

STRATIFYING, *ppr.* Arranging in a layer, as terrene substances.

STRATOCRACY, *n.* [Gr. *στρατος*, an army, and *κρατος*, to hold.]

A military government; government by military chiefs and an army. *Guthrie.*

STRATOGRAPHY, *n.* [Gr. *στρατος*, an army, and *γραφω*, to describe.]

Description of armies, or what belongs to an army. [Not in use.]

STRATUM, *n.* *plu.* *stratums* or *strata*. The latter is most common. [L. from *sterno*, to spread or lay; Sax. *streone*.]

1. In *geology* and *mineralogy*, a layer; any species of earth, sand, coal and the like, arranged in a flat form, distinct from the adjacent matter. The thicker strata are called *beds*; and these beds are sometimes stratified.

2. A bed or layer artificially made.

STRAUGHT, *pp.* for *stretched*. *Obs.*

STRAW, *n.* [Sax. *strew*, straw, and a stratum or bed; G. *stroh*; D. *stroo*; Dan. *strac*; Sw. *strå*; L. *stramentum*, from *sterno*, *stravi*, *stratum*. See *Strew*.]

1. The stalk or stem of certain species of grain, pulse, &c. chiefly of wheat, rye, oats, barley, buckwheat and peas. When used of single stalks, it admits of a plural, *straws*. *Straws* may show which way the wind blows. We say of grain while growing, the *straw* is large, or it is rusty.

2. A mass of the stalks of certain species of grain when cut, and after being thrashed; as a bundle or a load of *straw*. In this sense, the word admits not the plural number.

3. Any thing proverbially worthless. I care not a *straw* for the play. I will not abate a *straw*. *Hudibras.*

STRAW, *v. t.* To spread or scatter. [See *Strew* and *Straw*.]

STRAWBERRY, *n.* [*straw* and *berry*; Sax. *straw-berie*.]

A plant and its fruit, of the genus *Fragaria*. Strawberries are of various kinds, all delicious fruit.

STRAWBERRY-TREE, *n.* An evergreen tree of the genus *Arbutus*; the fruit is of a fleshy substance, like a strawberry.

STRAW-BUILT, *a.* [*straw* and *built*.] Constructed of straw; as the suburbs of a *straw-built* citadel. *Milton.*

STRAW-COLOR, *n.* The color of dry straw; a beautiful yellowish color.

STRAW-COLORED, *a.* Of a light yellow, the color of dry straw.

STRAW-CUTTER, *n.* An instrument to cut straw for fodder.

STRAW-DRAIN, *n.* A drain filled with straw.

STRAW-STUFFED, *a.* Stuffed with straw. *Hall.*

STRAW-WORM, *n.* [*straw* and *worm*.] A worm bred in straw.

STRAWY, *a.* Made of straw; consisting of straw. *Boyle.*

2. Like straw; light.

STRAY, *v. i.* [The elements of this word are not certainly known. If they are *Strg*, the word coincides with Sax. *stro-gan*, *stregan*, to scatter, to spread, the L. *stravi*, Eng. to *strow*, *strew* or *straw*, also with G. *streichen*, to wander, to strike:

both probably from the root of *reach*, *stretch*. Possibly *stray* is from the It. *straviare*, from L. *extra* and *via*. I am inclined however to refer it to a Teutonic origin. See *Straggle*.]

1. To wander, as from a direct course; to deviate or go out of the way. We say, to *stray* from the path or road into the forest or wood.

2. To wander from company, or from the proper limits; as, a sheep *strays* from the flock; a horse *strays* from an inclosure.

3. To rove; to wander from the path of duty or rectitude; to err; to deviate.

We have erred and *strayed*— *Conn. Prayer.*
4. To wander; to rove at large; to play free and unconfined.

L. o, the glad gales o'er all her beauties *stray*,
Breathe on her lips and in her bosom play. *Pope.*

5. To wander; to run a serpentine course.

Where Thames among the wanton valley
strays, *Denham.*

STRAY, *v. t.* To mislead. [Not in use.] *Shak.*

STRAY, *n.* Any domestic animal that has left an inclosure or its proper place and company, and wanders at large or is lost. The laws provide that *strays* shall be taken up, impounded and advertised.

Seeing him wander about, I took him up for a *stray*. *Dryden.*

2. The act of wandering. [Little used.] *Shak.*

STRAYER, *n.* A wanderer. [Little used.]

STRAYING, *ppr.* Wandering; roving; departing from the direct course, from the proper inclosure, or from the path of duty.

STREAK, *n.* [Sax. *strica*, a line, direction, course; *strican*, to go; *strie*, a stroke, a plague, and *strec*, a stretch; G. *streich*, a stroke or stripe, and *streich*, id.; D. *streck*, a course; Dan. *streg*, a stroke or line; *strikke*, a cord; *strög*, a stroke, a tract, a row; Sw. *stråk*; Ir. *strioce*. These have all the same elements, and the L. *stria* is probably a contraction of the same word; Sp. *traca*, without a prefix.]

1. A line or long mark, of a different color from the ground; a stripe.

What mean those color'd *streaks* in heaven? *Milton.*

2. In a ship, a uniform range of planks on the side or bottom; sometimes pronounced *strake*. *Mar. Dict.*

STREAK, *v. t.* To form streaks or stripes in; to stripe; to variegate with lines of a different color or of different colors.

A mule admirably *streaked* and dappled with white and black— *Sandys.*

Now *streak'd* and glowing with the morning red. *Prior.*

2. To stretch. [Not elegant.] *Chapman.*

STREAK, *v. i.* To run swiftly. [Vulgar in New England.]

STREAKED, *pp.* Marked or variegated with stripes of a different color.

STREAKING, *ppr.* Making streaks in.

STREAKY, *a.* Having stripes; striped; variegated with lines of a different color.

STREAM, *n.* [Sax. *stream*; G. *strom*; D. *stroom*; Dan. *ström*; Sw. *ström*; W. *ystryn*; Ir. *sreamb* or *sreav*. If *m* is radical, this word belongs to Class Rm.]

1. A current of water or other fluid; a liquid substance flowing in a line or course, either on the earth, as a river or brook, or

from a vessel or other reservoir or fountain. Hence,

2. A river, brook or rivulet.

3. A current of water in the ocean; as the *gulf stream*.

4. A current of melted metal or other substance; as a *stream* of lead or iron flowing from a furnace; a *stream* of lava from a volcano.

5. Any thing issuing from a source and moving with a continued succession of parts; as a *stream* of words; a *stream* of sand.

A *stream* of beneficence. *Atterbury.*

6. A continued current or course; as a *stream* of weather. [Not used.] *Raleigh.*

The *stream* of his life. *Shak.*

7. A current of air or gas, or of light.

8. Current; drift; as of opinions or manners. It is difficult to oppose the *stream* of public opinion.

9. Water.

STREAM, *v. i.* To flow; to move or run in a continuous current. Blood *streams* from a vein.

Beneath the banks where rivers *stream*. *Milton.*

2. To emit; to pour out in abundance. His eyes *streamed* with tears.

3. To issue with continuance, not by fits.

From op'ning skies my *streaming* glories shine. *Pope.*

4. To issue or shoot in streaks; as light *streaming* from the east.

5. To extend; to stretch in a long line; as a flag *streaming* in the wind.

STREAM, *v. t.* To mark with colors or embroidery in long tracts.

The herald's mantle is *streamed* with gold. *Bacon.*

STREAMER, *n.* An ensign or flag; a pennon extended or flowing in the wind; a poetic use of the word.

Brave Rupert from afar appears,
Whose waving *streamers* the glad general knows. *Dryden.*

STREAMING, *ppr.* Flowing; running in a current.

2. Emitting; pouring out in abundance; as *streaming* eyes.

3. Flowing; floating loosely; as a flag.

STREAMLET, *n.* A small stream; a rivulet; a rill. *Thomson.*

STREAM-TIN, *n.* Particles or masses of tin found beneath the surface of alluvial ground. *Eneye.*

STREAMY, *a.* Abounding with running water.

Arcadia,
However *streamy* now, adust and dry,
Denied the goddess water. *Prior.*

2. Flowing with a current or streak.

His nodding helm emits a *streamy* ray. *Pope.*

STREEK, *v. t.* [Sax. *strecan*, to stretch.] To lay out, as a dead body. [Not in use.] *Brand.*

STREET, *n.* [Sax. *strate*, *strete*; G. *strasse*; D. *straat*; Sw. *stråt*; Dan. *stræde*; Ir. *srail*; W. *ystryd*; It. *strada*; Sp. *estrada*; L. *stratum*, from *stratus*, strewed or spread. See *Strew*.]

1. Properly, a paved way or road; but in usage, any way or road in a city, chiefly a main way, in distinction from a lane or alley.

2. Among the people of New England, any public highway.