- WITH-SKAPID. Escaped.  
To the castelle thay rade,  
*With-skapid* name hym fra.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 134.*
- WITH-TAN. Taken from; withdrawn.  
Hast thow werkemen ight *wyhtan*  
Of any thyng that they schulde han.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 142.*
- WITHER-HOOKED. Barbed. (*A.-S.*)  
This dragoun hadde a long tale,  
That was *wyther hooks*; sawn faile.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 210.
- WITH-THI. On condition.
- WITHWIND. The wild convolvulus.
- WITHY. A willow. *Var. dial.*
- WITHY-CRAGGED. Said of a person whose  
neck is loose and pliant. *North.*
- WITHY-POLL. A term of endearment.
- WITINFORTHIE. Within.
- WITING. Knowledge. *North.*  
That heo avow no maner thyng,  
But hyt be at hys *wythinge*.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 131.*
- WITLEETHER. A tough tendon in sheep.
- WITNESFULLY. Evidently.
- WITNESS. (1) A godmother.  
(2) *With a witness*, excessively.
- WITSAFE. To vouchsafe.
- WIT-SHACK. A shaky hog. *North.*
- WITTANDE. Knowledge; knowing.  
The fytt poynte may thai night eschape,  
That commounes with hym that the pape  
Cursed has at hys *wytande*,  
Or to that cursynge es assentande.  
*Hampole, MS. Bours.* p. 6.
- WITTE. To bequeath.
- WIT-TEETH. The double teeth.
- WITTER. (1) To be informed.  
(2) To fret one's self. *North.*  
(3) A mark. Still in use.
- WITTERING. A hint. *North.*
- WITTERLY. Truly. (*A.-S.*)  
They lokyd up toward the skye,  
And they-ye yn a clowde *wyterly*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 1.*
- WITTERS. Fragments. *Oron.*
- WITTE-WITTE-WAY. A boy's game.
- WITPOL. A contented cuckold.  
Thy stars gave thee the cackold's diadem;  
If thou wert born to be a *witpol*, can  
Thy wife prevent thy fortune! foolish man!  
*Wit's Recreations*, 1634.
- WITTY. (1) Knowing; wise. (*A.-S.*)  
L-wyse thou art a *wyTTY* man,  
Thou shalt wel drynk therfore.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 2.*  
(2) The mountain ash. *Salop.*

WITY. In fault.

WIV. With. *North.*

WIVE. A wife. (*A.-S.*)

Whenne on hath done a synne,  
Loke he lye not longe thereynne,  
But anon that he hym schryve,  
Be hyt husbunde, he hyt wyve.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 127.*

WIVERE. A serpent. (*A.-S.*)

WIVVER. To quiver; to shake. *Kent.*

WIXTOWTYN. Without.

WIZARD. A wise man.

WIZDE. Advised; informed.

WIZEN. The gullet. *North.*

WIZLES. The tops of vegetables.

WIZZEN. To wither away; to shrivel up. *Var. dial.* Hence *wizzen-face*.

WIZZLE. To get anything sliely.

WIST. A person. See *Life*.

WISTLY. Quickly.

With that folke soone he met,  
And *wistly* wan of hem the bet.

*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 48.*

WLAPPE. To wrap or roll up.

WLATFUL. Disgusting. (*A.-S.*)

For-broken and *wlatful* made thai are  
In thair thoghts lesse and mare.

*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 7.*

WLATINGE. Loathing; disgust.

Roghe thou not theme thy thonkes,  
Ny wrynge thou not wyth thy schonkes,  
Lest heo suppose thou make that fare  
For *welatyng* that thou herest thare.

*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 137.*

WLATSOME. Loathsome. This word occurs in *MS. Arundel 42, f. 82.*

For hyt schall seme nought to thy syght,  
But derke and *wlatsome*, lytull and lawe.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 29.*

Whennes thou coom bithenke also,  
Fro thi moder wombe ful riht,  
Out of a *wlatsome* stynkande wro,  
That was merke withouten list.

*MS. Ravel. A. 389, f. 101.*

WLATYS. Loatheth.

Swyche men God Almyȝty hatys,  
And with here foule synne hym *wlatys*.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 24.*

WLOKKE. (1) Splendour; wealth.

(2) Fair (woman.)

Thane I went to that *wlonke*, and winly hire gretis,  
And cho said, welcom i-wis, wele arte thou fowndene.

*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 88.*

WLTUR. A vulture.

In the mortuynge arely ther come many fowlis  
als grete as *wltur*, reed of colour, and thaire fete  
and thaire bekes also blakke.

*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 29.*

WLUINE. A she-wolf. (*A.-S.*)

WND. A wound.

WO. (1) Sorrowful. (*A.-S.*)

(2) Stop; check. *Var. dial.*

WOARE. (1) The border or shore. Sea-weed was also so called.

(2) A whore. Nominale *MS.*

WOB. A sugar-teat, *q. v.*

WOBBLE. To reel; to totter; to roll about; to bubble up. *Var. dial.*

WOBBLE-JADE. Rickety; shaky. *South.*

WO-BEGONE. Far gone in woe.

And there they drenchid every man,  
Save one knave that to lond eam,  
And *woo begone* is he.

*Torrent of Portugal, p. 75.*

WOBLET. The handle of a hay-knife.

WOC. Awoke. *Wills.*

WOCHE. Which. See *Lasse*.

WOCKS. Oaks. *West.* The term is also applied to the clubs at cards.

WOD. An ox.

WODAKE. The woodpecker.

WODE. (1) Mad; furious. (*A.-S.*)

Ther is no heit ne bucke so *wode*  
That I ne get without blode.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 50.*

(2) Went. Perceval, 2062.

Hym to venge he thoght wele late,  
Hewchon on the crowne he smate,  
To the gyrdulle stede hyt *wode*.

*MS. Harl. Ff. ii. 38, f. 153*

(3) A wood. Nominale *MS.*

WODEBRON. The herb *fraxinis*.

WODEHED. Madness. (*A.-S.*)

In *wodehed*, as hyt were yn cuntek,  
They come to a toune men calle Colbek.

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 60.*

WODERE. More mad. (*A.-S.*)

WODEROVE. The herb *hasillogia*.

WODESOWR. The herb *alleluja*.

WODEWALE. The woodpecker.

I herde the jay and the throstelle,  
The mays mevyd in hir song,  
The *wodewale* farde as a belle,  
That the wode aboute me rong.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 116.*

Ther beth briddes mani and fale,  
Throstil, thruise, and nijtingal,  
Chalandre and *wodewale*.

*Cornygne, 95.*

WODEWE. A widow. (*A.-S.*)

WODEWIISTEL. Hemlock.

WODEWISE. Madly. (*A.-S.*)

WODGE. A lump; a quantity of anything stuffed together. *Warw.*

WOD-SONGS. Woodmen's songs.

WODUR. Other.

In swownyng as the lady lay,  
Har *wodur* chyldre sche bare away

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 84.*

WODWOS. Wild men; monsters. *Gaw.*

WOER. More sorry.

Than began he to wepe and wrynge hys handes,  
and was so woo on eche syde that he wyste not what  
for to do, and *woer* he was fore hys wyteys dethe.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 9.*

WOESTART. An interjection of condolence or sympathy. *Line.*

WOE-WORTH. Woe betide.

*Woe worth* thee, Tarlton,  
That ever thou wast borne;  
Thy wife hath made thee cuckold,  
And thou must wear the borne.

*Tarlton's Jestes, sig. B. iv.*

WOFARE. Sorrow. (*A.-S.*)

And tolde hym of alle hys *wofare*,  
And of alle hys cumforte yn alle hys care

*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 71.*

- WOGGIN.** A narrow passage between two houses. *Yorksh.*
- WOGHE.** (1) A wall.  
Thys olde man was broghte so loghe,  
That he lay ful colde besyde a *woghe*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 8.*
- (2) Harm; injustice. (*A.-S.*)  
I rede we bere hyt here besyde,  
And do we hyt no *woghe*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 46.*
- (3) Crooked; bent. *W.ber.*  
1 Bent, or swung? Weighed?  
And the childie swa hevy *woghe*,  
That ofte sythes one knees he hym droghe.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 125.*
- WOGHTE.** Wrong. (*A.-S.*)  
As they seyd, they dyd that *woghte*,  
The whyche dede ful soure they boghte.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 27.*
- WOK.** Watched.
- WOKE.** (1) A week.  
(2) Weak. Perceval, 1373.  
(3) To ache with pain.
- WOKEN.** To suffocate. *North.*
- WOKEY.** Moist; sappy. *Durh.*
- WOL.** (1) To will. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) Full. Still in use.
- WOLBODE.** A millepedes.
- WOLD.** Willed; been willing.
- WOLDE.** (1) Old.  
And be in charyté and in acorde  
With all my neighbours *wolde* and syng.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 31, f. 16.*
- (2) Would. (*A.-S.*)  
They sparyd nodur for sylvyr nor golde,  
For the beste have they *wolde*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 118.*
- (3) A wood; a weald; a plain.
- WOLDER.** To roll up. *East.*
- WOLDMAN'S-BEARD.** The herb marestail.
- WOLE.** Same as *Wolder*, q. v.
- WOLF.** (1) A wooden fence placed across a ditch in the corner of a field, to prevent cattle straying into another field by means of the ditch. *East.*  
(2) To have a wolf in the stomach, to eat ravenously. To keep the wolf from the door, to have food.  
(3) A kind of fishing-net.  
(4) Some disease in the legs.  
(5) A bit for a restive horse.
- WOLFETTES.**  
That for every sack of wolle, and the *wolfettes*,  
th' English shall paye after the rate of iiij. markes  
custume, and to cary the same to Callais.  
*Egerton Papers, p. 12.*
- WOLF-HEAD.** An outlaw.
- WOLICHE.** Unjustly. (*A.-S.*)
- WOLIPERE.** A cap.
- WOLKE.** Rolled; kneaded.
- WOLSTED.** Worsted. *Stowe.*
- WOLTHE.** Willet. (*A.-S.*)  
Another tyme, gyf hem folghthe  
As the fader and the moder *wolthe*.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 128.*
- WOLVES-THISTLE.** The plant camalion.
- WOMAN-HODE.** Womanhood; the virtue of a woman. (*A.-S.*)

- A goodyer ther myght none be,  
Here *womanhude* in alle degre.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 45.*
- WOMBE-CLOUTES.** Tripes. (*A.-S.*) It is explained by *omentum* in the Nominale.
- WOMBLETY-CROPT.** The indisposition of a drunkard after a debauch. *Grise.*
- WOMMEL.** An auger. *North.*
- WON.** (1) One.  
In e-schewing al mauer doublelesse,  
To make too joys insted of *won* grevance.  
*Chaucer, MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 104.*
- (2) Will. *Somerset.*
- WONDE.** (1) Went. (*A.-S.*)  
He smote the dore with hys honde,  
That opyn hyt *wonde*. *MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 117.*
- (2) To spare; to fear; to refrain.  
To preche hem also thou mygt not *wonde*,  
Bothe to wyf and eke husbonde.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 131.*  
*Wonde* thow not for no schame:  
Paraventur I have done the same.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 137.*  
Also shal the woman *wonde*  
To take here godmodrys husbonde.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 12.*  
Wendyth forthe for to fonde,  
For nothyng wyll we *wonde*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 158.*
- (3) Dwelled. (*A.-S.*)
- WONDER.** (1) Wonderful. (*A.-S.*)  
Off kyng Arthour a *wonder* case,  
Frendes, herkyns how it was.  
*MS. Ashmol. 61, f. 60.*
- (2) The afternoon. *Staff.*
- WONDERCHONE.** An engine or contrivance for catching fish. See Blount in v.
- WONDERFUL.** Very. *Var. dial.*
- WONDIRLY.** Wonderfully.
- WONDSOME.**  
And for *wondsome* and wille alle his wit failede,  
That wode alles a wyld beste he wente at the gayneste  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 93.*
- WONE.** (1) Manner; custom. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) Quantity; plenty; a heap.  
Yea, my Lorde life and deare,  
Rosted fishe and honnye in feare,  
Theirowf we have good *wone*.  
*Chester Plays, ii. 109.*
- (3) To dwell. Also, a dwelling.  
Lordynges, he seyde, arme yow all one,  
Here ys no dwelling for us to *wone*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 167.*
- WONED.** Went; accustomed.
- WONEDEN.** Dwelled. (*A.-S.*)
- WONET.** Accustomed; used. (*A.-S.*)  
Hast thou be *wonet* to swere als  
By Goddes bones or herte fals.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 133.*  
Art thou *wonet* to go to the ale,  
To fulle there thy fowle male?  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 142.*
- WONG.** (1) A churek. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) Marsh, or low land. *Line.*  
(3) A grove; a meadow; a plain.
- WONIEN.** To dwell. (*A.-S.*)
- WONING.** A dwelling. (*A.-S.*)  
Tel me, sir, what is thy name,  
And wher thy *wonnyng* is.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 48.*

WONLY. Only. *Kent.*  
 WONMIL-CHÉESE. See *Bang* (5).  
 WONNE. (1) One. See *Wone*.  
 (2) Wont; accustomed.  
 In the garden ageyne the sonne  
 He laye to slepe, as he was *wonne*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 173.*  
 WONST. Once; on purpose. *Lanc.*  
 WONT. To yoke animals. *Oxon.*  
 WONTED. (1) Turned, as milk. *Cumb.*  
 (2) Accustomed to a place. *North.*  
 WONT-HEAVE. A mole-hill. *Wont-snap*, a  
 mole-trap. *Wont-wriggle*, the sinuous path  
 made by moles under ground.  
 WOO. Wool. *North.*  
 WOOD. (1) Mad; furious. Also, famished, or  
 raging with hunger.  
 (2) To go to the wood, to be dieted for the vene-  
 real disease.  
 (3) A number, or quantity.  
 WOOD-AND-WOOD. "The strickles is a  
 thing that goes along with the measure, which  
 is a straight board with a staffe fixed in the  
 side, to draw over corn in measreing, that it  
 exceed not the height of the measure, which  
 measuringe is termed *wood and wood*," Holme's  
 Academy, iii. 337.  
 WOODBOUND. Surrounded by trees.  
 WOODBRONEY. The herb *fraxinus*.  
 WOODCOCK. A simpleton. This term is very  
 common in early plays.  
 WOODCOCK-SOIL. Ground that hath a soil  
 under the turf, that looks of a woodcock  
 colour, and is not good. *South.*  
 WOOD-CULVER. A wood-pigeon. *West.*  
 WOODEN. Mad.  
 WOODENLY. Awkwardly. *Yorksh.*  
 WOODEN-RUFF. The pillory.  
 WOODEN-SWORD. "To wear the *wooden-*  
*sword*," to overstand the market. *Dorset.*  
 WOODHACK. A woodpecker.  
 WOOD-HACKER. A woodman. *Linc.*  
 WOODHEFE. Madness. (*A.-S.*)  
 Jhesu schylde us fro that fal,  
 That Lucifer fel for his *woothede*.  
 And make us fre that now ben thral,  
 And take us to hym to be oure mede  
*Hampole's Psalms, MS.*  
 WOOD-LAYER. Young plants of oak, or other  
 timber laid into hedges among "white thorn  
 layer." *Norfolk.*  
 WOODLICH. Madly. (*A.-S.*)  
 To teche him also how he schal scheten *woodlich* or  
 fersliche, vengyng hym on his enemyes.  
*Vegecius, MS. Douce 291, f. 5.*  
 WOODMAN. (1) A carpenter. *Derb.*  
 (2) A weneher, or hunter after girls.  
 WOOD-MARCH. Sanicle. *Gerard.*  
 WOOD-MARE. An echo. (*A.-S.*)  
 WOODNEP. Ameos. *Gerard.*  
 WOOD-NOGGIN. A Kentish term applied to  
 half-timbered houses.  
 WOOD-QUIST. The wood-pigeon.  
 WOOD-SERE. The month or season for felling  
 wood. Tasser uses the term.  
 WOODSOAR. Cuckoo-spittle.

WOODSOWER. Wood-sorrel.  
 WOODSPACK. A woodpecker. *East.* Moor  
 and Forby have *woodsprite*.  
 WOODWANTS. Holes in a post or piece of  
 timber, i. e. places wanting wood.  
 WOODWARD. The keeper of a wood.  
 WOODWEX. The plant *genista tinctoria*.  
 WOOFET. A silly fellow. *East.*  
 WOOL. (1) Will. *Var. dial.*  
 (2) To twist a chain round a refractory horse to  
 render him obedient. *Kent.*  
 WOOLFIST. A term of reproach.  
 WOOL-GATHERING. "Your brains are gone  
 woolgathering," a phrase applied to a stupid or  
 bewildered person. See Florio, p. 138.  
 WOOL-PACKS. A term given to light clouds  
 in a blue sky. *Norf.*  
 WOOLWARD. To go woolward, or without  
 any linen next the body, was frequently en-  
 joined as a penance. "Wolwarde, without  
 any linnen nexte ones body, *sans cheynse*,"  
 Palsgrave. "Wolleward and weetsheed,"  
 Piers Ploughman, p. 369.  
 Faste, and go *wolward*, and wake,  
 And suffre hard for Godus sake.  
*MS. Ashmole 41, f. 44.*  
 For the synnes that he has wrought,  
 And do he penawnce with alle hys thought,  
 And be in prayers bothe day and nyght,  
 And faste, and go *wolward*, and wake,  
 And thole hardnes for Goddes sake;  
 For no man may to helen go,  
 Bot he thole here angry and wo.  
*Hampole, MS. Bowes, p. 109.*  
 WOOPES. Weeping; sorrowful.  
 All the dayes that y leve here  
 In this woofull *woopes* dale.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 21.*  
 WOOS. Vapour. *Batman.*  
 WOOSH. An imperative commanding the fore-  
 horse of a team to bear to the left.  
 WOOSOM. An adverbson.  
 WOOSTER. A wooer. *North.*  
 WOOT. Will thee. *West.*  
 WOP. (1) A fan for corn. *Linc.*  
 (2) A bundle of straw. *Var. dial.*  
 (3) A wasp. *Devon.*  
 (4) Weeping. *Hearne.*  
 (5) To produce an abortive lamb.  
 WOPNE. Urine. *Pr. Pare.*  
 WOR. (1) Our. (2) Were. *North.*  
 WORBITTEN. Said of growing timber pierced  
 by the larvæ of beetles. *East.*  
 WORCESTER. "It shines like *Worcester*  
 against Gloucester," a phrase expressing  
 rivalry. *West.*  
 WORCH-BRACCO. "Work-brittle, very dili-  
 gent, earnest, or intent upon one's work."  
 Ray, ed. 1674, p. 55.  
 WORCHE. To work; to cause.  
 And jef thow may not come to chyrche,  
 Wherever that thow do *worche*,  
 When thow herest to masse knylle,  
 Key to God wyth herte styll  
 To jeve the part of that servyse,  
 That in chyrche i-done ys.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 148*

And many maneres there ben mo,  
That *worcheth* to man miche woo.  
*MS. Lansd 793, f. 72.*  
Yf we have the hylle and thy the dale,  
We schall them *worche* moche bale.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 33, f. 168.*

**WORD.** (1) A motto.  
(2) To take one's word again, i. e. to retract what one has said. *North.* To speak nine words at once, i. e. to talk very quickly.  
(3) To dispute, or wrangle. *East.* Probably from the old English *worda*, to discourse.  
(4) The world. *Nominale MS.*

**WORDE.** Talk; reputation.  
He slewe hys enemies with grete envy,  
Grete *worde* of hym arose.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38, f. 72.*

**WORDING-HOOK.** A dung-rake. *Chesh.*

**WORDLE.** The world. *West.*

**WORDLES.** Speechless. (*A.-S.*)

**WORD.** Were. (*A.-S.*)  
He ys woundyd swythe sore,  
Loke that he dadd *wore*.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 33, f. 153*

**WORGISH.** Ill tasted, as ale. *Oxon.*

**WORK.** (1) "To make work," i. e. to cause or make a disturbance. *Var. dial.*  
(2) To suppurate. *West.*  
(3) To banter. *Var. dial.*

**WORKING-STOOL.** "Working-stool for a silk-woman, *mettier*," Palsgrave.

**WORK-WISE.** In a workmanlike way.

**WORLD.** (1) A great quantity. *Var. dial.*  
(2) *World without end*, long, tiresome. *It is a world to see*, it is a wonder or marvel. *To go to the world*, to be married. *If the world was on it*, a phrase implying utter impossibility.

**WORLDES.** Worldly. (*A.-S.*)

**WORLING.** Friday.

**WORM.** (1) A serpent. *North.*  
With the grace of God Almyghte,  
Wyth the *worme* jyt schalle y fyghte.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38, f. 67.*  
(2) A poor creature.  
(3) A corkscrew. *Kent.*

**WORMIT.** Wormwood. *North.*

**WORM-PUTS.** Worm hillocks. *East.*

**WORMSTALL.** An out-door shed for cattle in warm weather. *North.*

**WORNIL.** The larva of the gadfly growing under the skin of the back of cattle.

**WOROWE.** To choke. *See Worry.*

**WORRA.** A small round moveable nut or pinion, with grooves in it, and having a hole in its centre, through which the end of a round stick or spill may be thrust. The spill and *worra* are attached to the common spinning-wheel, which, with those and the turn-string, form the apparatus for spinning wool, &c. *Jennings.*

**WORRE.** Worse. (*A.-S.*)  
Hast thou bacydeth thy neghbore,  
For to make hym fare the *worre*?  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 141.*  
They have of many a londe socowre:  
Yf we fyght we gete the *worre*.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38, f. 180.*

**WORRY.** To choke. *North.*

**WORSEN.** To grow worse. *Var. dial.*

**WORSER.** Worse. Still in use.

**WORSET.** Worsted. *North.*

**WORSLE.** (1) To wrestle. *North.*  
(2) To clear up; to recover.

**Worstow.** Wert thou. (*A.-S.*)

**WORT.** A vegetable; a cabbage.

**WORTSTOK.** The plant colewort.

**WORTHE.** (1) To be; to go. (*A.-S.*)  
And lycorous folke, afture thei bene dede,  
Schuld *worth* abowte allewey ther in peyne.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 6, f. 23.*  
(2) A nook of land, generally a nook lying between two rivers.  
(3) Wrath; angry.

**WORTHER.** Other. *Devon.*

**WORTHILEST.** Most worthy. (*A.-S.*)  
Thare myght no nother jow pay  
Bot maydene Mildor the may,  
Worthiest in wele.  
*MS. Lancet. A. i. 17, f. 132*

**WORTHLOKSTE.** Most worthy.

**WORTHY.** Lucky enough. *East.*

**WORTWALE.** A hangnail.

**WOS.** A kind of corn.

**WOSCHE.** To wash.  
And over the chalys *wosche* hyt wel  
Twyes or thryes, as I the telle.  
*MS. Cotton. Claud. A. ii. f. 151.*

**WOSE.** (1) Juice; mud; filth.  
He thrast hom in sonder as men dos  
Crapbys, thrastyng owt the *wos*.  
*Tandale, p. 44.*  
(2) Whoso. *MS. Digby 86.*

**WOSEN.** The windpipe.

**WOSERE.** Whosoever.  
For *wosere* loved and worshippud Seynt Ede, y-wys,  
His travelles shalle be ryzt welle y quytte.  
*Chron. Ulubun. p. 133.*

**WOSINGE.** Oozing; running.

**WOST.** Knowest. (*A.-S.*)  
The fyrste artykele ys, thou *wost*,  
Leve on Fader, and Sone, and Holy Gost.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 132.*

**WOSTUS.** Oast-house, ust-house, where hops are dried. *Kent.*

**WOT.** Eat.  
Wot na dryng wald she nane,  
Swa mykel soru ad she tane.  
*Guy of Warwick, Middlehall MS*

**WOTCHAT.** An orchard. *North.*

**WOTE.** To know. (*A.-S.*)

**WOTH.** Oath. *Somerset.*

**WOTHE.** (1) Eloquence. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) Harm; injury; mischief. *Gowayne.*

**WOTS.** Oats. *Var. dial.*

**WOU.** (1) How. (2) Error; evil.  
(3) Very weak liquor. *North.*

**WOUCHE.** Mischief; evil. *Percy.*

**WOUNDONE.** Woven.

**WOULDERS.** Bandages. *East.*

**WOULTERED.** Fatigued; exhausted.

**WOUNDER.** One who wounds.

**WOUNDY.** Very. *Var. dial.*  
What thinkst thou of it? *Woundy good!*  
But this is to be understood

- That such an act soe jeeringly  
Performed, argues certainly  
A man ill nurtured, whose minde  
To vertue never was inclinde.  
*MS. Play, temp. Charles I.*
- WOUT. A vault. *Nomiale MS.*
- WOUTE. Without. *Hearne.*
- WOUGH. Error; mischief. (*A.-S.*)  
Ther never there comyth wo ny wough,  
But swetnesse ther is ever i-nough.  
*Religious Poems, xv. Cent.*
- But noyt of tho, als I trowe,  
That to that state are bounden, thourie *wowe.*  
*MS. Harl. 2260, f. 118.*
- WOW. (1) A wall? (*A.-S.*)  
So neight i gidre, as it was seene,  
That ther was nothing hem bitweene,  
But *wow* to *wow* and wal to wal.  
*Gower, MS. Bodl. 294.*
- (2) Pronounced so as to rhyme to cow; to mew,  
as cats do. *Line.*
- WOWE. To woo. (*A.-S.*)  
Hast thou *wowet* any wyghte,  
And tempted hyre *over nyghte.*  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 143.*
- He *woweyd* the quene bothe day and nyghte,  
To lye hur by he had hyt *hyghte.*  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 71.*
- WOWERIS. Woofers.  
Thou; sche have *wowens* ten or twelve  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 61.*
- WOWKE. A week.
- WOWL. To howl; to ery. *Var. dial.*
- WOXSE. Waxed. (*A.-S.*)  
And *worse* into so fayre and so bryt; a day.  
*Chron. Valodun. p. 127.*
- WOYSE. Juice. See *Wase* (1).
- WRACK. (1) Wreck. "Varech, a sea-wrackle  
or wrecke," Cotgrave.  
In the eight, short life, danger of death in travell. In the niuth, in perill to be slaine by theetes  
In the tenth, imprisonment, *wrackle*, condemnation, and death by means of princes. In the eleventh, a thousand evils, and mischeifes for frens. In the twelfth, death in prison. *Art of Astrology, 1673.*
- (2) Brunt; consequences. *West.*
- (3) The rack or torture.
- WRAIE. To betray; to discover. (*A.-S.*)
- WRAIN. Discovered. (*A.-S.*)
- WRATH. (1) The apparition of a person which  
appears before his death. *Northumb.*
- (2) The shaft of a cart. *North.*
- WRAKE. Destruction; mischief. *Gaw.*  
Felyce, he seyde, for thy sake  
To us ys comen moche *werake*,  
And alle for the love of the  
Deid be here knyghtys thre!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 154.*
- WRALL. To ery; to wawl.
- WRANP. A sprain. *Cumb.*
- WRANGDOME. Wrong.
- WRANGLANDS. Dwarf trees on poor mountainous grounds. *North.*
- WRANGLESOME. Cross; quarrelsome.
- WRANGOUSLY. Wrongfully. *North.*
- WRAPE. To ravish.
- WRASE. Same as *Wase*, q. v.
- WRASK. Brisk; courageous. *Hearne.*
- WRASSLY. To wrestle. *Somerset.*
- WRAST. (1) Worst. See *Lake* (2).  
(2) A kind of cittern.  
(3)  
He shalbe wronge *wrastis*,  
Or I wende awaye. *Chester Play, ii. 52.*
- (4) A shrew. *North.*
- (5) Loud; stern. *Gawayne.*
- WRASTELYNGE. Wrestling.  
*Wrast-lynge*, and *schotyng*, and *suche maner game*,  
Thow myzte not use wythowite blame.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 127.*
- WRASTLE. (1) To dry; to parch. *East.*  
(2) To spread with many roots, spoken of new-sown corn. *Glouc.*
- WRAT. A wart. *North.*
- WRATH. Severe weather.
- WRATHE. To anger, or make angry. Also,  
to be or become angry. (*A.-S.*)  
Hast thou by malys of thy doynge,  
*Wratheth* thy neybore in any thyng?  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 141.*
- When he felyd hys woundys smett,  
He *wratheth* sore yn hys herte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 94.*
- The dragon felyd strokys smerte,  
And he *wratheth* yn hys herte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 114.*
- WRAW. Angry; peevish.  
When they have one their habrgon of malt,  
They wene to make many a man to halt,  
For they be than so angry and so *wrawe*,  
And yet they will stombile at a straw.  
*MS. Racl. C. 86.*
- WRAWEN. To call out. (*Dut.*)
- WRAWLING. Quarrelling or contending with  
a loud voice. *Raising a wrow* is exciting a  
quarrel, and confusion in the streets. &c.  
*Willan's Yorksh.*
- WRAX. To stretch, or yawn. *North.*
- WRAXEN. To grow out of bounds, spoken of  
weeds, &c. *Kent.*
- WRAXLING. Wrestling. *Devon.*
- WRAYWARD. Peevish; morose.
- WREAK. (1) Revenge. *Shak.*  
(2) To fret; to be angry. *North.*  
(3) A cough. *Westm.*
- WREASEL. A weasel. *North.*
- WREATH. (1) A cresset-light.  
(2) A swelling from a blow. *North.*
- WRECHE. (1) Stranger. (*A.-S.*)  
(2) Anger; wrath. Also, to anger.  
Dragons galle her wyne shal be,  
Of adres vnyem also, saith he,  
That may be heled with no leche,  
So violent they are and ful of *wreche.*  
*MS. Addit. 11365, f. 97.*
- And covere me atte that dreddful day,  
Til that thy *wreche* be y-passed away.  
*MS. Addit. 11365, f. 75*
- Men and wemen dwellyd he among,  
Jyt *wreched* he never non with wrong.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 73.*
- (3) Revenge. (*A.-S.*)
- WRECK. Dead nudigested roots and stems of  
grasses and weeds in ploughland. *Norfolk.*
- WRED. Rubbish, the baring of a quarry. To  
*wred*, to clear the rubbish. To make *wred*,  
to perform work speedily. *Northumb.*



WREE. To insinuate scandal of any one.  
 WREEDEN. Peevish; cross. *Cumb.*  
 WREEST. A piece of timber on the side of a plough made to take on and off. *Kent.*  
 WREINT. Awry.  
 WREITH. "*Destordre, to wring or wreith,*" *Hollyband's Dictionary*, 1593.  
 WREKE. (1) Sea-weed. *Nominale MS.*  
 (2) Revenged. Also, revenge.  
 Of alle the Almayns they wyll he wreke.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 161.*  
 WREKER. An avenger. (*A.-S.*)  
 WREKIN-DOVE. The turtle-dove.  
 WRENCH. A trick; a stratagem.  
 Of hys wordys he can forthenke,  
 But ȝif he thoght anodur wreche.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 167.*  
 WRENCKE. Same as *Wrenche*, q. v.  
 Many men the worlde here fraystes,  
 Bot he es nocht wyse that tharein traystes,  
 For it leedes a man wyth wrences and wyles.  
 And at the last it hym begyles.  
*Hampole, MS. Bores, p. 52.*  
 WRENOCK. Same as *Wretchock*, q. v.  
 WREST. A twist, or turn.  
 WRETCH. "Poor wretch" is a term of endearment in Gloucestershire.  
 WRETCHIE. To reckon, or care.  
 WRETCHOCK. The smallest of a brood of domestic fowls. *Gifford.*  
 WRETE. Written.  
 Hyt ys seyde, thurghelawe wrete,  
 That thyn hede shulde be of smcte.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 15.*  
 WRETHEN. Twisted. (*A.-S.*)  
 WRETON. Written. (*A.-S.*)  
 But men may fynde, who so wol like,  
 Som manere payne wreton in boke.  
*MS. A. lat. 11305, f. 94.*  
 WRETTE. The teat of a breast.  
 WRET-WEED. The wild euphorbia, which is sometimes used to cure warts. A wart is still called *wret* in Norfolk.  
 WRICHE. Wretched. (*A.-S.*)  
 WRICKEN. Miserable. *Line.*  
 WRIDE. To spread abroad. *West.*  
 WRIE. (1) To betray; to discover.  
 Ther is no man this place con wrye,  
 But thyself, ȝif thou wilt sey,  
 And than art thou unkynde.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 51.*  
 (2) To cover. (*A.-S.*)  
 Sone, he seyde, for Goddys love,  
 Wrye me with sum clothe above.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 8.*  
 WRIGGLE. Any narrow winding hole.  
 WRIGGLERS. Small wriggling animals.  
 WRIGHT. A workman. (*A.-S.*)  
 He dede come wrygtes for to make  
 Coveryng over hem for tempest sake.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 61.*  
 WRIGHTRY. The business of a wright.  
 WRIMPLED. Crumpled.  
 WRIN. To cover; to conceal.  
 WRINCHED. Sprained. "I have wrinched my foote," *Hollyband's Dictionary*, 1593.  
 WRINE. A wrinkle. *Somerset.*

WRING. (1) To trouble. *Dorset.*  
 (2) A press for cider. *West.*  
 WRING-HOUSE. A house for cider-making.  
 WRINGLE. (1) A wrinkle. (2) To crack.  
 WRINGLE-GUT. A nervous fidgety man.  
 WRINGLE-STRAWS. Long bent, or grass.  
 WRINKLE. A new idea. *Far. dial.*  
 WRISTELE. To wrestle.  
 WRIT. A scroll of writing.  
 WRITH. The stalk of a plant.  
 WRITHE. (1) Anger.  
 Thus thay fighte in the frythe,  
 With waa wreke thay thaire wrythe.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 131.*  
 (2) To twist; to turn aside.  
 The gode man to hys cage can goo,  
 And wryghed the pyes wreke yn two.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 165.*  
 (3) Worthy.  
 (4) The band of a faggot. *West.*  
 (5) To cover anything up.  
 WRITHEN. Twisted. *North.*  
 WRITHING. A turning.  
 WRITHLED. Withered.  
 WRITINGS. Persons who quarrel are said to *burn the writings*.  
 WRITING-TABLE. A table-book.  
 WRIVED. Rubbed. (*Flem.*)  
 WRIZZLED. Wrinkled; shrivelled up.  
 WRO. A corner.  
 Nere sendyforth ther is a wro,  
 And nere that wro is a welle,  
 A ston ther is the wel even fro,  
 And nere the wro, truly to telle.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 124.*  
 WROBBE.  
 If I solde sytt to domesdaye,  
 With my tonge to wrobbel and wrye,  
 Certenly that lady gave  
 Never bese-cho askryde for mee.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17, f. 149.*  
 WROBBLE. To wrap up. *Herf.*  
 WROCKLED. Wrinkled. *Sussex.*  
 WROHTE. Worked; wrought. (*A.-S.*)  
 WROKE. Avenged.  
 Lo! thus hath God the sclandre wroke  
 That thou agens Constance hast spok.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 73, f. 7.*  
 WROKIN. A Dutch woman.  
 WRONG. (1) Untrue. (2) Crooked.  
 (3) A large bough. *Suffolk.*  
 WRONGOUS. Wrong. *Palsgrave.*  
 Gye seyde, thou doyst uncurteslye  
 For to smyte me wrongouslye.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 157.*  
 WROTE. (1) To grub, as swine, &c.  
 There he wandryde fiste abowte,  
 And wrotyd faste with hys snowte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 19, f. 118.*  
 Long he may dyge and wrote,  
 Or he have hys fyl of the rote.  
 In somour he lyyys be the frute,  
 And berys that were full suete,  
 In wynter may he no thing fynd,  
 Bot levis and grasse and of the rynd.  
*MS. Asynode 61, ss. 3, 66.*  
 (2) A root. *Skelton.*  
 WROTHIELY. Angry. (*A.-S.*)

- The mayde lokyd on Gye full grymme,  
And wele *wrothely* answeryd hym.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 148.*
- WROTHER.** More wrath.  
And seyð, lordynges, for your lyves,  
Be never the *wrother* with your wyves.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 60.*
- WROTHERIELE.** Ill fate, or condition.
- WROUȚE.** Wrought; made.  
And ȝit a lechoure alle his lyf  
He was, and in avo. trye  
He *wrouȝte* many a trecherye.  
*Gower. MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 133.*  
That alle thynges has *wrouȝt*,  
Hevene and erthe, and alle of nogt.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 132.*
- WRON.** To begin to decay. *Warw.*
- WRUCKED.** Thrown up. *Gawayne.*
- WRY.** To turn aside.  
But teche hyre to knele downe the by,  
And sunwhat thy face from hyre thou *wry*.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 136.*
- WRYDE.** Covered. (*A.-S.*)  
She ran than thurghes hem and hastyly hyde,  
And with here kercheves hys hepys she *wryde*.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 88.*
- WRYGULDY.**  
Jak boy, is thy how i-broke,  
Or hath any man done the *wryguldly* wrange?  
*Enterlude of the Four Elementes.*
- WRYNCHE.** On *wrynche*, across.  
The vij wyffe sat one the hynche,  
And seche caste her legges one *wrynche*.  
*MS. Parkington 10, f. 53.*
- WRY-NOT.** To shead wrynot, is to outdo the  
devil. *Lanc.*
- WRYTE.** A writing.  
All yu yoye and delyte,  
Thou muste here hym thys *wryte*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 103.*
- WUD.** With. *North.*
- WUDDER.** To make a sullen roar.
- WUDDLE.** To cut. *North.*
- WULE.** To cry. *Sussex.*
- WULLERD.** An owl. *Salop.*
- WULLOW.** The alder. *Salop.*
- WUNDERELLE.** A wonder.
- WURSHIPLY.** Worshipfully; respectfully.
- WURT.** The canker-worm.
- WUSK.** A sudden gust. *Notts.*
- WUSSET.** A scarecrow. *Wills.*
- WUSTEN.** Knew. (*A.-S.*)  
Wel huy *wusten* in heore mod,  
That it was Jhesu verrei God.  
*MS. Laud. 108, f. 11.*
- WUT.** Sense; knowledge.  
He is ever out of *wut*, and wood;  
How shul we amende his mood?  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 46.*
- WY-DRAUGHT.** A sink, or drain.
- WYE.** A man. (*A.-S.*)  
Twa thosande in tale horsede on stedys,  
Of the wyghteste *wyes* in alle gone Weste landys.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 67.*
- WYESE.** Men. (*A.-S.*)  
Nowe they wende over the waytre thise wyrchipfulle  
knyghttez,  
Thurghes the wode to the wone there the *wyese* rystez.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 67.*
- WYLT.** Escaped. *Gawayne.*
- WYNDOWED.** Blown, or winnowed.  
I have one of the smale,  
Was *wyndowed* away.  
*MS. Parkington 10, f. 59.*
- WYN-TRE.** A vine.  
Methougte I saw a *wyn-tre*,  
And a bowge with branuches thre.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 28.*
- WYRLYNG.**  
God forbede that a wyld Irish *wyrling*  
Shoulde be chosen for to be theyr kyng.  
*MS. Soc. Antiq. 101, f. 60.*
- WYRWYNE.** To choke; to suffocate.
- WYTHCLEPYNE.** To revoke, or recall.
- WYTHENE.** Whence. Perceval, 503.
- WYȚT.** Wight, or person.  
Fro the morwetyde in to the wyȚt  
Israel in God doth trowe,  
Israel be toknith every *wyȚt*  
That with God schal ben and goostly knowe;  
God to knowe is mannyȝ ryȚt,  
That wil his wittis wel bestowe;  
Therefore I hope, as he hath wyȚt,  
That heyn blyȝ is mannyȝ owe.  
*Hunipole's Paraphrase of the Psalms, MS.*

**X** Is used in some dialects for *sh*. It constantly occurs in the Coventry Mysteries, *rad, xal, xuld, xall, &c.*  
But now in the memory of my passyon,  
To ben partabyll with me in my reyn above,  
Ȝe *xal* drynk myn blood with gret devoeyon,  
Wheche *xal* be *rad* for mannyȝ love.  
*Coventry Mysteries, p. 275.*

**XENAGOGIE.**

These be the things that I had to remember in  
Eltham; and, to make an ende of all, these be the  
places whereof I meant to make note in this my  
*renagogie* and perambulation of Kent, the first and  
onely shyre that I have described.

*Lambard's Perambulation, 1596, p. 525.*  
**XOWYNE.** To shove. *Pr. Paro.*

**Y** Y is employed as a prefix to verbs in the same manner as *I*. See p. 472.

**YA.** (1) Yea. (*A.-S.*)

(2) One. (3) You. *North.*

**YAAPPING.** Crying in despair, lamenting; applied to chickens lamenting the absence of their parent hen. *North.*

**YABLES.** Ablins; perhaps. *North.*

**YACK.** To snatch. *Linc.*

**YAD.** Went. (*A.-S.*)

His squiers habete he had,  
Whan he to the deyse yid,  
Withoute couped shone.

*Torrent of Portugal*, p. 51.

**YADDLE.** Drainings from a dunghill.

**YAF.** Gave. (*A.-S.*)

**YAFF.** To bark. *North.*

**YAFFIL.** A woodpecker. *Heref.*

**YAFFLE.** (1) An armful. *Cornw.*

(2) To bark. Same as *Yaff*, q. v.

(3) To eat. A cant term.

(4) To snatch; to take illicitly.

**YAITINGS.** See *Gaitings*.

**YAIT.** Oats. *Cumb.*

**YAK.** An oak. *North.*

**YAKE.** To force. *Yorksh.*

**YAKKER.** An acorn. *West.*

**YAL.** (1) Whole. (2) Ale. *North.*

**YALE.** (1) A small quantity. *East.*

(2) To yell; to cry. *Suffolk.*

**YALLOW-BEELS.** Guineas. *Ermoor.*

**YALOWE.** Yellow. *Maundeveile.*

**YALT.** Yielded.

He joined his honden, joe vous di,  
And yalt hem thank and gramerci.

*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 219.

**YALU.** Yellow. *North.*

His here, that was yalu and bright,  
Blac it bicome anonright:  
Nas no man in this world so wise of sight,  
That afterward him knowe might.

*Ge of Wrooke*, p. 220.

**YAM.** (1) Home. (2) Aim. *Yorksh.*

(3) To eat heartily. *North.*

**YAMERDE.** Lamented; sorrowed.

**YAMMER.** (1) To yearn after. *Lanc.*

(2) To grumble; to fret. *North.* Also, to make a loud disagreeable noise.

**YAMMET.** An ant, or emmet. *West.*

**YAMPIL.** To bark continuously. *North.*

**YAN.** One. *North.*

**YANCE.** Once. *North.*

**YANE.** (1) To yawn. *Palsgrave.*

The bore roos and ganyd wyde,  
Befyse let the spere to hym glyde.

*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38. f. 100.*

(2) One ridge of corn, with the reapers employed on it.

(3) The breath. (4) One. *North.*

**YANGER.** Yonder. *Sussex.*

**YANGLE.** (1) To chatter; to wrangle.

(2) A yoke for an animal. *East.*

**YANKS.** Leathern or other leggins worn by agricultural labourers, reaching from below the knee to the top of the highlow. Sometimes they are called *Bow-Yankees*.

**YANSEL.** One's self. *North.*

**YAP.** (1) An ape. *North.*

(2) Quick; ready; apt. *North.*

(3) To bark; to yelp. Also, a cur.

**YAPE.** To gossip. *Sussex.*

**YAPPEE.** To yelp. *Devon.*

**YAPPY.** Cross; irritable. *North.*

**YAR.** (1) To snarl. *Linc.*

(2) The earth. *North.*

(3) Your. (4) Sour. *Var. dial.*

(5) Aghast; intimidated. *Sussex.*

**YARBS.** Herbs. *West.*

**YARD.** (1) Earth; land. "Myddell yarde," Chester Plays, i. 67. In Suffolk a garden, especially a cottage-garden, is so termed.

(2) A rod, or staff. The term was even applied to a long piece of timber, &c.

(3) The penis.

**YARD-LAND.** A quantity of land, which varies, according to the place, from 15 to 40 acres. In some places, a quarter of an acre is called a yard of land.

**YARD-MAN.** The labourer who has the special care of the farmyard.

**YARE.** (1) Nimble; sprightly; quick; active; ready. Ray gives this as a Suffolk word. It is found in Shakespeare, Decker, and contemporary writers, often as a sea term. See the *Tempest*, i. 1.

(2) Ready. (*A.-S.*)

Then ij of them made them ware,  
And to the cyte the ehyldre they bare.

*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 30. f. 136.*

The erle bushyd and made hym yare

For to ryde ovyr the reveere.

*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 33. f. 64.*

(3) A fold behind a house, &c.

(4) Brackish to the taste. *North.*

(5) A fish-lock.

**YARK.** (1) To strike; to beat. *North.* Also, a stroke, a jerk, a snatch, a pluck. "A yarke of a whip," Florio, p. 98.

(2) To take away; to take off. *Somerset.*

(3) To kick. Holme, 1688.

(4) To prepare. *North.*

(5) Sharp; acute; quick. *Devon.*

**YARKE.** To make ready; to prepare.

**YARLY.** Early. *Lanc.*

What, is he styrrynge so yarly this mornyng  
whiche dranke so moche yesternyghte.

*Palsgrave's Aulastus*, 1540.

**YARM.** (1) To scold; to grumble. *East.*

(2) An unpleasant noise. *Linc.* Also, to make a loud unpleasant noise.

**YARMOUTH-CAPON.** A red-herring.

**YARN.** (1) To earn. *West.*

(2) A net made of yarn.

**YARN-BALL.** A ball stuffed with yarn, used by children playing at ball.

**YARNE.** To yearn after.

**YAR-NUT.** An earth-nut. *North.*

**YARREL.** A weed. *Suffolk.*

**YARRINGLES.** "An instrument of great use among good housewives, by means of which yarn-slippings or hanks (after they have been washed and whitened) are wound up into

clews or round balls; these by some are termed a pair of yarringles, or yarringle blades, which are nothing else but two sticks or pieces of wood set cross, with a hole in the middle, to turn round about a wooden or iron pin fixed in the stock; the ends are full of holes, to put the pins in, narrower or wider, according to the compass of the slipping or yarn upon it. Some have these instruments jointed with hinges, to turn treble, they being the easier for carriage; but such are more for curiosity than necessity. The stock is made of various shapes; some have a square on the top, with a wharl in the middle, and edged about like the sides of a box, into which the clews are put, as they are wound, and this is set upon three or four wooden feet. Others have them in form of a pillar fixed in a square, with a three-cornered or round foot, either plain or else wrought with turned or carved work, to show the ingenuity of the artificer, or splendour of the owner." *Dict. Rust.* The term occurs in early vocabularies, in the *Pr. Parv.*, &c.

**YARROWAY.** The common yarrow.

**YARTH.** The earth. *North.*

**YARUM.** Milk. A cant term.

**YARWINGLE.** See *Yarringles.*

**YARY.** Sharp; quick; ready. *Kent.*

**YASPEN.** An Essex word, according to Ray, signifying as much as can be taken up in both hauds joined together. Skinner refers to Gouldman.

**YAT.** (1) A gate. Still in use.  
 Therwhiles the king ate mete sat,  
 The lyon goth to play withouten the yat.  
*Gyff Warwick, p. 151.*

(2) Hot. (3) A heifer. *North.*

**YATE-STOOP.** A gate-post. *North.*

**YATTON.** The town of Ayton.

**YAUD.** A horse, or mare. *North.* The provincial form of *jade*.

**YAUP.** (1) To cry out; to shriek; to make a loud noise in talking. *North.*

(2) To be hungry. *North.*

**YAVE.** Gave.  
 The ermyte he yave gode day,  
 And to Pole he toke the way.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 135.*

**YAVILL.** A common; a heath. *Deron.*

**YAW.** (1) Yes. (2) To hew. *West.*

(3) When a ship is not steered steadily, but goes in and out with her head, they say she *yaws*. *Sea-Dictionary, 12mo. 1708.*

**YAWLE.** To cry; to howl. *East.*  
 In the popes kychnye the scullyoos shall not  
 brawle,  
 Nor fight for my gresse. If the priestes wolde for  
 me yawle.  
*Bale's Kyng Johan, p. 73.*

**YAWN.** To howl. *Craven.*

**YAWNEY.** A stupid fellow. *Line.*

**YAWNEY-BOX.** A donkey. *Derb.*

**YAWNUPS.** Same as *Yawney*, q. v.

**YAWSE-BONES.** Ox-bones, used by boys in a game called *yawse*. *Yorksh.*

**Y-BLENT.** Blinded.

Others againe, too much I weco *y-blent*  
 With heavenly zeale and with religion.  
*Barnes's Foure Bookes of Offices, 16. 6.*

**Y-BORNE.** Born; carried. (*A.-S.*)  
 For the lazere was *y-borne* up even  
 With aogelys to the blyse of heven.  
*MS. Hart. 2260, f. 70.*

**Y-BORNID.** Burnished. (*A.-S.*)  
 With golde of feythe fayre and bryste *y-bornid*,  
 With charite that seveþ so clere a lyȝte.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 15.*

**YCHAN.** Each one. (*A.-S.*)  
 I have done the grettist synne  
 That any woman may be in,  
 Agaynes God and his seyntes *ychan*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 46.*  
 Into a chaunbur they he goone,  
 There they schulde be dubbed *ychone*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 149.*

**YCHIELE.** An icicle.

**Y-CLEDD.** Clothed.  
 When they were thus *y-cledd*,  
 To a chaunbur the erle hym yede.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 149.*

**Y-CORE.** Chosen.  
 Edgar that was Edmunds jonger soun,  
 To the kyndam of Englowd was *y-core*.  
*Chron. Vilolant, p. 23.*

**Y-CORN.** Chosen. (*A.-S.*)  
 Whare thurch we ben to heven *y-corn*,  
 And the devel his might forlorn.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 25.*

**Y-DOO.** Done; finished. (*A.-S.*)  
 Forthe sche went with sorowe *y-nogh*,  
 And tyed hur hors to a boghe,  
 Tylle the throwes were alle *y-doo*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 74.*

**YDUL.** Idle; vain.  
 I holde hyt but an *ydul* thyng  
 To speke myche of teythynge.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 131.*

**Y-DYT.** Stopped. (*A.-S.*)  
 Wyth hys tayle my knes he hath koytt,  
 And wyth hys hede my mouth *y-dyt*.  
*MS. Hart. 1701, f. 21.*

**YE.** (1) An eye.  
 And as he louted, hys *ye gan* blenche,  
 And say one sytte before the benche.  
*MS. Hart. 1701, f. 24.*  
 That he make may hye lowe,  
 And lowe hye in a lytylle throwe!  
 God may do, withowten lye,  
 Hys wylle in the twynkelyng of an *ye!*  
 The kyng seyde than, with thoȝt unstabulle,  
 Ye syng thes ofte and alle hys a fabulle!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 240.*  
 From nyse japes and rybawdye  
 Thow moste turne away thyu *ye*.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 127.*

(2) Yea; yes. (*A.-S.*)

**YEAD.** The head. *West.*

**YEAME.** Home. *North.*

**YEAN.** (1) To throw. *Deron.*

(2) To can, or bring forth young.

(3) You will. *Lanc.*

**YEAND-BY-TO.** Before noon. *Lanc.*

**YEANDER.** Yonder. *Var. dial.*

**YEANT.** A giant.  
 He come where the *ywant* was,  
 And seyde, gode syr, let me passe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 64.*

YEAPM. To hicough. *North*.  
 YEAR-DAY. An anniversary day; a day on which prayers were said for the dead.  
 YEARED. Buried.  
 YEARDLY. Very. *North*.  
 YEARLING. A beast one year old.  
 YEARN. To vex, or grieve.  
 YEARN. To give tongue, a hunting term, applied to hounds when they open on the game.  
 YEARNSTFUL. Very earnest. *Lanc*.  
 YEASING. The eaves of a house. *Lanc*.  
 YEASY. Easy. *Lanc*.  
 YLATH. Heath; ground. *West*.  
 YEATHER. Same as *Ether* (3).  
 YEAVELING. The evening. *Devon*.  
 YEAVY. Wet and moist. *Exmoor*.  
 YEBBLE. Able. *Northumb*.  
 YED. (1) An aperture or way where one collier only can work at a time.  
 (2) Edward. *Devb*.  
 YEDART. Edward. *Salop*.  
 YEDDINGES. See *Yeddings*.  
 YEDDLE. To addle, or earn. *Chesh*.  
 YEDE. Went. (*A.-S.*)  
 Thurch the wombe and thurch the chine,  
 The spere *yede* even biline.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 236.  
 So they waschyd and *yede* to mete,  
 The byschop the grace dyd say.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 46.*  
 But then they wente fro that stede,  
 On ther way forthe they *yede*  
 Ferre fro every towne,  
 Into a grete wyldurnes,  
 Fulle of wyldre bestys hyt was,  
 Be dale and eke be downe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 73.*  
 YEDWARD. (1) Edward. *Chesh*.  
 (2) A dragon fly. *Grose*.  
 YEEKE. Itch. *Yorksh*.  
 YEENDER. The forenoon. *North*. This is probably a corruption of *undern*, q. v.  
 YEEPE. Active; alert; prompt. (*A.-S.*)  
 YEEPESEN. Same as *Yaspen*, q. v.  
 YEERY. Angry. *North*.  
 YEES. Eyes. *Exmoor*.  
 YEEVIL. A dungfork. *West*.  
 YEF. To give. Also, a gift.  
 YEFFELL. Evil.  
 Y met hem bot at Wentbreg, seyde Lytyll John,  
 And therfor *yeffell* mot he the,  
 Seche thre strokes he me gafe,  
 Yet they clefte by my seydydys.  
*Robin Hood*, i. 83.  
 YEFTE. A gift. (*A.-S.*)  
 YEGE. A wedge.  
 YEIFER. A heifer. *Devon*.  
 YEK. An oak. *North*.  
 YEL. An eel. *Somerset*.  
 YELD. Eld; age. *Skelton*.  
 YELD-BEASTS. Animals barren, not giving milk, or too young for giving profit.  
 YELDE. To yield, pay, give. (*A.-S.*)  
 YELDER. Better; rather. *North*.  
 YELD-HALL. A guild-hall.  
 YELDROCK. The yellow-hammer. *North*.

II.

YELE-HOUSE. A brewing-house. Brockett has *yell-house*, an alehouse.  
 YELF. A dungfork. *Chesh*.  
 YELK. To prepare clay for the dawber by mixing straw and stubble with it.  
 YELLOT. The jaundice. *Heref*.  
 YELLOW-BELLY. A person born in the fens of Lincolnshire. *Line*.  
 YELLOW-BOTTLE. Corn marigold. *Kent*.  
 YELLOW-BOYS. Guineas. *Var. dial*.  
 YELLOW-HOMBER. The chaffinch. *West*.  
 YELLOWNESS. Jealousy. *Shak*.  
 YELLOWS. (1) Jealousy.  
 Thy blood is yet uncorrupted, *ye'tous* has not tainted it.  
*Two Lancashire Lovers*, 1640, p. 27.  
 (2) Dyers' weed. *Midl. C.*  
 (3) A disorder in horses.  
 (4) The jaundice. Still in use.  
 YELLOW-SLIPPERS. Very young calves.  
 YELLOW-STARCH. Was formerly much used for staining linen for dress, ruffs, &c. It is frequently referred to.  
 YELLOW-STOCKINGS. To anger the yellow stockings, i. e. to provoke jealousy.  
 YELLOW-TAILS. Earthworms yellow about the tail. *Topsell's Serpents*, p. 307.  
 YELLOW-YOWLEY. The yellow-hammer.  
 YELM. To lay straw in order fit for use by a thatcher. *East*.  
 YELWSE. Jealous.  
 Thou woldest be so *yelwse*,  
 And of me so amerowse.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 152.*  
 YELPER. A young dog; a whelp.  
 YELTE. (1) Yieldeth. (*A.-S.*)  
 (2) A young sow. *North*.  
 YELVE. The same as *Yelf*, q. v.  
 YEM. Edmund. *Lanc*.  
 YEMAN. A servant of a rank next below a squire; a person of middling rank.  
 YEME. (1) An uncle.  
 His dame nowe maye dreame,  
 For her owine barne teame,  
 For nother ante nor *yeme*  
 Gettes this gaye garmente.  
*Chester Plays*, ii. 55.  
 (2) Care; attention. Also, to take care of, to rule, guide, or govern.  
 Be that hadde Beves lein in bendes  
 Seve yer in peines grete,  
 Lite i-dronke and lasse i-ete.  
 His browe stank for default of *yeme*,  
 That it set after ase a sceme.  
*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 62  
 YEMMOUTH. Aftermath. *Glouc*.  
 YEN. Eyes. (*A.-S.*)  
 And his felaw forthwith also  
 Was blynde of bothe his *yen* two.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq.* 134, f. 63.  
 The terys owte of hys *yen* yode.  
*MS. Harl.* 2252, f. 133.  
 YENDE. India.  
 He send bysshop Swytelyn y-wys,  
 Into *Yende* for hym on pilgrmage.  
*Chron. Vitodun.* p. 18.  
 YENDEN. Ended. *West*.  
 YENE. (1) To yawn, or gape.

- Mani mouthe the gres bot,  
And griseliche *genet*, God it wot.  
*Arthour and Merlin*, p. 263.
- (2) Eyes. See *Yen*.  
Sith I am wounded wyth yowre *yene* tweyne,  
Lete me no lengur sighen for yowre sake.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 12.*
- (3) To enter into. (*A.-S.*)
- (4) To lay an egg. *Weber*.
- (5) To give up to.
- YENLET. An inlet.  
I suppose that by *genlade* he meaneth a thing yet  
well knowne in Kent, and expressed by the word  
*yenlade* or *yenlet*, which betokeneth an indraught  
or inlet of water into the lande.  
*Lambarie's Perambulation*, 1596, p. 259.
- YENNED. Threw. *Devon*.
- YEO. An ewe. *Exmoor*.
- YEOMAN-FEWTERER. See *Fewterer*.
- YEOMAN'S-BREAD. A kind of bread made  
for ordinary use.
- YEOMATH. Aftermath. *Wills*.
- YEOVERY. Hungry. *Northumb.*
- YEP. Prompt; quick. A brisk active person  
is said in Suffolk to be *yepper*.  
The to and fourti woren *yep*,  
Thai leten ther hors gode chep.  
*Arthour and Merlin*, p. 212.  
Syr Befyse that was bothe wyse and *yeppe*,  
He smote the hors with the spurrys of golde.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 101.*
- YEPPIING. The chirping of birds.
- YEP-SINTLE. Two handfuls. *Lanc.*
- YERD. (1) A fox-earth. *Cumb.*  
(2) A rod, or staff.
- YERE. (1) An heir. In a bond dated 1605,  
written in a copy of Hall's Union, fol. Lond.  
1548, in the library of the Society of Anti-  
quaries, the writer mentions "myne *yeres*,  
executors, administrators, and assignes."  
(2) An ear. Nominale MS.  
But sone thei came away here hedes wrye,  
And to fayre speche lyttely thaire *yeres* close.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 104.*
- (3) A year. (*A.-S.*)
- YERK. To kick, like a horse.
- YERLY. Early.  
*Yerly* when the day can sprynge,  
A preest he dud a masse synge.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 83.*
- YERMEN. Men hired by the year.
- YERNE. (1) Iron. Nominale MS. "The yern  
pot," Dr. Dee's Diary, p. 24.  
(2) Quickly; eagerly; briskly.  
For he seyde he wald as *yern*  
Fight with that geaunt stern.  
*Gy of Wurtwike*, p. 304.
- (3) To run. Octovian, 965. See Wright's  
Gloss. to Piers Ploughman.
- (4) To desire; to seek eagerly. (*A.-S.*)
- (5) A heron. *Chesh.*
- YERNFUL. Melancholy. *Nares*.
- YERNIN. Rennet. *Yorksh.*
- YERNING. Activity; diligence.
- YERNSTFUL. Very earnest. *Lanc.*
- YERRARCHY. Hierarchy.
- YERRED. Swore. *Devon*.
- YERRING. Noisy. *Exmoor*.
- YERRIWIG. An earwig. *West.*
- YERSTERNE-NIGHT. Last night.  
Wel the grete that ilche knight,  
That sopedk with the *yersterne-night*.  
*Beves of Hamtoun*, p. 112.
- YERTH. Earth. *Var. dial.*
- YERT-POINT. A game mentioned in the old  
play of Lady Alimony.
- YES. (1) Eyes. See *Ye*.  
(2) An earthworm. *Somerset*.
- YESK. "I yeske, I gyve a noyse out of my  
stomacke, *je engloute*," Palsgrave. See *Yex*.
- YEST. Froth. (*A.-S.*)
- YESTE. Gest; tale.  
The emperowre gaf hur xl. pownde,  
In *yeste* as we rede.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 84.*  
Now begynneth a *yeste* ageyn  
Of Kyng Quore and Armyn.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 121.*
- YESTMUS. A handful. *Lanc.*
- YESTREEN. Last night. *North.*
- YESTY. Frothy. Hence, light.
- YETE. A gate. *North.*  
On ascapede and atorn  
In at the castel *yete*,  
Ase the king sat at the mete.  
*Beves of Hamptoun*, p. 54.
- YETEN. Gotten. *Chaucer*.
- YETHARD. Edward. *Warw.*
- YETH-HOUNDS. Dogs without heads, the  
spirits of unbaptised children, which ramble  
among the woods at night, making wailing  
noises. *Devon*.
- YETLING. A small iron pau, with a bow handle  
and three feet. *North.*
- YET-NER. Not nearly. *Sussex*.
- YETS. Oats. *Var. dial.*
- YETTUS. Yet. *Warw.*
- YEVE. (1) To give. (*A.-S.*)  
To the world y wylle me never *yeye*,  
But serve the, Lorde, whylle y leve.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 84.*  
(2) Evening. Reliq. Antiq. i. 300.
- YEVEN. Given. (*A.-S.*)
- YEW. Went. *North.*
- YEWER. A cow's udder. *North.*
- YEWERS. Embers; hot ashes. *Ern.*
- YEW-GAME. A gambol, or frolic.
- YEWKING. Punny; sickly.
- YEWMORS. Embers. See *Yewers*.
- YEWRE. A water-bearer.
- YEWTHOR. A strong ill smell. This word is  
given by Urry, in his MS. Additions to Ray.
- YEWYS. Jews.  
How *Yewys* demyd my sone to dye,  
Eche oon a dethe to hym they drete.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 47.*
- YEX. The hiccough. It occurs as a verb, to  
hiccough, in Florio, p. 501.
- YF. Give.  
And seyde, Harrowde, what redyst thou?  
Yf me thy councell nowre,  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 164.*
- Y-FALLE. Fallen. (*A.-S.*)  
God forgeve us owre synnes all,  
That we all day beyth yn *y-falle*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 216.*

**Y-FOLE.** Fallen. (*A.-S.*)  
But when the kyng was *y-fole* aslepe,  
A wonder syt him thoȝt he saȝe.  
*Chron. Filodun.*, p. 15.

**Y-FOLUD.** Fouled; defiled.  
Lest that holy plase with that blod *y-folud* shuld be.  
*Chron. Filodun.*, p. 105.

**YFTLES.** Giftless.  
The kyng of Perynse seyde, So mot I the  
*Yftles* schalle they not be.  
*Torrent of Portugal*, p. 18.

**YGNE.** Eyes.  
So was hyt shewyd before here *ygne*  
That halvynde she was gove to pyne.  
*MS. Harl.*, 17<sup>91</sup>, f. 11.

**YII.** Is found in some manuscripts for *y*, as  
*yhate*, gate, *yheme*, for *yene*, q. v., &c.

**YHE.** Ye.  
He says, als men *yhe* salle dye alle,  
And als aȝe of the prynces *yhe* salle falle,  
That es, *yhe* salle dye one the same manere  
Als men dyes in this worlde here.  
*Hampole, MS. Boves*, p. 68.

**YHEMING.** A guard. See *Yeme* (2).

**YHEN.** Eyes.  
Both *yhen* of myne hed were oute.  
*Gower, MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6*, f. 65.

**YHERDE.** A yard; a rod.  
In *yherde* irened salt thou stere tha,  
Als lome of erthe breke tham als swa.  
*MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii. f. 1*.

**YHERE.** A year. *Ps. Cott. Antiq.*

**YHERNE.** To yearn; to desire.  
Thai sal *yherne*, he says, to dyghe ay,  
And the dede sal fleȝe fro thaim away.  
*Hampole, MS. Boves*, p. 216.

**YHIT.** Yet. See *Unconand*.

**Y-HOLD.** Beholden. (*A.-S.*)

**YHOTEN.** A giant. (*A.-S.*)

**YHOUGHHEDE.** Youth. (*A.-S.*)

**YHOWNGE.** Young.

**YI.** Yea; yes. *Derb.*

**YIELD.** (1) To give; to requite.  
(2) Barren, applied to cows. *North*.  
(3) To give up, or relinquish. *South*.

**YIFFE.** To give.  
And therto han ye suche benevolence  
With every jantyman to speke and deylle  
In honeste, and *yiff* hem audience,  
That seeke folke restoryn ye to helle.  
*MS. Fauvar 16*.

**YILD.** Patience. (*A.-S.*)

**YILDE.** Tribute. *Weber*.

**YILP.** To chirp. *North*.

**YILT.** A female pig. *Beds*.

**YINDER.** Yonder. *East*.

**YIP.** To chirp. *East*.

**YIPPER.** Brisk. *East*.

**YISSERDAY.** Yesterday. *North*.

**Y-KETE.** Begotten.  
Kyng Edgarus douȝter yche wene he was  
*Y-kete* bot upon a wenche.  
*Chron. Filodun.*, p. 94.

**YKINE.** To itch. *Pr. Parc*.

**YLE.** (1) An eel. (2) An aisle.

**Y-LERD.** Learned.  
He seyde, y woude that ye were clerkys beste *y-lerd*,  
That leydy yu thys medyllerd  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38*, f. 128.

**Y-LESSED.** Relieved. *Chaucer*.

**YLKoon.** Each one.  
That they schulle arme them *ylkoon*,  
For to take the kyngys fone.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38*, f. 124.

**Y-LOGGED.** Lodged. *Chaucer*.

**Y-LOKE.** Locked up.  
And with oo worde of the mayde y-spoke,  
The Holy Gost is in here breste *y-loke*,  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antq.* 134, f. 2.

**Y-LOWE.** Lied.  
That levedy seyde, thou mis-begeten thing,  
Thou hast *y-lowe* a grot lesing.  
*Arthur and Merlin*, p. 43

**YLYCH.** Alike.  
And lovede well with hert trewe,  
Nyght and day *ylych* newe. *Octavian*, 92.

**YMANGE.** Among.  
And as he satt at the mete *ymange* his prync,  
he was wonder mery and gladde, and jocund.  
*MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17*, f. 47.

**Y-MELLE.** Among. (*A.-S.*)  
Whenne the leves are dryede ynowghe and bakene  
*y-melle* the stones, take thanne and braye the leves  
alle to powder. *MS. Line. Med. f. 287*

**YMENEUS.** Hyemæus.

**Y-MENT.** Intended. (*A.-S.*)

**Y-MOULID.** Moulded; rusted.  
And with his blood schalle wasehe undefouid  
The gyfte of man with ruste of synne *y-moulid*.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antq.* 134, f. 1.

**YMPE.** To engraft.  
Ne hadde oure eldis cerchid out and soght  
The sothfast pyth to *ymp* it in our thought.  
*MS. Digby*, 232.

**YMPNYS.** Hymns.  
Thenne where they in contenele loveynge in  
*ympnys* and gostly sanges, when they folde his moete  
helefulle comyge. *MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17*, f. 186.

**YND.** India. *Lydgate*, p. 25.

**YNENCE.** Towards. See *Hougates*.

**YNESCHE.**  
For many are that never kan halde the ordyre of  
lufe *ynesche* thaire frenlys, sybb or fremmede, bot  
outhire thay lufe thaim over mekille, or thay lufe  
thame over lytille. *MS. Lincoln A. 1. 17*, f. 194.

**YNEWE.** Enough.  
Waynour waykly wepande hym kyssiz,  
Talkez to hym tenderly with teres *ynewe*.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln*, f. 60.

**YNGYNORE.** A maker of engines.  
In hys court was a false traytoure,  
That was a grete *yngynore*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38*, f. 39.

**YNNYS.** Lodgings. (*A.-S.*)  
Then they departyd them in plyghte,  
And to ther *ynnys* they wente.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38*, f. 76.

**YNWYT.** Understanding; conscience.  
Ynagyne no wrong nor falsenes,  
Of fyne *yncyttys* the rewle ys thys.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38*, f. 5.

**YO.** You. *North*.

**YOAK.** Two pails of milk.

**YOCKEN.** To gargle. *North*.

**YODE.** Went. (*A.-S.*)  
And alle the nyght ther-in he lay  
Tyl on the morowe that hyt was day,  
That men to mete *yode*. *Eglamour*, 531.

**YOGELOWRE.** A juggler.

YOL. Yes. *North.*

YOKE. (1) A pair of oxen. *To yoke out*, to put a horse in a cart, gig, or other carriage.

(2) A portion of the working day; to work two *yokes*, is to work both portions, morning and afternoon. *Kent.*

(3) The hiccuph. *West.*

(4) The grease of wool. *Devon.*

YOKEL. A countryman. *West.* Generally, a country bumpkin, in contempt.

YOKENS. When two trams or carriages meet, going in different directions. *Newc.*

YOKEY. Yellow; tawney. *Devon.*

YOKLE. An icicle.

YOKLET. A little farm or manor in some parts of Kent is called a yoklet. *Kennett.*

YOKLY-MOLE-KIT. A yellow, unhealthy-looking person. *Devon.*

YOKY-WOOL. Unwashed wool as it comes from the sheep's back. *Devon.*

YOLDE. Yielded; delivered up.

The chyldre they to Clement *golde*,  
xx. ii be them tolde.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 66.*

YOLD-RING. A yellow-hammer. *North.*

YOLE. To yell; to bawl. Brockett has *youl* as still in use in the North.

YOLKINGE. Hiccupping.

Whose ugly locks and *yolkinge* voice

Did make all men afeard. *MS. Ashmole 208.*

YOLLER. To cry out as a dog when under chastisement. *Northumb.*

YOLT. A newt. *Glouc.*

YOLY. Handsome. (*A.-N.*)

Wyth many knyghtys herde of bone,

That *yoly* colourys bare.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 70.*

Toward hur come a knyghte,

Gentylle sche thoght and a *yoly* man.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 34, f. 244.*

YON. For *yonder*: seems to be commonly used for a thing somewhat at a distance; thus, they say, what's *yon*? meaning what is that over there at a distance? It is also used adjectively, as *yon* lass, *yon* house, *yon* country, &c. *Lin.* Skinner has *yon*, and *yonside*.

YOND. Furious; savage. *Spenser.*

YONDERLY. Reserved. *Yorksh.*

YONE. *Yon*; *yonder*.

*If yone mane one lyfe be,*

*Bid hym com and speke with me,*

*And pray hym als thou kane. Perceval, 1266.*

YONKE. Young. *Weber.*

YONT. Beyond. *North.*

YOO. An ewe. *Chester Plays, i. 120.*

YOON. An oven. *Var. dial.*

YOPPUL. Unnecessary talk. *South.*

YORE. (1) An ewer. It occurs in an inventory, *MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 58.*

(2) A year. *Sir Amadas, 655.*

(3) Formerly; for a long time. (*A.-S.*)

(4) Ready. Same as *Yare*, q. v.

YORKPENGE. The name of a copper coin in the reign of Henry VI. *See Topens.*

YORKSHIRE. To put Yorkshire of a man, i. e. to cheat or deceive him. *North.*

YORKSHIRE-HUNTERS. The name of a

regiment formed by the gentlemen of *Yorkshire* during the Civil Wars.

YORNANDLIKE. Desirable.

YORNE. Hastened; long. *Weber.*

YORT. A yard, or field. *Lauc.*

YOT. To unite closely. *Dorset.*

YOTE. To pour in. *Grose* has *yoted*, watered, a West country word.

YOTEN. Cast. *Weber.*

YOUK. To sleep. A hawking term.

YOULE. "On Malvern Hills, in Worcester-shire, when the common people fan their corn, and want wind, they crie by way of invocacion, *youle, youle, youle*, which word, sais Mr. Aubrey, is no doubt a corruption of *Æolus*, god of winds," *Kennett MS.*

YOULING. A curious Kentish custom mentioned by *Hasted*, ap. *Braud*, i. 123.

There is an odd custom used in these parts, about *Keston* and *Wickham*, in Rogation week, at which time a number of young men meet together for the purpose, and with a most hideous noise run into the orchards, and, encircling each tree, pronounce these words:

Stand fast root; bear well top;

God send us a *youling* sop;

Every twig apple big,

Every bough apple enow.

For which incantation the confused rabble expect a gratuity in money, or drink, which is no less welcome; but if they are disappointed of both, they with great solemnity anathematize the owners and trees with altogether as insignificant a curse.

YOULRING. The yellow-hammer.

YOUNGERMER. Younger persons. *Cumb.*

YOUNKER. A young person.

Yet such sheep he kept, and was so seemelie a shepheard,

Seemelie a boy, so seemelie a youth, so seemelie a *younker*,

That on *Ide* was not such a boy, such a youth, such a *younker*. *Barnefeld's Affectionate Shepherd, 1594.*

YOU'RE. You were.

YOURES. Of you.

YOURN. Yours. *Var. dial.*

YOUT. To cry; to yell. *Yorksh.*

YOUTHLY. Youthful.

YOVE. Given. (*A.-S.*)

YOW. (1) To reap, gathering the corn under the arm. *Devon.*

(2) An ewe. *Var. dial.*

YOWER. (1) Your. *North.*

(2) An udder. *Yorksh.*

YOWFTER. To fester.

YOWL. The same as *Yole*, q. v.

YOWP. To yelp. *West.*

YOWTHE-HEDE. Youth. (*A.-S.*)

He that may do gode dede,

He schulde hym force in *yowthe-hede*,

So that he may, when he ys olde,

For a doghty man he tolde.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 152.*

YOYE. Joy.

The knygt answeryd with wordes mylde,

Syr, yf you *yoye* of yowre chyldre,

For here may y not lende. *Eglamour, 606.*

YOYFULLE. Joyful; glad.



- Hys kynne was wondur *pyffulle* than,  
That he waxe so feyre a inan.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 147.*
- YOOSTER. To frolic; to laugh. *Sussex.*
- YPEQUISTO. A toadstool.
- Y-REIGHT. Reached. (*A.-S.*)
- YRNE. Iron.  
Brenne the snayle to powdure upon a hoot *yrne*,  
and put that powdure to the yren when thou gost to  
bedde.  
*MS. Med. Rec. in Mr. Pettigrew's Possession, xv. Cent.*
- YRNES. Harness, i. e. armour. *Gawr.*
- YRON. A heron.  
Fer out over 300 mownten gray,  
Thomas, a fowken makes his nest,  
A fowkyn is an *yrons* pray,  
For thei in place wille have no rest!  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 120*
- YRONHARD. The herb knapweed.
- YRRIGAT. Watered.  
But ycer bi ycer the soil is *yrriगत*,  
And ovyrflowid with the flood of Nyle.  
*MS. Racl. Poet. 32.*
- Y-SACRYD. Consecrated. (*A.-S.*)
- YS. Ice.  
Se the ensaupul that I 3ow schowe,  
Of water, and *ys*, and eke snowe.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 132.*
- YSAME. Isaiah.  
Spake *Ysme* and seid in wordes pleyn,  
The hie hevynes doth your grace adewe.  
*MS. Ashmole 50, f. 174.*
- YSE. Ice. (*A.-S.*)  
He was never wyse,  
That went on the *yse*. *MS. Douce 52.*
- YSELS. Ashes. (*A.-S.*)  
And whenne the heved schalle be waschene, make  
lee of haye *ysel*s, that was mawene byfor myssomer  
day.  
*MS. Med. Liuc. f. 281.*
- Y-SHROUDED. Covered; concealed.  
Quod Gauhrielle, withinne thy blissid side  
The Holy Goste schalle *y-shrouded* be.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 2.*
- YSOOP. Hyssop.  
Sprenkle me, lord, wyth *ysoop*,  
That myn herte be purged clene.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 1.*
- YSOPE. Æsop, the fabulist.
- Y-SOYLID. Soiled. (*A.-S.*)  
Mylyppis polute, my mouth with synne *y-soylid*.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 2.*
- Y-STOYNCE. Stung; pricked.
- YS5. Ice. (*A.-S.*)  
Whane the emperour Darius remowed his oste,  
and come to the revere of Graunt on the nyghte,  
and went over the *ys5*, and that he lused hym.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 19.*
- YT. Yet. Arch. xxix. 135.
- YTHEZ. Waves. (*A.-S.*)  
Ewene walkande owte of the Weste landez,  
Wanderande unworthyly overe the wale *ythez*.  
*Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 61.*
- Y-THREVE. Thriven.  
I love hym welle, for he ys welle *y-threve*,  
Alle my love to hym y geve.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 123.*
- YU. Yule, or Christmas.
- YUCK. To snatch or drag with great force.  
*Lin.* Also a substantive, quasi *jerk*, a strong  
pull.
- YUCKEL. A woodpecker. *Wills.*
- YUGEMENT. Judgment.  
And all they seyde with oon assente,  
We graunt wele to yowre *yugement*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 151.*
- YU-GOADS. Christmas playthings. *Lanc.*
- YUIGTRE. Youth.  
And hadde wonder of his *yugithe*,  
That ther kiddes swiche strengthe.  
*Arthur and Merlin, p. 234*
- YUKE. To itch. *North.*
- YULE. (1) Christmas. (*A.-S.*) The term is  
still retained in the North of England. "In  
Yorkshire," says Blount, "and our other  
Northern parts, they have an old custome  
after sermon or service on Christmas day, the  
people will, even in the churches, cry *ule, ule*,  
as a token of rejoicing, and the common sort  
run about the streets, singing,  
*Ule, ule, ule, ule,*  
Three puddings in a pule,  
Crack nuts and cry *ule*."  
*Glossographia, ed. 1681, p. 692.*  
Vij, yere he leyvd there,  
Tylle hyt befele agenste the *youle*  
Upon the fyrste day,  
The hounde, as the story says,  
Ranne to the kyngys palays,  
Wythout ony more delay.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 74*
- (2) To coo, said of pigeons.
- YULE-CLOG. An immense piece of fire-wood,  
laid on the fire on Christmas-eve.
- YULE-PLOUGH. See *Fool-plough*.
- YULING. Keeping Christmas. *North.*
- YULK. The same as *Julk*, q. v.
- YULY. Handsome. Ritson, iii. 107. So ex-  
plained, but I think an error for *yuly*.
- YUMMERS. Embers. *Devon.*
- YURE. An udder. *North.*
- YURNEY. Enterprise.
- YUT. To gurgle. *North.*
- YVLE. Evilly; wickedly.  
Thyn host lith her ful *yvele* araid,  
And holdeth hym ful *yvele* apaid.  
*MS. Ashmole 33, f. 50.*
- YVOR. Ivory.  
And like *yvor* that cometh fro so ferre,  
His teeth schalle be even, smothe and white.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 14.*  
With golde and *yvor* that so bright shon,  
That all aboute the bewte men may see.  
*Lydgate, MS. Ashm. 39, f. 30.*
- Y3E. Eye.  
Whenne that traytour so hadde sayde,  
Ffyve goode hors to hym were tayde,  
That alle my3ton see with *y3e*;  
They drowen hym thorw; like a strete,  
Add seththyo to the elmes, I 3ow hete,  
Add hongyd hym ful hys.  
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- Z**A. To essay; to try. *West.*  
**Z**AHT. Soft. *Somerset.*  
**Z**AM. (1) To parboil. *West.*  
 (2) Cold. *Devon.*  
**Z**AMSAUDEN. Parboiled. Applied to anything spoilt by cooking. *West.*  
**Z**ANY. A mimic, or buffoon.  
**Z**ARUE. The plant milfoil.  
**Z**AT. (1) Soft. (2) Salt. *West.*  
**Z**ATELY. Indolent; idle. *Dorset.*  
**Z**ATENFARE. Soft; silly. *West.*  
**Z**AWP. A blow. *Somerset.*  
**Z**EDLAND. The Western counties, where **Z** is usually substituted for **S** by the natives.  
**Z**EMMIES-HAW. An interj. of surprise.  
**Z**ENZYBYR. Ginger.  
 Clary, pepur long, with granorum paradyse, *Zenzybyr* and *ynamon* at every tside.  
*Digby Mysteries*, p. 77.  
**Z**ESS. A compartment, or a threshing floor for the reception of the wheat that has been threshed, but not winnowed.  
**Z**EWNTEEN. Seventeen. *Devon.*  
**Z**IDLE-MOUTH. One having the mouth on one side; an ugly fellow. *West.*

- Z**ILTER. A salting tub; a vessel for salting meat. *Somerset.*  
**Z**IN. The sun; a son. *West.*  
**Z**INNILA. A son-in-law. *Erm.*  
**Z**INO. As I know. *Somerset.*  
**Z**LEARD. Slided. *Somersetshire.*  
 Ice *zleurd* and *zleurd* and *nevor gave ore*.  
 Till ice *zleurd* me downe to the *bellvree dore*.  
*MS. Ashmole 36, f. 112*  
**Z**OAT. Silly. *I. of Wight.*  
**Z**OCK. A blow. *West.*  
**Z**OQ. To doze. *Devon.*  
**Z**OKEY. A sawney. *Devon.*  
**Z**OO-ZOO. A wood-pigeon. *Glouc.*  
**Z**OTY. A fool. *South.*  
**Z**OWL. A plough. *Exmoor.*  
**Z**UCHES. Stumps of trees. *Kennett.*  
**Z**UM. Some. *West.*  
**Z**UNG. Since. *Exmoor.*  
**Z**UO. So. Reliq. Antiq. i. 42.  
**Z**WAIL. To swing the arms. *West.*  
**Z**WETE. Wheat.  
**Z**WIT-MARBRE. Explained *alabastrum*, in a list of herbs in *MS. Sloane 5, f. 2.*  
**Z**WODDER. Drowsy and dull. *West.*

3. This character is found in early English MSS. written after the twelfth century. It is a corruption of the Anglo-Saxon letter *g*, and sometimes answers to our *g*, sometimes to *y*, sometimes to *gh*, and also to a mute consonant at the commencement of a word. In the middle of a word it occasionally stands for *i*; in the same manner the A-S. *g* has been changed into *i*, when in a similar position. It should be remarked that the letter *z* often appears in MSS. under this character, with which, however, it has clearly no connexion. It is, therefore, incorrect to substitute it as an equivalent for *z*, or vice versa. When it occupies the place of the Anglo-Saxon letter, no other character represents its exact force.

- 3**A. Yea; yes; truly.  
 And *Africane* sayd *3a*, withoutene drede.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 22.*  
 Whi, ame I thi sonne, thanne? quod *Alexandre*,  
*3aa*, forsothe, quod *Alectanabus*, I gat the; and with  
 that word he *3alde* the gaste.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 1.*  
**3**AF. Gave.  
 Certeyne prestes of the Jewis lawe  
 Gan to grueche, as they *3of* audience.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 17.*  
 Alle his ri3t tru purchase  
 To *Dovre* abbei he hit *3afe*.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 100.*  
**3**AL. Yelled, as a dog.  
**3**ALDE. Yielded.  
 The portar *3alde* hym hys travayle,  
 He smote hym agayne withouten fayle.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 241.*  
 Hit *3alde*, whenne hit was shorn,  
 An hundride fold that ilke corn.  
*Cressor Manus, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 77.*  
 The marcheande *3a de* up hys gaste, and yede to  
 God fulle ryghte. *MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 34, f. 54.*

Asswythe he deyde yn baste,  
 There he shuld go he *3alde* the gaste.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 37.*

- 3**ALOWE. Yellow.  
 These cocodrilles ben serpentes, *3alowe* and rayed  
 aboven, and han four feet, and schorte thyes and  
 grete nayles, as clees or talouns.  
*Maunderle's Travels, p. 193.*

- 3**ALOW-SOUST. The jaundice.  
 For the *3alow soust*, that men callin the jaundys.  
 Take hard *Speynich sope* and a litille stale ale in  
 a coppe, and rubbe the sope agens the coppe botum  
 tyll the ale be qwyte. *MS. Sloane 7, f. 73*

- 3**ALT. Yielded; requited.  
**3**AMYRLY. Lamentably. *Gawayne.*  
**3**ANG. Young.

Ther may we sum *3ang* man fynde,  
 That is both curtesse and hynde.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 45.*

- 3**ANYNG. Yawning; gaping.  
 Than come ther owt of a corner a grete dragon  
*3anyng* on hur, so that hys mowthe was over hur  
 hede. *MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 19.*

Blowyng and *3anyng* soo,  
 As he wolde hym then have sloo.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 246*

- 3**AR. Before.  
 Saber was never *3ar* so gladd.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 116.*

- 3**ARDE. A yard; a fore-court.  
 Owt of the *3arde* he went a ryght.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 149.*

- 3**ARE. (I) Ready.  
 And crosen sayle and made hem *3are*  
 Anon, as thou3 they wolde fare.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 46*  
 His archers that ware thare,  
 Bathe the lesse and the mare,  
 Als so swy3e the were they *3are*.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 131.*

- (2) Quickly; readily.  
 Anone that we be buskede 3are,  
 In oure journaye for to fare,  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 116.*  
 The birde answerde ful 3are,  
 Nevene thou it any mare,  
 Thou salle rewe fullie sare,  
 And lyke it fulle ille.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 196.*
- 3ARLY. Early.  
 Nyght and day he ys in sorowe.  
 Late on evyn, 3arly on morowe  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 30, f. 148.*
- 3ARME. To scream.  
 The fende bygane to crye and 3arme,  
 Bot he myghte do hym nankyn harme  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 123.*
- 3ARNE. (1) To yearn. "Sothely he lufes, and  
 he 3arues for to lufe." *MS. Lincoln A. i. 17,  
 f. 192.*  
 (2) Yarn. *Prompt. Parv.*  
 But 3arne that ys ofte tyme evelle 3em,  
 Evar hyt comyth owt at the laste.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 30, f. 45.*
- (3) Hastily; quickly. *Pr. Parv.*
- 3ARTHE. Earth. (*A.-S.*)
- 3ATE. A gate. *Pr. Parv.*  
 And when he to the 3ate come,  
 He askid the porter and his man  
 Wher Joly Robyn was  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. v. 48, f. 51.*
- 3AYNED. Halloed. *Gawayne.*
- 3E. Yes.  
 He seyde nothur nay ne 3e,  
 But helde him stille and let hire chide.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 38*
- 3EDDINGES. Tales; romances.  
 As 3eddyngeis, japis and folies,  
 And alle harlotries and rabaudies.  
*MS. Ashmole 60, f. 5.*  
 Songe 3eddynge above,  
 Swyche murthus they move,  
 In the chaunbur of love  
 Thus thei sleye care! *Deg. event, 1421.*
- 3EDE. Went.  
 Kyng he was iij. yere and more,  
 And Roberd as a fole 3e thore.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 30, f. 242.*  
 The man hyt toke and was ful blythe.  
 He 3ede and soldie hyt assaythe.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 33.*  
 To the halle he went a full gode pase.  
 To seke wher the stuarle was:  
 The scheperde with hym 3ede.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. v. 48, f. 52.*  
 Now he kyndis a glede,  
 Amonge the buskes he 3ede,  
 And gedris fullie gude spele  
 Wodde a fyre to make. *Perceval, 758.*
- 3EDERLY. Promptly; soon. *Gawayne.*
- 3EE. Ye.  
 In chambyr, thofe he naked were,  
 3ee leite hym gyff none ansuere.  
*MS. Lincoln, f. 120.*
- 3EEME. To suckle; to give suck.
- 3EERLY. Early.  
 Gloteny hath grote appetyte,  
 To ete 3eerly and late ys hys delvte.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 30, f. 5.*

- 3EESY. Easy.  
 I counsel al 3oue, al curators, that wysele 3ou wagt  
 That han the cure of monis soule in 3our keynyng,  
 Engeyne 3e not to 3eese penans, ne to strayt algat,  
 Lest 3e slene both bode and soule with 3our pony-  
 schyng. *Antelmy's Poems, p. 47*
- 3EF. If.  
 3ef thow be not grote clerk,  
 Loke thow moste on thys werk.  
*MS. Cott. Cantab. A. ii. f. 127.*
- 3EFE. Gave.
- 3EINSEYE. To contradict; to oppose.  
 For I myself shal the lese,  
 That thou not 3einseye my soude.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 36.*
- 3EKE. (1) The cuckoo. (*A.-S.*)  
 Whene the 3eke gynnyis to syng,  
 Thene the schrewe begynnys to spryng.  
*MS. Parkington 10, f. 39.*  
 (2) Eke; also. See *Arrable.*  
 (3) To itch. *MS. Vocab. xv. Cent. "Pencilus,  
 a 3ekynge," Nominale MS.*
- 3ELDE. To yield; to give up.  
 The men over al sowe felde,  
 Of corn nougt hit up 3eltes.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 30.*  
 And for suche auctoritees, tnei seyn, that only to  
 God schalie a man knowleche his defautes, 3eldynge  
 himself gylty, and cryenge him murey, and beho-  
 tyng to ham to amerde himself.  
*Mauwedeide's Travels, 1839, p. 120.*
- 3ELES. For mon that waleweth al in 3eles,  
 And for that joye non n angur felde.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 36.*
- 3ELLE. To yell. *Eglamour, 411.*  
 No have thau nougt saled arist  
 But a day and on nygt,  
 That the se wel hard bigan  
 To 3ellen and to bellen than.  
*Legend of Marie Maubelen, p. 231.*  
 I wyllie hym geve, that me telles  
 Why the ravens on me 3elles  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 30, f. 145.*
- 3ELPE. To boast, or glory. (*A.-S.*)  
 For wit ne strengthe may not helpe,  
 And hee whiche ellis wolde him 3elpe,  
 Is rathest throwen undir fete.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 38*  
 Alas, alas, and wele away, wherof may we 3elpe?  
 We are shent for ever and ay, for nothing may us helpe.  
*MS. Egerton 257*  
 There is no man that may 3elpe,  
 Bot he bath nede of Godes helpe.  
*MS. Ashmole 61, f. 78*
- 3ELPYNG. Pomp; ostentation. *Gaw.*
- 3ELSPE. A handful. *Pr. Parv.*
- 3ELT. Yielded; requited.
- 3ELUGHE. Yellow.  
 Wymples, kerchyves saffrund betyde,  
 3elughe undyr 3elughe they hyde.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f.*
- 3ELYE. Yellow.  
 Of body, arme, and hond, and also of hir fae,  
 Wich that is coloured of rose and lile 3elye.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. i. 6, f. 151.*  
 Rotys of bothyn arm lik the applis growen on the  
 levis as ok appui on his lef, and the arm 3elye and  
 soote. *MS. J. uncl. 42, f. 32.*
- 3EME. To keep; to rule.

And oure fadrys so to queme.  
That Goddys comaundement we may 3eme.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 9.*

To be born he wol him seme  
For wicked men him to 3eme.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 77.*  
But graunte us alle us self to 3eme  
And yo oure shryfte Jhesu to queme.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 84.*

Fulle faire salle I hym fede,  
And 3eme hym with oure awene ehild,  
And clothe thame in one wede.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 102.*

3EMEN. Yeomen.  
Forth then went these 3emen too,  
Litul Johne and Moche one fere.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 128.*

3ENDE. Endl.  
And at Sir Roger 3ende we wylle dwelle,  
And of the queoe we wylle telle.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 75.*

3ENDIR. Yonder.  
O emperoure, lyfte up anone thyn ey3e,  
And loke up 3endir and see the sercle of golde.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 16.*

3EODE. Went. (*A.-S.*)  
At his wille thei 3ode and cam.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 5.*

3EONE. To yawn, or gape. (*A.-S.*)

3EOVE. To give. (*A.-S.*)

3EP. Prompt.  
A (*i in MS.*) wis mon is thi son Joseph,  
In al Egypete is noon so 3ep.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 34.*

3ERBYS. Herbs.  
A bath for that nobyll knyghte  
Of 3erbys that were fulle gode.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 66.*

3ERE. (1) An ear. (2) A year.  
(3) Ere; before.  
Feyre forhede end feyre here,  
Soche a mayde was never 3ere.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 147.*

3ERIS. Ears of eorn.  
The seven 3eris of grayne so plenteuous,  
This day he growe to fulle perfeccyoun,  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 13.*

3ERLY. Early.  
He toke gode kepe to hys lore,  
Late and 3erly evyrmore.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 127.*

3ERNE. (1) To yearn; to desire.  
A man hys manhede shal 3erne  
Hymself and hys meyné to governe.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 34.*

Men 3ernen jestes for to here,  
And romaunce rede in dyverse manere.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 1.*

(2) Quickly; promptly.  
3erne thou moste thy sawtere rede,  
And of the day of dome have drede.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 127.*

(3) Yarn. *Prompt. Parv.*

(4) Earnings. *Nominale MS.*

3ERNYNGE. Yearning; desire.  
So mote hyt he at my 3ernynge,  
On hur ys alle my thoughte.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 63.*

3ERTHF. Earth.

Hys oon brodur io 3erthe Godes generale vykre,  
Pope of Rome as ye may here.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 240*

3ERWIGGE. An carwig.

3ETE. To eat.  
His wyves fadir and modir fre  
Of this hony to 3ete 3af he.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 45.*  
He sawe many dede men,  
That the bore slewe yn the wode,  
3ete the flesche and dranke the blode.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 100*

(2) Yet. *Perceval, 83.*

(3) To cast metal. *Pr. Parv.*

3EVE. To give. (*A.-S.*)

Then may the fader wythoute blame  
Crysten the chyde, and 3eve hyt name.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 128.*  
Prayeth for him, that lyeth now in his cheste,  
To God above to 3eve his soule good reste.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 8.*

3EVEL. Evil; harm.

When myster be, put yt in the y3e, and it schal  
do away the 3evel, and breke that weeb.  
*MS. in Mr. Pettigrew's Possession, f. 11.*

3EY. An egg.

Aftur take the 3ey of an henne that is fayled when  
sche hath sete, and take a lytyl flax, and dip it in  
the glayre of that eye, and lay to the kancur.  
*MS. in Mr. Pettigrew's Possession, xv. Cent.*

3EYNBOWGHIT. Redeemed. (*A.-S.*)  
And for the synne that Adam io Paradyd dede,  
All we that of him come shuld ha byn in sory stede,  
Nere the grace of swete Jhesu,  
That us 3eynbowght thorgh gostli vertu.  
*Religious Poems, xv. Cent*

3EYNCOME. Return. (*A.-S.*)

At myn 3eyncome bi my lif,  
A soushal have Sara thi wyf.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 17.*

3EYR. Every.

3E3E. (1) To jog. (2) To ask.

3E3EN. Eyes.

To heven thei lifte her 3e3en glade,  
And on her tongis thonkyng made.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 110.*

3IHE. Ye.

3he that welye here of wytte,  
That is wytnessyd of holy wryte.  
*MS. Douce 84, f. 46*

3IFE. If. *Isumbras, 241.*

3IFTYS. Gifts. *Pr. Parv.*

3IKINE. To itch. *Pr. Parv.*

3IPPE. To chirp, as birds do.

3IS. Yes.

They tolden so they hadden doo;  
He seyde nay; they seyden 3is.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 69.*

3ISKE. To sob; to cry. (*A.-S.*)

3ISTURDAY. Yesterday.

I higt the 3isturday seven shylyng,  
Have brok it wel to thi clothyng.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 43, f. 53.*

Sche seyde, lordynges, where ys hee  
That 3ysturday wan the grece.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 77.*

3ysturday he weddyd me with wrooge,  
And to uyght y have hym honge.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 117*

**30DE.** Went. (*A.-S.*)  
 The kyng of Fraunce byfore hym *30de*,  
 With mynstralles fulle many and gode,  
 And lede hym up with pryde;  
 Clement to the mynstralles gan go,  
 And gaf some a stroke, and some two,  
 There durste noghte one habyde!  
*Octavian, Lincoln MS.*  
 They sett thaire stedis ther thay stod,  
 And fayrly passed the flode;  
 To the chambir thay *30de*,  
 Thaire gatis so gayne.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 137.*

**30KET.** Disabled?  
 The ne mai no more  
 Grope under gore,  
 thoȝ mī wil wold *3ete*;  
 Y-*3oket* ic am of *3ore*,  
 With last and luther lore,  
 and sunne me hath bi-set.  
*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 210.*

**30KK.** A yoke.  
 Comforte all men in Crystys lawe,  
 That they hys *3ok's* love in to drawe.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 33, f. 5.*

**30KYNGE.** Itching. Medulla MS.

**30LDE.** Yielded.  
 That he no myȝte with no sleȝȝte  
 Oute of his honde gete up on heyȝte  
 Tille he was overcome and *30lde*.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 117.*  
 How oure lady enlode and *30lde*  
 Hir semely soule, hit shal be tolde,  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 2.*

**30LE.** Yule; Christmas.  
 Madame, appone *30le* nyghte  
 My warysone *3e* me highte:  
 I aske noghte bot *3one* knyghte  
 To slepe be my syde.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 133.*  
 Faire scho prayed hym evene thane,  
 Lufamour his kummane,  
 Tille the heȝhe dayes of *30le* were gane  
 With hir for to bee.  
*Perceval, 1803.*  
 He made me *3omane* at *30le*, and gaf me gret gyftes,  
 And c. pound and a horse, and harnayse fulle ryche.  
*Morte Artoure, MS. Lincoln, f. 81.*

**30MERAND.** Moaning; whining. *Gaw.*

**30MERLY.** Lamentably; piteously. *Gaw.*

**30ND.** Yonder.  
 Goo take *3ond* man and pay he tyme,  
 And bidde hym thonk Joly Robyne;  
 We shalle sone have gamme gode.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 53.*

**30NE.** Yonder.  
 I knowe hym by his faire face,  
 That *3one* *3ong* knyghte es he.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 109.*

**30NG.** Young.  
 He has with hym *3ong* men thre;  
 Thei be archers of this contre,  
 The kyng to serve at wille.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. v. 48, f. 49.*  
 Fyrst thow moste thys mynne,  
 What he ys that doth the synne;  
 Whether hyt he heo or he,  
*3onge* or olde, bonde or fre.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 145.*

**30NGE.** To go; to proceed.

Ac weste hit houre cellerer,  
 That thou were i comen her,  
 He wolde sone after the *3ong*,  
 Mid pikys, and stanes, and staves stronge;  
 Alle thine bones he wolde to-breke,  
 Then we weren wel awreke. *Reliq. Antiq. ii. 273.*

**30NGLINGES.** Youths.  
*30nlinges* of the age of on and twenty *3er* schulde  
 be chosen to knyȝthode.  
*Vegecius, MS. Douce 291, f. 8.*

**30ODE.** Went.  
 When he tulle hys lord come,  
 The lettre in hys hand he nome,  
 He sey. Alle *3ode* to schome!  
 And went one hys wey. *Degrevant, 127.*

**30P.**  
 But, confessour, be wys and *3op*,  
 And sende forth these to the hyschop.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 148.*

**30RE.** Yore; formerly.  
*3ore* was seid and *3ut* so beth,  
 Herte forgeteth that eȝe not seth.  
*Cursor Mundi, MS. Coll. Trin. Cantab. f. 26.*  
 Thus they have do now fulle *3ore*,  
 And alle ys for defawte of lore.  
*MS. Cott. Claudius A. ii. f. 127.*

(2) Mercy; pity. (*A.-S.*)  
 Oftsytthes scho *3ykyd* sore,  
 And stilly scho sayed, Lord, thy *3ore*!  
*Wright's Seven Sages, p. 51.*

**30RLE.** Earl.  
 The *3orle* dyede that same *3ere*,  
 And the contasse clere;  
 Bothe bore beryelus y-fiere  
 Was *3yly* bydyȝth. *Degrevant, 1381.*

**30RN.** A thorn.

**30RNE.** Quickly.  
 The messengere thankyth hym *3orne*,  
 And home agayne he can turne,  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 96.*

**30RTHE.** The earth.  
 Anodur he thought to smyȝte ryȝht,  
 Hys hedd there on the *3orthe* lyȝht.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 170.*  
 Hys oon brodur in *3orthe* Godes generale vykere,  
 Pope of Rome, as ye may here;  
 Thys pope was callyd pope Urbane,  
 For hym lovyd bothe God and man.  
*MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38.*

**30UD.** Went. (*A.-S.*)  
 flayir thei passed that flode,  
 To the forest thei *3oud*,  
 And toke here stodus where thei stod  
 Undur the hawthrone. *Degrevant, 926.*

**30UGHTHE.** Youth.  
 Thorow innoeence schortely to conlude,  
 By engyn of fraude hire *3ougthe* to delude.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 5.*  
 Sire, yf y have in my *3ougthe*  
 Done otherwise in other place.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 43.*

**30VE.** Given.  
 This pris was *3ove* and speken oute  
 Amonge the heraldis alle aboute.  
*Gower, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 55.*  
 And openly hath *3oven* him a falle.  
*Lydgate, MS. Soc. Antiq. 134, f. 2.*

**30W.** You.  
 And say the wordes alle on rowe,  
 As anon I wole *3owe* schowe.  
*MS. Cott. Claud. A. ii. f. 128.*

- 5OWLE.** (1) Yule; Christmas.  
Thys ys the furste day of *3owle*,  
That thy God was borne without dole.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38, f. 99.*
- 2) To yell; to howl.  
The kyng passed therby as the greyhound was  
that kept his lord and his maystre, and the grey-  
hound aroos agayn hem, and bygan to *3otele* upon  
hem. *MS. Bodl. 546.*
- 5OWTHEDE.** Youth. (*A.-S.*)  
Now, Lorde, 3if it thi wille bee,  
In *3owthede* penance send thou mee,  
And welthe appone myne elde. *Isumbous, 60.*
- 5OWULY.** Gay.  
Moche of this herbe to seeth thu take  
In water, and a bathe thow make:  
Hyt schal the make ly3t and joly,  
And also lykkyng and *3owuly*.  
*Reliq. Antiq. i. 136.*
- 5OWYNG.** Young.  
When I was *3owying*, es now er 3e,  
Than beyd I never a fayret lyfe.  
*MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 31.*
- 5OXE.** The hiccough.  
Tak sawge, and poune hit smal, and temple hit  
with aysel, and swolue thurof ij. tymes or iij. and  
that wule stanch the *3oze*.  
*MS. in Mr. Pettigrew's Possession, xv. Cent.*
- 5OYNG.** Young. Pr. Parv p. 268.
- 5UNCH.** Young.
- 5UNGTHE.** Youth.  
Or 3yf thou 3owe vn *3ungthe* or elde.  
*MS. Harl. 1701, f. 19.*
- 5WRH.** Through.  
Mi palefrey is of tre,  
Wiht nayles naylede *3erh* mu,  
Ne is more sorwe to se,  
Certes noon more no may be.  
*Reliq. Antiq. ii. 119.*
- 5YF.** To give.

- Gyftys y hur *3yf* wolde  
Of sylvyr and of ryche golde.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38, f. 37.*
- 5YLDE.** To requite. (*A.-S.*)  
Alle that have my fadur slawe,  
And bro3t hym out of hys lyfe dawe,  
I schalle them *3ylde*.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38, f. 97.*
- 5YNDE.** End.  
And the begger at the townes *3ynde*,  
To hym wedlokk ys as free  
As to the ryallest kyng of kynde,  
For alle ys but oon dygnyte.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. 33, f. 43.*
- 5YNG.** Young.  
Princes proude that beth in pres,  
I wol ou telle thing not lees;  
In Cysle was a noble kyng,  
Fair and strong, and sumdel *3yng*.  
*Vernon MS. Bodl. Libr. f. 300.*  
Than spekyth Octavyon the *3yng*  
Fulle feyre to hys lorde the kyng.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38, f. 93.*
- 5YNGE.** To go; to proceed.  
Make thy clerk before the *3yng*  
To bere ly3t and belle ryng.  
*MS. Cotton. Claud. A. ii. f. 151.*
- 5YS.** Yes.  
Be God, seid the scheperde, *3ys*;  
Nay, seid oure kyng, i-wys  
No3t for a tune of wyne!  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. v. 48, f. 53.*  
*3ysse*, quod the fyscher, y sawe hyt,  
The batell to the darke nyght.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38, f. 208.*
- 5YT.** Yet. Eglamour, 76, 320.  
And he schalle be thyn own fere,  
Some wytt of hym *3yt* may thou lere.  
*MS. Cantab. Fl. ii. 38, f. 241.*  
Y do the wele for to wyte,  
Y nel non housbond have *3yte*;  
Seye the kny3the whan 3e mete,  
I wol hym no gude!  
*Degrevant, 966.*

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The following list merely contains explanations of the principal Abbreviations used in the foregoing pages, with short references to those books and romances which are most frequently cited. The titles of the books from which the quotations are made have, however, been generally given with too much minuteness to require any further explanation.

- A. C.* Abecedarium.  
*Addit.* Additional Manuscripts, a miscellaneous Collection in the British Museum so called.  
*Ab.* Absaunder.  
*Altstunder.* Weber, vol. i.  
*Amadace.* Three early English metrical Romances, 4to. London, 1842.  
*Amadas.* Weber, vol. iii.  
*Amis and Amiloun.* Weber, vol. ii.  
*A.-N.* Anglo-Norman.  
*Anc.* Ancient.  
*Anc. S.* Ancient Songs.  
*Angl.* Anglia.  
*Antiq. Culinar.* Antiquitates Culinarie, or curious Tracts relating to the Culinary Affairs of the Old English. By R. Warner, 4to. 1791.  
*Apol. Loll.* An Apology for Lollard Doctrines, attributed to Wickliffe, now first printed from a Manuscript in the Library of Trinity College, Dublin. 4to. Lond. 1842.  
*App.* Appendix.  
*Arch.* Archaeologia; archaism.  
*Arthur and Merlin.* A metrical Romance preserved in the Auchinleck MS. at Edinburgh, and published by the Abbotsford Club, under the editorial care of Mr. W. B. D. D. Turnbull. The extracts given from this work in the foregoing pages will be found in many cases to vary from the printed text, which is so incorrectly edited as to be of no authority.  
*A.-S.* Anglo-Saxon.
- Bone Florence of Rome.* A metrical Romance, Ritson, vol. iii.  
*Brit. Bibl.* British Bibliographer, by Sir Egerton Brydges, 1810.
- Camb.* Cambridge.  
*Cant. T.* The Canterbury Tales.  
*Cat.* Catalogue.  
*Cath. Angl.* Catholicon Anglicum, an early English and Latin Dictionary, a MS. of which is in the British Museum.  
*Chaucer.* Tyrwhitt's text has been used, but the references will generally also apply to Mr. Wright's improved edition, the first volume of which has just appeared.  
*Chronicle of England.* Ritson, vol. ii.  
*Chron. Mirab.* Chronicon Mirabile, or Extracts from Parish Registers. 8vo. Lond. 1841.  
*Cleges.* Weber, vol. i.  
*Const. Mason.* An early English Poem, printed in my 'Early History of Freemasonry in England.' 8vo. Lond. 1844.  
*Corr.* Correspondence.  
*Cov. Myst.* Ludus Coventræ, a Collection of Mysteries formerly represented at Coventry on the Feast of Corpus Christi. 8vo. 1841.
- Dan.* Danish.  
*Degrevant.* A metrical Romance, Thornton Romances, Camden Soc. 1844, p. 177.  
*Depos. R. II.* Alliterative Poem on the Deposition of Richard II. Edited by Thomas Wright, M.A. 4to. Lond. 1838.  
*Deser.* Description.  
*Dial.* Dialect; dialogue.  
*Dict.* Dictionary.  
*Dictionary.* A new English Dictionary, shewing the Etymological Derivation of the English Tongue. 12mo. Lond. 1691. This is merely a translation from Skinner.  
*Dict. Rust.* Dictionarium Rusticum, Urbanicum et Botanicum, or a Dictionary of Husbandry, &c. 2 vols. 8vo. 1726.  
*Diss.* Dissertation.  
*Drum.* Drama; dramatic.  
*Dut.* Dutch.
- Emari.* Ritson, vol. ii.  
*Engl.* England.  
*Er.* Erroneously.  
*Erle of Tolous.* Ritson, vol. iii.  
*Excl.* Exclamation.
- Flur. and Blanch.* Florice and Blanchefleur, a metrical Romance, printed (very incorrectly) in Hartshorne's Metrical Tales. 8vo. 1829.  
*Fr.* French.
- Gaw.* Syr Gawayne.  
*Gent. Rec.* The Gentlemans Recreation. In two parts, fol. By R. Blome.  
*Germ.* German.  
*Gl.* Gloss; glossary.  
*Gr.* Greek.
- Havelok.* A metrical Romance, printed by the Roxburghe Club, 1828.  
*Hist.* Historica; history.  
*Hunttynge of the Hare.* Weber, vol. iii.
- Illust.* Illustrations.  
*Isompton.* Weber, vol. ii.  
*Island.* Islandic.  
*Ital.* Italian.  
*I. W.* Isle of Wight.
- Jamys.* A very curious MS. of the fifteenth century in my possession, containing medical Receipts collected by "Syr Tomas Jamys, Vicar off Badseye," has been sometimes quoted as *MS. Jamys*.
- Kyng Horn.* Ritson, vol. ii.  
*Kyng of Tars.* Ritson, vol. ii.
- Lat.* Latin.

- Lat. Med.* Medieval Latin.
- Launfal.* Ritson, vol. i.
- Layle Freine.* Weber, vol. i.
- Leg.* Legend.
- Leg. Cathol.* Legendæ Catholicæ, a lytle Boke of Seynthe Gestes. 8vo. Edinh. 1840. Early English Poetry from the Auchinleck MS.
- Ler. Tot.* Lexicon Tetraglotton. By James Howell. Fol. 1660.
- Line. Med.* A valuable early MS. of Medical Receipts in Lincoln Cathedral.
- Lyb. Dis-c.* Lybeaus Disconus.
- Lybeaus Disconus.* Ritson, vol. ii.
- Mapes.* The Latin Poems commonly attributed to Walter Mapes, collected and edited by Thomas Wright, Esq. M.A. 4to. 1841.
- Marq.* Margin; marginal.
- Med. Rec.* Medical receipts.
- Met. Rom.* Metrical Romances.
- Mil.* Military.
- Mir. Mag.* Mirour for Magistrates, reprinted in the Brit. Bibl. vol. iv.
- More.* More's MS. Additions to Ray refer to a copy of Ray, ed. 1674, with Notes by Dr. Thomas More, preserved in the British Museum. It was formerly marked MS. Sloane 454.
- Morte Arthur.* A very valuable alliterative metrical Romance, unpublished, and preserved in a MS. at Lincoln Cathedral of the fifteenth century. Although the editor of Syr Gawayne styles it a Scottish romance, I have no doubt whatever from its language that it was written in England. There appears, indeed, a confirmation of my opinion at l. 79 of the romance, "That es Lorryne alofede, us Londone es here."
- Morte d'Arthur.* The Byrth, Lyf, and Actes of Kyng Arthur; of his Noble Knyghtes of the Rounde Table, &c. 2 vols. 4to. 1817. Repr. from Caxton's edition.
- Myst.* Mysteries.
- Newc.* Newcastle.
- Nomenclator.* The Nomenclator or Remembrancer of Adrianus Junius, by Higgins and Fleming. 8vo. Lond. 1535.
- Nominale.* Nominale sub compendio compilatum de fixis et mobilibus, a large vocabulary in Latin and English. Two early MSS. of this valuable work have been used; one lent to me by Mr. Wright at the meeting of the British Archaeological Association at Winchester in 1845, the other a MS. in my own possession, illustrated by early drawings of the articles mentioned.
- Nug. Ant.* Nugæ Antiquæ.
- Octavian.* A metrical Romance, printed by the Percy Society. 8vo. 1844.
- Octavian.* A metrical Romance, printed by Weber, vol. iii.
- Ord. and Reg.* A Collection of Ordinances and Regulations for the Government of the Royal Household, made in divers Reigns. 4to. 1720.
- Ophion.* Ritson, vol. ii.
- Of. Gloss. Arch.* A Glossary of Terms used in Grecian, Roman, Italian, and Gothic Architecture. 8vo. Oxford, 4th ed. 1845.
- Pa.t* Past tense.
- Percy* Reliques of Ancient English Poetry. 8vo. Lond. 1840.
- Piers Ploughman.* The Vision and the Creed of Piers Ploughman. With Notes, and a Glossary by Thomas Wright, M.A. 1842.
- Poet.* Poetry; poetical.
- Pol.* Political.
- Pop.* Popular.
- Pop. Antiq.* Popular Antiquities.
- Prov.* Proverb; provincialism.
- Pr. Parc.* Promptorium Parvulorum secundum vulgarem modum loquendi Orientalium Anglorum, 1440. MS. Harl. 221, ff. 206. Printed by Pynson in 1490, and several times in the sixteenth century. The first volume of a new edition, to letter L, has been recently published by the Camden Society. The remainder is in the press, but I have seen no further than the part containing M.
- Ps. Cott.* A valuable early English metrical version of the Psalms preserved in MS. Cott. Vespas. D. vii.
- Qu. Rev.* Quarterly Review.
- Rara Mat.* Rara Mathematica.
- Rawl.* Rawlinson's Collection of MSS. in the Bodleian Library.
- Reliq. Antiq.* Reliquæ Antiquæ. Scraps from Ancient MSS, edited by Thomas Wright and J. O. Halliwell. 2 vols. 8vo. 1841.
- Repr.* Reprint.
- Richard Cœur de Lion.* Weber, vol. ii.
- Rob. Glouc.* Robert of Gloucester's Chronicle, ed. Hearne. 8vo. 1810.
- Seyn Saggs.* Weber, vol. iii.
- Shak.* Shakespeare.
- Shak. Lib.* Shakespeare's Library.
- Shak. Soc. Pap.* The Shakespeare Society's Papers. 8vo. 1844, &c.
- Soc.* Society.
- Span.* Spanish.
- Spens.* Spenser.
- Squyr of Lowe Degré.* Ritson, vol. iii.
- Stim. Consc.* Stimulus Conscientiæ, an early poem by Hampole.
- Subst.* Substantive.
- Su. G.* Suij-Gothic.
- Suod.* Swedish.
- Tent.* Tentonic.
- Torrent.* Torrent of Portugal, an English metrical Romance, now first published from an unique manuscript of the fifteenth century, preserved in the Chetham Library at Manchester. 8vo. Lond. 1842.
- Tr.* Translation; tracts.
- Tryamour.* A metrical Romance, printed by Mr. Uttersaer, 1817.
- Tur. Tot.* Tournament of Totenham, edited by Thomas Wright, 1836.
- Tw.* Twice.
- Unton.* Unton Inventories. 4to. 1841.
- Var. dial.* Various dialects.
- Vocab.* Vocabulary.
- Warner.* See *Antiq. Culin.*
- Will. Wern.* The ancient English romance of William and the Werwolf. 4to. Lond. 1832. Edited by Sir F. Madden, for the Roxburghe Club.
- Ywayne and Gawayn.* Ritson, vol. i.



SPECIMENS OF THE EARLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE,

CHRONOLOGICALLY ARRANGED.

(1) *From Simon de Ghent's Rule of Nuns, of the earlier part of the thirteenth century.*

Holy men 7 holi wummen beoð of alle vundunges swuðest ofte i-tempted, 7 han to goddre heale; vor iþe vihte ageines han, heo bigiteð þe blisfula kempene crune. Lo! þauh hwa he meneð ham bi Jeremie: *persecutores nostri velociores aquilis celi, super montes persecuti sunt nos; in deserto insidiati sunt nobis.* þet is, ure wiðerwuns beoð swifure þen þe earne; up oðe hulles heo clumbeu efter us, 7 þer fuliten mid us, 7 get iðe wildernesse heo aspieden us to slea. Ure wiþerwines beoð þreo: þe veound, þe world, 7 ure owune vleshs, ase ich er seide. Lihtliche ne mei me nout oþerhule i-enowen hwuc of þeos þreo weorreð him; vor overichou helpeð oþer, þauh þe veound kundeliche eggeð us to atternesse, as to prude, to overhove, to onde, 7 to wreððe, 7 to hore attri kundles, þet beoð her efter i-nemmed, þet flesh put propremen toward swetnesse, 7 toward eise, 7 toward softnesse, ant te world bit mou giscen wordes weole, 7 wunne 7 wurscipe, 7 oþer swuche ginegoven, þet biðweolieð kang men to luvien one scheadewe. þeos wiðerwines, he seið, voluwel us on hulles, 7 awateð us iðe wildernesse, hu heo us miuwen hermen. Hul, þet is heih lif, þer þes deofles assauz beoð ofte strengest; wildernesse, þet is onlich lif of anere wuninge, vor also ase ine wildernesse beoð alle wilde bestes, 7 nulleð nout i-þolen monnes neihlecuuge, auh fleoð hwon heo ham i-hereð oþer i-seoð, also schulen aneren over alle oþre wummen beon wilde o þisse wise, 7 peonne beoð heo over alle oþre leovest to ure Loverde, 7 swetest him þuncheð ham; vor of alle flesches þeonne is wilde deores fleschs leovest 7 swetest, I þisse wildernesse wende ure Loverdes fole, ase Exode telleð, toward ted eadie londe of Jerusalem, þet he ham hefde bihoten. And ge, mine leove sustren, wendeð bi þen ilke weie toward te heie Jerusalem, to þe kinerdom þ he haveð bihoten his i-corene. Goð þauh ful warliche, vor i þisse wildernesse beoð monie uvele bestes; liun of prude, neddre of attri onde, anicorne of wreððe, beore of dead slouhðe, vox of giscunge, suwe of givernesse, scorpinn mid te teile of stin-

kinde lecherie, þet is golnesse. Her beoð nu a-reawe i-told þe-seoven heaved sunnen.

(2) *Hymn to the Virgin, time of Henry III.*

Blessed beo thu, lavedi,  
ful of hovene blisse,  
swete flur of paradis,  
moder of milternisse;  
Thu praye Jhesu Crist thi sone,  
that he me i-wisse,  
Thare a londe al swo ihe beo,  
that he me ne i-misse.

Of the, faire lavedi, min orecsun  
ich wile biginnen!  
Thi deore swete-sunnes love  
thu lere me to winnen.  
Wel ofte ich sike and sorwe make,  
ne mai ich nevere blippen,  
Bote thu, thruh thim milde mod,  
bringe me out of-umne.

Ofte ihe seke merci,  
thim swete name ich call;  
Mi flehs is foul, this world is fals,  
thu loke that ich ne falle.  
Lavedi freo, thu schuld me  
fram the pine of helle!  
And send me into that blisse  
that tunge ne mai tellen.

Mine werkes, lavedi,  
heo makieth me ful won;  
Wel ofte ich clepie and calle,  
thu i-her me for than.  
Bote ic chabbe the help of the,  
other I ne kan;  
Help thu me, ful wel thu mist,  
thu helpest moni a man.

I-blessed beo thu, lavedi,  
so fair ant so briht,  
Al min hope is upp on the  
bi dai and bi nicht.  
Helpe, thruh thim milde mode,  
for wel wel thu mist,  
That ich nevere for feondes sake  
fu-go thim eche liht.

Briht and scene quen of hovene,  
ich made thim sunnes hore;  
The sunnes that ich hadde i-eun,  
heo resweth me ful sore.  
Wel ofte ich chabbe th- fur-saker,  
the wil ich never eft more;  
Lavedi, for thine sake,  
treuthen feondes lore.

I-blessed beo thu, lavedi,  
 so feir and so hende;  
 Thu praie Jhesu Crist thi sone,  
 that he me i-sende,  
 Whare a londe al swo ich beo,  
 er ich honne wende,  
 That ich mote in paradis  
 wonien withuten ende.  
 Bricht and scenne quen of storre,  
 so me lht and lre,  
 In this false fikete world  
 so me led and steore,  
 That ich at min ende dai  
 ne habbe non feond to fere;  
 Jhesu, mit ti swete blod,  
 thu bohtest me ful dere.  
 Jhesu, seinte Marie sone,  
 thu i her thin moder bone;  
 To the ne dar I clepjen noht,  
 to hire ich make min mene;  
 Thu do that ich for hire sake  
 beo i-maked so clene,  
 That ich noht at dai of dome  
 beo flemed of thin exsene.

*MS. Egerton 613, Reliq. Antiq. i. 102-3.*

(3) *From the Harrowing of Hell, MS. Digby 86,  
 time of Edward I.*

Hou Jhesu Crist herowede helle,  
 Of harde gates ich wille telle.  
 Leve frend, nou beth stille,  
 Lesteth that ich tellen wille,  
 Ou Jhesu fader hun bithoute,  
 And Adam hout of helle broute.  
 In helle was Adam and Eve,  
 That weren Jhesu Crist wel leve;  
 And Seint Johan the Baptist,  
 That was newen Jhesu Crist;  
 Davit the prophete and Abraham,  
 For the sunnes of Adem;  
 And mou other holi mon,  
 Mo then ich ou tellen cou;  
 Till Jhesu fader nom fles and blod  
 Of the maiden Marie god,  
 And suth then was don ful michel some,  
 Bouden and beten and maked ful lome,  
 Tille that Gode Friday at non,  
 Thenne he was on rode i-don,  
 His honden from his body wonden,  
 Nit here mihte hee him shenden,  
 To helle sone he nom gate  
 Adam and Eve hout to take;  
 Tho the he to helle cam,  
 Suche wordes he bigan.

(4) *From 'Cokaygne,' a poem written very early  
 in the fourteenth century.*

Ther is a wel fair abbey,  
 Of white monkes, and of grei,  
 Ther beth bowris and halles:  
 Al of pasteis beth the wallis,  
 Of fles, of fisse, and rich met,  
 The likfullist that man mai et.  
 Fluren cakes beth the schingles alle,  
 Of cherche, cloister, boure and halle.  
 The pumes beth fat podinges,  
 Rich met to princez and kinges.  
 Ther is a cloister fair and list,  
 Brod and lang, of semblis sict.  
 The pilers of that cloister alle  
 Beth i-turned of cristale,  
 With harlas and capitale  
 Of grene iaspe and rede corale.

In the praer is a tre  
 Swithe likful for to se,  
 The rote is gingevir and galingale,  
 The siouns beth al sedwale.  
 Trie maces beth the flure,  
 The rind canel of swet odur;  
 The frute gilofre of gode smakke,  
 Of cucubes ther nis no lakke.

*MS. Harl. 913, f. 4.*

(5) *From the Proverbs of Hendyng, MS. Harl.  
 2253, time of Edward II.*

Mon that wol of wysdam heren,  
 At wyse Hendyng he may lernen,  
 That wes Marcolves sone;  
 Gode thonkes ant monie thewes  
 For te teche fele shrewes,  
 For that wes ever is wone.  
 Jhesu Crist, al folkes red,  
 That for us alle tholedede ded  
 Upon the rode tre,  
 Lene us alle to hen wys,  
 Ant to ende in his servys!  
 Amen, par charite!  
 'God bisinning maketh god endyng,'  
 Quoth Hendyng.

Wyt ant wysdom lurneth 3erne,  
 Ant loke that none other werne  
 To be wys ant hende;  
 For betere were to bue wis,  
 Then for te where feh ant gryt,  
 Wher so mon shal ende,  
 'Wyt ant wysdom is god warysoun,'  
 Quoth Hendyng.

Ne may no mon that is in londe,  
 For nothyng that he con fonde,  
 Women at home ant spede;  
 So fele thewes for te leorne,  
 Ase he that hath y-soht teorine  
 In wel fele theode.  
 'Ase fele thede, ase fele thewes,'  
 Quoth Hendyng.

(6) *The Creed, from a MS. written in the reign  
 of Edward III.*

I byleve in God, fader almy3thi, maker of hevene  
 and of erthe, and in Jhesu Crist, the sone of hym  
 only oure lord, the wuche is conceyved of the holy  
 gost, y-boren of Marie mayden, suffrede passiou  
 under Pounce Pilate, y-crucified, ded, and buried,  
 wente down in to helle, the thridde day he roos  
 from dethe, he steyet up to hevencs, he sitteth on  
 the ri3t syde of God the fadir almy3t, thennes he is  
 to come to deme the queke and the dede. I byleve  
 in the holy gost, holy chirche general, the  
 comunyng of halwes, the for3efencesse of synnes, the  
 rysyng of flech, and the lyf whit-oute ende. Amen.

(7) *From a poem on blood-letting, written about  
 A.D. 1380.*

Maystris that uthyth blode letyng,  
 And therwyth giteth 3owr levyng,  
 Here 3e may lere wysdom ful gode,  
 In what place 3e schulle let blode  
 In man, woman, and in childe,  
 For evels that hen wyk and wilde.  
 Weynis ther hen .xxx. and two  
 That on a man mot ben undo;  
 .xvj. in the heved ful ri3t,  
 And .xvj. beneth in 3ow i-py3t.

In what place thay schal be founde,  
 I schal yow telle in a stounde.  
 Besydis the ere ther ben two,  
 That on a man mot ben undo  
 To kepe hys hevcd fro evyl turnyng,  
 And fro the scalles, wythout lesyng,  
 Two at the templys thay mot blde  
 For stoppyng of kynde, as I rede,  
 And on is in the mydde for hevde,  
 For lepre sausfeme mot blde,  
 Abowe the nose there is on,  
 For fuethyng mot be undon,  
 And also whan eyhen bwa sore,  
 And for resyng gout evermore.  
 Two they ben at the eyhen ende,  
 Whan they beth bleryt for to amende,  
 And for that cometh of smokyng,  
 I wol tel yow no lesyng,  
 At the holle of the grot ther ben two,  
 That for lepre and streyt bryt mot be undo.  
 In the lypys .iiij. ther ben gode to bledene,  
 As I yow telle now bydene,  
 Two by the eyhen abowen al-o,  
 I telle yow there ben two  
 For sor of tho mowthe to blede,  
 What hyt is I fynde as I rede.  
 Two under the tonge wythout lese  
 Mot blede for the squynase;  
 And whan the towng is akyng  
 Throgt eny maner swollyng.

(8) *From an astrological MS. written about the year 1400.*

Man born wile the sonne is in Cankyr, that is the xiiij. day in Jun tyl the xij. day in Jul, xxx. day. is whit colorid, femynin herte; but he be born the owr of Mars or of Sol or of Jupiter, man bold and hardy, and sly inowh to falshe and tre-owne, fayr spekere and evil spekere, and suptyl and wily and fals, broken in arm or in fase, desese in cheyl or nere, mekyl wytyt and mikyl onwis and onkynde, and fals in fele things in word and dede; shrewe to woordin wyth, hatyd of fele and of wol fewe lowyl; a woman schal make him to sinne; he schal lovin a woman brown of complexown and of bettur blod than is hymself; he schal lovin no man but for his owne profyt.

(9) *A song, temp. Henry VI.*

What so mene seyne,  
 Love is no peyne  
 To theme sercayne  
 Butt varians;  
 For they constreyne  
 Ther hertes to feyne,  
 Ther mowthis to pleyne  
 Ther displeasans.  
 Whych is in dede  
 Butt feynyd drede,  
 So God me spede!  
 And dowbilys.  
 Ther othis to bede,  
 Ther lyvys to lede,  
 And proferith mede  
 New-fangellens.  
 For whenne they pray,  
 Ye shalle have nay,  
 What so they say,  
 Beware, for shame.  
 For every daye  
 They waite ther pray,

Wher so they may,  
 And make butt game.  
 Thenne semyth me  
 Ye may welle se  
 They be so fre  
 In evry plase:  
 Hitt were pete  
 Butt they shold be  
 Bagelid, perde,  
 Withowtyn grase.

*MS. Cantab. Ff. i. 6, f. 45.*

(10) *Extract from the Romance of Sir Percival, written about 1410.*

Thofe he wete of no pryde,  
 Forthirmore game he glyde  
 Tille a chamber tær besyde,  
 Moo sellys to see;  
 Riche clothes fande he sprede,  
 A lady slepande on a bedde,  
 He said, "Forsothe, a tokyne to wedde  
 Salle thou lefe with mee."  
 Ther he kyste that swete thyng,  
 Of hir lynger he take a ryng,  
 His awenne modir takynnyng  
 He lefte with that fre.  
 He went forthe to his mere,  
 Take with hym his schorte spere,  
 Lepe one lofte as he was ere,  
 His way rydes he.  
 Now on his way rydes he,  
 Moo selles to see;  
 A knyghte wolde he nedis bee  
 Withowtten any bade.  
 He come ther the kyng was  
 Servede of the firste mese,  
 To hym was the maste has  
 That the childe had:  
 And thare made he no lett  
 At jate, dore ne wykett,  
 Bot in graythely he gett,  
 Syche maistres he made!  
 At his first in comyng,  
 His mere withowtten faylyng  
 Kyste the forhevede of the kyng,  
 So nerehande he rade!  
 The kyng had ferly thaa,  
 And up his hande ganne he taa,  
 And putt it forthir hym fras  
 The mouthe of the mere.  
 He saide, "Faire childe and free,  
 Stonde stille besyde mee,  
 And telle me wythene that thou bee,  
 And what thou wille here."  
 Thanne saide the fole of the filde,  
 "I ame myne awne modirs childe  
 Comene fro the woddez wyld  
 Tille Arthure the dère;  
 Jisterday saw I knyghtis three,  
 Siche one salle thou make mee  
 On this mere by-for the,  
 Thi mete or thou schere!"

(11) *From MS. Porkington 10, written in the reign of Edward IV.*

God that dyed for us alle,  
 And dranke hothe eyzell and galle,  
 He dryng us alle oute off bale;  
 And gyve hym good lyve and long,  
 That woll attend to my song,  
 And herkyne on to my talke.

Ther dwelyd a man in my contré,  
 The wyche hade wyvys thre  
 Yn proses of certyn tyme ;  
 Be hys fyrst wyfe a chyld he had,  
 The wyche was a propyr lad  
 And ryght an happy bynd :  
 And his fader lovyd hym ryght welle,  
 Hys steppe-dame lovyd hym never a delle,  
 I telle þowe as y thynke ,  
 She thocht hyt lost be the rode  
 Alle that ever dyd hyme good,  
 Off mette other of drynke :  
 Not halfe ynowe thereof he had,  
 And ȝyt in faythe hit was fulle bad,  
 And alle hyr thocht yt lost.  
 Y pray God evyll mot sche fare,  
 For oft sche dyde hym moche care,  
 As far forthe as sche durst !  
 She good wyffe to hyr husband yone say,  
 For to put away thys boy  
 Y hold yt for the heste ;  
 In fayth he hys a lether lade,  
 Y wold som other man hym had,  
 That beter myȝt hym chaste.  
 Than anone spake the good man,  
 And to hys wyff sayd he than,  
 He ys but ȝong of age,  
 He shall be with us lenger,  
 Tyll that he be stronger,  
 To wyn beter wage.  
 We have a mane a strong fruke,  
 The wyche one fylde kypythe owr nette,  
 And slepyth half the day ;  
 He schall come home be Mary myld,  
 And to the fylde schalle go the chyld,  
 And kepe hem ȝyle he may

(12) *A letter, temp. Henry VIII.*

Ryghte honorable and my syngular goode lorde  
 and mayster, all circumstauocys and thanks sett  
 aside, pleasithe yt youre good lordeshippe to be ad-  
 vertisid, that where I was constitute and made by  
 youre honorable desire and commaundmente com-  
 missarie generall of the dyocese of Saynte Assaph,  
 I have done my dylygens and dutie for the expul-  
 singe and takynge awaye of certen abusions, super-  
 sticions, and ipocryses usid within the saide diocese  
 of Saynte Assaph, acordynge to the kynges honorable  
 actes and injunccions therein made. That notwith-  
 stondinge, there ys an image of Darvellgadarn within  
 the saide diocese, in whome the people have so greate  
 confidence, hope, and truste, that they cumme  
 daylye a pillgramage unto hym, somme withe kyne,  
 other with oxen or horsis, and the reste withe money,  
 insomuche that there was fyve or syxe hundrethe  
 pillgrames, to a mans estimacion, that offered to the  
 saide image the fyfte daie of this presente monethe  
 of Aprill. The innocente people hathe ben sore  
 alurid and entisid to worships the saide image, in-  
 somuche that there is a commyn sayinge as yet  
 amongst them that whosoever will offer anie thinge  
 to the saide image of Darvellgadarn, he hathe power  
 to fatche hym or them that so offers oute of hell  
 when they be dampned. Therefore, for the reforma-  
 tion and amendmente of the premisses, I wolde  
 gladlie knowe by this berer youre honorable pleasure  
 and will, as knowithe God, who ever preserve your  
 lordeshippe longe in welthe and honor. Writen  
 in Northe Wales, the vj. daie of this presente  
 Aprill.

Yourre bedman and daylye orator by dutie,  
 ELIS FRICE.

THE END.







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