

2. Non-existence; a state of annihilation. *Shak.*

3. Not any thing; not any particular thing, deed or event. *Nothing* was done to redeem our character. He thought *nothing* done, while any thing remained to be done.

A determination to choose *nothing* is a determination not to choose the truth. *J. M. Mason.*

4. No other thing.

*Nothing* but this will entitle you to God's acceptance. *Wake.*

5. No part, portion, quantity or degree. The troops manifested *nothing* of irresolution in the attack.

Yet had his aspect *nothing* of severe. *Dryden.*

6. No importance; no value; no use.

Behold, ye are of *nothing*, and your work of naught. *Is. xli.*

7. No possession of estate; a low condition.

A man that from very *nothing* is grown to an unspeakable estate. *Shak.*

8. A thing of no proportion to something, or of trifling value or advantage.

The charge of making the ground, and otherwise, is great, but *nothing* to the profit. *Bacon.*

9. A trifle; a thing of no consideration or importance.

'Tis *nothing*, says the fool; but says the friend,

This *nothing*, sir, will bring you to your end. *Dryden.*

To make *nothing* of, to make no difficulty or to consider as trifling, light or unimportant.

We are industrious to preserve our bodies from slavery, but we make *nothing* of suffering our souls to be slaves to our lusts. *Ray.*

NOTHING, *adv.* In no degree; not at all.

Adam, with such counsel *nothing* sway'd— *Milton.*

In the phrase, *nothing* worth, the words are transposed; the natural order being, worth *nothing*.

NOTHINGNESS, *n.* Nihilility; non-existence. *Donne.*

2. Nothing; a thing of no value. *Hudibras.*

NOTICE, *n.* [Fr. from *L. notitia*, from *no-* to or *notus*.]

1. Observation by the eye or by the other senses. We take *notice* of objects passing or standing before us; we take *notice* of the words of a speaker; we take *notice* of a peculiar taste of food, or of the smell of an orange, and of our peculiar sensations. Notice then is the act by which we gain knowledge of something within the reach of the senses, or the effect of an impression on some of the senses.

2. Observation by the mind or intellectual power; as, to take *notice* of a distinction between truth and veracity.

3. Information; intelligence by whatever means communicated; knowledge given or received; as, I received *notice* by a messenger or by letter. He gave *notice* of his arrival. The bell gives *notice* of the hour of the day. The merchant gives *notice* that a bill of exchange is not accepted.

4. A paper that communicates information.

5. Attention; respectful treatment; civility.

6. Remark; observation.

NOTICE, *v. t.* To observe; to see. We *noticed* the conduct of the speaker; we *noticed* no improper conduct.

2. To heed; to regard. His conduct was rude, but I did not *notice* it.

3. To remark; to mention or make observations on.

This plant deserves to be *noticed* in this place. *Tooke.*

Another circumstance was *noticed* in connection with the suggestion last discussed. *Hamilton.*

4. To treat with attention and civilities; as, to *notice* strangers.

5. To observe intellectually.

NOTICEABLE, *a.* That may be observed; worthy of observation.

NOTICED, *pp.* Observed; seen; remarked; treated with attention.

NOTICING, *ppr.* Observing; seeing; regarding; remarking on; treating with attention.

NOTIFICATION, *n.* [See *Notify*.] The act of notifying or giving notice; the act of making known, particularly the act of giving official notice or information to the public, or to individuals, corporations, companies or societies, by words, by writing or by other means.

2. Notice given in words or writing, or by signs.

3. The writing which communicates information; an advertisement, citation, &c.

NOTIFIED, *pp.* Made known; applied to things. This design of the king was *notified* to the court of Berlin.

2. Informed by words, writing or other means; applied to persons. The inhabitants of the city have been *notified* that a meeting is to be held at the State House.

NOTIFY, *v. t.* [Fr. *notifier*; It. *notificare*; L. *notus*, known, and *facio*, to make.]

1. To make known; to declare; to publish. The laws of God *notify* to man his will and our duty.

2. To make known by private communication; to give information of. The allied sovereigns have *notified* the Spanish court of their purpose of maintaining legitimate government.

3. To give notice to; to inform by words or writing, in person or by message, or by any signs which are understood. The constable has *notified* the citizens to meet at the City Hall. The bell *notifies* us of the time of meeting.

The President of the United States has *notified* the House of Representatives, that he has approved and signed the act.

*Journals of the Senate.* [Vote. This application of *notify* has been condemned, but it is in constant good use in the U. States, and in perfect accordance with the use of *certify*.]

NOTIFYING, *ppr.* Making known; giving notice to.

NOTION, *n.* [Fr. from *L. notio*, from *no-*tus, known; *nosco*, to know.]

1. Conception; mental apprehension of whatever may be known or imagined. We may have a just *notion* of power, or false *notions* respecting spirit.

*Notion* and *idea* are primarily different; *idea* being the conception of something visible, as the *idea* of a square or a triangle; and *notion* the conception of things

invisible or intellectual, as the *notion* we have of spirits. But from negligence in the use of *idea*, the two words are constantly confounded.

What hath been generally agreed on, I content myself to assume under the *notion* of principles. *Newton.*

Few agree in their *notions* about these words. *Cheyne.*

That *notion* of hunger, cold, sound, color, thought, wish or fear, which is in the mind, is called the *idea* of hunger, cold, &c. *Watts.*

2. Sentiment; opinion; as the extravagant *notions* they entertain of themselves. *Addison.*

3. Sense; understanding; intellectual power. [Not used.] *Shak.*

4. Inclination; in *vulgar use*; as, I have a *notion* to do this or that.

NOTIONAL, *a.* Imaginary; ideal; existing in idea only; visionary; fantastical.

*Notional* good, by fancy only made. *Prior.*

A *notional* and imaginary thing. *Bentley.*

2. Dealing in imaginary things; whimsical; fanciful; as a *notional* man.

NOTIONALITY, *n.* Empty ungrounded opinion. [Not used.] *Glanville.*

NOTIONALLY, *adv.* In mental apprehension; in conception; not in reality.

Two faculties *notionally* or really distinct. *Norris.*

NOTIONIST, *n.* One who holds to an ungrounded opinion. *Bp. Hopkins.*

NOTORIETY, *n.* [Fr. *notoriété*, from *notoire*. See *Notorious*.]

1. Exposure to the public knowledge; the state of being publicly or generally known; as the *notoriety* of a crime.

2. Public knowledge.

They were not subjects in their own nature so exposed to public *notoriety*. *Addison.*

NOTORIOUS, *a.* [It. Sp. *notorio*; Fr. *notoire*; from Low L. *notorius*, from *notus*, known.]

1. Publicly known; manifest to the world; evident; usually, known to disadvantage; hence almost always used in an ill sense; as a *notorious* thief; a *notorious* crime or vice; a man *notorious* for lewdness or gaming.

2. In a good sense.

Your goodness,

Since you provoke me, shall be most *notorious*. *Shak.*

NOTORIOUSLY, *adv.* Publicly; openly; in a manner to be known or manifest. *Swift.*

NOTORIOUSNESS, *n.* The state of being open or known; notoriety. *Overbury.*

NOTT, *a.* [Sax. *hnót*.] Shorn. *Obs.*

*Chaucer.*

NOTT, *v. t.* To shear. *Obs.*

NOTUS, *n.* [L.] The south wind. *Milton.*

NOTWHEAT, *n.* [Sax. *hnat*, smooth, shorn.] Wheat not bearded. *Carrie.*

NOTWITHSTANDING, the participle of *withstand*, with *not* prefixed, and signifying not opposing; nevertheless. It retains in all cases its participial signification. For example, "I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant; *notwithstanding*, in thy days I will not do it, for David thy father's sake." 1 Kings xi. In this passage there is an ellipsis of *that*, after *notwithstanding*. That refers to the former part of the sentence, *I will rend the kingdom from thee*; *notwith-*