

VOL'ATILIZING, *ppr.* Rendering volatile; causing to rise and float in air.

VOLCAN'IC, *a.* [from *volcano*.] Pertaining to volcanoes; as *volcanic* heat.

2. Produced by a volcano; as *volcanic* tufa.
3. Changed or affected by the heat of a volcano.

VOL'CANIST, *n.* [from *volcano*.] One versed in the history and phenomena of volcanoes.

2. One who believes in the effects of eruptions of fire in the formation of mountains.

VOL'CANITE, *n.* A mineral, otherwise called augite.

VOLCAN'ITY, *n.* The state of being volcanic or of volcanic origin.

VOLCANIZA'TION, *n.* [from *volcanize*.] The process of undergoing volcanic heat and being affected by it.

VOL'CANIZE, *v. t.* To subject to or cause to undergo volcanic heat and to be affected by its action. *Spallanzani.*

VOL'CANIZED, *pp.* Affected by volcanic heat.

VOLCA'NO, *n.* [It. from *Fulcan*.] In *geology*, an opening in the surface of the earth or in a mountain, from which smoke, flames, stones, lava or other substances are ejected. Such are seen in Etna and Vesuvius in Sicily and Italy, and Hecla in Iceland. It is vulgarly called a *burning mountain*. Herschel has discovered a *volcano* in the moon.

2. The mountain that ejects fire, smoke, &c.

VOLE, *n.* [Fr. from *voler*, to fly.] A deal of cards that draws all the tricks. *Swift.*

VO'LERY, *n.* [Fr. *volerie*, from *voler*, to fly.]

1. A flight of birds. *Locke.*
2. A large bird-cage, in which the birds have room to fly. *Cyc.*

VOLITA'TION, *n.* [L. *volito*, dim. of *volo*, to fly.] The act of flying; flight.

VOLI'TION, *n.* [L. *volitio*, from *volo*, to will. See *Will*.]

1. The act of willing; the act of determining choice, or forming a purpose. There is a great difference between actual *volition*, and the approbation of judgment. *South.*

Volition is the actual exercise of the power which the mind has of considering or forbearing to consider an idea. *Locke.*

2. The power of willing or determining.

VOL'ITIVE, *a.* Having the power to will. They not only perfect the intellectual faculty, but the *volitive*. *Hale.*

VOL'LEY, *n.* plu. *volleys*. [Fr. *volée*, a flight, from *voler*, to fly, L. *volo*.]

1. A flight of shot; the discharge of many small arms at once. *Waller.*
2. A burst or emission of many things at once; as a *volley* of words. *Shak.*

But rattling nonsense in full *volleys* breaks. *Pope.*

VOL'LEY, *v. t.* To discharge with a volley.

VOL'LEY, *v. i.* To throw out or discharge at once. *Shak.*

VOL'LEYED, *a.* [from *volley*.] Disploded; discharged with a sudden burst; as *volleyed* thunder. *Milton.*

VOL'T, *n.* [Fr. *volte*, a ring; It. *volta*, a turn; from L. *volutus*, *volvo*.]

1. A round or circular tread; a gait of two

treads, made by a horse going sideways round a center. *Fur. Dict.*

2. In *fencing*, a sudden movement or leap to avoid a thrust.

VOLLA, in Italian music, signifies that the part is to be repeated one, two or more times.

VOLTA'IC, *n.* Pertaining to Volta, the discoverer of voltaism; as the *voltic* pile.

Voltaic apparatus, the apparatus used for accumulating galvanic electricity. The agent itself is denominated *galvanism*, after its discoverer Galvani, while the instruments used for exciting and accumulating it, are called *voltic*, in honor of Volta, who first contrived this kind of apparatus.

Voltaic pile, a column formed by successive pairs of metallic disks, as silver and zinc, with moistened cloth between every two contiguous pairs.

Voltaic battery, the larger forms of voltaic apparatus, used for accumulating galvanic electricity.

VOL'TAISM, *n.* [from *Volta*, an Italian.] That branch of electrical science which has its source in the chemical action between metals and different liquids. It is more properly called *galvanism*, from Galvani, who first proved or brought into notice its remarkable influence on animals.

VOLUBIL'ATE, } *a.* In *gardening*, a *volubile*, } *a.* bilate stem is one that climbs by winding or twining round another body. *Cyc.*

VOLUBIL'ITY, *n.* [Fr. *volubilité*; L. *volubilitas*, from *volvo*, to roll.]

1. The capacity of being rolled; aptness to roll; as the *volubility* of a bowl. *Watts.*
2. The act of rolling.

By irregular *volubility*. *Hooker.*

3. Ready motion of the tongue in speaking; fluency of speech.

She ran over the catalogue of diversions with such a *volubility* of tongue, as drew a gentle reprimand from her father. *Female Quixote.*

4. Mutability; liability to revolution; as the *volubility* of human affairs. [Unusual.] *L'Estrange.*

VOL'UBLE, *a.* [L. *volubilis*.] Formed so as to roll with ease, or to be easily set in motion; apt to roll; as *voluble* particles of matter. *Boyle.*

2. Rolling; having quick motion.

This less *voluble* earth. *Milton.*

3. Nimble; active; moving with ease and smoothness in uttering words; fluent; as a *voluble* tongue.

4. Fluent; flowing with ease and smoothness; as a *voluble* speech. *Shak.*

5. Having fluency of speech.

Cassio, a knave very *voluble*. *Shak.*

VOL'UBLY, *adv.* In a rolling or fluent manner. *Hudibras.*

VOLUME, *n.* [Fr. from L. *volumen*, a roll; *volvo*, to roll. To make a long, in this word, is palpably wrong.]

1. Primarily a roll, as the ancients wrote on long strips of bark, parchment or other material, which they formed into rolls or folds. Of such volumes, Ptolemy's library in Alexandria contained 3 or 700,000.
2. A roll or turn; as much as is included in a roll or coil; as the *volume* of a serpent. *Dryden.*

3. Dimensions; compass; space occupied;

as the *volume* of an elephant's body; a *volume* of gas. *Darwin. Parke.*

4. A swelling or spherical body.

The undulating billows rolling their silver *volumes*. *Irving.*

5. A book; a collection of sheets of paper, usually printed or written paper, folded and bound, or covered. A book consisting of sheets once folded, is called a *folio*, or a *folio volume*; of sheets twice folded, a *quarto*; and thus according to the number of leaves in a sheet, it is called an *octavo*, or a *duodecimo*. The Scriptures or sacred writings, bound in a single *volume*, are called the Bible. The number of *volumes* in the Royal Library, in Rue de Richelieu, at Paris, is variously estimated. It is probable it may amount to 400,000.

An odd *volume* of a set of books, bears not the value of its proportion to the set. *Franklin.*

6. In *music*, the compass of a voice from grave to acute; the tone or power of voice. *Busby.*

VOL'UMED, *a.* Having the form of a volume or roll; as *volumed* mist.

Percy's Masque.

VOLU'MINOUS, *a.* Consisting of many coils or complications.

The serpent roll'd *voluminous* and vast. *Milton.*

2. Consisting of many volumes or books. The collections of Muratori and of the Byzantine history, are very *voluminous*.

3. Having written much, or made many volumes; as a *voluminous* writer.

4. Copious; diffusive. He was too *voluminous* in discourse. [Not in use.]

VOLU'MINOUSLY, *adv.* In many volumes; very copiously. *Granville.*

VOLU'MINOUSNESS, *n.* State of being bulky or in many volumes.

VOL'UMIST, *n.* One who writes a volume; an author. [Not in use.] *Millon.*

VOL'UNTARILY, *adv.* [from *voluntary*.] Spontaneously; of one's own will; without being moved, influenced or impelled by others.

To be agents *voluntarily* in our own destruction, is against God and nature. *Hooker.*

VOL'UNTARINESS, *n.* The state of being voluntary or optional.

VOL'UNTARY, *a.* [Fr. *volontaire*; L. *voluntarius*, from *voluntas*, will, from *volo*.]

1. Acting by choice or spontaneously; acting without being influenced or impelled by another.

2. Free, or having power to act by choice; not being under restraint; as, man is a *voluntary* agent. *Hooker.*

3. Proceeding from choice or free will.

That sin or guilt pertains exclusively to *voluntary* action, is the true principle of orthodoxy. *N. W. Taylor.*

4. Willing; acting with willingness.

She fell to lust a *voluntary* prey. *Pope.*

5. Done by design; purposed; intended. If a man kills another by lopping a tree, here is no *voluntary* murder.

6. Done freely, or of choice; proceeding from free will. He went into *voluntary* exile. He made a *voluntary* surrender.

7. Acting of his own accord; spontaneous; as the *voluntary* dictates of knowledge.

8. Subject to the will; as the *voluntary* motions of an animal. Thus the motion of a