

3. To fill with spite or vexation ; to offend ; to vex.

Darius, *spited* at the Magi, endeavored to abolish not only their learning but their language. [*Not used.*] *Temple.*

SPITTED, *pp.* Hated ; vexed.

SPITEFUL, *a.* Filled with spite ; having a desire to vex, annoy or injure ; malignant ; malicious.

—A wayward son,

Spiteful and wrathful. *Shak.*

SPITEFULLY, *adv.* With a desire to vex, annoy or injure ; malignantly ; maliciously.

Swift.

SPITEFULNESS, *n.* The desire to vex, annoy or mischief, proceeding from irritation ; malice ; malignity.

It looks more like *spitefulness* and ill nature, than a diligent search after truth. *Keil.*

SPITTED, *pp.* [from *spit*.] Put upon a spit.

2. Shot out into length. *Bacon.*

SPITTER, *n.* One that puts meat on a spit.

2. One who ejects saliva from his mouth.

3. A young deer whose horns begin to shoot or become sharp ; a brocket or pricket.

Encyc.

SPITTING, *ppr.* Putting on a spit.

2. Ejecting saliva from the mouth.

SPITTLE, *n.* [from *spit*.] Saliva ; the thick moist matter which is secreted by the salivary glands and ejected from the mouth.

2. A small sort of spade. [*spaddle.*]

SPITTLE. [*See Spital.*]

SPITTLE, *v. t.* To dig or stir with a small spade. [*Local.*]

SPITVENOM, *n.* [*spit* and *venom*.] Poison ejected from the mouth. *Hooker.*

SPLANCHOLOGY, *n.* [*Gr. σπλῆγνα*, bowels, and *λογος*, discourse.]

1. The doctrine of the viscera ; or a treatise or description of the viscera. *Hooper.*

2. The doctrine of diseases of the internal parts of the body. *Core.*

SPLASH, *v. t.* [formed on *plash*.] To spatter with water, or with water and mud.

SPLASH, *v. i.* To strike and dash about water.

SPLASH, *n.* Water or water and dirt thrown upon any thing, or thrown from a puddle and the like.

SPLASHY, *a.* Full of dirty water ; wet ; wet and muddy.

SPLAY, *v. i.* [*See Display.*] To dislocate or break a horse's shoulder bone. *Johnson.*

2. To spread. [*Little used.*] *Mease.*

SPLAY, for *display*. [*Not in use.*]

SPLAY, *a.* Displayed ; spread ; turned outward. *Sidney.*

SPLA/YFOOT, } *a.* Having the foot

SPLA/YFOOTED, } *a.* turned outward ;

having a wide foot. *Pope.*

SPLA/YMOUTH, *n.* A wide mouth ; a

mouth stretched by design.

SPLEEN, *n.* [*L. splen* ; *Gr. σπλήν*.] The milt ; a soft part of the viscera of animals, whose use is not well understood. The ancients supposed this to be the seat of melancholy, anger or vexation. Hence,

2. Anger ; latent spite ; ill humor. Thus we say, to vent one's *spleen*.

In noble minds some dregs remain,
Not yet purged off, of *spleen* and sour dis-

dain. *Pope.*

3. A fit of anger. *Shak.*

4. A fit ; a sudden motion. [*Not used.*]

Shak.

5. Melancholy ; hypochondriacal affections. —Bodies chang'd to recent forms by *spleen*. *Pope.*

6. Immoderate merriment. [*Not in use.*] *Shak.*

SPLEENED, *a.* Deprived of the spleen.

SPLEENFUL, *a.* Angry ; peevish ; fretful.

Myself have calm'd their *spleenful* mutiny. *Shak.*

2. Melancholy ; hypochondriacal.

SPLEENLESS, *a.* Kind ; gentle ; mild.

SPLEENWÖRT, *n.* [*L. splenium*.] A plant

of the genus *Asplenium* ; miltwaste.

SPLEENY, *a.* Angry ; peevish ; fretful.

A *spleeny* Lutheran, and not wholesome to

Our cause. *Shak.*

2. Melancholy ; affected with nervous com-

plaints.

SPLÉNDENT, *a.* [*L. splendens, splendo*, to

shine.]

1. Shining ; glossy ; beaming with light ; as

splendent planets ; *splendent* metals. *Newton.*

2. Very conspicuous ; illustrious. *Wotton.*

SPLÉNDID, *a.* [*L. splendidus*, from *splendo*,

to shine ; *Fr. splendido* ; *It. splendido* ;

W. ysplan, from *plan*, clear. *See Plain.*]

1. Properly, shining ; very bright ; as a *splendid*

sun. Hence,

2. Showy ; magnificent ; sumptuous ; pomp-

ous ; as a *splendid* palace ; a *splendid* pro-

cession ; a *splendid* equipage ; a *splendid*

feast or entertainment.

3. Illustrious ; heroic ; brilliant ; as a *splendid*

victory.

4. Illustrious ; famous ; celebrated ; as a

splendid reputation.

SPLÉNDIDLY, *adv.* With great brightness

or brilliant light.

2. Magnificently ; sumptuously ; richly ; as a

house *splendidly* furnished.

3. With great pomp or show. The king was

splendidly attended.

SPLÉNDOR, *n.* [*L. from the Celtic* ; *W. ys-*

plander, from *pleiniaw*, *dyspleiniaw*, to cast

rays, from *plan*, a ray, a cion or shoot, a

plane ; whence *plant*. *See Plant* and

Plant.]

1. Great brightness ; brilliant luster ; as the

splendor of the sun.

2. Great show of richness and elegance ;

magnificence ; as the *splendor* of equipage

or of royal robes.

3. Pomp ; parade ; as the *splendor* of a pro-

cession or of ceremonies.

4. Brilliance ; eminence ; as the *splendor* of

a victory.

SPLÉNDROUS, *a.* Having splendor. [*Not*

in use.] *Drayton.*

SPLÉNETIC, *a.* [*L. spleneticus*.] Affected

with spleen ; peevish ; fretful.

You humor me when I am sick ;

Why not when I am *splenetic* ? *Pope.*

SPLÉNETIC, *n.* A person affected with

spleen. *Tatler.*

SPLÉNIC, *a.* [*Fr. splénique*.] Belonging to

the spleen ; as the *splenic* vein. *Ray.*

SPLÉNISH, *a.* Affected with spleen ; peev-

ish ; fretful. *Drayton.*

SPLÉNTIVE, *a.* Hot ; fiery ; passionate ;

irritable. [*Not in use.*]

I am not *splénitive* and rash. *Shak.*

SPLÉNT, *n.* A callous substance or insens-
ible swelling on the shank-bone of a horse.

Far. Dict.

2. A splint. [*See Splint.*]

SPLICE, { *v. t.* [*Sw. splissa* ; *D. splissen* ;

G. splissen ; *Dan. splidser*,

from *spider*, *splitter*, to *split*, to divide. It

should be written *splice*.]

To separate the strands of the two ends of

a rope, and unite them by a particular

manner of interweaving them ; or to unite

the end of a rope to any part of another

by a like interweaving of the strands.

There are different modes of splicing, as

the short splice, long splice, eye splice, &c.

Mar. Dict.

SPLICE, *n.* The union of ropes by inter-

weaving the strands. *Mar. Dict.*

SPLINT, { *n.* [*D. splinter* ; *G. splint* or

SPLINTER, } *n.* *splitter* ; *Dan. splindt*.

Qu. is *n* radical?]

1. A piece of wood split off ; a thin piece

(in proportion to its thickness,) of wood or

other solid substance, rent from the main

body ; as *splinters* of a ship's side or mast,

rent off by a shot.

2. In surgery, a thin piece of wood or other

substance, used to hold or confine a broken

bone when set.

3. A piece of bone rent off in a fracture.

SPLINT, { *v. t.* To split or rent into

SPLINTER, } long thin pieces ; to

shiver ; as, the lightning *splinters* a tree.

2. To confine with splinters, as a broken

limb.

SPLINTER, *v. i.* To be split or rent into

long pieces.

SPLINTERED, *pp.* Split into splinters ;

secured by splints.

SPLINTERY, *a.* Consisting of splinters,

or resembling splinters ; as the *splintery*

fracture of a mineral, which discovers

scales arising from splits or fissures, paral-

lel to the line of fracture.

Kirwan. Fourcroy.

SPLIT, *v. t.* pret. and *pp. split*. [*D. splitten* ;

Dan. splitter ; *G. splittern* or *spleissen* ; *Eth.*

Ⲕ ⲕ ⲙ falt, to separate, to divide, the

same verb which, in other Shemitic lan-

guages, Heb. Ch. Syr. פלט, signifies to es-

cape. *See Spalt.*]

1. To divide longitudinally or lengthwise ;

to separate a thing from end to end by

force ; to rive ; to cleave ; as, to *split* a

piece of timber ; to *split* a board. It dif-

fers from *crack*. To *crack* is to open or

partially separate ; to *split* is to separate

entirely.

2. To rend ; to tear asunder by violence ; to

burst ; as, to *split* a rock or a sail.

Cold winter *splits* the rocks in twain.

Dryden.

3. To divide ; to part ; as, to *split* a hair.

The phrases to *split* the heart, to *split* a

ray of light, are now inelegant and obso-

lete, especially the former. The phrase,

to *split* the earth, is not strictly correct.

4. To dash and break on a rock ; as, a ship

stranded and *split*. *Mar. Dict.*

5. To divide ; to break into discord ; as a

people *split* into parties.

6. To strain and pain with laughter ; as, to

split the sides.

SPLIT, *v. i.* To burst ; to part asunder ; to

suffer disruption ; as, vessels *split* by the