

**TANK'ARD-TURNEP**, *n.* A sort of turnep that stands high above the ground. *Cyc.*

**TAN'LING**, *n.* One tanned or scorched by the heat of the sun.

**TAN'NED**, *pp.* [from *tan*.] Converted into leather. [*See Tan*.]

2. Darkened by the rays of the sun.

**TAN'NER**, *n.* One whose occupation is to tan hides, or convert them into leather by the use of tan.

**TAN'NERY**, *n.* The house and apparatus for tanning.

**TAN'NIERS**, *n.* A variety of the *arum esculentum*, an esculent root. *Mease.*

**TAN'NIN**, *n.* The chemical name of that astringent substance contained in vegetables, particularly in the bark of the oak and chestnut, and in gall-nuts; the substance used to change raw hides into leather.

**TAN'NING**, *ppr.* Converting raw hides into leather.

**TAN'NING**, *n.* The practice, operation and art of converting the raw hides of animals into leather by the use of tan.

**TAN'REC**, *n.* A quadruped of the Indies, larger than a rat. *Qu.*

**TAN'SY**, *n.* *s* as *z*. [*Fr. tanaisie*; *It. Sp. tanaceto*; *L. tanacetum*. *Qu. Gr. θάνασις*, immortality.] This is doubtful and rather improbable.]

A plant of the genus *Tanacetum*, of many species. It is extremely bitter to the taste, and used for medicinal and culinary purposes. *Cyc.*

**TANT**, *n.* A small spider with two eyes and eight long legs, and of an elegant scarlet color. *Cyc.*

**TAN'TALISM**, *n.* [*See Tantalize*.] The punishment of Tantalus; a teasing or tormenting by the hope or near approach of good which is not attainable.

Is not such a provision like *tantalism* to this people? *J. Quincy.*

**TAN'TALITE**, *n.* The ore of tantalum or columbium, a newly discovered metal. It is of an iron black color, sometimes with a tinge of blue. It is imbedded in angular pieces, from the size of a pea to that of a hazel-nut. *Cyc.*

**TANTALIZATION**, *n.* The act of tantalizing.

**TAN'TALIZE**, *v. t.* [from *Tantalus*, in fable, who was condemned for his crimes to perpetual hunger and thirst, with food and water near him which he could not reach.]

To tease or torment by presenting some good to the view and exciting desire, but continually frustrating the expectations by keeping that good out of reach; to tease; to torment.

Thy vain desires, at strife  
Within themselves, have *tantaliz'd* thy life.  
*Dryden.*

**TAN'TALIZED**, *pp.* Teased or tormented by the disappointment of the hope of good.

**TAN'TALIZER**, *n.* One that tantalizes.

**TAN'TALIZING**, *ppr.* Teasing or tormenting by presenting to the view some unattainable good.

**TAN'TALUM**, *n.* Columbium, the metal obtained from tantalite, newly discovered. *Thomson. Cyc.*

**TANT'AMOUNT**, *a.* [*L. tantas*, so much, and *amount*.]

Equal; equivalent in value or signification; as a sum *tantamount* to all our expenses. Silence is sometimes *tantamount* to consent.

**TAN'TIVY**, *adv.* [said to be from the note of a hunting horn; *L. tanta vi*.] To ride *tantivy*, is to ride with great speed. *Johnson.*

**TANT'LING**, *n.* [*See Tantalize*.] One seized with the hope of pleasure unattainable. *Shak.*

**TAP**, *v. t.* [*Fr. taper*; *Arm. tapa*, *tapein*; *Dan. tappa*, to throb; *Gr. ταναω, τανος*. *See Class Db. No. 28.*]

To strike with something small, or to strike a very gentle blow; to touch gently; as, to *tap* one with the hand; to *tap* one on the shoulder with a cane.

**TAP**, *v. i.* To strike a gentle blow. He *tapped* at the door.

**TAP**, *v. t.* [*Sax. tappan*; *Sw. tappa*; *Dan. tappa*; *D. tappa*; *G. zapfin*.]

1. To pierce or broach a cask, and insert a tap.

2. To open a cask and draw liquor. *Addison.*

3. To pierce for letting out a fluid; as, to *tap* a tumor; to *tap* a dropsical person. *Sharp.*

4. To box, or bore into; as, to *tap* a maple tree to obtain the sap for making sugar. *Mease.*

**TAP**, *n.* A gentle blow; a slight blow with a small thing.

She gives her right hand woman a *tap* on the shoulder. *Addison.*

2. A spile or pipe for drawing liquor from a cask. [But in *Sp. tapar* is to stop, and a *tap* may be a stopper. In this case, the verb to *tap*, should follow the noun.]

**TAPE**, *n.* [*Sax. tappe*.] A narrow fillet or band; a narrow piece of woven work, used for strings and the like; as curtains tied with *tape*. *Pope.*

**TAPER**, *n.* [*Sax. taper*, *tapur*. *Qu. It. doppiere*, a torch, *W. lampyr*.]

A small wax candle; a small lighted wax candle, or a small light.

Get me a *taper* in my study, Lucius. *Shak.*

**TAPER**, *a.* [supposed to be from the form of a taper.]

Regularly narrowed towards the point; becoming small towards one end; conical; pyramidal; as *taper* fingers. *Dryden.*

**TAPER**, *v. i.* To diminish or become gradually smaller towards one end; as, a sugar loaf *tapers* towards a point.

**TAPER**, *v. t.* To make gradually smaller in diameter.

**TAPERING**, *ppr.* Making gradually smaller.

2. *a.* Becoming regularly smaller in diameter towards one end; gradually diminishing towards a point.

**TAPERNESS**, *n.* The state of being taper.

**TAP'ESTRY**, *n.* [*Fr. tapis*, a carpet; *tapisserie*, hangings, tapestry; *L. tapes*, tapestry; *Fr. se tapir*, to crouch, to lie flat; *Sp. tapiz*, tapestry, and a grass-plot; *It. tappeto*, a carpet; *tappezeria*, tapestry; *Arm. tapicz*, a carpet; *tapicziry*, tapestry. *Qu.* from weaving or spreading.]

A kind of woven hangings of wool and silk, often enriched with gold and silver, re-

presenting figures of men, animals, landscapes, &c. *Cyc.*

**TAP'PET**, *n.* [*supra*.] Worked or figured stuff. *Spenser.*

**TAP'ETI**, *n.* An American animal of the hare kind. *Diet. Nat. Hist.*

**TAP'E-WORM**, *n.* [*tape* and *worm*.] A worm bred in the human intestines or bowels. The body is jointed, and each joint has its mouth.

**TAP'-HOUSE**, *n.* [*tap* and *house*.] A house where liquors are retailed.

**TAP'IR**, *n.* A quadruped of S. America, about 6 feet long and 3½ high, resembling a hog in shape, with a short movable proboscis. It frequents the water, like the hippopotamus. *Ed. Encyc.*

**TAP'IS**, *n.* [*Fr.*] Tapestry. Upon the *tapis*, under consideration, or on the table.

**TAP'PED**, *pp.* Broached; opened.

**TAP'PING**, *ppr.* Broaching; opening for the discharge of a fluid.

**TAP'-ROOT**, *n.* [*tap* and *root*.] The main root of a plant, which penetrates the earth directly downwards to a considerable depth. *Cyc. Mortimer.*

**TAP'STER**, *n.* One whose business is to draw ale or other liquor. *Swift.*

**TAR**, *n.* [*Sax. tare*, *tyr*, *tyrwa*; *D. teer*; *G. theer*; *Sw. tiara*; *Dan. tiere*; *Gaelic, tearr*. In *D. teeren* signifies to smear with tar or pitch, and to pine, waste, consume, digest, prey, subsist, feast, and *teer* is tender, as well as tar. The *D. teren*, is the *G. zehren*, *Dan. terer*, *Sw. tåra*, to fret, gnaw, consume; *Eug. tare*, in commerce. *Tar* then is from flowing, or from wasting, perhaps in combustion.]

1. A thick resinous substance of a dark brown or black color, obtained from pine and fir trees, by burning the wood with a close smothering heat. *Encyc. Cyc.*

Tar inspissated is called pitch, and is much used in ships and cordage. *Cyc.*

2. A sailor; so called from his tarred clothes.

**TAR**, *v. t.* To smear with tar; as, to *tar* ropes.

2. [*Sax. tiran*, *tyrian*.] To tease; to provoke. [*Not in use.*] *Shak.*

**TAR'ABE**, *n.* A large parrot with a red head. *Cyc.*

**TARANTULA**, *n.* [*It. tarantella*.] A species of spider, the *Aranea tarantula*, so called, it is said, from Tarentum in Apulia, where this animal is mostly found; a venomous insect, whose bite gives name to a new disease, called *tarantismus*. This is said to be cured by music.

**TARAN'TULATE**, *v. t.* To excite or govern emotions by music.

**TAR'AQUIRA**, *n.* A species of American lizard. *Cyc.*

**TARD'ATION**, *n.* [*L. tardo*. *See Tardy*.] The act of retarding or delaying. [*Not used.* We use for this, *retardation*.]

**TARDIGRADE**, } *a.* [*L. tardigradus*;  
**TARDIGRADE**, } *a.* *tardus*, slow, and *gradus*, step.]

Slow-paced; moving or stepping slowly. *Brown.*

**TARDIGRADE**, *n.* The tardigrades are a genus of edentate quadrupeds, including the genus *Bradypus* or sloth.

**TARD'LY**, *adv.* [from *tardy*.] Slowly; with slow pace or motion. *Shak.*