

the Greek *anti*, in that of *opposite*, or in the place of.

ANTE or ANTA, *n.* A pilaster. In *heraldry*, *ante* denotes that the pieces are let into one another, in the manner there expressed, as by dove tails, rounds, swallow tails, &c.

ANTEACT, *n.* [*ante* and *act*.] A preceding act.

ANTECEDA/NEOUS, *a.* [*Infra*.] Antecedent; preceding in time.

ANTECEDE, *v. t.* [*ante* and *cedo*, to go. See *Cede*.]

To go before in time; to precede.

ANTECEDENCE, *n.* The act or state of going before in time; precedence. In *astronomy*, an apparent motion of a planet towards the west, or contrary to the order of the signs.

ANTECEDENT, *a.* Going before in time; prior; anterior; preceding; as, an event antecedent to the deluge.

ANTECEDENT, *n.* That which goes before in time; hence in writings, that which precedes in place. In *grammar*, the noun to which a relative or other substitute refers; as, Solomon was the *prince* who built the Temple. In *logic*, the first of two propositions in an enthymeme, or argument of two propositions; as, if the sun is fixed, the earth must move. Here the first and conditional proposition is the antecedent; the second, the consequent. *Watts*. In *mathematics*, the first of two terms of a ratio, or that which is compared with the other.

ANTECEDENTLY, *adv.* Previously; at a time preceding.

ANCESTOR, *n.* [*L.* whence *ancestor*. See *Anteced*.]

1. One who goes before; a leader; a principal. It was formerly a title given to those who excelled in any science; to professors of civil law; and in the Universities of France, the teachers of law take the title in their theses.

2. One that possessed land before the present possessor.

ANTECHAMBER, *n.* [*Ante*, before, and *chamber*.]

A chamber or apartment before the chief apartment to which it leads, and in which persons wait for audience.

ANTECHAPEL, *n.* The part of the chapel through which is the passage to the choir or body of it.

ANTECIAN, *n.* [*Gr.* *anti*, opposite, and *oikia*, to dwell; *L.* *anteci*.]

In *geography*, the antecians are those inhabitants of the earth, under the same meridian, and at the same distance from the equator, but, on opposite sides, one party north, the other south. They have the same hours of day and night, but different seasons; it being winter with one, when it is summer with the other. *Encyc.* **ANTECURSOR**, *n.* [*L.* *ante*, before, and *cursor*, a runner, from *curro*, to run. See *Course*.]

One who runs before; a forerunner. In the Roman armies, the antecursors were a body of horse detached to obtain intelligence, get provisions, &c., for the main body.

ANTEDATE, *n.* [*Infra*.] Prior date; a date antecedent to another.

ANTEDATE, *v. t.* [*L.* *ante*, and *datum*, given. See *Date*.]

1. To date before the true time; thus, to antedate a deed or a bond is to express a date anterior to the true time of its execution.

2. To anticipate; to take before the true time.

And antedate the bliss above. *Pope*.

ANTEDEILUVIAL, *a.* [*L.* *ante*, and *diluvium*, a flood. See *Lave*.]

Before the flood, or deluge, in Noah's time; existing, happening, or relating to what happened before the deluge.

ANTEDEILUVIAN, *n.* One who lived before the deluge.

ANTELOPE, *n.* [*Qu. Gr.* *anti* and *elapso*, resembling a deer.]

In *zoology*, the gazelle; a genus of ruminant quadrupeds, intermediate between the deer and goat. Their horns are solid and permanent, straight or curved; in some species annulated; in others, surrounded by a spiral; and in others, smooth. They resemble the deer in the lightness and elegance of their forms, and in their agility. They inhabit open plains or mountains, and some species in herds of two or three thousand. Their eyes are large, black, and of exquisite beauty and vivacity; and are therefore a favorite image with the eastern poets.

ANTELU/CAN, *a.* [*L.* *antelucanus*, of ante, before, and *lux*, light.]

Being before light; a word applied to assemblies of christians, in ancient times of persecution, held before light in the morning.

ANTEMERIDIAN, *a.* [*ante*, before, and *meridian*.]

Being before noon; pertaining to the forenoon.

ANTEMETIC, *a.* [*anti*, against, and *emetica*, from *emere*, to vomit.]

Restraining or allaying vomiting. *Quincy*.

ANTEMETIC, *n.* A medicine which checks vomiting.

ANTEMUNDANE, *a.* [*ante*, before, and *mundus*, the world.] Being before the creation of the world.

ANTENICENE, *a.* [*ante*, before, and *Nicene*, from *Nice*.]

Anterior to the first council of Nice; as *antenicene* faith.

ANTENNAE, *n. plu.* [*L.* *antenna*, a sail yard.]

In *zoology*, the horns or feelers of insects, projecting from the head.

ANTENUMBER, *n.* A number that precedes another.

ANTENUP/TIAL, *a.* [*ante* and *nuptial*.]

Being before marriage; as, an antenuptial agreement; antenuptial children.

ANTEPASCAL, *a.* Pertaining to the time before Easter.

ANTEPEAST, *n.* [*ante*, before, and *pastum*, ftd.]

A foretaste; something taken before the proper time.

ANTEPENULT, *n.* [*L.* *ante*, before, *pene*, almost, and *ultimus*, last.]

The last syllable of a word, except two; as *syl* in *syllable*.

ANTEPENULTIMATE, *a.* Pertaining to the last syllable but two.

ANTEPILEPTIC, *a.* [*anti*, against, and

epilepticos, epileptic, from *epilambano*, to seize.]

Resisting or curing epilepsy.

ANTEPILEPTIC, *n.* A remedy for the epilepsy.

ANTEPOSITION, *n. s. s. z.* [*L.* *ante*, before, and *positio*, from *pono*, to place.]

In *grammar*, the placing of a word before another, which, by ordinary rules, ought to follow it.

ANTEPREDICAMENT, *n.* [*ante* and *predicament*.]

A preliminary question in logic to illustrate the doctrine of predicaments and categories; a question which is to be first known.

ANTERIOR, *a.* [*L.*] Before in time or place; prior; antecedent; preceding in time.

2. Before or in front in place.

ANTERIORITY, *n.* The state of being anterior, preceding or in front; a state of being before in time, or situation.

ANTEROOM, *n.* [*ante* and *room*.] A room before or in front of another.

AN/TES, *n. plu.* [*L.*] Pillars of large dimensions that support the front of a building.

ANTESTAT/URE, *n.* [*ante* and *stature*.]

In *fortification*, a small retrenchment or work formed of palisades, or sacks of earth.

ANTESTOM/ACH, *n.* [*ante* and *stomach*.]

A cavity which leads into the stomach, as the crop in birds. [Not in use.]

ANTEVERT, *v. t.* [*L.* *anteverto*.] To prevent. [Not in use.]

ANTEVIRGILIAN, *a.* [*anti* and *Virgil*.]

A term given to Tull's new husbandry, or method of horse hoeing.

ANTHELMINTIC, *a.* [*anti*, against, and *helminx*, a worm.] Good against worms.

ANTHELMINTIC, *n.* A remedy for worms in the intestines.

ANTHEM, *n.* [*Gr.* *anti*, against, and *hymnos*, a hymn, from *qanto*, to sing. See *Hymn*.]

A hymn sung in alternate parts; but in modern usage, a sacred tune or piece of music set to words, taken from the psalms or other parts of the scriptures, first introduced into church service in Elizabeth's reign.

ANTHEM-WISE, *adv.* In the manner of an anthem; alternately.

ANTHEMIS, *n.* Camomile.

ANTHER, *n.* [*L.* *anthera*, a flowery plant, from the Greek *antheros*, flowery, from *anros*, a flower.]

In *botany*, the summit or top of the stamen, connected with the flower, and elevated by means of the filament or thread, within the corol. It contains the pollen, or fertilizing dust, which, when mature, is emitted for the impregnation of the stigma.

It is called by Ray, the apex, and by Malpighi, the *capsula staminis*.

ANTHERAL, *a.* Pertaining to anthers.

ANTHERIFEROUS, *a.* [*anther* and *fero*, to bear.] Producing anthers.

ANTHETERION, *n.* The sixth month of the Athenian year, consisting of 29 days, and answering to a part of November and a part of December.

It is supposed to be so called from the Anthesia, feasts in honor of Bacchus, celebrated in that