

SPARK, *v. i.* To emit particles of fire; to sparkle. [*Not in use.*] *Spenser.*
SPARKFUL, *a.* Lively; brisk; gay. *Camden.*
SPARKISH, *a.* Airy; gay. *Walsh.*
 2. Showy; well dressed; fine. *L'Estrange.*
SPARKLE, *n.* A spark. *Dryden.*
 2. A luminous particle.
SPARKLE, *v. i.* [*D. spartelen.*] To emit sparks; to send off small ignited particles; as burning fuel, &c.
 2. To glitter; to glisten; as, a brilliant sparkles; sparkling colors. *Locke.*
 3. To twinkle; to glitter; as sparkling stars.
 4. To glisten; to exhibit an appearance of animation; as, the eyes sparkle with joy. *Milton.*
 5. To emit little bubbles, as spiritous liquors; as sparkling wine.
SPARKLE, *v. i.* To throw about; to scatter. [*Not in use.*] *Suckville.*
SPARKLER, *n.* He or that which sparkles; one whose eyes sparkle. *Addison.*
SPARKLET, *n.* A small spark. *Cotton.*
SPARKLINESS, *n.* Vivacity. [*Not in use.*] *Aubrey.*
SPARKLING, *ppr. or a.* Emitting sparks; glittering; lively; as sparkling wine; sparkling eyes.
SPARKLINGLY, *adv.* With twinkling or vivid brilliancy.
SPARKLINGNESS, *n.* Vivid and twinkling luster.
SPARKLING, *n.* A smelt. *Colgrave.*
SPARROW, *n.* [*Sax. spearra*; *Goth. sparwa*; *G. Dan. sperting*; *Sw. sparf*; probably allied to *spar* or *spure*, and so named from its smallness.]
 A small bird of the genus *Fringilla* and order of Passers. These birds are frequently seen about houses.
SPARROW-GRASS, a corruption of *asparagus*.
SPARROW-HAWK, } *n.* [*Sax. spearhafoc*;
SPARHAWK, } *n.* [*spear-hawk*.] A small species of short winged hawk.
SPARRY, *a.* [*from spar.*] Resembling spar, or consisting of spar; having a confused crystalline structure; spathose.
SPARSE, *a.* *spars*. [*L. sparsus*, scattered, from *spargo*.]
 1. Thinly scattered; set or planted here and there; as a sparse population.
 2. In botany, not opposite, nor alternate, nor in any apparent regular order; applied to branches, leaves, peduncles, &c. *Martyn.*
SPARSE, *v. i.* *spars*. To disperse. [*Not in use.*] *Spenser.*
SPARSELY, *a.* Scattered. *Lee.*
SPARSELY, *adv.* In a scattered manner. *Evelyn.*
SPARTAN, *a.* Pertaining to ancient Sparta; hence, hardy; undaunted; as Spartan souls; Spartan bravery.
SPASM, *n.* [*L. spasmus*; *Gr. σπασμα*, from *σπασω*, to draw.]
 An involuntary contraction of muscles or muscular fibers in animal bodies; irregular motion of the muscles or muscular fibers; convulsion; cramp. *Core.*
SPASMODIC, *a.* [*Fr. spasmodique*; *It. spasmodico*.]
 Consisting in spasm; as a spasmodic affection.

SPASMODIC, *n.* A medicine good for removing spasm; but I believe the word generally employed is *anti-spasmodic*.
SPAT, *pret. of spit*, but nearly obsolete.
SPAT, *n.* [*from the root of spit*; that which is ejected.]
 1. The young of shell fish. *Woodward.*
 2. A petty combat; a little quarrel or dissension. [*A vulgar use of the word in New England.*]
SPATHACEOUS, *a.* Having a calyx like a sheath.
SPATHE, *n.* [*L. spatha*.] In botany, the calyx of a spadix opening or bursting longitudinally, in form of a sheath. It is also applied to the calyx of some flowers which have no spadix, as of narcissus, crocus, iris, &c. *Martyn.*
SPATHIC, *a.* [*G. spath*.] Foliated or lamellar. *Spathic* iron is a mineral of a foliated structure, and a yellowish or brownish color. *Silliman.*
SPATHIFORM, *a.* [*spath* and *form*.] Resembling spar in form.
 The ocherous, *spathiform* and mineralized forms of uranite—*Lavoisier.*
SPATHOUS, *a.* Having a calyx like a sheath.
SPATULATE. [*See Spatulate.*]
SPATIATE, *v. i.* [*L. spatior*.] To rove; to ramble. [*Not in use.*] *Bacon.*
SPATTER, *v. i.* [*This root is a derivative of the family of spit, or L. patero. See Spatter.*]
 1. To scatter a liquid substance on; to sprinkle with water or any fluid, or with any moist and dirty matter; as, to spatter a coat; to spatter the floor; to spatter the boots with mud. [*This word, I believe, is applied always to fluid or moist substances. We say, to spatter with water, mud, blood or gray; but never to spatter with dust or meal.*]
 2. Figuratively, to asperse; to defame. [*In this sense, asperse is generally used.*]
 3. To throw out any thing offensive; as, to spatter foul speeches. [*Not in use.*] *Shak.*
 4. To scatter about; as, to spatter water here and there.
SPATTER, *v. i.* To throw out of the mouth in a scattered manner; to sputter. [*See Spatter.*] *Milton.*
SPATTERDASHES, *n. plu.* [*spatter* and *dash*.]
 Coverings for the legs to keep them clean from water and mud. [*Since boots are generally worn, these things and their name are little used.*]
SPATTERED, *pp.* Sprinkled or fouled by some liquid or dirty substance.
 2. Aspersed.
SPATTERING, *ppr.* Sprinkling with moist or foul matter.
 2. Aspersing.
SPATTLE, *n.* Spittle. [*Not in use.*] *Bale.*
SPATTLING-POPPY, *n.* [*L. papaver spumeum*.]
 A plant; white belien; a species of Cam-pion.
SPATULA, } *n.* [*L. spathula. spatha, a*
SPATTLE, } *n.* [*slice*; *W. yspadol*; from the root of *L. patero*; so named from its breadth, or from its use in spreading thing s.

A slice; an apothecaries' instrument for spreading plasters, &c. *Quincy.*
SPATULATE, *a.* [*from L. spathula*.] In botany, a spatulate leaf is one shaped like a spatula or battle-dere, being roundish with a long, narrow, linear base; as in *cistus incanus*. *Martyn.*
SPAVIN, *n.* [*It. spavenio, sparano, spavin, a cramp*; *Fr. epurvin*; *Sp. esparavan*; *Port. esparavam*.]
 A tumor or excrescence that forms on the inside of a horse's hough, not far from the elbow; at first like gristle, but afterwards hard and bony. *Fur. Dict.*
SPAVINED, *a.* Affected with spavin. *Goldsmith.*
SPAW, } *n.* A mineral water from a place
SPA, } of this name in Germany. The name may perhaps be applied to other similar waters.
 2. A spring of mineral water.
SPAWL, *v. i.* [*G. speichel, spawl*; *spaien, to spawl, to spew. Spew* is a contracted word.]
 To throw saliva from the mouth in a scattering form; to disperse spittle in a careless dirty manner.
 Why must he sputter, spawl and slaver it?
Swift.
SPAWL, *n.* Saliva or spittle thrown out carelessly. *Dryden.*
SPAWLING, *ppr.* Throwing spittle carelessly from the mouth.
SPAWLING, *n.* Saliva thrown out carelessly.
SPAWN, *n.* It has no plural. [*If this word is not contracted, it belongs to the root of L. pono, Sp. poner, Fr. pondre, to lay eggs. If contracted, it probably belongs to the root of spew or spawl. The radical sense is that which is ejected or thrown out.*]
 1. The eggs of fish or frogs, when ejected. *Ray.*
 2. Any product or offspring; an expression of contempt. *Rosecommon.*
 3. Offsets; shoots; suckers of plants. [*Not used in America.*]
SPAWN, *v. i.* To produce or deposit, as fishes do their eggs.
 2. To bring forth; to generate; in contempt. *Swift.*
SPAWN, *v. i.* To deposit eggs, as fish or frogs.
 2. To issue, as offspring; in contempt. *Locke.*
SPAWNED, *pp.* Produced or deposited, as the eggs of fish or frogs.
SPAWNER, *n.* The female fish.
 The spawner and the melter of the barbel cover their spawn with sand. *Walton.*
SPAY, *v. i.* [*W. yspazu, to exhaust*; *dyspazu, to geld*; *Arm. spaza* or *spokein, to geld*; *L. spado, a gelding*; *Gr. σπας, to draw out*.]
 To castrate the female of a beast by cutting and by taking out the uterus; as, to spay a sow. *Mortimer.*
SPAYED, *pp.* Castrated, as a female beast.
SPAYING, *ppr.* Castrating, as a female beast.
SPEAK, *v. i.* *pret. spoke*, [*spake, nearly obs.*] *pp. spoke, spoken.* [*Sax. spæcan, specan*; *It. spiccar le parole, to speak distinctly*; *spiccare, to shine, that is, to shoot or thrust forth*; *Eth. ሰበሰበ sabak, to*