

to Jupiter; *Flamen Martialis*, sacred to Mars; and *Flamen Quirinalis*, who superintended the rites of Quirinus or Romulus.

2. A priest. *Pope.*

FLAMING, *ppr.* Burning in flame.

2. a. Bright; red. Also, violent; vehement; as a *flaming* language.

FLAMING, n. A bursting out in a flame.

FLAMINGLY, *adv.* Most brightly; with great show or vehemence.

FLAMINGO, n. [*Sp.* and *Port.* *flamingo*, from *flamma*, flame.]

A fowl constituting the genus *Phœnicopterus*, of the grallæ order. The beak is naked, toothed, and bent as if broken; the feet palmated and four-toed. This fowl resembles the heron in shape, but is entirely red, except the quill-fethers. It is a native of Africa and America. *Encyc.*

FLAMINGO, *a.* Pertaining to a Roman flamen. *Milton.*

FLAMMABILITY, *n.* The quality of admitting to be set on fire, or enkindled into a flame or blaze; inflammability.

FLAMMABLE, *a.* Capable of being enkindled into flame. *Brown.*

FLAMMATION, *n.* The act of setting on flame. *Brown.*

The three last words are little used. Instead of them are used the compounds, *inflammable*, *inflammability*, *inflammation*.

FLAMMEOUS, *a.* Consisting of flame; like flame. *Brown.*

FLAMMIFEROUS, *a.* [*L.* *flamma* and *fero*, to bring.] Producing flame.

FLAMMIVOUS, *a.* [*L.* *flamma* and *vo*, to vomit.] Vomiting flames, as a volcano.

FLAMY, *a.* [from *flame*.] Blazing; burning; as *flamy* breath. *Sidney.*

2. Having the nature of flame; as *flamy* matter. *Bacon.*

3. Having the color of flame. *Herbert.*

FLANK, *n.* [*Fr.* *flanc*; *Sp.* and *Port.* *flanco*; *It.* *fianco*; *G.* *flanke*; *Sw.* and *Dan.* *flank*; *Gr.* *λαγαν*; probably connected with *lank*. *W. llac*, *Eng. flag*, *Gr.* *λαγανος*, and so called from its laxity, or from breadth.]

1. The fleshy or muscular part of the side of an animal, between the ribs and the hip. Hence,

2. The side of an army, or of any division of an army, as of a brigade, regiment or battalion. To attack an enemy *in flank*, is to attack them on the side.

3. In fortification, that part of a bastion which reaches from the curtain to the face, and defends the opposite face, the flank and the curtain; or it is a line drawn from the extremity of the face towards the inside of the work. *Harris. Encyc.*

FLANK, *v. t.* [*Fr.* *flanquer*; *Sp.* *flanquear*.]

1. To attack the side or flank of an army or body of troops; or to place troops so as to command or attack the flank.

2. To post so as to overlook or command on the side; as, to *flank* a passage. *Dryden.*

3. To secure or guard on the side; as *flanked* with rocks. *Dryden.*

FLANK, *v. i.* To border; to touch. *Bulter.*

2. To be posted on the side.

FLANKED, *pp.* Attacked on the side; covered or commanded on the flank.

FLANKER, *n.* A fortification projecting so as to command the side of an assailing body. *Knolles. Fairfax.*

FLANKER, *v. t.* To defend by lateral fortifications. *Herbert.*

2. To attack sideways. *Evelyn.*

FLAN-NEL, *n.* [*Fr.* *flanell*; *D.* *Dan.* *flanell*; *G.* *flanell*; *W.* *guelanen*, from *guelan*, wool; *L.* *lana*, *Fr.* *laine*, *Ir.* *clann*, Arm. *gloan*.]

A soft nappy woolen cloth of loose texture.

FLAP, *n.* [*G.* *lappen* and *klappe*; *D.* *lap* or *klap*; *Sw.* *klapp* or *lapp*; *Dan.* *klap* or *lap*; *Sax.* *leppa*, a *lap*; *W.* *lab*, a stroke, a whipping; *It.* *labia*, to *slap*; *L.* *alapa*, a slap. There is a numerous family of words in *Lb*, which spring from striking with something broad, or from a noun denoting something flat and broad. It seems difficult to separate *flap* from *clap*, *slap*, *flabby*, *lap*, &c.]

1. Any thing broad and limber that hangs loose, or is easily moved.

A cataginous *flap* on the opening of the larynx. *Brown.*

We say, the *flap* of a garment, the *flap* of the ear, the *flap* of a hat.

2. The motion of any thing broad and loose, or a stroke with it.

3. The *flaps*, a disease in the lips of horses. *Parier's Dict.*

FLAP, *v. t.* To beat with a flap.

Yet let me *flap* this bug with gilded wings. *Pope.*

2. To move something broad; as, to *flap* the wings.

3. To let fall, as the brim of a hat. [This sense seems to indicate a connection with *lap*.]

FLAP, *v. i.* To move as wings, or as something broad or loose.

2. To fall, as the brim of a hat, or other broad thing.

FLAP-DRAGON, *n.* A play in which they catch raisins out of burning brandy, and extinguishing them by closing the mouth.

2. The thing eaten. *Johnson.*

FLAP-DRAGON, *v. t.* To swallow or devour. *Shak.*

FLAP-EARED, *a.* Having broad loose ears. *Shak.*

FLAP-JACK, *n.* An apple-puff. *Shak.*

FLAP-MOUTIED, *a.* Having loose hanging lips. *Shak.*

FLAP-PED, *pp.* Struck with something broad; let down; having the brim fallen, as a *flapped* hat.

FLAP-PER, *n.* One who flaps another. *Chestefield.*

FLAPPING, *ppr.* Striking; beating; moving something broad; as *flapping* wings. The ducks run *flapping* and fluttering. *L'Estrange.*

FLARE, *v. i.* [If this word is not contracted, it may be allied to *clear*, *glare*, *glory*, *L.* *floro*, *Eng.* *floor*, the primary sense of which is to open, to spread, from parting, departing, or driving apart. But in *Norm.* *flair* is to blow, and possibly it may be from *L.* *flo*, or it may be contracted from *G.* *flackere*.]

1. To waver; to flutter; to burn with an unsteady light; as, the candle *flares*, that

is, the light wanders from its natural course.

2. To flutter with splendid show; to be loose and waving as a showy thing.

With ribbands pendant *flaring* 'bout her head. *Shak.*

3. To glitter with transient luster. —But speech alone

Doth wanh like a *flaring* thing. *Herbert.*

4. To glitter with painful splendor. When the sun begins to fling His *flaring* beams— *Milton.*

5. To be exposed to too much light. I cannot stay Flaring in sunshine all the day. [Qu.] *Prior.*

6. To open or spread outward.

FLA-RING, *ppr.* or *a.* Burning with a wavering light; fluttering; glittering; showy.

2. Opening; widening outward; as, a *flaring* fireplace.

FLASH, *n.* [*Ir.* *lasair*, *lasrach*, a flame, a flash; *Israh.* *lasach*, to burn, to kindle; *Leas*, light; *Leasam*, to give light; also, *lois-grim*, *loisgad*, to burn; *lois*, flame; *Dan.* *lys*, light; *lyser*, to shine, to glister or glister; *Sw.* *lys*, *lys*, id. *Qu.* *G.* *blitz*, a glance; *It.* *blitzen*, to lighten, to flash; *Russ.* *blesk*, *bleschu*, id. There is a numerous class of words in *Is*, with different prefixes, that denote to shine, to throw light, as *gloss*, *glass*, *glisten*, *blush*, *flush*, *flash*, *luster*, &c.; but perhaps they are not all of one family. The Welsh has *lathru*, to make smooth and glossy, to polish, to glitter; *lleftrid*, a gleam, a flash. See Class *Ld.* No. 5. and *Ls.* No. 25. and see *Flush*.]

1. A sudden burst of light; a flood of light instantaneously appearing and disappearing; as, a flash of lightning.

2. A sudden burst of flame and light; an instantaneous blaze; as, the flash of a gun.

3. A sudden burst, as of wit or merriment; as, a flash of wit; a flash of joy or mirth. His companions recollect no instance of premature wit, no striking sentiment, no flash of fancy— *Wirt.*

4. A short, transient state. The Persians and Macedonians had it for a flash. *Bacon.*

5. A body of water driven by violence. [*Local.* *Pegge.*]

6. A little pool. *Qu. plash.* [*Local.*]

FLASH, *v. t.* To break forth, as a sudden flood of light; to burst or open instantly on the sight, as splendor. It differs from *glitter*, *glisten* and *gleam* in denoting a flood or wide extent of light. The latter words may express the issuing of light from a small object, or from a pencil of rays. A diamond may *glitter* or *glisten*, but it does not *flash*. *Flash* differs from other words also in denoting suddenness of appearance and disappearance.

2. To burst or break forth with a flood of flame and light; as, the powder *flashed* in the pan. *Flashing* differs from *exploding* or *discharging*, in not being accompanied with a loud report.

3. To burst out into any kind of violence. Every hour He *flashes* into one gross crime or other. *Shak.*

4. To break out, as a sudden expression of wit, merriment or bright thought. *Felton.*