

Dull, *a.* [A.-S. *dol*, *dowl*, stupid; Dut. *dol*, Ger. *toll*, insane; Dut. *dvalen*, to err.] Not sharp; blunt; obtuse:—not bright; dim:—doltish; stupid:—awkward:—sad; dejected; sluggish; lifeless.—*2, v. a.* [pp. dulling, dulled.] To stupefy:—to blunt:—to sadden.

Dul'lard, *n.* A blockhead; a doit.

Dul'lly, *ad.* In a dull manner.

Dul'ness, *n.* State of being dull; stupidity:—dimness:—bluntness.

Dül'se, *n.* [Irish, *duileas*; Anglo-Irish, *dillish*; Gael. *duille*, a leaf.] An edible sea-weed.

Dü'l'y, *ad.* In due manner; properly; fitly.

Dumb (*düm*), *a.* [A.-S. *dumb*, mute; Dut. *dom*, Ger. *dumm*, stupid.] Incapable of speech; mute; Dumb'-bell, *n.* A weight held in the hand and swung to and fro for exercise.

Dumb'le (*düm'lé*), *ad.* Mutely; silently.

Dumb'ness, *n.* Incapacity to speak.

Düm'me-töse, *a.* [L. *dumetum*, a brambly place; *dumus*, a bramble.] (Bot.) Bush-like.

Düm-fönd', *v. a.* [DUMB and CONFUSED; a word once colloquial only.] [pp. dumfounding, dumfounded.] To strike dumb; to confound.

Düm-fönd'er, *v. a.* [pp. dumfounding, dumfounded.] See DUMFOUND.

Düm'my, *a.* Dumb:—designed for show only; fictitious; sham.—*2, n.* A sham or imitation: a stupid fellow:—a locomotive for street use: so called because it is dumb, or noiseless.

Dümp, *n.* [Dan. *dump*, low; Local Sw. *dumpin*, melancholy; Ger. *dumpf*, a stupid state.] Sorrow; melancholy; sadness:—a fit of melancholy:—a pile of waste matter:—a lump.—*2, v. a.* [Sw. *dumpa*, supine *dumpid*, to fall;] [pp. dumping, dumped.] To unload; to discharge.

Dümpling, *n.* [Dim. of *dump*, a lump.] A small round pudding.

Düm'p'x, *a.* Short and thick.

Dün, *a.* [A.-S. *dunn*, Celt. *dunn*, Welsh *denn*, dark.] Of a dark color; dark; gloomy; dusk.

Düst, *n.* [A.-S. & Icel. *dust*; Dut. *dust*; Dan. *dust*] Earth reduced to powder; earth.—*2, v. a.* [pp. dusting, dusted.] To free from dust:—to sprinkle with dust:—to levigate:—to separate by a sieve.

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Dü'ty, *n.* [O. E. *dueete*, a debt due; Anglo-Fr. *dueete*, debt.—See DOMINION.] Whatever one is bound to perform; obligation:—deference; obedience:—any service or business:—tax; custom; toll.

Düng'hill, *n.* A heap of dung:—a mean or low state.—*2, a.* Sprung from the dunghill; mean.

Dün'kēr (*dung'ker*), *n.* [Ger. *tunkem*, to dip.] One of a sect of Christians.

Dün'nafé, *n.* [Origin doubtful.] (Naut.) Loose wood; fagots laid in the bottom of a ship's hold.

Dü'ō, *n.* [L.] A song in two parts.

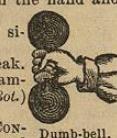
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Dü-o-dec'-num, *n.* [Late L., from L. *duodenis*, twelve:—distributive form of *duodecim*, twelve:—



Dumb-bell.

it is twelve finger-breadths long.] (Anat.) The first of the small intestines, connected with the stomach.

Düpe, *n.* [Fr. *duper*, a dupe, also a hoopoe (*q. v.*). Many bird-names are given to persons easily deceived. The name is given to the bird from its cry.] A person imposed on, or easily deceived; a simpleton.—*2, v. a.* [pp. duping, duped.] To trick; to cheat; to mislead; to deceive.

Dü'plex, *a.* [L. *duplex*, *duplūs*; *duo*, two, and *plex*, to fold.] Twofold; double.

Dü'pli-câte, *v. a.* [L. *duplicare*, *duplicatus*, to double.—See DUPLEX.] [pp. duplicating, duplicated.] To double; to fold.

Dü'pli-ca-ture, *n.* Double; twofold.—*2, n.* A second thing of the kind; an exact copy; a transcript.

Dü'pli-ca-tion, *n.* Act of doubling; a fold.

Dü'pli-ca-ture, *n.* [Fr.] A fold; any thing doubled.

Dü'pli-cti-ty, *n.* [L. *duplicitas*, doubleness; *duplex*, double.] Deceit; deception; guile.

Dü-ra'bili-ty, *n.* Quality of being durable; power of lasting; permanence.

Dü-ra'ble, *a.* [L. *durabilis*; *durus*, to last; *durus*, hard; Celt. *dur*, hard.] Lasting; having long existence.

Dü-ra'bly, *ad.* In a lasting manner.

Dü'rancé, *n.* Imprisonment:—endurance.

Dü'rati'on, *n.* Continuance; length of time.

Dü'ress (*dü'res*), *n.* [Fr. *dureesse*; L. *duritia*, hardness; *durus*, hard.] Constraint.—(Law) Unlawful imprisonment or constraint.

Dü'ring, *prep.* For the time of the continuance of.

Dü'mäst, *n.* [A.-S. *deorc*, dark, and E. *mast*, acorns: a descriptive name.] The English short-stalked oak.

Dürst, *i.* from *dare*. [A.-S. *dorse*, pret. of *dear*, to strike; we *durston*, we dared; Goth. *daursta*.]

Dusk, *a.* [Sw. *dusk*, a shower; *dusku*, misty.] Tending to darkness; dark; dusky.—*2, n.* Tendency to darkness; dark color.

Düs'k'i-ly, *ad.* With tendency to darkness.

Düs'k'i-nés, *n.* Incipient obscurity.

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Düng'vir, *n.* pl. **Dü-üm'vi-ri**. [L. *duo*, two, and *vir*, a man.] Two Roman magistrates who held office jointly.

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mén, sér; mōve, nör, són; bùll, bür, ríle, use.—ç, ç, ç, soft; ö, ø, ø, hard; § as z; x as gz; this.

Dwëll, *v. n.* [A.-S. *dwellan*, to hinder; *dual*, dull, torpid; Icel. *deelja*, to dwell, to linger; Sw. *däljas*, to dwell; Dan. *dæle*, to linger.] [*i.* dwelt; *pp.* dwelling, dwelt.] To remain; to inhabit; to live in a place; to abide:—to continue long speaking:—to linger.

Dwëll'er, *n.* An inhabitant. [abode; mansion.

Dwëll'ing, *n.* A habitation; a place of residence; Dwëll', *pres. & p. pp.* of *dwell*.

Dwin'dle, *v. n.* [A diminutive or frequentative word; A.-S. *dwinan*, to languish; to sink; Icel. *dvinia*, Sw. *trivna*, to dwindle.] [pp. dwindling, dwindled.] To shrink; to grow little.—*2, v. a.* To make less; to sink.

Dý'ad, *n.* [Gr. *δύας*, *δύάδος*, two; *δύο*, two.] Two units united; a couple; a pair:—an element whose atoms unite in couples.—*2, a.* Of or relating to a pair.

Dý'ak, *n.* One of the wild aborigines of Borneo:—written also *Dayak*.

Dý'e, *v. a.* [A.-S. *deagian*, to color; *deag*, dead, dye.] [pp. dyeing, dyed.] To tinge; to color; to stain.—*2, n.* Coloring matter derived from vegetable substances; color; tinge; stain.

Dý'ing, *n.* Act of staining or coloring cloth, &c.

Dý'er, *n.* One who dyes cloth, &c.

Dý'ystone, *n.* A variety of hematite iron ore.

Dý'stuff, *n.* Materials for dyeing.

Dý'ing, *p. from die.* Expiring.

Dýke, *n.* A mound of earth, &c. See DIKE.

Dý-nám'ic, *n.* [Gr. *δύναμις*; *δύναμις*, force.]

Dý-nám'i-cal, *j.* Relating to dynamics.

Dý-nám'ics, *n.* The science of moving powers.

Dý'am-ite (*dýnam-it*, Wb. I. Fa. N.; *din'a-mít*, H. St.), *n.* [Gr. *δύναμις*, force.] A powerful explosive compound.

Dý'amp'ô, *n.* A dynamo-electric machine.

Dý'näm-e-lé'cric, *a.* Noting a machine for changing mechanical force into electricity.

Dys-pép'si-a, *n.* [L. *dispepsia*; *dis*-, ill, and *pepsia*, to digest, to cook.] (Med.) Dyspepsy.

Dý'pep-sy, or **Dý'pep'sy**, *n.* (Med.) A difficulty of digestion; indigestion; dyspepsia.

Dý'pét'ic, *a.* Relating to dyspepsy; having bad digestion.—*2, n.* One afflicted with dyspepsy.

Dý'phon'yx, *n.* [Gr. *δύσφωνία*; *δύσ-*, difficult, and *φωνή*, voice.] A difficulty in speaking.

Dý'spne'a, *n.* [L. *dis*-, difficult, and *pneuma*, to breathe.] (Med.) A difficulty of breathing.

Dý's'ü-ry (*dýsh'ü-re* or *dís-ü-re*), *n.* [Gr. *δύσ-*, difficult, and *υρ*, urine.] (Med.) A difficulty in voiding urine.



E, the second and most frequent vowel in the English language, has two principal sounds, —long, as in *mete*, and short, as in *met*. E as a prefix is the L. *ex* or *e*, signifying out.

Each (*éch*), *a. & pron.* [A.-S. *ele*; O. E. *eche*, *gle*; Scot. *ilk*, *ilkta*; Dut. *elk*; Ger. *jeßlich*, probably from *je*, always, aye, and *gleich*, like (*q. v.*). The A.-S. may come from *a*, aye, and *lic*, like.] Either of two; every one of any number taken separately.

Éa'ger (*éger*), *a.* [Fr. *agré*, sharp; L. *acer*, keen.] Keenly desirous; vehement; ardent; impetuous; quick; sharp; keen.

Éa'fer-ly (*éfer-le*), *ad.* Ardently; keenly.

Éa'fer-nés (*éfer-nés*), *n.* Strong desire; ardor; earnestness; keenness; ardency.

Éa'gle (*églé*), *n.* [Fr. *agile*, *aqila*, an eagle; *aguilus*, dark.] A bird of prey:—a military standard:—a gold coin of the United States of the value of ten dollars.

Éa'glet (*églét*), *n.* A young eagle.

Éa'gre (*égr*), *n.* [A.-S. *egor*, Icel. *egir*, ocean; Norse *égr*, the sea-jötun or sea-god; perhaps from *oga*, to dread.] A high tidal wave; a bore in a river.

Ear (*ér*), *n.* [A.-S. *earre*; Dut. *oor*; Ger. *ohr*; L. *auris*.—Cf. L. *audire*, to hear (*q. v.*); Gr. *atev*, to hear, to perceive.] The organ of hearing:—

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sense of hearing:—attention:—power of judging of harmony:—[A.-S. *ear*, *her*; Dut. *aar*; Ger. *ähre*: cognate with L. *acus*, a needle] a spike of corn or maize.—*2, v. n.* [pp. earing, eared.] To shoot into ears, as corn:—[A.-S. *erian*; Goth. *aryan*; L. *arare*; Gr. *apoئر*] to plough. [Antiq.]

Ear'âphe (*ér'ák*), *n.* Pain in the ear.

Ear'âdrop, *n.* A pendant in the ear.

Ear'l (*érl*), *n.* [A.-S. *erl*, Norse *jarl*, a hero, a titled soldier; O. Saxon *erl*, a man.] A title of English nobility.

Ear'lom, *n.* The seigniory of an earl.

Ear'li-nés, *n.* State of being early.

Ear'ly, *n.* [A.-S. *erlice*; *ær*, ere, sooner, and *lic*, like.—See ERE.] Being in season; seasonable.—*2, ad.* In good season; betimes.

Ear'gle (*érgl*), *n.* [A. S. *earmian*: akin to Ger. *ernte*, a harvest, and possibly to ear, to plough.] [pp. earning, earned.] To gain by labor; to obtain or become entitled to by labor.

Ear'nest (*ér'nest*), *a.* [A.-S. *ernost*, Dut. & Ger. *ernst*, zeal, seriousness; Icel. *ern*, brisk; Gr. *όρνηται*, I arise;—Cf. Skr. *dhvâras*, an evil fairy.] Ardent; warm; hearty; cordial; zealous; eager; intent; serious.—*2, n.* Seriousness; not jest:—[Welsh *ern*, *ernes*, a pledge; apparently connected through Gael. *earlas*, an earnest (see ARLES), with Greek and Hebrew roots] a pledge:—first fruits:—money advanced in a bargain, often called *earnest-money*.

Ear'nest-ly, *ad.* Warmly; eagerly.

Ear'nest-nés (*ér'nest-nés*), *n.* Eagerness.

Ear'ning (*ér'ning*), *n.* That which is earned.

Ear'ring, *n.* An ornament for the ear.

Earth (ērth), *n.* [A.-S. *erde*; Dut. *aarde*; Ger. *erde*; Goth. *airtha*; possibly related with *ear*, to plough.] The terraqueous globe; world:—terrene matter; soil.—(*Chem.*) A metallic oxide, dry, tasteless, and inodorous.—*2, v. a.* [*pp.* earthing, earthed.] To hide in earth; to bury.—*3, v. n.* To retire under ground.

Earth'en (ēr'ēn), *a.* Made of earth or clay.

Earth'en-wāre, *n.* Ware made of clay.

Earth'i-néss, *n.* State of being earthly.

Earth'i-néss (ērth'ē-nēs), *n.* Worldliness.

Earth'ly (ērth'lē), *a.* Belonging to earth:—worldly; not heavenly:—corporeal or carnal:—sensual:—sordid; low; vile.

Earth'quāke, *n.* A tremor, violent agitation, or convulsion of the earth.

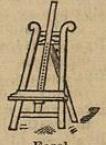
Earth'work (-wōrk), *n.* A fortification made of earth.

Earth'worm (ērth'wōrm), *n.* A worm that lives under ground:—a sordid person.

Earth'y, *a.* Consisting of earth:—gross.

Ear'-wāx (ēr'waks), *n.* Cerumen of the ear.

Ear'wig, *n.* [A.-S. *ear-wicga*; literally, ear-horse.] An insect, erroneously believed to creep into the human ear and enter the brain:—a whisperer.



Easel.

Eas'e (ēz'), *n.* [Fr. *aise*; Ital. *agio*; Port. *azo*; Gael. *adhais*: probably unconnected with A.-S. *eadhe*, easy.] Freedom from pain or anxiety; quiet; rest after labor:—easiness; facility.—*2, v. a.* [*pp.* easing, eased.] To free from pain, anxiety, or labor; to cause to be at ease; to alleviate; to assuage; to relieve; to redress.

Eas'el (ēz'l), *n.* [Dut. *ezel*, Ger. *esel*, an ass; L. *assulus*, a little ass.—Cf. HORSE in the sense of a support.] The frame on which painter's canvas or picture rests.

Eas'ement (ēz'mēnt), *n.* Ease; support; relief.—(*Law.*) A charge upon one estate for the benefit of another:—a privilege.

Eas'i-ly (ēz'ē-lē), *ad.* Without difficulty.

Eas'i-néss, *n.* Readiness; ease; rest.

East [A.-S. *east*; Dut. *oost*; Ger. *ost*.—Cf. Gr. *īos*, Skr. *ushas*, dawn: root of L. *ure*, *ustum*, Skr. *ush*, to burn, to glow.] The quarter where the sun rises.—*2, a.* Being toward the rising sun; eastern.

East'er (ēst'ēr), *n.* [A.-S. *eastor*, from *Eastre*, goddess of the spring; root of EAST.] The day on which the resurrection of Christ is commemorated, being the first Sunday after the full moon which happens upon, or next after, the 21st of March.

East'er-ly, *a. & ad.* Toward the east.

East'ern, *a.* Being in the east; oriental.

East'ern-mōst, *a.* Farthest toward the east.

East'ward (ēst'wārd), *ad.* Toward the east.

Eas'yx (ēz'ē), *a.* [See EASE.] Being at ease; free from pain; quiet:—not difficult; not stiff.

Eat (ēt), *v. a.* [A.-S. *etan*; Dut. *eten*; Icel. *eta*; Ger. *essen*; L. *edere*; Gr. *ēdeū*; Skr. *ad*.] [*i. ate* or eat (*st*); *pp.* eating, eaten (*ētn*) or eat (*st*).] To chew and swallow; to devour; to consume:—to corrode.—*2, v. n.* To feed; to take food.

Eat'a-ble (ēt'ā-bl), *a.* Capable of being eaten.—*2, n.* Any thing that may be eaten.

Eaves (ēvz), *n.* *pl.* [A.-S. *efee*; Icel. *ups*; Sw. *ups*: root of UP. The word was originally not plural.] The edges of the roof of a building.

Eaves'drop-per, *n.* A listener.

Ebb, *n.* [A.-S. *ebba*; *ebban*, to ebb: root of EVEN.] The reflux of the tide:—waste.—*2, v. n.* [*pp.* ebbing, ebbed.] To flow back toward the sea:—to decay; to decline.

Ebb'tide, *n.* The reflux of the tide. [black.

Eb'on, *n.* Ebony.—*2, a.* Made of ebony; dark;

Eb'on-ite, *n.* Hard vulcanized india-rubber; vulcanite.

Eb'on-ize, *v. a.* [*pp.* ebonizing, ebonized.] To make black or like ebony.

ā, ē, ī, ò, ù, ÿ, long; á, é, í, ó, ú, ý, short; ą, ę, ı, ő, ո, չ, չ, obscure.—Fáre, fár, fast, fall; hér, hér;

E'b'on-y, *n.* [L. *hebenus*; Gr. *ēbeōs*; Heb. *habhîm*.—Cf. Heb. *eben*, a stone.] A hard, black, valuable wood of various species.

E-brí-e-ty, *n.* [Fr. *ébriété*; L. *ebrietas*; *ebrius*, drunken.] Drunkenness; inebriety.

E-bull'ient (ē-büll'yēnt), *a.* [L. *ebullire*, *ebullientis*, to boil up; *e*, out, and *bulire*, to boil.] Boiling over.

E-bul-lish'ion (ē-büll-lish'ēn), *n.* The act of boiling with heat; intestine motion; outbreak.

Ecarté (ē-kär-tā), *n.* [Fr. for “discarded;” *carte*, a card.] A game at cards.

E-cén-tric, *a.* [Late L. *eccentricus*, *excentrus*; *e*, out, and *centrum*, the centre; Gr. *ēkκέντρος*: *ēk*, out, and *kéntropos*, the centre.] Deviating from the centre:—irregular; odd.

E-cén-tric'i-ty (ē-kēn-tris'ē-tē), *n.* State of being eccentric; particularity; irregularity.

E-chy-mó-sis, *n.* [Gr. *ēkχύμωσις*: *ēk*, out, and *χυεῖν*, to pour.] A livid spot on the skin, caused by the escape of the blood into the tissues.

E-cle-si-ās'tēs, *n.* [Gr. for a “preacher;”—literally, an assembly-man.] A book of Scripture.

E-cle-si-ās'tic, *a.* [Gr. *ēkλησιαστικός*; *ēkλησία*, assembly; church; *ēk*, out, and *λαέων*, to call.] A clergyman; a priest.

E-cle-si-ātic, *a.* Relating to the church; *E-cle-si-ātic'i-cal*, *not* civil or secular.

E-cle-si-ātic'i-cism, *n.* Adherence to the authority of the church; church authority.

E-cle-si-ātic'i-cus, *n.* A book of the Apocrypha. *Ech'e-lon* (ēsh'ē-lōn), *n.* [Fr. *échelon*, a step of a ladder; *échelle*, L. *scala*, a ladder.] (*Mil.*) The position of an army in the form of steps.

Ech'i-nate, *n.* *Ech'iph'ate*, *a.* Bristled; pointed.

Ech'iph'nus (ēk'ēf'nus), *n.* *pl.* *Ech'iph'nī*. [L. *ēchōs*, a hedgehog.] The sea-urchin:—a prickly head of a plant.

Ech'ō (ēk'ō), *n.* *pl.* *Ech'ōes*. [L. *echo*, Gr. *ēkhō*, echo; *ēkhōs*, a ringing noise.] The return or reverberation of a sound; the sound returned.

2, v. n. [*pp.* echoing, echoed.] To resound; to be sounded back.—*3, v. n.* To send back a voice.

Eclaireissement (ēklār'ē-sē-mēnt) or *Ech'ār-sē-mēnt*, *n.* [Fr., from *éclaircir*, to clear up; L. *e*, ex, out of, and *clarus*, Fr. *clair*, clear (*q. v.*)] Explanation; the act of clearing up an affair.

Eclat (ēklat') [ā-klat], *n.* [*H.* *ēk-lāv*, *N. S.* *W. F.* *C.*], *n.* [Fr. for “splendor;” *éclater*, to shine or burst forth: cognate with SLIT.] A striking effect; splendor:—acclamation; applause.

Ecléctic, *a.* [Gr. *ēkλεκτικός*, choosing out; *ēk*, out, and *λέγειν*, to select (*q. v.*)] Selecting; choosing.—*2, n.* One of a class of ancient philosophers, who professed to choose what was good from all sects:—one who selects his opinions from different sources.

Eclécti-cism, *n.* The practice of choosing ideas and methods from whatsoe'er source.

Eclipse (ēklips'), *n.* [Gr. *ēkλεκτικός*, a failure; *ēk*, out, and *λεῖπειν*, to leave.] The obscuration of the light of a heavenly body by the intervention of another body:—darkness.—*2, v. a.* [*pp.* eclipsing, eclipsed.] To darken, as a luminary.

Eclip'tic, *n.* [Gr. *ēkλεκτικός*, pertaining to an eclipse (*q. v.*)] It is the line on which eclipses occur.] The imaginary great circle of the sphere, which is the apparent path of the sun.—*2, a.* Relating to the ecliptic.

Eclōgue (ēk'lōg), *n.* [L. *ecloga*, Gr. *ēklogή*, a selection; *ēk*, out, and *λέγειν*, to choose.] A pastoral poem; a bucolic.

Eco-nóm'ia, *a.* Same as ECONOMICAL.

Eco-nóm'i-cal, or *E-co-nóm'i-cal*, *a.* Relating to economy or to resources:—not wasteful; frugal; thrifty.

Eco-nóm'ics, *n. pl.* Household management.

Eco-nóm'ite, *n.* Hard vulcanized india-rubber; vulcanite.

Eco-nóm'ize, *v. a.* [*pp.* ebonizing, ebonized.] To make black or like ebony.

E-cón'q-my, *n.* [Fr. *économie*; L. *economia*; Gr. *oikonomia*, household management; *oikos*, a house, and *réuein*, to manage, to deal out.] Thriftry management; frugality:—disposition of things; system of rules and regulations.—*Political economy*, the science which treats of the wealth of nations.

E-er-aseur (ā-krä-zür), *n.* [Fr. for “crusher;” *éraser*, to crush (*q. v.*)] A surgeon's instrument, which works by tearing or crushing.

E-sta-sy, *n.* [Gr. *ēkstasis*, a trance, displacement; *ēk*, out, and *stāsī*, to set, to stand (*q. v.*)] Excessive joy; rapture:—a trance.

E-stat'i-c, *a.* Filled with ecstasy or joy; *E-stat'i-cal*, *adj.* ravished; rapturous.

Ec'-mén'i-cal, *a.* [Gr. *oikoumenikos*, universal; *oikoumenē*, the inhabited (world); *oikētēs*, to dwell; *oikos*, a house.] General; ecumenical.

Ec'-ze-ma, *n.* [Gr. *ēkzēma*, something boiled out; *ēk*, out or up, and *zēin*, to boil.] A skin disease.

Ec'-zē-m'atous, *a.* Affected by or like eczema.

Ed'da, *n.* [Norse for “great-grandmother;” probably given from its antiquity, or as being the source of Norse literature.] A collection of poetry or prose tales, containing the Scandinavian mythology.

Eel (ēl), *n.* [A.-S. *el*; Dut., Dan., & Ger. *adl*.—Cf. L. *anguis*, a snake,



Eel.

Eel, *a.* Of or pertaining to, or partaking of the character of the Eddas.

Eel'dy, *n.* [Icel. *ida*. Local Dan. *ide*, a whirlpool; Icel. *ida* to whirl; the prefix *ida* implies return.—Cf. A.-S. *id*, a wave.] A contrary current; a whirlpool.—*2, a.* Moving circularly.—*3, v. n.* [*pp.* eddyng, edded.] To move or whirl, as in an eddy.

E'ēn (ēn), *ad.* A contraction for even.

E'er'ie, *a.* [A.-S. *earh*, timid.] Inspiring fear.

E'er'y, *ings* of awe or lonesomeness; weird; lonesome; dreary.

Ef'fa-ble, *a.* [L. *effabilis*, utterable; *e*, out, and *fari*, to speak.] Expressible; utterable.

Ef'face, *v. a.* [Fr. *effacer*; L. *ex*, out, and *facies*, face (*q. v.*)] [*pp.* effacing, effaced.] To blot out; to erase; to destroy.

Ef'den-tā-ta, *n. pl.* [L. *ēprivative*, and *dens*, dentis, a tooth.] An order of mammals either toothless or with aberrant teeth.

Ef'den-tā-tē, *a.* Without teeth:—belonging to an edentata.—*2, n.* An animal of the Edentata.

Ef'den-tū-lōus, *a.* [L. *ēdentalis*; *e* privative, and *dens*, dentis, a tooth.] Without teeth; toothless.

Ef'dge (ēj), *n.* [A.-S. *eg*; Dut. *egge*; Ger. *ekke*; L. *acies*, Gr. *akē*, a point.] The sharp side of a blade or cutting instrument:—keenness:—rim; brink.—*2, v. a.* [*pp.* edging, edged.] To sharpen; to give an edge.—*3, v. n.* To move forward sideways or obliquely.

Ef'dge-tōl, *n.* A tool with a sharp edge.

Ef'dge-wise, *ad.* In the direction of the edge.

Ef'dge-ing, *n.* A border; a fringe; a lace.

Ef'di-bil'i-ty, *n.* Fitness to be eaten.

Ef'di-cte, *n.* [L. *ēdibilitas*; *ēdere*, to eat.] Fit to be eaten; eatable.

Ef'di-cti, *n.* [L. *ēdicitum*; *ēdicare*, to proclaim; *e*, forth, and *dicere*, to speak.] An ordinance or decree issued by a sovereign; a rescript; a proclamation.

Ef'di-fi-ca-tion, *n.* Act of edifying; instruction in religion and morals; improvement.

Ef'di-fé-di (ēfēn'di), *n.* [Gr. *ēdīficium*, a building.—See EDIFY.] A large or splendid building; a structure; a fabric.

Ef'di-fi-y, *v. a.* [Fr. *édifier*, to build up, to instruct; L. *ēdificare*, to build; *ēdes*, a house, and *fari*, to make.] [*pp.* edifying, edified.] To instruct in religion and morals; to teach; to improve.

Ef'dile-ship, *n.* The office of edile.

Ef'dit, *v. a.* [L. *ēdere*, *ēdūtum*, to give forth; *e*, out, and *dare*, to give.] [*pp.* edging, edited.] To superintend, revise, or prepare for publication; to conduct; to publish.

Ef'di-tion, *n.* [L. *ēditio*.—See EDIT.] Publication of a book:—whole impression of a book.

Ef'di-tor, *n.* One who edits; the conductor of a newspaper, journal, or other publication.

Ef'di-to-ri-al, *a.* Belonging to an editor of a newspaper.—*2, n.* An article written by an editor of a newspaper.

mien, sir; mōve, nōr, sōn; bäll, bür, rüle, üse.—G, G, g, g, soft; Q, Q, g, g, hard; S as Z; X as gz; this.

Ef-fí'ciénce (ef-fish'yéns), **Ef-fí'cien-*cy*** (ef-fish'yén-sy), *n.* The act or power of producing effects; efficacy; agency.

Ef-fí'cient (ef-fish'yént), *n.* [L. *efficere*, *efficientis*, to effect (q. v.).] Agent; cause.—*2, a.* Causing effects; active; operative; effective.

Ef-fí'cient-*ly*, *a.* Effectively.

Ef-fí'gy, *n.* [L. *effigies*; *ex*, out, and *figere*, to shape.—See FIGURE.] The image, likeness, or representation of a person; representation; picture.—To burn in *effigy*, to burn the image of.

Ef-flo-re'sce (ef-flor-é'ss), *v. n.* [L. *efflorescere*, *efflorescens*, *inceptive* of *efflōrare*, to bloom; *ex*, out, and *florere*, to bloom; *flos*, *florū*, a flower.] [pp. efflorescing, effloresced.] To show dust or powder on the surface from exposure to air.

Ef-flo-re'sce (ef-flor-é'ss), *n.* The act of efflorescing:—**Ef-flo-re'sce-*ce*** (ef-flor-é'ss-é), *n.* The production of flowers:—an eruption or redness on the skin.

Ef-flo-re'scēt, *a.* Having efflorescence.

Ef-fu-en_{ce}, *n.* A flowing out; issue.

Ef-fu-en_t, *a.* [L. *effluere*, *effluentis*, to flow out; *ex*, out, and *fluere*, to flow (q. v.).] Flowing out; issuing out of.

Ef-flu'vi-ūm, *n.*; pl. **Ef-flu'vi-a**. [L., from *effluere*, to flow out.] A flowing out; vapor; small particles which are continually flying off from bodies; a noxious or unpleasant exhalation.

Ef-flux, *n.* [L. *effluere*, *effluxum*, to flow out.—See EFFLUENT.] The act of flowing out; effusion; that which flows out.

Ef-fort (ef-fért, H.; éffort, St.; ef-fórt or éffért, I.), *n.* [Fr., from *s'efforcer*, to strive.—See FORCE.] An exertion of strength; attempt; trial; strain; endeavor; essay; struggle.

Ef-frón-te're (frán'-), *n.* [Fr. *efronterie*; *éfronté*, shameless; *ex* intensive, and *front*, impudence,—literally, forehead.—See FRONT.] Boldness; impudence; hardihood.

Ef-fulge', *v. n.* [L. *effulgere*, *effulgentis*; *ex*, forth, out, and *fulgere*, to shine.] [pp. effulging, effulged.] To send forth lustre.—*2, v. a.* To beam forth; to radiate.

Ef-fu'l-génce, *n.* Lustre; brightness.

Ef-fu'gent, *a.* Shining; bright; luminous.

Ef-fuse, *v. a.* [L. *efundere*, *efusum*, to pour forth; *ex*, out, and *fundere*, to pour.] [pp. effusing, effused.] To pour out; to spill; to shed.

Ef-fu'sion (ef-fú'zhún), *n.* A pouring out:—that which is poured out.

Ef-fu'sive, *a.* Pouring out; diffusive; gushing.

Ef-fu'sive-ly, *ad.* In an effusive manner.

Ef-fu'siv-ness, *n.* The state of being effusive.

Eft (eft), *n.* [See NEWT.] A newt; a sort of triton.

Eft-sôd'n, *Eft-sôd'n*, *ad.* Soon after. [Antiq. E-gád', interj.] An exclamation of surprise.

Egg (ég), *n.* [A.-S. *æg*; Icel. *egg*; Sw. *ägg*; Ger. *ei*; Irish, *ugh*; L. *ovum*; Gr. *oúvō*.—See OVAL.] The fœtus of the feathered tribe, and of some other animals.—*2, v. a.* [Icel. *eggia*, to edge (q. v.), to incise, to sharpen.—Cf. L. *agere*, to drive.—See also EKE.] [pp. eggging, egged.] To provoke; to urge.

Egg'n (nög), *n.* A drink containing beaten eggs.

Egg'-plânt, *n.* A plant and its egg-shaped fruit.

Eg-lan-tine, or **Eg-lan-tine**, *n.* [Fr. *églantine*; O. Fr. *aglantine*, *aglantier*; probably from Late L. *aculeatus*, *prickly*; *acus*, a prickle, a needle.] A species of rose; sweet-brier.

Ego, *n.* [L. *ego*; Gr. *égo*; Ger. *ich*; E. I.; Skr. *aham*.] The thinking subject; I; myself.

Ego-ism, *n.* Scepticism:—selfishness; egotism.

Ego-ist, *n.* One of a class of philosophers who professed to doubt every thing except their own existence:—an egotist.

Ego-tism, or **Eg-o-tism**, *n.* The frequent use of the pronoun *I* (in Latin, *ego*); self-conceit.

Ego-tist, *n.* One who talks of himself.

Ego-tis'tic, *adj.* Addicted to egotism; self-conceited; vain.

Eg-re'giou's (e-gré'jús), *a.* [L. *egregius*, eminent;

e^t, out, and *grex*, *gregis*, the flock. The pejorative sense now generally attached to this word is quite modern.] Remarkable; monstrous; huge; exceptional.

grec'ious-ly, *ad.* Eminently; vastly.

grec'ious-néss, *n.* The state of being eminent.

gress, *n.* [L. *egredi*, *egressus*, to go out; *ex*, out, and *gradī*, gressus, to go to.] The act of going out; departure.—*2, v. n.* [*pp.* egressing, egressed.] To make an egress or departure; to depart.

grés'sion (*p-grash'un*), *n.* The act of going out.

gret, *n.* [Fr. *aigrette*, an egret, —later, a crest; dim. of O. Fr. *aigre*, a heron (*q. v.*).] A fowl of the heron kind:—an ornament of ribbons. [A native of Egypt.

gyptian (*shān*), *a.* Relating to Egypt.—*2, n.* **gypti tol'ō-gist**, *n.* One versed in Egyptology.

gypti tol'ō-gy, *n.* The science of, or a treatise on, Egyptian antiquities. [eider-duck.]

Eider, *n.* [Icel. *ædr*; *ædur*; Sw. *eider*.] The **Eider-dån**, *n.* The down of the eider-duck.

Eider-dück, *n.* A species of duck found in the Orkneys, Hebrides, Alaska, Greenland, &c.

Eid'dōlón, *n.* [Gr.—See *Idol*.] An image; a phantom.

Eight (*āt'*), *a. & n.* [A.-S. *eahta*; Dut. & Ger. *acht*; Dan. *øtte*; Irish, *oichit*; L. *octo*; Gr. *óktō*; Skr. *ashṭan*.] Twice four; seven and one.

Eight'een (*ā'tēn*), *a. & n.* Twice nine.

Eight'eenth (*ā'tenth*), *a.* Next in order to the seventeenth.

Eight'fold (*āt'-fōld*), *a.* Eight times the quantity.

Eight'h (*āt'h*), *a.* Next in order to the seventh.—*2, n.* The octave or eighth note of the diatonic scale:—the quotient of one divided by eight.

Eight'hly (*āt'h'lē*), *ad.* In the eighth place.

Eight'i-eth (*āt'-ēth*), *a.* Noting eighty.

Eight'y (*āt'ē*), *a. & n.* Eight times ten.

Ei-rén, *a.* See *IRENIC*.

Ei'ther (*āt'hēr* or *āt'hēr*, *Kenrick*, *Sm. St. L.*), *pron.* [A.-S. *æghwæder*, *ægder*, for “each-whether;” Dut. *ieder*; Ger. *jeder*.] One or the other.—*2, conj.* Or; as, either this or that.

Ejác'hi-láte (*p-äk'yū-lät*), *v. a.* [L. *ejacularē*, *ejaculatum*, to hurl out; *e*, out, and *jaculare*, to hurl; *jaculum*, a dart or missile; *jacere*, to throw.] [*pp.* ejaculating, ejaculated.] To throw out suddenly; to shoot; to dart out; to utter.

Ejác'hi-láti'on, *n.* The act of ejaculating or throwing; a darting:—a short prayer.

Ejác'hi-lá-to-ry, *a.* Darted out; sudden.

Ej'ect, *v. a.* [L. *ejicere*, *ejectum*; *e*, out, and *iacere*, to throw.] [*pp.* ejecting, ejected.] To throw out; to cast forth; to expel; to discharge; to reject.

Ej'ection, *n.* A casting out; expulsion.

Ej'ect'ment, *n.* (*Law.*) A writ or action for recovering possession of real property; expulsion.

Ej'ect'or, *n.* One who ejects or expels.

Eke, *v. a.* [A.-S. *ecan*, Icel. *auka*, Dan. *øge*, L. *augere*, to augment; *to* *ek*, *eking*, *eked*.] To protract; to spin out.—*2—ad.* [A.-S. *ec*; Dut. *ook*; Dan. *og*; Icel. & Goth. *auk*: closely related to the verb **EKE**.] Also; likewise; besides.

E-lab'o-ráte, *v. a.* [L. *elaborare*, *elaboratum*; *e*, out, and *labore*, to work; *labor*, work.] [*pp.* elaborating, elaborated.] To produce with labor:—to improve by labor.

E-lab'o-rate, *a.* Much labored upon; much studied; highly finished.

E-lab'o-rá-tly, *ad.* With great labor.

E-lab'o-rá-tion, *n.* Act of eliminating.

E-lab'o-ra-tive, *a.* Tending to elaborate.

E-lá'tine, *n.* [Gr. *élaiov*, of the olive; *élaia*, olive (*q. v.*); *élaiov*, oil.] (*Chem.*) The oily or liquid principle of fat and oil; oleine.



ELEMENTAL

Elan, *n.* [Fr.; origin disputed.—Cf. Ger. *elen*, to rush.] Impetuosity inspired by unconstrained emotion and ardor; unchecked enthusiasm; zeal; glow.

Eland, *n.* [Dut. *eland*, Ger. *elenn*, Russ. *oleni*, Pol. *ieleń*, Czech *elen*, stag, elk (*q. v.*), or deer; Welsh *elain*, fawn; Basque *orina*, a deer. There are kindred beast-names in Aryan and many other languages. It seems easy to connect it with the name *elk* on the one hand and possibly with *elephant* on the other.] A large African antelope.

E-lapse^r, *v. n.* [L. *elabi*, *elapsus*, to glide away; *e*, out, and *abi*, to glide.—See LARSE.] [*pp.* elapsing, elapsed.] To pass away; to glide away.

E-las^tic, *a.* [Gr. *ἐλαῖνος*, or *ἀλαῖνος*, to drive, to beat out, to extend.] Having elasticity; springing back; rebounding; springy.

E-las^tic-i-ty, *n.* A property in bodies by which they restore themselves to their original form.

E-late^r, *a.* [L. *elatus*, lifted up; *e*, out, *latu*s, lifted; *tollere*, latum (for *tollatum*, to lift).] Flushed with success:—exalted.—*2. v. a.* [*pp.* elating, elated.] To elevate; to puff up; to exalt.

E-lation, *n.* State of being elated; elevation; triumph proceeding from success; exaltation.

E-lbow^r, *n.* [A.-S. *elboga*; Dut. *elboog*; Dan. *albue*; Ger. *ellenbogen*: roots of *ELL* and Bow.] Curvature of the arm:—angle:—a bend in a pipe or rod.—*2. v. a.* [*pp.* elbowing, bowed.] To push with the elbow.—*3. v. n.* To jut out in angles; to clash.

Eld, *n.* [A.-S. *yldo*, *eld*, old age, old times; from *eldad*, *old*.] Old age; old people; old times.

Elder, *a.* [A.-S. *yldra*, *aldra*, older; *eldor*, an elder, a man in authority; Fris. *elder*, a parent; A.-S. *eldar*, parents.] Surpassing another in age; older.—*2. n.* An older person; a senior:—an ancestor:—a ruler:—a presbyter:—a subordinate officer in a church:—[A.-S. *ellen*, *ellern*; Low Ger. *elhorn*; O. E. *ēlfer*.—Cf. Ger. *erle*, *elder* (*q. v.*)] a tree or shrub of several species.

Elder-ly, *a.* Bordering upon old age; old.

Elder-ship, *n.* Seniority:—office of an elder.

Eld^{est}, *a.* Oldest; most aged.

E-lé-cam-pa, *n.* [Fr. *école-campagne*; L. *inula*, Late L. *inula*, *campana*, field inula; *campus*, a field. *Inula* is the Gr. *ἐλένων*, Ger. *alant*, elecampane.] A plant:—a sweetmeat.

E-léct^ric, *v. a.* [L. *eligere*, *electum*; *e*, out, and *leger*, to choose.] [*pp.* electing, elected.] To choose for office; to select.—*2. a.* Chosen; elected; taken by preference.—*3. n.* One who is chosen:—persons chosen.

E-léction, *n.* The act or power of choosing; choice:—the ceremony of a public choice of officers. (Theol.) Divine choice of individuals to enjoy blessings; predestination.

E-léction-er^r, *v. n.* [*pp.* electioneering, electioneered.] To use arts for electing, or for being elected, to an office.

E-léc-tion-er^ring, *n.* The course of measures and arts used to promote an election.

E-léc-tive, *a.* Having, or regulated by, choice.

E-léc-tor, *n.* [L.] One who elects; a voter.

E-léc-to-ral, *a.* Relating to an elector.

E-léc-to-rate, *n.* Jurisdiction of an elector.

E-léc-tric, *a.* Relating to, or containing, electricity.—*Electric light*, light evolved from materials heated to incandescence by the passage through them of an electric current.—[versed in the science of electricity.]

E-lec-tri^{cian}, *n.* (*é-lék-trish'án*, *n.*) One who is *elec-tri^{cit}iy*, *n.* [Gr. *ἐλεκτρόν*, amber.—Cf. Gr. *ἀλάτηρ*, the glowing sun, or the shining fire.] A subtle force produced by friction, first observed in amber:—the science which explains the laws of the electric force.

E-lec-trify, *v. a.* [*pp.* electrifying, electrified.] To communicate electricity to:—to thrill; to arouse to strong excitement.

E-léc-tro-*shém'i-cal*, *a.* Combining electrical and chemical phenomena.

E-léc-tro-*shém'i-try*, *n.* The science which treats of the agency of electricity, or galvanism, in effecting chemical changes.

E-léc-tróde, *n.* [ELECTRICITY, and Gr. *σῶσ*, a way.] A pole in an electric circuit.

E-lec-tróly-sis, *n.* [ELECTRICITY, and Gr. *λύσις*, a loosening; *λύειν*, to loose.] The process of resolving bodies into their elements by the electric current.

E-léc-tro-mág'net, *n.* A piece of iron temporarily magnetic.

E-léc-tro-mág'net-i-ty, *n.* [netism.] Relating to electro-magnetism.

E-léc-tro-mág'net-ism, *n.* The science which treats of electricity as communicating magnetic properties:—magnetism induced by electricity.

E-léc-tro-mét'ál-lür-égy, *n.* The art of working in metals by means of electricity.

E-lec-tró-mé-ter, *n.* [ELECTRICITY, and Gr. *μέτρον*, a measure.] An instrument for measuring the intensity of electricity.

E-léc-tro-móti've, *a.* Relating to mechanical effects produced by electricity.

E-léc-tro-mó'tor, *n.* [See MOTOR.] An engine or motor operated by electricity:—a device for producing electrical currents.

E-lec-tró-pa-thy, *n.* [ELECTRICITY, and Gr. *πάθη*, state of being affected:—on type of homoeopathy.] The treatment of diseases by means of electricity.

E-lec-tró-pláte, *n.* Wares plated by means of electricity.

E-lec-tró-plát^r, *a.* Plated by means of electricity.

E-lec'tro-scópe, *n.* [ELECTRICITY, and Gr. *σκοπεῖν*, to see.] An instrument for detecting electricity.

E-lec'tro-type, *n.* [ELECTRICITY AND TYPE.] A method of taking reverse fac-similes of woodcuts, printing-types, &c.:—a fac-simile in metal, from a mould, by an electro-chemical process.—*2. v. a.* [*pp.* electrotyping, electrolyped.] To make a fac-simile in metal, from a mould, by an electro-chemical process; to deposit metals by electrolytyping.

E-lec'tro-typ'ic, *a.* Pertaining to, or produced by, electrolytyping.

E-lec'tro-typ'ing, *n.* The method of obtaining a fac-simile by the electrolytotype process.

E-lec'tro-týp, *n.* The art or process of producing electrolytic copies or impressions.

E-lec'trum, *n.* [L.; Gr. *ἀλάτηρ*.] Amber:—a mixed metal, an alloy of gold and silver.

E-lec'tu-rá-ry, *n.* [L. *electuarium*, something to be licked up; Gr. *ἐλεκτρύα*; *ἐκ*, out, and *λειχεῖν*, to lick.—See LICK.] A soft, compound medicine.

E-lé-mós'ya-xy-na-re, *n.* (*él-móz'ya-nyá-re*, *n.*) [Gr. *ἐλεημοσύνη*, alms (*q. v.*)] Relating to alms; depending upon charity.—*2. n.* One who receives, or lives on, alms.

E-lé-gance, *n.* The beauty of propriety; refinement; polish; symmetry; politeness.

E-lé-gant, *a.* [L. *elegans*, *eleganti*, fine, choice; *e*, out, and *leger*, to choose.] Having elegance; refined; polished; graceful; genteel; accomplished.

E-lé-gant^{ly}, *ad.* With elegance; gracefully.

E-lé-gi^rac, *n.* [*é-léj'í-ak* or *él-fí'ák*, P. K. I. St. WB.; *él-lej'í-ak*, H.], *a.* [Gr. *ελεγελάος*.—See ELEGY.] Pertaining to elegy; mournful; plaintive.—*2. n.* Elegiac verse.

E-lé-gí'a-l, *a.* Belonging to an elegy.

E-lé-gíast, *n.* A writer of elegies; an elegiac poet.

E-lé-gist, *n.* [*é-léy*, a dirge; *éleyos*, a lament.] A mournful song or poem; a dirge.

E-lé-ment, *n.* [L. *elementum*, a principle; thought to be a form of alimentum, aliment (*q. v.*)] A first or constituent principle of anything; an atom; an ingredient; a constituent part:—proper sphere.—*pl.* First rudiments.—In popular language, the four elements are *air*, *earth*, *fire*, and *water*.

E-lé-mént'ál, *a.* Pertaining to elements.

El-e-mént'ā-ry, a. Relating to elements; un-compounded:—initial; primary; elemental.
El'e-mi, *n.* [Probably an Oriental name.—See ANIMÉ.] A kind of resin or gum.
El'e-phant, *n.* [L. *elephas*; Gr. ἐλέφας, ἐλέφαντος. —Cf. Heb. *aleph*, an ox; Skr. *ibbas*, an elephant; L. *ebur*, ivory; Gr. ἐλαφός, a stag.] The largest of existing land mammals.
El-e-phán-tí-a-sí-s, *n.* [L.] (Med.) A disease affecting the legs and feet, and the skin.
El-e-phán-tine [-tin, I.; -tin or -tin, H.], a. Relating to the elephant:—huge. [rites in the worship of Ceres.]
El-e-sín'-ian, a. Relating to Eleusis, and to the Ele-vá-tor, *v. a.* [L. *elevare*, *elevatum*, to raise up; *e*, out, and *levare*, to lift.] [pp. elevating, elevated.] To raise up; to lift; to exalt.
El-e-vá-tion, n. Act of elevating; raising up; exaltation; height; altitude:—a hill.
El'e-vá-to-r, *n.* A raiser or lifter up:—a contrivance for raising persons and goods from the lower story of a building to the higher stories.
Elève (á-lav), n. [Fr.] One brought up or protected by another; a pupil; a scholar.
El'é-vén (é-lév'vn), a. & n. [A.-S. *endhufon*; Dut. *elf*; Dan. *elvere*; Ger. *elf*; Goth. *aiflif* from *ain*, one, and *lif*, root of LEAVE. The meaning is one left over after ten are counted.] Ten and one.
El'é-vénth (é-lév'vnth), a. The next in order after the tenth.—2, *n.* The quotient of one divided by eleven.
Elf, n. pl. **Elves.** [A.-S. *elf*; Dan. *elf*; Ger. *elf*; Sw. *elf*; Icel. *elfa*.] A wandering spirit; a fairy.
Elf'in, a. Relating to elves or fairies; elfish.—2, *n.* An elf; a fairy; a little elf.
Elf'ish, or Elv'ish, n. Relating to elves.
Elf'-lock, n. A knot of hair twisted by elves.
Elf'-it, v. a. [L. *elicer*, *elicitum*, to draw out; *lacerare*, to entice.] [pp. eliciting, elicited.] To draw out; to strike out.
El'-lide', v. a. [L. *elidere*, *elisum*; *e*, out, and *ludere*, to dash.] [pp. eliding, elided.] To cut off, as a syllable.
El-i-fi-bl'i-ty, } n. Quality of being eligible; El'i-bl'e-ness, } desirability.
El'i-gi-ble, a. [L. *eligibilis*; *eligere*, to elect (*q. v.*).] Worthy of choice; fit to be chosen.
El'im'i-ná-tion, n. Expulsion:—separation.
El'i-si-on (é-lizh'vn), n. [L. *elisio*.—See ELIDE.] The act of cutting off a vowel or syllable, as at the end of a word.
Elite (á-lét'), n. [Fr., from *élire*, to elect.] The flower of society or of an army; the chosen part.
El'-ix'ir, n. [Arab. *al-ikṣir*, the philosopher's stone; Sp. *elixir*: the Arab. *ikṣir* is the Gr. ἔρπον, dry, and seems to represent a dry extract or residue.] A medicine:—quintessence or extract of any thing; cordial.
Elk, n. [A.-S. *eoh*; Icel. *elgr*; Sw. *elg*; Gr. ἄλφη; L. *alces*.—See ELAND.] A large quadruped; the moose.
Ell, *n.* [A.-S. *eln*; Dut. & Ger. *elle*; Dan. *elen*; Fr. *anne*.—Cf. Icel. *alin*, the forearm; L. *ulna*, forearm, elbow, cubit; Gr. ὄλενη, elbow (*q. v.*).] A measure of a yard and a quarter.
El-lip'se', n. pl. **El-lip'sés.** [Gr. ἄλλειψις, a defect, because its plane makes a less angle with



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the plane of the base of a cone than that of the parabola; ἄλλειπειν, to leave behind; *év*, in, and *λείπειν*, to leave.] An oval figure; an oblique section of a cone; ellipse.
El-lip'sis, n. pl. **El-lip'sés.** The omission of a word or phrase; a mark thus [. . .], [—]:—ellipse.
El-lip'soid, n. A solid elliptical body. [lipse.
El-lip'tic, } a. Like an ellipse or ellipsis;
El-lip'ti-cal, } oval:—defective.
El-lip'ti-cal-ly, ad. With an ellipse.
El-lip'ty-i-ty, n. Quality of being elliptical.
El'm, n. [A.-S. *elm*; Dut. *olm*; Dan. *alm*, *elm*; Ger. *ulme*; L. *ulmus*.] The name of a forest tree.
El-o-cu'tion, n. [L. *elocutio*, *elociō*, *elocutus*, to speak out; *e*, out, and *loqui*, to speak.] Art or manner of speaking; oratory; utterance; eloquence.
El-o-cu'tion-a-ry, a. Relating to eloquence.
El-o-cu'tion-ist, n. A teacher of eloquence.
El-lón'gat-e (é-long'gat), v. a. [L. *e*, out, and *longus*, long; whence Late L. *elongare*, *elongatus*, to remove.] [pp. elongating, elongated.] To lengthen; to draw out.—2, *v. n.* To go off to a distance:—to recede:—to be drawn out.
El-on'gá-tion, n. Act of lengthening:—extension.
El-lop'e, v. n. [L. *e*, out, and Dut. *loopen*, to run; *ontlopen*, to escape.—See LEAP and LOPE.] [pp. eloping, eloped.] To run away; to escape from legal or natural ties.
El-lope'ment, n. Private departure.
El-qua'ne, n. The art of speaking well; fluent and elegant speech; oratory; rhetoric.
El-o-quént, a. [L. *eloquens*, *eloquentis*, pres. part. of *eloqui*, to utter.—See ELOCUTION.] Having eloquence; oratorical.
El-o-quént-ly, ad. In an eloquent manner.
Else (éls), pron. [A.-S. *elles*; O. Sw. *ölfes*, L. *alias*, otherwise.—See ALIEN.] Other; one besides.—2, *ad.* Otherwise; besides.
Else'where (éls'húár), ad. In another place.
El-u-ci-date, v. a. [late L. *elucidare*, to make clear; L. *e*, out, and *lucidus*, lucid (*q. v.*).] [pp. elucidating, elucidated.] To remove obscurity from; to make clear; to explain; to illustrate.
El-u'ci-dion, n. Explanation; exposition.
El-lü'de', v. a. [L. *eludere*, *elusum*, to outwit; *e*, out, and *ludere*, to play.] [pp. eluding, eluded.] To escape by stratagem; to evade; to avoid slyly; to shun:—to baffle; to foil; to remain undiscovered.
El-lü'sion (é-lü'zhún), n. Evasion; artifice.
El-lü'sive, a. Practising evasion; deceptive.
El-lü'si-ate, v. a. Tending to elude; elusive.
El-lü'si-ate, v. a. [L. *eluere*, *elutum*, to wash out; Later L. *elutriare*, *elutriatum*; *e*, out, and *luere*, to wash.] [pp. elutriating, elutrated.] To purify by washing; to wash; to decant or strain out after washing.
El-lü-tri'a-tion, n. The act of elutriating.
El'ves (élvz), n. The plural of *elf*. [chievous.
El've'ish, or Elv'ish, a. Relating to elves; mischievous.
Elv'ish'-ian (é-lizh'v-é-an), a. Relating to Elysium:—delightful; happy.
Elv'ish'-ian (é-lizh'v-é-an), n. [L. ; Gr. Ἑλύσιον πένοι, Elysian field.] The place assigned by the heathens to happy souls.
El-má-cie-á-te (é-má'shé-ät), v. a. [L. *emaciare*, *emaciatum*, to make lean; *e* intensive, and *macies*, leanness.] [pp. emaciating, emaciated.] To waste or make lean.—2, *v. n.* To grow lean.
El-má-cie-á-tion, n. The act of making or growing lean; thinness.
El-má-ná-te, v. n. [L. *e*, out, and *manare*, manum, to flow.] [pp. eminating, emanated.] To issue; to arise. [which issues or has issued.
El-má-ná-tion, n. The act of issuing; efflux; that
El-má-ná-tive, a. Issuing.
El-má-ná-tive, v. a. [L. *emancipare*, *emancipation*, to set free; *e*, out, and *mancipare*, to transfer

à, é, i, ò, ü, ý, long; á, ó, í, ü, ý, short; à, è, ì, ò, ú, ý, obscure.—Fare, fär, fast, fall; hér, hér;

property; *manceps*, one who takes or gains property; from *mani*, in hand, and *capere*, to take.] [pp. emancipating, emancipated.] To set free from servitude; to manumit; to liberate; to free. **El-má-ni-pá-tion, n.** The act of emancipating; manumission; liberation; enfranchisement. **El-márgi-nate, a.** [L. *emarginare*, to deprive of a margin (*q. v.*).] Notched on the apex, or on the margins.
El-más'ch-láte, v. a. [L. *emasculare*, *emasculatum*; *e* privative, and *masculus*, dim. of *mas*, a male.] [pp. emasculating, emasculated.] To deprive of virility; to castrate.
El-más-cú-late, a. Unmanned; effeminate.
El-más-cú-lá-tion, n. Castration; weakness.
El-bál'm (ém-bál'm), v. a. [Fr. *embalmer*; *en*, in, and *baume*, balm (*q. v.*).] [pp. embalming, embalmed.] To fill a body with aromatics, so as to prevent putrefaction.
El-bánk', v. a. [See BANK.] [pp. embanking, embanked.] To heap up:—to protect with a bank.
El-bár'gó, n. pl. **El-bár'gös.** [Sp. *embargo*; *en*, in or on, and *barrar*, a bar.] A prohibition upon vessels to prevent their leaving port.—2, *v. a.* [pp. embarguing, embargoed.] To prohibit from sailing.
El-bár'k, v. a. [Fr. *embarker*; *en*, in, and *barque*, a bark (*q. v.*).] [pp. embarking, embarked.] To put on shipboard:—2, *v. n.* To go on shipboard:—to engage in any business.
El-bár-ká-tion, n. The act of embarking.
El-bár'rass, v. a. [Fr. *embarrasser*; Sp. *embarrasar*; Prov. *barra* or *barras*, a bar.—Cf. Sp. *barra*, a prison.] [pp. embarrassing, embarrassed.] To perplex; to entangle.
El-bár'rass-mént, n. Perplexity; trouble.
El-bás'sa-dor, n. See AMBASSADOR.
El-bás-sy, n. A public message or function of an ambassador:—a body of ambassadors.
El-bát'tle, v. a. [Fr. *embattiller*; O. Fr. *embastiller*; Late L. *imbatillare*, to fortify.—See BATTLE and BATTLEMENT.] [pp. embattling, embattled.] To range in order of battle:—to furnish with battlements.
El-bay' (ém-bá'), v. a. [See BAY.] [pp. embaying, embayed.] To enclose in a bay; to landlock.
El-béd', v. a. [See BED.] [pp. embedding, embedded.] To place in a bed; to imbed.
El-bél'lish, v. a. [Fr. *embellir*, part. *embellissant*; *bel*, beau; fair; L. *bellus*, handsome.] [pp. embellishing, embellished.] To adorn; to beautify.
El-bél'lish-mént, n. [Fr. *embellissement*.] The act of embellishing:—ornament; decoration.
El-ber-day, n. [A.-S. *ymbren*, *ymbryne*, a due course; *ymbre*, *ambi*, around, and *ryne*, a running. The German for an ember-day is *quattuor dies*: this has influenced the English word.] One of certain fast-days in each of the four seasons.
El'bér'gers, n. pl. **El'bér'gers.** [A.-S. *amyrion*; Icel. *eimyrja*; Dan. *emmer*; Scot. *ammers*.] Hot cinders; glowing coals of fire; ashes with fire.
El'bér-tide, n. An ember-week.
El'bér-wéek, n. A week in which ember-days occur:—ordination-week.
El-béz'zle, v. a. [O. Fr. *embesillier*, to ravage, to weaken:—closely related to IMBECILE (*q. v.*).] [pp. embezzling, embezzled.] To steal by breach of trust.
El-béz'zle-mént, n. The act of embezzling.
El-béz'zler, n. One who embezzles.
El-bít'er, v. a. [See BITTER.] [pp. embittering, embittered.] To make unhappy; to exasperate.
El-bry'zle-mént, n. The offspring yet undeveloped in the womb:—first state of anything.
El-bry'-gén'ic, a. Pertaining to embryogeny.
El-bry'-og-e-ny, n. [Gr. ἔρπον, an embryo, and γένεσις, to produce.] The production and development of embryos; embryology.
El-bry'-zon-ry (ém-blá'zn-re), n. The act of emblazoning; devices or pictures upon shields.
El-bry'-os, n. pl. **El-bry'-os.** [Gr. ἔρπον; *év*, within, and *þpov*, pres. part. neuter from *þpovē*, to swell with.] The offspring yet undeveloped in the womb:—first state of anything.

mien, sir; mève, nör, sön; bñll, bür, rüle, üse.—C, G, á, é, ò, ü, soft; C, G, á, é, ò, ü, hard; s as z; x as gz; this

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