

watered abundantly; bestowed or distributed liberally.

SHOW'ERLESS, *a.* Without showers.

*Armstrong.*

SHOW'ERY, *a.* Raining in showers; abounding with frequent falls of rain.

SHOW'ILY, *adv.* In a showy manner; pompously; with parade.

SHOW'INESS, *n.* State of being showy; pompousness; great parade.

SHOW'ISH, *a.* Splendid; gaudy. [*Little used.*] *Swift.*

2. Ostentatious.

SHOW'N, *pp.* of *show*. Exhibited; manifested; proved.

SHOW'Y, *a.* Splendid; gay; gaudy; making a great show; fine. *Addison.*

2. Ostentatious.

SHRAG, *v. l.* To lop. [*Not in use.*]

SURAG, *n.* A twig of a tree cut off. [*Not in use.*]

SHRAG'GER, *n.* One that lops; one that trims trees. [*Not in use.*]

SHRANK, *pret.* of *shrink*, nearly obsolete.

SHRAP, { *n.* A place baited with chaff to invite birds. [*Not in use.*]

SHRAPE, { *n.* invite birds. [*Not in use.*]

SHRED, *v. l.* *pret.* and *pp.* *shred*. [*Sax. screadan*, to cut off; *Sw. skr ddare*, a tailor.]

To cut into small pieces, particularly narrow and long pieces, as of cloth or leather. It differs from *mince*, which signifies to chop into pieces fine and short.

SHRED, *n.* A long narrow piece cut off; as *shreds* of cloth. *Bacon.*

2. A fragment; a piece; as *shreds* of wit. *Swift.*

SHRED'DING, *ppr.* Cutting into shreds.

SHRED'DING, *n.* That which is cut off; a piece. *Hooker.*

SHREW, *n.* [I know not the original sense of this word. If it signifies a brawler, it may be from *D. schreeuwen*, to brawl, *G. schreien*, *Dan. skr ger*. But *beshrew*, in Chaucer, is interpreted to *curse*.]

1. A peevish, brawling, turbulent, vexatious woman. It appears originally to have been applied to males as well as females; but is now restricted to the latter.

The man had got a *shrew* for his wife, and there could be no quiet in the house with her. *L'Estrange.*

2. A shrew-mouse.

SHREW, *v. l.* To beshrew; to curse. *Obs.* *Chaucer.*

SHREWD, *a.* Having the qualities of a shrew; vexatious; troublesome; mischievous. *Obs.* *Shak.*

2. Sly; cunning; arch; subtil; artful; astute; as a *shrewd* man.

3. Sagacious; of nice discernment; as a *shrewd* observer of men.

4. Proceeding from cunning or sagacity, or containing it; as a *shrewd* saying; a *shrewd* conjecture.

5. Painful; vexatious; troublesome.

Every of this number That have endur'd *shrewd* nights and days with us. *Obs.* *Shak.*

No enemy is so despicable but he may do one a *shrewd* turn. *Obs.* *L'Estrange.*

SHREWD'LY, *adv.* Mischievously; destructively.

This practice hath most *shrewdly* past upon thee. *Obs.* *Shak.*

2. Vexatiously; used of slight mischief.

The obstinate and schismatical are like to think themselves *shrewdly* hurt by being cut from that body they chose not to be of. *Obs.* *South.*

Yet seem'd she not to winch, though *shrewdly* pain'd. *Obs.* *Dryden.*

3. Archly; sagaciously; with good guess; as, I *shrewdly* suspect; he *shrewdly* observed. *Locke.*

SHREWD'NESS, *n.* Sly cunning; archness.

The neighbors round admire his *shrewdness*. *Swift.*

2. Sagaciousness; sagacity; the quality of nice discernment.

3. Mischievousness; vexatiousness. [*Not in use.*] *Chaucer.*

SHREW'ISH, *a.* Having the qualities of a shrew; forward; peevish; petulantly clamorous.

My wife is *shrewish* when I keep not hours. *Shak.*

SHREW'ISHLY, *adv.* Peevishly; clamorously; turbulently.

He speaks very *shrewishly*. *Shak.*

SHREW'INESS, *n.* The qualities of a shrew; forwardness; petulance; turbulent clamorousness.

I have no gift in *shrewishness*. *Shak.*

SHREW'-MOUSE, *n.* [*Sax. screawa.*] A small animal resembling a mouse, but belonging to the genus *Sorex*; an animal that burrows in the ground, feeding on corn, insects, &c. It is a harmless animal.

SHRIEK, *v. l.* [*Dan. skr ger*; *Sw. skrika*; *G. schreien*; *D. schreien*; the two latter contracted; *W. ysgregian*, from *creg*, a scream or shriek, also rough, rugged, Eng. to *creak*, whence *screech*, and vulgarly *screeak*; hence *W. ysgreg*, a jay, from its scream; *creg*, hoarse, *crygi*, hoarseness, roughness, from the root of *rugged*, and *L. ruga*, wrinkled, *ruco*, to bray; all from straining, and hence breaking, bursting, cracking; allied to *crack* and *crackle*, *It. scricchiolare*.]

To utter a sharp shrill cry; to scream; as in a sudden fright, in horror or anguish.

At this she *shriek'd* aloud. *Dryden.*

It was the owl that *shriek'd*. *Shak.*

SHRIEK, *n.* A sharp shrill outcry or scream, such as is produced by sudden terror or extreme anguish.

*Shrieks*, clamors, murmurs fill the frightened town. *Dryden.*

SHRIE'KING, *ppr.* Crying out with a shrill voice.

SHRIE'VAL, *a.* Pertaining to a sheriff. [*Not in use.*]

SHRIE'VALTY, *n.* [from *sherif*.] Sheriffalty; the office of a sheriff.

It was ordained by 28 Ed. 1. that the people shall have election of sheriff in every shire, where the *shrievalty* is not of inheritance. *Blackstone.*

SHRIEVE, *n.* Sheriff. [*Not in use.*]

SHRIFT, *n.* [*Sax. scrift*.] Confession made to a priest. *Obs.* *Shak.*

SHRIGHT, for *shrieked*. *Chaucer.*

SHRIGHT, *n.* A shriek. [*Not in use.*] *Spenser.*

SHRIKE, *n.* [See *Shrick*.] The butcher-bird; a genus of birds called *Lanius*, of several species.

SHRILL, *a.* [*W. grill*, a sharp noise; *Arm. scrill*, a cricket, *L. gryllus*, *Fr. grillon*, *Sp. It. grillo*; *It. strillare*, to scream.]

1. Sharp; acute; piercing; as sound; as a *shrill* voice; *shrill* echoes. *Shak.*

2. Uttering an acute sound; as the cock's *shrill* sounding throat; a *shrill* trumpet.

[NOTE. A *shrill* sound may be tremulous or trilling; but this circumstance is not essential to it, although it seems to be from the root of *trill*.]

SHRILL, *v. l.* To utter an acute piercing sound.

Break we our pipes that *shrill'd* as loud as lark. *Spenser.*

SHRILL, *v. t.* To cause to make a shrill sound. *Spenser.*

SHRILL'NESS, *n.* Acuteness of sound; sharpness or fineness of voice. *Smith.*

SHRILL'LY, *adv.* Acutely, as sound; with a sharp sound or voice. *More.*

SHRIMP, *v. l.* [*D. krimpen*; *Dan. skrumper*, to crumple, to shrink; *G. schrumpfen*; *W. crom, crwm*, bending or shrinking in.]

To contract. [*Not in use.*] *Echard.*

SHRIMP, *n.* [*supra*.] A crustaceous animal of the genus *Cancer*. It has long slender feelers, claws with a single, hooked fang, and three pair of legs. It is esteemed delicious food.

2. A little wrinkled man; a dwarf; in contempt. *Shak.*

SHRINE, *n.* [*Sax. scrin*; *G. schrein*; *Sw. skrin*; *L. scrinium*; *It. scrigno*; *Fr. ecrin*. See *Skr en*.]

A case or box; particularly applied to a case in which sacred things are deposited. Hence we hear much of *shrines* for relics.

Come, offer at my *shrine*, and I will help thee. *Shak.*

SHRINK, *v. l.* *pret.* and *pp.* *shrunk*. The old *pret. shrink* and *pp. shrunken* are nearly obsolete. [*Sax. scrincan*. If *n* is not radical, the root is *rig* or *ryg*.]

1. To contract spontaneously: to draw or be drawn into less length, breadth or compass by an inherent power; as, woolen cloth *shrinks* in hot water; a flaxen or hempen line *shrinks* in a humid atmosphere. Many substances *shrink* by drying.

2. To shrivel; to become wrinkled by contraction; as the skin.

3. To withdraw or retire, as from danger; to decline action from fear. A brave man never *shrinks* from danger; a good man does not *shrink* from duty.

4. To recoil, as in fear, horror or distress. My mind *shrinks* from the recital of our woes.

What happier natures *shrink* at with affright, The hard inhabitant contends is right. *Pope.*

5. To express fear, horror or pain by shrugging or contracting the body. *Shak.*

SHRINK, *v. l.* To cause to contract; as, to *shrink* flannel by immersing it in boiling water.

O mighty Cesar, dost thou lie so low! Are all thy conquests, glories, triumphs, spoils, *Shrunk* to this little measure! *Shak.*

SHRINK, *n.* Contraction; a spontaneous drawing into less compass; corrugation. *Woodward.*

2. Contraction; a withdrawing from fear or horror. *Daniel.*

SHRINK'AGE, *n.* A shrinking or contracting into a less compass. Make an allowance for the *shrinkage* of grain in drying.