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2. Having no power of giving pleasure; as *tasteless amusements*.
 3. Having no power to perceive taste. [*Not used.*]

4. Having no intellectual gust. [*Little used.*]
TASTELESSNESS, *n.* Want of taste or relish; insipidness; as the *tastelessness* of fruit.

2. Want of perception of taste. [*Not in use.*]

3. Want of intellectual relish. [*Not in use.*]
TASTER, *n.* One who tastes.

2. One who first tastes food or liquor.

Thy tutor be thy *taster*, e'er thou eat. *Dryden.*

3. A dram cup. *Ainsworth.*

TASTILY, *adv.* With good taste.

TASTING, *ppr.* Perceiving by the tongue.

2. Trying; experiencing; enjoying or suffering.

TASTING, *n.* The act of perceiving by the tongue.

2. The sense by which we perceive or distinguish savors; or the perception of external objects through the instrumentality of the tongue or organs of taste.

TASTY, *a.* Having a good taste, or nice perception of excellence; *applied to persons*; as a *tasty* lady.

2. Being in conformity to the principles of good taste; elegant; as *tasty* furniture; as a *tasty* dress.

TAT'TER, *v. t.* [*Qu. Sax. toleran*; compounded of *teran*, to *tear*, and the prefix *to-*]

To rend or tear into rags. [*Not used except in the participle.*]

TAT'TER, *n.* A rag, or a part torn and hanging to the thing; chiefly used in the plural, *tatters*.

TATTERDEMA'LION, *n.* A ragged fellow. *L'Estrange.*

TAT'TERED, *pp. or a.* Rent; torn; hanging in rags; as a *tattered* garment.

Where wav'd the *tatter'd* ensigns of Rag-fair. *Pope.*

TAT'TLE, *v. i.* [*D. tateren*; *It. tattamelare*]

1. To prate; to talk idly; to use many words with little meaning.

Excuse it by the *tattling* quality of age, which is always narrative. *Dryden.*

2. To tell tales; to communicate secrets; as a *tattling* girl.

TAT'TLE, *n.* Prate; idle talk or chat; trifling talk.

They told the *tattle* of the day. *Swift.*

TAT'TLER, *n.* One who tattles; an idle talker; one that tells tales.

TAT'TLING, *ppr.* Talking idly; telling tales.

2. *a.* Given to idle talk; apt to tell tales.

TATTOO', *n.* [If this word was originally *taptoo* or *tapto*, it is from the *Fr. tapoter*, to beat; *tapotez tous*, beat, all of you; from *taper*, *Gr. τυπτω*, *Eng. tap*.]

A beat of drum at night, giving notice to soldiers to retreat, or to repair to their quarters in garrison, or to their tents in camp. *Cyc.*

TATTOO', *v. t.* [In the South Sea isles.] To prick the skin, and stain the punctured spots with a black substance, forming lines and figures upon the body. In some isles, the inhabitants *tattoo* the face, in

others only the body. The same practice exists among other rude nations.

Barrow. Makenzie.

TATTOO', *n.* Figures on the body made by punctures and stains in lines and figures.

TATTOO'ED, *pp.* Marked by stained lines and figures on the body.

TATTOO'ING, *ppr.* Marking with various figures by stained lines.

TAU, *n.* The toad fish of Carolina, a species of *Gadus*, (*G. tau*.) *Cyc.*

2. A species of beetle; also, a species of moth, (*Phalena*;) also, a kind of fly, (*Musca*.) *Cyc.*

TAUGHT, *a. taut.* [from the root of *tight*.] Stretched; not slack. *Mar. Dict.*

TAUGHT, *pret. and pp. of teach.* *pron. taut.* [*L. doctus*.]

Experience *taught* him wisdom. He has been *taught* in the school of experience.

TAUNT, *v. t.* [*Qu. Fr. tancer*, to rebuke or chide; *W. tantiaue*, to stretch; or *Pers.*

تَوَانِدَن to pierce with words.]

1. To reproach with severe or insulting words; to revile; to upbraid.

When I had at my pleasure *taunted* her— *Shak.*

2. To exprobrate; to censure.

Rail thou in Fulvia's phrase, and *taunt* my faults. *Shak.*

TAUNT, *n.* Upbraiding words; bitter or sarcastic reproach; insulting invective.

With scolds and scorns, and contumelious *taunts*. *Shak.*

With sacrilegious *taunt* and impious jest. *Prior.*

TAUNTED, *pp.* Upbraided with sarcastic or severe words.

TAUNTER, *n.* One who taunts, reproaches or upbraids with sarcastic or censorious reflections.

TAUNTING, *ppr.* Treating with severe reflections; upbraiding.

TAUNTINGLY, *adv.* With bitter and sarcastic words; insultingly; scoffingly.

TAURICORNOUS, *a.* [*L. taurus*, a bull, and *cornu*, horn.]

Having horns like a bull. *Brown.*

TAURIFORM, *a.* [*L. taurus*, a bull, and *form*.]

Having the form of a bull. *Faber.*

TAURUS, *n.* [*L.*; *W. tarw*.] The bull; one of the twelve signs of the zodiac, and the second in order, or that next to Aries.

This constellation, according to the British catalogue, contains 141 stars. *Cyc.*

TAUTOLOGICAL, *a.* [See *Tautology*.]

TAUTOLOGICAL, *a.* Repeating the same thing; having the same signification; as a *tautological* expression or phrase.

Tautological echo, an echo that repeats the same sound or syllable many times.

TAUTOLOGIST, *n.* One who uses different words or phrases in succession to express the same sense.

TAUTOLOGIZE, *v. i.* To repeat the same thing in different words.

TAUTOLOGY, *n.* [*Gr. ταυτολογία*; *ταυτος*, the same, and *λογος*, word or expression.]

A repetition of the same meaning in different words; needless repetition of a thing in different words or phrases; or a repre-

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sentation of any thing as the cause, condition or consequence of itself, as in the following lines. *Cyc.*

The dawn is overcast, the morning low'rs,
 And heavily in clouds brings on the day. *Addison.*

TAVERN, *n.* [*Fr. taverne*; *W. tavarn*; *L. taberna*; *tab.* the root of *table*, a board, and *Sax. tærn*, place.]

A house licensed to sell liquors in small quantities, to be drank on the spot. In some of the United States, *tavern* is synonymous with *inn* or *hotel*, and denotes a house for the entertainment of travelers, as well as for the sale of liquors, licensed for that purpose.

TAVERNER, *n.* One who keeps a tavern. In the

United States, one who is licensed to sell liquors to be drank in his house, and to entertain travelers and lodgers, together with the horses or oxen composing their teams. *Taverners* are by law to be provided with suitable beds for their guests, and with fodder for horses and cattle. *Laws of Conn.*

TAVERN-HAUNTER, *n.* [*tavern* and *haunt*.]

One who frequents taverns; one who spends his time and substance in tippling in taverns.

TAVERNING, *n.* A feasting at taverns. *Hall.*

TAVERN-MAN, *n.* [*tavern* and *man*.] The keeper of a tavern. [*Not in use.*]

2. A tippler.

TAW, *v. t.* [*Sax. tawian*; *D. touwen*. In *Sax. teagan* has the like signification. In

Persic, تَاوَبَدَن is to scrape and curry

hides.]

To dress white leather or alum leather; to dress and prepare skins in white, as the skins of sheep, lambs, goats and kids, for gloves and the like. *Cyc.*

TAW, *n.* A marble to be played with. *Swift.*

TAW'DRILY, *adv.* In a tawdry manner.

TAW'DRINESS, *n.* [from *tawdry*.] Tinsel in dress; excessive finery; ostentatious finery without elegance.

A clumsy person makes his ungracefulness more ungraceful by *tawdriness* of dress. *Richardson.*

TAW'DRY, *a.* Very fine and showy in colors without taste or elegance; having an excess of showy ornaments without grace; as a *tawdry* dress; *tawdry* fethers; *tawdry* colors.

He rails from morning to night at essenced fops and *tawdry* courtiers. *Spectator.*

TAW'DRY, *n.* A slight ornament. *Drayton.*

TAW'ED, *pp.* Dressed and made white, as leather.

TAW'ER, *n.* A dresser of white leather.

TAW'ING, *ppr.* Dressing, as white leather.

TAW'ING, *n.* The art and operation of preparing skins and forming them into white leather.

TAW'NY, *a.* [*Fr. tanné*, from *tanner*, to tan.]

Of a yellowish dark color, like things tanned, or persons who are sun-burnt; as a *tawny*