INCES SABLE, a. Unceasing; continual. Shelton. [Little used.] INCES SANCY, n. [from incessant.] Unin-

termitted continuance; unceasingness. Dwight.

Unceasing; unintermitted; uninterrupted continual; as incessant rains; incessant Milton. Pope. clamors. INCES'SANTLY, adv. Without ceasing

Spenser. continually. IN CEST, n. [Fr. inceste; L. incestum; in

and castus, chaste.

The crime of cohabitation or sexual commerce between persons related within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by

the law of a country.

Spiritual incest, is a like crime committed between persons who have a spiritual alliance by means of baptism or confirmation. It is also understood of a vicar or other beneficiary, who holds two benefices. the one depending on the collation of the other

INCEST UOUS, a. Guilty of incest; as an incestuous person.

2. Involving the crime of incest; as an incestuous connection.

INCEST/UOUSLY, adv. In an incestuous manner; in a manner to involve the crime

INCEST UOUSNESS, n. The state or qual-

Bp. Hall. ity of being incestuous. INCH, n. [Sax. ince ; L. uncia, the twelfth part; Gr. ουγγια, but said to be from the

United States, being the twelfth part of a foot, and equal to the length of three bar-

2. Proverbially, a small quantity or degree; 3. as, to die by inches; to gain ground by inches.

3. A precise point of time.

Beldame, I think, we watch'd you at an inch. Shak. 2.

INCH, v. t. To drive by inches or small de-[Little used.] Druden To deal out by inches; to give sparingly.

Little used. Ainsworth. INCH, v. i. To advance or retire by small Johnson. degrees. [Little used.] Inched, is added to words of number; as

four-inched. But in America the common practice is

to add only inch; as a seven-inch cable. INCHAR ITABLE, a. Uncharitable. [The latter is the word used.]

INCHAS'TITY, n. [in and chastity.] Lewd-

ness; impurity; unchastity. J. Edwards. INCHEST', v. t. To put into a chest.

Sherwood. INCH'-MEAL, n. [inch and meal.] A piece an inch long.

IN'CHOATE, v. t. [L. inchoo.] To begin. More. [Little used.] IN CHOATE, a. Begun; commenced.

It is neither a substance perfect, nor a sub stance inchoate Raleigh IN CHOATELY, adv. In an incipient de-

INCHOA TION, n. The act of beginning commencement; inception.

those parts, would be looked on as the first inchoation of them. [Little used.] INCHO'ATIVE, a. Noting beginning; in-

called inceptive.

INCES SANT, a. [L. in and cessans, from | INCFDE, v.t. [L. incido: in and cado, to Beginning; commencing; as the incipient estage of a fever; incipient light or day.

To cut; to separate; as medicines. Obs. Quincy. Arbuthnot.

IN CIDENCE, n. [L. incidens; incido, to fall on; in and cado, to fall.]

Literally, a falling on; whence, an accident or casualty.

The manner of falling on, or the direction in which one body falls on or strikes another. The angle which the line of falling, or the direction of a moving body striking another, makes with the plane struck, is called the angle of incidence. When rays of light striking a body are re-Cut; made by cutting; as an incised wound: flected, the angle of incidence and the angle of reflection are equal.

In equal incidences there is a considerable in-Newton. uality of refractions. Encyc. IN CIDENT, a. Falling; casual; fortuitous; coming or happening occasionally, or not in the usual course of things, or not

with the main design.

As the ordinary course of common affairs is disposed of by general laws, so man's rarer incident necessities and utilities should be with special equity considered. Hooker

A proposition introduced by who, which, whose, whom, &c. is called an incident proposition; as, Julius, whose surname was Cesar, overcame Pompey. Walts

1. A lineal measure in Great Britain and the 2. Happening; apt to happen; as intemperate passions incident to human nature diseases incident to a climate; misfortunes incident to the poor.

Appertaining to or following the chief or principal. A court baron is incident to a INCI SOR, n. [L.] A cutter; a fore tooth, Encyc. manor

IN CIDENT, n. That which falls out; an event: casualty.

That which happens aside of the main design; an episode or subordinate action. No person, no incident in a play but must be of use to carry on the main design.

INCIDENT'AL, a. Happening; coming without design; casual; accidental; as occurrence.

Shak. 2. Not necessary to the chief purpose; occasional.

> be regarded as an incidental business. Little INCIDENT AL, n. An incident.

Pope. INCIDENT'ALLY, adv. Casually; without intention; accidentally. I was incidentally present when the conversation took

place. Shak. 2. Beside the main design; occasionally I treat either purposely or incidentally of

> IN CIDENTLY, adv. Occasionally; by the way. [Not used.] Bacon. INCIN'ERATE, v.t. [L. in and cinis, cineris, To burn to ashes. Bacon

INCIN ERATED, pp. Burnt to ashes. INCIN'ERATING, ppr. Reducing to ashes INCITED, pp. Moved to action; stirred by combustion.

The setting on foot some of those arts in INCINERA'TION, n. The act of reducing to ashes by combustion. Boyle. Encuc. Hale. INCIPIENCY, n. Beginning; commencement

ceptive; as an inchoative verb, otherwise INCIP/IENT, a. [L. incipiens, incipio; in and capio, to take.]

> INCIR/CLET. n. A small circle. Sidney INCIRCUMSCRIP'TIBLE, a. That cannot be circumscribed or limited.

Cranmer. Shak. INCIRCUMSPEC'TION, n. [in and circumspection.] Want of circumspection;

heedlessness. Brown. INCI'SE, v. t. s as z. [Fr. inciser.] To cut in: to carve. Carew. INCI/SED, a. [L. incisus, from incido, to

incised lips. Wiseman. INCI/SELY, adv. In the manner of incisions or notches.

INCIS'ION, n. s as z. [Fr.; L. incisio, from incido, to cut.]

1. A cutting; the act of cutting into a subaccording to expectation or in connection 2. A cut; a gash; the separation of the sur-

face of any substance made by a sharp in-The surgeon with his knife strument. makes an incision in the flesh, and the gardener, in a tree; but we do not say, an incision is made with a plow or a spade; at least such phraseology is unusual.

3. Separation of viscid matter by medicines. Bacon. INCI/SIVE, a. [Fr. incisif.] Having the

quality of cutting or separating the superficial part of any thing. Incisive teeth, in animals, are the fore teeth,

which cuts, bites or separates.

INCI/SORY, a. Having the quality of cut-INCISURE, n. [L. incisura.] A cut; a

place opened by cutting; an incision. Derham. Dryden. INCI/TANT, n. [from incite.] That which

excites action in an animal body. an incidental conversation; an incidental INCITATION, n. [L. incitatio. See In-

1. The act of inciting or moving to action; incitement. By some persons, religious duties appear to 2. Incitement; incentive; motive; that

which excites to action; that which rouses or prompts. Government of the Tongue. INCITE, v. t. [L. incito; in and cito, to call, to stir up.]

To move the mind to action by persuasion or motives presented; to stir up; to rouse ; to spur on.

Antiochus, when he incited Prusias to join in war, set before him the greatness of the Romans.

2. To move to action by impulse or influence.

No blown ambition does our arms incite. Shak.

3. To animate : to encourage. up; spurred on.