

4. Clearness; purity; freedom from foreign matter; as the *fineness* of wine or other liquor; the *fineness* of gold.
5. Niceness; delicacy; as the *fineness* of taste.
6. Keeness; sharpness; thinness; as the *fineness* of an edge.
7. Elegance; beauty; as *fineness* of person.
8. Capacity for delicate or refined conceptions; as the *fineness* of genius.
9. Show; splendor; gayety of appearance; elegance; as the *fineness* of clothes or dress.
10. Clearness; as the *fineness* of complexion.
11. Subtily; artfulness; ingenuity; as the *fineness* of wit.
12. Smoothness. *Drayton.*
- FINGER, *n.* One who refines or purifies. *Prov. xxv. 4.*
2. *a.* Comparative of *fine*.
- FINGERY, *n.* Show; splendor; gayety of colors or appearance; as the *finery* of a dress.
2. Showy articles of dress; gay clothes, jewels, trinkets, &c.
3. In iron-works, the second forge at the iron-mills. [See *Finery*.]
- FINESS, *s.* { [*Fr. finesse*; *It. finezza*; *Sp. finesse*, *finezza*; properly, *fineness*.]
- Artifice; stratagem; subtlety of contrivance to gain a point.
- FINESS, *v. t.* To use artifice or stratagem.
- FINESSING, *ppr.* Practicing artifice to accomplish a purpose.
- FIN-FISH, *n.* A species of slender whale.
- FIN-FOOTED, *a.* Having palmated feet, or feet with toes connected by a membrane. *Brown.*
- FINGER, *n.* *finger*. [*Sax. finger*, from *fengan*, to take or seize; *G. Sw. Dan. id.*; *D. vinger*. But *n* is not radical, for the *Goth.* is *figgers*.]
1. One of the extreme parts of the hand, a small member shooting to a point. The fingers have joints which peculiarly fit them to be the instruments of catching, seizing and holding. When we speak of the fingers generally, we include the thumb; as the *five* fingers. But we often make a distinction. The *fingers* and thumb consist of fifteen bones; three to each. The word is applied to some other animals as well to man.
2. A certain measure. We say a *finger's* breadth, or the breadth of the four *fingers*, or of three *fingers*.
3. The hand. *Waller.*
Who teacheth my *fingers* to fight. *Ps. cxlv.*
4. The *finger* or *fingers* of God, in scripture, signify his power, strength or operation. The magicians said to Pharaoh, this is the *finger* of God. *Ex. viii.*
5. In music, ability; skill in playing on a keyed instrument. She has a good *finger*. *Busby.*
- FINGER, *v. t.* To handle with the fingers; to touch lightly; to toy. The covetous man delights to *finger* money.
2. To touch or take thievishly; to pilfer.
3. To touch an instrument of music; to play on an instrument. *Shak.*

4. To perform work with the fingers; to execute delicate work.
5. To handle without violence. *Bp. Hall.*
- FINGER, *v. i.* To dispose the fingers aptly in playing on an instrument. *Busby.*
- FINGER-BOARD, *n.* The board at the neck of a violin, guitar or the like, where the fingers act on the strings. *Wood.*
- FINGERED, *pp.* Played on; handled; touched.
2. *a.* Having fingers. In botany, digitate; having leaflets like fingers.
- FINGER-FERN, *n.* A plant, asplenium. *Johnson.*
- FINGERING, *ppr.* Handling; touching lightly.
- FINGERING, *n.* The act of touching lightly or handling. *Greco.*
2. The manner of touching an instrument of music. *Shak.*
3. Delicate work made with the fingers. *Spenser.*
- FINGER-SHELL, *n.* A marine shell resembling a finger. *Dict. of Nat. Hist.*
- FINGER-STONE, *n.* A fossil resembling an arrow. *Johnson.*
- FINGLE-FANGLE, *n.* A trifle. [*Vulgar.*] *Hudibras.*
- FINGRIGO, *n.* A plant, of the genus *Pisonia*. The fruit is a kind of berry or plum. *Lee. Ed. Encyc.*
- FINGICAL, *a.* [from *finæ*.] Nice; spruce; foppish; pretending to great nicety or superfluous elegance; as a *finical* fellow.
2. Affectedly nice or showy; as a *finical* dress.
- FINGICALLY, *adv.* With great nicety or spruceness; foppishly.
- FINGICALNESS, *n.* Extreme nicety in dress or manners; foppishness. *Warburton.*
- FINGING, *ppr.* [See *Finæ*, the verb.] Clarifying; refining; purifying; defecating; separating from extraneous matter.
2. [See *Finæ*, the noun.] Imposing a fine or pecuniary penalty.
- FINGING-POT, *n.* A vessel in which metals are refined.
- FINIS, *n.* [L.] An end; conclusion.
- FINISH, *v. t.* [Arm. *finizza*; *Fr. finir*; *L. finio*, from *finis*, an end, *Ir. fuin*, *W. fin*. *Class Bn. No. 23.*]
1. To arrive at the end of, in performance; to complete; as, to *finish* a house; to *finish* a journey.
- Thus the heavens and the earth were *finished*. *Gen. ii.*
2. To make perfect.
- Episodes, taken separately, *finish* nothing. *Broome.*
3. To bring to an end; to end; to put an end to.
- Seventy weeks are determined on thy people, and on thy holy city, to *finish* the transgression, and make an end of sins. *Dan. ix.*
4. To perfect; to accomplish; to polish to the degree of excellence intended. In this sense it is frequently used in the participle of the perfect tense as an adjective. It is a *finished* performance. He is a *finished* scholar.
- FINISHED, *pp.* Completed; ended; done; perfected.
2. *a.* Complete; perfect; polished to the highest degree of excellence; as a *finished* poem; a *finished* education.

- FIN-ISHER, *n.* One who finishes; one who completely performs. *Shak.*
2. One who puts an end to. *Hooker.*
3. One who completes or perfects.
- Jesus, the author and *finisher* of our faith. *Heb. xii.*
- FIN'ISHING, *ppr.* Completing; perfecting; bringing to an end.
- FIN'ISHING or FIN'ISH, *n.* Completion; completeness; perfection; last polish. *Warburton.*
- FINITE, *a.* [L. *finitus*, from *finio*, to finish, from *finis*, limit.] Having a limit; limited; bounded; opposed to *infinite*, as *finite* number, *finite* existence; applied to this life, we say, a *finite* being, *finite* duration.
- FINITELY, *adv.* Within limits; to a certain degree only. *Stillington.*
- FINITENESS, *n.* Limitation; confinement within certain boundaries; as the *finiteness* of our natural powers.
- FINITUDE, *n.* Limitation. [Not used.] *Cheyne.*
- FIN'LESS, *a.* [from *fin*.] Destitute of *finis*; as *finless* fish. *Shak.*
- FIN'LIKE, *a.* Resembling a fin; as a *fin-like* oar. *Dryden.*
- FINN, *n.* A native of Finland, in Europe.
- FIN'NED, *a.* Having broad edges on either side; applied to a plow. *Mortimer.*
- FIN'NIRIN, *n.* A sort of pigeon, with a crest somewhat resembling the mane of a horse. *Dict. of Nat. Hist.*
- FIN'NY, *a.* Furnished with fins; as *finny* fish; *finny* tribes; *finny* prey. *Dryden. Pope.*
- FIN'TOED, *a.* [*fin* and *toe*.] Palmated; palmated; having toes connected by a membrane, as aquatic fowls.
- FINO CHIO, *n.* [It. *finocchio*.] A variety of fennel.
- FINS'CALE, *n.* A river fish, called the rudd. *Chambers.*
- FIP'PLE, *n.* [L. *fibula*.] A stopper. [Not in use.] *Bacon.*
- FIR, *n.* [W. *pyrr*, what shoots to a point, a fir-tree; *Sax. furh-wudu*, fir-wood; *G. fuhre*; *Sw. furu-trå*; *Dan. fyrr-træ*. The Dutch call it *sparr-boom*, spar-tree.] The name of several species of the genus *Pinus*; as the Scotch fir, the silver fir, spruce fir, hemlock fir, and oriental fir.
- FIR-TREE. [See *Fir*.]
- FIRE, *n.* [*Sax. fyrr*; *G. feuer*; *D. vuur*; *Dan. Sw. fyrr*; *Gr. xep. Qu. Coptic, pira*, the sun; *New Guinea, for*. The radical sense of *fire* is usually, to rush, to rage, to be violently agitated; and if this is the sense of *fire*, it coincides with *L. furo*. It may be from shining or consuming. See *Class Br. No. 2. 6. 9. 30.*]
1. Heat and light emanating visibly, perceptibly and simultaneously from any body; caloric; the unknown cause of the sensation of heat and of the retrocession of the homogeneous particles of bodies from one another, producing expansion, and thus enlarging all their dimensions; one of the causes of magnetism, as evinced by Dr. Hare's calorimeter. *Silliman.*
- In the popular acceptance of the word, fire is the effect of combustion. The combustible body ignited or heated to redness we call *fire*; and when ascending in a stream