

BRO-KING, *ppr.* Transacting business as a broker; practiced by brokers. *Shak.*

BROME, *n.* [*Gr. βρομος*, fortor.] A liquid of a deep red-brown color, very volatile, and having an ill smell, obtained from the mother-water of salt-works, and from the livida of the ashes of sea plants, by treating these solutions with chlorine. It has three times the density of water.

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BROME-GRASS, *n.* A plant, the *Bromus*. *Muhlenberg*

BRONCHIAL, *a.* [*Gr. βρογχος*, the wind-pipe.] Belonging to the bronchia, or ramifications of the wind-pipe in the lungs.

The *bronchial arteries* are branches of the superior descending aorta accompanying the bronchia, or branches of the trachea.

Bronchial glands, glands at the division of the bronchia. *Quincy. Core.*

BRONCHIC, *a.* The same as bronchial.

BRONCHOCELE, *n.* [*Gr. βρογχος*, the wind-pipe, and *κελη*, a tumor.]

An enlarged thyroid gland; a tumor on the fore part of the neck, called *goiter*; the Derbyshire neck. *Quincy. Core.*

BRONCHOTOMY, *n.* [*Gr. βρογχος*, the wind-pipe, and *τομή*, a cutting.]

An incision into the wind pipe or larynx, between the rings; called also *tracheotomy*. *Quincy. Core.*

BROND, *n.* A sword. [See *Brand*.]

BRONTOLLOGY, *n.* [*Gr. βροντή*, thunder, and *λογία*, discourse.]

A discourse or dissertation upon thunder, containing an explanation of its causes and phenomena. *Encyc.*

BRONZ, *n.* [*Fr. bronze*; *Arm. bronz*.]

BRONZE, *n.* [*It. bronzo*; *Sp. bronce*.] In *Ital.* *bronzino* is sun burnt. It may take its name from its color, from *burn*, *bruen*.]

1. A compound of copper and tin, to which other metallic substances are sometimes added, especially zinc. It is brittle, hard, and sonorous, and used for statues, bells, and cannon, the proportions of the respective ingredients being varied to suit the particular purposes. *Nicholson. Encyc.*

2. A color prepared for the purpose of imitating bronze, of two kinds, the yellow and the red. The yellow is made of fine copper-dust; the red, of copper-dust with a little pulverized red ochre. *Encyc.*

3. Among *antiquaries*, any figure of men, beasts, urns, or other piece of sculpture, which the ancients made of bronze. *Encyc.*

4. Any statue or bust cast of bronze, whether original or a copy of an antique. *Encyc.*

5. Among *medalists*, any copper medal. *Encyc.*

BRONZE, *v. t.* To imitate bronze, by means of copper-dust or leaf fastened on the outside, as gold-leaf is in gilding. *Encyc.*

2. To harden, or make like brass. *Young.*

BRONZING, *ppr.* Imitating bronze.

BRONZING, *n.* The act or art of imitating bronze, by means of copper-dust or leaf. *Encyc.*

BRONZITE, *n.* [*from bronze*.] A mineral, called by *Huy diallage metallane*, nearly allied to Labrador hornblend, or hypersthene. It has a yellowish brown color

and semi-metallic luster, approaching to that of bronze. *Dict.*

BRONZITE is regarded by *Cleveland* as a subspecies of diallage.

BROOCH, *n. brache*. [*Slav. obrutsh*, or *ob-ruch*, a ring, a circle, a bracelet.]

1. An ornamental utensil for fastening the vest, or the bosom of a shirt, as formerly used in America. It is usually made of silver, often round, with a tongue crossing its diameter, sometimes with two tongues. It formerly was used in England, as it was in America, and is still in the highlands of Scotland. *Encyc.*

2. A jewel.

3. With *painters*, a painting all of one color. *Dict.*

BROOCH, *v. t.* To adorn or furnish with brooches or jewels. *Shak.*

BROOD, *v. i.* [*Sax. brod*, a brood; and *brodan*, *brean*, to dilate or extend, to warm, to divulge, to spread; *D. broeden*, to brood; *Ger. brüten*, to brood; *brut*, brood; *W. bred*, warm; *bruidine*, to warm. The sense is, to warm, or to cover, to spread over.]

1. To sit on and cover, as a fowl on her eggs for the purpose of warming them and hatching chickens, or as a hen over her chickens, to warm and protect them.

2. To sit on; to spread over, as with wings; as, to sit brooding over the vast abyss.

3. To remain a long time in anxiety or solicitous thought; to have the mind uninterruptedly dwell a long time on a subject; as, the miser broods over his gold. *Dryden.*

4. To mature any thing with care. *Bacon.*

BROOD, *v. t.* To sit over, cover and cherish; as, a hen broods her chickens.

2. To cherish.

You'll brood your sons on a throne. *Dryden.*

BROOD, *n.* [*Sax. brod*.] Offspring; progeny; formerly used of human beings in elegant works, and we have *brother*, from this word; but it is now more generally used in contempt.

2. A hatch; the young birds hatched at once; as a brood of chickens, or of ducks.

3. That which is bred; species generated; that which is produced.

4. Lydia's broods of poison. *Addison.*

The act of covering the eggs, or of brooding. [*Unusual*.] *Shak.*

BROODED, *pp.* Covered with the wings; cherished.

BROODING, *ppr.* Sitting on; covering and warming; dwelling on with anxiety.

BROODY, *a.* In a state of sitting on eggs for hatching; inclined to sit. [*Unusual*.] *Ray.*

BROOK, *n.* [*Sax. broc*, or *brooc*.] The sense is a stream or flowing, it may be the *D. broek*, *G. bruch*, a marsh, and allied to *Gr. βρομα*, or *βρω*, to rain, to pour, to flow, *Eolic βρωα*, a brook. Near the site of ancient Troy is a stream called *Thymbrae*, *Thymbrius*.]

A small natural stream of water, or a current flowing from a spring or fountain less than a river. In some parts of America, *run* is used in a like sense; but *run* is also applied to larger streams than brook.

BROOK, *v. t.* [*Sax. brucan*, to use, employ, or perform, to eat or chew; *brucan*, *brucan*, to break; *Gr. βρωω*, to eat, to grind the teeth.]

Literally, to chew or digest, as the *Fr. digérer*. Hence,

To bear; to endure; to support; as, young men cannot brook restraint. *Hooker. Dryden.*

BROOK-LIME, *n.* [*brook* and *lime*.] A plant, a species of *Veronica*, called *becabungas*, with blue flowers in loose lateral spikes. *Encyc.*

BROOK-MINT, *n.* The water mint.

BROOK-WEED, *n.* A plant, water pimpernel, the *Samolus*. *Muhlenberg.*

BROOK Y, *a.* Abounding with brooks. *Dyer.*

BROOM, *n.* [*Sax. brum*; *D. brem*, *bram*; *Ir. brum*.] This is the simple root of *bramble*.]

1. A plant of several species, called *dyer's weed*, being used by dyers to give a yellow color, *dyer's broom*, green wood, or wood waxen, *dwaf broom*, all belonging to the genus *Genista*. *Broom rape* is *Orobancha*, and with large purple flowers, *Lathraea*. *Fern of Plants.*

Spanish Broom is a species of *Spartium*, and *Butcher's broom* is the *Ruscus*.

2. A besom, or brush with a long handle for sweeping floors; so called from being originally made of the broom-plant. In America, brooms are made of the tops of broom-corn, or of some species of wood splintered, chiefly ash. The latter species of broom is furnished by the natives of the country. The original broom, made of shrubs or twigs, is still used in stables.

BROOM. [See *Broom*.]

BROOM-CORN, *n.* [*broom* and *corn*.] A species of *Holcus* or *Guinea-corn*, with a jointed stem, like a reed, or the stem of maize, rising to the height of eight or ten feet, bearing a head of which brooms are made.

BROOMING a ship. [See *Broom*.]

BROOM LAND, *n.* [*broom* and *land*.] Land producing broom. *Mortimer.*

BROOM RAPE, *n.* [See *Broom*.]

BROOM STAFF, *n.* [See *Staff* and *Stick*.]

BROOM-STICK, *n.* The staff or handle of a broom. *Shak. Swift.*

BROOMY, *a.* Full of broom; containing broom. *Mortimer. Swift.*

BROTHER, *n. brath*. [*Sax. broth*; *It. brodo*; *Ir. broth*; *Sp. brodio*; *Ir. bruthin*, to boil. *Qu. D. braden*, to roast; *W. broth*, a stirring or tumult.]

1. Liquor in which flesh is boiled and macerated, usually with rice and herbs, or some ingredient to give it a better relish.

2. In America, the word is often applied to foaming water, and especially to a mixture of snow and water in the highways which is called *snow-brath*.

BROTHEL, *n.* [*A* dialectical orthography of *brodel*, which see.]

A house of lewdness; a house appropriated to the purposes of prostitution; a bawdy house; a stew.

BROTHERER, *n.* One that frequents brothels.

BROTHER-HOUSE, *n.* A brothel.

BROTHERLY, *n.* Lowdowness; obscenity. *Hall. Johnson.*