

tion, and in which a chemical action takes place between certain bodies. *Edin. Encyc.*

Galvanism is heat, light, electricity and magnetism, united in combination or in simultaneous action; sometimes one and sometimes another of them predominating, and thus producing more or less all the effects of each: usual means of excitement, contact of dissimilar bodies, especially of metals and fluids. *Harc. Silliman.*

**GALVANIST**, *n.* One who believes in galvanism; one versed in galvanism.

**GALVANIZE**, *v. t.* To affect with galvanism.

**GALVANOL/OGIST**, *n.* One who describes the phenomena of galvanism.

**GALVANOL/OGY**, *n.* [*galvanism*, and *Gr. λογος*, discourse.]

A treatise on galvanism, or a description of its phenomena.

**GALVANOMETER**, *n.* [*galvanism*, and *Gr. μετρον*, measure.]

An instrument or apparatus for measuring minute quantities of electricity, or the operations of galvanism. *Ure.*

**GAMASHES**, *n.* Short spatterdashes worn by plowmen. *Shelton.*

**GAMBA/DOES**, *n.* Spatterdashes. [*It. gamba*, the leg.]

**GAMBET**, *n.* A bird of the size of the greenshank, found in the Arctic sea, and in Scandinavia and Iceland. *Pennant.*

**GAMBLE**, *v. i.* [*from game*.] To play for game or money for other stake.

**GAMBLE**, *v. t.* To gamble away, is to squander by gaming.

Bankrupts or sots who have gambled or slept away their estates. *Ames.*

**GAMBLER**, *n.* One who games or plays for money or other stake. *Gambler* often is usually become cheats and knaves.

**GAMBLING**, *ppr.* Gaming for money.

**GAMBOGE**, *n.* A concrete vegetable juice or gum-resin. It is brought in orbicular masses or cylindrical rolls, from *Cambaja*, *Cambodja*, or *Cambogia*, in the E. Indies, whence its name. It is of a dense, compact texture, and of a beautiful reddish yellow. It is used chiefly as a pigment. Taken internally, it is a strong and harsh cathartic and emetic. *Nicholson.*

**GAMBOL**, *v. i.* [*Fr. gambiller*, to wriggle the leg or kick, from *It. gamba*, the leg, *Fr. jambe*, *Sp. gamba*.]

1. To dance and skip about in sport; to frolic; to leap; to play in frolic, like boys and lambs. *Milton. Dryden.*

2. To leap; to start. *Shak.*

**GAMBOL**, *n.* A skipping or leaping about in frolic; a skip; a hop; a leap; a sportive prank. *Dryden.*

**GAMBOLING**, *ppr.* Leaping; frolicking; playing pranks.

**GAMBREL**, *n.* [*from It. gamba*, the leg.] The hind leg of a horse. Hence, in America, a crooked stick used by butchers. A hipped roof is called a *gambrel-roof*.

**GAMBREL**, *v. t.* To tie by the leg. *Beaumont.*

**GAME**, *n.* [*Ice. gaman*; *Sax. gamen*, a jest, sport; *gaminian*, to jest, to sport; *It. gambare*, to jest or jeer; *W. camp*, a feat, a game; *campiane*, to contend in games. The latter seems to unite *game* with *camp*,

which in Saxon and other northern dialects signifies a combat.] *Shak.*

1. Sport of any kind. *Spenser.*

2. Jest; opposed to earnest; as, betwixt earnest and game. [*Not used.*]

3. An exercise or play for amusement or winning a stake; as a game of cricket; a game of chess; a game of whist. Some games depend on skill; others on hazard.

4. A single match at play. *Addison.*

5. Advantage in play; as, to play the game into another's hand.

6. Scheme pursued; measures planned.

This seems to be the present game of that crown. *Temple.*

7. Field sports; the chase, falconry, &c. *Shak. Waller.*

8. Animals pursued or taken in the chase, or in the sports of the field; animals appropriated in England to legal sportsmen; as deer, hares, &c.

9. In antiquity, games were public diversions or contests exhibited as spectacles for the gratification of the people. These games consisted of running, leaping, wrestling, riding, &c. Such were the Olympic games, the Pythian, the Isthmian, the Nemean, &c. among the Greeks; and among the Romans, the Apollinarian, the Circensian, the Capitoline, &c. *Encyc.*

10. Mockery; sport; derision; as, to make game of a person.

**GAME**, *v. i.* [*Sax. gamian*.] To play at any sport or diversion.

2. To play for a stake or prize; to use cards, dice, billiards or other instruments, according to certain rules, with a view to win money or other thing waged upon the issue of the contest.

3. To practice gaming.

**GAMECOCK**, *n.* A cock bred or used to fight; a cock kept for barbarous sport. *Locke.*

**GAME-EGG**, *n.* An egg from which a fighting cock is bred. *Garth.*

**GAMEKEEPER**, *n.* One who has the care of game; one who is authorized to preserve beasts of the chase, or animals kept for sport. *Blackstone.*

**GAMESOME**, *a.* Gay; sportive; playful; frolicsome.

This gamesome humor of children. *Locke.*

**GAMESOMENESS**, *n.* Sportiveness; merriment.

**GAMESOMELY**, *adv.* Merrily; playfully.

**GAMESTER**, *n.* [*game*, and *Sax. steora*, a director.]

1. A person addicted to gaming; one who is accustomed to play for money or other stake, at cards, dice, billiards and the like; a gambler; one skilled in games. *Addison.*

It is as easy to be a scholar as a gamester. *Harris.*

2. One engaged at play. *Bacon.*

3. A merry, frolicsome person. [*Not used.*] *Shak.*

4. A prostitute. [*Not in use.*] *Shak.*

**GAMING**, *ppr.* playing; sporting; playing for money.

**GAMING**, *n.* The act or art of playing any game in a contest for a victory, or for a prize or stake.

2. The practice of using cards, dice, billiards and the like, according to certain rules, for winning money, &c.

**GAMING-HOUSE**, *n.* A house where gaming is practiced. *Blackstone.*

**GAMING-TABLE**, *n.* A table appropriated to gaming.

**GAMMER**, *n.* [*Sw. gammal*, Dan. gammel, old; *Sw. gamma*, an old woman.]

The compellation of an old woman, answering to *gaffer*, applied to an old man.

**GAMMON**, *n.* [*It. gamba*; *Fr. jambe*, a leg; *jambo*, a leg of bacon.]

1. The buttock or thigh of a hog, pickled and smoked or dried; a smoked ham.

2. A game, called usually *back-gammon*, which see.

**GAMMON**, *v. t.* To make bacon; to pickle and dry in smoke.

2. To fasten a bowsprit to the stem of a ship by several turns of a rope. *Mar. Dict.*

**GAMMON**, *v. t.* In the game of *back-gammon*, the party that, by fortunate throws of the dice or by superior skill in moving, withdraws all his men from the board, before his antagonist has been able to get his men home and withdraw any of them from his table, *gammons* his antagonist.

**GAMMUT**, *n.* [*Sp. gammus*; Port. id.; *Fr. gamme*; from the Greek letter so named.]

1. A scale on which notes in music are written or printed, consisting of lines and spaces, which are named after the seven first letters of the alphabet.

2. The first or gravest note in Guido's scale of music, the modern scale.

**GAN**, a contraction of *began*, or rather the original simple word, *Sax. gynnian*, to begin.

**GANCH**, *v. t.* [*It. gancio*, a hook.] To drop from a high place on hooks, as the Turks do malefactors, by way of punishment.

**GANDER**, *n.* [*Sax. sandra, ganra*; *Ir. ganra*.] In Ger. and D. *gans* is a goose;

D. *ganserick*, a gander; *Sax. zxy*, and probably L. *anser*. Pliny says, that in Germany the small white geese were called *ganza*.

Lib. 10. 22.] The male of fowls of the goose kind.

**GANG**, *v. i.* [*Sax. gangan*; Goth. *gaggan*.] To go; to walk. [*Local, or used only in ludicrous language.*]

**GANG**, *n.* [*Goth. ganga*, a street.] Properly, a going; hence, a number going in company; hence, a company, or a number of persons associated for a particular purpose, as a *gang* of thieves.

2. In seamen's language, a select number of a ship's crew appointed on a particular service, under a suitable officer. *Mar. Dict.*

**GANGBOARD**, *n.* A board or plank with cleats for steps, used for walking into or out of a boat.

**GANGDAYS**, *n.* Days of perambulation.

**GANGION**, *n.* A flower. *Ainsworth.*

**GANGLION**, *n.* [*Gr. γανγλιον*.] In anatomy, a small circumscribed tumor, found in certain parts of the nervous system.

*Wistar. Cyc.*

2. In surgery, a movable tumor formed on the tendons, generally about the wrist. *Parr.*

**GANGRENATE**, *v. t.* To produce a gangrene. *Brown.*

**GANGRENE**, *n.* [*Fr. from L. gangrena*; *Gr. γανγρανα*; *Syr. gangar*.]