

**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 *Mariage 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. dia.*

**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.*