

VAPIDNESS, *n.* The state of having lost its life or spirit; deadness; flatness; as the *rapidity* of ale or cider.

2. Dullness; want of life or spirit.

VAPOR, *n.* [L. *Sp. vapor*; Fr. *vapeur*; It. *vapore*. It is probably from a verb signifying to depart, to fly off.]

1. In a general sense, an invisible elastic fluid, rendered aeriform by heat, and capable of being condensed, or brought back to the liquid or solid state, by cold. The vapor of water is distinguished by the name of *steam*, which see.

2. A visible fluid floating in the atmosphere. All substances which impair the transparency of the atmosphere, as smoke, fog, &c. are in common language called *vapors*, though the term *vapor* is technically applied only to an invisible and condensable substance, as in No. 1.; fog, &c. being vapor condensed, or water in a minute state of division. Vapor rising into the higher regions of the atmosphere, and condensed in large volumes, forms *clouds*.

D. Obscured.

3. Substances resembling smoke, which sometimes fill the atmosphere, particularly in America during the autumn.

4. Wind; flatulence. *Bacon.*

5. Mental fume; vain imagination; unreal fancy. *Hammond.*

6. *Vapors*, a disease of nervous debility, in which a variety of strange images float in the brain, or appear as if visible. Hence hypochondriacal affections and spleen are called *vapors*.

7. Something unsubstantial, fleeting or transitory.

For what is your life? It is even a *vapor*, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. *James iv.*

VAPOR, *v. i.* [L. *vaporo*.] To pass off in fumes or a moist floating substance; to steam; to be exhaled; to evaporate. [In this sense, *evaporate* is generally used.]

2. To emit fumes.

Running water *vapors* not so much as standing water. [Little used.] *Bacon.*

3. To bully; to boast or vaunt with a vain ostentatious display of worth; to brag. [This is the most usual signification of the word.]

And what in real value's wanting,
Supply with *vapor*ing and ranting.

Hudibras.

VAPOR, *v. t.* To emit, cast off or scatter in fumes or stream; as, to *vapor* away a heated fluid.

Another sighing *vapors* forth his soul.

B. Jonson.

VAPORABILITY, *n.* The quality of being capable of vaporization. *Dispensatory.*

VAPORABLE, *a.* Capable of being converted into vapor by the agency of caloric.

VAPORATE, *v. i.* To emit vapor. [See *Evaporate*.]

VAPORATION, *n.* [L. *vaporatio*.] The act or process of converting into vapor, or of passing off in vapor.

VAPOR-BATH, *n.* [*vapor* and *bath*.] The application of vapor to the body in a close place.

2. In *chemistry*, an apparatus for heating bodies by the fumes of hot water. *Cyc.*

VAPORED, *a.* Moist; wet with vapors.

2. Splenetic; peevish. *Green.*

VAPORER, *n.* A boaster; one who makes a vaunting display of his prowess or worth; a braggart.

VAPORIFIC, *a.* [L. *vapor* and *facio*, to make.]

Forming into vapor; converting into steam, or expelling in a volatile form, as fluids.

VAPORING, *ppr.* Boasting; vaunting ostentatiously and vainly.

VAPORINGLY, *adv.* In a boasting manner.

VAPORISH, *a.* Full of vapors.

2. Hypochondriac; splenetic; affected by hysterics.

VAPORIZATION, *n.* The artificial formation of vapor.

VAPORIZE, *v. t.* To convert into vapor by the application of heat or artificial means.

VAPORIZE, *v. i.* To pass off in vapor.

VAPORIZED, *pp.* Expelled in vapor.

VAPORIZING, *ppr.* Converting into vapor.

VAPOROUS, *a.* [Fr. *vaporeux*.] Full of vapors or exhalations; as the *vaporous* air of valleys. *Derham.*

2. Vain; unreal; proceeding from the vapors. *Bacon.*

3. Windy; flatulent; as, *vaporous* food is the most easily digested. *Arbuthnot.*

VAPOROUSNESS, *n.* State of being full of vapors.

VAPORY, *a.* Vaporous; full of vapors.

Thomson.

2. Hypochondriac; splenetic; peevish.

Thomson.

VAPULATION, *n.* [L. *vapulo*.] The act of beating or whipping. [Not in use.]

VARE, *n.* [Sp. *vare*.] A wand or staff of justice. [Not in use.] *Howell.*

VAREC, *n.* The French name for kelp or incinerated sea weed; wrack. *Ure.*

VARI, *n.* In *zoology*, a species of quadruped, the manaqueo or *Lenur catla* of Linne, having its tail marked with rings of black and white; a native of Madagascar. The *vari* of Buffon is the black manaqueo, *L. macaco* of Linne, with the neck bearded, like a ruff. *Cyc. Ed. Encyc.*

VARIABLE, *a.* [Fr. See *Vary*.] That may vary or alter; capable of alteration in any manner; changeable; as *variable* winds or seasons; *variable* colors.

2. Susceptible of change; liable to change; mutable; fickle; unsteady; inconstant; as, the affections of men are *variable*; passions are *variable*.

His heart I know, how *variable* and vain.

Milton.

3. In *mathematics*, subject to continual increase or decrease; in opposition to *constant*, retaining the same value.

VARIABLE, *n.* In *mathematics*, a quantity which is in a state of continual increase or decrease. The indefinitely small quantity by which a variable is continually increased or diminished, is called its *differential*, and the method of finding these quantities, the *differential calculus*. *Hutton.*

VARIABLENESS, *n.* Susceptibility of change; lability or aptness to alter; changeableness; as the *variableness* of the weather.

2. Inconstancy; fickleness; unsteadiness; levity; as the *variableness* of human passions.

VARIABLY, *adv.* Changeably; with alteration; in an inconstant or fickle manner.

VARIANCE, *n.* [See *Vary*.] In law, an alteration of something formerly laid in a writ; or a difference between a declaration and a writ, or the deed on which it is grounded.

2. Any alteration or change of condition.

3. Difference that produces dispute or controversy; disagreement; dissension; discord. A mere *variance* may become a war. Without a spirit of condescension, there will be an everlasting *variance*.

A *variance*, in disagreement; in a state of difference or want of agreement.

2. In a state of dissension or controversy; in a state of enmity.

VARIATE, *v. t.* To alter; to make different. *King.*

2. To vary. [A bad word.]

VARIATION, *n.* [Fr. from L. *variatio*. See *Vary*.]

1. Alteration; a partial change in the form, position, state or qualities of the same thing; as a *variation* of color in different lights; a *variation* in the size of a plant from day to day; the unceasing, though slow *variation* of language; a *variation* in a soil from year to year. Our opinions are subject to continual *variations*.

The essences of things are conceived not capable of such *variation*. *Locke.*

2. Difference; change from one to another. In some other places are born more females than males; which, upon this *variation* of proportion, I recommend to the curious. *Graunt.*

3. In *grammar*, change of termination of nouns and adjectives, constituting what is called case, number and gender; as the *variation* of words.

4. Deviation; as a *variation* of a transcript from the original. *Dryden.*

5. In *astronomy*, the variation of the moon is the third inequality in her motion; by which, when out of the quadratures, her true place differs from her place twice equated. *Cyc.*

6. In *geography* and *navigation*, the deviation of the magnetic needle from the true north point; called also *declination*. *Cyc.*

The variation of the needle at New Haven, in 1820, as ascertained from the mean of numerous observations made by Professor Fisher, was $4^{\circ} 25' \frac{1}{2}''$ west.

7. In *music*, the different manner of singing or playing the same air or tune, by subdividing the notes into several others of less value, or by adding graces, yet so that the tune itself may be discovered through all its embellishments. *Cyc.*

VARICOELE, *n.* [L. *varix*, a dilated vein, and Gr. $\kappa\epsilon\lambda\epsilon\iota$, a tumor.]

In *surgery*, a varicose enlargement of the veins of the spermatic cord; or more generally, a like enlargement of the veins of the scrotum. *Cyc.*

VARICOSE, } [L. *varicosus*, having en-

VARICOUS, } *a.* larged veins.]

1. Preternaturally enlarged, or permanently dilated, as a vein.

2. Swelled; puffy; as an ulcer on the legs of beasts. *Cyc.*

VARIED, *pp.* of *vary*. Altered; partially changed; changed.

VARIEGATE, *v. t.* [It. *varieggiare*; from L. *vario*, *varius*. See *Vary*.]