

To harden the neck, to grow obstinate ; to be more and more perverse and rebellious. Neh. ix.

NECK/BEEF, *n.* The coarse flesh of the neck of cattle, sold at a low price.

As cheap as neckbeef. *Swift.*

NECK/CLOTH, *n.* A piece of cloth worn on the neck.

NECK/ED, *a.* Having a neck ; as in stiff-necked.

NECK/ERCHIEF, } *n.* A gorget ; a ker-
NECK/ATEE, } chief for a wo-
man's neck. [Not in much use.] *Bailey.*

NECK/LACE, *n.* A string of beads or precious stones, worn by women on the neck.

Arbutnot.

NECK/LACED, *a.* Marked as with a neck-lace.

Sir W. Jones.

NECK/LAND, *n.* A neck or long tract of land.

Hakewill.

NECK/VERSE, *n.* The verse formerly read to entitle a party to the benefit of clergy, said to be the first verse of the fifty first Psalm, "Miserere mei, &c."

Tindall.

NECK/WEED, *n.* Hemp ; in ridicule.

NECROLOGICAL, *a.* Pertaining to or giving an account of the dead or of deaths.

NECROLOGIST, *n.* One who gives an account of deaths.

NECROLOGY, *n.* [Gr. *nekros*, dead, and *logos*, discourse.]

An account of the dead or of deaths ; a register of deaths.

NECROMANCER, *n.* [See *Necromancy*.]

One who pretends to foretell future events by holding converse with departed spirits ; a conjurer. *Swift.*

NECROMANCY, *n.* [Gr. *nekros*, dead, and *μαντεία*, divination.]

1. The art of revealing future events by means of a pretended communication with the dead. This imposture is prohibited. Deut. xviii.

2. Enchantment ; conjuration. *Abbot.*

NECROMANTIC, *a.* Pertaining to necromancy ; performed by necromancy.

NECROMANTIC, *n.* Trick ; conjuration.

Young.

NECROMANTICALLY, *adv.* By necromancy or the black art ; by conjuration.

Gregory.

NECRONITE, *n.* [Gr. *nekros*, dead.] Fetid feldspar, a mineral which when struck or pounded, exhales a fetid odor like that of putrid flesh.

Hayden.

NECTAR, *n.* [L. from the Greek.]

1. In fabulous history and poetry, the drink of the gods ; hence,

2. Any very sweet and pleasant drink.

NECTAREAN, } *a.* Resembling nectar ;
NECTAREOUS, } very sweet and pleasant.

The juice nectarous and the balmy dew.

Pope.

NECTARED, *a.* Imbued with nectar ; mingled with nectar ; abounding with nectar.

Milton.

NECTARIAL, *a.* Pertaining to the nectary of a plant.

Stamens inserted into the margin of a glandular nectarial ring.

As. Res.

NECTARIFEROUS, *a.* [nectar and L. *fero*, to bear.]

Producing nectar or nomus ; as a nectariferous glandule.

Lee.

NECTARINE, *a.* Sweet as nectar.

Milton.

NECTARINE, *n.* A fruit, a variety of the peach with a smooth rind.

NECTARIZE, *v. t.* To sweeten.

Cockeram.

NECTAROUS, *a.* Sweet as nectar.

Milton.

NECTARY, *n.* [from *nectar*.] In botany, the melliferous part of a vegetable, peculiar to the flower. It usually makes a part of the corol, but is sometimes distinct from it. Sometimes it is in the form of a horn or spur ; sometimes in that of a cup ; whence it is called the honey cup.

Martyn.

NEDDER, *n.* [W. *nadyr* ; Sax. *nedder*.]

An adder. *Obs.*

NEED, *n.* [Sax. *nead*, *neod*, *nyd* ; D. *nood* ;

G. *noth* ; Sw. *nöd* ; Dan. *nöd* ; Etl. *ἵζρ* *nadei*, to be in want. The primary sense is to press. Class Nd. No. 7. 24.]

1. Want ; occasion for something ; necessity ; a state that requires supply or relief. It sometimes expresses urgent want ; pressing exigency.

What further need have we of witnesses ? Matt. xxvi.

For ye have need of patience— Heb. x.

2. Want of the means of subsistence ; poverty ; indigence.

I know how to abound and to suffer need. Phil. iv.

NEED, *v. t.* [Sax. *geneadan*, *genedan*, to compel ; Dan. *nöder*.]

To want ; to lack ; to require, as supply or relief.

They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. Matt. ix.

NEED, *v. i.* To be wanted ; to be necessary.

When we have done it, we have done all that is in our power, and all that needs. [Not used.] *Locke.*

Need is often used as an auxiliary, or at least without the personal termination.

And the leader need not fear he shall be injured. *Anacharsis, Trans.*

NEEDED, *pp.* Wanted.

NEEDER, *n.* One that wants.

NEEDFUL, *a.* Necessary, as supply or relief ; requisite.

All things needful for defense abound.

Dryden.

NEEDFULLY, *adv.* Necessarily.

B. Jonson.

NEEDILY, *adv.* [from *needy*.] In want or poverty.

NEEDINESS, *n.* [from *needy*.] Want ; poverty ; indigence.

Bacon.

NEEDING, *ppr.* Wanting ; requiring, as supply or relief.

NEEDLE, *n.* [Sax. *nedl*, *nædl* ; G. *nadel* ; Goth. *netthal* ; Arm. *nadoz* ; Ir. *snathad* ; W. *nydryz*, from *med*, something sharp or pointed. It may be allied to *nettle*.]

1. A small instrument of steel pointed at one end, with an eye at the other to receive a thread ; used in sewing and embroidery. Needles are also used by surgeons in sewing up wounds.

2. A small pointed piece of steel used in the mariner's compass, which by its magnetic quality is attracted and directed to the pole, and thus enables navigators to steer their ships the course intended.

3. Any crystalized substance in the form of a needle.

Dipping needle, a magnetic needle that dips or inclines downwards.

NEEDLE, *v. t.* To form crystals in the shape of a needle.

NEEDLE, *v. i.* To shoot in crystallization into the form of needles ; as *needled* prisms.

Fourcroy.

NEEDLE-FISH, *n.* A fish of the genus *Syngnathus*. The middle of the body is hexangular. Also, the sea-urchin.

NEEDLEFUL, *n.* As much thread as is put at once in a needle.

NEEDLE-MAKER, } *n.* One who manu-
NEEDLER, } factures needles.

NEEDLE-ORE, *n.* Acicular bismuth glance.

Ure.

NEEDLE-SHELL, *n.* The sea-urchin.

Dict. Nat. Hist.

NEEDLE-STONE, *n.* A mineral of the zeolite family.

Cleveland.

NEEDLEWORK, *n.* Work executed with a needle ; or the business of a seamstress. It is used particularly for embroidery.

NEEDLE-ZEOLITE, *n.* A species of zeolite of a grayish white color.

Ure.

NEEDLESS, *a.* Not wanted ; unnecessary ; not requisite ; as *needless* labor ; *needless* expenses.

2. Not wanting. *Obs.*

Shak.

NEEDLESSLY, *adv.* Without necessity.

NEEDLESSNESS, *n.* Unnecessariness.

Locke.

NEEDMENT, *n.* Something needed or wanted. [Not used.]

Shak.

NEEDS, *adv.* [from *need* ; Sax. *nedes*.] Necessarily ; indispensably ; generally used with *must*.

A trial at law *must needs* be innocent in itself.

Kettlewell.

NEEDY, *a.* Necessitous ; indigent ; very poor ; distressed by want of the means of living.

To relieve the *needy* and comfort the afflicted, are duties that fall in our way every day.

Addison.

Spare the blushes of *needy* merit.

Dwight.

NEER, a contraction of *never*.

NEESE, *v. i.* *neez*. [G. *neesen* ; D. *nie-*

zen ; Sw. *niusa* ; Dan. *nyser* ; Ar. *نَشَع*

nashaa ; hence *sneeze*. Class Ns. No. 30.]

To sneeze. *Obs.* [See *Sneeze*, which is formed on this word.]

NEE/SEWÖRT, *n.* A plant. *Sherwood.*

NEE/SING, *n.* A sneezing. *Obs.*

NEF, *n.* The nave of a church. [Not used. See *Nave*.]

NEFANDOUS, *a.* [L. *nefandus*, not to be spoken.]

Not to be named ; abominable.

Sheldon.

NEFARIOUS, *a.* [L. *nefarius*, from *nefas*, unlawful, or *ne* and *for. fari*, to utter.]

Wicked in the extreme ; abominable ; atrociously sinful or villainous ; detestably vile.

NEFARIOUSLY, *adv.* With extreme wickedness ; abominably.

Milton.

NEGATION, *n.* [L. *negatio*, from *nego*, to deny, Sw. *neka*, Dan. *nægter*, W. *naca*, *nacáu*, *nagu*, Fr. *nier*, from L. *nego*. The sense is to thrust, to stop or repel ; for in Italian, *negare* is to deny, and *annegare* is to deny, and to drown, to stifle in water ;