

## HOC

**HOBBLE**, *n.* An unequal halting gait; an encumbered awkward step.

He has a *hobble* in his gait.

*Swift.*

2. Difficulty; perplexity.

**HOBBLEDEHOY**, *n.* A cant phrase for a boy at the age of puberty.

*Swift.*

**HOBBLER**, *n.* One that hobbles.

**HOBBLER**, *n.* [from *hobby*.] One who by his tenure was to maintain a hobby for military service; or one who served as a soldier on a hobby with light armor.

*Encyc. Davies.*

**HOBBLING**, *ppr.* Walking with a halting or interrupted step.

**HOBBLINGLY**, *adv.* With a limping or interrupted step.

**HOBBY**, *n.* [W. *hobel*, what stops or starts suddenly; Arm. *hoberell*; Fr. *hobereau*.] A kind of hawk; a hawk of the lure.

*Encyc.*

**HOBBY**, *n.* [Norm. Fr. *hobyn*, and allied to the preceding.]

1. A strong active horse, of a middle size, said to have been originally from Ireland; a nag; a pacing horse; a garran.

*Johnson. Encyc.*

2. A stick, or figure of a horse, on which boys ride.

3. Any favorite object; that which a person pursues with zeal or delight.

4. A stupid fellow.

**HOBBYHORSE**, *n.* [tautological.] A hobby; a wooden horse on which boys ride.

2. A character in the old May games.

*Douce.*

3. A stupid or foolish person.

*Shak.*

4. The favorite object of pursuit.

**HOBGOBLIN**, *n.* [probably W. *hob*, hop, and *goblin*.] A fairy; a frightful apparition.

**HOBBIT**, *n.* [Sp. *hobby*; G. *haubitze*.] A small mortar, or short gun for throwing bombs. [See *Hawtrey*, the common orthography.]

**HOBLIKE**, *a.* Clownish; boorish.

*Colgrave.*

**HOBNAIL**, *n.* [G. *hufnagel*, hoof-nail.] A nail with a thick strong head, for shoeing horses.

*Shak.*

2. A clownish person; in contempt.

*Milton.*

**HOBNAILED**, *a.* Set with hobnails; rough.

*Dryden.*

**HOBNOB**, *adv.* [Qu. Sax. *habban*, nabban, have, not have.]

Take, or not take; a familiar invitation to reciprocal drinking.

*Shak.*

*Hobson's choice*, a vulgar proverbial expression, denoting without an alternative. It is said to have had its origin in the name of a person who let horses and coaches, and obliged every customer to take in his turn that horse which stood next the stable door.

*Encyc.*

**HOBOY**. [See *Hautboy*.]

**HOCK**, *n.* [Sax. *hoh*. See *Hough*.] The joint of an animal between the knee and the fetlock.

*Johnson.*

2. A part of the thigh.

**HOCK**, } v. t. To hamstring; to hough;

**HOCKLE**, } v. t. to disable by cutting the tendons of the ham.

**HOCK**, *n.* [from *Hochheim*, in Germany.] A sort of Rhenish wine; sometimes called *hockamore*.

*Mortimer.*

## HOG

**HOCKDAY**, } *n.* High day; a day of feast-

**HOKEADAY**, } *n.* ing and mirth, formerly held in England the second Tuesday after Easter, to commemorate the destruction of the Danes in the time of Ethelred.

*Encyc.*

**HOCKEY**, *n.* [G. *hoch*, Sax. *heah*, high. Qu.] Harvest-home. [Not used.]

**HOCKHERB**, *n.* A plant, the mallows.

*Ainsworth.*

**HOCKLE**, *v. t.* To hamstring.

*Haumer.*

**HOCUS POCUS**, *a.* [W. *hoked*, a cheat or trick, and perhaps *bug* or *piece*, a hobgoblin.]

A juggler; a juggler's trick; a cheat used by conjurers.

*Hudibras.*

**HOCUSPOCUS**, *v. t.* To cheat.

*L'Estrange.*

**HOD**, *n.* [Fr. *hotte*.] A kind of tray for carrying mortar and brick, used in bricklaying. It is fitted with a handle and borne on the shoulder.

**HODDY-DODDY**, *n.* An awkward or foolish person. *Obs.*

*B. Jonson.*

**HODGE-PODGE**, } *n.* [Qu. Fr. *hocher*, to shake, or *hachis*, minced meat.]

**HOTCH-POTCH**, } A mixed mass; a medley of ingredients. [Vulgar.] [See *Hotchpot*.]

**HODIERNAL**, *a.* [L. *hodiernus*, from *hodie*, *hoc die*, this day.] Of this day; belonging to the present day.

**HODMAN**, *n.* A man who carries a hod; a mason's tender.

**HODMANDRO**, *n.* A shell-fish, otherwise called dodman.

*Bacon.*

2. A shell-snail.

**HOE**, *n.* *ho.* [G. *haue*; Sw. *hacka*, and this is the Dan. *hakke*, G. *hacke*, a mattock; Fr. *houe*. It seems this is from the root of *hack* and *hew*; Sax. *heavian*; D. *houen*; G. *hacken*, Sw. *hacka*, Dan. *hakker*, to chop, to hack, to hew; Fr. *houer*.]

A farmer's instrument for cutting up weeds and loosening the earth in fields and gardens. It is in shape something like an adz, being a plate of iron, with an eye for a handle, which is set at an acute angle with the plate.

**HOE**, *v. t.* To cut, dig, scrape or clean with a hoe; as, to *hoe* the earth in a garden; to *hoe* the beds.

2. To clear from weeds; as, to *hoe* maize; to *hoe* cabbages.

**HOE**, *v. i.* To use a hoe.

**HOD'D**, *pp.* Cleared from weeds, or loosened by the hoe.

**HOEING**, *ppr.* Cutting, scraping or digging with a hoe.

2. Clearing of weeds with a hoe.

**HOFUL**, *a.* [Sax. *hohfull*, *hogfull*; *hoga*, care, and *full*.] Careful. *Obs.*

**HOG**, *n.* [W. *hec*, a hog, a push or thrust; Arm. *hock*; probably so named from his snout, or from rooting; Sp. *hocico*, the snout of a beast; *hocicar*, to root.]

1. A swine; a general name of that species of animal.

2. In England, a castrated sheep of a year old.

*Ash.*

3. A bullock of a year old.

*Ash.*

4. A brutal fellow; one who is mean and filthy.

5. Among seamen, a sort of scrubbing-broom for scraping a ship's bottom under water.

*Mar. Diet.*

**HOG**, *v. t.* To scrape a ship's bottom under water.

2. [G. *hocken*.] To carry on the back.

3. To cut the hair short, like the bristles of a hog. [Local.]

**HOG**, *v. i.* To bend, so as to resemble in some degree a hog's back; as, a ship *hogs* in lanching.

**HOG COTE**, *n.* [*hog* and *cote*.] A shed or house for swine; a sty.

*Mortimer.*

**HOGGED**, *pp.* Scraped under water.

2. Curving; having the ends lower than the middle.

*Eton.*

**HOGGEREL**, *n.* A sheep of the second year.

*Jsh.*

A two year old ewe.

*Ainsworth.*

**HOGGET**, *n.* [Norm. *hogel*.] A sheep two years old.

*Skinner.*

2. A colt of a year old, called also *hog-colt*. [Local.]

*Grose.*

3. A young boar of the second year.

*Cyc.*

**HOGGISH**, *a.* Having the qualities of a hog; brutish; gluttonous; filthy; meanly selfish.

**HOGGISHLY**, *adv.* In a brutish, gluttonous or filthy manner.

**HOGGISHNESS**, *n.* Brutishness; voracious greediness in eating; beastly filthiness; mean selfishness.

**HOGH**, *n.* [See *High*.] A hill; a cliff. *Obs.*

*Spenser.*

**HOGHERD**, *n.* [*hog* and *herd*.] A keeper of swine.

*Brownie.*

**HOGPEN**, *n.* [*hog* and *pen*.] A hogsty.

**HOG-PLUMTREE**, *n.* A tree of the genus *Spondias*.

**HOG-RINGER**, *n.* One whose business is to put rings in the snouts of swine.

**HOGS-BEANS**, *n.* A plant. *Ainsworth.*

**HOGS-FENNEL**, *n.* A plant of the genus *Piceadannul*.

**HOGS-MUSHROOMS**, *n.* A plant. *Ainsworth.*

**HOGSHEAD**, *n.* [D. *oxhoofd*; G. *oxhoft*; Dan. *oxhooved*; Sw. *oxhufved*; that is, ox-head. The English orthography is grossly corrupt.]

1. A measure of capacity, containing 63 gallons.

2. In America, this name is often given to a butt, a cask containing from 110 to 120 gallons; as a *hogshead* of spirit or molasses.

3. A large cask, of indefinite contents.

*Bacon.*

**HOGSTY**, *n.* [*hog* and *sty*.] A pen or inclosure for hogs.

**HOG WASH**, *n.* [*hog* and *wash*.] Swill; the refuse matters of a kitchen or brewery, or like matter for swine.

*Arbuthnot.*

**HOHLSPATH**, *n.* The mineral otherwise called macle, and chialiolite.

**HOIDEN**, *n.* [W. *hoiden*, a flirt, a wanton, a coquet.] A rude, bold girl; a romp.

2. A rude, bold man. [Not used in the United States.]

*Milton.*

**HOIDEN**, *a.* Rude; bold; inelegant; rustic.

*Young.*

**HOIDEN**, *v. i.* To romp rudely or indecently.

*Swift.*

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