

16. To establish or pronounce charges alleged to be true. The grand jury have *found* a bill against the accused, or they *find* a true bill.

17. To supply; to furnish. Who will *find* the money or provisions for this expedition? We will *find* ourselves with provisions and clothing.

18. To discover or gain knowledge of by touching or by sounding. We first sounded and *found* bottom at the depth of ninety five fathoms on the Sole bank.

To *find one's self*; to be; to fare in regard to ease or pain, health or sickness. Pray, sir, how do you *find yourself* this morning?

To *find in*, to supply; to furnish; to provide. He *finds* his nephew in money, victuals and clothes.

To *find out*. To invent; to discover something before unknown.

A man of Tyre *skilled to work in gold*—and to *find out* every device. 2 Chron. ii.

2. To unravel; to solve; as, to *find out* the meaning of a parable or an enigma.

3. To discover; to obtain knowledge of what is hidden; as, to *find out* a secret.

4. To understand; to comprehend. Canst thou by searching *find out* God? Job xi.

5. To detect; to discover; to bring to light; as, to *find out* a thief or a theft; to *find out* a trick.

To *find fault with*, to blame; to censure.

FINDER, *n.* One who meets or falls on any thing; one that discovers what is lost or is unknown; one who discovers by searching, or by accident.

FINDFAULT, *n.* A censurer; a cavalier. *Shak.*

FINDFAULTING, *a.* Apt to censure; captious. *Whitlock.*

FINDING, *ppr.* Discovering.

FINDING, *n.* Discovery; the act of discovering.

2. In *law*, the return of a jury to a bill; a verdict.

FINDY, *a.* [*Sax. findig*, heavy; *gfindig*, capacious; Dan. *fyndig*, strong, emphatical, nervous, weighty, from *fynd*, force, energy, emphasis, strength; probably from crowding, tension, stretching, from *fynd*.]

Full; heavy; or firm, solid, substantial. *Obs.*

A cold May and a windy. Makes the barn fat and *findy*.

FINE, *a.* [*Fr. fin*, whence *finest*; *Sp. Port. fino*, whence *finest*; *It. fino*, whence *finest*; Dan. *fin*; *Sw. fin*; *G. fein*; *D. fyn*; hence to *refine*. The *Ir. fin* is *fin*; and the *W. fain*, *feined*, signifying rising

to a point, as a cone. *Ar.* *افان* *afana*, to diminish. *Class. Bn. No 29.*]

1. Small; thin; slender; minute; of very small diameter; as a *fine* thread; *fine* silk; a *fine* hair. We say also, *fine* sand, *fine* particles.

2. Subtil; thin; tenuous; as, *fine* spirits evaporate; a *finer* medium opposed to a *grosser*. *Bacon.*

3. Thin; keen; smoothly sharp; as the *fine* edge of a razor.

4. Made of fine threads; not coarse; as *fine* linen or cambric.

5. Clear; pure; free from feculence or for-

eign matter; as *fine* gold or silver; wine is not good till *fine*.

6. Refined. Those things were too *fine* to be fortunate, and succeed in all parts. *Bacon.*

7. Nice; delicate; perceiving or discerning minute beauties or deformities; as a *fine* taste; a *fine* sense.

8. Subtil; artful; dextrous. [*See Finess.*] *Bacon.*

9. Subtil; sly; fraudulent. *Hubbard's Tale.*

10. Elegant; beautiful in thought. To call the trumpet by the name of the metal was *fine*. *Dryden.*

11. Very handsome; beautiful with dignity. The lady has a *fine* person, or a *fine* face.

12. Accomplished; elegant in manners. He was one of the *finest* gentlemen of his age.

13. Accomplished in learning; excellent; as a *fine* scholar.

14. Excellent; superior; brilliant or acute; as a man of *fine* genius.

15. Amiable; noble; ingenuous; excellent; as a man of a *fine* mind.

16. Showy; splendid; elegant; as a range of *fine* buildings; a *fine* house or garden; a *fine* view.

17. Ironically, worthy of contemptuous notice; eminent for bad qualities. That same knave, Ford, her husband, has the *finest* mad devil of jealousy in him, Master Brook, that ever governed frenzy. *Shak.*

Fine *arts*, or polite arts, are the arts which depend chiefly on the labors of the mind or imagination, and whose object is pleasure; as poetry, music, painting and sculpture.

The uses of this word are so numerous and indefinite, as to preclude a particular definition of each. In general, *fine*, in popular language, expresses whatever is excellent, showy or magnificent.

FINE, *n.* (This word is the basis of *financer*, but I have not found it, in its simple form, in any modern language, except the English. Junius says that *fin*, in Cimbrie, is a mulet, and *finio*, to *fine*. The word seems to be the *L. finis*, and the application of it to pecuniary compensation seems to have proceeded from its feudal use, in the transfer of lands, in which a *final* agreement or concord was made between the lord and his vassal. See *fine* *finah*. *Class. Bn. No. 23.*)

1. In a feudal sense, a final agreement between persons concerning lands or rents, or between the lord and his vassal, prescribing the conditions on which the latter should hold his lands. *Spelman.*

2. A sum of money paid to the lord by his tenant, for permission to alienate or transfer his lands to another. This in England was exacted only from the king's tenants *in capite*. *Blackstone.*

3. A sum of money paid to the king or state by way of penalty for an offense; a mulet; a pecuniary punishment. *Fines* are usually prescribed by statute, for the several violations of law; or the limit is prescribed, beyond which the judge cannot impose a *fine* for a particular offense.

In *fine*. [*Fr. en fin*; *L. in finis*.] In the end or conclusion; to conclude; to sum up all.

FINE, *v. t.* [*See Fine*, the adjective.] To clarify; to refine; to purify; to defecate; to free from feculence or foreign matter; as, to *fine* wine.

[*This is the most general use of this word.*]

2. To purify, as a metal; as, to *fine* gold or silver. In this sense, we now generally use *refine*; but *fine* is proper. *Job xxvii.*

Prov. xvii.

3. To make less coarse; as, to *fine* grass. [*Not used.*] *Mortimer.*

4. To decorate; to adorn. [*Not in use.*] *Shak.*

FINE, *v. t.* [*See Fine*, the noun.] To impose on one a pecuniary penalty, payable to the government, for a crime or breach of law; to set a *fine* on by judgment of a court; to punish by *fine*. The trespassers were *fined* ten dollars and imprisoned a month.

2. *v. i.* To pay a *fine*. [*Not used.*] *Oldham.*

FINEDRAW, *v. t.* [*fine* and *draw*.] To sew up a rent with so much nicety that it is not perceived. *Johnson.*

FINEDRAWING, *n.* One who *finedraws*.

FINEDRAWING, *n.* Renting; a dextrous or nice sewing up the rents of cloths or stuffs. *Encyc.*

FINEFINGERED, *a.* Nice in workmanship; dextrous at *fine* work. *Johnson.*

FINESPOKEN, *a.* Using *fine* phrases. *Chesterfield.*

FINESPUN, *a.* Drawn to a fine thread; minute; subtle.

FINESTILL, *v. t.* To distill spirit from me-lasses, treacle or some preparation of such a fine matter. *Encyc.*

FINESTILLER, *n.* One who distills spirit from treacle or melasses. *Encyc.*

FINESTILLING, *n.* The operation of distilling spirit from melasses or treacle. *Encyc.*

FINED, *pp.* Refined; purified; defecated.

2. Subjected to a pecuniary penalty.

FINELESS, *a.* Endless; boundless. [*Not used.*] *Shak.*

FINELY, *adv.* In minute parts; as a substance *finely* pulverized.

2. To a thin or sharp edge; as an instrument *finely* sharpened.

3. Gaily; handsomely; beautifully; with elegance and taste. She was *finely* attired.

4. With elegance or beauty. *Plutarch* says very *finely*, that a man should not allow himself to hate even his enemies; for if you indulge this passion on some occasions, it will rise of itself in others. *Adams.*

5. With advantage; very favorably; as a house or garden *finely* situated.

6. Nicely; delicately; as a stuff *finely* wrought.

7. Purely; completely. *Clarendon.*

8. By way of irony, wretchedly; in a manner deserving of contemptuous notice. He is *finely* caught in his own snare.

FINENESS, *n.* [*Fr. finesse*; *It. finezza*.] Thinness; smallness; slenderness; as the *fineness* of a thread or silk. Hence,

2. Consisting of fine threads; as *fine* linen.

3. Smallness; minuteness; as the *fineness* of sand or particles; the *fineness* of soil or mold.