

SEMI-DITONE, *n.* [*semi* and *It. ditono*.] In music, a lesser third, having its terms as 6 to 5; a hemi-ditone. *Encyc.*

SEMI-DOUBLE, *n.* [*semi* and *double*.] In the Romish breviary, an office or feast celebrated with less solemnity than the double ones, but with more than the single ones. *Bailey.*

SEMI-FLORET, *n.* [*semi* and *floret*.] A half floret, which is tubulous at the beginning, like a floret, and afterwards expanded in the form of a tongue. *Bailey.*

SEMI-FLOS'CULOUS, *a.* [*semi* and *L. flosculus*, a little flower. *Semifloscular* is also used, but is less analogical.]

Composed of semiflorets; ligulate; as a semifloscular flower. *Martyn.*

SEMI-FLUID, *a.* [*semi* and *fluid*.] Imperfectly fluid. *Arbuthnot.*

SEMI-FORMED, *a.* [*semi* and *formed*.] Half formed; imperfectly formed; as semiformed crystals. *Edwards, W. Indies.*

SEMI-INDURATED, *a.* [*semi* and *indurated*.] Imperfectly indurated or hardened.

SEMI-LAPIDIFIED, *a.* [*semi* and *lapidified*.] Imperfectly changed into stone. *Kirwan.*

SEMI-LENTICULAR, *a.* [*semi* and *lenticular*.] Half lenticular or convex; imperfectly resembling a lens. *Kirwan.*

SEMILUNAR, *a.* [*Fr. semilunaire*; *L. semilunary*, *a.* [*semi* and *luna*, moon.] Resembling in form a half moon. *Grew.*

SEMI-METAL, *n.* [*semi* and *metal*.] An imperfect metal, or rather a metal that is not malleable, as bismuth, arsenic, nickel, cobalt, zink, antimony, manganese, tungsten, molybden, and granite. The name however is usually given to the regulus of these substances. *Nicholson.*

SEMI-METALLIC, *a.* Pertaining to a semi-metal, or partaking of its nature and qualities. *Kirwan.*

SEMINAL, *a.* [*Fr. from L. seminalis*, from *semen*, seed; from the root of *sow*.] 1. Pertaining to seed, or to the elements of production.

2. Contained in seed; radical; rudimental; original; as seminal principles of generation; seminal virtue. *Glanville. Swift.*

Seminal leaf, the same as seed-leaf.

SEMINAL, *n.* Seminal state. *Brown.*

SEMINALITY, *n.* The nature of seed; or the power of being produced. *Brown.*

SEMINARIST, *n.* [*from seminary*.] A Romish priest educated in a seminary. *Sheldon.*

SEMINARY, *n.* [*Fr. seminaire*; *L. seminarium*, from *semen*, seed; *semino*, to sow.]

1. A seed-plot; ground where seed is sown for producing plants for transplantation; a nursery; as, to transplant trees from a seminary. *Mortimer.*

[In this sense, the word is not used in America; being superseded by *nursery*.]

2. The place or original stock whence any thing is brought.

This stratum, being the *seminary* or promontory, furnishing matter for the formation of animal and vegetable bodies— *Woodward.*

[Not in use.]

3. Seminal state. [Not in use.] *Brown.*

4. Source of propagation. *Harvey.*

5. A place of education; any school, academy, college or university, in which young

persons are instructed in the several branches of learning which may qualify them for their future employments. [*This is the only signification of the word in the United States, at least as far as my knowledge extends.*]

6. A Romish priest educated in a seminary; a seminarist. *B. Jonson.*

SEMINARY, *a.* Seminal; belonging to seed. *Smith.*

SEMINATE, *v. t.* [*L. semino*.] To sow; to spread; to propagate. *Waterhouse.*

SEMINATION, *n.* [*L. seminatio*.] The act of sowing. *Wotton.*

2. In botany, the natural dispersion of seeds. *Martyn.*

SEMINED, *a.* Thick covered, as with seeds. *Obs. B. Jonson.*

SEMINIFEROUS, *a.* [*L. semen*, seed, and *fero*, to produce.]

Seed-bearing; producing seed. *Darwin.*

SEMINIFICE, *a.* [*L. semen*, seed, and

SEMINIFICAL, *a.* [*facio*, to make.]

Forming or producing seed. *Brown.*

SEMINIFICATION, *n.* Propagation from the seed or seminal parts. *Hale.*

SEMI-OPAKE, *a.* [*L. semi* and *opa-*

SEMI-OPACOUS, *a.* [*cus*.] Half transparent only. *Boyle.*

SEMI-OPAL, *n.* A variety of opal. *Jameson.*

SEMI-ORBITAL, *a.* [*semi* and *orbicular*.]

Having the shape of a half orb or sphere. *Martyn.*

SEMI-ORDINATE, *n.* [*semi* and *ordinate*.]

In conic sections, a line drawn at right angles to and bisected by the axis, and reaching from one side of the section to the other; the half of which is properly the semi-ordinate, but is now called the ordinate.

SEMI-OSSEOUS, *a.* [*semi* and *osseous*.] Half as hard as bone. *Med. and Phys. Journal.*

SEMI-OVATE, *a.* [*semi* and *ovate*.] Half egg-shaped. *Lee.*

SEMI-OXYGENATED, *a.* Half saturated with oxygen. *Kirwan.*

SEMI-PALMATE, *a.* [*semi* and *pal-*

SEMI-PALMATED, *a.* [*mata*.] Half palmated or webbed. *Nut. Hist.*

SEMI-PEDE, *n.* [*semi* and *L. pes*, a foot.] A half foot in poetry.

SEMIPEDAL, *a.* Containing a half foot.

SEMI-PELAGIAN, *n.* In ecclesiastical history, the Semi-pelagians are persons who retain some tincture of the doctrines of Pelagius. See *Pelagianism*. They hold that God has not by predestination dispensed his grace to one more than to another; that Christ died for all men; that the grace purchased by Christ and necessary to salvation, is offered to all men; that man, before he receives grace, is capable of faith and holy desires; and that man being born free, is capable of accepting grace, or of resisting its influences. *Encyc.*

SEMI-PELAGIAN, *a.* Pertaining to the Semi-pelagians, or their tenets.

SEMI-PELAGIANISM, *n.* The doctrines or tenets of the Semi-pelagians, supra.

SEMI-PELLUCID, *a.* [*semi* and *pellucid*.] Half clear, or imperfectly transparent; as a semi-pellucid gem. *Woodward.*

SEMI-PELLUCIDITY, *n.* The quality or state of being imperfectly transparent.

SEMI-PERSPICUOUS, *a.* [*semi* and *perspicuous*.]

Half transparent; imperfectly clear. *Grew.*

SEMI-PHILOGISTICATED, *a.* [*semi* and *phlogisticated*.] Partially impregnated with phlogiston.

SEMI-PRIMIGENOUS, *a.* [*semi* and *primigenous*.]

In geology, of a middle nature between substances of primary and secondary formation. *Kirwan.*

SEMI-PROOF, *n.* [*semi* and *proof*.] Half proof; evidence from the testimony of a single witness. [*Little used.*] *Bailey.*

SEMI-PROTOLITE, *n.* [*semi* and *Gr. πρῶτος*, first, and *λίθος*, stone.]

A species of fossil of a middle nature between substances of primary and those of secondary formation. *Kirwan.*

SEMI-QUADRATE, *a.* [*L. semi* and

SEMI-QUARTILE, *a.* [*quadratus*, or *quartus*, fourth.]

An aspect of the planets, when distant from each other the half of a quadrant, or forty five degrees, one sign and a half. *Bailey.*

SEMI-QUAVER, *n.* [*semi* and *quaver*.] In music, a note of half the duration of the quaver; the sixteenth of the semibreve.

SEMI-QUAVER, *v. t.* To sound or sing in semiquavers. *Coeper.*

SEMI-QUINTILE, *n.* [*L. semi* and *quintilis*.]

An aspect of the planets, when distant from each other half of the quintile, or thirty six degrees. *Bailey.*

SEMI-SAVAGE, *a.* [*semi* and *savage*.] Half savage; half barbarian.

SEMI-SAVAGE, *n.* One who is half savage or imperfectly civilized. *J. Barlow.*

SEMI-SEXILE, *n.* [*semi* and *sextile*.] An aspect of the planets, when they are distant from each other the twelfth part of a circle, or thirty degrees. *Bailey.*

SEMI-SPHERIC, *a.* [*semi* and *spheri-*

SEMI-SPHERICAL, *a.* [*cal*.] Having the figure of a half sphere. *Kirwan.*

SEMI-SPHEROIDAL, *a.* [*semi* and *spheroidal*.] Formed like a half spheroid.

SEMITERTIAN, *a.* [*semi* and *tertian*.] Compounded of a tertian and quotidian ague.

SEMITERTIAN, *n.* An intermittent compounded of a tertian and a quotidian. *Bailey.*

SEMITONE, *n.* [*semi* and *tone*.] In music, half a tone; an interval of sound, as between *mi* and *fa* in the diatonic scale, which is only half the distance of the interval between *ut* and *re*, or *sol* and *la*. It is the smallest interval admitted in modern music. *Encyc. Busby.*

SEMITONIC, *a.* Pertaining to a semitone; consisting of a semitone.

SEMI-TRANSEPT, *n.* [*semi* and *transept*; *L. trans* and *septum*.] The half of a transept or cross aisle.

SEMI-TRANSPARENT, *a.* [*semi* and *transparent*.] Half or imperfectly transparent.

SEMI-TRANSPARENCY, *n.* Imperfect transparency; partial opakeness.

SEMI-VITREOUS, *a.* Partially vitreous. *Bigelow.*