

BRAN'SLE, *n.* A brawl, or dance. [*Not used.*] *Spenser.*

BRANT, *n.* [*Fr. brand, burnt or brown.*] A species of anas or the goose-kind; called also *brant* and *brand-geese*, which see.

BRANT, *a.* Steep. *Todd.*

BRASS'EN, *a.* *brāsen*. Made of brass. [*See Brass and Bracen.*]

BRASIER, *n.* *brāshur*. An artificer who works in brass. *Franklin.*

2. A pan for holding coals. [*See Brass.*]

BRASIL. [*See Brazil.*]

BRASS, *n.* [*Sax. bras; W. prās; Corn. brass; Ir. pras.*] In Welsh, *prās* signifies brass and what is quick, ready, sharp, smart, also haste, fuel, and *presu*, to render imminent, to hasten, to render present. The latter sense indicates that it is from the Latin. But I see no connection between these senses and brass. This word may be named from its bright color, and be allied to Port. *brasa*, *Sp. brasas*, live coals, *abrazar*, *abrasar*, to burn or inflame; but the real origin and primary sense are not evident.]

1. An alloy of copper and zinc, of a yellow color; usually containing about one third of its weight of zinc, but the proportions are variable. The best brass is made by cementation of calamine or the oxyd of zinc with granulated copper. *Thomson. Encycy.*

2. Impudence; a brazen face.

BRASSE, *n.* The pale spotted perch, with two long teeth on each side; the *Lucioperca*. *Ash.*

BRASSICA, *n.* [*L.*] Cabbage. *Pope.*

BRASSINESS, *n.* A quality of brass; the appearance of brass.

BRASS-PAVED, *a.* Hard as brass. *Spenser.*

BRASS-VISAGED, *a.* Impudent. *Todd.*

BRASSY, *a.* Pertaining to brass; partaking of brass; hard as brass; having the color of brass.

2. Impudent; impudently bold.

BRAT, *a.* Burst. [*Not in use.*] *Spenser.*

BRAT, *n.* A child, so called in contempt.

2. Offspring; progeny.

BRAUL, *n.* Indian cloth with blue and white stripes, called *turbants*. *Encycy.*

BRAVA'DO, *n.* [*Sp. bravata; Fr. braveade. See Brave.*]

A boast or brag; an arrogant menace, intended to intimidate.

BRAVE, *a.* [*Fr. brave; Arm. brao; Sp. Port. It. bravo; D. braaf; Sw. braf; Dan. brav; Ger. brav*, whence *bravica*, to look big, to bully or hector. In *Sp.* and *Port.* *bravo* signifies brave, valiant, strenuous, bullying, fierce, wild, savage, rude, unpolished, excellent, fine; *braveur*, to bully, to menace in an arrogant manner; *brava* is a swell of the sea; *braveza*, valor, and fury of the elements. The word *brave* expresses also a showy dress; *Arm. bragal*, to be well dressed, fine, spruce, of which *bravo* seems to be a contraction. The word bears the sense of open, bold, expanding, and rushing, vaulting. It is doubtless contracted, and probably from the root of *brag*.]

1. Courageous; bold; daring; intrepid; fearless of danger; as a *brave* warrior. It usually unites the sense of courage with

generosity and dignity of mind; qualities often united. *Bacon.*

The brave man will not deliberately do an injury to his fellow man. *Anon.*

2. Gallant; lofty; graceful; having a noble mien. *Shak.*

3. Magnificent; grand; as a *brave* place. *Denham.*

4. Excellent; noble; dignified. But in modern usage, it has nearly lost its application to things. *Spenser.*

5. Gaudy; showy in dress. [*Ar. برقي* to adorn.] *Obs.* *Spenser.*

BRAVE, *n.* A hector; a man daring beyond discretion or decency. *Dryden.*

Hot braves like these may fight.

2. A boast; a challenge; a defiance. *Shak.*

BRAVE, *v. t.* To defy; to challenge; to encounter with courage and fortitude, or without being moved; to set at defiance. *Dryden.*

The ill of love I can brave.

The rock that braves the tempest.

2. To carry a boasting appearance of; as, to brave that which they believe not. *Bacon.*

BRAVED, *pp.* Defied; set at defiance; met without dismay, or being moved.

BRAVELY, *adv.* Courageously; gallantly; splendidly; in a brave manner; heroically. In *Spenser*, finely; gaudily.

BRAVERY, *n.* Courage; heroism; undaunted spirit; intrepidity; gallantry; fearlessness of danger; often united with generosity or dignity of mind which despises meanness and cruelty, and disdains to take advantage of a vanquished enemy.

The duellist, in proving his bravery, shows that he thinks it suspected. *Anon.*

2. Splendor; magnificence; showy appearance. *Is.*

The bravery of their tinkling ornaments.

3. Show; ostentation; fine dress. *Bacon.*

4. Bravado; boast. *Bacon. Sidney.*

5. A showy person. *Spenser.*

[In the last four senses, this word is nearly antiquated.]

BRAVING, *ppr.* Setting at defiance; challenging.

BRAVO, *n.* [*It. and Sp.*] A daring villain; a bandit; one who sets law at defiance; an assassin or murderer. *Goet of the Tongue.*

BRAWL, *v. i.* [*G. brüllen; D. brullen; Dan. vraler and braler; Sw. vråla, to roar or hellow; Fr. braillet; Arm. brailhat, to brawl or be noisy; L. praetior; W. broilne, to boast, to brag; brael, a shooting out, a boast.*]

1. To quarrel noisily and indecently. *Watts.*

2. To speak loud and indecently. *Shak.*

3. To roar as water; to make a noise. *Shak.*

BRAWL, *v. t.* To drive or beat away. *Shak.*

BRAWL, *n.* [*Norm. brawd.*] Noise; quarrel; seurrility; uproar. *Hooker.*

2. Formerly, a kind of dance. *Shak. B. Jonson. Gray.*

BRAWLER, *n.* A noisy fellow; a wrangler. *Ayliffe.*

BRAWLING, *n.* The act of quarrelling.

BRAWLINGLY, *adv.* In a quarrelsome manner. *Hulot.*

BRAWN, *n.* [*L. aprugnus, caro aprugna.*]

1. The flesh of a boar, or the animal.

2. The fleshy, protuberant, muscular part of the body. *Peacham.*

3. Bulk; muscular strength. *Dryden.*

4. The arm, from its muscles or strength. *Shak.*

BRAWNED, *a.* Brawny; strong. *Spenser.*

BRAWNER, *n.* A boar killed for the table. *Johnson. King.*

BRAWINESS, *n.* The quality of being brawny; strength; hardness. *Locke.*

BRAWNY, *a.* Muscular; fleshy; bulky; having large, strong muscles; strong. *Dryden.*

BRAY, *v. t.* [*Sax. bræcan; Fr. brayer, to pound, or bruise; bruire, to roar, or bray as an ass; Arm. bregui, to roar; Norm. brair, to cry, to brag; Gr. βραζω; W. briuac, to break in pieces, to rub, or grind; bregan, a quern; Ir. bra, a handmill. See Brag and Break.*]

1. To pound, beat or grind small; as, to bray a fool in a mortar. *Prov. xxviii.*

2. To make a harsh sound, as of an ass. *Dryden.*

3. To make a harsh, disagreeable grating sound. *Milton.*

BRAY, *n.* The harsh sound or roar of an ass; a harsh grating sound. *Fairfax.*

2. Shieling ground. *Fairfax.*

BRAY, *a.* [*W. bre, a mount or penk.*] A bank or mound of earth. *Os. Herbert.*

BRAYER, *n.* One that brays like an ass. *Pope.*

2. An instrument to temper ink in printing offices. *Bailey. Johnson.*

BRAVING, *ppr.* Pounding or grinding small; roaring.

BRAVING, *n.* Roar; noise; clamor. *Smith.*

BRAZE, *v. t.* [*Fr. braser.*] To solder with brass. *Moxon.*

2. To harden to impudence; to harden as with brass. *Shak.*

BRAZEN, *a.* *brāzen*. Made of brass; as a brazen helmet. *Dryden.*

2. Pertaining to brass; proceeding from brass; as a brazen din. *Shak.*

3. Impudent; having a front like brass.

Bracen age, or age of brass, in mythology, the age which succeeded the silver age, when men had degenerated from primitive purity.

Bracen dish, among miners, is the standard by which other dishes are gauged, and is kept in the king's hall. *England.*

Bracen sea, in Jewish antiquity, a large vessel of brass, cast on the plain of Jordan, and placed in Solomon's temple. It was ten cubits from brim to brim, five in height, thirty in circumference, and contained 3000 baths. It was designed for the priests to wash themselves in, before they performed the service of the temple. *Encycy.*

BRAZEN, *v. i.* *brāzen*. To be impudent; to be bold. *Arbuthnot.*

BRAZEN-FACE, *n.* [*brāzen and face.*] An impudent person; one remarkable for effrontery. *Shak.*

BRAZEN-FACED, *a.* Impudent; bold to excess; shameless. *Dryden.*

BRAZENLY, *adv.* In a bold impudent manner.