

formed. Thus the flowers in the genus *Pentstemon*, have four stamens and a rudiment of a fifth, (a simple filament without an anther.)

God beholds the first imperfect rudiments of virtue in the soul. *Spectator.*

RUDIMENT, v. t. To furnish with first principles or rules; to ground; to settle in first principles. *Gayton.*

RUDIMENTAL, a. Initial; pertaining to rudiments, or consisting in first principles; as *rudimental* essays. *Spectator.*

RUE, v. t. ru. [Sax. *reowian*, *hrcowian*; W. *rhuaaw*, *rhuaadu*; D. *rouwen*, G. *reuen*, to repent; Dan. Sw. *ruelse*, contrition. This is the L. *rudo*, to roar, to bray. Class Rd.]

To lament; to regret; to grieve for; as, to *rue* the commission of a crime; to *rue* the day.

Thy will
Chose freely what it now so justly *rues*. *Milton.*

RUE, v. i. To have compassion. [Not in use.] *Chaucer.*

RUE, n. Sorrow; repentance. [Not in use.] *Shak.*

RUE, n. ru. [Sax. *rude*; D. *ruil*; G. *raute*; Dan. *rude*; Gr. *ρυη*; L. It. *ruta*; Sp. *ruda*; Fr. *rue*; Arm. *ry*; Ir. *ruith*, *raith*; Corn. *ryte*. *Rue* is a contracted word. Qu. from its bitter taste, *grating*, roughness.]

A plant of the genus *Ruta*, of several species. The common garden rue is medicinal, as a stimulant and detergent. *Encyc.*

RUEFUL, a. rueful. [rue and full.] Woful; mournful; sorrowful; to be lamented.

Spor them to *rueful* work. *Shak.*

2. Expressing sorrow.

He sigh'd and cast a *rueful* eye. *Dryden.*

RUEFULLY, adv. Mournfully; sorrowfully. *More.*

RUEFULNESS, n. Sorrowfulness; mournfulness.

RUEING, n. Lamentation. *Smith.*

RUELE, n. ruele. [Fr. a narrow street, from *rue*, a street.]

A circle; a private circle or assembly at a private house. [Not in use.] *Dryden.*

RUFESCENT, a. [L. *rufesco*, to grow red.] Reddish; tinged with red. *Ed. Encyc.*

RUFF, n. [Arm. *rouffenn*, a wrinkle; W. *rhewu*, to thicken.]

1. A piece of plaited linen worn by females around the neck. *Addison.*

2. Something puckered or plaited. *Pope.*

3. A small fish, a species of *Pereca*. *Walton.*

4. A bird of the genus *Tringa*, with a tuft of feathers around the neck of the male, whence the name. The female is called *receve*. *Ed. Encyc.*

5. A state of roughness. [Sax. *hrcof*.] *Obs. Chapman.*

6. Pride; elevation; as princes in the *ruff* of all their glory. *L'Estrange.*

7. A particular species of pigeon.

8. At cards, the act of winning the trick by trumping the cards of another suit. [D. *troef*, *troeven*.]

RUFF, v. t. To ruffle; to disorder. *Spenser.*

2. To trump any other suit of cards at whist. [D. *troeven*.]

RUFFIAN, n. [If this word signifies primarily a robber, it is from the root of *rob*, Sw. *rofa*, Dan. *rover*. In Scottish, *ruffie* is a worthless fellow. In It. *ruffiano* is a pimp, Sp. *rufian*, Port. *rufiam*; D. *roffiaan*, id.]

A boisterous, brutal fellow; a fellow ready for any desperate crime; a robber; a cut-throat; a murderer. *Addison.*

RUFFIAN, a. Brutal; savagely boisterous; as *ruffian* rage. *Pope.*

RUFFIAN, v. i. To play the ruffian; to rage; to raise tumult. *Shak.*

RUFFIAN-LIKE, a. Like a ruffian; bold in crimes; violent; licentious. *Fulke.*

RUFFLE, v. t. [Belgic, *ruiffelen*, to wrinkle. Chaucer has *riveling*, wrinkling, and Spelman cites *riffura* or *ruffura* from Bracton, as signifying in law a breach or laceration of the skin, made by the stroke of a stick.]

1. Properly, to wrinkle; to draw or contract into wrinkles, open plants or folds.

2. To disorder by disturbing a smooth surface; to make uneven by agitation; as, to *ruffle* the sea or a lake. *Addison.*

She smooth'd the *ruffl'd* seas. *Dryden.*

3. To discompose by disturbing a calm state of; to agitate; to disturb; as, to *ruffle* the mind; to *ruffle* the passions or the temper. It expresses less than *fret* and *rex*.

4. To throw into disorder or confusion.

—Where best

He might the *ruffl'd* foe invest. *Hudibras.*

5. To throw together in a disorderly manner.

I *ruffl'd* up fall'n leaves in heap. [Unusual.] *Chapman.*

6. To furnish with ruffles; as, to *ruffle* a shirt.

RUFFLE, v. i. To grow rough or turbulent; as, the winds *ruffle*. *Shak.*

2. To play loosely; to flutter.

On his right shoulder his thick mane inclin'd,
Ruffles at speed and dances in the wind. *Dryden.*

3. To be rough; to jar; to be in contention.

They would *ruffle* with jurors. *Obs. Bacon.*

RUFFLE, n. A strip of plaited cambric or other fine cloth attached to some border of a garment, as to the wristband or bosom. That at the bosom is sometimes called by the English, a *frill*.

2. Disturbance; agitation; commotion; as, to put the mind or temper in a *ruffle*.

RUFFLE, } A particular beat or roll of

RUFF, } the drum, used on certain occasions in military affairs, as a mark of respect. Lieutenant Generals have three *ruffles*, as they pass by the regiment, guard, &c. Major generals have two, brigadiers one, &c. *Encyc.*

RUFFLE, } To beat the ruff or roll of

RUFF, } the drum.

RUFFLED, pp. Disturbed; agitated; furnished with ruffles.

RUFFLER, n. A bully; a swaggerer. [Not in use.]

RUFFLING, ppr. Disturbing; agitating; furnishing with ruffles.

RUFFLING, n. Commotion; disturbance; agitation.

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RUFOUS, a. [L. *rufus*; Sp. *rufo*; Port. *ruivo*; probably from the root of L. *rubeo*.]

Reddish; of a reddish color, or rather of a yellowish red.

RUFTER-HOOD, n. In *falconry*, a hood to be worn by a hawk when she is first drawn. *Bailey.*

RUG, n. [D. *ruig*, G. *rauch*, rough, hairy, shaggy; Sw. *rugg*, entangled hair; *ruggig*, rugged, shaggy. This coincides with

Dan. *rug*, W. *rhyg*, rye, that is, *rough*; W. *rhug*, something abounding with points. In W. *brycan* is a *rug*, a clog, a brogue for the feet, a covering. This belongs to the great family of *rough*, L. *rugus*, *raucus*.]

1. A coarse nappy woolen cloth used for a bed cover, and in modern times particularly, for covering the carpet before a fire-place. This name was formerly given to a coarse kind of frieze used for winter garments, and it may be that the poor in some countries still wear it. But in America, I believe the name is applied only to a bed cover for ordinary beds, and to a covering before a fire-place.

2. A rough, woolly or shaggy dog.

RUGGED, a. [from the root of *rug*, *rough*, which see.]

1. Rough; full of asperities on the surface; broken into sharp or irregular points or crags, or otherwise uneven; as a *rugged* mountain; a *rugged* road.

2. Uneven; not neat or regular.

His well proportion'd beard made *rough* and *rugged*. *Shak.*

3. Rough in temper; harsh; hard; crabbed; austere. *South.*

4. Stormy; turbulent; tempestuous; as *rugged* weather; a *rugged* season.

5. Rough to the ear; harsh; grating; as a *rugged* verse in poetry; *rugged* prose. *Dryden.*

6. Sour; surly; frowning; wrinkled; as *rugged* looks. *Hudibras.*

7. Violent; rude; boisterous.

8. Rough; shaggy; as a *rugged* bear. *Fairfax.*

9. In *botany*, scabrous; rough with tubercles or stiff points; as a leaf or stem. *Martyn.*

RUGGEDLY, adv. In a rough or rugged manner.

RUGGEDNESS, n. The quality or state of being rugged; roughness; asperity of surface; as the *ruggedness* of land or of roads.

2. Roughness of temper; harshness; surliness.

3. Coarseness; rudeness of manners.

4. Storminess; boisterousness; as of a season.

RUG-GOWNED, a. Wearing a coarse gown or rug. *Baum.*

RUGAN, n. A nappy cloth. [Not used.] *Wiseman.*

RUGINE, n. [Fr.] A surgeon's rasp. *Sharp.*

RUGOSE, } [L. *rugosus*, from *rugus*, a

RUGOUS, } wrinkle.] Wrinkled; full of wrinkles. *Wiseman.*