

HORSERACE, n. A race by horses; a match of horses in running.

HORSERACING, n. The practice or act of running horses.

HORSERADISH, n. A plant of the genus *Cochlearia*, a species of scurvy grass, having a root of a pungent taste.

HORSESHOE, n. A shoe for horses, consisting of a plate of iron of a circular form.

HORSESHOE-HEAD, n. A disease of infants, in which the sutures of the skull are too open; opposed to *headmold-shot*.

HORSESTEALER, n. A stealer of horses.

HORSETHIEF, n. A stealer of horses.

HORSETAIL, n. A plant of the genus *Equisetum*. The shrubby horsetail is of the genus *Ephedra*. *Fum. of Plants.*

HORSETONGUE, n. A plant of the genus *Ruscus*.

HORSEVETCH, n. A plant of the genus *Halimolobos*.

HORSESHOE-VETCH, n. A plant of the genus *Halimolobos*.

HORSEWAY, n. A way or road in which horses may travel.

HORSEWHIP, n. A whip for driving or striking horses.

HORSEWHIP, v. t. To lash; to strike with a horsewhip.

HORSEWORM, n. A worm that infests horses; a bot.

HORTATION, n. [L. *hortatio*, from *hortor*, to exhort.]

The act of exhorting, or giving advice; exhortation; advice intended to encourage. [But exhortation is generally used.]

HORTATIVE, a. Giving exhortation; advisory.

HORTATIVE, n. Exhortation; a precept given to incite or encourage. *Beacon.*

HORTATORY, a. Encouraging; inciting; giving advice; as a *hortatory* speech.

HORTENSIAL, a. [L. *hortensis*.] Fit for a garden. [Not used.] *Elym.*

HORTICULTOR, n. [L. *hortus*, a garden, and *cultor*, a tiller.] One who cultivates a garden.

HORTICULTURAL, a. Pertaining to the culture of gardens.

HORTICULTURE, n. [L. *hortus*, a garden, and *cultura*, culture, from *colo*, to till.] The cultivation of a garden; or the art of cultivating gardens.

HORTICULTURIST, n. One who is skilled in the art of cultivating gardens.

HORTULAN, a. [L. *hortulanus*.] Belonging to a garden; as a *hortulan* calendar. *Evelyn.*

HORTUS SICCUS, n. [L.] Literally, a dry garden; an appellation given to a collection of specimens of plants, carefully dried and preserved.

HORTYARD, n. An orchard, which see.

HOSANNA, n. s. as z. [Heb. *save, I beseech you.*]

An exclamation of praise to God, or an invocation of blessings. In the Hebrew ceremonies, it was a prayer rehearsed on the several days of the feast of tabernacles, in which this word was often repeated. *Encyc.*

HOSE, n. plu. *hosen* or *hose*; pron. *hoze*, *ho'ze*. [Sax. *hosa*, a heel, a thorn or twig, and *hose*; G. *hose*; D. *kous*; W. *hos*, *hosan*, from *hus*, a covering, a housing; Fr. *chausse*; Ir. *asán*.] The Welsh unites this word with *hose*. The *hose* or *hosan* was

a garment covering the legs and thighs, like the modern long trowsers. Hence in G. *hosen-gurt*, a *hose-gird*, is a waist-band; and *hosen-träger*, hose-supporter, or shoulder-strap, indicates that the hose was sustained, as breeches and pantaloons now are, by suspenders or braces.]

1. Breeches or trowsers. *Shak.*

2. Stockings; coverings for the legs. This word, in mercantile use, is synonymous with stockings, though originally a very different garment.

3. A leather pipe, used with fire-engines, for conveying water to extinguish fires.

HOS'IER, n. *ho'zhur*. One who deals in stockings and socks, &c.

HOS'IERY, n. *ho'zhury*. Stockings in general; socks.

HOSPITABLE, a. [L. *hospitalis*, from *hospes*, a guest; It. *ospitale* and *ospitale*. *Hospes*, is from the Celtic; W. *osh*, a stranger or wanderer, a guest; Arm. *osh*, *osp*, *hospod*. See *Host*.]

1. Receiving and entertaining strangers with kindness and without reward; kind to strangers and guests; disposed to treat guests with generous kindness; as a *hospitable* man.

2. Proceeding from or indicating kindness to guests; manifesting generosity; as a *hospitable* table; *hospitable* rites. *Dryden.*

3. Inviting to strangers; offering kind reception; indicating hospitality.

To where you taper cheers the vale,
With hospitable ray. *Goldsmith.*

HOSPITABLY, adv. With kindness to strangers or guests; with generous and liberal entertainment. *Prior. Swift.*

HOSPITAGE, n. Hospitality. *Obs.*

HOSPITAL, n. [Fr. *hôpital*, for *hospital*; L. *hospitális*, supra.]

1. A building appropriated for the reception of sick, infirm and helpless paupers, who are supported and nursed by charity; also, a house for the reception of insane persons, whether paupers or not, or for seamen, soldiers, foundlings, &c. who are supported by the public, or by private charity, or for infected persons, &c.

2. A place for shelter or entertainment. *Spenser.*

HOSPITAL, a. Hospitable. [Not in use.] *Howell.*

HOSPITALITY, n. [Fr. *hospitalité*; L. *hospitalitas*; W. *yslyd*. See *Hospitable*.] The act or practice of receiving and entertaining strangers or guests without reward, or with kind and generous liberality.

A bishop—must be given to *hospitality*. 1
Tim. iii.

Hospitality I have found as universal as the face of man. *Ledyard.*

HOSPITALLER, n. [from *hospital*.] Properly, one residing in a hospital for the purpose of receiving the poor and strangers. The *hospitaliers* were an order of knights who built a hospital at Jerusalem for pilgrims. They were called *knights of St. John*, and are the same as the *knights of Malta*. *Encyc.*

HOSPITATE, v. i. [L. *hospitor*.] To reside or lodge under the roof of another. [Not used.] *Grew.*

HOSPITATE, v. t. To lodge a person. [Not used.]

HOST, n. [Fr. *hôte*, for *hoste*; It. *oste*; Sp. *huesped*; Port. *hospede*; and L. *hostis*, a stranger, an enemy, probably of the same family. See *Hospitable*. The sense is a stranger or foreigner, that is, a wanderer or traveler, from some root signifying to wander, to go or pass, or to visit. See Class Gs. No. 5. 14. 16.]

1. One who entertains another at his own house, without reward.
Hower never entertained guests or *hosts* with long speeches. *Sidney.*

2. One who entertains another at his house for reward; an innkeeper; a landlord.

3. A guest; one who is entertained at the house of another. The innkeeper says of the traveler, he has a good *host*, and the traveler says of his landlord, he has a kind *host*. [See *Guest*.] *Encyc.*

HOST, n. [L. *hostis*, a stranger, an enemy. The sense is probably transferred from a single foe to an army of foes.]

1. An army; a number of men embodied for war.

2. Any great number or multitude.

HOST, n. [L. *hostia*, a victim or sacrifice, from *hostis*, an enemy; Fr. *hostie*; applied to the Savior who was offered for the sins of men.]

In the *Romish church*, the sacrifice of the mass, or the consecrated wafer, representing the body of Christ, or as the Catholics alledge, transubstantiated into his own body. *Encyc.*

HOST, v. i. To lodge at an inn; to take up entertainment. [Little used.] *Shak.*

HOST, v. t. To give entertainment to. [Not used.] *Spenser.*

HOST-TAGE, n. [Fr. *otage*, for *ostage*; It. *ostaggio*; Arm. *ostack*; G. *geissel*; W. *gwystyl*, a pledge, pawn, surety, hostage.] A person delivered to an enemy or hostile power, as a pledge to secure the performance of the conditions of a treaty or stipulations of any kind, and on the performance of which the person is to be released. *Bacon. Althorp.*

HOSTEL, HOSTELLER, n. [See *Host*.]

HOSTESS, n. A female host; a woman who entertains guests at her house. *Dryden.*

2. A woman who keeps an inn. *Temple.*

HOSTESS-SHIP, n. The character or business of a hostess. *Shak.*

HOSTILE, a. [L. *hostilis*, from *hostis*, an enemy, that is, a foreigner.]

1. Belonging to a public enemy; designating enmity, particularly public enmity, or a state of war; inimical; as a *hostile* band or army; a *hostile* force; *hostile* intentions.

2. Possessed by a public enemy; as a *hostile* country. *Kent.*

3. Adverse; opposite; unfriendly. [But the word is not properly applied to private enmity, or mere unfriendliness.]

HOSTILELY, adv. In a hostile manner.

HOSTILITY, n. [Fr. *hostilité*; L. *hostilitas*, from *hostis*, an enemy.]

1. The state of war between nations or states; the actions of an open enemy; aggression; attacks of an enemy. These secret enmities broke out in *hostilities*.
Hostility being thus suspended with France, *Hayward.*