

and attention to the wishes and feelings of others; as *delicate* behavior or manners; a *delicate* address.

6. Pleasing to the senses; as a *delicate* flavor.

7. Fine; slender; minute; as a *delicate* thread.

8. That cannot be handled without injury or danger; that must be touched with care; as a *delicate* point or topic; a *delicate* question.

9. Composed of fine threads, or nicely interwoven; as *delicate* texture; hence, soft and smooth to the touch; as *delicate* silk.

10. Tender; effeminate; not able to endure hardship; very impressible to injury; as a *delicate* frame or constitution.

11. Feeble; not sound or robust; as *delicate* health.

DELICATE, *n.* Any thing nice; a nicety. *Obs.* Jer. li. 34. Dryden.

DELICATELY, *adv.* In a delicate manner; with nice regard to propriety and the feelings of others.

2. Daintily; luxuriously.

They that live *delicately* are in kings' courts. Luke vii.

3. With soft elegance; as an expression *delicately* turned.

4. Tenderly; with indulgence in ease, elegance and luxury. Prov. xxix.

DELICATENESS, *n.* The state of being delicate; tenderness; softness; effeminacy. Deut. xxviii.

DELICIOUS, *a.* [Fr. *delicieux*; L. *delicatus*, *delicis*; Sp. *delicioso*; It. *delizioso*.]

1. Highly pleasing to the taste; most sweet or grateful to the senses; affording exquisite pleasure; as a *delicious* viand; *delicious* fruit or wine.

2. Most pleasing to the mind; very grateful; yielding exquisite delight; as, this poem affords a *delicious* entertainment.

DELICIOUSLY, *adv.* In a delicious manner; in a manner to please the taste or gratify the mind; sweetly; pleasantly; delightfully; as, to feed *deliciously*; to be *deliciously* entertained.

DELICIOUSNESS, *n.* The quality of being delicious, or very grateful to the taste or mind; as the *deliciousness* of a repast.

2. Delight; great pleasure.

DELIGATION, *n.* [L. *deligatio*, *deligo*; *de* and *ligo*, to bind.] In surgery, a binding up; a bandaging.

DELIGHT, *n. delitice*. [Fr. *delice*; Sp. *delicia*; It. *delizia*; L. *delicia*, connected with *delecto*; probably allied to Eng. *like*.]

1. A high degree of pleasure, or satisfaction of mind; joy.

His *delight* is in the law of the Lord. Ps. i.

2. That which gives great pleasure; that which affords delight.

Thus was the *delight* of human kind. Dryden.

I was daily his *delight*. Prov. viii.

*Delight* is a more permanent pleasure than *joy*, and not dependent on sudden excitement.

DELIGHT, *v. t.* [Sp. *delectar*; Port. *delectar*; L. *delecto*; Fr. *delecter*. See *Delight* and *Like*.]

1. To affect with great pleasure; to please highly; to give or afford high satisfaction or joy; as, a beautiful landscape *delights* the

eye; harmony *delights* the ear; the good conduct of children, and especially their piety, *delights* their parents.

I will *delight* myself in thy statutes. Ps. cxv.

2. To receive great pleasure in.

I *delight* to do thy will. Ps. xl.

DELIGHT, *v. i.* To have or take great pleasure; to be greatly pleased or rejoiced; followed by *in*.

I *delight* in the law of God after the inward man. Rom. vii.

DELIGHTED, *pp.* Greatly pleased; rejoiced; followed by *with*.

That ye may be *delighted with* the abundance of her glory. Is. lvi.

2. *a.* Full of delight. *Shak.*

DELIGHTER, *n.* One who takes delight. *Barrow.*

DELIGHTFUL, *a.* Highly pleasing; affording great pleasure and satisfaction; as a *delightful* thought; a *delightful* prospect.

DELIGHTFULLY, *adv.* In a manner to receive great pleasure; very agreeably; as, we were *delightfully* employed, or entertained.

2. In a delightful manner; charmingly; in a manner to afford great pleasure; as, the lady shines and plays *delightfully*.

DELIGHTFULNESS, *n.* The quality of being delightful, or of affording great pleasure; as the *delightfulness* of a prospect, or of scenery.

2. Great pleasure; delight. [*Less proper*.]

DELIGHTLESS, *a.* Affording no pleasure or delight. *Thomson.*

DELIGHTSOME, *a.* Very pleasing; delightful. *Greiv.*

DELIGHTSOMELY, *adv.* Very pleasantly; in a delightful manner.

DELIGHTSOMENESS, *n.* Delightfulness; pleasantness in a high degree.

DELINEAMENT, *n.* [infra.] Representation by delineation. *Selden.*

DELIN'EATE, *v. t.* [L. *delinco*; *de* and *linco*, from *linco*, a line.]

1. To draw the lines which exhibit the form of a thing; to mark out with lines; to make a draught; to sketch or design; as, to *delin'eate* the form of the earth, or a diagram.

2. To paint; to represent in picture; to draw a likeness of; as, to *delin'eate* Nestor like Adonis, or time with Absalom's head. *Brown.*

3. Figuratively, to describe; to represent to the mind or understanding; to exhibit a likeness in words; as, to *delin'eate* the character of Newton, or the virtue of Aristides.

DELIN'EATED, *pp.* Drawn; marked with lines exhibiting the form or figure; sketched; designed; painted; described.

DELIN'EATING, *ppr.* Drawing the form; sketching; painting; describing.

DELINEATION, *n.* [L. *delinatio*.] First draught of a thing; outline; representation of a form or figure by lines; sketch; design.

2. Representation in words; description; as the *delineation* of a character.

DELIN'EATURE, *n.* Delineation. [*Not in use*.]

DELIN'IMENT, *n.* [L. *delinimentum*.] Mitigation. [*Not used*.]

DELIN'QUENCY, *n.* [L. *delinquo*, to fail or omit duty; *de* and *linquo*, to leave.]

Failure or omission of duty; a fault; a misdeed; and positively, an offense; a crime. It is particularly, but not exclusively applied to neglect of duty in officers of public trust.

DELIN'QUENT, *a.* Failing in duty; offending by neglect of duty.

DELIN'QENT, *n.* One who fails to perform his duty, particularly a public officer who neglects his duty; an offender; one who commits a fault or crime.

A *delinquent* ought to be cited in the place or jurisdiction where the *delinquency* was committed. *Ayliffe.*

DEL'IQUATE, *v. t. or i.* [L. *deliquo*, to melt.] To melt or be dissolved. [See *Deliquesce* and *Deliquate*.]

DEL'IQUEATION, *n.* A melting. [See *Deliquesce* and *Deliquation*.]

DEL'IQUESCENT, *v. i.* *deliques'*. [L. *deliquesco*, to melt; *de* and *liquesco*, from *liquesco*, to melt or become soft. See *Liquid*.]

To melt gradually and become liquid by attracting and absorbing moisture from the air; as certain salts, acids and alkalis.

DEL'IQUESCENCE, *n.* Spontaneous liquefaction in the air; a gradual melting or becoming liquid by absorption of water from the atmosphere. *Fourcroy.*

DEL'IQUESCENT, *a.* Liquefying in the air; capable of attracting moisture from the atmosphere and becoming liquid; as *deliquescent* salts. *Fourcroy.*

DEL'IQUATE, *v. i.* [See *Delinquate*.] To melt and become liquid by imbibing water from the air. [See *Deliquesce*.] *Fourcroy.*

DEL'IQUEATION, *n.* A melting by attracting water from the air.

DEL'IQUUM, *n.* [L.] In *chemistry*, a melting or dissolution in the air, or in a moist place. *Encyc.*

2. A liquid state; as, a salt falls into a *deliquium*. *Fourcroy.*

3. In *medicine*, a swooning or fainting; called also *syncope*. *Encyc. Core.*

DELIR'AMENT, *n.* A wandering of the mind; foolish fancy. [*Little used*.]

DELIR'IOUS, *a.* [L. *delirius*. See *Delirium*.] Roving in mind; light-headed; disordered in intellect; having ideas that are wild, irregular and unconnected.

DELIR'IOUSNESS, *n.* The state of being delirious; delirium. *Johnson.*

DELIR'UM, *n.* [L. from *deliro*, to wander in mind, to rave; *de* and *lirio*, to make balks in plowing, that is, to err, wander, miss.]

A state in which the ideas of a person are wild, irregular and unconnected, or do not correspond with the truth or with external objects; a roving or wandering of the mind; disorder of the intellect. Fevers often produce *delirium*.

An alienation of mind connected with fever. *Cyc.*

Symptomatic derangement, or that which is dependent on some other disease, in distinction from idiopathic derangement or *mania*.

DELITESCENCE, *n.* [L. *delitescencia*; *de* and *lateo*.] Retirement; obscurity. *Johnson.*

DELIVER, *v. t.* [Fr. *delivrer*; *de* and *livrer*, to deliver; Sp. *librar*; Port. *librar*;

L. *liber*, free, disengaged; *delibero*, to free,