

**BOOT**, *v. t.* [*Sax. bot, bole*, reparation, satisfaction, a making good, amends; *Goth. bolgan*, to profit or help; *Sw. böt*, a fine; *D. boete*, fine, penalty, repentance; *boeten*, to amend, or repair; *G. busse*, boot, fine, penance; *bussen*, to amend; *Dan. bødler*, to repair, or requite; *bøder*, to expiate, or make atonement; *W. buç*, profit; *buzian*, to profit. We observe this word is from the root of *better*, denoting more, or advance; *Eng. boot*. The primary sense of the root is to advance, or carry forward.]

1. To profit; to advantage.

*It shall not boot them.*

But more generally followed by *it*, what boots it? Indeed it is seldom used, except in the latter phrase.

2. To enrich; to benefit.

*I will boot thee.*

**BOOT**, *n.* Profit; gain; advantage; that which is given to make the exchange equal, or to supply the deficiency of value in one of the things exchanged.

2. To boot, in addition to; over and above; besides; a compensation for the difference of value between things bartered; as, I will give my house for yours, with one hundred dollars to boot. [*Sax. to bote*. The phrase is pure Saxon.]

3. Spoil; plunder. [*See Booty.*]

**BOOT**, *n.* [*Fr. botte*, a boot, a bunch; *Ir. butais*; *W. botasen*, botas; *Sp. bota*, a boot, a butt, or cask, a leather bag to carry liquors; *Port. bota*; *It. botte*, boots, a cask.]

1. A covering for the leg, made of leather, and united with a shoe. This garment was originally intended for horsemen, but is now generally worn by gentlemen on foot. The different sorts are *fishing-boots*, worn in water; *hunting-boots*, a thinner kind for sportsmen; *jack-boots*, a strong kind for horsemen; and *half-boots*.

2. A kind of rack for the leg, formerly used to torture criminals. This was made of boards bound fast to the legs by cords; or a boot or buskin, made wet and drawn upon the legs and then dried by the fire, so as to contract and squeeze the legs.

3. A box covered with leather in the fore part of a coach. Also, an apron or leather cover for a gig or chair, to defend persons from rain and mud. This latter application is local and improper.

**BOOT**, *v. t.* To put on boots.

**BOOT CATCHER**, *n.* [*boot and catch*.] The person at an inn whose business is to pull off boots.

**BOOTED**, *pp.* Having boots on.

**BOOTE**, *n.* A word sometimes used for a half or short boot.

**BOOTES**, *n.* A northern constellation, consisting, according to Flamsteed's catalogue, of fifty-four stars.

**BOOTH**, *n.* [*W. beth*; *Ir. boith* or *bath*; *G. buide*; *Russ. budka*; *Ch. bēth*, bath, a house, and to lodge for a night; also in the *Ar. Sam. Syr. Eth.* and *Heb. beth*, a house or booth, a nest for birds. Probably the sense is, a dwelling, from lodging, abiding.]

A house or shed built of boards, boughs of trees, or other slight materials, for a temporary residence.

**BOOT-HOSE**, *n.* [*boot and hose*.] Stocking-hose or spatterdashies, in lieu of boots.

**BOOT LEG**, *n.* [*boot and leg*.] Leather cut out for the leg of a boot.

**BOOT LESS**, *a.* [*from boot*.] Unavailing; unprofitable; useless; without advantage or success.

**BOOTLESSLY**, *adv.* Without use or profit.

**BOOT-TOPPING**, *n.* [*boot and top*.] The operation of cleansing a ship's bottom, near the surface of the water, by scraping off the grass, slime, shells, &c., and daubing it with a mixture of tallow, sulphur and rosin.

**BOOT-TREE**, or **BOOT-LAST**, *n.* An instrument to stretch and widen the leg of a boot, consisting of two pieces, shaped like a leg, between which, when put into the boot, a wedge is driven.

**BOOTY**, *n.* [*Sw. bytte*; *Dan. bytte*; *D. buit*; *G. beute*; *It. bottino*; *Sp. botin*; *Fr. butin*; *D. butten*, to rove. *See But.*]

1. Spoil taken from an enemy in war; plunder; pillage.

2. That which is seized by violence and robbery.

To play booty is to play dishonestly with an intent to lose.

**BOPEE P**, *n.* [*bo*, an exclamation, and *peep*.] The act of looking out or from behind something and drawing back, as children in play, for the purpose of frightening each other.

**BORABLE**, *a.* [*See Bore*.] That may be bored. [*Little used.*]

**BORACHIO**, *n.* [*Sp. borracho*, drunk.] A drunkard.

2. A bottle or cask. [*Not used.*]

**BORACIC**, *a.* [*See Borac*.] Pertaining to or produced from borax.

*Boracic acid*, a compound of a peculiar base, boron, with oxygen. It is generally obtained from borax, by adding sulphuric acid. It also found native, in certain mineral springs in Italy.

**BORACITE**, *n.* Borate of magnesia; magnesian earth combined with boracic acid. It is generally of a cubic form, and remarkable for its electrical properties when heated.

**BORACITED**, *a.* Combined with boracic acid.

**BORACIOUS ACID**, the base of boracic acid, partially saturated with oxygen.

**BORAGE**, *n.* *burage*. A plant of the genus *Borago*.

**BORATE**, *n.* A salt formed by a combination of boracic acid with any base saturated.

**BORAX**, *n.* [*Pers. بورق*; *Ar. بورق*.]

borakon, from *بورق* baraka, to shine; *Russ. bura*.]

Sulphate of soda; a salt formed by the combination of boracic acid with the marine alkali or soda. It is brought from the East Indies, where it is said to be found at the bottom or on the margin of certain lakes, particularly in Tibet. It is said to be artificially prepared in Persia, like niter. It comes in three states. 1. Crude borax, tinkal, or chrysocolia, from Persia, in greenish masses of a greasy feel, or in opaque crystals. 2. Borax of China, somewhat purer, in small plates or masses,

irregularly crystalized, and of a dirty white. 3. Dutch or purified borax, in portions of transparent crystals, which is the kind generally used. It is an excellent flux in domestic operations, a styptic in medicine, and useful in soldering metals.

**BORDAGE**, *n.* [*See Bordlands*.]

**BORDEL**, *n.* [*Fr. bordel*, a brothel; *D. bordel*, *It. bordell*; *Ar. bordell*; *Ir. bordell*; *Sp. bordel*; *Ar. bordell*; from *bord*, a house. This is the *Eng. brothel*.] A brothel; a bawdy-house; a house devoted to prostitution.

**BORDELLER**, *n.* The keeper of a brothel.

**BORDER**, *n.* [*Fr. bord*; *Arm. id*; *Sp. bordo*; *Port. borda*; *It. bordo*. *See Foard*.]

The outer edge of anything; the extreme part or surrounding line; the confine or exterior limit of a country, or of any region or tract of land; the exterior part or edge of a garment, or of the corol of plants; the rim or brim of a vessel, but not often applied to vessels; the exterior part of a garden, and hence a bank raised at the side of a garden, for the cultivation of flowers, and a row of plants; in short, the outer part or edge of things too numerous to be specified.

**BORDER**, *v. i.* To confine; to touch at the edge, side or end; to be contiguous or adjacent; with *on* or *upon*; as, Connecticut on the north borders on upon Massachusetts.

2. To approach near to.

Wit, which borders upon profaneness, deserves to be branded as folly.

**BORDER**, *v. t.* To make a border; to adorn with a border of ornaments; as, to border a garment or a garden.

2. To reach to; to touch at the edge or end; to confine upon; to be contiguous to.

Sheba and Raamah border the Persian gulf.

3. To confine within bounds; to limit. [*Not used.*]

**BORDERED**, *pp.* Adorned or furnished with a border.

**BORDERER**, *n.* One who dwells on a border, or at the extreme part or confines of a country, region or tract of land; one who dwells near to a place.

**BORDERING**, *ppr.* Lying adjacent to; forming a border.

**BORD-HALFPENNY**, *n.* Money paid for setting up boards or a stall in market.

**BORD-LAND**, *n.* [*bord and land*. *See Bord.*]

In old law, the domain land which a lord kept in his hands for the maintenance of his *lord*, board, or table.

**BORD-LODE**, *n.* [*bord and load*.] The

**BOARD-LOAD**, *n.* service required of a tenant to carry timber from the woods to the lord's house; also, the quantity of provision paid by a bord-man for bord-land.

**BORD-MAN**, *n.* [*bord and man*.] A tenant of bord-land, who supplied his lord with provisions.

**BORD-RAGING**, *n.* An incursion upon the borders of a country.

**BORD-SERVICE**, *n.* [*bord and service*.] The tenure by which bord-land was held,