

TRAG'IC, } a. [L. *tragicus*; Fr. *tragique*;
TRAG'ICAL, } It. *tragico*.]

1. Pertaining to tragedy; of the nature or character of tragedy; as a *tragic* poem; a *tragic* play or representation. *Shak.*
2. Fatal to life; mournful; sorrowful; calamitous; as the *tragic* scenes of Hayti; the *tragic* horrors of Scio and Missolonghi; the *tragic* fate of the Greeks.
3. Mournful; expressive of tragedy, the loss of life, or of sorrow.

I now must change those notes to *tragic*.

Milton.

TRAG'ICALLY, *adv.* In a tragical manner; with fatal issue; mournfully; sorrowfully. The play ends *tragically*.

TRAG'ICALNESS, *n.* Fatality; mournfulness; sadness.

We moralize the fable in the *tragicalness* of the event.

Decay of Piety.

TRAGI-COM'EDY, *n.* [Fr. *tragi-comédie*; *tragedy* and *comedy*.]

A kind of dramatic piece representing some action passed among eminent persons, the event of which is not unhappy, in which serious and comic scenes are blended; a species of composition not now used, or held in little estimation.

Cyc.

TRAGI-COM'IC, } a. Pertaining to
TRAGI-COM'ICAL, } *tragi-comedy*;
partaking of a mixture of grave and comic scenes.

TRAGI-COM'ICALLY, *adv.* In a tragico-comical manner.

TRAIL, *v. t.* [W. *rhel*, a flagging, a trailing; *rhelyo*, a trail; Sp. *trillar*, to level the ground; *trailla*, a leash, packthread, an instrument for leveling the ground; W. *trail*, a drawing over, a trail, a turn, as if from *traigyl*, a turn or revolution; *treillaw*, to turn, to roll, to traverse, to dredge; Gaelic, *triallam*, to go, to walk, [qu. *travel*]; Port. *tralho*, a fishing net, as if from drawing, L. *traho*; D. *treillen*, to draw, to tow; Norm. *trailer*, to search for. The Welsh seems to accord with *troll*; the others appear to be formed on *drag*, L. *traho*. Qu.]

1. To hunt by the track. [See the Norman, supra.]
2. To draw along the ground. *Trail* your pikes.

And hung his head, and *trail'd* his legs along.

Dryden.

They shall not *trail* me through the streets

Like a wild beast.

Milton.

That long behind he *trails* his pompous robe.

Pope.

3. To lower; as, to *trail* arms.
4. In *America*, to tread down grass by walking through; to lay flat; as, to *trail* grass.

TRAIL, *v. i.* To be drawn out in length.

When his brother saw the red blood *trail*.

Spenser.

TRAIL, *n.* Track followed by the hunter; scent left on the ground by the animal pursued.

How cheerfully on the false *trail* they cry.

Shak.

2. Any thing drawn to length; as the *trail* of a meteor; a *trail* of smoke.

When lightning shoots in glitt'ring *trails*

along.

Rowe.

3. Any thing drawn behind in long undulations; a *train*.

And drew behind a radiant *trail* of hair.

Pope.

4. The entrails of a fowl; applied sometimes to those of sheep.

Smollet.

Frail-boards, in *ship-building*, a term for the carved work between the cheeks of the head, at the heel of the figure.

Cyc.

TRAILED, *pp.* Hunted by the tracks; laid flat; drawn along on the ground; brought to a lower position; as *trailed* arms.

TRAILING, *ppr.* Hunting by the track; drawing on the ground; treading down; laying flat; bringing to a lower position; drawing out in length.

Since the flames pursu'd the *trailing* smoke—

Dryden.

Swift men of foot whose broad-set backs their

trailing hair did hide.

Chapman.

TRAIN, *v. t.* [Fr. *trainer*; It. *trainare*, *trainare*, to draw or drag; Sp. *traina*, a train of gunpowder. Qu. *drain*, or is it a contracted word, from L. *traho*, to draw?]

1. To draw along.

In hollow cube he *train'd*

His devilish enginery.

Milton.

2. To draw; to entice; to allure.

If but twelve French

Were there in arms, they would be as a call

To *train* ten thousand English to their side.

Shak.

3. To draw by artifice or stratagem.

O *train* me not, sweet mermaid, with thy

note.

Shak.

4. To draw from act to act by persnasion or promise.

We did *train* him on.

Shak.

5. To exercise; to discipline; to teach and form by practice; as, to *train* the militia to the manual exercise; to *train* soldiers to the use of arms and to tactics. Abram armed his *trained* servants.

Gen. xiv.

The warrior horse here bred he's taught to

train.

Dryden.

6. To break, tame and accustom to draw; as oxen.

In *gardening*, to lead or direct and form to a wall or espalier; to form to a proper shape by growth, lopping or pruning; as, to *train* young trees.

8. In *mining*, to trace a lode or any mineral appearance to its head.

To *train* or *train up*, to educate; to teach; to form by instruction or practice; to bring up.

Train up a child in the way he should go,

and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Prov. xxii.

The first christians were, by great hardships,

trained up for glory.

Tillotson.

TRAIN, *n.* Artifice; stratagem of enticement.

Now to my charms,

And to my wily *trains*.

Milton.

2. Something drawn along behind, the end of a gown, &c.; as the *train* of a gown or robe.

3. The tail of a fowl.

The *train* steers their flight, and turns their

bodies, like the rudder of a ship.

Ray.

4. A retinue; a number of followers or attendants.

My *train* are men of choice and rarest parts.

Shak.

The king's daughter with a lovely *train*.

Aldison.

5. A series; a consecution or succession of connected things.

Rivers now stream and draw their humid

train.

Milton.

Other truths require a *train* of ideas placed in order.

Locke.

—The *train* of ills our love would draw behind it.

Addison.

6. Process; regular method; course. Things are now in a *train* for settlement.

If things were once in this *train*—our duty

would take root in our nature.

Swift.

7. A company in order; a procession.

Fairest of stars, last in the *train* of night.

Milton.

8. The number of beats which a watch makes in any certain time.

Cyc.

9. A line of gunpowder, laid to lead fire to a charge, or to a quantity intended for execution.

Train of artillery, any number of cannon and mortars accompanying an army.

TRAINABLE, *a.* That may be trained.

[*Little used*.]

TRAIN-BAND, *n.* [*train* and *band*.] A band or company of militia. *Train-bands*, in the plural, militia; so called because trained to military exercises.

TRAIN-BEARER, *n.* [*train* and *bearer*.] One who holds up a train.

TRA'INED, *pp.* Drawn; allured; educated; formed by instruction.

TRAINING, *ppr.* Drawing; alluring; educating; teaching and forming by practice.

TRAINING, *n.* The act or process of drawing or educating; education. In *gardening*, the operation or art of forming young trees to a wall or espalier, or of causing them to grow in a shape suitable for that end.

Cyc.

TRAIN-OIL, *n.* [*train* and *oil*.] The oil procured from the blubber or fat of whales by boiling.

Cyc.

TRAIN-ROAD, *n.* [*train* and *road*.] In *mines*, a slight rail-way for small wagons.

Cyc.

TRA'INY, *a.* Belonging to train-oil.

[*Not in use*.]

Gay.

TRAIPSE, *v. i.* To walk sluttishly or carelessly. [*A low word*.]

TRAIT, *n.* [Fr. *trait*, from *traire*, to draw; L. *tractus*. See *Tract* and *Treat*.]

1. A stroke; a touch.

By this single *trait*, Homer makes an essen-

tial difference between the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*.

Broome.

2. A line; a feature; as a *trait* of character.

TRAITOR, *n.* [Fr. *traître*; Arm. *treitre*, *treylor*; Sp. *traidor*; from L. *traditor*; *trado*, to deliver.]

1. One who violates his allegiance and betrays his country; one guilty of treason; one who, in breach of trust, delivers his country to its enemy, or any fort or place entrusted to his defense, or who surrenders an army or body of troops to the enemy, unless when vanquished; or one who takes arms and levies war against his country; or one who aids an enemy in conquering his country. [See *Treason*.]
2. One who betrays his trust.

TRAITORLY, *a.* Treacherous. [*Not in use*.]

TRAITOROUS, *a.* Guilty of treason; treacherous; perfidious; faithless; as a *traitorous* officer or subject.

2. Consisting in treason; partaking of treason; implying breach of alliance; as a *traitorous* scheme or conspiracy.