

hresqian. But it is more nearly allied to Ar.

رافا, *raffa*, to eat much, to pluck off in feeding. Class Rb. No. 12. See No. 18. 19. 34.]

1. To devour with great eagerness; to eat with voracity.

Our natures do pursue,
Like rats that *raven* down their proper bane,
A thirsty evil, and when we drink, we die.
Shak.

Like a roaring lion, *ravens* the prey. *Ezek.*

2. To obtain by violence. *Hakewill.*
RAVEN, *v. i. rav'n*. To prey with rapacity.

Benjamin shall *raven* as a wolf. Gen. xlix.

- RAVEN**, *n. rav'n*. Prey; plunder; food obtained by violence. *Nah. ii.*

2. Rapine; rapacity. *Ray.*

- RAVENED**, *pp.* Devoured with voracity.

- RAVENER**, *n.* One that ravens or plunders. *Gower.*

- RAVENING**, *ppr.* Preying with rapacity; voraciously devouring; as a *ravens* wolf.

- RAVENING**, *n.* Eagerness for plunder. *Luke xi.*

- RAVENOUS**, *a.* Furiously voracious; hungry even to rage; devouring with rapacious eagerness; as a *ravenous* wolf, lion or vulture. *Milton.*

2. Eager for prey or gratification; as *ravenous* appetite or desire. *Shak.*

- RAVENOUSLY**, *adv.* With raging voracity. *Burnet.*

- RAVENOUSNESS**, *n.* Extreme voracity; rage for prey; as the *ravenousness* of a lion. *Hale.*

- RAVEN'S DUCK**, *n.* [G. *ravenstuck*.] A species of sail cloth. *Booke.*

- RAVER**, *n.* [from *rave*.] One that raves or is furious.

- RAVET**, *n.* An insect shaped like a cock-chaffer, which infests the West Indies. *Encyc.*

- RAVIN**. [See *Raven*.]

- RAVIN**, *a.* Ravenous. [Not in use.] *Shak.*

- RAVIN**, *n.* [Fr. *ravin*, from *ravir*, to *RAVINE*, *n.* snatch or tear away.] A long deep hollow worn by a stream or torrent of water; hence, any long deep hollow or pass through mountains, &c.

- RAVING**, *ppr.* or *a.* Furious with delirium; mad; distracted.

- RAVINGLY**, *adv.* With furious wildness or frenzy; with distraction. *Sidney.*

- RAVISH**, *v. t.* [Fr. *ravir*; Arm. *raviçza*; Sax. *hresqian*; W. *rheibiaw*; L. *rapio*. See Class Rb. No. 18. 19. 26. 27.]

1. To seize and carry away by violence.

These hairs which thou dost *ravish* from my chin,

Will quicken and accuse thee. *Shak.*

This hand shall *ravish* thy pretended right. *Dryden.*

2. To have carnal knowledge of a woman by force and against her consent. Is. xiii. *Zech. xiv.*

3. To bear away with joy or delight; to delight to ecstasy; to transport.

Thou hast *ravished* my heart. Cant. iv. Prov.

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- RAVISHED**, *pp.* Snatched away by violence; forced to submit to carnal embrace; delighted to ecstasy.

- RAVISHER**, *n.* One that takes by violence. *Popc.*

2. One that forces a woman to his carnal embrace.

3. One that transports with delight.

- RAVISHING**, *ppr.* Snatching or taking by violence; compelling to submit to carnal intercourse; delighting to ecstasy.

2. *a.* Delighting to rapture; transporting.

- RAVISHING**, *n.* A seizing and carrying away by violence.

2. Carnal knowledge by force against consent.

3. Ecstatic delight; transport.

- RAVISHINGLY**, *adv.* To extremity of delight. *Chapman.*

- RAVISHMENT**, *n.* The act of forcing a woman to carnal connection; forcible violation of chastity. *Taylor. Dryden.*

2. Rapture; transport of delight; ecstasy; pleasing violence on the mind or senses.

All things joy with *ravishment*

Attracted by thy beauty still to gaze. *Milton.*

3. The act of carrying away; abduction; as the *ravishment* of children from their parents, of a ward from his guardian, or of a wife from her husband. *Blackstone.*

- RAW**, *a.* [Sax. *hrew*, *reaw*; D. *rauw*; G. *roh*; Dan. *raa*; Sw. *rå*; L. *crudus*; Sp. *lt. crudo*; Fr. *cru*; Arm. *criz* or *crih*; W. *crau*, blood; *cri*, raw. In the Teutonic dialects, the last radical is lost or sunk to *w* or *h*, but the Saxon initial *h* represents

the L. *c.* Ar. أرأى *aradza*, to eat or

corrode, L. *rodo*, also to become *raw*.

Class Rd. No. 35.]

1. Not altered from its natural state; not roasted, boiled or cooked; not subdued by heat; as *raw* meat. *Spenser.*

2. Not covered with skin; bare, as flesh. If there is quick *raw* flesh in the risings, it is an old leprosy. Lev. xiii.

3. Sore. And all his sinews waxen weak and *raw* Through long imprisonment. *Spenser.*

4. Immature; unripe; not concocted. *Johnson.*

5. Not altered by heat; not cooked or dressed; being in its natural state; as *raw* fruit.

6. Unseasoned; unexperienced; unripe in skill; as people while young and *raw*. *South.*

So we say, *raw* troops; and new seamen are called *raw* hands.

7. New; untried; as a *raw* trick. *Shak.*

8. Bleak; chilly; cold, or rather cold and damp; as a *raw* day; a *raw* cold climate. *Spenser.*

Once upon a *raw* and gusty day—

9. Not distilled; as *raw* water. [Not in use.] *Bacon.*

10. Not spun or twisted; as *raw* silk.

11. Not mixed or adulterated; as *raw* spirits.

12. Bare of flesh. *Spenser.*

13. Not tried or melted and strained; as *raw* tallow.

14. Not tanned; as *raw* hides.

- RAW-BONED**, *a.* Having little flesh on the bones. *Shak.*

- RAW/HEAD**, *n.* The name of a specter, mentioned to frighten children; as *raw-head* and bloody bones. *Dryden.*

- RAW/ISH**, *a.* Somewhat raw; cool and dat. p. [Not much used.] *Marston.*

- RAW/LY**, *adv.* In a raw manner.

2. Unskillfully; without experience.

3. Newly. *Shak.*

- RAW/NESS**, *n.* The state of being raw; uncooked; unaltered by heat; as the *rawness* of flesh.

2. Unskillfulness; state of being inexperienced; as the *rawness* of seamen or troops.

3. Hasty manner. [Not legitimate.] *Shak.*

4. Chilliness with dampness.

- RAY**, *n.* [Fr. *raie*, *rayon*; It. *razzo*, *raggio*, *radio*; Sp. Port. *rayo*; from L. *radius*; W. *rhaiz*; Ir. *riodh*; Arm. *rea*, *roudenn*; Sans. *radina*. It coincides with *rod* and *rou*, from shooting, extending. Hence in W. *rhaiz* is a spear, as well as a ray.]

1. A line of light, or the right line supposed to be described by a particle of light. A collection of parallel rays constitutes a *beam*; a collection of diverging or converging rays, a *pencil*. *D. Olmsted.*

- The mixed solar beam contains, 1st. *caloric* rays, producing heat and expansion, but not vision and color; 2d. *colorific* rays, producing vision and color, but not heat nor expansion; 3d. *chymical* rays, producing certain effects on the composition of bodies, but neither heat, expansion, vision or color; 4th. a power producing magnetism, but whether a distinct or associated power, is not determined. It seems to be associated with the *violet*, more than with the other rays. *Silliman.*

2. Figuratively, a beam of intellectual light.

3. Light; luster.

The air sharpen'd his visual *ray*. *Milton.*

4. In *botany*, the outer part or circumference of a compound radiate flower. *Martyn.*

5. In *ichthyology*, a bony or cartilaginous ossicle in the fins of fishes, serving to support the membrane.

6. A plant, [Lotium.] *Ainsworth.*

7. Ray, for array. [Not in use.] *Spenser. B. Jonson.*

- Pencil of rays*, a number of rays of light issuing from a point and diverging. *Encyc.*

- RAY**, *n.* [Fr. *raie*; Sp. *raya*; G. *roche*.] A fish; a common name for the species of the genus *Raia*, including the skate, thornback, torpedo, stingray, &c.

- RAY**, *v. t.* To streak; to mark with long lines. *Spenser. Shak.*

2. To foul; to beray. [Not in use.] *Spenser.*

3. To array. [Not in use.] *Thomson.*

4. To shoot forth.

- RAY/LESS**, *a.* Destitute of light; dark; not illuminated. *Young.*

- RAZE**, *n.* A root. [See *Race-ginger*, under *Race*.]

- RAZE**, *v. t.* [Fr. *raser*; L. *rasus*, *rado*; Sp. *arrasar*. See *Rase* and *Erase*.]

1. To subvert from the foundation; to overthrow; to destroy; to demolish; as, to *raze* a city to the ground.

- The royal hand that *raz'd* unhappy Troy. *Dryden.*