

as seen together. Thus we may say, the *scenery* of the landscape presented to the view from mount Holyoke, in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, is highly picturesque, and exceeded only by the *scenery* of Boston and its vicinity, as seen from the State house.

Never need an American look beyond his own country for the sublime and beautiful of natural *scenery*. *Irving.*

2. The representation of the place in which an action is performed. *Pope.*

3. The disposition and consecution of the scenes of a play. *Dryden.*

4. The paintings representing the scenery of a play.

SCEN'IC, } *a.* [L. *scenicus*.] Pertaining to scenery; dramatic; theatrical.

SCENOGRAPH'IC, } *a.* [See *Scenography*.] Pertaining to scenography; drawn in perspective.

SCENOGRAPH'ICALLY, *adv.* In perspective. *Mortimer.*

SCENOGRAPHY, *n.* [Gr. *σκηνη*, scene, and *γραφω*, to describe.]

The representation of a body on a perspective plane; or a description of it in all its dimensions as it appears to the eye. *Encyc.*

SCENT, *n.* [Fr. *senteur*, from *sentir*, L. *sensio*, to perceive.]

1. Odor; smell; that substance which issuing from a body, affects the olfactory organs of animals; as the *scent* of an orange or an apple; the *scent* of musk. The word is applicable to any odor, agreeable or offensive.

2. The power of smelling; the smell; as a hound of nice *scent*.

3. Chase followed by the scent; course of pursuit; track.

He travelled upon the same *scent* into Ethiopia. *Temple.*

SCENT, *v. t.* To smell; to perceive by the olfactory organs; as, to *scent* game, as a hound.

2. To perfume; to imbue or fill with odor, good or bad. Aromatic plants *scent* the room. Some persons *scent* garments with musk; others *scent* their snuff.

SCENTFUL, *a.* Odorous; yielding much smell. *Drayton.*

2. Of quick smell. *Browne.*

SCENTLESS, *a.* Inodorous; destitute of smell.

SCEP'TER, *n.* [Fr. *sceptre*; L. *sceptrum*; Gr. *σκηπτρον*, from *σκηπτω*, to send or thrust; coinciding with L. *scipio*, that is, a shoot or rod.]

1. A staff or baton borne by kings on solemn occasions, as a badge of authority. Hence,

2. The appropriate ensign of royalty; an ensign of higher antiquity than the crown. Hence,

3. Royal power or authority; as, to assume the *scepter*.

The *scepter* shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, till Shiloh come. Gen. xlix.

4. A constellation.

SCEP'TER, *v. t.* To invest with royal authority, or with the ensign of authority. *Hall.*

SCEP'TERED, *a.* Bearing a scepter; as a *sceptered* prince.

To Britain's queen the *scepter'd* suppliant bends. *Tickel.*

Gold-scepter'd Juno. *Parnell.*

SCEP'TIC, *n.* [Gr. *σκηπτικός*, from *σκηπτομαι*, to look about, to consider, to speculate; Sax. *seceawian*, to look about, to see, also to show. See *Show*.]

1. One who doubts the truth and reality of any principle or system of principles or doctrines. In *philosophy*, a Pyrrhonist or follower of Pyrrho, the founder of a sect of sceptical philosophers, who maintained that no certain inferences can be drawn from the reports of the senses, and who therefore doubted of every thing. *Enfield.*

2. In *theology*, a person who doubts the existence and perfections of God, or the truth of revelation; one who disbelieves the divine original of the christian religion. Suffer not your faith to be shaken by the sophistries of *sceptics*. *Clarke.*

SCEP'TIC, } *a.* Doubting; hesitating to admit the certainty of doctrines or principles; doubting of every thing.

SCEP'TICAL, } *a.* Doubting; hesitating to admit the certainty of doctrines or principles; doubting of every thing.

2. Doubting or denying the truth of revelation. *Encyc.*

The *sceptical* system subverts the whole foundation of morals. *Rob. Hall.*

SCEP'TICALLY, *adv.* With doubt; in a doubting manner.

SCEP'TICISM, *n.* [Fr. *scepticisme*.] The doctrines and opinions of the Pyrrhonists or sceptical philosophers; universal doubt; the scheme of philosophy which denies the certainty of any knowledge respecting the phenomena of nature.

2. In *theology*, a doubting of the truth of revelation, or a denial of the divine origin of the christian religion, or of the being, perfections or truth of God.

Irreligious *scepticism* or atheistic profaneness. *Milner.*

Let no despondency or timidity or secret *scepticism* lead any one to doubt whether this blessed prospect will be realized. *S. Miller.*

SCEP'TICIZE, *v. i.* To doubt; to pretend to doubt of every thing. [*Little used*.] *Shaftesbury.*

SCHAALSTEIN, } *n.* A rare mineral, called also taleispath

and tabular spar, occurring in masses composed of thin laminae collected into large prismatic concretions or hexahedral prisms. Its color is grayish or pearly white, tinged with green, yellow or red. *Cleveland.*

SCHED'ULE, *n.* [L. *schedula*, from *scheda*, a sheet or leaf of paper; Gr. *σχιδη*, from *σχιζω*, to cut or divide; L. *scindo*, for *scido*. The pronunciation ought to follow the analogy of *scheme*, &c.]

1. A small scroll or piece of paper or parchment, containing some writing. *Hooker.*

2. A piece of paper or parchment annexed to a larger writing, as to a will, a deed, a lease, &c. *Encyc.*

3. A piece of paper or parchment containing an inventory of goods. *Encyc.*

SCHEE'LIN, } *n.* A different name of SCHE'LIUM, } tungsten, a hard brittle

metal of a grayish white color, and brilliant. *Dict.*

SCHE/MATISM, *n.* [Gr. *σχηματισμος*, from *σχημα*. See *Scheme*.]

1. Combination of the aspects of heavenly bodies.

2. Particular form or disposition of a thing. [*A word not much used*.] *Creech.*

SCHE/MATIST, *n.* A projector; one given to forming schemes. [*Schemer* is more generally used.]

SCHEME, *n.* [L. *schema*; Gr. *σχημα*, from *σχω*, a contracted word, probably from *σχιζω*, to have or hold.]

1. A plan; a combination of things connected and adjusted by design; a system.

We shall never be able to give ourselves a satisfactory account of the divine conduct without forming such a *scheme* of things as shall take in time and eternity. *Atterbury.*

2. A project; a contrivance; a plan of something to be done; a design. Thus we say, to form a *scheme*, to lay a *scheme*, to contrive a *scheme*.

The stoical *scheme* of supplying our wants by lopping off our desires, is like cutting off our feet when we want shoes. *Swift.*

3. A representation of the aspects of the celestial bodies; any lineal or mathematical diagram. *Brown. Hudibras.*

SCHEME, *v. t.* To plan; to contrive.

SCHEME, *v. i.* To form a plan; to contrive.

SCHE/MER, *n.* One that contrives; a projector; a contriver.

SCHE/MING, *ppr.* Planning; contriving.

2. *a.* Given to forming schemes; artful.

SCHE/MIST, *n.* A schemer; a projector. *Coventry.*

SCIENE, *n.* [L. *sciētia*; Gr. *σχινη*.] An Egyptian measure of length, equal to sixty stadia, or about 7½ miles. *Herodotus.*

SCHE/SIS, *n.* [Gr. *σχισις*, from *σχω*, *σχιζω*, to have or hold.]

Habitude; general state or disposition of the body or mind, or of one thing with regard to other things. *Norris.*

SCHILLER-SPAR, *n.* A mineral containing two subspecies, bronzite and common schiller-spar.

SCHISM, *n.* *sizm*. [L. *schisma*; Gr. *σχιζμα*, from *σχιζω*, to divide, L. *scindo*, Sax. *scidan*, D. *scheiden*, *scheiden*, G. *scheiden*, to separate, to part.]

1. In a general sense, division or separation; but appropriately, a division or separation in a church or denomination of christians, occasioned by diversity of opinions; breach of unity among people of the same religious faith.

—Set bounds to our passions by reason, to our errors by truth, and to our *schisms* by charity. *K. Charles.*

In *Scripture*, the word seems to denote a breach of charity, rather than a difference of doctrine.

2. Separation; division among tribes or classes of people.

SCHISMATIC, } *a.* *sizmat'ic*, } Pertaining to schism; implying schism; partaking of the nature of schism; tending to schism; as *schismatical* opinions or proposals. *K. Charles. South.*

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