

DRAFT, *v. t.* To draw the outline; to delineate.

2. To compose and write; as, to *draft* a memorial or a lease.

3. To draw men from a military band or post; to select; to detach.

4. To draw men from any company, collection or society.

This Cohen-Cap-EI was some royal seminary in Upper Egypt, from whence they *drafted* novices to supply their colleges and temples.

Holwell's Dict.

DRAFT-HORSE, *n.* A horse employed in drawing, particularly in drawing heavy loads or in plowing.

DRAFT-OX, *n.* An ox employed in drawing.

DRAFTED, *pp.* Drawn; delineated; detached.

DRAFTING, *pp.* Drawing; delineating; detaching.

DRAFTS, *n.* A game played on checkers.

DRA, *v. t.* [Sax. *dragan*; W. *dragiau*; D. *draagen*; Sw. *draga*; Dan. *drager*; G. *tragen*; also Dan. *trekker*; D. *trekken*; Sax. *draegan*; L. *traho*; Fr. *traire*; Malay. *tarik*; It. *traggia*, a sled or drag; Sp. *trugo*, a draught; *tragar*, to swallow, Eng. to drink. See *Drink* and *Drench*. The Russ. has *dergayu*, and *torgayu*, to draw, as *truck* is written *torguyu*. See Class Rg. No. 27. 37. 56.]

1. To pull; to haul; to draw along the ground by main force; applied particularly to drawing heavy things with labor, along the ground or other surface; as, to drag stone or timber; to drag a net in fishing. John xxi. 8.

2. To break land by drawing a drag or harrow over it; to harrow; a common use of this word in *New England*.

3. To draw along slowly or heavily; to draw any thing burdensome; as, to drag a lingering life.

4. To draw along in contempt, as unworthy to be carried.

He *drags* me at his chariot-wheels.

Stillfleet.

To drag one in chains.

Milton.

5. To pull or haul about roughly and forcibly.

Dryden.

In seamen's language, to drag an anchor, is to draw or trail it along the bottom when loosened, or when the anchor will not hold the ship.

DRA, *v. i.* To hang so low as to trail on the ground.

2. To fish with a drag; as, they were dragging for fish all day, with little success.

3. To be drawn along; as, the anchor drags.

4. To be moved slowly; to proceed heavily; as, this business drags.

5. To hang or grate on the floor, as a door.

DRA, *n.* Something to be drawn along the ground, as a net or a hook.

2. A particular kind of harrow.

3. A cart; a low cart.

4. In sea-language, a machine consisting of a sharp square frame of iron, encircled with a net, used to take the wheel off from the platform or bottom of the decks.

Mar. Dict. Encyc.

5. Whatever is drawn; a boat in tow; whatever serves to retard a ship's way.

Encyc.

DRA'GED, *pp.* Drawn on the ground; drawn with labor or force; drawn along slowly and heavily; raked with a drag or harrow.

DRA'GING, *pp.* Drawing on the ground; drawing with labor or by force; drawing slowly or heavily; raking with a drag.

DRA'GLE, *v. t.* [dim. of *drag*.] To wet and dirty by drawing on the ground or mud, or on wet grass; to drabble. *Gray.*

DRA'GLE, *n. t.* To be drawn on the ground; to become wet or dirty by being drawn on the mud or wet grass.

DRA'GLE-TAIL, *n.* A slut. *Sherwood.*

DRA'GLED, *pp.* Drawn on the ground; wet or dirtied by being drawn on the ground or mire.

DRA'GLING, *pp.* Drawing on the ground; making dirty by drawing on the ground or wet grass.

DRA'GMAN, *n.* A fisherman that uses a dragnet. *Hale.*

DRA'GNET, *n.* A net to be drawn on the bottom of a river or pond for taking fish.

Dryden. Watts.

DRA'GMAN, *n.* [It. *dragomanno*; Fr. *trucheman*; Sp. *trujaman*.]

Ch. *תרגמן*, Ar. *ترجمان*, from *ترج*.

Ch. Ar. Syr. Eth. to interpret.]

An interpreter; a term in general use in the Levant and other parts of the East.

DRA'GON, *n.* [L. *draco*; Gr. *δράκων*; It. *dragone*; Fr. *dragon*; D. *drake*; G. *drache*; Ir. *draic* or *draig*; W. *draig*; Sw. *drake*; Dan. *drage*. The origin of this word is not obvious. In Ir. *drag* is fire; in W. *dragon* is a leader, chief or sovereign, from *dragiau*, to draw. In Scotch, the word signifies a paper kite, as also in Danish; probably from the notion of flying or shooting along, like a fiery meteor. In Welsh, *drag* is rendered by Owen a procreator or generating principle, a fiery serpent, a dragon, and the Supreme; and the plural *dreigiau*, silent lightnings, *dreigiau*, to lighten silently. Hence I infer that the word originally signified a shooting meteor in the atmosphere, a fiery meteor, and hence a fiery or flying serpent, from a root which signified to shoot or draw out.]

1. A kind of winged serpent, much celebrated in the romances of the middle ages.

Johnson.

2. A fiery, shooting meteor, or imaginary serpent.

Swift, swift, ye dragons of the night! that dawn

May bear the raven's eye. *Shak.*

3. A fierce, violent person, male or female; as, this man or woman is a dragon.

4. A constellation of the northern hemisphere. [See *Draco*.]

In scripture, *dragon* seems sometimes to signify a large marine fish or serpent, Is. xxvii. where the leviathan is also mentioned; also Ps. lxxix.

Sometimes it seems to signify a venomous land serpent. Ps. xci. The *dragon* slith thou trample over foot.

It is often used for the devil, who is called the old serpent. Rev. xx. 2.

DRA'GON, *n.* A genus of animals, the *Draco*. They have four legs, a cylindri-

cal tail, and membranaceous wings, radiated like the fins of a flying-fish. *Encyc.*

DRA'GONET, *n.* A little dragon. *Spenser.*

2. A fish with a slender round body, colored with yellow, blue and white; the head is large and depressed at the top and has two orifices, through which it breathes and ejects water, like the catenaceous trilobite.

DRA'GON-FISH, *n.* A species of *Trachinus*, called the weaver. This fish is about twelve inches in length; it has two or three longitudinal lines of a dirty yellow on the sides, and the belly of a silvery hue. The wounds of its spines occasion inflammation. It buries itself in the sand, except its nose. *Dict. of Nat. Hist.*

DRA'GON-FLY, *n.* A genus of insects, the *Libella* or *Libellula*, having four extended wings; they are furnished with jaws; the antennae are shorter than the thorax; and the tail of the male is terminated by a kind of hooked forceps. There are many species, with a great diversity of colors. *Dict. of Nat. Hist.*

DRA'GONISH, *a.* In the form of a dragon; dragonlike. *Shak.*

DRA'GON-LIKE, *a.* Like a dragon; fiery; furious. *Shak.*

DRA'GONS, *n.* A genus of plants, the *Dracunculium*, of several species, natives of the Indies.

DRA'GON'S-BLOOD, *n.* [Sax. *dracanblod*.] A resinous substance, or red juice, extracted from the *Dracena draco*, and other trees of a similar nature. It comes from the East Indies, in small flat cakes or round balls, or in oval drops, wrapped in leaves, and knotted like a chaplet. It has no sensible smell or taste. It has been considered as an astrigent medicine, but is now little used for medicinal purposes.

A solution of it in spirit of wine is used for staining marble, to which it gives a red tinge. *Fleurbaey. Encyc.*

DRA'GON'S-HEAD, *n.* A genus of plants, the *Dracocephalum*, of many species, most of them herbaceous, annual or perennial plants. *Encyc.*

Dragon's Head and Tail, in astronomy, are the nodes of the planets, or the two points in which the orbits of the planets intersect the ecliptic. *Encyc.*

DRA'GON-SHELL, *n.* A species of concentered patella or limpet. The top is much curved, and of an ash-color on the outside, but internally, of a bright flesh color. It is found adhering to larger shells, or to the back of the tortoise, as common limpets do to the sides of rocks.

DRA'GON'S-WATER, *n.* A plant, the *Calala* or African *Arum*. *Fam. of Plants.*

DRA'GON'S-WÖRT, *n.* A plant, a species of *Artemisia*. *Fam. of Plants.*

DRA'GON-TREE, *n.* A species of palm. *Johnson.*

DRA'GOON, *n.* [Fr. *dragon*; Sp. *id.*; Port. *dragom*, a dragon and *dragoon*; It. *dragon*; G. *dragoon*; D. *dragoon*; Dan. *dragon*; Sw. *id.*; L. *draconarius*, an ensign bearer, from *draco*, dragon; an appellation given to horsemen, perhaps for their rapidity or fierceness.]

A soldier or musketeer who serves on horseback or on foot, as occasion may require. Their arms are a sword, a musket and a bayonet. *Encyc.*