

SCOR'ZA, *n.* [Qu. It. *scorza*, bark; L. *ex* and *cortex*.] In *mineralogy*, a variety of epidote.

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To support, as a wheel, by placing some obstacle to prevent its rolling. Our wagoners and cartmen *scot* the wheels of their wagons and carts, when in ascending a hill they stop to give their team rest, or for other purpose. In Connecticut, I have generally heard this word pronounced *scot*, in Massachusetts, *scotch*.

SCOT, *n.* [Sax. *scat*, a part, portion, angle or bay, a garment or vest, a towel, cloth or sheet; *scat*, *scatola*, *scatt*, money, tax, tribute, toll, price, gift; *sceta*, *scyta*, a sheet. This is the English *shot*, in the phrase, he paid his *shot*; and *scot*, in *scot and lot*. Ice. *skot*, D. *schot*, a wainscot, shot, scot; *school*, a sheet, a shoot, a shot, a sprig, a bolt, the lap, the womb; G. *schoss*, *scot*, a shoot, and *schooss*, lap, womb; Sw. *skatt*, tax, tribute, rent, Eng. *scot*; Dan. *skot*, *skat*, id.; *sktöd*, the lap, the bosom, the waist of a coat; Fr. *ecot*, shot, reckoning, It. *scotto*; Sp. *escote*, shot, reckoning, a tucker, or small piece of linen that shades a woman's breast, also the sloping of a garment; *escota*, a sheet, in seamen's language; Port. *escota*; *escote*, shot, club. This word coincides in elements with *shade*, *scud*, *shoot*, *shed* and *sheet*, all of which convey the sense of driving, or of separating, cutting off.]

In law and English history, a portion of money, assessed or paid; a customary tax or contribution laid on subjects according to their ability; also, a tax or custom paid for the use of a sheriff or bailiff. Hence our modern *shot*; as, to pay one's *shot*.

Scot and lot, parish payments. When persons were taxed unequally, they were said to pay *scot and lot*.

SCOT, *n.* [Sax. *scotta*, *scotte*; W. *ysgolind*, a woodsman, a *Scot*, from *ysgwyd*, a shade; *ysgodi*, to shade, to shelter, Eng. *shade*, which see. This word signifies, according to the Welsh, an inhabitant of the woods, and from the same root probably as *Scythian*, *Scythia*.] A native of Scotland or North Britain.

SCOT'AL, } [scot and ale.] In law, the keeping of an alehouse by the officer of a forest, and drawing people to spend their money for liquor, for fear of his displeasure.

SCOTCH, *a.* Pertaining to Scotland or its inhabitants. [See *Scotish*.]

SCOTCH. [See *Scot*, the verb.]

SCOTCH, *v. t.* [Qu. Arm. *sceigea*, or Sax. *secedm*. This cannot be from Fr. *ecorer*, to flay or peel; *ecoree*, bark.]

To cut with shallow incisions. *Obs.*

SCOTCH, *n.* A slight cut or shallow incision.

SCOTCH-COLLOPS, } *n.* Veal cut into small pieces.

SCOTCH-HOPPER, *n.* A play in which boys hop over scotches or lines in the ground.

SCOT'ER, *n.* The black diver or duck, a species of *Anas*.

SCOT'FREE, *a.* Free from payment or scot; untaxed.

2. Unhurt; clear; safe.

SCOT'TIA, *n.* In architecture, a semicircular cavity or channel between the toes in the bases of columns.

SCOT'ISH, } Pertaining to the inhabitants of Scotland, or to their country or language; as *Scottish* industry or economy; a *Scottish* chief; the *Scottish* dialect.

SCOT'IST, *n.* [from Duns *Scotus*, a *Scottish* cordelier.]

One of the followers of *Scotus*, a sect of school divines who maintained the immaculate conception of the virgin, or that she was born without original sin; in opposition to the Thomists, or followers of *Thomas Aquinas*.

SCOT'OMY, *n.* [Gr. *σχοτωμα*, vertigo, from *σχοτος*, to darken.]

Dizziness or swimming of the head, with dimness of sight.

SCOT'TERING, *n.* A provincial word in Herefordshire, England, denoting the burning of a wad of pease straw at the end of harvest.

SCOT'TICISM, *n.* An idiom or peculiar expression of the natives of Scotland.

SCOTTISH. [See *Scottish*.]

SCOUN'DREL, *n.* [said to be from It. *scoundruele*, a lurker, one that skulks from the roll or muster, from L. *abscondo*. The Italian signifies properly the play hoodman-blind, or fox in the hole.]

A mean, worthless fellow; a rascal; a low petty villain; a man without honor or virtue.

Go, if your ancient but ignoble blood
Has crept through scoundrels ever since the flood.

SCOUN'DREL, *a.* Low; base; mean; unprincipled.

SCOUN'DRELISM, *n.* Baseness; turpitude; rascality.

SCOUR, *v. t.* [Goth. *skauron*, to scour; Sax. *seur*, a scouring; D. *schuuren*; G. *scheuern*; Dan. *skurer*; Sw. *skura*; Arm. *scarhein*, *scuthein* or *scurya*; Fr. *ecurer*, to scour; Sp. *escurar*. See the roots *scr* and *scr*. Class Gr. No. 5. and 8.]

1. To rub hard with something rough, for the purpose of cleaning; as, to *scour* a kettle; to *scour* a musket; to *scour* armor.

2. To clean by friction; to make clean or bright.

3. To purge violently.

4. To remove by scouring.

Never came reformation in a flood
With such a heady current, scouring faults.

5. To range about for taking all that can be found; as, to *scour* the sea of pirates.

6. To pass swiftly over; to brush along; as, to *scour* the coast.

Not so when swift Camilla scours the plain.

SCOUR, *v. i.* To perform the business of cleaning vessels by rubbing.

2. To clean.
Warm water is softer than cold, for it scours better.

3. To be purged to excess.

Bacon. Mortimer.

4. To rove or range for sweeping or taking something.

Barbarossa, thus scouring along the coast of Italy—
Knolles.

5. To run with celerity; to scamper.

So four fierce coursers, starting to the race,
Scour through the plain, and lengthen every pace.

SCOUR'ED, *pp.* Rubbed with something rough, or made clean by rubbing; severely purged; brushed along.

SCOUR'ER, *n.* One that scours or cleans by rubbing.

2. A drastic cathartic.

3. One that runs with speed.

SCOURGE, *n.* *skurj*. [Fr. *escourgie*; It. *scoreggia*, a leather thong; from L. *corrige*, from *corrigo*, to straighten.]

1. A whip; a lash consisting of a strap or cord; an instrument of punishment or discipline.

A scourge of small cords. *John ii.*

2. A punishment; vindictive affliction.

Famine and plague are sent as scourges for amendment. *2 Esdras.*

3. He or that which greatly afflicts, harasses or destroys; particularly, any continued evil or calamity. Attila was called the scourge of God, for the miseries he inflicted in his conquests. Slavery is a terrible scourge.

4. A whip for a top. *Locke.*

SCOURGE, *v. t.* *skurj*. [It. *scoreggiare*.] To whip severely; to lash.

Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman? *Acts xxii.*

2. To punish with severity; to chastise; to afflict for sins or faults, and with the purpose of correction.

He will scourge us for our iniquities, and will have mercy again.

Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. *Heb. xii.*

3. To afflict greatly; to harass, torment or injure.

SCOURG'ED, *pp.* Whipped; lashed; punished severely; harassed.

SCOURG'ER, *n.* One that scourges or punishes; one that afflicts severely.

SCOURG'ING, *ppr.* Whipping; lashing with severity; punishing or afflicting severely.

SCOUR'ING, *ppr.* Rubbing hard with something rough; cleaning by rubbing; cleansing with a drastic cathartic; ranging over for clearing.

SCOUR'ING, *n.* A rubbing hard for cleaning; a cleansing by a drastic purge; looseness; flux.

SCOURSE. [See *Scorse*.]

SCOUT, *n.* [Fr. *ecout*; *ecouter*, to hear, to listen; Norm. *escout*, a hearing; It. *scotta*, a watch; *scollare*, to listen; L. *ausculto*; Gr. *oys*, the ear, and L. *culto*, *colo*.]

1. In military affairs, a person sent before an army, or to a distance, for the purpose of observing the motions of an enemy or discovering any danger, and giving notice to the general. Horsemen are generally employed as scouts.

2. A high rock. [Not in use.]

SCOUT, *v. i.* To go on the business of watching the motions of an enemy; to act as a scout.