

POWEFERE. Companion in play. (*A.-S.*)
PLOWKKY. Covered with pimples.

For hyme that is smetyne with his awenne blode,
 and spredis over alle his lymmes, and waxes *plowkky*,
 and brekes owte. *MS. Lincoln Med. f. 294.*

PLOW-LODE. "*Caracuta*, plow lode," Nominale MS. It seems to be the same as *Plough-land*, q. v.

PLOWMELL. A small wooden hammer occasionally fixed to the plough, still used in the North; in the Midland counties in its stead is used a plough-hatchet.

PLOWRING. Weeping. *Prompt. Parv.*

PLOWSHO. A ploughshare. *Kennett.*

PLOY. A merry-meeting. *North.*

PLOYE. A plough. Nominale MS.

PLUCK. (1) Courage. *Var. dial.* "To pluck up one's heart," to be bold, to rejoice. Against the pluck, i. e. against the inclination.

(2) To pluck a crow or goose with any one, i. e. to quarrel with him.

(3) To pluck a rose, i. e. to go to the jakes, said of women. *Middleton, iv. 222.*

(4) A dry pluck, i. e. a severe stroke.

This same is kind cuckolds luck:
 These fellows have given me a drie *pluck*,
 Now I have never a crose to blesse me.

Mariage of Witt and Wisdome, 1579.

(5) Our kynge and Robyn rode togyder,
 Forsoth as I you say,
 And they shote *plucke* buffet,
 As they went by the way. *Robin Hood, i. 75.*

(6) Same as (1)?

I had the luck
 To see, and drink a little *pluck*.

Brome's Songs, 1661, p. 167.

(7) A student who fails in an university examination is said to be *plucked*.

PLUCKING. The worsted plucked from the machine while the wheel is turning. *North.*

PLUERE. Weeping. (*A.-N.*)

PLUF. A tube of tin through which boys blow peas. *Linc.* Also called a *pluffer*.

PLUFE. A plough. *Yorksh.*

PLUFFY. Spongy; porous. *Devon.* It is sometimes explained, soft, plump.

PLUG. A dwarfish fellow. *East.*

PLUM. (1) Light; soft. *West.*

(2) Sensible; honest. *North.*

(3) Very; exceedingly. *Kent.*

(4) Straight; upright; perpendicular. *Plum downe*, Cotgrave in v. *Escarpé*.

(5) *Plum round*, quite round. "Make their attire to sit *plum round*," *Harrison, p. 172. Plum fat*, Florio, p. 33.

PLUMAKIN. The magnum-bonum plum.

PLUME. To pick or pluck the feathers off a hawk or other bird.

PLUMED-SWAN. A white colour. One of the terms of ancient alchemy.

PLUMMY. Soft; wet; mouldy. *Devon.*

PLUMP. (1) Dry; hard. *Kent.*

(2) A clump of trees. *North.*

(3) A crowd of people; a mass of anything. It is sometimes a verb, to collect together.

"Assemble theymselves in plumpes," More's *Supplicacyon of Soulys*, sig. F. ii.

Rydes into rowte his dede to revenge,

Presede into the plumpes and with a prynce motes.

Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 76.

When kynge Richard perceived that the people by *plumpes* fled from hym to Duke Henry.

Hall's Union, 1548.

(4) A pump; a draw-well. *Cornw.*

(5) A hard blow. *Var. dial.*

(6) Directly; exactly. *Var. dial.* Forby has *plumpendicular*, perpendicular.

PLUM-PORRIDGE. Porridge with plums in it, a favourite dish at Christmas in some parts of the country. It is mentioned as part of Christmas fare in the *Humourist*, ed. 1724, p. 22, and by Addison.

PLUMP-PATE. A thick-headed fellow.

PLUMPY. To churn. *Cornw.*

PLUMTEN. Plunged. *Weber.*

PLUM-TREE. The female pudendum. *Have at the plum tree* seems to have been either the burden of a song or a proverbial phrase. It occurs in *Middleton*, although Mr. Dyce does not seem to be acquainted with the meaning of the term itself, which may be gathered from *Cotgrave*, in v. *Hoche-prunier*, and the *Marriage of Witt and Wisdome*, p. 16.

PLUNGE. (1) A deep pool. *Somerset.*

(2) A strait or difficulty. *Greene.*

PLUNGY. Wet; rainy. (*A.-N.*)

PLUNKET. A coarse woollen cloth.

PLUNKY. Short; thick; heavy. *East.*

PLUNT. A walking-stick, generally one which has a large knob. *Glouc.*

PLURISY. Superabundance. *Shak.*

PLUSHES. The thin hoops which hold a besom together. *West.*

PLY. To bend; to consent, or comply. Still in use in Dorset, Barnes's Gl.

PLYER. A very common bawd.

PLYMOUTH-CLOAK. A cane, or stick. So called, says Ray, "because we use a staff in *cuervo*, but not when we wear a cloak."

PO. A peacock. (*A.-S.*)

A pruest proud ase a *po*,
 Seththe weddeth us bo.

Wright's Political Songs, p. 159.

POACHED. Land is said to be *poached* when it is trodden with holes by heavy cattle. *Var. dial.*

POACHING. Swampy. *Devon.*

POAD-MILK. The first milk given by cows after calving. *Sussex.*

POARE-BLIND. Dim-sighted. The word occurs in *Hollyband's Dictionarie*, 1593.

POAT. To kick. *Devon.*

POBS. Porridge. *Craven.*

POCHE. A pocket. (*A.-N.*)

Unto another she dyde as moche;

For they love none but for their *poche*.

The Complaynte of them that ben to late Maryed.

POCHEE. A dish in ancient cookery consisting principally of poached eggs. *Pegge.*

POCHERS. Potters?

POCHIN. A hedgehog. *Somerset.*

POCHIT. A pollard tree. *Linc.*