

**CROPPING**, *ppr.* Cutting off; pulling off; eating off; reaping, or mowing.

**CROPPING**, *n.* The act of cutting off.

2. The raising of crops.

**CROP-SICK**, *a.* Sick or indisposed from a surcharged stomach; sick with excess in eating or drinking. *Tute.*

**CROP-SICKNESS**, *n.* Sickness from repletion of the stomach. *L. crapula.*

**CRO-SICK**, *n. kro'shur.* [*Fr. crosse, a crossier, a bat or gaff-stick; crossier, to play at cricket; Arm. croz; from the root of cross.*]

1. A bishop's crook or pastoral staff, a symbol of pastoral authority and care. It consists of a gold or silver staff, crooked at the top, and is carried occasionally before bishops and abbots, and held in the hand when they give solemn benedictions. The use of crosiers is ancient. Originally a crosier was a staff with a cross on the top, in form of a crutch or T. *Encyc.*

2. In astronomy, four stars in the southern hemisphere, in the form of a cross. *Encyc.*

**CROS-LET**, *n.* [See *Cross*.] A small cross. In heraldry, a cross crossed at a small distance from the ends. *Encyc.*

**CROSS**, *n. cras.* [*W. cras; Arm. croaz; G. kreuz; Sw. kors; Dan. kryds and kors; Russ. krest. Class Rd.* But the English cross would seem to be from the *L. crux*, through the *Fr. croix, croiser; It. croce; Sp. cruz; W. crog.* coinciding with the *Ir. regh, riagh.* Qu. the identity of these words. The Irish has *cras, a cross; crosadh, crosaim, to cross, to hinder.* If the last radical is *g* or *c*, this word belongs to the root of *croch*. Chaucer uses *crouche* for *cross*.]

1. A gibbet consisting of two pieces of timber placed across each other, either in form of a T or an X. That on which our Savior suffered, is represented on coins and other monuments, to have been of the former kind. *Encyc.*

2. The ensign of the christian religion; and hence figuratively, the religion itself. *Roove.*

3. A monument with a cross upon it to excite devotion, such as were anciently set in market places. *Johnson. Shak.*

4. Any thing in the form of a cross or gibbet.

5. A line drawn through another. *Johnson.*

6. Any thing that thwarts, obstructs, or perplexes; hindrance; vexation; misfortune; opposition; trial of patience.

Heaven prepares good men with crosses. *B. Jonson.*

7. Money or coin stamped with the figure of a cross. *Dryden.*

8. The right side or face of a coin, stamped with a cross. *Encyc.*

9. The mark of a cross, instead of a signature, on a deed, formerly impressed by those who could not write. *Encyc.*

10. Church lands in Ireland. *Davies.*

11. In theology, the sufferings of Christ by crucifixion.

That he might reconcile both to God in one body by the cross. *Eph. ii.*

12. The doctrine of Christ's sufferings and of the atonement, or of salvation by Christ.

The preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness. *1 Cor. i. Gal. v.*

To take up the cross, is to submit to troubles and afflictions from love to Christ.

13. In mining, twoicks cut in the surface of the earth, thus +.

**Cross and pile**, a play with money, at which it is put to chance whether a coin shall fall with that side up, which bears the cross, or the other which is called *pile* or reverse.

**CROSS**, *a. cras.* Transverse; oblique; passing from side to side; falling athwart; as a cross beam.

The cross refraction of a second prism. *Newton.*

2. Adverse; opposite; obstructing; sometimes with *to*; as an event *cross* to our inclinations.

3. Perverse; untractable; as the *cross* circumstances of a man's temper. *South.*

4. Peevish; fretful; ill-humored; applied to persons or things; as a *cross* woman or husband; a *cross* answer.

5. Contrary; contradictory; perplexing.

Contradictions that seem to lie *cross* and uncouth. *South.*

6. Adverse; unfortunate.

Behold the *cross* and unlucky issue of my design. *Glanville.*

7. Interchanged; as a *cross* marriage, when a brother and sister intermarry with two persons who have the same relation to each other. *Bailey.*

8. Noting what belongs to an adverse party; as a *cross* interrogatory. *Kent.*

**CROSS**, *prep.* Athwart; transversely; over; from side to side; so as to intersect.

And *cross* their limits cut a sloping way. *Dryden.*

This is admissible in poetry, as an abbreviation of *across*.

**CROSS**, *v. t.* To draw or run a line, or lay a body across another; as, to *cross* a word in writing; to *cross* the arms.

2. To erase; to cancel; as, to *cross* an account.

3. To make the sign of the cross, as catholics in devotion.

4. To pass from side to side; to pass or move over; as, to *cross* a road; to *cross* a river, or the ocean. I *crossed* the English channel, from Dieppe to Brighton, in a steam-boat, Sept. 18, 1824. *W.*

5. To thwart; to obstruct; to hinder; to embarrass; as, to *cross* a purpose or design.

6. To counteract; to clash or interfere with; to be inconsistent with; as, natural appetites may *cross* our principles.

7. To counteract or contravene; to hinder by authority; to stop. [See No. 5.]

8. To contradict. *Bacon. Hooker.*

9. To declare or preclude. *Shak.*

To *cross* the breed of an animal, is to produce young from different varieties of the species.

**CROSS**, *v. i.* To lie or be athwart.

2. To move or pass laterally, or from one side towards the other, or from place to place, either at right angles or obliquely; as, to *cross* from Nantucket to New Bedford.

To be inconsistent; as, men's actions do not always *cross* with reason. [Not used.] *Sidney.*

**CROSS-ARMED**, *a.* With arms across. In botany, brachiately; decussated; having branches in pairs, each at right angles with the next. *Martyn.*

**CROSS-BARRED**, *a.* Secured by transverse bars. *Milton.*

**CROSS-BAR-SHOT**, *n.* A bullet with an iron bar passing through it, and standing out a few inches on each side; used in naval actions for cutting the enemy's rigging. *Encyc.*

**CROSS-BEARER**, *n.* In the *Romish church*, the chaplain of an archbishop or primate, who bears a cross before him on solemn occasions. Also, a certain officer in the inquisition, who makes a vow before the inquisitors to defend the Catholic faith, though with the loss of fortune and life. *Encyc.*

**CROSS-BILL**, *n.* In *chancery*, an original bill by which the defendant prays relief against the plaintiff. *Blackstone.*

**CROSS-BILL**, *n.* A species of bird, the *Loxia curvirostris*, the mandibles of whose bill curve opposite ways and cross each other. *Encyc.*

**CROSS-BITE**, *n.* A deception; a cheat. *L'Estrange.*

**CROSS-BITE**, *v. t.* To thwart or contravene by deception. *Collier.*

**CROSS-BOW**, *n.* In *archery*, a missile weapon formed by placing a bow athwart a stock. *Bailey.*

**CROSS-BOWER**, *n.* One who shoots with a cross-bow. *Raleigh.*

**CROSS-CUT**, *v. t.* To cut across.

**CROSS-CUT-SAW**, *n.* A saw managed by two men, one at each end.

**CROSSED**, *pp.* Having a line drawn over; canceled; erased; passed over; thwarted; opposed; obstructed; counteracted.

**CROSS-EXAMINATION**, *n.* The examination or interrogation of a witness called by one party, by the opposite party or his counsel.

**CROSS-EXAMINE**, *v. t.* To examine a witness by the opposite party or his counsel, as the witness for the plaintiff by the defendant, and vice versa.

The opportunity to *cross-examine* the witnesses has been expressly waived. *Kent.*

**CROSS-EXAMINED**, *pp.* Examined or interrogated by the opposite party.

**CROSS-FLOW**, *v. i.* To flow across. *Milton.*

**CROSS-GRAINED**, *a.* Having the grain or fibers across or irregular; as in timber, where a branch shoots from the trunk, there is a curling of the grain.

2. Perverse; untractable; not condescending.

**CROSSING**, *ppr.* Drawing; running or passing a line over; erasing; canceling; thwarting; opposing; counteracting; passing over.

**CROSSING**, *n.* A thwarting; impediment; vexation. *Shak.*

**CROSS-JACK**, *n. cro-jack.* A sail extended on the lower yard of the mizen mast; but seldom used. *Encyc.*

**CROSS-LEGGED**, *a.* Having the legs across.

**CROSS-LE**, *adv.* Athwart; so as to intersect something else.

2. Adversely; in opposition; unfortunately.

3. Peevishly; fretfully.

**CROSS-NESS**, *n.* Peevishness; fretfulness; ill humor; perverseness.

**CROSS-PIECE**, *n.* A rail of timber extending over the windlass of a ship, furnished