

CIRCULATORY, *n.* A chemical vessel, in which that which rises from the vessel on the fire is collected and cooled in another fixed upon it, and falls down again.

Johnson.

CIRCUMAMBIENCY, *n.* [*L. circum, a* round, and *ambio*, to go about. See *Ambient*.]

The act of surrounding, or encompassing.

Brown.

CIRCUMAMBIENT, *a.* Surrounding; encompassing; inclosing or being on all sides; used particularly of the air about the earth.

CIRCUMAMBULATE, *v. i.* [*L. circumambulo*, to walk round; *circum* and *ambulo*.] To walk round about. [*Little used*.]

CIRCUMAMBULATION, *n.* The act of walking round. [*Little used*.]

CIRCUMCELL LION, *n.* [*L. circum*, about, and *cella*, a cell, or cellar. Hence, a variant.]

In church history, a set of illiterate peasants that adhered to the Donatists in the fourth century.

Milner.

CIRCUMCISE, *v. t. sur'cumcise*. [*L. circumcideo*, *circum*, around, and *cido*, to cut; *Fr. circuncire*; *Sp. circuncidar*; *It. circuncidere*.]

To cut off the prepuce or foreskin of males; a ceremony or rite in the Jewish and Mohammedan religions. The word is applied also to a practice among some nations of performing a like operation upon females.

CIRCUMCISER, *n.* One who performs circumcision.

Milton.

CIRCUMCISION, *n.* The act of cutting off the prepuce or foreskin.

CIRCUMCURSATION, *n.* [*L. circum*, about, and *curso*, to run.]

The act of running about. [*Not used*.]

Barrow.

CIRCUMDUCT, *v. t.* [*L. circumduco*; *circum*, round, and *duco*, to lead.]

To contravene; to nullify; a term of civil law. [*Little used*.]

CIRCUMDUCTION, *n.* A leading about. [*Little used*.]

2. An annulling; cancellation. [*Little used*.]

CIRCUMFER, *v. t.* [*L. circumfero*.] To bear or carry round. [*Not in use*.]

Bacon.

CIRCUMFERENCE, *n.* [*L. circumferentia*, from *circum*, round, and *fero*, to carry.]

1. The line that bounds a circle; the exterior line of a circular body; the whole exterior surface of a round body; a periphery.

Newton. Milton.

2. The space included in a circle.

Milton. Dryden.

3. An orb; a circle; any thing circular or orbicular; as in Milton, speaking of a shield,

Hung on his shoulders like the moon.

CIRCUMFERENCE, *v. t.* To include in a circular space. [*Not used*.]

Brown.

CIRCUMFERENTIAL, *a.* Pertaining to the circumference.

Parkhurst.

CIRCUMFERENTOR, *n.* An instrument used by surveyors for taking angles. It consists of a brass index, and circle, all of a piece; on the circle is a chart, divided into 360 degrees. There are also two

sights to screw on and slide up and down the index; also a spangle and socket screwed on the back side of the circle to put the head of the staff in.

Encyc.

CIRCUMFLEX, *n.* [*L. circumflexus*; *circum*, round, and *flecto*, to bend.]

In grammar, an accent serving to note or distinguish a syllable of an intermediate sound between acute and grave; marked in Greek thus -. It is a kind of undulation in the voice, but not used in English.

CIRCUMFLEX, *v. t.* To mark or pronounce with the accent called a circumflex.

Walker.

CIRCUMFLUENCE, *n.* [*L. circumfluens*; *circum*, round, and *fluo*, to flow.]

A flowing round on all sides; an inclosure of waters.

CIRCUMFLUENT, *a.* Flowing round; surrounding as a fluid; as, *circumfluent waves*.

Pope.

CIRCUMFLUOUS, *a.* [*L. circumfluus*. See *Circumfluence*.] Flowing round; encompassing as a fluid; circumfluent.

Milton. Pope.

CIRCUMFORANEAN, { [*L. circumfor-*

CIRCUMFORANEUS, { *a. aneus*; *circum*, around, and *foris*, a door, or abroad.]

Going about; walking or wandering from house to house; as a *circumforaneous* fiddler or piper; *circumforaneous* wits.

Addison. Spect.

Circumforaneous musicians, male and female, are daily seen at the doors of hotels, in France; and sometimes they enter the room, where a company is dining, and entertain them with music; expecting a franc or a few sous as a reward.

W.

CIRCUMFUSE, *v. t. s. as z.* [*L. circumfusus*; *circum* and *fundo*, *fusus*, to pour.]

1. To pour round; to spread round, as a fluid.

Bacon.

2. To spread round; to surround.

Milton.

CIRCUMFUSION, *a.* [*L. circumfusio*, from *circum*, round, and *fundo*, to pour.]

That may be poured or spread round; as, *circumfusile gold*.

Pope.

The act of pouring or spreading round; the state of being poured round.

Johnson.

CIRCUMGESTATION, *n.* [*L. circum* and *gestatio*.] A carrying about.

Taylor.

CIRCUMGYRATE, { [*L. circum*, and

CIRCUMGYRE, { *v. t. gyro*, a turning round.]

To roll or turn round. [*Little used*.]

Ray.

CIRCUMGYRATION, *n.* The act of turning, rolling or whirling round; the turning of a limb in its socket.

Quincy. Chayne.

CIRCUMJACENT, *a.* [*L. circumjacens*; *circum* and *jacio*, to lie.]

Lying round; bordering on every side.

Johnson.

CIRCUMLIGATION, *n.* [*L. circumligo*, to bind round; *circum* and *ligo*, to bind.]

The act of binding round; the bond with which any thing is encompassed.

Johnson.

CIRCUMLOCUTION, *n.* [*L. circumlocutio*; *circum* and *locutio*, a speaking, *loquor*, to speak.]

A circuit or compass of words; a periphrase; the use of a number of words to express an idea, when a suitable term is not at hand, or when a speaker chooses to avoid

the use of a single term, either from delicacy or respect, or with a view to soften the force of a direct expression, or for other reason.

CIRCUMLOCUTORY, *a.* Pertaining to circumlocution; consisting or contained in a compass of words; periphrastic.

Shenstone.

CIRCUMMURED, *a.* [*L. circum* and *murus*, a wall.]

Walled round; encompassed with a wall.

Shak.

CIRCUMNAVIGABLE, *a.* [See *Circumnavigate*.] That may be sailed round.

Ray.

CIRCUMNAVIGATE, *v. t.* [*L. circumnavigo*; *circum* and *navigo*, to sail, from *navis*, a ship.]

To sail round; to pass round by water; as, to *circumnavigate* the globe.

CIRCUMNAVIGATION, *n.* The act of sailing round.

Arbuthnot.

CIRCUMNAVIGATOR, *n.* One who sails round.

CIRCUMPLICATION, *n.* [*L. circumplico*; *circum* and *plico*, to fold.]

A folding, winding or wrapping round; or a state of being enwrapped. [*Little used*.]

Bailey.

CIRCUMPOLAR, *a.* [*L. circum*, and *Eng. polar*.]

About the pole; an appellation given to stars, which are so near the north pole, as to revolve round it without setting. The number of these depends on the latitude of the spectator. We apply it to the north polar region and stars, but the word is applicable to either pole.

CIRCUMPOSITION, *n. s. as z.* [*L. circum*, and *positio*.]

The act of placing in a circle; or the state of being so placed.

Evelyn.

CIRCUMRA'SION, *n. s. as z.* [*L. circumradio*; *circum* and *radio*, to shave.]

The act of shaving or paring round. [*Little used*.]

CIRCUMROTARY, *a.* Turning, rolling or whirling round.

Shenstone.

CIRCUMROTATION, *n.* [*L. circum* and *rotatio*, rotation, from *roto*, to turn round.]

The act of rolling or revolving round, as a wheel; *circumrotation*; the state of being whirled round.

Gregory.

CIRCUMSCRIBE, *v. t.* [*L. circumscribo*; *circum* and *scribo*, to draw.] Literally, to draw a line round. Hence,

1. To inclose within a certain limit; to limit, bound, confine.

You are above

The little forms which *circumscribe* your sex.

Southern.

2. To write round. [*Little used*.]

CIRCUMSCRIBED, *pp.* Drawn round as a line; limited; confined.

In geometry, this word is applied to a figure which is drawn round another figure, so that all its sides or planes touch the inscribed figure.

Encyc.

CIRCUMSCRIBING, *ppr.* Drawing a line round; inclosing; limiting; confining.

CIRCUMSCRIPTIBLE, *a.* That may be circumscribed or limited by bounds.

CIRCUMSCRIPTION, *n.* The line that limits; limitation; bound; confinement.

Shak.

2. In natural philosophy, the termination or