

PUSTULAR, pus'tū-lar, **PUSTULOUS**, pus'tū-lus, *adj.* covered with *pustules*.
PUSTULATE, pus'tū-lāt, *v.t.* to form into *pustules*.
PUSTULE, pus'tūl, *n.* a small pimple containing *pus*. [Fr.—L. *pustula*—*pus*.]
PUT, poot, *v.t.* to *push* or *thrust*: to drive into action: to throw suddenly, as a word: to set, lay, or deposit: to bring into any state: to offer: to propose: to apply: to oblige: to incite: to add.—*v.i.* to place: to turn:—*pr.p.* putting (poot'); *pa.t.* and *pa.p.* put. [A.S. *po-tian*; prob. from the Celt., as Gael. *put*, W. *putio*.]
PUTATIVE, pū'ta-tiv, *adj.*, *supposed*: *reputed*. [Fr.—L. *putativus*—*puto*, *putatus*, to suppose.]
PUTREFACTION, pū-tre-fak'shun, *n.* the act or process of *putrefying*: rottenness: corruption.
PUTREFACTIVE, pū-tre-fak'tiv, *adj.* pertaining to or causing *putrefaction*.—*n.* **PUTREFACTIVENESS**.
PUTREFY, pū'tre-fi, *v.t.* to *make putrid* or *rotten*: to *corrupt*.—*v.i.* to become *putrid*: to *rot*:—*pa.t.* and *pa.p.* putrefied. [PUTRID, and L. *facio*, *factum*, to make.]
PUTRESCENT, pū-tres'ent, *adj.*, *becoming putrid*: pertaining to *putrefaction*.—*n.* **PUTRESCENCE**.
PUTRID, pū'trid, *adj.*, *stinking*: *rotten*: *corrupt*.—*ns.* **PUTRIDITY**, **PUTRIDNESS**. [Fr. *putride*—L. *putridus*—*puter*, *putris*, rotten—*puteo*, akin to Gr. *puthō*, Sans. *pu*, to stink. See **PUS**.]
PUTTY, put'i, *n.* an oxide of tin, or of lead and tin, used in polishing glass, etc.: a cement of whiting and linseed-oil, used in glazing windows.—*v.t.* to fix or fill up with *putty*:—*pa.t.* and *pa.p.* puttied. [O. Fr. *potée*, properly that which is contained in a pot (Fr. *pot*).]
PUZZLE, puz'l, *n.* perplexity: something to try the ingenuity, as a toy or riddle.—*v.t.* to pose: to perplex.—*v.i.* to be bewildered.—*n.* **PUZZLER**. [From M. E. *opposable* (E. *opposal*), an objection or question put by an examiner—Fr. *opposer*. See **OPPOSE**.]
PUZZLING, puz'ling, *adj.*, *posing*: *perplexing*.
PYEBALD. See **PIEBALD**.
PYGARG, pi'gārg, *n.* a kind of antelope. [Lit. "the white-rumped animal," Gr. *pygargos*—*pygē*, rump, *argos*, white.]
PYGMEAN, pig-mē'an, **PYGMY**, pig'mi, *adj.* pertaining to or like a *pygmy*: *dwarfish*: *diminutive*.
PYGMY, pig'mi, *n.* one of a fabulous dwarfish race of antiquity: a dwarf: any diminutive thing. [Fr. *pygmé*—L. *Pygmaei*—Gr. *Pygmaioi*, the Pygmies, fabled to be of the length of a (Gr.) *pygmē* = 13½ inches (measured from the elbow to the knuckles)—*pygmē*, fist, L. *pugnus*.]
PYLORUS, pi-lō'rus, *n.* the lower opening of the stomach leading to the intestines.—*adj.* **PYLORIC**. [Lit. "gate-keeper," L.—Gr. *pyloros*—*pylē*, an entrance, and *ouros*, a guardian.]
PYRAMID, pir'a-mid, *n.* a solid figure on a triangular, square, or polygonal base, with triangular sides meeting in a point:—*pl.* "the pyramids" or great monuments of Egypt: a game played on a billiard table. [L.—Gr. *pyramis*, *pyramidos*. Ety. unknown; prob. Egyptian.]
PYRAMIDAL, pi-ram'i-dal, **PYRAMIDIC**, pir-a-mid'ik, **PYRAMIDICAL**, pir-a-mid'ik-al, *adj.* having the form of a *pyramid*.—*adv.* **PYRAMIDALLY**, **PYRAMIDICALLY**.
PYRE, pir, *n.* a pile of wood, etc., to be set on *fire* at a funeral. [L. *pyra*—Gr. *pyra*—*pyr*, E. **FIRE**.]

PYRITES, pir-ī'tēz, *n.* a native compound of sulphur with other metals, so called because it strikes *fire* when struck against steel.—*ads.* **PYRITIC**, **PYRITICAL**. [L.—Gr. *pyr*, E. **FIRE**.]
PYROGENOUS, pir-oj'en-us, *adj.*, *produced by fire*. [Gr. *pyrogenēs*—*pyr*, fire, and *gen*, root of *gignomai*, to produce.]
PYROMETER, pir-om'e-ter, *n.* an instrument for *measuring* the temperature of bodies under *fiere heat*.—*ads.* **PYROMETRIC**, **PYROMETRICAL**. [Gr. *pyr*, fire, and *metron*, a measure.]
PYROTECHNIC, pir-o-tek'nik, **PYROTECHNICAL**, pir-o-tek'nik-al, *adj.* pertaining to *fireworks*.
PYROTECHNICS, pir-o-tek'niks, **PYROTECHNY**, pir'o-tek-ni, *n.* the art of making *fireworks*. [Gr. *pyr*, fire, and *technikos*, artistic—*technē*, art.]
PYROTECHNIST, pir'o-tek-nist, *n.* one skilled in *pyrotechny*.
PYRRHONIST, pir'ro-nist, *n.* one who holds the tenets of *Pyrrho*, who taught universal scepticism: a sceptic.—*n.* **PYRRHONISM**, **scepticism**.
PYTHAGOREAN, pi-thag-o-rē'an, *adj.* pertaining to *Pythagoras*, a celebrated Greek philosopher, or to his philosophy.—*n.* a follower of *Pythagoras*.—*n.* **PYTHAGORISM**, his doctrines.
PYTHIAN, pith'i-an, *adj.* pertaining to the *Pythones*: noting one of the four national festivals of ancient Greece, in honor of *Apollo*.
PYTHON, pi'thon, *n.* a genus of large serpents, family *Boidæ*, nearly allied to the boa, from which they differ in having the plates on the under surface of the tail double. They are natives of the Old World, and are found in the East Indies, South Africa, and elsewhere. They sometimes attain a length of 30 feet. They are not venomous, but kill their prey by compression. [Gr. *pythōn*, a great serpent slain near *Delphi* by *Apollo*.]
PYTHONESS, pith'on-es, *n.* the priestess of the oracle of *Apollo* at *Pytho*, the oldest name of *Delphi*, in Greece: a witch.
PYTHONIC, pi-thon'ik, *adj.* pretending to foretell future events like the *Pythoness*.
PYTHONISM, pith'on-izm, *n.* the art of predicting events by *divination*.—*n.* **PYTHONIST**.
PYX, piks, *n.* in the R. Cath. Church, the sacred box in which the host is kept after consecration: at the British Mint, the box containing sample coins.—*v.t.* to test the weight and fineness of, as the coin deposited in the *pyx*.—**TRIAL OF THE PYX**, final trial by weight and assay of the gold and silver coins of Great Britain, prior to their issue from the Mint. [L. *pyxis*, a box—Gr. *pyxis*—*pyxos* (L. *bucius*), the box-tree, box-wood—*pyk-nos*, dense—root, *pak*, to bind. Cf. **Box**, a tree, etc., and **PACT**.]

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QUACK, kwak, *v.i.* to cry like a duck: to boast: to practice as a quack.—*v.t.* to doctor by quackery.—*n.* the cry of a duck: a boastful pretender to skill which he does not possess, esp. medical skill: a mountebank.—*adj.* pertaining to quackery: used by quacks. [An imitative word, seen also in Ger. *quaken*, Dut. *kwaken*, Gr. *koax*, a croak.]
QUACKERY, kwak'er-i, *n.* the pretensions or practice of a *quack*, esp. in medicine.
QUACKSALVER, kwak'sal-ver, *n.* a *quack*

who deals in *salves*, ointments, etc.: a quack generally.
QUADRAGESIMA, kwod-ra-jes'i-ma, *n.* Lent, or the forty days of fast before Easter. [L.—*quadragesimus*, fortieth—*quadragesima*, forty—*quatuor*, four. See **FOUR**.]
QUADRAGESIMAL, kwod-ra-jes'i-mal, *adj.* belonging to or used in Lent.
QUADRANGLE, kwod'rang-gl, *n.* a square surrounded by buildings: (*geom.*) a plane figure having four equal sides and angles. [Fr.—L. *quadrangulum*—*quatuor*, four, and *angulus*, an angle.]
QUADRANGULAR, kwod-rang'gū-lar, *adj.* of the form of a quadrangle.—*adv.* **QUADRANGULARLY**.
QUADRANT, kwod'rant, *n.* (*geom.*) the fourth part of a circle, or an arc of 90°: an instrument consisting of the quadrants of a circle graduated in degrees, used for taking altitudes. [L. *quadrans*, from *quatuor*, four.]
QUADRANTAL, kwod-rant'al, *adj.* pertaining to, equal to, or included in a *quadrant*.
QUADRATE, kwod'rāt, *adj.*, *squared*: having four equal sides and four right angles: divisible into four equal parts: (*fig.*) balanced: exact: suited.—*n.* a square or *quadrate* figure.—*v.i.* to square or agree with: to correspond. [L. *quadratus*, *pa.p.* of *quadro*, to square, from *quatuor*, four.]
QUADRATIC, kwod-rat'ik, *adj.* pertaining to, containing or denoting a *square*.
QUADRATURE, kwod-ra-tūr, *n.* a *squaring*: (*geom.*) the finding, exactly or approximately, of a square that shall be equal to a given figure of some other shape: the position of a heavenly body when 90° distant from another.
QUADRENNIAL, kwod-ren'yal, *adj.* comprising *four years*: once in four years.—*adv.* **QUADRENNIALLY**. [L. *quadrennis*—*quatuor*, four, *annus*, a year.]
QUADRILATERAL, kwod-ri-lat'er-al, *adj.* having *four sides*.—*n.* (*geom.*) a plane figure having four sides. [L. *quadrilaterus*—*quatuor*, four, and *latus*, *lateris*, a side.]
QUADRILITERAL, kwod-ri-lit'er-al, *adj.* of *four letters*. [L. *quatuor*, four, and *litera*, a letter.]
QUADRILLE, ka-dril' or kwa-dril', *n.* a game at cards played by *four*: a dance made up of sets of dancers containing *four* couples each. [Fr.; from It. *quadriglia*—L. *quadra*, a square—*quatuor*, four.]
QUADRILLION, kwod-ril'yun, *n.* a *million* raised to the *fourth* power, represented by a unit with 24 ciphers, according to the English notation, but according to the French notation, in common use on the Continent and in the U. S., represented by a unit with 15 ciphers. [Coined from L. *quater*, four times, on the model of **MILLION**.]
QUADRINOMIAL, kwod-ri-rō'mi-al, *adj.* (*math.*) consisting of *four divisions* or terms.—*n.* an expression of four terms. [From L. *quatuor*, four, and Gr. *nomē*, a division—*nemō*, to distribute.]
QUADROON, kwod-rōōn', *n.* the offspring of a mulatto and a white person. [Fr. *quarteron*—L. *quatuor*, four; so called because their blood is *one-fourth* black.]
QUADRUPED, kwod'roo-ped, *n.* a *four-footed* animal. [L. *quatuor*, four, and *pes*, *pedis*, a foot.]
QUADRUPEDAL, kwod-rōō'pe-dal, *adj.* having four feet.
QUADRUPLE, kwod'roo-pl, *adj.*, *fourfold*.—*n.* four times the quantity or number.—*v.t.* to increase *fourfold*. [Fr.—L. *quadruplus*—*quatuor*, four.]

QUADRUPPLICATE, kwod-rōd'pli-kāt, *adj.* made *fourfold*.—*v.t.* to make *fourfold*: to double twice.—*n.* QUADRUPPLICATION. [L. *quadruplicatus*—*quatuor*, four, and *plico*, *placatus*, to fold.]

QUAFF, kwaf, *v.t.* to drink in large draughts.—*v.i.* to drink largely.—*n.* QUAFFER. [Scot. *quaff*, *quaiich*, a small drinking-cup; from Ir. and Gael. *cuach*, a cup.]

QUAGGA, kwag'a, *n.* a quadruped of South Africa, like the ass in form and the zebra in color. [Hottentot *quagga*, *guacha*.]

QUAGGY, kwag'i, *adj.* of the nature of a *quagmire*: shaking or yielding under the feet.

QUAGMIRE, kwag'mir, *n.* wet, boggy ground that yields under the feet. [Obs. *Quag*, same as *QUAKE*, and *MIRE*.]

QUAIL, kwāl, *v.i.* to cower: to fail in spirit. [A.S. *cwealan*, to suffer, to die; Ger. *qual*, torment.]

QUAIL, kwāl, *n.* a migratory bird like the partridge, found in every country from the Cape of Good Hope to the North Cape. [O. Fr. *quaille*, *caille*—Low L. *quaquila*—O. Flem. *quakele*, from root of *QUACK*.]

QUAINT, kwānt, *adj.* neat: unusual: odd: whimsical.—*adv.* QUAIN'TLY.—*n.* QUAIN'TNESS. [Lit. "known, famous, remarkable," O. Fr. *cointe*, neat, acquainted—L. *cognitus*, known.]

QUAKE, kwāk, *v.i.* to tremble, esp. with cold or fear:—*pr.p.* quāk'ing; *pa.t.* and *pa.p.* quāk'ed.—*n.* a shake: a shudder.—*adv.* QUAK'INGLY. [A.S. *cwacian*; allied to *QUICK*.]

QUAKER, kwāk'er, *n.* one of the Society of Friends, a religious sect founded by George Fox, born in 1624. [A nickname first given them by Judge Bennet at Derby, because Fox bade him and those present tremble at the word of the Lord. This is Fox's own statement in his *Journal*.]

QUAKERISM, kwāk'er-izm, *n.* the tenets of the *Quakers*.

QUALIFICATION, kwol-i-fi-kā'shun, *n.* that which *qualifies*: a quality that fits a person for a place, etc.: abatement.

QUALIFY, kwol-i-fi, *v.t.* to render capable or suitable: to furnish with legal power: to limit by modifications: to soften: to abate: to reduce the strength of: to vary.—*n.* QUALIFIER. [Fr. *qualifier*, from L. *qualis*, of what sort, and *facio*, to make.]

QUALITATIVE, kwol'i-tā-tiv, *adj.* relating to *quality*: (*chem.*) determining the nature of components.

QUALITY, kwol'i-ti, *n.* that which makes a thing *what* it is: property: peculiar power: acquisition: character: rank: superior birth or character. [Fr.—L. *qualitas*, *qualitatis*.]

QUALM, kwām, *n.* a sudden attack of illness: a scruple, as of conscience. [A.S. *cwealm*, pestilence, death; Ger. *qualm*, a disposition to vomit, vapor; Sw. *qualm*, a suffocating heat; allied to *QUAIL*. *v.*]

QUALMISH, kwām'ish, *adj.* affected with *qualm*, or a disposition to vomit, or with slight sickness.

QUANDARY, kwon-dā'ri, *n.* a state of *difficulty* or uncertainty: a hard plight. [Prob. a corr. of M.E. *wandredh*, from Ice. *vandrædi*, difficulty, trouble.]

QUANTITATIVE, kwon-ti-tā-tiv, *adj.* relating to *quantity*: measurable in quantity: (*chem.*) determining the relative proportions of components.

QUANTITY, kwon-ti-ti, *n.* the *amount* of anything. *bulk*: *size*: a determinate amount: a sum or bulk: a large portion: (*logic*) the extent of a conception: (*gram.*)

the measure of a syllable: (*music*) the relative duration of a tone: (*math.*) anything which can be increased, divided, or measured. [Fr.—L. *quantitas*, *quantitatis*—*quantus*, how much—*quam*, how.]

QUANTUM, kwon'tum, *n.* quantity: amount. [L. *quantum*, neut. of *quantus*, how great, how much.]

QUARANTINE, kwor'an-tēn, *n.* the time, orig. *forty* days, during which a ship suspected to be infected with a contagious disease, is obliged to forbear intercourse with the shore.—*v.t.* to prohibit from intercourse from fear of infection. [Fr. *quarante*—L. *quadraginta*, forty—*quatuor*, four.]

QUARREL, kwor'el, *n.* an angry dispute: a breach of friendship: a brawl.—*v.i.* to dispute violently: to fight: to disagree:—*pr.p.* quarr'elling; *pa.t.* and *pa.p.* quarr'elled.—*n.* QUARR'ELLER. [M.E. *querere*—Fr. *querelle*—L. *querela*—*queror*, to complain.]

QUARRELSOME, kwor'el-sum, *adj.*, *disposed to quarrel*: brawling: easily provoked.—*n.* QUARR'ELSONESS.

QUARRY, kwor'i, *n.* a place where stones are dug for building or other purposes.—*v.t.* to dig or take from a quarry:—*pa.t.* and *pa.p.* quarr'ied. [Lit. "a place where stones are squared," O. Fr. *quarriere* (Fr. *carrière*)—Low L. *quadraria*—L. *quadrus*, square. See *QUADRANT*.]

QUARRY, kwor'i, *n.* the *entrails* of the game given to the dogs after the chase: the object of the chase: the game a hawk is pursuing or has killed: a heap of dead game. [M.E. *querré*—O. Fr. *corée* (Fr. *curée*)—Low L. *corata*, the intestines or inwards of a slain animal, so called because including the heart, from L. *cor*, *cordis*, the heart; but acc. to Littré, through O. Fr. *cuirée*, from *cuir*, the skin (—L. *corium*), in which these parts were thrown to the dogs.]

QUARRYMAN, kwor'i-man, *QUARRIER*, kwor'i-er, *n.* a man who works in a *quarry*.

QUART, kwort or kwawrt, *n.* the *fourth* part of a gallon, or two pints: a vessel containing two pints. [Fr.—L. *quartus*, fourth—*quatuor*, four.]

QUARTAN, kwor'tan, *adj.* occurring every *fourth* day, as an intermittent fever or ague. [Fr.—L. *quartanus*, of or belonging to the fourth.]

QUARTER, kwor'ter, *n.* a *fourth* part: the fourth part of a cwt.—28 lbs. avoirdupois: in England, 8 bushels (dry measure): the fourth part of a chaldron of coal—of the year—of the moon's period—of a carcass (including a limb)—of the horizon: a cardinal point: a region of a hemisphere: a division of a town, etc.: place of lodging, as for soldiers, esp. in *pl.*: mercy granted to a disabled antagonist, prob. from the idea of the captor sending the prisoner to his quarter or lodging: (*naut.*) the part of a ship's side between the mainmast and the stern.—*v.t.* to divide into *four* equal parts: to divide into parts or compartments: to furnish with quarters: to lodge: to furnish with entertainment: (*her.*) to bear as an appendage to the hereditary arms. [Fr. *quartier*; from L. *quartarius*—*quartus*, fourth.]

QUARTER-DAY, kwor'ter-dā, *n.* the last *day* of a *quarter*, on which rent or interest is paid in England.

QUARTER-DECK, kwor'ter-dek, *n.* the part of the deck of a ship abaft the mainmast.

QUARTERLY, kwor'ter-li, *adj.* relating to a *quarter*: consisting of or containing a fourth part: once a quarter of a year.—*adv.* once a quarter.—*n.* a periodical published every quarter of a year.

QUARTERMASTER, kwor'ter-mas-ter, *n.* an officer who looks after the *quarters* of the soldiers, and attends to the supplies: (*naut.*) a petty officer who attends to the helm, signals, etc.

QUARTERN, kwor'tern, *n.* the *fourth* of a pint: a gill: (in dry measure) the fourth part of a peck, or of a stone.—**QUARTER-LOAF**, a loaf of 4 lbs., because orig. made of a *quarter* stone of flour.

QUARTER-SESSIONS, kwor'ter-sesh'uns, *n.pl.* English county or borough *sessions* of court held *quarterly*.

QUARTER-STAFF, kwor'ter-staf, *n.* a long staff or weapon of defence, grasped at a *quarter* of its length from the end and at the middle.

QUARTETTE, **QUARTET**, kwor-tet', *n.* anything in *fours*: a musical composition of four parts: for voices or instruments: a stanza of four lines.

QUARTO, kwor'tō, *adj.* having the sheet folded into *four* leaves.—*n.* a book of a quarto size:—*pl.* QUARTOS, kwor'tōz.

QUARTZ, kworts, *n.* a mineral composed of pure silica: rock-crystal.—*adj.* QUARTZ-OSE, kworts'ōs, of or like quartz. [From Ger. *quarz*.]

QUASH, kwosh, *v.t.* to crush: to subdue or extinguish suddenly and completely: to annul or make void. [O. Fr. *quasser*, Fr. *casser*—L. *quasso*, inten. of *quatio*, to shake; prob. from the sound.]

QUASSIA, kwash'i-a, *n.* a South American tree, the bitter wood and bark of which are used as a tonic, so called from a negro named *Quassy*, who first discovered its properties.

QUATERNARY, kwa-ter'nar-i, *adj.* consisting of *four*: by fours: a term applied to strata more recent than the upper tertiary.—*n.* the number four. [L. *quaternarius*.]

QUATERNION, kwa-ter'ni-on, *n.* the number *four*: a file of four soldiers. [L. *quaternio*.]

QUATERNIONS, kwa-ter'ni-ons, *n.* a kind of calculus or method of mathematical investigation invented by Sir W. R. Hamilton of Trinity College, Dublin. [So called because *four* independent quantities are involved.]

QUATRAIN, kwot'rān or kā'trān, *n.* a stanza of *four* lines rhyming alternately. [Fr.]

QUAVER, kwā'ver, *v.i.* to *shake*: to sing or play with tremulous modulations.—*n.* a vibration of the voice: a note in music— $\frac{1}{2}$ a crotchet or $\frac{1}{4}$ of a semibreve. [From the sound, allied to *QUIVER*.]

QUAY, kē, *n.* a wharf for the loading or unloading of vessels. [Fr. *quai*—Celt., as in W. *cae*, an inclosure, barrier, Bret. *kae*.]

QUAYAGE, kē'āj, *n.* payment for use of a *quay*.

QUEAN, kwēn, *n.* a saucy girl or young woman: a woman of worthless character. [Same as *QUEEN*.]

QUEASY, kwē'zi, *adj.* sick, squeamish: inclined to vomit: causing nausea: fastidious.—*adv.* QUEA'SILY.—*n.* QUEA'SINESS. [Norw. *kveis*, sickness after a debauch, Ice. *kveisa*, pains in the stomach.]

QUEEN, kwēn, *n.* the wife of a king: a female sovereign: the best or chief of her kind. [Lit. "a woman," A.S. *cwen*; Ice. *kvan*, *kona*, O. Ger. *quena*, Gr. *gynē*, Russ. *jena*, Sans. *jani*, all from root *gan*, "to produce," from which are *GENUS*, *KIN*, *KING*, etc.]

QUEENLY, kwēn'li, *adj.* like a *queen*: becoming or suitable to a queen.

QUEEN-MOTHER, kwēn-muth'er, *n.* a *queen-dowager*, the *mother* of the reigning king or queen.

QUEER, kwēr, *adj.* odd : singular : quaint. —*adv.* QUEERLY. —*n.* QUEERNESS. —THE QUEER, in U. S., counterfeit money. [Low Ger. *quer*, across, oblique ; Ger. *quer*.]
QUEERISH, kwēr'ish, *adj.*, rather *queer* : somewhat singular.
QUELL, kwel, *v.t.* to crush : subdue : to allay. —*n.* QUELL'ER. [A.S. *cwellan*, to kill, akin to QUAIL, *v.*]
QUENCH, kwensh, *v.t.* to put out : to destroy : to check : to allay. [A.S. *cwencan*, to quench, *cwincan*, O. Ger. *kwinka*, to waste away ; akin to WANE.]
QUENCHABLE, kwensh'a-bl, *adj.* that may be *quenched* or extinguished.
QUENCHLESS, kwensh'les, *adj.* that cannot be *quenched* or extinguished : irrepressible.
QUERIMONIOUS, kwēr-i-mōn'yus, *adj.*, complaining : discontented. —*adv.* QUERIMONIOUSLY. —*n.* QUERIMONIOUSNESS. [L. *querimonia*, a complaining—*queror*, to complain.]
QUERN, kwern, KERN, kern, *n.* a hand-mill for grinding grain. [A.S. *cwyrn*, *cweorn* ; Ice. *kwern*, Goth. *quairnus* ; Sans. *churn*, to grind ; prob. connected with CHURN.]
QUERULOUS, kwēr'ū-lus, *adj.*, complaining : discontented. —*adv.* QUER'ULOUSLY. —*n.* QUER'ULOUSNESS.
QUERY, kwē'ri, *n.* an *inquiry* or *question* : the mark of interrogation. —*v.t.* to inquire into : to question : to doubt of : to mark with a query. —*v.i.* to question : —*pa.t.* and *pa.p.* *quer'ied*. —*n.* QUER'IST. [L. *quære*, imperative of *quæro*, *quæsitum*, to inquire.]
QUEST, kwest, *n.* the act of *seeking* : search : pursuit : request or desire.
QUESTION, kwest'yun, *n.* a *seeking* : an inquiry : an examination : an investigation : dispute : doubt : a subject of discussion. —*v.t.* to ask questions of : to examine by questions : to inquire of : to regard as doubtful : to have no confidence in. —*v.i.* to ask questions : to inquire. —*n.* QUEST'IONER. [Fr.—L. *questio*—*quæro*, *quæsitum*.]
QUESTIONABLE, kwest'yun-a-bl, *adj.* that may be *questioned* : doubtful : uncertain : suspicious. —*adv.* QUEST'IONABLY. —*n.* QUEST'IONABLENESS.
QUESTIONARY, kwest'yun-ar-i, *adj.*, asking questions.
QUESTIONIST, kwest'yun-ist, *n.* a *questioner*.
QUESTOR, kwest'or, *n.* a Roman magistrate who had charge of the money affairs of the state : a treasurer. —*n.* QUEST'ORSHIP. [L. *questor*, contr. of *quesitor*—*quæro*.]
QUEUE, kū, *n.* a tail-like twist of hair formerly worn at the back of the head. [See CUE.]
QUIBBLE, kwib'l, *n.* a turning away from the point in question into matters irrelevant or insignificant : an evasion, a pun : a petty conceit. —*v.i.* to evade a question by a play upon words : to cavil : to trifle in argument : to pun. —*n.* QUIBB'LER. [From M.E. *quib*, a form of *QUIP*.]
QUICK, kwik, *adj.*, living, moving : lively : speedy : rapid : nimble : ready. —*adv.* without delay : rapidly : soon. —*n.* a living animal or plant : the living : the living flesh : the sensitive parts. —*adv.* QUICKLY. —*n.* QUICKNESS. [A.S. *cwic* ; Ice. *kwikr*, Prov. Ger. *queck*, Goth. *qwiuis*, living ; allied to L. *vivo*, *victum*, Gr. *bioō*, Sans. *jiv*, to live.]
QUICKEN, kwik'n, *v.t.* to make *quick* or *alive* : to revive : to reinvigorate : to cheer : to excite : to sharpen : to hasten. —*v.i.* to become alive : to move with activity. —*n.* QUICK'ENER. [A.S. *cwician*.]

QUICKLIME, kwik'lim, *n.* recently burnt lime, caustic or unslaked : carbonate of lime without its carbonic acid.
QUICKSAND, kwik'sand, *n.*, sand easily moved, or readily yielding to pressure : anything treacherous.
QUICKSET, kwik'set, *n.* a living plant set to grow for a hedge, particularly the hawthorn. —*adj.* consisting of living plants.
QUICKSIGHTED, kwik'sit-ed, *adj.* having quick or sharp sight : quick in discernment.
QUICKSILVER, kwik'sil-ver, *n.* the common name for fluid mercury, so called from its great *mobility* and its *silver* color.
QUID, kwid, *n.* something chewed or kept in the mouth, esp. a piece of tobacco. [A corr. of CUD.]
QUIDDITY, kwid'i-ti, *n.* the essence of anything : any trifling nicety : a cavil : a captious question. [Low L. *quidditas*—L. *quid*, what.]
QUIDNUNC, kwid'nungk, *n.* one always on the lookout for news : one who pretends to know all occurrences. [L. "What now?"]
QUIESCENCE, kwī-es'ens, *n.* state of being *quiescent* or at rest : rest of mind : silence.
QUIESCENT, kwī-es'ent, *adj.* being *quiet*, *resting* : still : unagitated : silent. —*adv.* QUIES'CENTLY. [L. *quiescens*, -*entis*, pr.p. of *quiesco*, to rest. See QUIET.]
QUIET, kwī'et, *adj.* at rest : calm : smooth : peaceable : gentle, inoffensive. —*n.* the state of being at rest : repose : calm : stillness : peace. —*v.t.* to bring to rest : to stop motion : to calm or pacify : to lull : to allay. [L. *quietus*—*quiesco* ; akin to L. *cuo*, Gr. *keimai*, Sans. *çi*, to lie.]
QUIETISM, kwī'et-izm, *n.*, rest of the mind : mental tranquility : apathy : the doctrine that religion consists in repose of the mind and passive contemplation of the Deity. —*n.* QUIET'IST, one who believes in this doctrine.
QUIETLY, kwī'et-li, *adv.* in a *quiet* manner : without motion or alarm : calmly : silently : patiently.
QUIETNESS, kwī'et-nes, QUIETUDE, kwī'et-ūd, *n.* rest : repose : freedom from agitation or alarm : stillness : peace : silence.
QUIETUS, kwī-ē'tus, *n.* a final settlement or discharge. [L., at rest, quiet.]
QUILL, kwil, *n.* a reed-pen : the feather of a goose or other bird used as a pen : a pen : anything like a quill : the spine, as of a porcupine : the reed on which weavers wind their thread : the instrument for striking the strings of certain instruments : the tube of a musical instrument. —*v.t.* to plait with small ridges like quills, to wind on a quill. [Orig. a stalk, the stalk of a cane or reed, and lit. anything pointed, tapering, Fr. *quille*, a peg—O. Ger. *kegil* or *chegil*, Ger. *kegel*, a cone-shaped object, ninepin.]
QUILLET, kwil'et, *n.* a trick in argument : a petty quibble. [A corr. of L. *quidlibet*, "what you will."] **QUILT**, kwilt, *n.* a bed-cover of two cloths sewed together with something soft between them : a thick coverlet. —*v.t.* to make into a quilt : to stitch together with something soft between : to sew like a quilt. [O. Fr. *cuiltte* (Fr. *couette*)—L. *culcita*, a cushion, mattress. See COUNTERPANE.]
QUINARY, kwī'nar-i, *adj.* consisting of or arranged in *fives*. [L. *quinarius*—*quinque*, five.]
QUINCE, kwins, *n.* a fruit with an acid taste and pleasant flavor, much used in

making preserves and pies. [O. Fr. *coignasse* (Fr. *coïng*), It. *cotogna*—L. *cydonium*—Gr. *Cydonia*, a town in Crete, where it abounds.]
QUININE, kwīn'in, *n.* an alkaline substance, obtained from the bark of the *Cinchona* tree, much used in medicine in the treatment of agues and fevers. [Fr.—Peruvian *kina*, bark.]
QUINQUAGESIMA, kwīn-kwa-jes'i-ma, *adj.*, fiftieth, applied to the Sunday 50 days before Easter. [L. *quingagesima*, fifty—*quinque*, five.]
QUINQUANGULAR, kwīn-kwang'gū-lar, *adj.*, having *five* angles. [L. *quinque*, five, and ANGULAR.]
QUINQUENNIAL, kwīn-kwen'yal, *adj.* occurring once in *five* years : lasting five years. [L. *quinquennalis*—*quinque*, five, and *annus*, a year.]
QUINSY, kwīn'zi, *n.* inflammatory sore throat. [M.E. and O. Fr. *squinancie* (Fr. *esquinancie*)—Gr. *kymanchē*, "dog-throttling"—*kyōn*, a dog, and *anchō*, to press tight, to throttle.]
QUINTAIN, kwīn'tān, *n.* a post with a turning and loaded top or cross-piece, to be tilted at. [Fr.—L. *quintana*, *quintus*, fifth, from the position of the place of recreation in the Roman camp.]
QUINTAL, kwīn'tal, *n.* a hundredweight, either 112 or 100 pounds according to the scale. [Through Fr. and Sp. *quintal*, from Arab. *quintar*, weight of 100 pounds—L. *centum*, a hundred.]
QUINTESENCE, kwīn-tes'ens, *n.* the pure essence of anything : a solution of an essential oil in spirit of wine. [Fr.—L. *quinta essentia*, fifth essence, orig. applied to ether, which was supposed to be purer than fire, the highest of the four ancient elements. See ESSENCE.]
QUINTILLION, kwīn-til'yun, *n.* the fifth power of a *million*, or a unit with 30 ciphers annexed, according to the English notation, but according to the French notation, in common use on the Continent and in the U. S., represented by a unit with 18 ciphers. [L. *quintus*, fifth, and MILLION.]
QUINTUPLE, kwīn'tū-pl, *adj.*, fivefold : (*music*) having five crotchets in a bar. —*v.t.* to make fivefold. [Fr.—L. *quintuplex*—*quintus*, fifth, *plico*, to fold.]
QUIP, kwip, *n.* a sharp sarcastic turn, a jibe : a quick retort. [W. *chwiip*, a quick turn, *chwiipio*, to move briskly.]
QUIRE, kwir, *n.* a collection of paper consisting of twenty-four sheets, each having a single fold. [O. Fr. *quaiier* (Fr. *cahier*), prob. from Low L. *quaternum*, a quarto sheet, from *quatuor*, four.]
QUIRE, kwir, old form of CHOIR.
QUIRK, kwerk, *n.* a quick *turn* : an artful evasion : a quibble : a taunt or retort : a slight conceit. [Obs. E. *quirk*, to turn ; prob. from a Celtic imitative root seen in W. *chwiiori*, to turn briskly ; by some conn. with QUEER and THWART.]
QUIRKISH, kwerk'ish, *adj.* consisting of quirks.
QUIT, kwit, *v.t.* to release from obligation, accusation, etc. : to acquit : to depart from : to give up : to clear by full performance : —*pr.p.* *quitt'ing* ; *pa.t.* and *pa.p.* *quitt'ed*. —*adj.* (B.) set free : acquitted : released from obligation. —TO BE QUITS, to be even with one. —TO QUIT ONE'S SELF (B.) to behave. [Fr. *quitter*, through Low L. *quietare*, from L. *quietus*, quiet. See QUIET.]
QUITE, kwit, *adv.* completely : wholly : entirely. [Merely a form of QUIT, QUIET.]
QUIT-RENT, kwit'rent, *n.* (*law*) a rent on British manors by which the tenants are *quit* or discharged from other service.

QUITTANCE, kwit'ans, *n.* a *quitting* or discharge from a debt or obligation: *acquittance.*

QUIVER, kwiv'er, *n.* a case for arrows. [O. Fr. *cuivre*; from O. Ger. *kohhar* (Ger. *köcher*); cog. with A.S. *cocer*.]

QUIVER, kwiv'er, *v.i.* to *shake* with slight and tremulous motion: to tremble: to shiver. [M.E. *cuiver*, brisk—A.S. *cuifer*, seen in adv. *cuiferlice*, eagerly; cf. Dut. *kuiveren*. See **QUICK** and **QUAVER**.]

QUIVERED, kwiv'er'd, *adj.* furnished with a *quiver*: sheathed, as in a quiver.

QUIXOTIC, kwiks-ot'ik, *adj.* like *Don Quixote*, the knight-errant in the novel of Cervantes: *romantic* to *absurdity*.—*adv.* **QUIXOTICALLY**.

QUIXOTISM, kwiks-ot-izm, *n.* *romantic* and *absurd* notions, schemes, or actions like those of *Don Quixote*.

QUIZ, kwiz, *n.* a *riddle* or *enigma*: one who *quizzes* another: an *odd fellow*.—*v.t.* to *puzzle*: to *banter* or *make sport* of: to *examine* narrowly and with an air of *mockery*.—*v.t.* to *practice* derisive *joking*:—*pr.p.* *quizz'ing*; *pa.t.* and *pa.p.* *quizzed*. [Said to have originated in a wager that a new word of no meaning would be the talk and puzzle of Dublin in twenty-four hours, when the wagerer chalked the letters *quizz* all over the town with the desired effect.]

QUOIF, koif, *n.* a *cap* or *hood*.—*v.t.* to *cover* or *dress* with a *quoif*. [Same as **COIF**.]

QUOIN, koin, *n.* (*arch.*) a *wedge* used to support and steady a stone: an *external angle*, esp. of a building: (*gun.*) a *wedge* of wood or iron put under the breech of heavy guns or the muzzle of siege mortars to raise them to the proper level: (*print.*) a *wedge* used to fasten the types in the forms. [Same as **COIN**.]

QUOIT, koit, *n.* a heavy flat ring of iron for throwing at a distant point in play. [Perh. from O. Fr. *coiter*, to drive, press, which may be from L. *coactare*—*cogere*, to force. See **COGENT**.]

QUONDAM, kwon'dam, *adj.* that was formerly: *former*. [L., formerly.]

QUORUM, kwō'rūm, *n.* a number of the members of any body sufficient to transact business: in American legislative assemblies, a majority of all the members constitute a *quorum*. [The first word of a commission formerly issued to certain justices, *of whom* (*quorum*) a certain number had always to be present when the commission met.]

QUOTA, kwō'ta, *n.* the part or share assigned to each. [It.—L. *quotus*, of what number—*quot*, how many.]

QUOTABLE, kwō'ta-bl, *adj.* that may be quoted.

QUOTATION, kwō-tā'shun, *n.* act of quoting: that which is quoted: the current price of anything.

QUOTE, kwōt, *v.t.* to repeat the words of any one: to adduce for authority or illustration: to give the current price of.—*n.* **QUOTER**. [Lit. to say "how many," from O. Fr. *quoter*, to number—Low L. *quotare*, to divide into chapters and verses—L. *quotus*.]

QUOTH, kwōth or kwuth, *v.t.*, *say*, *says*, or *said*—used only in the 1st and 3d persons present and past, and always followed by its subject. [A.S. *cwethan*, pt.t. *cweth*, to say.]

QUOTIDIAN, kwō-tid'i-an, *adj.*, *every day*: occurring daily.—*n.* anything returning daily: (*med.*) a kind of *ague* that returns daily. [Fr.—L. *quotidianus*—*quot*, as many as, and *dies*, a day.]

QUOTIENT, kwō'shent, *n.* (*math.*) the number which shows *how often* one number is contained in another. [Fr.; from L. *quotiens*, *quoties*, how often—*quot*.]

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RABBIT, rab'et, *n.* a groove cut in the edge of a plank so that another may fit into it.—*v.* to groove a plank thus. [Fr. *raboter*, to plane.]

RABBI, rab'i or rab'I, **RABBIN**, rab'in, *n.* Jewish title of a doctor or expounder of the law:—*pl.* **RABBIS** (rab'iz), **RABB'INS**. [Lit. "my master," Gr.—Heb. *rabi*—*rab*, great, a chief.]

RABBINIC, rab-bin'ik, **RABBINICAL**, rab-bin'ik-al, *adj.* pertaining to the *rabbis* or to their opinions, learning, and language.

RABBINISM, rab'in-izm, *n.* the doctrine or teaching of the *rabbis*: a *rabbinic* expression.

RABBINIST, rab'in-ist, *n.* one who adheres to the Talmud and traditions of the *rabbis*.

RABBIT, rab'it, *n.* a small rodent burrowing animal of the hare family: a *cony*. [M.E. *rabet*, dim. of a root seen in Dut. *robbe*.]

RABBLE, rab'l, *n.* a disorderly, noisy crowd: a mob: the lowest class of people. [Allied to Dut. *rabbelen*, to gabble, Prov. Ger. *rabbeln*.]

RABBLE, rab'l, *v.t.* to stir and skim (melted iron) with a *rabble* or puddling-tool.

RABID, rab'id, *adj.*, *raving*: furious: mad.—*adv.* **RAB'IDLY**.—*n.* **RAB'IDNESS**. [L. *rabies*, rage.]

RABIES, rā'bi-ēs, *n.* the disease (esp. of dogs) from which hydrophobia is communicated [L. "madness."]

RACA, rā'ka, *adj.*, *worthless*:—a term of reproach used by the Jews. [Chaldee *reka*, worthless.]

RACCOON, RACCOON, ra-kōōn', *n.* a carnivorous animal of N. America, valuable for its fur. [A corr. of Fr. *raton*, dim. of *rat*, a rat.]

RACE, rās, *n.* family: the descendants of a common ancestor: a breed or variety: a herd: peculiar flavor or strength, as of wine, showing its *kind*. [Fr. (It. *razza*)—O. Ger. *reiza*, a line; prob. modified by the influence of L. *radix*, a root.]

RACE, rās, *n.* a *running*: rapid motion: trial of speed: progress: movement of any kind: course of action: a rapid current: a canal to a water-wheel.—*v.i.* to run swiftly: to contend in running. [A.S. *raes*, race, stream, cog. with Ice. *rās*, rapid course, Sans. *rish*, to flow.]

RACECOURSE, rās'kōrs, *n.* the *course* or path over which *races* are run. Also **RACE TRACK**.

RACEHORSE, rās'hors, *n.* a *horse* bred for racing.

RACEME, ra-sēm', *n.* a *cluster*: (*bot.*) a flower cluster, as in the currant. [Fr.—L. *racemus*, akin to Gr. *rax*, *ragos*, a berry, a grape. Doublet **RAISIN**.]

RACEMED, ra-sēm'd', *adj.* having *racemes*.

RACER, rās'er, *n.* one who *races*: a race-horse.

RACK, rak, *n.* an instrument for racking or extending: an engine for stretching the body in order to extort a confession: a framework on which articles are arranged: the grating above a manger for hay: (*mech.*) a straight bar with teeth to work with those of a wheel: (*fig.*) extreme pain, anxiety, or doubt.—*v.t.* to stretch forcibly: to strain: to stretch on the rack or wheel: to torture: to exhaust. [Conn. with M.E. *rechen*—A.S. *ræcan*, to reach, and cog. with Ger. *recken*, Goth. *rakjan*. See **REACH**.]

RACK, rak, *n.* thin or broken clouds, *drifting* across the sky. [Ice. *rek*, drift—*reka*, to drive, E. **WREAK**.]

RACK, rak, *v.t.* to strain or draw off from

the lees, as wine. [O. Fr. *ragué*, ety. unknown.]

RACKET, rak'et, *n.* a strip of wood with the ends together, covered with network, and having a handle—used in tennis: a snow-shoe.—*v.t.* to strike, as with a racket. [Fr. *raquette*—Sp. *raqueta*—Ar. *rahāt*, the palm of the hand.]

RACKET, rak'et, *n.* a clattering noise. [Gael. *racaid*—*rac*, to cackle.]

RACK-RENT, rak'rent, *n.* an annual rent stretched to the full value of the thing rented or nearly so.

RACCOON. See **RACCOON**.

RACY, rā'si, *adj.* having a strong flavor showing its *origin*: rich: exciting to the mind by strongly characteristic thought or language: spirited.—*adv.* **RAC'ILY**.—*n.* **RAC'INESS**. [From **RACE**, a family.]

RADDLE, rad'l, *v.t.* to interweave.—*n.* a hedge formed by interweaving the branches of trees: a species of red earth, colored by sesquioxide of iron, used for marking sheep: a layer of raddle or other red pigment. "Some of us have more serious things to hide than a yellow cheek behind a *raddle* of rouge."—*Thackeray*. [A.S. *wrad*, a wreath or band.]

RADDLED, rad'ld, *p.* and *adj.* smeared or painted with raddle: coarsely rouged. "Can there be any more dreary object than those whitened and *raddled* old women who shudder at the slips?"—*Thackeray*.

RADIAL, rā'di-al, *adj.* shooting out like a *ray* or *radius*: pertaining to the radius of the forearm.

RADIANCE, rā'di-ans, **RADIANCY**, rā'di-an-si, *n.* quality of being *radiant*: *brilliance*: splendor.

RADIANT, rā'di-ant, *adj.* emitting *rays* of light or heat: issuing in rays: beaming with light: shining.—*n.* (*optics*) the luminous point from which light emanates: (*geom.*) a straight line from a point about which it is conceived to revolve.—*adv.* **RAD'IANLY**. [L. *radians*, -antis, pr.p. of *radio*, *radiatum*, to radiate—*radius*.]

RADIATE, rā'di-āt, *v.i.* to emit *rays* of light: to shine: to proceed in direct lines from any point or surface.—*v.t.* to send out in rays. [L. *radio*, -atum.]

RADIATION, rā-di-ā'shun, *n.* act of radiating: the emission and diffusion of rays of light or heat.

RADICAL, rad'i-kal, *adj.* pertaining to the *root*, or origin: original: reaching to the principles: implanted by nature: not derived: serving to originate: (*bot.*) proceeding immediately from the root: (*politics*) ultra-liberal, democratic.—*n.* a root: a primitive word or letter: one who advocates radical reform: (*chem.*) the base of a compound.—*adv.* **RAD'ICALLY**.—*n.* **RAD'ICALNESS**. [See **RADIX**.]

RADICALISM, rad'i-kal-izm, *n.* the principles or spirit of a *radical* or democrat.

RADICLE, rad'i-kl, *n.* a *little root*: the part of a seed which in growing becomes the root.

RADISH, rad'ish, *n.* an annual the root of which is eaten raw as a salad. [Lit. a "root," Fr. *radis*, through Prov. *raditz*, from L. *radix*, *radicis*. Cf. **RADIX**.]

RADIUS, rā'di-us, *n.* (*geom.*) a straight line from the centre to the circumference of a circle: anything like a radius, as the spoke of a wheel: (*anat.*) the exterior bone of the arm: (*bot.*) the ray of a flower:—*pl.* **RADI**, rā'di-i. [Lit. "a rod, a ray," L. See **RAY**, a line of light.]

RADIX, rā'diks, *n.* a *root*: a primitive word: the base of a system of logarithms. [L. *radix*, *radicis*. See **ROOT**, and **WORD**, a plant.]