

in opposition to; to counteract; to hinder any effect by contrary operations.

That *counterworks* each folly and caprice.

Popo.

COUNTERWROUGHT, *pp. counterwrought*. Counteracted; opposed by contrary action.

COUNTRESS, *n.* [*Fr. comtesse*; *It. contessa*; *Sp. condesa*. See *Count*.] The consort of an earl or count.

COUNTING-HOUSE, *{ n.* [*See Count, the*
COUNTING-ROOM, *{ n.* [*verb.*]

The house or room appropriated by merchants, traders and manufacturers to the business of keeping their books, accounts, letters and papers.

COUNTLESS, *a.* [*count and less*.] That cannot be counted; not having the number ascertained, nor ascertainable; innumerable. The sands of the sea-shore are *countless*.

COUNTRY, *n. kún'try*. [The correct orthography would be *country*. *Fr. contrée*. *It. contrada*, contracted from *L. contraria*. *con* and *terra*, land adjacent to a city. Hence the citizen says, let us go into the *country*. The Latin has *conterraneus*, a countryman.]

1. Properly, the land lying about or near a city; the territory situated in the vicinity of a city. Our friend has a seat in the *country*, a few miles from town. See Mark v. Luke viii. Hence,

2. The whole territory of a kingdom or state, as opposed to city. We say, the gentleman has a seat in the *country*, at any distance from town indefinitely. Hence,

3. Any tract of land, or inhabited land; any region, as distinguished from other regions; a kingdom, state or lesser district. We speak of all the *countries* of Europe or Asia.

And they came into the *country* of Moab. Ruth i.

4. The kingdom, state or territory in which one is born; the land of nativity; or the particular district indefinitely in which one is born. America is my *country*, or Connecticut is my *country*.

Laban said, it must not be so done in our *country*. Gen. xxix.

5. The region in which one resides. He sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange *country*. Heb. xi.

6. Land, as opposed to water; or inhabited territory.

The shipmen deemed that they drew near to some *country*. Acts xxvii.

7. The inhabitants of a region.

All the *country* wept with a loud voice. 2 Sam. xv.

8. A place of residence; a region of permanent habitation.

They declare plainly that they seek a *country*. Heb. xi.

They desire a better *country*, a heavenly. Heb. xi.

9. In law, a jury or jurors; as, trial by the *country*, per pais.

COUNTRY, *n.* Pertaining to the country or territory at a distance from a city; rural; rustic; as a *country* town; a *country* seat; a *country* squire; a *country* life; the *country* party, as opposed to city party.

2. Pertaining or peculiar to one's own country.

He spoke in his *country* language.

Maccabees.

Dryden.

3. Rude; ignorant. *Country-dance*, an erroneous orthography. [*See Contra-dance*.]

COUNTRYMAN, *n.* One born in the same country with another. This man is my *countryman*. [See 2 Cor. xi. 26.]

2. One who dwells in the country, as opposed to a citizen; a rustic; a farmer or husbandman; a man of plain unpolished manners.

3. An inhabitant or native of a region. What *countryman* is he?

COUNTY, *n.* [*Fr. comté*; *Sp. condado*; *It. contea*; *L. comitatus*. See *Count*.]

1. Originally, an earldom; the district or territory of a count or earl. Now, a circuit or particular portion of a state or kingdom, separated from the rest of the territory, for certain purposes in the administration of justice. It is called also a *shire*. [*See Shire*.] Each county has its sheriff and its court, with other officers employed in the administration of justice and the execution of the laws. In England there are fifty two counties, and in each is a Lord Lieutenant, who has command of the militia. The several states of America are divided by law into counties, in each of which is a county court of inferior jurisdiction; and in each, the supreme court of the state holds stated sessions.

2. A count; an earl or lord. *Obs.* *Shak.*

County court, the court whose jurisdiction is limited to a county, whose powers, in America, depend on statutes. In England, it is incident to the jurisdiction of the sheriff.

County palatine, in England, is a county distinguished by particular privileges; so called a *palatio*, the palace, because the owner had originally royal powers, or the same powers in the administration of justice, as the king had in his palace; but their powers are now abridged. The counties palatine, in England, are Lancaster, Chester and Durham.

County corporate, is a county invested with particular privileges by charter or royal grant; as London, York, Bristol, &c.

COUNTY, *a.* Pertaining to a county; as *county* court.

COUPEE, *n.* [*Fr. couper*, to cut.] A motion in dancing, when one leg is a little bent and suspended from the ground, and with the other a motion is made forward.

Chambers.

COUPLE, *n. kup'pl.* [*Fr. couple*; *L. copula*. *It. Sp. id.*; *Arm. couble*; *D. koppel*; *G. kuppel*; *Sw. koppel*; *Dan. kobbel*; *Heb. kupp*; *Ch. id.* and *kup* to double or fold; *Syr. id.*; *Sam. to shut*.]

1. Two of the same species or kind, and near in place, or considered together; as a *couple* of men; a *couple* of oranges. I have planted a *couple* of cherry trees. We cannot call a horse and an ox a *couple*, unless we add a generic term. Of a horse and ox feeding in a pasture, we should say, a *couple* of animals. Among huntsmen and soldiers, *brace* is used for *couple*; as a *brace* of ducks; a *brace* of pistols. *Couple* differs from *pair*, which implies strictly,

not only things of the same kind, but likeness, equality or customary association. A *pair* is a *couple*; but a *couple* may or may not be a *pair*.

2. Two things of any kind connected or linked together.

3. A male and a female connected by marriage, betrothed or allied; as a married *couple*; a young *couple*.

4. That which links or connects two things together; a chain.

COUPLE, *v. t.* [*Fr. coupler*; *L. copulo*; *Sp. copular*; *It. copulare*.]

1. To link, chain or connect one thing with another; to sew or fasten together.

Thou shalt *couple* the curtains with taches. Ex. xxvi.

2. To marry; to wed; to unite, as husband and wife. *Swift.*

COUPLE, *v. i.* To embrace, as the sexes. *Dryden.*

COUPLED, *pp.* United, as two things: linked; married.

COUPLEMENT, *n.* Union. *Spenser.*

COUPLET, *n. cup'plet.* [*Fr.*] Two verses: a pair of rhymes.

2. A division of a lyric or ode in which an equal number or equal measure of verses is found in each part, called a *strophe*.

3. A pair; as a *couplet* of doves. [*Not used.*] *Shak.*

COUPLING, *pp.* Uniting in couples; fastening or connecting together; embracing.

COUPLING, *n.* That which couples or connects. 2 Chron. xxvii.

2. The act of coupling.

COURAGE, *n. kú'rage*. [*Fr. from cour*, *L. cor*, the heart; *Arm. couraich*; *Sp. corage*; *Port. coragen*; *It. coraggio*.]

Bravery; intrepidity; that quality of mind which enables men to encounter danger and difficulties with firmness, or without fear or depression of spirits; valor; boldness; resolution. It is a constituent part of fortitude; but fortitude implies patience to bear continued suffering.

Courage that grows from constitution, often forsakes a man when he has occasion for it; *courage* which arises from a sense of duty, acts in a uniform manner. *Addison.*

Be strong, and of good *courage*. Deut. xxxi.

COURAGEOUS, *a.* Brave; bold; daring; intrepid; hardy to encounter difficulties and dangers; adventurous; enterprising. Be thou strong and *courageous*. Josh. i.

COURAGEOUSLY, *adv.* With *courage*; bravely; boldly; stoutly.

COURAGEOUSNESS, *n.* *Courage*; boldness; bravery; intrepidity; spirit; valor.

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