

3. Denoting the screw whose threads enter the grooves or channels of the corresponding or female screw.

**MALE**, *n.* Among *animals*, one of the sex whose office is to beget young; a he-animal.

2. In *botany*, a plant or flower which produces stamens only, without pistils.

3. In *mechanics*, the screw whose threads enter the grooves or channels of the corresponding part or female screw.

**MALEDIC'ENCY**, *n.* [L. *maledicentia*; *male* and *dico*.]

Evil speaking; reproachful language; proneness to reproach. [*Little used.*]

**MALEDICENT**, *a.* Speaking reproachfully; slanderous. [*Little used.*]

**MALEDIC'TION**, *n.* [L. *maledictio*; *male*, evil, and *dico*, to speak.]

Evil speaking; denunciation of evil; a cursing; curse or execration.

**MALEFAC'TION**, *n.* [L. *male*, evil, and *facio*, to do.]

A criminal deed; a crime; an offense against the laws. [*Little used.*]

**MALEFAC'TOR**, *n.* [supra.] One who commits a crime; one guilty of violating the laws, in such a manner as to subject him to public prosecution and punishment, particularly to capital punishment; a criminal.

**MALEFICE**, *n.* [Fr. See *Malefaction*.] An evil deed; artifice; enchantment. [*Not in use.*]

**MALEFI'CIATE**, *v. t.* To bewitch. [*Not in use.*]

**MALEFICIA'TION**, *n.* A bewitching. [*Not in use.*]

**MALEFI'CIENCE**, *n.* [L. *maleficiencia*.] The doing of evil, harm or mischief.

**MALEFI'CIENT**, *a.* Doing evil, harm or mischief.

**MALENG'INE**, *n.* [Fr. *malengin*.] Guile; deceit. [*Not in use.*]

**MAL'ET**, *n.* [Fr. *malette*. See *Mail*.] A little bag or budget; a portmanteau. [*Not used.*]

**MALEV'OLENCE**, *n.* [L. *malevolentia*; *malum*, evil, and *volens*, *volo*, to will.]

Ill will; personal hatred; evil disposition towards another; enmity of heart; inclination to injure others. It expresses less than *malignity*.

**MALEV'OLENT**, *a.* Having an evil disposition towards another or others; wishing evil to others; ill disposed, or disposed to injure others. A *malevolent* heart rejoices in the misfortunes of others.

2. Unfavorable; unpropitious; bringing calamity.

**MALEV'OLENTLY**, *adv.* With ill will or enmity; with the wish or design to injure.

**MALEV'OLOUS**, *a.* Malevolent. [*Not in use.*]

**MALFE'ASANCE**, *n.* [Fr.] Evil doing; wrong; illegal deed.

**MALFORMA'TION**, *n.* [*mal* and *formation*.]

Ill or wrong formation; irregular or anomalous formation or structure of parts.

**MAL'IC**, *a.* [L. *malum*, an apple.] Pertaining to apples; drawn from the juice of apples; as *malic acid*.

**MAL'ICE**, *n.* [Fr. It. *malizia*; Sp. *malicia*; L. *malitia*, from *malus*, evil; W. *mall*. See *Malady*.]

Extreme enmity of heart, or malevolence; a disposition to injure others without cause, from mere personal gratification or from a spirit of revenge; unprovoked malignity or spite.

—Nor set down aught in *malice*. *Shak.*

**MAL'ICE**, *v. t.* To regard with extreme ill will. [*Not used.*]

**MALI'CIOUS**, *a.* Harboring ill will or enmity without provocation; malevolent in the extreme; malignant in heart.

I grant him bloody,  
Sudden, *malicious*, smacking of every sin  
That has a name. *Shak.*

2. Proceeding from extreme hatred or ill will; dictated by malice; as a *malicious* report.

**MALI'CIOUSLY**, *adv.* With malice; with extreme enmity or ill will; with deliberate intention to injure.

**MALI'CIOUSNESS**, *n.* The quality of being malicious; extreme enmity or disposition to injure; malignity.

**MALIGN**, *a.* *mal'ine*. [Fr. *maligne*; L. *malignus*, from *malus*, evil. See *Malady*.]

1. Having a very evil disposition towards others; harboring violent hatred or enmity; malicious; as *malign spirits*.

2. Unfavorable; pernicious; tending to injure; as a *malign* aspect of planets.

3. Malignant; pernicious; as a *malign* ulcer.

**MALIGN**, *v. t.* To regard with envy or malice; to treat with extreme enmity; to injure maliciously.

The people practice mischief against private men, whom they *malign* by stealing their goods and murdering them. *Spenser.*

2. To traduce; to defame.

**MALIGN**, *v. i.* To entertain malice.

**MALIG'NANCY**, *n.* [See *Malignant*.] Extreme malevolence; bitter enmity; malice; as *malignancy* of heart.

2. Unfavorableness; unpropitiousness; as the *malignancy* of the aspect of planets.

The *malignancy* of my fate might distemper yours. *Shak.*

3. Virulence; tendency to mortification or to a fatal issue; as the *malignancy* of an ulcer or of a fever.

**MALIG'NANT**, *a.* [L. *malignus*, *maligno*, from *malus*, evil.]

1. Malicious; having extreme malevolence or enmity; as a *malignant* heart.

2. Unpropitious; exerting pernicious influence; as *malignant* stars.

3. Virulent; as a *malignant* ulcer.

4. Dangerous to life; as a *malignant* fever.

5. Extremely hainous; as the *malignant* nature of sin.

**MALIG'NANT**, *n.* A man of extreme enmity or evil intentions. [*Not used.*]

**MALIG'NANTLY**, *adv.* Maliciously; with extreme malevolence.

2. With pernicious influence.

**MALIGNER**, *n.* One who regards or treats another with enmity; a traducer; a defamer.

**MALIG'NITY**, *n.* [L. *malignitas*.] Extreme enmity, or evil dispositions of heart

towards another; malice without provocation, or malevolence with baseness of heart; deep rooted spite.

2. Virulence; destructive tendency; as the *malignity* of an ulcer or disease.

3. Extreme evilness of nature; as the *malignity* of fraud.

4. Extreme sinfulness; enormity or hainousness; as the *malignity* of sin.

**MALIGNLY**, *adv.* With extreme ill will.

2. Unpropitiously; perniciously.

**MAL'ISON**, *n.* Malediction. [*Not in use.*]

**MALKIN**, *n.* *maw'kin*. A mop; also, a low maid-servant.

**MALL**, *n.* *maul*. [Fr. *mail*; Sp. *mallo*; Port. *mallo*; from L. *malleus*.]

1. A large heavy wooden beetle; an instrument for driving any thing with force.

2. A blow. *Obs.*

**MALL**, *n.* *maul*. [Arm. *maith*. Qu. from a play with mall and ball, or a beaten walk.]

A public walk; a level shaded walk. *Allée d'arbres battue et bordée.*

**MALL**, *v. t.* *maul*. To beat with a mall; to beat with something heavy; to bruise.

**MAL'LARD**, *n.* A species of duck of the genus *Anas*.

**MALLEABIL'ITY**, *n.* [from *malleable*.] That quality of bodies which renders them susceptible of extension by beating. It is opposed to *friability* or *brittleness*.

**MAL'LEABLE**, *a.* [Fr. from L. *malleus*. See *Mall*.]

That may be drawn out and extended by beating; capable of extension by the hammer; a quality of metals, particularly of gold.

**MAL'LEABLENESS**, *n.* Malleability, which see.

**MAL'LEATE**, *v. t.* To hammer; to draw into a plate or leaf by beating.

**MALLEA'TION**, *n.* The act of beating into a plate or leaf, as a metal; extension by beating.

**MAL'LET**, *n.* [Fr. *maillet*; Russ. *molot*; Slav. *mlat*; L. *malleus*.]

A wooden hammer or instrument for beating, or for driving pins; particularly used in carpentry, for driving the chisel.

**MALLOW**, { *n.* [Sax. *malu*, *mealwe*, *malwe*;

**MALLOWS**, { *n.* Fr. *mauve*; L. Sp. It. *malva*; Gr. *μαλαχ*, from *μαλακος*, soft, Eng. *mellow*, W. *mall*. See *Malady*.]

A plant of the genus *Malva*; so called from its emollient qualities.

*Marsh-mallows*, a plant of the genus *Althæa*.

**MALM'SEY**, *n.* [Fr. *malvoisie*; It. *malvosio*; Sp. *marrisia*, from *Malvasia*, in Greece; L. *vinum arvisium*.]

The name of a species of grape, and also of a kind of wine.

**MALPRAC'TICE**, *n.* [*mal* and *practice*.] Evil practice; illegal or immoral conduct; practice contrary to established rules.

**MALT**, *n.* [Sax. *malt*; D. *mout*; G. *malz*; Sw. *Dan. malt*. Qu. W. *mall*, soft.]

Barley steeped in water, fermented and dried in a kiln, and thus prepared for brewing into ale or beer.

**MALT**, *v. t.* To make into malt; as, to *malt* barley.

**MALT**, *v. i.* To become malt.