

cube, often perfect, sometimes truncated on all its edges by planes, which form with the sides of the cube an angle of 135°. The colors are very numerous and beautiful.

The fluate of lime, *fluor*, was so named from its use as a flux for certain ores.

Cleveland.

FLUOR-ACID, *n.* The acid of fluor.

FLUORATED, *a.* Combined with fluoric acid.

FLUORIC, *a.* Pertaining to fluor; obtained from fluor; as *fluoric acid*.

FLUORIN, *n.* The supposed basis of fluorine, } *Davy.*
fluoric acid.

FLUOROUS, *a.* The *fluorous* acid is the acid of fluor in its first degree of oxygenation.

Lavoisier.

FLUOSILICATE, *n.* [*fluor* and *silex* or *silica*].

In *chemistry*, a compound of fluoric acid, containing *silex*, with some other substance.

Silliman.

FLUOSILICIC, *a.* Composed of or containing fluoric acid with *silex*.

FLURRY, *n.* A sudden blast or gust, or a light temporary breeze; as a *flurry* of wind. *It is never with us applied to a storm of duration.*

2. A sudden shower of short duration; as a *flurry* of snow.

3. Agitation; commotion; bustle; hurry.

FLURRY, *v. t.* To put in agitation; to excite or alarm.

Swinburne.

FLUSH, *v. i.* [*G. fliesen*, imperf. *floss*, to flow; *D. rieten*, in a different dialect. It coincides in elements with *blush*, *blaze* and *flash*.]

1. To flow and spread suddenly; to rush; as, blood *flushes* into the face.

2. To come in haste; to start. *B. Jonson.*

3. To appear suddenly, as redness or a blush.

A blush rose on their cheeks,
Flushing and fading like the changeable play
Of colors on a dolphin. *Percival.*

4. To become suddenly red; to glow; as, the cheeks *flush*.

5. To be gay, splendid or beautiful.

At once, arrayed
In all the colors of the *flushing* year;
The garden glows. *Thomson.*

FLUSH, *v. t.* Toadden suddenly; to cause the blood to rush suddenly into the face.

Not flush with shame the passing virgin's
cheek. *Gay.*

2. To elate; to elevate; to excite the spirits; to animate with joy; as, to *flush* with victory.

FLUSH, *a.* Fresh; full of vigor; glowing; bright.

Flush as May. *Shak.*

2. Affluent; abounding; well furnished.

Lord Strat was not very *flush* in ready.

Arbutnot.

3. Free to spend; liberal; prodigal. He is very *flush* with his money. *This is a popular use of the word in America.*

A *flush deck*, in seamen's language, is a deck without a half-deck or fore-castle. [*Qu. Russ. plosket*, flat. The sense of spreading naturally results from that of flowing.]

FLUSH, *n.* A sudden flow of blood to the face; or more generally, the redness of face which proceeds from such an

afflux of blood. Hectic constitutions are often known by a frequent *flush* in the cheeks.

2. Sudden impulse or excitement; sudden glow; as a *flush* of joy.

3. Bloom; growth; abundance. *Goldsmith.*

4. [*Fr. Sp. flux*]. A run of cards of the same suit.

5. A term for a number of ducks. *Spenser.*

FLUSHED, *pp.* Overspread or tinged with a red color from the flowing of blood to the face. We say, the skin, face or cheek is *flushed*.

2. Elated; excited; animated; as *flushed* with joy or success.

FLUSHER, *n.* The lesser butcher-bird. *Chambers.*

FLUSHING, *ppr.* Overspreading with red; glowing.

FLUSHING, *n.* A glow of red in the face.

FLUSHER, *v. t.* To make hot and rosy, as with drinking; to heat; to hurry; to agitate; to confuse.

FLUSHER, *v. i.* To be in a heat or bustle; to be agitated.

FLUSHER, *n.* Heat; glow; agitation; confusion; disorder.

FLUSTERED, *pp.* Heated with liquor; agitated; confused.

FLUTE, *n.* [*Fr. flute*; *Arm. fluit*; *D. fluit*; *G. flote*; *Dan. fløjte*; *Sp. flauta*; *Port. flauta*; *It. flauto*; *L. flo, flatus*, to blow, or *L. fluta*, a lamprey, with the same number of holes.]

1. A small wind instrument; a pipe with lateral holes or stops, played by blowing with the mouth, and by stopping and opening the holes with the fingers.

2. A channel in a column or pillar; a perpendicular furrow or cavity, cut along the shaft of a column or pilaster; so called from its resemblance to a flute. It is used chiefly in the Ionic order; sometimes in the Composite and Corinthian; rarely in the Doric and Tuscan. It is called also a *reed*.

3. A long vessel or boat, with flat ribs or floor timbers, round behind, and swelled in the middle; a different orthography of *float*, *flota*.

Armed in flute. A armed ship, with her guns of the lower tier and part of those of the upper tier removed, used as a transport.

Flute is said to be armed in flute. *Lunier.*

FLUTE, *v. i.* To play on a flute. *Chaucer.*

FLUTE, *v. t.* To form flutes or channels in a column.

FLUTED, *pp. or a.* Channeled; furrowed; as a column.

2. In music, thin; fine; flute-like; as *fluted notes*.

FLUTING, *ppr.* Channeled; cutting furrows; as in a column.

FLUTING, *n.* A channel or furrow in a column; fluted work.

FLUTIST, *n.* A performer on the flute. *Bushy.*

FLUTTER, *v. i.* [*Sax. floteran*; *D. flodderen*; *G. flattern*. *Qu. Fr. flatter*, to waver, from *flot*, a wave. It is possible that the word is contracted.]

1. To move or flap the wings rapidly, without flying, or with short flights; to hover.

As an eagle stirreth up her nest, *fluttereth* over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings—*Deut. xxxii.*

2. To move about briskly, irregularly or with great bustle and show, without consequence.

No rag, no scrap of all the beau or wit,
That once so *fluttered*, and that once so *wit*. *Pope.*

3. To move with quick vibrations or undulations; as a *fluttering* fan; a *fluttering* sail. *Pope.*

4. To be in agitation; to move irregularly; to fluctuate; to be in uncertainty.

How long we *fluttered* on the wings of doubtful success. *Howell.*

His thoughts are very *fluttering* and wandering. *Watts.*

FLUTTER, *v. t.* To drive in disorder. [*Little used.*] *Shak.*

2. To hurry the mind; to agitate.

3. To disorder; to throw into confusion.

FLUTTER, *n.* Quick and irregular motion; vibration; undulation; as the *flutter* of a fan. *Addison.*

2. Hurry; tumult; agitation of the mind.

3. Confusion; disorder; irregularity in position.

FLUTTERED, *pp.* Agitated; confused; disordered.

FLUTTERING, *ppr.* Flapping the wings without flight or with short flights; hovering; fluctuating; agitating; throwing into confusion.

FLUTTERING, *n.* The act of hovering, or flapping the wings without flight; a wavering; agitation.

FLUVIATIC, *a.* [*L. fluvaticus*, from *fluvio*, *us*, a river; *fluo*, to flow.]

Belonging to rivers; growing or living in streams or ponds; as a *fluvial* plant.

FLUVIATILE, *a.* [*L. fluvialis*]. Belonging to rivers. *Kirwan.*

[*Fluvialis* is the preferable word.]

FLUX, *n.* [*L. fluxus*; *Sp. fluxo*; *Fr. flux*; *It. flusso*; from *L. fluo*, *fluxi*.]

1. The act of flowing; the motion or passing of a fluid.

2. The moving or passing of any thing in continued succession. Things in this life, are in a continual *flux*.

3. Any flow or issue of matter. In *medicine*, an extraordinary issue or evacuation from the bowels or other part; as the bloody *flux* or dysentery, hepatic *flux*, &c.

4. In *hydrography*, the flow of the tide. The ebb is called *reflux*.

5. In *metallurgy*, any substance or mixture used to promote the fusion of metals or minerals, as alkalis, borax, tartar and other saline matter, or in large operations limestone or fluor. Alkaline fluxes are either the crude, the white or the black flux. *Nicholson. Encyc.*

6. Fusion; a liquid state from the operation of heat. *Encyc.*

7. That which flows or is discharged.

8. Concourse; confluence. [*Little used.*] *Shak.*

FLUX, *a.* Flowing; moving; maintained by a constant succession of parts; inconstant; variable. [*Not well authorized.*]

FLUX, *v. t.* To melt; to fuse; to make fluid.

One part of mineral alkali will *flux* two of siliceous earth with effervescence. *Kirwan.*

2. To salivate. [*Little used.*] *South.*

FLUXATION, *n.* A flowing or passing away, and giving place to others.

Leslie.