

**ARCH**, *a.* [It. *arcare*, to bend, to arch, to cheat, or deceive, from *arcus*, *L.* *arcus*, a bow; *G. arg.*, cunning, *arch*, bad; *D. arg.*, crafty, *roguish*; *Sw. Dan.* *arg.*, id. The Teutonic *arg*, appears to be allied to *arch*, and to be the Eng. *rogue*. This circumstance, and the *Arm. goaree*, [see *arg.*] indicate that the radical letters in *arc*, *arch*, *arg*, are *Rg*. The radical sense of *bend* is, to strain.]

Cunning; sly; shrewd; waggish; mischievous for sport; mischievous; as we say in popular language, *roguish*; as an *arch* lad.

\***ARCH**, *a.* used also in composition. [Gr. *αρχος*, chief; *It. arg.*, noble, famous.] Chief; of the first class; principal; as, an *arch* deed. *Shak.*

Shakspeare uses this word as a noun; "My worthy arch and patrons;" but the use is not authorized.

\***ARCHAISM**, *n.* [Gr. *αρχαϊσμος*, ancient, from *αρχη*, beginning.]

An ancient or obsolete phrase or expression. *Watts.*

**ARCHANGEL**, *n.* An angel of the highest order; an angel occupying the eighth rank in the celestial hierarchy. *Encyc.*

2. The name of several plants, as the dead-nettle, or lamium; a species of melittis; and the galeopsis or hedge-nettle.

**ARCHANGELIC**, *a.* Belonging to archangels.

**ARCHAPOS**, *TATE*, *n.* A chief apostate.

**ARCHAPOSTLE**, *n.* The chief apostle. *Tripp.*

**ARCHARCHITECT**, *n.* The supreme architect. *Sylvester.*

**ARCHBEACON**, *n.* The chief beacon, place of prospect or signal.

**ARCHBISHOP**, *n.* A chief bishop; a church dignitary of the first class; a metropolitan bishop, who superintends the conduct of the suffragan bishops, in his province, and also exercises episcopal authority in his own diocese. *Clarendon.*

**ARCHBISHOPRIC**, *n.* [Archbishop and *ric*, or *rick*, territory or jurisdiction.]

The jurisdiction or place of an archbishop; the province over which an archbishop exercises authority. *Clarendon.*

**ARCHBOTCHER**, *n.* The chief botcher, or mender, ironically. *Corbet.*

**ARCHBUILDER**, *n.* Chief builder.

**ARCHBUILDER**, *n.* *Harmar.*

**ARCHBUTLER**, *n.* A chief butler; an officer of the German empire, who presents the cup to the emperor, on solemn occasions. This office belongs to the king of Bohemia. *Encyc.*

**ARCHCHAMBERLAIN**, *n.* A chief chamberlain; an officer of the German empire, whose office is similar to that of the great chamberlain in England. This office belongs to the elector of Brandenburg. *Encyc.*

**ARCHCHANCELLOR**, *n.* A chief chancellor; an officer in the German empire, who presides over the secretaries of the court. Under the first races of French kings, when Germany and Italy belonged to them, three archchancellors were appointed; and this institution gave rise to the three archchancellors now subsisting in Germany, who are the archbishops of Mentz, of Cologne, and of Treves. *Encyc.*

**ARCHCHANTER**, *n.* The chief chanter, or president of the chanters of a church.

**ARCHCHIMIC**, *a.* Of supreme chemical powers. *Milton.*

**ARCHCONSPIRATOR**, *n.* Principal conspirator. *Maunder.*

**ARCHCOUNT**, *n.* A chief count; a title formerly given to the earl of Flanders, on account of his great riches and power. *Encyc.*

**ARCHCRITIC**, *n.* A chief critic.

**ARCHDAPIFER**, *n.* [Arch, chief, and *L. dapifer*, a food-bearer, from *daps*, meat or a feast, and *fero*, to carry.]

An officer in the German empire, whose office is, at the coronation of the emperor, to carry the first dish of meat to table on horseback. *Encyc.*

**ARCHDEACON**, *n.* [See Deacon.]

In England, an ecclesiastical dignitary, next in rank below a bishop, who has jurisdiction either over a part or over the whole diocese. He is usually appointed by the bishop, and has an authority originally derived from the bishop, but now independent of him. He has a court, the most inferior of ecclesiastical courts, for hearing ecclesiastical causes, and the punishment of offenders by spiritual censures. *Blackstone.*

**ARCHDEACONRY**, *n.* The office, jurisdiction or residence of an archdeacon. In England, every diocese is divided into archdeaconries, of which there are sixty, and each archdeaconry into rural deaneries, and each deanery into parishes. *Blackstone.*

**ARCHDEACONSHIP**, *n.* The office of an archdeacon.

**ARCHDRUID**, *n.* A principal theologian.

**ARCHDRUID**, *n.* [See Druid.] A chief druid, or pontiff of the ancient druids.

*Henry, Hist. Eng. Rowland's Mona Antiqua.*

**ARCHDUCAL**, *a.* [See Archduke.] Pertaining to an archduke.

**ARCHDUCHESS**, *n.* [See Duchess.] A title given to the females of the house of Austria.

**ARCHDUCHY**, *n.* The territory of an archduke or archduchess. *Ash.*

**ARCHDUKE**, [See Duke.] A title given to princes of the House of Austria; all the sons being archdukes, and the daughters archduchesses. *Encyc.*

**ARCHDUCEDOM**, *n.* The territory or jurisdiction of an archduke or archduchess.

**ARCHD**, *pp.* Made with an arch or curve; covered with an arch.

**ARCHENEMY**, *n.* A principal enemy. *Milton.*

**ARCHEOLOGICAL**, *a.* Pertaining to a treatise on antiquity, or to the knowledge of ancient things.

**ARCHEOLOGY**, *n.* [Gr. *αρχαϊσμος*, ancient, and *λογος*, discourse.]

A discourse on antiquity; learning or knowledge which respects ancient times.

*Panoptist, Dec. 1808.*

**ARCHER**, *n.* [Sp. *archero*; It. *arciere*; Fr. *archer*; from *arcus*, a bow. See *Arch* and *Arc*.]

A Bowman; one who uses a bow in battle; one who is skilled in the use of the bow and arrow.

**ARCHERESS**, *n.* A female archer. *Markham.*

**ARCHERY**, *n.* The use of the bow and arrow; the practice, art or skill of archers; the act of shooting with a bow and arrow.

**ARCHES-COURT**, in England, so called from the church of St. Mary le bow (*de arcibus*), whose top is raised of stone pillars built archwise, where it was anciently held, is a court of appeal, in the ecclesiastical polity, the judge of which is called the dean of the arches. This court had jurisdiction over thirteen peculiar parishes in London, belonging to the archbishop of Canterbury; but the office of dean of the arches being united with that of the archbishop's principal office, the dean now receives and determines appeals from the sentence of all inferior courts within the province; and from him lies an appeal to the king in chancery. This and all the principal spiritual courts are now held at Doctors' Commons. *Blackstone.*

**ARCHETYPAL**, *a.* Original; constituting a model or pattern.

**ARCHETYPE**, *n.* [Gr. *αρχιτυπος*; *αρχη*, beginning, and *τυπος*, form.]

1. The original pattern or model of a work; or the model from which a thing is made; as, a tree is the archetype or pattern of our idea of that tree. *Watts.*

2. Among miners, the standard weight, by which others are adjusted.

3. Among Platonists, the *archetypal world* is the world as it existed in the idea of God, before the creation. *Encyc.*

**ARCHEUS**, *n.* [Gr. *αρχη*, beginning, or *αρχος*, a chief; *W. erchi*.]

A term used by the ancient chemists, to denote the internal efficient cause of all things; the anima mundi or plastic power of the old philosophers; the power that presides over the animal economy, or the vis medicatrix; the active principle of the material world. In medicine, good health, or ancient practice. *Johnson. Encyc. Coxe.*

**ARCHFELON**, *n.* [See Felon.] A chief felon. *Milton.*

**ARCHFIE**, *ND*, *n.* [See Fiend.] A chief fiend or foe. *Milton.*

**ARCHFLAMEN**, *n.* A chief flamen or priest. *Herbert.*

**ARCHFLATTERER**, *n.* [See Flatterer.] A chief flatterer. *Bacon.*

**ARCHFOE**, *n.* [See Foe.] A grand or chief enemy. *Milton.*

**ARCHFOUNDER**, *n.* A chief founder. *Milton.*

**ARCHGÖVERNOR**, *n.* The chief governor. *Brewer.*

**ARCHHERESY**, *n.* [See Heresy.] The greatest heresy. *Bulter.*

**ARCHHERETIC**, *n.* A chief heretic. *Shak.*

**ARCHHIEREY**, *n.* [Gr. *αρχιερεως*, chief, and *ιερος*, priest.] A chief priest in Russia. *Tooke, i. 530.*

**ARCHHYPOCRITE**, *n.* A great or chief hypocrite. *Fuller.*

**ARCHIATER**, *n.* [Gr. *αρχος*, chief, and *ιατρος*, physician.] Chief physician; a word used in Russia. *Tooke, i. 557.*

**ARCHICAL**, *a.* Chief; primary. *Hallywell.*

**ARCHIDIACONAL**, *a.* [See Deacon.]