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(7) To protect; to accompany. Yorksh.

(8) A young plant; a shoot.

(9) Set the hare's head to the goose-giblet, i. e., tit for tat.

(10) A gambrel. Yorksh.

(11) To settle; to bind. Var. dial.

(12) To place to account. (A.-S.)

(13) The Deity is mentioned in the Towneley Mysteries, pp. 97, 118, as He that "sett alle on seven," i.e., set or appointed everything in seven days. A similar phrase at p. 85 is not so evident. It is explained in the glossary, "to set things in, to put them in order," but it evidently implies in some cases an exactly opposite meaning, to set in confusion, to rush to battle, as in the following examples. "To set the steven, to agree upon the time and place of meeting previous to some expedition," West. and Cumb. Dial. p. 390. These phrases may be connected with each other. Be this as it may, hence is certainly derived the phrase to be at sixes and sevens, to be in great confusion. Herod, in his anger at the Wise Men, says,-

Bot he thay past me by, by Mahowne in heven, I shalle, and that in hy, set alle on sex and seven; Trow ye a kyng as I wyll suffre thaym to neven Any to have mastry bot myself fulle even.

Towneley Mysteries, p. 143.

Thus he settez on sevene with his sekyre knyghttez. Morte Arthure, MS. Lincoln, f. 76.

The duk swore by gret God of hevene,

Wold my hors so evene, 3et wold I sett all one seven

ffor Myldor the swet i Degrevant, 1279.

Old Odcombs odnesse makes not thee uneven, Nor carelesly set all at six and seven.

Taylor's Workes, 1630, ii. 71.

SETE. A city. (A.-S.)

There ys a gyant of gret renowne, He dystrowythe bothe seté and towyn.

Torrent of Portugal, p. 39.

SETEWALE. The herb valerian. Fykes, reisyn, dates,

Almaund rys, pomme-garnates, Kanel and setewale.

Gy of Warwike, p. 421.

SETH. (1) Since. (A.-S.) Never seth we wedyd ware, Therefore I make full mekyll care: Bot now we must per[t]e a-two, Do thou the best, fore I must go.

MS. Ashmole 61, xv. Cent. (2) A scythe. Nominale MS. SETHE. To boil. (A.-S.) SET-HEDGE. A quickset hedge. East. SETILLE. Seat. (A.-S.)

Fowles of heven er prowde inow that wald heghe thaire setille aboven alle other fesshe of the se.

MS. Coll. Eton. 10, f. 13.

Apon the setyl of hys majesté That day sal alle men before hym be. Hampole, MS. Bowes, p. 180.

SETLINGS. Saplings.

For such as be yet infirm and weak, and newly planted in the religion of Christ, and have taken no sure root in the same, are easily moved as young Becon's Works, p. 18. SETNESSE. A decree. Hearne.

SET-OPE. Anything by means of which a gate or door is set or kept open.

The plaits of ruffs.

SET-SPEECH. A speech carefully prepared and studied before it is delivered in public.

SETTE. Ruled. Scott.

SETTEN-ON. Short in growth. North.

SETTER. (1) To cut the dew-lap of an ox or cow, into which helleboraster, called setterwork, being put, an issue is made for ill-humours to vent themselves. North.

(2) An accuser. Coles.

SETTER-GRASS. The herb bear's-foot. Yorksh. Spelt setyrgrise in Nominale MS.

SETTER-OUT. An editor, or author.
SETTING. The west, so called because the quarter of the setting sun. SETTING-DOWN. Said of a hawk when put

into the mew. Gent. Rec. ii. 63. SETTING-PIN. A dibble. Glouc.

or settyng stycke," Huloet, 1552. SETTING-STICK. A stick used for making

the plaits or sets of ruffs.

SETTLE. (1) To fall in price. Linc.

(2) A long seat, generally one with a long back to it. North. It is an archaism. See Setille. SETTLE-BED. A folding bed.

SETTLE-STONES. Stones at the edge of a

gutter in a cow-house. North.

SEU. Suit. Hearne. SEUGH. A wet ditch; a drain. North. "The towne sinke, the common sew," Nomenclator, 1585, p. 391.

SEUNE. Seven. Cumb.

SEUREMENT. Security, generally used in the legal sense. (A.-N.)

SEURETEE. Certainty. (A.-N.) SEVEN-NIGHT. A week. This word occurs in The French Alphabet, 1615, p. 18.

He levyth not oon sevenyghte.

MS. Cantab. Ff. ii. 38, f. 63. SEVEN-YEAR. "Has been a vile thief this seven year," Shakespeare. It was a proverbial

expression for a long time. O, the body of a Gorge,

I wold I had them heare; In faith, I wold chope them,

Thay ware not so hack this seven yeere ' Mariage of Witt and Wisdome, 1579.

I can then thanke Sensuall Apetyte: That is the best daunce without a pype That I saw this seven yere.

Interlude of the Four Elements, n. d. SEVERALS. Portions of common assigned for a term to a particular proprietor, the other commoners waiving for the time their right of common over them. See Hunter on Shakespeare, i. 267.

SEVERY. A division or compartment of a vaulted ceiling. "Severous of a howse," MS.

Dictionary, 1540.

SEW. (1) Same as Assue, q. v.

(2) Sowed. Linc.

(3) To wipe the beak, a term in ancient hawking given by Berners.