

*na*, to split; *crenna*, to cut off; *W. rhanu*, to divide; *rhan*, a piece; *Ir. roinnim*, or *roinnim*, to divide; *Gr. ρῆμα*; *L. cerno*. See Class Rn. No. 4. E. 13. 16.]

1. Properly, a rent; but commonly, any small narrow opening, fissure, crevice or chink, as in a wall, or other substance.  
In a firm building, the cavities ought to be filled with brick or stone, fitted to the *crannies*.  
*Dryden*.

2. A hole; a secret retired place.  
He peeped into every *cranny*. *Arbutnot*.
3. In glass-making, an iron instrument for forming the necks of glasses. *Encyc.*

**CRANTS**, *n.* [*Gr. κραντ.*] Garlands carried before the bier of a maiden and hung over her grave. *Shak.*

**CRAPÉ**, *n.* [*Fr. crêpe*, and *crêper*, to curl, to crisp, to frizzle; *Arin. crap*; *Sp. crespon*, *crap*; *creppo*, *crisp*, curled; *creppar*, to crisp or curl; *Port. crespan*. *Crape* is contracted from *crepp*, *crisp*. [*D. krip*, *G. krepp*, *Dan. krep*.] See *Crisp*.]

A thin transparent stuff, made of raw silk gummed and twisted on the mill, woven without crossing, and much used in mourning. *Crape* is also used for gowns and the dress of a clergy.

A saint in *crap* is twice a saint in lawn. *Pope*.

**CRAPÉ**, *v. t.* To curl; to form into ringlets; as, to *crap* the hair.

**CRAPLE**, *n.* [*W. crav*.] A claw. *Spenser*.

**CRAPNEL**, *n.* A hook or drag. *Qu. grapnel*.

**CRAPULENCE**, *n.* [*L. crapula*, a surfeit. See *Crap*.]

**Cropsickness**, drunkenness; a surfeit, or the sickness occasioned by intemperance. *Diet.*

**CRAPULOUS**, *a.* Drunk; surcharged with liquor; sick by intemperance. *Diet.*

**CRASH**, *v. t.* [*Fr. creaser*, to crush. *Crash* seems to be allied to *crush* and to *rush*, *Sax. hreosan*.]

To break; to bruise. *Shak.*

**CRASH**, *v. i.* To make the loud, clattering, multifarious sound of many things falling and breaking at once.

When convulsions cleave the lab'ring earth,  
Before the dismal yaw appears, the ground  
Trembles and heaves, the nodding houses  
crash. *Smith*.

**CRASH**, *n.* The loud mingled sound of many things falling and breaking at once; as the sound of a large tree falling and its branches breaking, or the sound of a falling house.

**CRASHING**, *n.* The sound of many things falling and breaking at once.

There shall be a great *crashing* from the hills. *Zeph. i.*

**CRASIS**, *n.* [*Gr. κρασις*, from *κραννυμι*, or *κρασσω*, to mix, to temper.]

1. The temper or healthy constitution of the blood in an animal body; the temperament which forms a particular constitution of the blood. *Cole*.

2. In *grammar*, a figure by which two different letters are contracted into one long letter or into a diphthong; as *αφθια* into *αφθι*; *εγχεσι* into *εγχεσι*.

**CRASS**, *a.* [*L. crassus*, the same as *gross*, which see.] Gross; thick; coarse; not thin, nor fine; applied to fluids and solids; as *crass* and humid exhalations. [*Little used*.]

**CRASSAMENT**, *n.* The thick red part of

the blood, as distinct from the serum, or aqueous part; the clot.

**CRASSITUDE**, *n.* [*L. crassitudo*.] Grossness; coarseness; thickness; applied to liquids or solids. *Bacon*. *Woodward*.

**CRASSNESS**, *n.* Grossness. *Glanville*.

**CRATCH**, *n.* [*Fr. creche*.] A rack; a grated crib or manger.

[I believe not used in New England.]

**CRATCH**, [*See Scratch*.]

**CRATCHES**, *n. plu.* [*G. kratze*, the itch, *cratches*; *krautzen*, to scratch.]

In the *manège*, a swelling on the pastern, under the fetlock, and sometimes under the hoof of a horse.

**CRATE**, *n.* [*L. crates*.] A kind of basket or hamper of wicker-work, used for the transportation of china, crockery and similar wares.

**CRATER**, *n.* [*L. crater*, *Gr. κρατερ*, a great cup.]

1. The aperture or mouth of a volcano.

2. A constellation of the southern hemisphere, said to contain 31 stars.

**CRANCH**, *v. t.* [*D. schransen*; *Vulgar schraunch*.]

To crush with the teeth; to chew with violence and noise.

**CRANCHING**, *ppr.* Crushing with the teeth with violence.

**CRAVAT**, *n.* [*Fr. cravate*; *It. cravatta*; *Sp. corbata*; *Port. caravata*.] In *Dan. krage*, and *krave*, is a collar, a cape, the neck of a shirt, &c.]

A neck-cloth; a piece of fine muslin or other cloth worn by men about the neck.

**CRAVE**, *v. t.* [*Sax. crafian*, to crave, ask, implore; *W. creu*, to cry, to cry for, to crave; *creu*, a cry, a scream; *W. krefia*; *Dan. kraver*; *Isc. krefa*. See Class Rb. No. 2. 4. S. 8. So also *D. roepen*, *Sax. hreopen*, *Gotl. hroeypan*, to cry out, as our vulgar phrase is to rip out. The primary sense is to cry out, or call.]

1. To ask with earnestness or importunity; to beseech; to implore; to ask with submission or humility, as a dependent; to beg; to entreat.

As for my nobler friends, I *crave* their pardons. *Shak.*

Joseph—went in boldly to Pilate, and *craved* the body of Jesus. *Mark xv.*

2. To call for, as a gratification; to long for; to require or demand, as a passion or appetite; as, the stomach or appetite *craves* food.

3. Sometimes intransitively, with *for* before the thing sought; as, I *crave* for mercy.

**CRAVED**, *pp.* Asked for with earnestness; implored; entreated; longed for; required.

**CRAVEN**, } [*Qu. from crave*, that is, *CRAVENT*, } *n.* one who begs for his life, when vanquished.]

1. A word of obloquy, used formerly by one vanquished in trial by battle, and yielding to the conqueror. Hence, a recreant; a coward; a weak-hearted spiritless fellow.

2. A vanquished, dispirited cock. *Shak.*

**CRAVEN**, *v. t.* To make recreant, weak or cowardly. *Shak.*

**CRAYER**, *n.* One who craves or begs.

**CRAVING**, *ppr.* Asking with importunity; urging for earnestly; begging; entreating.

2. Calling for with urgency; requiring; de-

manding gratification; as an appetite *craving* food.

**CRAWING**, *n.* Vehement or urgent desire, or calling for; a longing for.

**CRAW**, *v.* [*Dan. kroe*; *Sw. kräpa*. This word coincides in elements with *crop*; *W. crop*; *Sax. crog*; *D. krop*; *G. krapf*. The *Danish kroe* signifies the *crave*, and a victualling house, tavern, or alehouse. It seems to be named from gathering.]

The crop or first stomach of fowls. *Ray*.

**CRAW-FISH**, } [*Craw* is contracted from *CRAY-FISH*, } *n.* *crab*, or from the Welsh *crag*, a shell; *pyssod cragen*, shell-fish. See *Crab*. *Qu.* is not *fish*, in these words, from the last syllable of the French *crevisse*?] *Encyc.*

A species of Cancer or crab, a crustaceous fish, found in streams. It resembles the lobster, but is smaller, and is esteemed very delicate food.

**CRAWL**, *v. i.* [*D. krielen*; *Scot. crael*; *Dan. krawler*, to crawl up, to climb; *W. krida*, to crawl, to swarm; *D. grielen*, to swarm; *grillen*, to shiver or shudder; *Fr. grouiller*, to stir about, to crawl with insects; *It. grillare*, to simmer. *Qu.* *Dan. kriller*, to itch.]

1. To creep; to move slowly by thrusting or drawing the body along the ground, as a worm; or to move slowly on the hands and knees or feet, as a human being. A worm *creeps* on the earth; a boy *creeps* into a cavern, or up a tree.

2. To move or walk weakly, slowly, or timorously.

He was hardly able to *crawl* about the room. *Arbutnot*.

3. To creep; to advance slowly and slyly; to insinuate one's self, as, to *crawl* into favor. [*This use is vulgar*.]

4. To move about; to move in any direction; used in contempt.

Absurd opinions *creep* about the world. *South*.

5. To have the sensation of insects creeping about the body; as, the flesh *cravels*.

**CRAWL**, *n.* [*Qu. D. kraal*.] A pen or inclosure of stakes and hurdles on the sea coast for continuing fish. *Mar. Diet.*

**CRAWLER**, *n.* He or that which crawls; a creeper; a reptile.

**CRAWLING**, *ppr.* Creeping; moving slowly along the ground, or other substance; moving or walking slowly, weakly or timorously; insinuating.

**CRAY** or **CRAYER**, *n.* A small sea vessel. [*Not in use*.]

**CRAY-FISH**, *n.* The river lobster. [*See Cray-fish*.]

**CRAYON**, *n.* [*Fr. from craie*, chalk, from *L. creta*, *Sp. greda*.]

1. A general name for all colored stones, earthen, or other minerals and substances, used in designing or painting in pastel or paste, whether they have been beaten and reduced to paste, or are used in their primitive consistence. Red crayons are made of blood-stone or red chalk; black ones, of charcoal or black lead. *Encyc.*

2. A kind of pencil, or roll of paste, to draw lines with. *Dryden*.

3. A drawing or design done with a pencil or crayon. *Johnson*.

**CRAYON**, *v. t.* To sketch with a crayon. Hence.