

in its kind; as the *perfections* of God. The infinite power, holiness, justice, benevolence and wisdom of God are denominated his *perfections*.

7. Exactness; as, to imitate a model to *perfection*.

PERFECT'IONAL, *a.* Made complete.

PERFECT'IONATE, used by Dryden and Tooke, in lieu of the verb to *perfect*, is a useless word.

PERFECT'IONIST, *n.* One pretending to perfection; an enthusiast in religion.

PERFECT'IVE, *a.* Conducing to make perfect or bring to perfection; followed by *of*.

Praise and adoration are actions *perfective* of the soul.

PERFECT'IVELY, *adv.* In a manner that brings to perfection.

PERFECT'LY, *adv.* In the highest degree of excellence.

2. Totally; completely; as work *perfectly* executed or performed; a thing *perfectly* new.

3. Exactly; accurately; as a proposition *perfectly* understood.

PERFECT'NESS, *n.* Completeness; consummate excellence; perfection.

2. The highest degree of goodness or holiness of which man is capable in this life. And above all things put on charity, which is the bond of *perfectness*. Col. iii.

3. Accurate skill.

PERFI'CIENT, *n.* [L. *perficiens*.] One who endows a charity.

PERFI'DIOUS, *a.* [L. *perfidus*; *per* and *fides*, faithful. *Per* in this word signifies *through, beyond, or by, aside*.]

1. Violating good faith or vows; false to trust or confidence reposed; treacherous; as a *perfidious* agent; a *perfidious* friend. [See *Perfidy*.]

2. Proceeding from treachery, or consisting in breach of faith; as a *perfidious* act.

3. Guilty of violated allegiance; as a *perfidious* citizen; a man *perfidious* to his country.

PERFI'DIOUSLY, *adv.* Treacherously; traitorously; by breach of faith or allegiance.

PERFI'DIOUSNESS, *n.* The quality of being perfidious; treachery; traitorousness; breach of faith, of vows or allegiance.

PERFI'DY, *n.* [L. *perfidia*; *per* and *fides*, faith.]

The act of violating faith, a promise, vow or allegiance; treachery; the violation of a trust reposed. *Perfidy* is not applied to violations of contracts in ordinary pecuniary transactions, but to violations of faith or trust in friendship, in agency and office, in allegiance, in connubial engagements, and in the transactions of kings.

PERFLA'TE, *v. t.* [L. *perflo*; *per* and *flo*, to blow.] To blow through.

PERFLA'TION, *n.* The act of blowing through.

PERFO'LIATE, *a.* [L. *per* and *folium*, a leaf.]

In *botany*, a *perfoliate* or perforated leaf, is one that has the base entirely surrounding the stem transversely.

PERFORATE, *v. t.* [L. *perforo*; *per* and *foro*, Eng. to bore.]

1. To bore through.

2. To pierce with a pointed instrument; to make a hole or holes through any thing by boring or driving; as, to *perforate* the bottom of a vessel.

PERFORATED, *pp.* Bored or pierced through; pierced.

PERFORATING, *ppr.* Boring or piercing through; piercing.

PERFORA'TION, *n.* The act of boring or piercing through.

2. A hole or aperture passing through any thing, or into the interior of a substance, whether natural or made by an instrument.

PERFORATIVE, *a.* Having power to pierce; as an instrument.

PERFORATOR, *n.* An instrument that bores or perforates.

PERFORCE, *adv.* [L. *per* and *force*.] By force or violence.

PERFORM', *v. t.* [L. *per* and *formo*, to make.]

1. To do; to execute; to accomplish; as, to *perform* two days' labor in one day; to *perform* a noble deed or achievement.

2. To execute; to discharge; as, to *perform* a duty or office.

3. To fulfill; as, to *perform* a covenant, promise or contract; to *perform* a vow.

PERFORM, *v. i.* To do; to act a part. The player *performs* well in different characters. The musician *performs* well on the organ.

PERFORM'ABLE, *a.* That may be done, executed or fulfilled; practicable.

PERFORM'ANCE, *n.* Execution or completion of any thing; a doing; as the *performance* of work or of an undertaking; the *performance* of duty.

2. Action; deed; thing done.

3. The acting or exhibition of character on the stage. Garriek was celebrated for his theatrical *performances*.

4. Composition; work written.

Few of our comic *performances* give good examples.

5. The acting or exhibition of feats; as *performances* of horsemanship.

PERFORMED, *pp.* Done; executed; discharged.

PERFORMER, *n.* One that performs any thing, particularly in an art; as a good *performer* on the violin or organ; a celebrated *performer* in comedy or tragedy, or in the circus.

PERFORMING, *ppr.* Doing; executing; accomplishing.

PERFORM'ING, *n.* Act done; deed; act of executing.

PERFU'MATORY, *a.* [from *perfume*.] That perfumes.

PERFU'ME, *n.* [Fr. *parfum*; It. *profumo*; Sp. *perfume*; L. *per* and *fumus*, smoke, or *fumo*, to fumigate.]

1. A substance that emits a scent or odor which affects agreeably the organs of smelling, as musk, civet, spices or aromatics of any kind; or any composition of aromatic substances.

2. The scent, odor or volatile particles emitted from sweet smelling substances.

No rich *perfumes* refresh the fruitful field.

PERFU'ME, *v. t.* To scent; to fill or impregnate with a grateful odor; as, to *perfume* an apartment; to *perfume* a garment.

And Carmel's flowery top *perfumes* the skies.

PERFU'MED, *pp.* Scented; impregnated with fragrant odors.

PERFU'MER, *n.* He or that which perfumes.

2. One whose trade is to sell perfumes.

PERFU'MERY, *n.* Perfumes in general.

PERFU'MING, *ppr.* Scenting; impregnating with sweet odors.

PERFU'NTORILY, *adv.* [L. *perfunctorie*, from *perfungor*; *per* and *fungor*, to do or execute.]

Carelessly; negligently; in a manner to satisfy external form.

PERFU'NTORINESS, *n.* Negligent performance; carelessness.

PERFU'NTORY, *a.* [supra.] Slight; careless; negligent.

2. Done only for the sake of getting rid of the duty.

PERFU'SE, *v. t.* *s* as *z*. [L. *perfusus*, *perfundo*; *per* and *fundere*, to pour.] To sprinkle, pour or spread over.

PER'GOLA, *n.* [It.] A kind of arbor.

PERHAPS', *adv.* [L. *per* and *hap*. See *Happen*.] By chance; it may be.

Perhaps her love, perhaps her kingdom charmed him.

PER'JANTH, *n.* [Gr. *περι*, about, and *ανθος*, flower.]

The calyx of a flower when contiguous to the other parts of fructification.

PER'JAPT, *n.* [Gr. *περι* and *παινω*, to fit or tie to.]

An amulet; a charm worn to defend against disease or mischief.

[Not used.]

PERIAUGER, } [See *Pirogue*.]

PERIAGUA, }

PERICARD'IUM, *n.* [Gr. *περι*, around, and *καρδια*, the heart.]

A membrane that incloses the heart. It contains a liquor which prevents the surface of the heart from becoming dry by its continual motion.

PER'ICARP, *n.* [Gr. *περι*, about, and *καρπος*, fruit.]

The seed-vessel of a plant; a general name including the capsule, legume, silique, follicle, drupe, pome, berry and strobile.

PERICRA'NIUM, *n.* [Gr. *περι*, about, and *κρανιον*, the skull.]

The periosteum or membrane that invests the skull.

PERIC'ULOUS, *a.* [L. *periculosus*. See *Peril*.] Dangerous; hazardous.

PERIDODECAHEDRAL, *a.* [Gr. *περι*, and *dodecahedra*.]

Designating a crystal whose primitive form is a four sided prism, and in its secondary form is converted into a prism of twelve sides.

PER'IDOT, *n.* [Fr.] Another name of the chrysolite. It may be known by its leek or olive green color of various shades, and