

An account of instruments that show the hour of the day; also, of the art of constructing dials. *Dict.*

HOROLOGY, *n.* [Gr. *ωρολογιον*; *ωρα*, hour, and *λογος*, to indicate. See *Horologe*.]

The art of constructing machines for measuring and indicating portions of time, as clocks, watches, &c. *Edin. Encyc.*

HOROMETRICAL, *a.* [from *horometry*.] Belonging to horometry, or to the measurement of time by hours and subordinate divisions. *Asiat. Res.*

HOROMETRY, *n.* [Gr. *ωρα*, hour, and *μετρον*, measure.]

The art or practice of measuring time by hours and subordinate divisions.

HOROSCOPE, *n.* [Fr. from Gr. *ωροσκοπος*; *ωρα*, hour, and *σκοπος*, to view or consider.]

1. In *astrology*, a scheme or figure of the twelve houses, or twelve signs of the zodiac, in which is marked the disposition of the heavens at a given time, and by which astrologers formerly told the fortunes of persons, according to the position of the stars at the time of their birth. *Encyc.*

2. The degree or point of the heavens arising above the eastern point of the horizon at any given time when a prediction is to be made of a future event. *Encyc.*

HOROSCOPY, *n.* The art or practice of predicting future events by the disposition of the stars and planets.

HORRENT, *a.* [L. *horrens*. See *Horror*.] Bristled; standing erect as bristles; pointing outward.

With bright emblazonry and horrent arms.

HORRIBLE, *a.* [L. *horribilis*. See *Horror*.] Exciting or tending to excite horror; dreadful; terrible; shocking; hideous; as a horrible figure or sight; a horrible story.

A dungeon horrible on all sides round.

HORRIBLENESS, *n.* The state or qualities that may excite horror; dreadful; terrible; hideousness.

HORRIBLY, *adv.* In a manner to excite horror; dreadfully; terribly; as horribly loud; horribly afraid.

HORRID, *a.* [L. *horridus*. See *Horror*.] 1. That does or may excite horror; dreadful; hideous; shocking; as a horrid spectacle or sight; horrid sympathy. *Milton.*

2. Rough; rugged. This is the literal and primary sense.

Horrid with fern, and intricate with thorn.

3. Shocking; very offensive; a colloquial sense. *Pope.*

HORRIDLY, *adv.* In a manner to excite horror; dreadfully; shockingly.

HORRIDNESS, *n.* The qualities that do or may excite horror; hideousness; enormity. *Hannond.*

HORRIFIC, *a.* [L. *horrificus*.] Causing horror. *Thomson.*

HORRIFICIOUS, *a.* [L. *horrificus*; *horreo*, to shake, and *sonus*, a sound.] Sounding dreadfully; uttering a terrible sound.

HORROR, *n.* [L. from *horreo*, to shake or shiver, or to set up the bristles, to be rough.]

1. A shaking, shivering or shuddering, as in the cold fit which precedes a fever. This ague is usually accompanied with a con-

traction of the skin into small wrinkles, giving it a kind of roughness.

2. An excessive degree of fear, or a painful emotion which makes a person tremble; terror; a shuddering with fear; but appropriately, terror or a sensation approaching it, accompanied with hatred or detestation. *Horror* is often a passion compounded of fear and hatred or disgust. The recital of a bloody deed fills us with horror.

A horror of great darkness fell on Abram. Gen. xv.

Horror hath taken hold on me, because of the wicked that forsake thy law. Ps. cxix.

3. That which may excite horror or dread; gloom; dreariness.

And breathes a browner horror on the woods. Pope.

4. Dreadful thoughts.

5. Distressing scenes; as the horrors of war or famine.

HORSE, *n.* *hors.* [Sax. *hors*; G. *ross*; D. *ros*.]

1. A species of quadrupeds of the genus *Equus*, having six erect and parallel foreteeth in the upper jaw, and six somewhat prominent in the under jaw; the dog teeth are solitary, and the feet consist of an undivided hoof. The horse is a beautiful animal, and of great use for draught or conveyance on his back. *Horse*, in English, is of common gender, and may comprehend the male and female.

2. A constellation. *Creech.*

3. Cavalry; a body of troops serving on horseback. In this sense, it has no plural termination. We say, a thousand horse; a regiment of horse.

4. A machine by which something is supported; usually a wooden frame with legs. Various machines used in the arts are thus called. *Encyc.*

5. A wooden machine on which soldiers ride by way of punishment; sometimes called a *limber-nare*. *Johnson.*

6. In *seamen's* language, a rope extending from the middle of a yard to its extremity, to support the sailors while they loose, reef or furl the sails; also, a thick rope extended near the mast for hoisting a yard or extending a sail on it. *Mar. Dict.* To take horse, to set out to ride on horseback. *Addison.*

2. To be covered, as a mare.

HORSE, *v. t.* To mount on a horse.

2. To carry on the back.

The keeper, horsing a deer. Butler.

3. To ride astride; as ridges horsed. *Shak.*

4. To cover a mare, as the male. *Mortimer.*

HORSEBACK, *n.* *horsback*. The state of being on a horse; the posture of riding on a horse.

I saw them salute on horseback. Shak.

HORSEBEAN, *a.* A small bean usually given to horses. *Mortimer.*

HORSEBLOCK, *n.* A block or stage that assists persons in mounting and dismounting from a horse.

HORSEBOAT, *n.* A boat used in conveying horses over a river or other water.

2. A boat moved by horses; a new species of ferry-boat.

HORSEBOY, *n.* A boy employed in dressing and tending horses; a stable boy.

Knolles.

HORSEBREAKER, *n.* One whose employment is to break horses, or to teach them to draw or carry. *Creech.*

HORSE-CHESTNUT, *n.* A large nut, the fruit of a species of *Æsculus*; or the tree that produces it. The tree is much cultivated for shade.

HORSECLOTH, *n.* A cloth to cover a horse.

HORSECOURSER, *n.* One that runs horses, or keeps horses for the race.

Johnson.

2. A dealer in horses.

Wiseman.

HORSECRAB, *n.* A crustaceous fish.

Ainsworth.

HORSE-CUCUMBER, *n.* A large green cucumber.

Mortimer.

HORSEDEALER, *n.* One who buys and sells horses.

HORSEDRENCH, *n.* A dose of physic for a horse. *Shak.*

HORSEDUNG, *n.* The dung of horses.

HORSE-EMMET, *n.* A species of large ant.

HORSEFACE, *a.* Having a long coarse face; ugly.

HORSEFLESH, *n.* The flesh of a horse.

Bacon.

HORSEFLY, *n.* A large fly that stings horses.

HORSEFOOT, *n.* A plant, called also *colts-foot*.

Ainsworth.

HORSEGUARDS, *n.* A body of cavalry for guards.

HORSEHAIR, *n.* The hair of horses.

HORSEHOE, *v. t.* To hoe or clean a field by means of horses.

HORSEKNAVE, *n.* A groom. *Obs.*

Chaucer.

HORSE-KEEPER, *n.* One who keeps or takes care of horses.

HORSELAUGH, *n.* A loud, boisterous laugh. *Pope.*

HORSELEECH, *n.* A large leech. [See *Leech*.]

2. A farrier. *Ainsworth.*

HORSELITTER, *n.* A carriage hung on poles which are borne by and between two horses. *Milton.*

HORSELOAD, *n.* A load for a horse.

HORSEMAN, *n.* A rider on horseback.

Addison.

2. A man skilled in riding. *Dryden.*

3. A soldier who serves on horseback. *Hayward.*

HORSEMANSHIP, *n.* The act of riding, and of training and managing horses.

Pope.

HORSE MARTEN, *n.* A kind of large bee.

Ainsworth.

HORSEMATCH, *n.* A bird.

Ainsworth.

HORSEMEAT, *n.* Food for horses; provided. *Bacon.*

HORSE-MILL, *a.* A mill turned by a horse.

HORSE-MINT, *n.* A species of large mint.

HORSE-MUSCLE, *n.* A large muscle or shell-fish. *Bacon.*

HORSEPATH, *n.* A path for horses, as by canals.

HORSEPLAY, *n.* Rough, rugged play.

Dryden.

HORSEPOND, *n.* A pond for watering horses.

HORSEPURSLANE, *n.* A plant of the genus *Trianthema*.