

QUICK/SILVERED, *a.* Overlaid with quicksilver. *Newton.*

QUICK/WITTED, *a.* Having ready wit. *Shak.*

QUID, *n.* A vulgar pronunciation of *quid*; as a *quid* of tobacco.

QUIDAM, *n.* [L.] Somebody. [*Not in use.*] *Spenser.*

QUID/DANY, *n.* [G. *quälte*, a quince; L. *cydonium*.]

Marmalade; a confection of quinces prepared with sugar.

QUID/DATIVE, *a.* Constituting the essence of a thing. *Encyc.*

QUID/DIT, *n.* [L. *quidlibet*, or Fr. *que dit*.] A subtilty; an equivocation. [*Not in use.*] *Shak.*

QUID/DITY, *n.* [L. *quid*, what.] A barbarous term used in school philosophy for *essence*, that unknown and undefinable something which constitutes its peculiar nature, or answers the question, *quid est*? The essence of a thing constitutes it *tale quid*, such a thing as it is, and not another. *Encyc.*

2. A trifling nicety; a cavil; a captious question. *Camden.*

QUID/NUNC, *n.* [L. what now.] One who is curious to know every thing that passes; one who knows or pretends to know all occurrences. *Taller.*

Quid pro quo, [L.] in law, an equivalent; something given or done for another thing; mutual consideration and performance.

QUIESCE, *v. i.* *quiesc'*. [L. *quiesco*.] To be silent, as a letter; to have no sound. *M. Stuart.*

QUIES/CENCE, } [L. *quiescens*, *quiesco*.]
QUIES/CENCY, } *n.* See *Quiet*.

1. Rest; repose; state of a thing without motion. *Glanville.*

2. Rest of the mind; a state of the mind free from agitation or emotion.

3. Silence; the having no sound; as of a letter.

QUIES/CENT, *a.* [L. *quiescens*.] Resting; being in a state of repose; still; not moving; as a *quiescent* body or fluid. *Newton.*

2. Not ruffled with passion; unagitated; as the mind.

3. Silent; not sounded; having no sound; as a *quiescent* letter. Sow, mow, with *w* *quiescent*; say, day, with *y* *quiescent*. *M. Stuart. Heb. Gram.*

QUIES/CENT, *n.* A silent letter. *M. Stuart.*

QUI/ET, *a.* [Fr. *quiet*, L. *quætus*, It. *quiato*, quiet; *quætare*, to pacify, and *quætare*, to quiet, and to acquit, to quit; Sp. *quieto*, quiet; *quitar*, to appease; *quedo*, quiet, and *quedar*, to stop, to leave, to quit; Port. *quieto*, quiet; *queda*, a fall, declivity; *quedo*, quiet. Quiet and *quill* seem to belong to one radix.]

1. Still; being in a state of rest; not moving. *Judg. xvi.*

2. Still; free from alarm or disturbance; unmolested; as a *quiet* life. *Shak.*

In his days the land was *quiet* ten years. *2 Chron. xiv.*

3. Peaceable; not turbulent; not giving offense; not exciting controversy, disorder or trouble; mild; meek; contented.

The ornament of a meek and *quiet* spirit. *1 Pet. iii. 1 Thess. iv.*

4. Calm; not agitated by wind; as a *quiet* sea or atmosphere.

5. Smooth; unruffled. *Shak.*

6. Undisturbed; unmolested; as the *quiet* possession or enjoyment of an estate. *Blackstone.*

7. Not crying; not restless; as a *quiet* child.

QUI/ET, *n.* [L. *quies*.] Rest; repose; stillness; the state of a thing not in motion.

2. Tranquility; freedom from disturbance or alarm; civil or political repose. Our country enjoys *quiet*.

3. Peace; security. *Judg. xviii.*

QUI/ET, *v. t.* To stop motion; to still; to reduce to a state of rest; as, to *quiet* corporal motion. *Locke.*

2. To calm; to appease; to pacify; to lull; to tranquilize; as, to *quiet* the soul when agitated; to *quiet* the passions; to *quiet* the clamors of a nation; to *quiet* the disorders of a city or town.

3. To allay; to suppress; as, to *quiet* pain or grief.

QUI/ETED, *pp.* Made still; calmed; pacified.

QUI/ETER, *n.* The person or thing that quiets.

QUI/ETING, *ppr.* Reducing to rest or stillness; appeasing; tranquilizing.

QUI/ETISM, *n.* Peace or tranquility of mind; apathy; dispassion; indisturbance; inaction. In history, *quietism* is the system of the quietists, who maintained that religion consists in the internal rest or recollection of the mind, employed in contemplating God and submitting to his will.

QUI/ETIST, *n.* One of a sect of mystics, originated by Molino, a Spanish priest, who maintained the principles of quietism. *Encyc.*

QUI/ETLY, *adv.* In a quiet state; without motion; in a state of rest; as, to lie or sit *quietly*.

2. Without tumult, alarm, dispute or disturbance; peaceably; as, to live *quietly*.

3. Calmly; without agitation or violent emotion; patiently. Submit *quietly* to unavoidable evils.

QUI/ETNESS, *n.* A state of rest; stillness.

2. Calm; tranquility; as the *quietness* of the ocean or atmosphere.

3. Freedom from agitation or emotion; calmness; coolness; as the *quietness* of the mind.

4. Freedom from disturbance, disorder or commotion; peace; tranquility; as the *quietness* of a city or state.

QUI/ETSOME, *a.* Calm; still; undisturbed. [*Not in use.*] *Spenser.*

QUI/ETUDE, *n.* [Fr.] Rest; repose; quiet; tranquility. *Holton.*

QUI/ETUS, *n.* [L.] Rest; repose; death; hence, a final discharge or acquittance; that which silences claims. *Shak.*

QUILL, *n.* [Ir. *cuille*, a reed or quill; Corn. *cuilan*; L. *calamus*; W. *calar*; probably a shoot.]

1. The large strong feather of a goose or other large fowl; used much for writing-pens. Hence,

2. The instrument of writing; as the proper subject of his *quill*. *Holton.*

3. The spine or prickle of a porcupine. *Encyc.*

4. A piece of small reed or other hollow plant, on which weavers wind the thread which forms the woof of cloth. *Spenser.*

5. The instrument with which musicians strike the strings of certain instruments. *Dryden.*

To carry a good *quill*, to write well.

QUILL, *v. t.* To plait, or to form with small ridges like quills or reeds; as a woolen stuff *quilled*.

[In the United States, this word is generally, if not universally, pronounced *twilled*.]

QUILL/LET, *n.* [L. *quidlibet*, what you please.]

Subtlety; nicety; fraudulent distinction; petty cant. [*Not much used.*] *Shak.*

QUILT, *n.* [It. *coltre*; L. *culcita*; Ir. *cuill*, a bed-tick, a bed; Port. Sp. *colcha*; Sp. *colchar*, *acolchar*, to quilt; perhaps from uniting, gathering or holding.]

A cover or garment made by putting wool, cotton or other substance between two cloths and sewing them together; as beds covered with magnificent *quilts*. *Arbutnot.*

QUILT, *v. t.* To stitch together two pieces of cloth with some soft and warm substance between them; as a *quilted* bed-cover; a *quilted* coat. *Dryden.*

2. To sew in the manner of a quilt.

QUILT/ED, *pp.* Stitched together, as two pieces of cloth, with a soft substance between them.

QUILT/ING, *ppr.* Stitching together, as two cloths, with some soft substance between them.

QUILT/ING, *n.* The act of forming a quilt. 2. In *New England*, the act of quilting by a collection of females who bestow their labor gratuitously to aid a female friend, and conclude with an entertainment.

QUINARY, *a.* [L. *quinarius*, from *quinque*, five.] Consisting of five; as a *quinary* number. *Boyle.*

QUINATE, *a.* [from L. *quinque*.] In botany, a *quinate* leaf is a sort of digitate leaf having five leaflets on a petiole. *Martyn. Lec.*

QUINCE, *n.* *quins*. [Fr. *coin* or *coing*; Arm. *aval-coign*, the cornered apple or wedge-apple; G. *quille* or *quittenapfel*, which seems to be a different word, and rather allied to the L. *cydonius*.]

The fruit of the *Pyrus cydonia*, so named from *Cydonia*, a town of Crete, famous for abounding with this fruit. One species of this fruit is of an oblong shape, from which probably it has its French name.

QUINCE, } The tree which pro-
QUINCE-TREE, } *n.* duces the quince.

QUINCH, *v. i.* [probably a vulgar pronunciation of *winch* or *winch*.] To stir, vince or flounce. [*Not in use.*] *Spenser.*

QUINCUNCIAL, *a.* [from L. *quincunx*.] Having the form of a *quincunx*. *Ray.*

QUIN/CUNX, *n.* [L. composed of *quinque*, five, and *uncia*, ounce.]

In gardening, the *quincunx* order is a plantation of trees disposed in a square, consisting of five trees, one at each corner and a fifth in the middle, thus ::; which order repeated indefinitely, forms a regular grove or wood, which viewed by an