

DARN, *v. t.* [W. *darn*; Arm. *darn*; Fr. *darné*; a piece or patch.]

To mend a rent or hole, by imitating the texture of the cloth or stuff with yarn or thread and a needle; to sew together with yarn or thread. It is used particularly of stockings.

Gay. Scifl.

D'ARN, *n.* A place mended by darning.

D'ARNEL, *n.* A plant of the genus *Lolium*, a kind of grass; the most remarkable species are the red darnel or rye-grass, and the white darnel.

D'ARNER, *n.* One who mends by darning.

DARNING, *ppr.* Mending in imitation of the original texture; sewing together; as a torn stocking, or cloth.

DARNING, *n.* The act of mending, as a hole in a garment.

DARRAIN, *v. t.* [Norm. *dareigner*, *derener*, *deraigner*, *deraigner*, to prove, to testify, to clear himself; to institute; noun, *darrain*, or *derene*, or *d'reigne*, proof; also, *derrenier*, to endeavor. In Chaucer, the word is interpreted to *contest*.]

But for thou art a worthy gentil knight,
And without to *darraine* has by bataille.

The word is probably compound. But neither the origin nor the signification is obvious.]

To prepare, or to order; or to try; to endeavor; to prove; to apply to the contest.

Obs. Carew. Spenser. Shak.

DART, *n.* [Fr. *dard*; Arm. *dared* or *dard*; It. *Sp. Port. dardo*; Russ. *drot*. In Sw. *dart* is a dagger. The word is from some verb signifying to throw or thrust. In Gr. *δάρσ* is a spear or lance.]

1. A pointed missile weapon to be thrown by the hand; a short lance.

2. Any missile weapon; in which pierces and wounds.

And from about her shot *darts* of desire.

DART, *v. t.* To throw a pointed instrument with a sudden thrust; as, to *dart* a javelin.

2. To throw suddenly or rapidly; to send; to emit; to shoot; applied to small objects, which pass with velocity; as, the sun *darts* his beams on the earth.

Or what ill eyes malignant glances *dart*.

Pope.

DART, *v. i.* To fly or shoot, as a dart; to fly rapidly.

2. To spring and run with velocity; to start suddenly and run; as, the deer *darted* from the thicket.

DARTED, *pp.* Thrown or hurled as a pointed instrument; sent with velocity.

DARTER, *n.* One who throws a dart.

DARTING, *ppr.* Throwing as a dart; hurling darts; flying rapidly.

DASH, *v. t.* [In Dan. *dask* signifies a blow; in Sw. *daska*, to strike; in Scot. *dusht*, to

rush. In Persic  is an assault on an enemy. See Class Ds. No. 3. 4. 5. 14. 22. 30. 31. 40.]

1. To strike suddenly or violently, whether throwing or falling; as, to *dash* one stone against another.

Bacon.

Least thou *dash* thy foot against a stone.

Matt. iv.

2. To strike and bruise or break; to break by collision; but usually with the words, in pieces.

Thou shalt *dash* them in pieces, as a potter's vessel. *Ps. li.*

3. To throw water suddenly, in separate portions; as, to *dash* water on the head.

4. To bespatter; to sprinkle; as, to *dash* a garment. *Shak.*

5. To strike and break or disperse.

At once the brushing oars and brazen prow
Dash up the sandy waves, and ope the depth below. *Dryden.*

6. To mix and reduce or adulterate by throwing in another substance; as, to *dash* wine with water; the story is *dashed* with fables.

7. To form or sketch out in haste, carelessly. [Unusual.] *Pope.*

8. To erase at a stroke; to strike out; to blot out or obliterate; as, to *dash* out a line or word. *Pope.*

9. To break; to destroy; to frustrate; as, to *dash* all their schemes and hopes.

10. To confound; to confuse; to put to shame; to abash; to depress by shame or fear; as, he was *dashed* at the appearance of the judge.

Dash the proud gamester in his gilded car. *Pope.*

DASH, *v. i.* To strike, break, scatter and fly off; as, agitate water and it will *dash* over the sides of a vessel; the waves *dashed* over the side of the ship.

2. To rush, strike and break or scatter; as, the waters *dash* down the precipice.

3. To rush with violence, and break through; as, he *dashed* into the enemy's ranks; or he *dashed* through thick and thin.

DASH, *n.* Collision; a violent striking of two bodies; as the *dash* of clouds.

Thomson.

2. Infusion; admixture; something thrown into another substance; as, the wine has a *dash* of water.

Innocence, with a *dash* of folly. *Addison.*

3. Admixture; as, red with a *dash* of purple.

4. A rushing, or onset with violence; as, to make a *dash* upon the enemy.

5. A sudden stroke; a blow; an act. She takes upon her bravely at first *dash*.

6. A flourish; blustering parade; as, the young fop made a *dash*. [Fulgar.]

7. A mark or line in writing or printing, noting a break or stop in the sentence; as in Virgil, quos ego —; or a pause; or the division of the sentence.

DASH-ED, *pp.* Struck violently; driven against; bruised, broken or scattered by collision; besprinkled; mixed or adulterated; erased, blotted out; broken; cast down; confounded; abashed.

DASHING, *ppr.* Driving and striking against; striking suddenly or violently; breaking or scattering by collision; infusing; mixing; confounding; blotting out; rushing.

2. a. Rushing; driving; blustering; as a *dashing* fellow.

3. a. Precipitate; rushing carelessly on. *Burke.*

DASTARD, *n.* [In Sax. *adastigran* is to frighten, to deter.]

A coward; a poltroon; one who meanly shrinks from danger. *Dryden.*

DASTARD, *n.* Cowardly; meanly shrinking from danger.

Curse on their dastard souls. *Addison.*

DASTARD, *v. t.* To make cowardly; to intimidate; to dispirit. *Dryden.*

DASTARDIZE, *v. t.* To make cowardly. *Howell.*

DASTARDLINESS, *n.* [from *dastardly*.] Cowardliness. *Barrett.*

DASTARDLY, *a.* Cowardly; meanly timid; base; sneaking. *Herbert.*

DASTARDNESS, *n.* Cowardliness; mean timorousness.

DASTARDY, *n.* Cowardliness; base timidity.

DATA, *n. plu.* [L. *data*, given.] Things given, or admitted; quantities, principles or facts given, known, or admitted, by which to find things or results unknown.

DATARY, *n.* An officer of the chancery of Rome, who affixes the *datum Rome* to the pope's bulls.

2. The employment of a datary.

DATE, *n.* [Fr. *date*; It. *Sp. Sp. L. datum*, given, from *do*, to give, Sans. *da*, *datu*.]

1. That addition to a writing which specifies the year, month and day when it was given or executed. In letters, it notes the time when they are written or sent; in deeds, contracts, wills and other papers, it specifies the time of execution, and usually the time from which they are to take effect and operate on the rights of persons. To the date is usually added the name of the place where a writing is executed, and this is sometimes included in the term *date*.

2. The time when any event happened, when any thing was transacted, or when any thing is to be done; as the *date* of a battle; the *date* of Cesar's arrival in Britain.

3. End; conclusion. [Unusual.]

What time would spare, from steel receives its *date*. *Pope.*

4. Duration; continuance; as, ages of endless *date*. *Milton.*

DATE, *v. t.* To write or note the time when a letter is written, or a writing executed; to express, in an instrument, the year, month and day of its execution, and usually the place; as, to *date* a letter, a bond, a deed, or a charter.

2. To note or fix the time of an event or transaction. Historians *date* the fulfillment of a prophecy at different periods.

3. To note the time when something begins; as, to *date* a disease or calamity from a certain cause.

DATE, *v. i.* To reckon.

2. To begin; to have origin.

The Batavian republic *dates* from the successes of the French arms. *E. Everett.*

DATE, *n.* [Fr. *dalle*, for *dacte*; It. *datter*; Sp. *datil*; L. *dactylus*; Gr. *dactylos*.]

The fruit of the great palm-tree, or date-tree, the Phoenix *dactylifera*. This fruit is somewhat in the shape of an acorn, composed of a thin light glossy membrane, somewhat pellucid and yellowish, containing a soft pulpy fruit, firm and sweet, esculent and wholesome, and in this is inclosed a hard kernel. *Encyc.*

DATE-TREE, *n.* The tree that bears dates; the great palm-tree.

DATED, *pp.* Having the time of writing or execution specified; having the time of happening noted.