

ing with clay; partaking of clay; like clay.

CLAY-GROUND, *n.* Ground consisting of clay, or abounding with it.

CLAYISH, *a.* Partaking of the nature of clay, or containing particles of it.

CLAY-LAND, *n.* Land consisting of clay.

CLAY-SOIL, *n.* " or abounding with it.

CLAY-MARL, *n.* A whitish, smooth, chalky clay. *Mortimer.*

CLAY-PIT, *n.* A pit where clay is dug. *Woodward.*

CLAY-SLATE, *n.* In *mineralogy*, argillaceous shist; argillite.

CLAY-STONE, *n.* A mineral, the *thonslein* of Werner, and *indurated clay* of Kirwan. It resembles compact limestone or calcareous marl. Its texture is porous, compact or slaty. Its color is gray, often tinged with yellow or blue; also rose or pale red, or brownish red, and sometimes greenish. *Cleaveland.*

CLEAN, *a.* [Sax. *clene*; W. *glan*, or *glain*; Ir. *glan*; Arm. *glan*. The primary sense seems to be, to open or to remove, to separate.]

In a *general sense*, free from extraneous matter, or whatever is injurious or offensive; hence its signification depends on the nature and qualities of the substances to which it is applied.

1. Free from dirt, or other foul matter; as *clean water*; a *clean cup*; a *clean floor*.

2. Free from weeds or stones; as *clean land*; a *clean garden* or field.

3. Free from knots or branches; as *clean timber*. In America, *clear* is generally used.

4. Free from moral impurity; innocent.

Who can bring a *clean* thing out of an unclean? Job xiv. Acts xviii.

5. Free from ceremonial defilement. Lev. x. Num. xix.

6. Free from guilt; sanctified; holy. John xiii. Ps. li.

7. That might be eaten by the Hebrews. Gen. vii. viii.

8. That might be used. Luke xi.

9. Free from a foul disease; cured of leprosy. 2 Kings v. Math. viii.

10. Dextrous; adroit; not bungling; free from awkwardness; as a *clean feat*; a *clean boxer*.

11. Free from infection; as a *clean ship*. A *clean bill of health* is a certificate that a ship is *clean*, or free from infection.

CLEAN, *adv.* Quite; perfectly; wholly; entirely; fully; indicating separation or complete removal of every part. "The people passed *clean* over Jordan." Josh. iii. "Is his *mercy* clean gone forever?" Ps. lxxvii. "This use of *clean* is not now elegant, and not used except in vulgar language.

2. Without miscegenation; dextrously.

Pope came off *clean* with Homer. *Henley.*

CLEAN, *v. t.* [Sax. *clænan*; W. *glanau*. See the Adjective.]

To remove all foreign matter from; to separate from any thing whatever is extraneous to it, or whatever is foul, noxious, or offensive, as dirt or filth from the hands, body or clothes, foul matter from a vessel, weeds, shrubs and stones from a meadow; to purify. Thus, a house is *cleaned*

by sweeping and washing; a field is *cleaned* by plowing and hoeing.

CLEANLINESS, *n.* *cleanliness*. [from *cleanly*.] Freedom from dirt, filth, or any foul, extraneous matter. *Addison.*

2. Neatness of person or dress; purity. *Swift.*

CLEANLY, *a.* *cleanly*. [from *clean*.] Free from dirt, filth, or any foul matter; neat; carefully avoiding filth. *Dryden.*

2. Pure; free from mixture; innocent; as *cleanly joys*. *Glaucville.*

3. Cleansing; making clean; as *cleanly powder*. *Prior.*

4. Nice; artful; dextrous; adroit; as a *cleanly play*; a *cleanly evasion*. *Obs.* *Spenser.* *L'Estrange.*

CLEANLY, *adv.* *cleanly*. In a *clean manner*; neatly; without filth. *Shak.*

CLEANNESS, *n.* Freedom from dirt, filth, and foreign matter; neatness.

2. Freedom from infection or a foul disease.

3. Exactness; purity; justness; correctness; used of language or style; as, *cleanness of expression*. *Dryden.*

4. Purity; innocence.

In scripture, *cleanness of hands* denotes innocence. *Cleanness of teeth* denotes want of provisions. Amos iv. 6.

CLEANSABLE, *a.* *cleansable*. That may be cleansed. *Sherwood.*

CLEANSER, *v. t.* *clenz*. [Sax. *clensian*, from *clæn*, clean.]

1. To purify; to make clean; to remove filth, or foul matter of any kind, or by any process whatever, as by washing, rubbing, scouring, scraping, purging, ventilation, &c. i. e., as, to *cleanse the hands* or face; to *cleanse a garment*; to *cleanse the bowels*; to *cleanse a ship*; to *cleanse an infected house*.

2. To free from a foul or infectious disease; to heal. Lev. xiv. 4. 8. Mark i. 42.

3. To free from ceremonial pollution, and consecrate to a holy use. Num. viii. 15. Ezek. xliii. 20.

4. To purify from guilt. 1 John i. 7.

5. To remove; as, to *cleanse a crime*. *Dryden.*

CLEANS'ED, *pp.* *clenz'ed*. Purified; made clean; purged; healed.

CLEANS'ER, *n.* *clenz'er*. He or that which cleanses; in medicine, a detergent. *Arbuthnot.*

CLEANS'ING, *pp.* *clenz'ing*. Purifying; making clean; purging; removing foul or noxious matter from; freeing from guilt.

CLEANS'ING, *n.* *clenz'ing*. The act of purifying, or purging. Mark i. 44. Luke v. 14.

CLEAN-TIMBERED, *a.* Well-proportioned. [Not in use.] *Shak.*

CLEAR, *a.* [W. *clær*, clear, bright, from *llær*, a reflux, *llær*, to ebb, to clear, or W. *ghar*, clear, from *llær*, extended, [like floor]; Ir. *gleair*, *leir*, *leir* and *glor*; Arm. *clær*; L. *clarus*; Fr. *clair*; Sp. Port. *clar*; It. *chiaro*; D. *klar*; G. *klar*; Sw. and Dan. *klar*. See *Clear and Glory*.]

1. Open; free from obstruction; as a *clear plat of ground*; the way is *clear*.

2. Free from clouds, or fog; serene; as a *clear day*.

3. Free from foreign matter; unmixe;

pure; as *clear water*; *clear sand*; *clear air*; *clear glass*.

4. Free from any thing that creates doubt or uncertainty; apparent; evident; manifest; not obscure; conspicuous; that is, open to the mind; as, the reason is *clear*.

5. Unclouded; luminous; not obscured; as a *clear sun*; a *clear shining* after a rain. 2 Sam. xxiii.

6. Unobstructed; unobscured; as a *clear view*.

7. Perspicacious; sharp; as a *clear sight*.

8. Not clouded with care, or ruffled by passion; cheerful; serene; as a *clear aspect*. *Milton.*

9. Evident; undeniable; indisputable; as the victory was *clear*. *Milton.*

10. Quick to understand; prompt; acute. *Mother of science, now I feel thy power Within me clear.* *Milton.*

11. Free from guilt or blame; innocent; unsullied; irreproachable. 2 Cor. vii.

In action faithful, and in honor clear. *Pope.*

12. Free from bias; unprepossessed; not preoccupied; impartial; as a *clear judgment*. *Sidney.*

13. Free from debt, or obligation; not liable to prosecution; as, to be *clear of debt* or responsibility. *Gay.*

14. Free from deductions, or charges; as, *clear gain* or profit. *Locke.*

15. Not entangled; unembarrassed; free; as, the cable is *clear*. A ship is *clear*, when she is so remote from shore or other object, as to be out of danger of striking, or to have sea room sufficient.

16. Open; distinct; not jarring, or harsh; as a *clear sound*; a *clear voice*.

17. Liberated; freed; acquitted of charges; as, a man has been tried and got *clear*.

18. Free from spots or any thing that disfigures; as a *clear skin*.

Clear is followed by *from* or *by* of.

Thou shalt be *clear* from this my oath. Gen. xxiv.

The air is *clear* of damp exhalations. *Temple.*

CLEAR, *adv.* Plainly; not obscurely; manifestly.

2. Clean; quite; entirely; wholly; indicating entire separation; as, to cut a piece *clear off*; to go *clear away*; but in this sense its use is not elegant.

Clear or in the clear, among joiners and carpenters, denotes the space within walls, or length and breadth *clear* or exclusive of the thickness of the wall.

CLEAR, *v. t.* To make *clear*; to fine; to remove any thing foreign; to separate from any foul matter; to purify; to clarify; as, to *clear liquors*.

2. To free from obstructions; as, to *clear the road*.

3. To free from any thing noxious or injurious; as, to *clear the ocean of pirates*; to *clear the land of enemies*.

4. To remove any incumbrance, or embarrassment; often followed by *off* or *away*; as, to *clear off debts*; to *clear away rubbish*.

5. To free; to liberate, or disengage; to exonerate; as, to *clear a man from debt, obligation, or duty*.

6. To cleanse; as, to *clear the hands from filth*; to *clear the bowels*.

7. To remove any thing that obscures, as