

their body is divided into rays, generally five in number, in the center of which and below is the mouth, which is the only orifice of the alimentary canal. They are covered with a coriaceous skin, armed with points or spines and pierced with numerous small holes, arranged in regular series, through which pass membranaceous *tentacula* or feelers, terminated each by a little disk or cup, by means of which they execute their progressive motions.

STAR-FLOWER, *n.* A plant, a species of *Ornithogalum*.

A plant of the genus *Stellaria*.

STARGAZER, *n.* [*star* and *gazer*.] One who gazes at the stars; a term of contempt for an astrologer, sometimes used ludicrously for an astronomer.

STARGAZING, *n.* The act or practice of observing the stars with attention; astrology.

STAR-GRASS, *n.* [*star* and *grass*.] Starry duck meat, a plant of the genus *Callitriche*.

STAR-HAWK, *n.* A species of hawk so called.

STAR-HYACINTH, *n.* A plant of the genus *Scilla*.

STAR-JELLY, *n.* A plant, the *Tremella*, one of the *Fungi*; also, star-shoot, a gelatinous substance.

STARLESS, *a.* Having no stars visible or no starlight; as a *starless* night.

STARLIGHT, *n.* [*star* and *light*.] The light proceeding from the stars.

Nor walk by moon
Or glittering *startlight*, without thee is sweet.

STARLIGHT, *a.* Lighted by the stars, or by the stars only; as a *starlight* evening.

STARLIKE, *a.* [*star* and *like*.] Resembling a star; stellated; radiated like a star; as *starlike* flowers.

2. Bright; illustrious.
The having turned many to righteousness shall confer a *starlike* and immortal brightness.

STARLING, *n.* [*Sax. star*; *Sw. starr*.]

1. A bird, the starr, of the genus *Sturnus*.
2. A defense to the piers of bridges.

STAROST, *n.* In *Poland*, a feudatory; one who holds a fief.

STAROSTY, *n.* A fief; an estate held by feudal service.

STAR-PAVED, *a.* [*star* and *paved*.] Stud-ded with stars.

The road of heaven *star-paved*.

STAR-PROOF, *a.* [*star* and *proof*.] Impervious to the light of the stars; as a *star-proof* elm.

STAR-READ, *n.* [*star* and *read*.] Doctrine of the stars; astronomy. [Not in use.]

STARRED, *pp.* or *a.* [*from star*.] Adorned or studded with stars; as the *starred* queen of Ethiopia.

2. Influenced in fortune by the stars.

My third comfort,

STARRING, *pp.* or *a.* Adorning with stars.

2. *Somnug*; bright; sparkling; as *starring* comets. [Not in use.]

STARRY, *a.* [*from star*.] Abounding with stars; adorned with stars.

Above the clouds, above the *starry* sky.

2. Consisting of stars; stellar; stellary; proceeding from the stars; as *starry* light; *starry* flame.

3. Shining like stars; resembling stars; as *starry* eyes.

STAR-SHOOT, *n.* [*star* and *shoot*.] That which is emitted from a star.

I have seen a good quantity of that jelly, by the vulgar called a *star-shoot*, as if it remained upon the extinction of a falling star.

[The writer once saw the same kind of substance from a brilliant meteor, at Amherst in Massachusetts. See *Journ. of Science* for a description of it by Rufus Graves, Esq.]

STAR-STONE, *n.* *Asteria*, a kind of extraneous fossil, consisting of regular joints, each of which is of a radiated figure.

STAR-THISTLE, *n.* A plant of the genus *Centaurea*.

STAR-WORT, *n.* A plant of the genus *Aster*, and another of the genus *Iridax*.

The yellow *star-wort* is of the genus *Inula* or *elecampane*.

STARBOARD, *n.* [*Sax. stear-board*; *G. steuerbort*, as if from *steuer*, the rudder or helm; *D. stuur-bord*, as if from *stuur*, helm; *Sw. Dan. styr-bord*. But in *Fr. sribord*, *Sp. estribor*, *Arm. srybourz* or *sribourh*, are said to be contracted from *dester-bord*, right-side. I know not from what particular construction of a vessel the helm should give name to the right hand side, unless from the tiller's being held by the right hand, or at the right side of the steersman.]

The right hand side of a ship or boat, when a spectator stands with his face towards the head, stem or prow.

STARBOARD, *a.* Pertaining to the right hand side of a ship; being or lying on the right side; as the *starboard* shrouds; *starboard* quarter; *starboard* tack. In seamanship, *starboard*, uttered by the master of a ship, is an order to the helmsman to put the helm to the starboard side.

STARCH, *n.* [*Sax. stearc*, rigid, stiff; *G. stärke*, strength, starch; *stark*, strong; *D. sterk*, *Dan. sterk*, *Sw. stark*, strong. See *Stare* and *Steer*.]

A substance used to stiffen linen and other cloth. It is the fecula of flour, or a substance that subsides from water mixed with wheat flour. It is sometimes made from potatoes. *Starch* forms the greatest portion of farinaceous substances, particularly of wheat flour, and it is the chief aliment of bread.

STARCH, *a.* Stiff; precise; rigid.

STARCH, *v. t.* To stiffen with starch.

STAR-CHAMBER, *n.* Formerly, a court of criminal jurisdiction in England. This court was abolished by Stat. 16 Charles I. See *Blackstone*, B. iv. ch. xix.

STARCHED, *pp.* Stiffened with starch.

2. *a.* Stiff; precise; formal.

STARCHEDNESS, *n.* Stiffness in manners; formality.

STAR-ARCHER, *n.* One who starches, or whose occupation is to starch. *Johnson*.

STAR-ARCHING, *pp.* Stiffening with starch.

STAR-ARCHLY, *adv.* With stiffness of manner; formally.

STAR-ARCHNESS, *n.* Stiffness of manner; preciseness.

STAR-ARCHY, *a.* Stiff; precise.

STARE, *n.* [*Sax. star*; *G. stahr*; *Sw. stare*.]

A bird, the starling.

STARE, *v. i.* [*Sax. starian*; *Dao. stirrer*; *Sw. stirra*; *G. starren*; *D. staaren*. In *Sw. stirra ut fingren*, is to spread one's fingers. The sense then is to open or extend, and it seems to be closely allied to *G. starr*, stiff, and to *starch*, *stern*, which imply straining, tension.]

1. To gaze; to look with fixed eyes wide open; to fasten an earnest look on some object. *Staring* is produced by wonder, surprise, stupidity, horror, fright and sometimes by eagerness to hear or learn something, sometimes by impudence. We say, he *stared* with astonishment.

Look not big, nor *stare*, nor fret.

2. To stand out; to be prominent.

Take off all the *staring* straws and jags in the hive. [Not used.]

To *stare* in the face, to be before the eyes or undeniably evident.

The law *stares* them in the face, while they are breaking it.

STARE, *n.* A fixed look with eyes wide open.

STARER, *n.* One who stares or gazes.

STARING, *pp.* Gazing; looking with fixed eyes.

STARK, *a.* [*Sax. sterc*, *steare*; *D. sterk*; *G. stark*, stiff, strong; formed on the root of the *G. starr*, stiff, rigid, *Eng. steer*; from *straining*, *stretching*. See *Starch* and *Steer*.]

1. Stiff; strong; rugged.

Many a nobleman lies *stark* and stiff, Under the hoofs of vaunting enemies.

The north is not so *stark* and cold.

2. Deep; full; profound; absolute.

Consider the *stark* security The commonwealth is in now.

3. Mere; gross; absolute.

He pronounces the citation *stark* nonsense.

STARK, *adv.* Wholly; entirely; absolutely; as *stark* mad; *stark* blind; *stark* naked. These are the principal applications of this word now in use. The word is in popular use, but not an elegant word in any of its applications.

STARKLY, *adv.* Stiffly; strongly.

START, *v. i.* [*D. starten*, to pour, to spill, to fall, to rush, to tumble; *Sw. storta*, to roll upon the head, to pitch headlong. In *Sax. steort* is a tail, that is, a shoot or projection; hence the promontory so called in Devonshire. The word seems to be a derivative from the root of *star*, *steer*. The primary sense is to shoot, to dart suddenly, or to spring.]

1. To move suddenly, as if by a twitch; as, to *start* in sleep or by a sudden spasm.

2. To move suddenly, as by an involuntary shrinking from sudden fear or alarm.

I *start* as from some dreadful dream.

STARCHED, *pp.* Stiffened with starch.

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