

Sw. and Dan. *tapper*; G. *tapfer*. See Class Db. No. 13. 28.]

Active; nimble; brisk; or little and active; neat; tight; as a *dapper* fellow; a *dapper* spark.

DAPPERLING, *n.* A dwarf; a landpirate; from dipping, or to W. *darna*, to drop, and from dipping *spotted*, and spots are often from dropping or sprinkling.]

Marked with spots; spotted; variegated with spots of different colors or shades of color, as a *dapple-bay* or *dapple-gray*; applied to a horse or other beast. It may sometimes express *streaked*, but this is not its true signification.

DAPPLE, *v. t.* To spot; to variegate with spots.

The gentle day  
Dapples the drowsy east with spots of gray.

The dappled pink, and blushing rose. Prior.

DAPPLED, *pp.* Spotted; variegated with spots of different colors or shades of color.

DAPPLING, *pp.* Variegating with spots.

DART, *n.* A fish found in the Severn.

DARE, *v. i.* pret. *durst*. [Sax. *dearan*, *duran*; D. *darren*, *durven*; G. *darfen*; Sw. *diefa*, *bold*; *diefboas*, to dare, and *toras*, to dare. Dan. *tor*, to dare, and *for*, dry, torrid. L. *torreo*. Dan. *tørhed*, dryness, barrenness; *tørstig*, thirsty. The German *dürren*, compounded, *bedürfen*, signifies, to want, to need, to lack, and this in Dutch is *derven*. The Sw. *dåre*, rash, mad, sottish, *dåra*, to insult, Dan. *daarv*, may be of the same family. The Gr. *δαρμαι*, and Russ. *derzayu*, to dare, are evidently

the same word. Ar. *دأر* to be bold, audacious; to be angry, or averse; to be terrified, to flee. So in Sw. *darra*, to tremble. The sense of boldness, daring, is sometimes from the sense of advancing; but some of the senses of these words indicate the sense of receding.]

To have courage for any purpose; to have strength of mind or hardihood to undertake any thing; to be bold enough; not to be afraid; to venture; to be adventurous. I dare do all that may become a man. Shak. Dare any of you go to law before the unjust? 1 Cor. vi.

None of his disciples *durst* ask him, who art thou. John xxi.

In this intransitive sense, *dare* is not generally followed by the sign to before another verb in the infinitive; though to may be used with propriety. In German, the verb is numbered among the auxiliaries. In the transitive form, it is regular; thus,

DARE, *v. t.* pret. and *pp.* *dared*. To challenge; to provoke; to defy; as, to dare a man to fight.

Time, I dare thee to discover  
Such a youth, and such a lover. Dryden.  
To dare larks, to catch them by means of a looking glass, or by keeping a bird of prey hovering aloft, which keeps them in amaze till caught; to terrify or amaze.

DARE, *n.* Defiance; challenge. [Not used.]

DARE, *n.* A small fish, the same as the *dace*.

DA'RED, *pp.* Challenged; defied.

DA'REFUL, *a.* Full of defiance. [Not used.]

DA'RRER, *n.* One who dares or defies.

DA'RIC, *n.* A gold coin of Darius the Mede, value about 556 cents.

DA'RING, *pp.* Having courage sufficient for a purpose; challenging; defying.

2. *a.* Bold; courageous; intrepid; fearlessly; adventurous; brave; stout.

Grieve not, O daring prince, that noble heart.

3. Audacious; impudently bold and defying; as in *heaven-daring*, defying Almighty power.

DA'RINGLY, *adv.* Boldly; courageously; fearlessly; impudently.

The principles of our holy religion are *daringly* attacked from the press.

DA'RINGNESS, *n.* Boldness; courageousness; audaciousness.

DARK, *a.* [Sax. *deore*; Ir. *dorch*; Pers.

تیره tirah, dark; تاریک tarik, dark, darkness. See Class Dr. No. 15.]

1. Destitute of light; obscure. A dark atmosphere is one which prevents vision.

2. Wholly or partially black; having the quality opposite to white; as a dark color or substance.

3. Gloomy; disheartening; having unfavorable prospects; as a dark time in political affairs.

There is in every true woman's heart a spark of heavenly fire, which beams and blazes in the dark hour of adversity.

4. Obscure; not easily understood or explained; as a dark passage in an author; a dark saying.

5. Mysterious; as, the ways of Providence are often dark to human reason.

6. Not enlightened with knowledge; destitute of learning and science; rude; ignorant; as a dark age.

7. Not vivid; partially black. Lev. xiii.

8. Blind. [Not in use.]

9. Gloomy; not cheerful; as a dark temper.

10. Obscure; concealed; secret; not understood; as a dark design.

11. Unclean; foul.

12. Opake. But dark and opake are not synonymous. Chalk is opake, but not dark.

13. Keeping designs concealed. The dark unrelenting Tiberius. Gibbon.

D'ARK, *n.* [Sans. *tareki*.] Darkness; obscurity; the absence of light. We say, we can hear in the dark.

Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? Ps. lxxxviii.

2. Obscurity; secrecy; a state unknown; as, things done in the dark.

3. Obscurity; a state of ignorance; as, we are all in the dark.

D'ARK, *v. t.* To darken; to obscure.

D'ARK-BROWED, *a.* Stern of aspect; frowning; as dark-browed Hotspur.

D'ARKEN, *v. t.* *darkn*. [Sax. *adeorcan*.] 1. To make dark; to deprive of light; as, close the shutters and *darken* the room.

2. To obscure; to cloud.

His confidence seldom *darkened* his foresight.

3. To make black.

The locusts *darkened* the land. Ex. x.

4. To make dim; to deprive of vision.

Let their eyes be *darkened*. Rom. xi.

5. To render gloomy; as, all joy is *darkened*. Is. xxvii.

6. To deprive of intellectual vision; to render ignorant or stupid.

Their foolish heart was *darkened*. Rom. i.

7. To obscure; to perplex; to render less clear or intelligible.

Who is this that *darkeneth* counsel by words without knowledge? Job xxxviii.

8. To render less white or clear; to tan; as, a burning sun *darkens* the complexion.

9. To sully; to make foul.

D'ARKEN, *v. i.* To grow dark or darker; also, to grow less white or clear.

D'ARKENED, *pp.* Deprived of light; obscured; rendered dim; made black; made ignorant.

D'ARKENING, *pp.* Depriving of light; obscuring; making black or less white or clear; clouding.

D'ARK-HOUSE, *n.* An old word for a mad-house.

D'ARKISH, *a.* Dusky; somewhat dark.

D'ARKLING, *a.* Being in the dark, or without light; a poetical word.

D'ARKLY, *adv.* Obscurely; dimly; blindly; uncertainly; with imperfect light, clearness or knowledge.

They learn only what tradition has *darkly* conveyed to them.

D'ARKNESS, *n.* Absence of light.

And darkness was on the face of the deep.

2. Obscurity; want of clearness or perspicuity; that quality or state which renders any thing difficult to be understood; as the darkness of counsels.

3. A state of being intellectually clouded; ignorance.

Men loved darkness rather than light. John iii.

4. A private place; secrecy; privacy.

What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light. Matt. x.

5. Infernal gloom; hell; as utter darkness. Matt. xxii.

6. Great trouble and distress; calamities; perplexities.

A day of clouds and thick darkness. Joel ii.

7. Empire of Satan.

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness. Col. i.

8. Opakeness.

Land of darkness, the grave. Job x.

D'ARK-SOME, *a.* Dark; gloomy; obscure; as a darksome house; a darksome cloud.

D'ARK-WORKING, *a.* Working in darkness or in secrecy.

D'ARLING, *a.* [Sax. *deorling*; *deor*, dear, and *ling*, which primarily denotes likeness, and in some words, is a diminutive. So in G. *lieblich*, loving, D. *lieveling*. See *Dear*.]

Deeply beloved; favorite; regarded with great kindness and tenderness; as a darling child; a darling science.

D'ARLING, *n.* One much beloved; a favorite; as, that son was the *darling* of his father.