

PYRIFORM, *a.* [L. *pyrum*, a pear, and *form*.] Having the form of a pear.

Gregory.

PYRITA/CEOUS, *a.* Pertaining to pyrite. [See *Pyritic*.]

Lavoisier.

PYRITE, *n.* plu. *pyrites*. [Gr. *πυρρως*, from *πυρ*, fire.]

Fire-stone; a genus of inflammable substances composed of sulphur and iron or other metal; a sulphuret of iron or other metal.

Hence sable coal his massy couch extends,
And stars of gold the sparkling *pyrite* blends.

Darwin.

[I have anglicized this word, according to Darwin and the French mineralogists; making *pyrites* a regular plural.]

PYRITIC, } Pertaining to pyrite;
PYRITICAL, } *a.* consisting of or resembling pyrite.
PYRITOUS, }

PYRITH/EROUS, *a.* [*pyrite* and L. *fero*, to produce.] Containing or producing pyrite.

PYRITIZE, *v. t.* To convert into pyrite.

Ed. Encyc.

PYRITOL/OGY, *n.* [*pyrite* and Gr. *λογος*, discourse.] A discourse or treatise on pyrites.

Fourcroy.

PYROGOM, *n.* A variety of diopside.

Urc.

PYROL/ATRY, *n.* [Gr. *πυρ*, fire, and *λατρεία*, worship.] The worship of fire.

Young.

PYROLIG/NEOUS, } [Gr. *πυρ*, fire, and
PYROLIGNIC, } *a.* L. *ligneus*, from
PYROLIGNOUS, } *lignum*, wood.]

Generated or procured by the distillation of wood; a term applied to the acid obtained by the distillation of wood. *Chemistry.*

PYROLIG/NITE, *n.* [*supra.*] A salt formed by the combination of pyroigneous acid with another substance.

PYROLITHIC, *a.* [Gr. *πυρ*, fire, and *λίθος*, stone.]

The pyrolithic acid is an acid of recent discovery. It is obtained from the silvery white plates which sublime from uric acid concretions, when distilled in a retort.

PYROL/OGIST, *n.* [See *Pyrology*.] A believer in the doctrine of latent heat.

Black.

PYROL/OGY, *n.* [Gr. *πυρ*, fire, and *λογος*, discourse.]

A treatise on heat; or the natural history of heat, latent and sensible. *Mitchell.*

PYROMALATE, *n.* [See *Pyromalic*.] A compound of malic acid and a salifiable base.

Urc.

PYROMA/LIC, *a.* [Gr. *πυρ*, fire, and L. *malum*, an apple.]

The pyromalic acid is a substance obtained by distillation from the malic acid.

PYROMANCY, *n.* [Gr. *πυρ*, fire, and *μαντεία*, divination.] Divination by fire.

Encyc.

PYROMAN/TIC, *a.* Pertaining to pyromancy.

PYROMAN/TIC, *n.* One who pretends to divine by fire. *Herbert.*

PYROMETER, *n.* [Gr. *πυρ*, fire, and *μετρον*, measure.]

1. An instrument for measuring the expansion of bodies by heat.

2. An instrument for measuring degrees of heat above those indicated by the mercurial thermometer; as the *pyrometer* of Wedgewood.

PYROMUC/ITE, *n.* A combination of pyromucous acid with another substance.

PYROMU/COUS, *a.* [Gr. *πυρ*, fire, and L. *mucus*.]

The pyromucous acid is obtained by the distillation of sugar or other saccharine substance.

PYROPE, *n.* [Gr. *πυρσπος*; *πυρ*, fire, and *ωψ*, face.]

A mineral regarded as a variety of garnet, occurring in small masses or grains, never in crystals. Its color is a poppy or blood red, frequently with a tinge of orange.

Brochant. Cleaveland.

PYROPHANE, *n.* [Gr. *πυρ*, fire, and *φαιος*, clear.]

A mineral which in its natural state is opaque, but rendered transparent by heat.

Kirwan.

PYROPH/ANOUS, *a.* Rendered transparent by heat.

PYROPH/OROUS, *a.* Pertaining to or resembling pyrophorus.

PYROPH/ORUS, *n.* [Gr. *πυρ*, fire, and *φορος*, bearing.]

A substance which takes fire on exposure to air, or which maintains or retains light.

Thomson.

PYROPHYS/ALITE. [See *Topaz* and *Physalite*.]

PYROR/THITE, *n.* A mineral little known, resembling orthite, but very different from it, for it burns in the flame of the blow-pipe like charcoal; whereas orthite melts. Pyrorthite is in black plates, thin and almost parallel.

Diel. Nat. Hist.

PYROSCOPE, *n.* [Gr. *πυρ*, fire, and *σκοπεω*, to view.]

An instrument for measuring the pulsatory motion of the air, or the intensity of heat radiating from a fire. *Leslie.*

PYROS/MALITE, *n.* A mineral of a liver brown color, or pistachio green, occurring in six sided prisms, of a lamellar structure, found in Sweden. *Phillips.*

PYROTARTARIC, } *a.* [Gr. *πυρ*, fire,
PYROTARTAROUS, } and *tartar*.]

Denoting an acid obtained by distilling pure tartrate of potash.

PYROTARTRITE, *n.* A salt formed by the combination of pyrotartarous acid with another substance. *Hooper.*

PYROTECH/NIC, } *a.* [Gr. *πυρ*, fire,
PYROTECH/NICAL, } and *τεχνη*, art.]
Pertaining to fire works or the art of forming them.

PYROTECH/NICS, } [*supra.*] The art
PYROTECHNY, } of making fire
works; or the science which teaches the management and application of fire in its various operations, in gunnery, rockets, &c.

PYROTECH/NIST, *n.* One skilled in pyrotechny. *Stevens.*

PYROTIC, *a.* [Gr. *πυρσω*, to burn.] Caustic. [See *Caustic*.]

PYROTIC, *n.* A caustic medicine.

PYR/OXENE, *n.* [Gr. *πυρ*, fire, and *ξενος*, a stranger; a guest in fire, unaltered.] Augite. *Urc.*

A species of minerals of the class of stones, which has been named volcanic shorl; but it is a family which comprehends many substances of different appearances. It is almost always crystalized, but in complicated forms. *Diel. Nat. Hist.*

PYROXENIC, *a.* Pertaining to pyroxene, or partaking of its qualities. *Humboldt.*

PYRRHIC, *n.* [L. *pyrrhichius*; Gr. *πυρρικός*, from *πυρρική*; a nimble dance.]

1. In poetry, a foot consisting of two short syllables.

2. An ancient military dance.

PYRRHON/IC, *a.* Pertaining to Pyrrhonism.

PYRRHONISM, *n.* [from *Pyrrho*, the founder of the sceptics.] Scepticism; universal doubt.

PYRRHONIST, *n.* A sceptic; one who doubts of every thing.

PYTHAGO/REAN, *n.* A follower of Pythagoras, the founder of the Italic sect of philosophers.

PYTHAGO/REAN, } Belonging to the
PYTHAGOR/IC, } *a.* philosophy of Py-
PYTHAGORICAL, } thagoras.

PYTHAG/ORISM, *n.* The doctrines of Pythagoras. *More.*

PYTH/IAN, *a.* [from *Pythia*, the priestess of Apollo.]

Pertaining to the priestess of Apollo, who delivered oracles.

PYTH/ONESS, *n.* [from L. *Pytho*, Gr. *πυθω*, a dragon or serpent.]

A sort of witch; also, the female or priestess who gave oracular answers at Delphi, in Greece. *Mitford.*

PYTHON/IC, *a.* Pretending to foretell future events.

PYTH/ONIST, *n.* A conjurer.

PYX, *n.* [L. *pyxis*; Gr. *πύξις*.] The box in which the catholics keep the host.

Cramer.