

**JERK**, *v. t.* [This is probably the Ch. Heb. *קר*, to reach, to spit, that is, to throw out with a sudden effort, Sax. *hræcan*, *herca*. If not, I know not its origin or affinities. It seems to be a different orthography of *yerk*.]

1. To thrust out; to thrust with a sudden effort; to give a sudden pull, twitch, thrust or push; as, to *jerk* one under the ribs; to *jerk* one with the elbow.

2. To throw with a quick, smart motion; as, to *jerk* a stone. We apply this word to express the mode of throwing to a little distance by drawing the arm back of the body, and thrusting it forward against the side or hip, which stops the arm suddenly.

**JERK**, *v. t.* To accost eagerly. [Not in use.] *Dryden*.

**JERK**, *n.* A short sudden thrust, push or twitch; a striking against something with a short quick motion; as a *jerk* of the elbow.

His jade gave him a *jerk*. *B. Jonson*.

2. A sudden spring.  
Lobsters swim by *jerks*. *Grew*.

**JERK'IN**, *n.* A jacket; a short coat; a close waistcoat. *Shak. South*.

2. A kind of hawk. *Ainsworth*.

**JERSEY**, *n.* [from the island so called.]

1. Fine yarn of wool. *Johnson*.

2. The finest of wool separated from the rest; combed wool. *Bailey. Encyc.*

**JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE**, *n.* A plant, a species of *Helianthus* or Sunflower.

**JESS**, *n.* Short straps of leather tied round the legs of a hawk, by which she is held on the fist. *Hanmer*.

2. A ribbon that hangs down from a garland or crown in falconry. *Encyc.*

**JESAMIN**, *n.* A genus of plants and their flowers. [See *Jasmin*.]

**JESSE**, *n.* A large brass candlestick branched into many sconces, hanging down in the middle of a church or choir. *Cowell*.

**JESSED**, *a.* Having jesses on; a term in heraldry.

**JEST**, *n.* [Sp. and Port. *chiste*, a witty saying, a jest or joke; *chistoso*, gay, facetious; allied perhaps to L. *gestio*.]

1. A joke; something ludicrous uttered and meant only to excite laughter. Religion should never be the subject of *jest*.

2. The object of laughter or sport; a laughing stock.

Then let me be your *jest*, I deserve it. *Shak.*

In *jest*, for mere sport or diversion; not in truth and reality; not in earnest.

—And given in earnest what I begged in *jest*. *Shak.*

3. A mask.

4. A deed; an action. *Obs.*

**JEST**, *v. i.* To divert or make merry by words or actions; to joke.

*Jest* not with a rude man, lest thy ancestors be disgraced. *Eccius.*

2. To utter in sport; to say what is not true, merely for diversion.

3. To play a part in a mask. *Shak.*

**JESTER**, *n.* A person given to jesting, sportive talk and merry pranks.

—He rambled up and down

With shallow *jesters*. *Shak.*

2. One given to sarcasm.

Now, as a *jester*, I accost you. *Swift*.

3. A buffoon; a merry-andrew, a person formerly retained by princes to make sport for them.

**JESTING**, *ppr.* Joking; talking for diversion or merriment.

**JEST'ING**, *n.* A joking; concise wit; wit that consists in a trope or verbal figure, in a metaphorical sense of words, or in a double sense of the same word, or in similitude of sound in different words.

*Encyc.*  
**JESTINGLY**, *adv.* In a jocose manner; not in earnest. *Herbert*.

**JESTING-STOCK**, *n.* A laughing stock; a butt of ridicule. *Googe*.

**JESUIT**, *n.* *s* as *z*. One of the society of Jesus, so called, founded by Ignatius Loyola; a society remarkable for their cunning in propagating their principles.

**JESUITED**, *a.* Conforming to the principles of the Jesuits. *White*.

**JESUITESS**, *n.* A female Jesuit in principle. *Bp. Hall*.

**JESUITIC**, } Pertaining to the Jesuits  
**JESUITICAL**, } *a.* or their principles and arts.

2. Designing; cunning; deceitful; prevaricating.

**JESUITICALLY**, *adv.* Craftily.

**JESUITISM**, *n.* The arts, principles and practices of the Jesuits.

2. Cunning; deceit; hypocrisy; prevarication; deceptive practices to effect a purpose.

**JESUIT'S-BARK**, *n.* Peruvian bark; the bark of the *Cinchona*, a tree of Peru.

**JET**, *n.* [D. *git*; Fr. *jalet*; L. *gagates*.] A solid, dry, black, inflammable fossil substance, harder than asphalt, susceptible of a good polish, and glossy in its fracture, which is conchoidal or undulating. It is found not in strata or continued masses, but in unconnected heaps. It is wrought into toys, buttons, mourning jewels, &c. *Nicholson. Encyc.*

Jet is regarded as a variety of lignite, or coal originating in wood. *Häuy. Cleveland*.

**JET**, *n.* [Fr. *jet*, It. *getto*, a cast; probably from L. *jactus*, whence Fr. *jetter*, It. *gettare*, to throw.]

1. A spout, spouting or shooting of water; a *jet d'eau*.

2. A yard. *Tusser*. Drift; scope. [Not in use or local.]

**JET**, *v. i.* [See the Noun.] To shoot forward; to shoot out; to project; to jut; to intrude. *Shak.*

2. To strut; to throw or toss the body in haughtiness. *Shak.*

3. To jerk; to jolt; to be shaken.

*Wiseman*.  
[This orthography is rarely used. See *Jet*.]

**JETTEAU**, *n.* *jet'to*. [Fr. *jet d'eau*.] A throw or spout of water. *Addison*.

**JETSAM**, } [Fr. *jetter*, to throw.] In  
**JETSON**, } *n.* law and commerce, proper-

**JETTISON**, } ly, the throwing of goods overboard in order to lighten a ship in a tempest for her preservation. The word may however be used for the goods thus thrown away, or adverbially.

*Jetsam* is where goods are cast into the sea, and there sink and remain under water; *flot-*

*sum*, is where they continue swimming; *ligan* is where they are sunk in the sea, but tied to a cork or buoy. *Park. Blackstone*.

**JETTEE**, *n.* A projection in a building.

**JETTY**, *v. i.* To jut.

**JETTY**, *n.* A small pier or projection into a river for narrowing it and raising the water above that place. *Cyc.*

**JETTY**, *a.* Made of jet, or black as jet.

*Prior. Pope*.  
**JETTYHEAD**, *n.* The projecting part of a wharf; the front of a wharf whose side forms one of the cheeks of a dock. *Mar. Dict.*

**JEW**, *n.* [a contraction of Judas or Judah.] A Hebrew or Israelite.

**JEWEL**, *n.* [It. *gioia*, joy, mirth, a jewel; *gioiello*, a jewel; Fr. *joyau*; Sp. *joya*, *joyel*; G. *juwel*; D. *juweel*. It is from the root of joy. Low L. *jocale*. Class Cg.]

1. An ornament worn by ladies, usually consisting of a precious stone, or set with one or more; a pendant worn in the ear.

2. A precious stone. *Shak.*

3. A name expressive of fondness. A mother calls her child, her *jewel*.

**JEWEL**, *v. t.* To dress or adorn with jewels. *B. Jonson*.

**JEWEL-HOUSE**, } The place where  
**JEWEL-OFFICE**, } *n.* the royal ornaments are repositied. *Shak.*

**JEWEL-LIKE**, *a.* Brilliant as a jewel. *Shak.*

**JEWELLED**, *pp.* Adorned with jewels.

**JEWELER**, *n.* One who makes or deals in jewels and other ornaments.

**JEWELING**, *ppr.* Adorning with jewels.

**JEWELRY**, *n.* Jewels in general.

**JEWESS**, *n.* A Hebrew woman. Acts xxiv.

**JEWISH**, *a.* Pertaining to the Jews or Hebrews. Tit. i.

**JEWISHLY**, *adv.* In the manner of the Jews. *Donne*.

**JEWISHNESS**, *n.* The rites of the Jews. *Martin*.

**JEWRY**, *n.* Judea; also, a district inhabited by Jews, whence the name of a street in London. *Chaucer*.

**JEWSEAR**, *n.* The name of a species of Fungus, the *Peziza auricula*, bearing some resemblance to the human ear. *Johnson. Lee*.

**JEWSEAR**, *n.* A plant, a species of *Styrax*.

**JEWSEAR**, *n.* [Jew and harp.] An instrument of music shaped like a harp, which, placed between the teeth and by means of a spring struck by the finger, gives a sound which is modulated by the breath into soft melody. It is called also *Jews-trump*.

**JEWSEAR**, *n.* A plant, a species of *Corchorus*.

**JEWSEAR**, *n.* Asphaltum, which see.

**JEWSEAR**, *n.* The clavated spine of a very large egg-shaped sea urchin petrified. It is a regular figure, oblong and rounded, about three quarters of an inch in length, and half an inch in diameter. Its color is a pale dusky gray, with a tinge of dusky red. *Hill*.

**JEWSEAR**, *n.* An impudent, daring, vicious woman. *Spectator*.

**JIB**, *n.* The foremost sail of a ship, being a large stay-sail extended from the outer