

## Section III. VOLUNTARY ACTION.

## 1°. Simple Voluntary Action.

**680. Action.**—*N.* action, performance; doing &c. *v.*; perpetration; exercise, -citation; movement, operation, evolution, work; labour &c. (*exertion*) 686; *praxis*, execution; procedure &c. (*conduct*) 692; handicraft; business &c. 625; agency &c. (*power at work*) 170.

deed, act, overt act, stitch, touch, gest; transaction, job, doings, dealings, proceeding, measure, step, manoeuvre, bout, passage, move, stroke, blow; *coup*, - *de main*, - *d'état*; *tour de force* &c. (*display*) 882; feat, exploit; achievement &c. (*completion*) 729; handiwork, workmanship; stroke of policy &c. (*plan*) 626. actor &c. (*doer*) 690.

*V.* do, perform, execute; achieve &c. (*complete*) 729; transact, enact; commit, perpetrate, inflict; exercise, prosecute, carry on, work, practise, play.

employ oneself, ply one's task; officiate, have in hand, &c. (*business*) 625; labour &c. 686; be at work; pursue a course: shape one's course &c. (*conduct*) 692.

act, operate; take -action, - steps; strike a blow, lift a finger, stretch forth one's hand; take in hand &c. (*undertake*) 676; put oneself in motion; put in practice; carry into execution &c. (*complete*) 729; act upon.

be -an actor &c. 690; take -, act -, play -, perform- a part in; participate in; have a -hand in, - finger in the pie; have to do with; be a -party to, - participant in; bear -, lend- a-hand; pull an oar, run in a race; mix oneself up with &c. (*meddle*) 682.

be in action; come into operation &c. (*power at work*) 170.

*Adj.* doing &c. *v.*; acting; in action; in harness; on duty; in operation &c. 170.

*Adv.* in the -act, - midst of, - thick of; red-handed, in *flagrante delicto*; while one's hand is in.

**682. Activity.**—*N.* activity; briskness, liveliness, &c. *adj.*; animation, life, vivacity, spirit, dash, energy.

**681. Inaction.**—*N.* inaction, passiveness, abstinence from action; non-interference; Fabian -, conservative-policy; neglect &c. 460.

inactivity &c. 683; rest &c. (*repose*) 687; quiescence &c. 265; want of -, in-occupation; idle hours, time hanging on one's hands, *dolce far niente*; sinecure.

*V.* not -do, - act, - attempt; be -inactive &c. 683; abstain from doing, do nothing, hold, spare; not -stir, - move, - lift-a-finger, - foot, - peg; fold one's -arms, - hands; leave -, let-alone: let -be, - pass, - things take their course, - it have its way, - well alone; *quieta non movere*; *stare super antiquas vias*; rest and be thankful, live and let live; lie -, rest-upon one's oars; *laissez -aller*, - *faire*; stand aloof; refrain &c. (*avoid*) 623; keep oneself from doing; remit -, relax-one's efforts; desist &c. (*relinquish*) 624; stop &c. (*cease*) 142; pause &c. (*be quiet*) 265.

wait, lie in wait, bide one's time, take time, tide it over.

cool -, kick-one's heels; while away the -time, - tedious hours; pass -, fill up -, beguile- the time; talk against time; waste time &c. (*inactive*) 683.

lie -by, - on the shelf, - in ordinary, - idle, - to, - fallow; keep quiet, slug; have nothing to do, whistle for want of thought.

undo, do away with; take -down, - to pieces; destroy &c. 162.

*Adj.* not doing &c. *v.*; not done &c. *v.*; undone; passive; un-occupied, -employed; out of -employ, - work; fallow; *désœuvré*.

*Adv.* *re infecta*, at a stand, *les bras croisés*, with folded arms; with the hands -in the pockets, - behind one's back; *pour passer le temps*.

*Int.* so let it be! stop! &c. 142; hands off!

*Phr.* *cunctando restituit rem*.

**683. Inactivity.**—*N.* inactivity; inaction &c. 68; inertness &c. 172; obstinacy &c. 606.

nimbleness, agility; smartness, quickness, &c. *adj.*; velocity &c. 274; alacrity, promptitude; des-, dis-patch; expedition; haste &c. 684; punctuality &c. (*early*) 132.

eagerness, zeal, ardour, *perfervidum ingenium*, *empressement*, earnestness, intentness; abandon; vigour &c. (*physical energy*) 171; devotion &c. (*resolution*) 604; exertion &c. 686.

industry, assiduity; assiduousness &c. *adj.*; sedulity; laboriousness; drudgery &c. (*labour*) 686; painstaking, diligence; perseverance &c. 604a; indefatigation; habits of business.

vigilance &c. 459; wakefulness; sleep-, rest-lessness; *pervigilium*, *insomnium*; ricketing.

movement, bustle, stir, fuss, ado, bother, pottering; fidget, -iness; flurry &c. (*haste*) 684.

officiousness; dabbling, meddling; interference, -position, -meddling; tampering with, intrigue.

press of business, no sinecure, plenty to do, many irons in the fire, great doings, busy hum of men, battle of life, thick of the action.

housewife, busy bee; new brooms; sharp fellow, blade; devotee, enthusiast, zealot, meddler, intermeddler, intriguer, busybody, pickthank.

*V.* be -active &c. *adj.*; busy oneself in; stir, -about, - one's stumps; bestir -, rouse- oneself; speed, hasten, peg away, lay about one, bustle, fuss; raise -, kick up-a dust; push; make a -push, - fuss, - stir; go ahead, push forward; fight -, elbow- one's way; make progress &c. 282; toil &c. (*labour*) 686; plod, persist, &c. (*persevere*) 604a; keep -up the ball, - the pot boiling.

look sharp; have all one's eyes about one &c. (*vigilance*) 459; rise, arouse oneself, get up early, be about, keep moving, steal a march, kill two birds with one stone; seize the opportunity &c. 134; lose no time, not lose a moment, make the most of one's time, not suffer the grass to grow under one's feet, improve the shining hour, make short work of; dash off; make haste &c. 684; do one's best, take pains, &c. (*exert oneself*) 686; do -, work-wonders.

have -many irons in the fire, - one's hands full, - much on one's hands; have

lull &c. (*cessation*) 142; quiescence &c. 265; rust, -iness.

idle-, remiss-ness, &c. *adj.*; sloth, indolence, indiligence; dawdling &c. *v.*

dullness &c. *adj.*; languor; segnity, -tude; lentor; sluggishness &c. (*slowness*) 275; procrastination &c. (*delay*) 133; torp-or, -idity, -escence; stupor &c. (*insensibility*) 823; somnolence; drowsiness &c. *adj.*; nodding &c. *v.*; oscit-ation, -ancy; pandiculation, hypnotism, lethargy; heaviness, heavy eyelids.

sleep, slumber; sound -, heavy -, balmy-sleep; Morpheus; coma, trance, *ecstasis*, dream, hybernation, nap, doze, snooze, *siesta*, wink of sleep, forty winks, snore; Hypnology.

dull work; pottering; relaxation &c. (*loosening*) 47; Castle of Indolence.

[Cause of inactivity] lullaby, sedative &c. 174; torpedo.

idler, drone, droil, dawdle, mopus; do-little, *fainéant*, dummy, sleeping partner; afternoon farmer; truant &c. (*run-away*) 623; lounge, *lazzarone*, loafer; lub-ber, -bard; slow-coach &c. (*slow*) 275; opium -, lotus-eater; slug; lag-, slug-gard; slumberer, dormouse, marmot; waiter on Providence, *fruges consumere natus*.

*V.* be -inactive &c. *adj.*; do nothing &c. 681; move slowly &c. 275; let the grass grow under one's feet; take one's time, dawdle, drawl, droil, lag, hang back, slouch, loll, lounge, loaf, loiter; go to sleep over; sleep at one's post, *ne battre que d'une aile*.

take-it easy, - things as they come; lead an easy life, vegetate, swim with the stream, eat the bread of idleness; loll in the lap of -luxury, - indolence; waste -, consume -, kill -, lose- time; burn daylight, waste the precious hours.

idle -, trifle -, fritter -, fool-away time; spend -, take- time in; ped-, pid-dle; potter, pudder, dabble, faddle, fribble, fiddle-faddle; dally, dilly-dally.

sleep, slumber, be asleep; hibernate; oversleep; sleep like a -top, - log, - dormouse; sleep -soundly, - heavily; doze, drowze, snooze, nap; take a -nap &c. *n.*; dream; snore; settle -, go -, go off- to sleep; drop off; fall -, drop-asleep; close -, seal up- -the -eyes, -



other -things to do, - fish to fry; be busy; not have a moment -to spare, - that one can call one's own.

have one's fling, run the round of; go all lengths, stick at nothing, run riot. outdo; over-do, -act, -lay, -shoot the mark.

have a hand in &c. (*act in*) 680; take an active part, put in one's oar, have a finger in the pie, mix oneself up with, trouble one's head about, intrigue; agitate.

tamper with, meddle, moil; inter-meddle, -fere, -pose; obtrude; poke -, thrust- one's nose in.

**Adj.** active; brisk, - as a lark, - as a bee; lively, animated, vivacious; alive, - and kicking; frisky, spirited, stirring. nimble, - as a squirrel; agile; light-, nimble-footed; fealty, tripping.

quick, prompt, yare, instant, ready, alert, spry, sharp, smart; fast &c. (*swift*) 274; quick as a lamplighter, expeditious; awake, broad awake; wide awake &c. (*intelligent*) 498.

forward, eager, strenuous, zealous, enterprising, in earnest; resolute &c. 604. industrious, assiduous, diligent, sedulous, notable, painstaking; intent &c. (*attention*) 457; indefatigable &c. (*persevering*) 604a; unwearied; unsleeping, never tired; plodding, hardworking &c. 686; business-like, workaday.

bustling; restless, - as a hyæna; fussy, fidgety, pottering; busy, - as a hen with one chicken.

working, at work, on duty, in harness; up in arms; on one's legs, at call; up and -doing, - stirring.

busy, occupied; hard at -work, - it; up to one's ears in, full of business, busy as a bee.

meddling &c. *v.*; meddling, pushing, officious, overofficious, *intrigant*.

astir, stirring; a-going, -foot: on foot: in full swing; eventful; on the alert &c. (*vigilant*) 459.

**Adv.** actively &c. *adj.*; with -life and spirit, - might and main &c. 686, - haste &c. 684, - wings; full tilt, *in mediis rebus*.

**Int.** be -, look- -alive, - sharp! move -, push- on! keep moving! go ahead! stir your stumps! *age quod agis!*

**Phr.** *carpe diem* &c. (*opportunity*) 134; *nulla dies sine linea*; *nec mora nec requies*; the plot thickens; no sooner said than done &c. (*early*) 132; '*veni vidi vici*'; catch a weasel asleep.

**684. Haste.** - **N.** haste, urgency; des-, dis-patch; acceleration, spurt, spirt, forced march, rush, dash; velocity &c. 274; precipitancy, -ation, -ousness &c. *adj.*; impetuosity; *brusquerie*; hurry,

eyelids; weigh down the eyelids; get sleepy, nod, yawn; go to bed, turn in.

languish, expend itself, flag, hang fire; relax.

render -idle &c. *adj.*; sluggardize; mitigate &c. 174.

**Adj.** inactive; motionless &c. 265; unoccupied &c. (*doing nothing*) 681; un-busied.

indolent, lazy, slothful, idle, lusk, remiss, slack, inert, torpid, sluggish, languid, supine, heavy, dull, leaden, lumpish; exanimate, soulless; listless; dron-y, -ish; lazy as Ludlam's dog.

dilatory, laggard; lagging &c. *v.*; slow &c. 275; rusty, flagging; lackadaisical, maudlin, fiddle-faddle; pottering &c. *v.*; shilly-shally &c. (*irresolute*) 605.

sleeping &c. *v.*; asleep; fast -, dead -, sound- asleep; in a sound sleep; sound as a top, dormant, comatose; in the -arms, -lap- of Morpheus.

sleep-y, -ful; dozy, drowsy, somnolent, torpescent; lethargic, -al; heavy, -with sleep; napping; somni-fic, -ferous; sopor-ous, -ific, -iferous; hypnotic; balmy, dreamy; un-, una-wakened. sedative &c. 174.

**Adv.** inactively &c. *adj.*; at leisure &c. 685.

**Phr.** the eyes begin to draw straws.

**685. Leisure.** - **N.** leisure; spare -time, - hours, - moments; vacant hour; time, - to spare, - on one's hands; holiday &c. (*rest*) 687; *otium cum dignitate*, ease.

drive, scramble, bustle, fuss, fidget, flurry. flutter, splutter.

**V.** haste, hasten; make -haste, - a dash &c. *n.*; hurry -, dash -, whip -, push -, press- -on, - forward; hurry, skurry, scuttle along, bundle on, dart to and fro, bustle, flutter, scramble; plunge, - headlong; dash off; rush &c. (*violence*) 173.

bestir oneself &c. (*be active*) 682; lose -no time, - not a moment, - not an instant; make short work of; make the best of one's -time, - way.

be -precipitate &c. *adj.*; jump at; be in -haste, - a hurry &c. *n.*; have -no time, - not a moment- -to lose, - to spare; work against time. quicken &c. 274; accelerate, expedite, put on, precipitate, urge, whip.

**Adj.** hasty, hurried, *brusque*; scrambling, cursory, precipitate, headlong, furious, boisterous, impetuous, hot-headed; feverish, fussy; pushing.

in -haste, - a hurry &c. *n.*; in -hot, - all- haste; breathless, pressed for time, hard pressed, urgent.

**Adv.** with -haste, - all haste, - breathless speed; in haste &c. *adj.*; apace &c. (*swiftly*) 274; amain; all at once &c. (*instantaneously*) 113; at short notice &c., immediately &c. (*early*) 132; post-haste; by -express, - telegraph, - forced marches.

hastily, precipitately &c. *adj.*; helter-skelter, hurry-skurry; slap-dash, -bang; full-tilt, -drive; heels over head, head and shoulders, headlong, *à corps perdu*.

by -fits and starts, - spurts: hop skip and jump.

**Phr.** *saue qui peut*, devil take the hindmost, no time to be lost; no sooner said than done &c. (*early*) 132: a word and a blow.

**686. Exertion.** - **N.** exertion, effort, strain, tug, pull, stress, throw, stretch, struggle, spell, spurt, spirt; stroke -, stitch- of work.

'a strong pull a long pull and a pull all together'; dead lift; left; gymnastics; exer-cise, -citation; wear and tear; ado; toil and trouble; uphill -, hard -, warm- work; harvest time. labour, work, toil, travail, manual labour, sweat of one's brow, swink, oporesness, drudgery, slavery, fagging, hammering; *linæ labor*.

trouble, pains, duty; resolution &c. 604; energy &c. (*physical*) 171.

**V.** exert oneself; exert -, tax- one's energies; use exertion. labour, work, toil, moil, sweat, fag, drudge, slave, drag a lengthened chain, wade through, strive, strain; make -, stretch- a long arm: pull, tug, ply; ply -, tug at- the oar; do the work; take the labouring oar.

bestir oneself (*be active*) 682; take trouble, trouble oneself.

**V.** have -leisure &c. *n.*; take one's -time, - leisure, - ease; repose &c. 687; move slowly &c. 275; while away the time &c. (*inaction*) 681; be -master of one's time, - an idle man.

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**687. Repose.** - **N.** repose, rest, silken repose; sleep &c. 683. relaxation, breathing time; halt, pause, &c. (*cessation*) 142; respite.

day of rest, *dies non*, Sabbath, Lord's day, holiday, red-letter day, vacation, recess.

**V.** repose; rest, - and be thankful; take -rest, - one's ease.

relax, unbend, slacken; take breath &c. (*refresh*) 689; rest upon one's oars; pause &c. (*cease*) 142; stay one's hand.

lie down; recline, - on a bed of down, - on an easy chair; go to -rest, - bed, - sleep &c. 683.

take a holiday, shut up shop; lie fallow &c. (*inaction*) 681.

**Adj.** reposing &c. *v.*; unstrained.

**Adv.** at rest.



work hard; rough it; put forth one's strength, - a strong arm; fall to work, bend the bow; buckle to, set one's shoulder to the wheel &c. (*resolution*) 604; work like a -horse, - carthorse, - galley-slave, - coalheaver; labour -, work- day and night; redouble one's efforts; do double duty; work double -hours, - tides; sit up, burn the candle at both ends; stick to &c. (*persevere*) 604a; work -, fight- one's way; lay about one, hammer at.

take pains; do one's -best, - utmost; do -the best one can, - all one can, - all in one's power, - as much as in one lies, - what lies in one's power; use one's -best, - utmost- endeavour; try one's -best, - utmost; play one's best card; put one's -best, - right- leg foremost; have one's whole soul in his work, put all one's strength into, strain every nerve; spare no -efforts, - pains; go all lengths; go through fire and water &c. (*resolution*) 604; move heaven and earth, leave no stone unturned.

**Adj.** labouring &c. v.

laborious, operose, elaborate; strained; toil-, trouble-, wearisome: uphill; herculean, gymnastic, paestric.

hardworking, painstaking, strenuous, energetic.

hard at work, on the stretch.

**Adv.** laboriously &c. *adj.*; lustily; with -might and main, - all one's might, - a strong hand, - sledge-hammer, - much ado; to the best of one's abilities, *totis viribus, vi et armis, manibus pedibusque*, tooth and nail, *unguibus et rostro*, hammer and tongs, heart and soul; through thick and thin &c. (*perseverance*) 604a.

by the sweat of one's brow, *suo Marte*.

**688. Fatigue.**-**N.** fatigue; weariness &c. 841; yawning, drowsiness, &c. 683; lassitude, tiredness, fatigation, exhaustion; sweat.

anhelation, shortness of breath; faintness; collapse, prostration, swoon, fainting, *deliquium*, syncope, lipothymy.

**V.** be -fatigued &c. *adj.*; yawn &c. (*get sleepy*) 683; droop, sink, flag; lose -breath, - wind; gasp, pant, puff, blow, drop, swoon, faint, succumb.

fatigue, tire, weary, irk, flag, jade, harass, exhaust, knock up, wear out, prostrate.

tax, task, strain; over-task, -work, -burden, -tax, -strain.

**Adj.** fatigued &c. v.; weary &c. 841; drowsy &c. 683; drooping &c. v.; haggard; toil-, way-worn; footsore, surbated, weatherbeaten; faint; done -, used -, knocked-up; exhausted, prostrate, spent; over-tired, -spent, -fatigued; unre-freshed, -stored.

worn, - out; battered, shattered, pulled down, seedy, altered. breath-, wind-less; short of -, out of -breath, - wind; blowh, puffing and blowing; short-breathed; anhelose; broken-, short-winded. ready to drop, more dead than alive, dog-weary, walked off one's legs, tired to death, on one's last legs, played out, *hors de combat*.

fatiguing &c. v.; tire-, irk-, wearisome; weary; trying.

**689. Refreshment.**-**N.** bracing &c. v.; recovery of -strength &c. 159; restoration, revival, &c. 660; repair, refection, refocillation, refreshment, re-alement, bait; relief &c. 834.

**V.** brace &c. (*strengthen*) 159; reinvigorate; air, freshen up, refresh, recruit; repair &c. (*restore*) 660; fan, refocillate.

breathe, respire; draw -, take -, gather -, take a long -, regain -, recover- breath; get better, raise one's head; recover -, regain -, renew- one's strength &c. 159; perk up.

come to oneself &c. (*revive*) 660; feel like a giant refreshed.

**Adj.** refreshing &c. v.; recuperative &c. 660.

refreshed &c. v.; un-tired, -weariet.

**690. Agent.**-**N.** doer, actor, agent, performer, perpetrator, operator; execu-tor, -trix; practitioner, worker, stager.

bee, ant, working bee, labouring oar, servant of all work, factotum. workman, artisan; crafts-, handicrafts- man; mechanic, operative; working -, labouring- man; *demiurgus*, hewers of wood and drawers of water, labourer, navvy; hand, man, day labourer, journeyman, char-woman, hack; mere -tool &c. 633; beast of burden, drudge, fag-maker, artificer, artist, wright, manufacturer, architect, builder, mason, bricklayer, smith, forger, Vulcan; carpenter

machinist, mechanician, engineer. semp-, sem-, seam-stress; needle-, work-woman; tailor, cordwainer. minister &c. (*instrument*) 631; servant &c. 746; representative &c. (*commissioner*) 758, (*deputy*) 759.

co-worker, party to, participator in, *particeps criminis, dramatis persona*. **Phr.** 'quorum pars magna fui.'

**691. Workshop.**-**N.** work-shop, -house; laboratory, manufactory, mill, factory, mint, forge, loom; cabinet, *studio, bureau, atelier*; hive, - of industry; nursery; hot-house, -bed; kitchen; dock, -yard; slip, yard, wharf; found-ry, -ery; furnace. crucible, alembic, caldron, *matrix*.

## 2°. Complex Voluntary Action.

**692. Conduct.**-**N.** dealing, transaction, &c. (*action*) 680; business &c. 625.

tactics, game, policy, polity; general-, statesman-, seaman-ship; strategy, -gies; plan &c. 626.

husbandry; house-keeping, -wifery; stewardship; *ménage; régime*; econom-y, -ics; political economy; management; government &c. (*direction*) 693.

execution, manipulation, treatment, campaign, career, life course, walk, race.

conduct; behaviour; de-, com- portment; carriage, *maintien*, demeanour, guise, bearing, manner, observance.

course -, line- of -conduct, - action, - proceeding: *rôle*; process, ways, practice, procedure, *modus operandi*; method &c., path &c. 627.

**V.** transact, execute; des-, dis- patch; proceed with, discharge; carry -on, - through, - out, - into effect; work out; go -, get- through; enact; put into practice; officiate &c. 625.

behave -, comport -, demean -, carry -, conduct -, acquit- oneself.

run a race, lead a life, play a game; take -, adopt- a course; steer -, shape- one's course; play one's -part, - cards; shift for oneself; paddle one's own canoe.

conduct; manage &c. (*direct*) 693.

deal -, have to do- with; treat, handle a case; take -steps, - measures. **Adj.** conducting &c. v.; strategical, business-like, practical, executive.

**693. Direction.**-**N.** direction; manage-ment, -ry; government. gubernation, conduct, legislation, regulation, guidance; steer-, pilot-ago; reins, - of government; helm, rudder, needle, compass; guiding -, load -, lode -, pole- star; *cynsura*.

super-vision, -intendence; *surveillance*, oversight; eye of the master; control, charge: board of control &c. (*council*) 606. command &c. (*authority*) 737.



premier-, senator-ship; director &c. 694; chair, portfolio. statesmanship; state-, king-craft.

ministry-, -tration; administration; steward-, proctor-ship; agency. **V.** direct, manage, govern, conduct; order, prescribe, cut out work for; head, lead; lead -, show- the way; take the lead, lead on; regulate, guide, steer, pilot; take -, be at- the helm; have -, handle -, hold -, take- the reins; drive, tool; tackle.

super-intend, -vise; overlook, control, keep in order, look after, see to, legislate for; administer, ministrate; have the -care, - charge-of; have -, take- the direction; pull the -strings, - wires; rule &c. (*command*) 737; have -, hold- -office, - the portfolio; preside, - at the board; take -, occupy -, be in- the chair.

**Adj.** directing &c. *v.*; hegemonic.

**Adv.** at the -helm, - head of.

**694. Director.**—**N.** director, manager, governor, rector, controller; super-intendent, -visor; intendant; over-seer, -looker; super-cargo, husband, inspector, visitor, ranger, surveyor, ædile, moderator, monitor, taskmaster; master &c. 745; leader, ringleader, demagogue, corypheus, conductor, fugleman, precentor, bell-wether.

guiding star &c. (*guidance*) 693; adviser &c. 695; guide &c. (*information*) 527; pilot; helmsman; steers-man, -mate; wire-puller.

driver, whip, Jehu, charioteer; coach-, car-, cab-man; postilion, *veturino*, muleteer, teamster; whipper in.

head, - man, - centre; principal, president, speaker; chair, -man; captain &c. (*master*) 745; superior; mayor &c. (*civil authority*) 745; vice-president, prime minister, premier, vizier, grand vizier.

officer, functionary, minister, official, red-tapist, bureaucrat; man -, Jack- in office; office-bearer; person in authority &c. 745.

statesman, strategist, legislator, lawgiver, politician, statist, states-monger; Minos, Draco; arbiter &c. (*judge*) 967.

board &c. (*council*) 696.

secretary, - of state; Reis Effendi; vicar &c. (*deputy*) 759; steward, factor; agent &c. 758; bailiff, middleman; foreman, clerk of works; landreeve; factotum, major-domo, seneschal, housekeeper, shepherd, *croupier*; proctor, procurator.

**Adv.** *ex officio*.

**695. Advice.**—**N.** advice, counsel, adhortation; word to the wise; suggestion, submonition, recommendation, advocacy.

exhortation &c. (*persuasion*) 615; expostulation &c. (*dissuasion*) 616; admonition &c. (*warning*) 668; guidance &c. (*direction*) 693.

instruction, charge, injunction, obtestation.

adviser, prompter; counsel, -lor; monitor, mentor, Nestor, *magnus Apollo*, senator; teacher &c. 540.

guide, manual, chart &c. (*information*) 527.

physician, leech, archiater; arbiter &c. (*judge*) 967.

refer-ence, -ment; consultation, conference, *pourparler*.

**V.** advise, counsel; give -advice, - counsel, - a piece of advice; suggest, prompt, submonish, recommend, prescribe, advocate; exhort &c. (*persuade*) 615.

enjoin, enforce, charge, instruct, call; call upon &c. (*request*) 765; dictate.

expostulate &c. (*dissuade*) 616; admonish &c. (*warn*) 668.

advise with; lay heads -, consult- together: compare notes; hold a council, deliberate, be closeted with.

confer, consult, refer to, call in; take -, follow- advice; be advised by, have at one's elbow, take one's cue from.

**Adj.** recommendatory; hortative &c. (*persuasive*) 615; dehortatory &c. (*dissuasive*) 616; admonitory &c. (*warning*) 668.

**Int.** go to!

**696. Council.**—**N.** council, committee, subcommittee, *comitia*, court, chamber, cabinet, board, bench, staff.

senate, *senatus*, parliament, chamber of deputies, directory, *reichsrath*, *riysdag*, *cortes*, storting, witenagemote, *junta*, divan, *musnud*, *sanhedrim*, Amphictyonic council; caput, consistory, chapter, syndicate; court of appeal &c. (*tribunal*) 966; board of -control, - works; vestry.

cabinet -, privy -, cabinet-council; cockpit, convocation, synod, congress, convention, diet, states-general.

assembly, *caucus*, conclave, *digue*, conventicle; meeting, sitting, *séance*, conference, session, palaver, *pourparler*, *darbar*, house; *quorum*.

senator; member, - of parliament; councillor, M.P., representative of the people.

**Adj.** senatorial, curule.

**697. Precept.**—**N.** precept, direction, instruction, charge; pre-script, -ion; *recipe*, receipt; golden rule; maxim &c. 496.

rule, canon, law, code, *corpus juris*, *lex scripta*, act, statute, rubric, stage direction, regulation; form, -ula, -ulary; technicality.

order &c. (*command*) 741.

**698. Skill.**—**N.** skill, skilfulness, address; dexter-ity, -ousness; adroit-ness, expertness, &c. *adj.*; proficiency, competence, craft, callidity, *facility*, knack, trick, sleight; master-y, -ship; excellence, panurgy; ambidext-erity, -rousness; sleight of hand &c. (*deception*) 545.

sea-, marks-, horse-manship; rope-dancing.

accomplish-, acquire-, attain-ment; art, science; techn-icality, -ology; practical -, technical- knowledge.

knowledge of the world, world wisdom, *savoir faire*; tact; mother wit &c. (*sagacity*) 498; discretion &c. (*caution*) 864; *finesse*; craftiness &c. (*cunning*) 702; management &c. (*conduct*) 692; *ars celare artem*; self-help.

cleverness, talent, ability, ingenuity, capacity, parts, talents, faculty, endowment, *forte*, turn, gift, genius; intelli-gence &c. 498; sharpness, readiness, &c. (*activity*) 682; invention &c. 515; apt-ness, -itude; turn -, capacity -, genius- for; felicity, capability, *curiosa felicitas*, qualification, habilitation.

proficient &c. 700.

masterpiece, *coup de maitre*, *chef d'œuvre*, *tour de force*; good stroke &c. (*plan*) 626.

**699. Unskilfulness.**—**N.** unskilfulness &c. *adj.*; want of -skill &c. 698; incompeten-ee, -cy; in-ability, -felicity, -dexterity, -experience; disquali-fication, unproficiency; quackery.

folly, stupidity, &c. 499; indiscretion &c. (*rashness*) 863; thoughtlessness &c. (*inattention*) 458, (*neglect*) 460.

mis-management, -conduct; impolicy; maladministration; mis-rule, -government, -application, -direction, -feasance; petticoat government.

absence of rule, rule of thumb; bang-ling &c. *v.*; failure &c. 732; screw loose; too many cooks.

blunder &c. (*mistake*) 495; *étourderie*, *gaucherie*, act of folly, *balourdise*; botch, -ery; bad job, sad work.

sprat sent out to catch a whale, much ado about nothing, wildgoose chase.

bungler &c. 701; fool &c. 501.

**V.** be -unskilful &c. *adj.*; not see an inch beyond one's nose; blunder, bungle, boggle, fumble, botch, hitch, flounder, stumble, trip; hobble &c. 275; put one's foot in it; make a -mess, -hash, - sad work- of; overshoot the mark.

play -tricks with, - Puck; mis-ma-nage, -conduct, -direct, -apply, -send. stultify -, make a fool of -, commit-



**v.** be -skilful &c. *adj.*; excel in, be master of; have -a turn for &c. *n.*

know -what's what, - a hawk from a handsaw, - what one is about, - on which side one's bread is buttered, - what's o'clock; have cut one's -eye, - wisdom-teeth.

see -one's way, - where the wind lies, - which way the wind blows; have -all one's wits about one, - one's hand in; *savoir vivre*; *scire quid valeant humeri quid ferre recusat*.

look after the main chance; cut one's coat according to one's cloth; live by one's wits; exercise one's discretion, feather the oar, sail near the wind; stoop to conquer &c. (*cunning*) 702; play one's -cards well, - best card; hit the right nail on the head, put the saddle on the right horse.

take advantage of, make the most of; profit by &c. (*use*) 677; make a hit &c. (*succeed*) 731; make a virtue of necessity; make hay while the sun shines &c. (*occasion*) 134.

**Adj.** skilful, dexterous, adroit, expert, apt, handy, quick, deft, ready, gain; smart &c. (*active*) 682; proficient, good at, up to, at home in, master of, a good hand at, *au fait*, thoroughbred, masterly, crack, accomplished; conversant &c. (*knowing*) 490.

experienced, practised, skilled, hackneyed; up -, well up in; in -practice, - proper cue; competent, efficient, qualified, capable, fitted, fit for, up to the mark, trained, initiated, prepared, primed, finished.

clever, able, ingenious, felicitous, gifted, talented, endowed; inventive &c. 515; shrewd, sharp, &c. (*intelligent*) 498; cunning &c. 702; alive to, up to snuff, not to be caught with chaff; discreet.

neat-handed, fine-fingered, ambidextrous, sure-footed; cut out -, fitted-for, technical, artistic, scientific, daedalian, shipshape; workman-, business-, statesman-like.

**Adv.** skilfully &c. *adj.*; well &c. 618; artistically; with -skill, - consummate skill; *secundum artem, suo Marte*; to the best of one's abilities &c. (*exertion*) 686.

oneself; act foolishly; play the fool; put oneself out of court; lose one's -head, - cunning.

begin at the wrong end; do things by halves &c. (*not complete*) 730; make two bites of a cherry; play at cross purposes; strain at a gnat and swallow a camel &c. (*caprice*) 608; put the cart before the horse; lock the stable door when the horse is stolen &c. (*too late*) 135.

not know -what one is about, - one's own interest, - on which side one's bread is buttered; stand in one's own light, quarrel with one's bread and butter, throw a stone in one's own garden, kill the goose which lays the golden eggs, pay dear for one's whistle, cut one's own throat, burn one's fingers; knock -, run-one's head against a stone wall; fall into a trap, catch a Tartar, bring the house about one's ears; have too many -eggs in one basket (*imprudent*) 863, - irons in the fire.

mistake &c. 495; take the shadow for the substance &c. (*credulity*) 486; be in the wrong box, aim at a pigeon and kill a crow; take -, get -the wrong sow by the ear, - the dirty end of the stick; put -the saddle on the wrong horse, - a square thing into a round hole, - new wine into old bottles.

cut blocks with a razor; hold a farthing candle to the sun &c. (*useless*) 645; fight with -, grasp at-a shadow; catch at straws, trust to a broken reed, reckon without one's host, pursue a wild-goose chase; go on a fool's -, sleeveless-errand; go further and fare worse; lose -, miss -one's way; fail &c. 732.

**Adj.** un-skilful &c. 698; inexpert; bungling &c. *v.*; awkward, clumsy, unhandy, lubberly, *gauche, maladroit*; left-, heavy-handed; slovenly, slatternly; gawky.

adrift, at fault.  
in-, un-apt; inhabile; un-tractable, -teachable; giddy &c. (*inattentive*) 458; inconsiderate &c. (*neglectful*) 460; stupid &c. 499; inactive &c. 683; incompetent; un-, dis-, ill-qualified; unfit; quackish; raw, green, inexperienced, rusty, out of practice.

un-accustomed, -used, -trained &c. 537, -initiated, -conversant &c. (*ignorant*) 491; shiftless; unstatesmanlike,

un-, ill-, mis-advised; ill-devised, -imagined, -judged, -contrived, -conducted; un-, mis-guided; misconducted, foolish, wild; infelicitous; penny wise and pound foolish &c. (*inconsistent*) 608.

**Phr.** one's fingers being all thumbs; the right hand forgets its cunning.

*il se noyerait dans une goutte d'eau.*  
*incidit in Scyllam qui vult vitare Charybdim*; out of the frying pan into the fire.

**700. Proficient.** - **N.** proficient, expert, adept, dab; *connoisseur* &c. (*scholar*) 492; master, -hand; top-sawyer, *prima donna*, first fiddle, *chef de cuisine*; protagonist.

picked man; medallist, prizeman, veteran; old -stager, -campaigner, -soldier, -file, -hand; man of -business, - the world.

nice -, good -, clean-hand; practised -, experienced- eye, - hand; marksman; good -, dead -, crack-shot; ropedancer, funambulist, acrobat; cunning man; conjuror &c. (*deceiver*) 548; wizard &c. 994.

genius; master -mind - head, - spirit.

cunning -, sharp -blade, - fellow; jobber; cracksman &c. (*thief*) 792; politician, tactician, strategist; pantologist, admirable Crichton, Jack of all trades; prodigy of learning.

**702. Cunning.** - **N.** cunning, craft; cunningness, craftiness, &c. *adj.*; subtlety, artificiality; manoeuvring &c. *v.*; temporization; circumvention.  
chicane, -ry; sharp practice, knavery, jugglery; concealment &c. 528; guile, duplicity, &c. (*falsehood*) 544; foul play, diplomacy, politics; Machiavelism; jobbery, back-stairs influence.

art-, -ifice; device, machination; plot &c. *plan*) 626; manoeuvre, stratagem, dodge, artful dodge, wile; trick, -ery &c. (*deception*) 545; *ruse, -de guerre, finesse*, side-blow, thin end of the wedge, shift, go by, subterfuge, evasion; white lie &c. (*untruth*) 546; juggle, *tour de force*; tricks-of the trade, - upon travellers; *espèglerie*; net, trap, &c. 545.

Ulysses, Machiavel, sly boots, fox, reynard; Scotch-, Yorkshire-man; Jew, Yankee; intriguer, *intrigant*.

**v.** be -cunning &c. *adj.*; have cut one's eye-teeth; contrive &c. (*plan*) 626; live by one's wits; manoeuvre; intrigue, *finesse*, double, temporize, stoop to con-

**701. Bungler.** - **N.** bungler; blunder-er, -head; marplot, fumbler, lubber, duffer, stick; bad -, poor- hand, - shot; butter-fingers.

no conjuror, flat, muff, slow coach, looby, lubber, swab; clod, yokel, awkward squad, novice, greenhorn, *blanc-bee*.

land lubber; fresh water -, fair weather- sailor; horse-marine; fish out of water, ass in lion's skin, jackdaw in peacock's feathers; quack &c. (*deceiver*) 548; Lord of Misrule.

sloven, slattern, trapes.

**Phr.** *il n'a pas inventé la poudre*; he will never set the Thames on fire.

**703. Artlessness.** - **N.** artlessness &c. *adj.*; nature, simplicity; innocence &c. 946; *bonhomie, naïveté, abandon*, candour, sincerity; singleness of -purpose, - heart; honesty &c. 939; plain speaking; *épanchement*.

rough diamond, matter of fact man; *le palais de vérité*; *enfant terrible*.

**v.** be -artless &c. *adj.*; look one in the face; wear one's heart upon his sleeves for daws to peck at; think aloud; speak -out, - one's mind; be free with one, call a spade a spade.

**Adj.** artless, natural, pure, native, simple, plain, inartificial, untutored, unsophisticated, *ingénu*, unaffected, *naïve*; sincere, frank; open, - as day; candid, ingenuous, guileless; honest &c. 939; innocent &c. 946; Arcadian; undesigning, straightforward, unreserved, above-board; simple-, single-minded; frank-, open-, single-, simple-hearted.

free-, plain-, out-spoken; blunt, downright, direct, matter of fact, unpoetical; unflattering.



quer, *reculer pour mieux sauter*, circumvent, steal a march upon; overreach &c. 545; throw off one's guard; surprise &c. 508; snatch a verdict; way-lay, undermine, introduce the thin end of the wedge; play -a deep game, -tricks with; *ambiguus in vulgum spargere voces*; flatter, make things pleasant.

**Adj.** cunning, crafty, artful; skilful &c. 698; subtle, feline, vulpine; cunning as a -fox, -serpent; deep, -laid; profound; designing, contriving; intriguing &c. v.; strategic, diplomatic, politic, Machiavelian, time-serving; artificial; trick-y, -sy; wily, sly, insidious, stealthy; underhand &c. (*hidden*) 528; subdolous; deceitful &c. 545; crooked, arch, pawky, shrewd, acute; sharp, -as a needle; canny, astute, leery, knowing, up to snuff, too clever by half, not to be caught with chaff.

**Adv.** cunningly &c. *adj.*; slyly, on the sly, by a side wind.

**Phr.** diamond cut diamond.

**Adv.** in plain -words, -English; without mincing the matter; not to mince the matter &c. (*affirmation*) 535.

**Phr.** *Davus sum non Edipus; liberavi animam meam.*

## Section IV. ANTAGONISM.

## 1°. Conditional Antagonism.

**704. Difficulty.**—**N.** difficulty; hardness &c. *adj.*; impracticability &c. (*impossibility*) 471; tough -, hard -, uphill-work; hard -, Herculean -, Augean-task; task of Sisyphus, Sisyphean labour, tough job, teaser, rasper, dead lift.

dilemma, embarrassment; perplexity &c. (*uncertainty*) 475; intricacy; entanglement &c. 59; cross fire; awkwardness, delicacy, ticklish card to play, knot, Gordian knot, *dignus vindice nocuus*, net, meshes, maze; coil &c. (*convolution*) 248; crooked path.

nice -, delicate -, subtle -, knotty-point; vexed question, *verata questio*, poser; puzzle &c. (*riddle*) 533; paradox; hard -, nut to crack; bone to pick, *crux, pons asinorum*, where the shoe pinches.

nonplus, quandary, strait, pass, pinch, pretty pass, stress, brunt; critical situation, crisis; trial, rub, emergency, exigency, scramble.

scrape, hobble, slough, quagmire, hot water, hornet's nest; sea -, peck-of troubles; pretty kettle of fish; pickle, stew, *imbroglio*, mess, ado; false position; set fast, stand; dead-lock, -set; fix, horns of a dilemma, *cul de sac*; hitch; stumbling block &c. (*hindrance*) 706.

**V.** be -difficult &c. *adj.*; run one hard, go against the grain, try one's

**705. Facility.**—**N.** facility, ease; easiness &c. *adj.*; capability; feasibility &c. (*practicability*) 470; flexibility, pliancy, &c. 324; smoothness &c. 255.

plain -, smooth -, straight-sailing; mere child's play, holiday task.

smooth water, fair wind; smooth -, royal-road; clear-coast, -stage; *tabula rasa*; full play &c. (*freedom*) 748. disen-cumbrance, -tanglement; deopilation; permission &c. 760.

**V.** be -easy &c. *adj.*; go on -, run-smoothly; have-full play &c. n.; go -, run-on all fours; obey the helm, work well.

flow -, swim -, drift -, go-with-the-stream, -tide; see one's way; have-it all one's own way, -the game in one's own hands; walk over the course, win at a canter; make -light of, -nothing of, -no bones of; be at home in &c. (*skilful*) 698.

render -easy &c. *adj.*; facilitate, smooth, ease; popularize; lighten, -the labour; free, clear; dis-encumber, -embarrass, -entangle, -engage; deobstruct, un-clog, extricate, unravel; untie -, cut-the knot; disburden, unload, exonerate, emancipate, free from, deopilate; humour &c. (*aid*) 707; lubricate &c. 332; relieve &c. 834.

leave -a hole to creep out of, -the matter open; give -the reins to, -full

patience, put one out; put to one's -shifts, -wit's end; go hard with -, try-one; pose, perplex, &c. (*uncertain*) 475; bother, nonplus, gravel, bring to a dead lock; be -impossible &c. 471; be in the way of &c. (*hinder*) 706.

meet with -, labour under -, get into -, plunge into -, struggle with -, contend with -, grapple with- difficulties; labour under a disadvantage; be -in difficulty &c. *adj.*

fish in troubled waters, buffet the waves, swim against the stream, scud under bare poles.

have -much ado with, -a hard time of it; come to the -push, -pinch; bear the brunt.

grope in the dark, lose one's way, weave a tangled web, walk among eggs.

get into a -scrape &c. n.; bring a hornet's nest about one's ears; be put to one's shifts; flounder, boggle, struggle; not know which way to turn &c. (*uncertain*) 475; *perdre son Latin*; stick-at, -in the mud, -fast; come to a -stand, -dead lock; hold the wolf by the ears.

render -difficult &c. *adj.*; encumber, embarrass, ravel, entangle; put a spoke in the wheel &c. (*hinder*) 706; lead a pretty dance.

**Adj.** difficult, not easy, hard, tough; trouble-, toil-, irk-some; operose, laborious, onerous, arduous, Herculean, formidable; sooner -, more easily-said than done; difficult -, hard-to deal with; ill-conditioned, crabbed; not -to be handled with kid gloves, -made with rosewater.

awkward, unwieldy, unmanageable; intractable, stubborn, &c. (*obstinate*) 606; perverse, refractory, plaguy, trying, thorny, rugged; knot-ted, -ty; invious; path-, track-less; labyrinthine &c. (*convoluted*) 248; intricate, complicated, &c. (*tangled*) 59; impracticable &c. (*impossible*) 471; not-feasible &c. 470; desperate &c. (*hopeless*) 859.

embarrassing, perplexing, &c. (*uncertain*) 475; delicate, ticklish, critical; beset with -, full of -, surrounded by -, entangled by -, encompassed with- difficulties.

under a difficulty; in -difficulty, -hot water, -the suds, -a cleft stick, -a fix, -the wrong box, -a scrape &c. n., -deep water, -a fine pickle; *in extremis*; between -two stools, -Scylla and Charybdis; surrounded by -shoals, -breakers, -quicksands; at cross purposes; not out of the wood.

reduced to straits; hard -, sorely-pressed; run hard; pinched, put to it, straitened; hard-up, -put to it, -set; put to one's shifts; puzzled, at a loss, &c. (*uncertain*) 475; at-the end of one's tether, -one's wit's end, -a nonplus, -a standstill; gravelled, nonplussed, stranded, aground; stuck -, set-fast, up a tree, at bay, *aux abois*, driven-into a corner, -from post to pillar, -to extremity, -to one's wit's end, -to the wall; *au bout de son Latin*; out of one's depth; thrown out.

accomplished with difficulty: hard-fought, -earned.