

VEINLESS, *a.* In *botany*, having no veins; as a *veinless* leaf. *Barton.*

VEINY, *a.* Full of veins; as *veiny* marble. *Thomson.*

VELIFEROUS, *a.* [*L. velum*, a sail, and *fero*, to bear.] Bearing or carrying sails. *Evelyn.*

VELITA'TION, *n.* [*L. velitatio*.] A dispute or contest; a slight skirmish. [*Not in use.*] *Burton.*

VELL, *n.* [*Qu. fell*, a skin.] A rennet bag. [*Local.*]

VELL, *v. t.* [*Qu. fell*, a skin.] To cut off the turf or sward of land. [*Local.*] *Cyc.*

VELLE'ITY, *n.* [*Fr. velleité*; from *L. velle*, to will.]

A term by which the schools express the lowest degree of desire. *Locke.*

VEL'licate, *v. t.* [*L. vellico*, from *vello*, to pull. It may be from the root of *pull*.]

To twitch; to stimulate; applied to the muscles and fibers of animals; to cause to twitch convulsively. *Cyc.*

VEL'licated, *pp.* Twisted or caused to twitch.

VEL'licating, *ppr.* Twitching; convulsing.

VELlica'TION, *n.* The act of twitching, or of causing to twitch.

2. A twitching or convulsive motion of a muscular fiber.

VEL'LUM, *n.* [*Fr. velin*. It coincides with *fell*, *D. vel*, skin; probably from the root of *L. vello*.]

A finer kind of parchment or skin, rendered clear and white for writing.

VELOC'ITY, *n.* [*Fr. vélocité*; *L. velocitas*, from *velox*, swift, allied to *volo*, to fly.]

1. Swiftmess; celerity; rapidity; as the *velocity* of wind; the *velocity* of a planet or comet in its orbit or course; the *velocity* of a cannon ball; the *velocity* of light. In these phrases, *velocity* is more generally used than *celerity*. We apply *celerity* to animals; as, a horse or an ostrich runs with *celerity*, and a stream runs with *rapidity* or *velocity*; but bodies moving in the air or in ethereal space, move with greater or less *velocity*, not *celerity*. This usage is arbitrary, and perhaps not universal.

2. In *philosophy*, *velocity* is that affection of motion by which a body moves over a certain space in a certain time. *Velocity* is in direct proportion to the space over which a body moves. *Velocity* is *absolute* or *relative*; *absolute*, when a body moves over a certain space in a certain time; *relative*, when it has respect to another moving body. *Velocity* is also *uniform* or *equal*; or it is *unequal*, that is, retarded or accelerated.

VEL'ure, *n.* [*Fr. velours*.] Velvet. *Obs.* *Shak.*

VEL'VET, *n.* [*It. velluto*; *Sp. velludo*; *Fr. velours*; *L. vellus*, hair, nap.]

A rich silk stuff, covered on the outside with a close, short, fine, soft shag or nap. The name is given also to cotton stuffs.

VEL'VET, *v. t.* To paint velvet. *Peacham.*

VEL'VET, } *a.* Made of velvet; or soft  
VEL'VETED, } and delicate, like velvet.

VELVETEEN, *n.* A kind of cloth made in imitation of velvet.

VEL'VETING, *n.* The fine shag of velvet. *Cyc.*

VEL'VETY, *a.* Made of velvet, or like velvet; soft; smooth; delicate. *Mccl. Repos.*

VEN'AL, *a.* [*L. vena*, a vein.] Pertaining to a vein or to veins; contained in the veins; as *venal* blood. [See *Venous*, which is generally used.]

VEN'AL, *a.* [*L. venalis*, from *veneo*, to be sold.]

1. Mercenary; prostitute; that may be bought or obtained for money or other valuable consideration; as a *venal* muse; *venal* services.

2. That may be sold; set to sale; as, all offices are *venal* in a corrupt government.

3. Purchased; as a *venal* vote. *Junius.*

VENAL'ITY, *n.* Mercenariness; the state of being influenced by money; prostitution of talents, offices or services for money or reward; as the *venality* of a corrupt court.

VEN'ARY, *a.* [*L. venor*, to hunt.] Relating to hunting.

VENAT'IC, } *a.* [*L. venaticus*, from *venor*,  
VENAT'ICAL, } to hunt.] Used in hunting.

VENA'TION, *n.* [*L. venatio*, from *venor*, to hunt.]

1. The act or practice of hunting. *Brown.*

2. The state of being hunted. *Brown.*

VEND, *v. t.* [*L. vendo*; *Fr. vendre*; *It. vendere*; *Sp. vender*.]

To sell; to transfer a thing and the exclusive right of possessing it, to another person for a pecuniary equivalent; as, to *vend* goods; to *vend* meat and vegetables in market. *Vending* differs from *barter*. We *vend* for money; we *barter* for commodities. *Vend* is applicable only to wares, merchandize, or other small articles, not to lands and tenements. We never say, to *vend* a farm, a lease, or a bond, a right or a horse.

VENDE'D, *pp.* Sold; transferred for money; as goods.

VENDEE', *n.* The person to whom a thing is sold.

VEND'ER, *n.* [*Fr. vendeur*.] A seller; one who transfers the exclusive right of possessing a thing, either his own, or that of another as his agent. Auctioneers are the *venders* of goods for other men.

VENDIBIL'ITY, } *n.* The state of being  
VENDIB'LENESS, } vendible or salable.

VEND'IBLE, *a.* [*L. vendibilis*.] Salable; that may be sold; that can be sold; as *vendible* goods. *Vendible* differs from *marketable*: the latter signifies *proper* or *fit* for market, according to the laws or customs of a place. *Vendible* has no reference to such legal fitness.

VEND'IBLE, *n.* Something to be sold or offered for sale. *Milford.*

VEND'IBLY, *adv.* In a salable manner.

VENDITA'TION, *n.* [*L. venditatio*.] A boastful display. [*Not in use.*] *B. Jonson.*

VENDI'TION, *n.* [*Fr. from L. venditio*.] The act of selling; sale.

VEND'OR, *n.* A vender; a seller.

VENDUE, *n.* [*Fr. vendu*, sold.] Auction; a public sale of any thing by outcry, to the highest bidder.

VENDUE-MASTER, *n.* One who is authorized to make sale of any property to

the highest bidder, by notification and public outcry; an auctioneer.

VENEER, *v. t.* [*G. furnieren*. This word seems to be from the root of *furnish*, the primary sense of which is to *put on*.]

To inlay; to lay thin slices or leaves of fine wood of different kinds on a ground of common wood.

VENEER, *n.* Thin slices of wood for inlaying.

VENEERED, *pp.* Inlaid; ornamented with marquetry.

VENEERING, *ppr.* Inlaying; adorning with inlaid work.

VENEERING, *n.* The act or art of inlaying, of which there are two kinds; one, which is the most common, consists in making compartments of different woods; the other consists in making representations of flowers, birds and other figures. The first is more properly *venezing*; the last is *marquetry*. *Cyc.*

VENEFICE, *n.* [*L. veneficium*.] The practice of poisoning. [*Not in use.*]

VENEFIC'IAL, } *a.* [*L. veneficium*.] Act-  
VENEFIC'IOUS, } ing by poison; bewitching. [*Little used.*] *Brown.*

VENEFIC'IOUSLY, *adv.* By poison or witchcraft. [*Little used.*] *Brown.*

VENEMOUS, [*See Venomous*.]

VENENATE, *v. t.* [*L. veneno*; *venenum*, poison, *W. gwenwyn*; from *raging*.]

To poison; to infect with poison. [*Not used.*] *Harvey.*

VENENA'TION, *n.* The act of poisoning.

2. Poison; venom. [*Not used.*] *Brown.*

VENE'NE, } *a.* [*Fr. veneneux*.] Poison-  
VENE'NOSE, } ous; venomous. [*Not used.*] *Harvey.*

VENERAB'ILITY, *n.* State or quality of being venerable. [*Not used.*] *More.*

VEN'ERABLE, *a.* [*Fr. from L. venerabilis*, from *veneror*, to honor, to worship.]

1. Worthy of veneration or reverence; deserving of honor and respect; as a *venerable* magistrate; a *venerable* parent.

2. Rendered sacred by religious associations, or being consecrated to God and to his worship; to be regarded with awe and treated with reverence; as the *venerable* walls of a temple or church.

The places where saints have suffered for the testimony of Christ—rendered *venerable* by their death. *Hooker.*

VENERABLENESS, *n.* The state or quality of being venerable. *South.*

VEN'ERABLY, *adv.* In a manner to excite reverence.

—An awful pile! stands *venerably* great. *Addison.*

VEN'ERATE, *v. t.* [*Fr. venerer*; *L. veneror*.] To regard with respect and reverence; to reverence; to revere. We *venerate* an old faithful magistrate; we *venerate* parents and elders; we *venerate* men consecrated to sacred offices. We *venerate* old age or gray hairs. We *venerate*, or ought to *venerate*, the gospel and its precepts.

And seem'd to *venerate* the sacred shade. *Dryden.*

VEN'ERATED, *pp.* Reverenced; treated with honor and respect.

VEN'ERATING, *ppr.* Regarding with reverence.

VENERA'TION, *n.* [*Fr. from L. veneratio*.]