10. Dull; gloomy; still; not enlivened; as and pierced with holes, to receive the lan-DEAF, n. deef. [Sax. deaf; loc. dauf; Deaf. a dead winter; a dead season. Addison. 11. Still; deep; obscure; as the dead dark-

ness of the night.

12. Dull; not lively; not resembling life; as the dead coloring of a piece; a dead eye. 13. Dull; heavy; as a dead sound. 14. Dull; frigid; lifeless; cold; not animated; not affecting; used of prayer.

Addison. 15. Tasteless; vapid; spiritless; used of li-

17. Dull: without natural force or efficacy not lively or brisk; as a dead fire.

18. In a state of spiritual death; void of grace; lying under the power of sin-19. Impotent ; unable to procreate. Rom. iv.

20. Decayed in grace.

dead. Rev. iii. 21. Not proceeding from spiritual life; not producing good works; as, faith without DEAD'LY, adv. ded'h. In a manner resem

works is dead. James ii. 22. Proceeding from corrupt nature, not 2. Mortally. from spiritual life or a gracious principle;

ns dead works. Heb, ix, 14.

the rights of property; as one banished or becoming a monk is civilly dead.

Dead language, a language which is no lonand known only in writings; as the Hebrew, Greek and Latin.

Dead rising or rising line, the parts of a ship's floor or bottom throughout her length, where the floor timber is termina-Mar. Dict. 2. ted on the lower futtock.

DEAD, n. ded. The dead signifies dead men. Ye shall not make cuttings for the dead.

ev. viv. 2. The state of the dead ; or death.

This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead. Matt. xiv.

from among the dead.

DEAD, n. ded, The time when there is a remarkable stillness or gloom; depth; as in the midst of winter or of night. The dead of winter, the dead of night, are familiar expressions.

DEAD, v. i. ded. To lose life or force. DEAD, v. t. ded. To deprive of life, force or

[Obs.] vigor. DEAD'-DOING, a. Destructive ;

DEAD DRUNK, a. So drunk as to be incaple of helping one's self.

DEAD'EN, v. t. ded'n. [D. dooden; G. tödt-

1. To deprive of a portion of vigor, force or sensation; to abate vigor or action; as, to

deaden the force of a ball; to deaden the natural powers or feelings.

3. To retard; to lessen velocity or motion

the wind.

4. To diminish spirit; to make vapid or spir itles; as, to deaden wine or beer.

DEAD'-EYE, n. ded'-eye. [dead-man's eye.] Among seamen, a round flattish wooden block, encircled by a rope, or an iron band, iard, used to extend the shrouds and stays,

and for other purposes. DEAD'-HEARTED, a. Having a dull, faint heart. DEAD-HEARTEDNESS, n. Pusillanimity.

DEAD'-LIFT, n. A heavy weight; a hopeless exigency Hudibras. DEAD'-LIGHT, n. ded'-light. A strong wooden port, made to suit a cabin win-

dow, in which it is fixed, to prevent the water from entering a ship in a storm. quors.

16. Uninhabited; as dead walls. Arbuthnot. DEAD LIHOOD, n. The state of the dead.

Peurson. DEAD'LINESS, n. ded'liness. The quality of being deadly.

DEAD'LY, a. ded'ly. That may occasion death; mortal; fatal; destructive; as a deadly blow or wound.

Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art 2. Mortal; implacable; aiming to kill or de stroy; as a deadly enemy; deadly malice: a deadly foud.

bling death; as deadly pale or wan. Shak. 2. Wanting the sense of hearing; having or-

With groanings of a deadly wounded man. Ezek. xxx. 23. In law, cut off from the rights of a citi- 3. Implacably; destructively.

tremely; as a deadly cunning man. Arbuthnot. Blackstone. DEADLY-CARROT, n. A plant of the ge-

nus Thapsia. ger spoken or in common use by a people, DEADLY-NIGHTSHADE, n. A plant of the genus Atropa.

DEAD NESS, n. ded ness. Want of natural life or vital power, in an animal or plant; as the deadness of a limb, of a body, or of a tree.

Want of animation; dullness; languor; as the deadness of the eve.

Want of warmth or ardor; coldness frigidity: as the deadness of the affections Vapidness; want of spirit; as the deadness of liquors.

This may be understood thus, he is risen 4. State of being incapable of conception, according to the ordinary laws of nature. Rom. iv. 19.

Indifference; mortification of the natural desires; alienation of heart from temporal pleasures; as deadness to the world,

DEAD'NETTLE, n. A plant of the genus Lamium, and another of the genus Gale- DE'AFNESS, n. dee'fness. Incapacity of

DEAD PLEDGE, n. A mortgage or pawning of things, or thing pawned. Bailey. DEAD-RECKONING, n. In navigation, the judgment or estimation of the place of a ship, without any observation of the 2. Unwillingness to hear and regard; volunheavenly bodies; or an account of the distance she has run by the log, and of the course steered by the compass, and this rectified by due allowances for drift, Mar. Diet. lee-way, &c.

DEAD'STRUCK, a. Confounded; struck with horror.

To blunt: to render less susceptible or feeling; as, to deaden the senses.

DEAD WATER, n. The eddy water closing in with a ship's stern, as she passes through the water

as, to deaden the motion of a ship or of DEAD WOOD, n. Blocks of timber laid on the keel of a ship, particularly at the ex-

DEAD WORKS, n. The parts of a ship which are above the surface of the water. when she is balanced for a voyage. Mar. Dict.

doof; G. taub; Dan. dov; Sw. dof; D. dooven, to quench or stifle; Dan. dover, to deafen; coinciding with Ch. NDD, to extinguish, L. stipo, Fr. elouffer, to stuff. Hence we say, thick of hearing. The true English pronunciation of this word is deef, as appears from the poetry of Chaucer, who uniformly makes it rhyme with leaf; and this proof is confirmed by poetry in the works of Sir W. Temple. Such was the pronunciation which our ancestors brought from England. The word is in analogy with leaf, sheaf, and the long sound of the vowels naturally precedes the semi-vowel f. Def, from the Danish and Swedish pronunciation, is an anomaly in English of a singular kind, there being not another word like it in the language. See Chaucer's Wife of Bath's Prologue.]

1. Not perceiving sounds; not receiving impressions from sonorous bodies through the air; as a deaf car.

gans which do not perceive sounds; as a deaf man. It is followed by to before that which ought to be heard; as deaf to the voice of the orator. zen: deprived of the power of enjoying 4. In a vulgar or ludicrous sense, very; ex-3. In a metaphorical sense, not listening; not regarding; not moved, persuaded or con-

vinced; rejecting; as deaf to reason or arguments. Men are deaf to the calls of the gospel.

4. Without the ability or will to regard spiritual things; unconcerned; as, hear, ve deaf. Is, xlii.

5. Deprived of the power of hearing; deafened; as deaf with clamor.

6. Stiffed; imperfect; obscurely heard; as a deaf noise or murmur. Dryden. DEAF, v. t. to deafen, is used by Dryden.

but is obsolete, unless perhaps in poetry. DE'AFEN, v. t. dee'fn. To make deaf; to deprive of the power of hearing; to impair the organs of hearing, so as to render

them unimpressible to sounds. 2. To stun; to render incapable of perceiving sounds distinctly; as deafened with clamor or tumult.

DETAFLY, adv. deetfly. Without sense of sounds; obscurely heard.

perceiving sounds; the state of the organs which prevents the impressions which constitute hearing; as the deafness of the ears: hence, applied to persons, want of the sense of hearing.

tary rejection of what is addressed to the ear and to the understanding

King Charles. DEAL, v. t. pret. and pp. dealt, pron. delt. Sax. dalan, bedalan, gedalan; Goth. dailyan ; Sw. dela ; Dan, deeler ; G. theilen; D. deelen, bedeelen; Russ. delini; W. dydoli, to separate : dy and tawl, separation, a throwing off, tawlu, to throw off. to separate; Ir. and Gael. dailim, to give : dail, a part, Eng. dole; Heb, and Ch. 573

to separate, or divide ; Ar. 13, badala,

to exchange, or give in exchange; ادخار badbala, to give, to yield. [Qu. W. gozoli, to endow. There is a remarkable coin-