

**HOLLY**, *n.* [Sax. *halegn*; *D. hulst*; perhaps *L. ilex*, for *hiler*. In Welsh, the corresponding word is *cdlyn*, from the root of *celu*, to conceal, *L. celu*. The *ilex* in Sw. is called iron oak.]

The holm tree, of the genus *Ilex*, of several species. The common holly grows from 20 to 30 feet high; the stem by age becomes large, and is covered with a grayish smooth bark, and set with branches which form a sort of cone. The leaves are oblong oval, of a lucid green on the upper surface, but pale on the under surface; the edges are indented and waved, with sharp thorns terminating each of the points. The flowers grow in clusters and are succeeded by roundish berries, which turn to a beautiful red about Michaelmas. This tree is a beautiful evergreen.

*Encyc.*

**Knee-Holly**, a plant, the butcher's broom, of the genus *Ruscus*.

**Sea-Holly**, a plant, of the genus *Eryngium*.

**HOL/LYHOCK**, *n.* [Sax. *holihoc*.] A plant of the genus *Alcea*, bearing flowers of various colors. It is called also *rose-mallow*.

**HOL/LYROSE**, *n.* A plant. *Tate.*

**HOLM**, *n.* The evergreen oak; the *ilex*.

2. An islet, or river isle.

3. A low flat tract of rich land on the banks of a river. *Cyc.*

**HOLMITE**, *n.* A variety of carbonate of lime; so called from Mr. Holme, who analyzed it. *Cleveland.*

**HOL/OCAUST**, *n.* [Gr. *olos*, whole, and *καυσος*, burnt, from *καω*, to burn.]

A burnt-sacrifice or offering, the whole of which was consumed by fire; a species of sacrifice in use among the Jews and some pagan nations. *Ray. Encyc.*

**HOL/OGRAPH**, *n.* [Gr. *olos*, whole, and *γραφω*, to write.]

A deed or testament written wholly by the grantor's or testator's own hand. *Encyc.*

**HOLOGRAPHIC**, *a.* Written wholly by the grantor or testator himself.

**HOLOMETER**, *n.* [Gr. *olos*, all, and *μετρον*, to measure.]

An instrument for taking all kinds of measures, both on the earth and in the heavens; a pantometer. *Cyc.*

**HÖLP**, **HÖLPEN**, the antiquated *pret.* and *pp.* of *help*.

**HÖLSTER**, *n.* [Sax. *heolster*, a hiding place or recess; Port. *caldre*; from *holding*, or *concealing*, *L. celo*, Sax. *helan*.]

A leathern case for a pistol, carried by a horseman at the fore part of his saddle.

**HÖLSTERED**, *a.* Bearing holsters; as a *holstered* steed. *Byron.*

**HOLT**, *n.* [Sax. *holt*, Ir. *coillte*, *W. celt*, a wood, from the root of Sax. *helan*, *L. celo*, *W. celu*, to hide, to keep close; a word retained in names.]

A wood or woodland; obsolete, except in poetry. *Drayton.*

**HOLLY**, *a.* [Sax. *halig*; *G. D. heilig*; *Sv. helig*; Dan. *hellig*; from the root of *heal*, *hold*, *whole*, and *all*; Sax. *hal*, *G. heil*, *D. heil*, *Sv. hel*, Dan. *heil*, *whole*. See *Heal* and *Hold*, and Class G. No. 31, 35, 42. The sense is *whole*, entire, complete, sound, unimpaired.]

1. Properly, whole, entire or perfect, in a moral sense. Hence, pure in heart, tem-

per or dispositions; free from sin and sinful affections. Applied to the Supreme Being, *holy* signifies perfectly pure, immaculate and complete in moral character; and man is more or less *holy*, as his heart is more or less sanctified, or purified from evil dispositions. We call a man *holy*, when his heart is conformed in some degree to the image of God, and his life is regulated by the divine precepts. Hence, *holy* is used as nearly synonymous with good, pious, godly.

Be ye *holy*; for I am *holy*. 1 Pet. i.

2. Hallowed; consecrated; or set apart to a sacred use, or to the service or worship of God; a sense frequent in Scripture; as the *holy sabbath*; *holy oil*; *holy vessels*; a *holy nation*; the *holy temple*; a *holy priest-hood*.

3. Proceeding from pious principles, or directed to pious purposes; as *holy zeal*.

4. Perfectly just and good; as the *holy law of God*.

5. Sacred; as a *holy witness*. *Shak.*

*Holy*, of *holies*, in Scripture, the innermost apartment of the Jewish tabernacle or temple, where the ark was kept, and where no person entered, except the high-priest, once a year.

*Holy Ghost*, or *Holy Spirit*, the Divine Spirit; the third person in the Trinity; the sanctifier of souls.

*Holy war*, a war undertaken to rescue the holy land, the ancient Judea, from the infidels; a crusade; an expedition carried on by christians against the Saracens in the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth centuries; a war carried on in a most *unholy* manner.

**HOLY-CROSS** day, *n.* The fourteenth of September.

**HOLYDAY**, *n.* A day set apart for commemorating some important event in history; a festival intended to celebrate some event deemed auspicious to the welfare of a nation; particularly an anniversary festival, devoted to religious solemnities; as *christmas holydays*.

2. A day of joy and gayety. *Shak.*

3. A day of exemption from labor; a day of amusement. *Chesterfield.*

**HOLYDAY**, *a.* Pertaining to a festival; as a *holyday* suit of clothes.

**HOLY-ONE**, *n.* An appellation of the Supreme Being, by way of emphasis.

2. An appellation of Christ. Is. lxiii.

3. One separated to the service of God. Deut. xxxiii.

**HOLY-ROOD** day, *n.* A festival observed by Roman Catholics in memory of the exaltation of our Savior's cross. *Encyc.*

**HOLY-THISTLE**, *n.* A plant of the genus *Cnicus*.

The blessed thistle, *Centaurea benedicta*.

**HOLY-THURSDAY**, *n.* The day on which the ascension of our Savior is commemorated, ten days before Whitsuntide. *Johnson.*

**HOLY-WEEK**, *n.* The week before Easter, in which the passion of our Savior is commemorated. *Johnson.*

**HOMAGE**, *n.* [Fr. *homage*; Sp. *homenaje*; It. *omaggio*; from *L. homo*, man.]

1. In *feudal law*, the submission, loyalty and service which a tenant promised to his lord or superior, when first admitted to the land which he held of him in fee; or rather the act of the tenant in making this submission, on being invested with the fee. The ceremony of doing *homage* was thus performed. The tenant, being ungirt and uncovered, kneeled and held up both his hands between those of the lord, who sat before him, and there professed that "he did become his man, from that day forth, of life and limb and earthly honor," and then received a kiss from his lord.

*Blackstone.*

2. Obeisance; respect paid by external action.

Go, go, with *homage* yon proud victors meet. *Dryden.*

3. Reverence directed to the Supreme Being; reverential worship; devout affection.

**HOMAGE**, *v. t.* To pay respect to by external action; to give reverence to; to profess fealty.

**HOMAGEABLE**, *a.* Subject to homage. *Houell.*

**HOMAGER**, *n.* One who does homage, or holds land of another by homage. *Bacon.*

*Homburg's Pyrophorus*, ignited muriate of lime. *Ure.*

**HOME**, *n.* [Sax. *ham*; *G. D. hein*; *Sv. hem*; Dan. *hiem*; Gr. *οικος*; properly, a house, a close place, or place of rest. Hence *hamlet*, Fr. *hameau*, Arm. *hamell*. The primary sense is probably to inclose, to cover, or to make fast. Derivatives in *G. D. Sv. and Dan.* signify secret, close; and we say, to bring *home* arguments, that is, press them close; to drive *home* a nail, &c. If the radical sense is close, it may

be from the same root as Ar. *كَمَى* kamai, to cover. See *Chemistry*, and Class Gm. No. 7, 9, 20, 23.]

1. A dwelling house; the house or place in which one resides. He was not at *home*.

Then the disciples went away again to their own *home*. John xx.

*Home* is the sacred refuge of our life. *Dryden.*

2. One's own country. Let affairs at *home* be well managed by the administration.

3. The place of constant residence; the seat. Flaudia, by plenty, made the *home* of war. *Prior.*

4. The grave; death; or a future state. Man goeth to his long *home*. Eccles. xii.

5. The present state of existence.

Whilst we are at *home* in the body, we are absent from the Lord. 2 Cor. v.

**HOME**, *a.* Close; severe; poignant; as a *home* thrust.

**HOME**, *adv.* [This is merely elliptical; to be omitted.]

1. To one's own habitation; as in the phrases, go *home*, come *home*, bring *home*, carry *home*.

2. To one's own country. *Home* is opposed to *abroad*, or in a foreign country. My brother will return *home* in the first ship from India.

3. Close; closely; to the point; as, this consideration comes *home* to our interest, that