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1. Breadth; width; extent from side to side. *Wotton. Locke.*
2. Room; space. *[In the foregoing senses, little used.]*
3. In *astronomy*, the distance of a star north or south of the ecliptic.
4. In *geography*, the distance of any place on the globe, north or south of the equator. Boston is situated in the forty third degree of north *latitude*.
5. Extent of meaning or construction; indefinite acceptance. The words will not bear this *latitude* of construction.
6. Extent of deviation from a settled point; freedom from rules or limits; laxity.  
In human actions, there are no degrees and precise natural limits described, but a *latitude* is indulged. *Taylor.*
7. Extent.  
I pretend not to treat of them in their full *latitude*. *Locke.*
- LATITUDINAL**, *a.* Pertaining to latitude; in the direction of latitude. *Gregory.*
- LATITUDINARIAN**, *a.* [Fr. *latitudinaire*.] Not restrained; not confined by precise limits; free; thinking or acting at large; as *latitudinarian* opinions or doctrines.
- LATITUDINARIAN**, *n.* One who is moderate in his notions, or not restrained by precise settled limits in opinion; one who indulges freedom in thinking.
2. In *theology*, one who departs in opinion from the strict principles of orthodoxy; or one who indulges a latitude of thinking and interpretation; a moderate man.
- LATITUDINARIANISM**, *n.* Freedom or liberality of opinion, particularly in theology. *Ch. Obs.*
2. Indifference to religion. *W. Jones.*
- LA'TRANT**, *a.* [L. *latro*, to bark.] Barking. *Tickell.*
- LA'TRATE**, *v. i.* To bark as a dog. *[Not used.]*
- LATRA'TION**, *n.* A barking. *[Not used.]*
- LA'TRIA**, *n.* [L. from Gr. *λατρεία*.] The highest kind of worship, or that paid to God; distinguished by the catholics from *dulia*, or the inferior worship paid to saints. *Encyc.*
- LATRO'BITE**, *n.* [from *Latrobe*.] A newly described mineral of a pale pink red color, massive or crystalized, from an isle near the Labrador coast. *Phillips.*
- LAT'ROCINY**, *n.* [L. *latrocinium*.] Theft; larceny. *[Not in use.]*
- LAT'TEN**, *n.* [Fr. *leton* or *laiton*; D. *latoen*; Arm. *laton*.] Iron plate covered with tin. *Encyc.*
- LAT'TEN-BRASS**, *n.* Plates of milled brass reduced to different thicknesses, according to the uses they are intended for. *Encyc.*
- LAT'TER**, *a.* [an irregular comparative of *late*.]
1. Coming or happening after something else; opposed to *former*; as the former and *latter* rain; former or *latter* harvest.
2. Mentioned the last of two.  
The difference between reason and revelation—and in what sense the *latter* is superior. *Watts.*
3. Modern; lately done or past; as in these *latter* ages.
- LAT'TERLY**, *adv.* Of late; in time not long past; lately. *Richardson.*

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- LAT'TERMATH**, *n.* The latter mowing; that which is mowed after a former mowing.
- LAT'TICE**, *n.* [Fr. *lattis*, a covering of laths, from *latte*, a lath; W. *cedrwy*, from *cedyr*, a board, shingle or rail.] Any work of wood or iron, made by crossing laths, rods or bars, and forming open squares like net-work; as the *lattice* of a window.  
The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the *lattice*. *Judg. v.*
- LAT'TICE**, *a.* Consisting of cross pieces; as *lattice* work.
2. Furnished with lattice work; as a *lattice* window.
- LAT'TICE**, *v. t.* To form with cross bars, and open work.
2. To furnish with a lattice.
- LAT'TICED**, *pp.* Furnished with a lattice.
- LAUD**, *n.* [L. *laus*, *laudis*; W. *clod*; Ir. *clod*; allied to Gr. *λαίω*, *λαός*. This is from the same root as Eng. *loud*, G. *laut*, and the primary sense is to strain, to utter sound, to cry out. See *Loud*.]
1. Praise; commendation; an extolling in words; honorable mention. *[Little used.]* *Pope.*
2. That part of divine worship which consists in praise. *Bacon.*
3. Music or singing in honor of any one.
- LAUD**, *v. t.* [L. *laudo*.] To praise in words alone, or with words and singing; to celebrate. *Bentley.*
- LAUD'ABLE**, *a.* [L. *laudabilis*.] Praiseworthy; commendable; as *laudable* motives; *laudable* actions.
2. Healthy; salubrious; as *laudable* juices of the body. *Arbutnot.*
3. Healthy; well digested; as *laudable* pus.
- LAUD'ABLENESS**, *n.* The quality of deserving praise; praiseworthiness; as the *laudableness* of designs, purposes, motives or actions. *[Laudability*, in a like sense, has been used, but rarely.]
- LAUD'ABLY**, *adv.* In a manner deserving praise.
- LAUD'ANUM**, *n.* [from L. *laudo*, to praise.] Opium dissolved in spirit or wine; tincture of opium. *Coxe.*
- LAUD'ATIVE**, *n.* [L. *laudativus*.] A panegyric; an eulogy. *[Little used.]* *Bacon.*
- LAUD'ATORY**, *a.* Containing praise; tending to praise.
- LAUD'ATORY**, *n.* That which contains praise. *Milton.*
- LAUD'ER**, *n.* One who praises.
- LAUGH**, *v. i.* *v. aff.* [Sax. *hlahan*; Goth. *hlahan*; G. *lachen*; D. *lachen*; Sw. *le*; Dan. *leer*; Heb. and Ch. *לָחַץ*, *laag*. Class Lg. No. 17.]
1. To make the noise and exhibit the features which are characteristic of mirth in the human species. Violent *laughter* is accompanied with a shaking of the sides, and all *laughter* expels breath from the lungs. *Bacon.*
2. In *poetry*, to be gay; to appear gay, cheerful, pleasant, lively or brilliant.  
Then *laughs* the childish year with flow'rets crown'd. *Dryden.*  
And o'er the foaming bowl, the *laughing* wine. *Pope.*
- To *laugh at*, to ridicule; to treat with some degree of contempt.

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- No fool to *laugh at*, which he valued more. *Pope.*
- To *laugh to scorn*, to deride; to treat with mockery, contempt and scorn. *Neh. ii.*
- LAUGH**, *n.* *v. aff.* An expression of mirth peculiar to the human species.  
But feigns a *laugh*, to see me search around. And by that *laugh* the willing fair is found. *Pope.*
- LAUGHABLE**, *a.* *v. affable*. That may justly excite laughter; as a *laughable* story; a *laughable* scene.
- LAUGHER**, *n.* *v. aff.* One who laughs, or is fond of merriment.  
The *laughers* are a majority. *Pope.*
- LAUGHING**, *ppr.* *v. affing*. Expressing mirth in a particular manner.
- LAUGHINGLY**, *adv.* *v. affingly*. In a merry way; with laughter.
- LAUGHING-STOCK**, *n.* An object of ridicule; a butt of sport. *Spenser. Shak.*
- LAUGHTER**, *n.* *v. aff.* Convulsive merriment; an expression of mirth peculiar to man, consisting in a peculiar noise and configuration of features, with a shaking of the sides and expulsion of breath.  
I said of *laughter*, it is mad. *Eccles. ii.*
- LAUGH-WORTHY**, *a.* Deserving to be laughed at. *B. Jonson.*
- LAU/MONTE**, *n.* Efflorescent zeolite; so called from Laumont, its discoverer. It is found in laminated masses, in groups of prismatic crystals or prismatic distinct concretions. Exposed to the air, it disintegrates. *Cleveland.*
- LAUNCH**. [See *Lanch*, the more correct orthography.]
- LAUND**, *n.* A lawn. *[Not used.]* *Chaucer.*
- LAUNDER**, *n.* *v. ander*. [from L. *lavo*, to wash.] A washer-woman; also, a long and hollow trough, used by miners to receive the powdered ore from the box where it is beaten. *Encyc.*
- LAUNDER**, *v. t.* *v. ander*. To wash; to wet. *Shak.*
- LAUNDERER**, *n.* *v. anderer*. A man who follows the business of washing clothes. *Butler.*
- LAUNDRESS**, *n.* *v. andress*. [Fr. *lavandiere*; Sp. *lavandera*; It. *lavandaia*; from L. *lavo*, Sp. *lavar*, to wash.] A washer-woman; a female whose employment is to wash clothes.
- LAUNDRESS**, *v. i.* *v. andress*. [supra.] To practice washing. *Blount.*
- LAUNDRY**, *n.* *v. andry*. [Sp. *lavadero*.]
1. A washing. *Bacon.*
2. The place or room where clothes are washed.
- LAU'REATE**, *a.* [L. *laureatus*, from *laurea*, a laurel.] Decked or invested with laurel; as *laureate* hearse. *Milton.*  
Soft on her lap her *laureate* son reclines. *Pope.*
- Poet laureate*, in Great Britain, an officer of the king's household, whose business is to compose an ode annually for the king's birth day, and for the new year. It is said this title was first given him in the time of Edward IV. *Encyc.*