

There wanted the *fullness* of a plot, and variety of characters to form it as it ought.

9. Loudness; force of sound, such as fills the ear. *Dryden*
Pope

FULLSOME, *a.* [Sax. *ful*, foul or full.] Gross; disgusting by plainness, grossness or excess; as *fulsome* flattery or praise.

FULLSOMELY, *adv.* Grossly; with disgusting plainness or excess.

FULSOMENESS, *n.* Offensive grossness, as of praise.

[These are the senses of this word and the only ones used in New England, as far as my knowledge extends.]

FULLY, *adv.* Completely; entirely; without lack or defect; in a manner to give satisfaction; to the extent desired; as, to be fully persuaded of the truth of a proposition.

2. Completely; perfectly. Things partially known in this life will be hereafter fully disclosed.

FULMAR, *n.* A fowl of the genus *Procellaria*, or petrel kind, larger than a gull, possessing the singular faculty of spouting from its bill a quantity of pure oil against its adversary. It is an inhabitant of the Hebrides; it feeds on the fat of whales, and when one of them is taken, will perch on it even when alive and pick out pieces of flesh. *Dict. of Nat. Hist.*

2. The foulemart or fulmart. [See *Foumart*.]

FULMINANT, *a.* [Fr. from *L. fulminans*.] Thundering.

FULMINATE, *v. i.* [L. *fulmino*, from *fulmen*, thunder, from a root in *Bl*, which signifies to throw or to burst forth.]

1. To thunder. *Davis*.

2. To make a loud sudden noise, or a sudden sharp crack; to detonate; as *fulminating* gold. *Boyle*.

3. To hurl papal thunder; to issue forth ecclesiastical censures, as the pope. *Herbert*.

FULMINATE, *v. t.* To utter or send out, as a denunciation or censure; to send out, as a menace or censure by ecclesiastical authority. *Warburton*. *Sprat*.

2. To cause to explode.

FULMINATING, *ppr.* Thundering; crackling; exploding; detonating.

3. Hurling papal denunciations, menaces or censures.

Fulminating powder, a detonating compound of sulphur, carbonate of potash and niter.

FULMINATION, *n.* A thundering.

2. Denunciation of censure or threats, as by papal authority.

The *fulminations* from the Vatican were turned into ridicule. *Ayliffe*.

3. The explosion of certain chemical preparations; detonation. *Encyc.*

FULMINATORY, *a.* Thundering; striking terror. *Johnson*.

FULMINE, *v. t.* To thunder. [Not in use.] *Spenser*. *Milton*.

FULMINIC, *a.* Fulminic acid, in chemistry, is a peculiar acid contained in fulminating silver. *Henry*.

FULSOME, *a.* [Sax. *ful*, foul.] Nauseous; offensive.

He that brings *fulsome* objects to my view,
With nauseous images my fancy fills. *Roscommon*.

2. Rank; offensive to the smell; as *a rank and fulsome* smell. *Bacon*.

3. Lustful; as *fulsome* ewes. *Shak*.

4. Tending to obscenity; as *a fulsome* epigram. *Dryden*.

These are the English definitions of *fulsome*, but I have never witnessed such applications of the word in the United States. It seems then that *full* and *foul* are radically the same word, the primary sense of which is stuffed, crowded, from the sense of putting on or in. In the United States, the compound *fulsome* takes its signification from *full*, in the sense of cloying or satiating, and in England, *fulsome* takes its predominant sense from *foulness*.

FULSOMELY, *adv.* Rankly; nauseously; obscenely. *Eng.*

FULSOMENESS, *n.* Nauseousness; rank smell; obscenity. *Eng.*

FULVID, *a.* [See *Fulvous*, which is generally used.]

FULVOUS, *a.* [L. *fulvus*.] Yellow; tawny; saffron-colored. *Encyc.*

FUMADO, *n.* [L. *fumus*, smoke.] A smoked fish. *Carew*.

FUMATORY, *n.* [L. *fumaria* herba; Fr. *fumeterre*; from *fumus*, smoke.]

A plant or genus of plants, called *Fumaria*, of several species. *Encyc.*

FUMBLE, *v. i.* [D. *fommelen*; Dan. *fammel*; Sw. *fumla*; properly, to stop, stagger, falter, hesitate, to feel along, to grope.]

1. To feel or grope about; to attempt awkwardly. *Cudworth*.

2. To grope about in perplexity; to seek awkwardly; as, to *fumble* for an excuse. *Dryden*.

3. To handle much; to play childishly; to turn over and over.

I saw him *fumble* with the sheets, and play with flowers. *Shak*.

FUMBLE, *v. t.* To manage awkwardly; to crowd or tumble together. *Shak*.

FUMBLER, *n.* One who gropes or manages awkwardly.

FUMBLING, *ppr.* Groping; managing awkwardly.

FUMBLINGLY, *adv.* In an awkward manner.

FUME, *n.* [L. *fumus*, Fr. *fumée*, smoke.] Smoke; vapor from combustion, as from burning wood or tobacco. *Bacon*.

2. Vapor; volatile matter ascending in a dense body. *Woodward*.

3. Exhalation from the stomach; as the *fumes* of wine. *Dryden*.

4. Rage; heat; as the *fumes* of passion. *South*.

5. Any thing unsubstantial or fleeting. *Bacon*.

6. Idle conceit; vain imagination. *Shak*.

FUME, *v. i.* [L. *fumo*, Fr. *fumer*, Sp. *fumar*, It. *fumare*, to smoke.]

1. To smoke; to throw off vapor, as in combustion. *Milton*.

Where the golden altar *fumed*.

2. To yield vapor or visible exhalations. *Silens* lay,
Whose constant cups lay *fuming* to his brain. *Roscommon*.

3. To pass off in vapors. Their parts are kept from *fuming* away by their fixity. *Cheyne*.

4. To be in a rage; to be hot with anger.

He frets, he *fumes*, he stares, he stamps the ground. *Dryden*.

FUME, *v. t.* To smoke; to dry in smoke. *Carew*.

2. To perfume. She *fumed* the temples with an od'rous flame. *Dryden*.

3. To disperse or drive away in vapors. The heat will *fume* away most of the scent. *Mortimer*.

FUMET, *n.* The dung of deer. *B. Jonson*.

FUMID, *a.* [L. *fumidus*.] Smoky; vaporous. *Brown*.

FUMIGATE, *v. t.* [L. *fumigo*; Fr. *fumiger*; from *fumus*, smoke.]

1. To smoke; to perfume. *Dryden*.

2. To apply smoke to; to expose to smoke; as in chemistry, or in medicine by inhaling it, or in cleansing infected apartments.

FUMIGATED, *ppr.* Smoked; exposed to smoke.

FUMIGATING, *ppr.* Smoking; applying smoke to.

FUMIGATION, *n.* [L. *fumigatio*.] The act of smoking or applying smoke, as in chemistry for softening a metal, or in the healing art by inhaling the smoke of certain substances. Expectoration is often assisted and sometimes ulcers of the lungs healed by *fumigation*. Fumigation is also used in cleansing infected rooms.

2. Vapors; scent raised by fire.

FUMING, *ppr.* Smoking; emitting vapors; raging; fretting.

FUMINGLY, *adv.* Angrily; in a rage. *Hooker*.

FUMISH, *a.* Smoky; hot; choleric. [Little used.]

FUMITER, *n.* A plant.

FUMOUS, } *a.* Producing fume; full of vapor.

FUMY, } *por.* From dice and wine the youth retir'd to rest,
And puff'd the *fumy* god from out his breast. *Dryden*.

FUN, *n.* Sport; vulgar merriment. *A low word*. [Qu. Eth. $\Phi\psi\psi$ wani, to play.]

FUNAMBULATORY, *a.* Performing like a rope dancer; narrow like the walk of a rope dancer. *Brown*. *Chambers*.

FUNAMBULIST, *n.* [L. *funis*, rope, and *ambulo*, to walk.] A rope walker or dancer.

FUNCTIO, *n.* [L. *functio*, from *fungor*, to perform.]

1. In a general sense, the doing, executing or performing of any thing; discharge; performance; as the *function* of a calling or office. More generally,

2. Office or employment, or any duty or business belonging to a particular station or character, or required of a person in that station or character. Thus we speak of the *functions* of a chancellor, judge or bishop; the *functions* of a parent or guardian.

3. Trade; occupation. [Less proper.]

4. The office of any particular part of animal bodies; the peculiar or appropriate action of a member or part of the body, by which the animal economy is carried on. Thus we speak of the *functions* of the brain and nerves, of the heart, of the liver, of the muscles, &c.

5. Power; faculty, animal or intellectual. As the mind opens, and its *functions* spread. *Pope*.