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JERK. *f.* [from the verb.]
 1. A smart quick lash. *Dryden.*
 2. A sudden spring; a quick jolt that shocks or starts. *Ben. Johnson.*

JERKEN. *f.* [cynzelkin, Saxon.] A jacket; a short coat. *Soutb.*

JERKIN. *f.* A kind of hawk. *Ainsworth.*

JERSEY. *f.* [from the island of Jersey, where much yarn is spun.] Fine yarn of wool.

JESS. *f.* [gête, French.] Short straps of leather tied about the legs of a hawk, with which she is held on the fist.

JESSAMINE. *f.* [See JASMINE.] A fragrant flower. *Spenser.*

JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE. *f.* Sunflower, of which they are a species. *Mortimer.*

TO JEST. *v. n.* [gesticular, Latin.] To divert or make merry by words or actions. *Shakespeare.*

JEST. *f.* [from the verb.]
 1. Any thing ludicrous, or meant only to raise laughter. *Tillotson.*
 2. The object of jests; laughing-stock. *Sb.*
 3. Manner of doing or speaking feigned, not real. *Grew.*

JESTER. *f.* [from jest.]
 1. One given to merriment and pranks. *Sb.*
 2. One given to sarcasm. *Swift.*
 3. Buffoon; jackpudding. *Spenser.*

JET. *f.* [gagat, Saxon; gagates, Latin.]
 1. Jet is a very beautiful fossil, of a firm and very even structure, and of a smooth surface; found in masses, lodged in clay. It is of a fine deep black colour, having a grain resembling that of wood. *Hill. Drayton. Swift.*
 2. [Jet, French.] A spout or shoot of water. *Blackmore.*
 3. A yard. *Obsolete. Tupper.*

TO JET. *v. n.* [jetter, French.]
 1. To shoot forward; to shoot out; to intrude; to jut out. *Shakespeare.*
 2. To strut; to agitate the body by a proud gait. *Shakespeare.*
 3. To jolt; to be shaken. *Wiseman.*

JETSAM. *f.* [jetter, French.] Goods

JETSON. *f.* which, having been cast over board in a storm, or after shipwreck, are thrown upon the shore. *Bailey.*

JETTY. *a.* [from jet.]
 1. Made of jet.
 2. Black as jet. *Brown.*

JEWEL. *f.* [joyaux, French; jeevelen, Dutch.]
 1. Any ornament of great value, used commonly of such as are adorned with precious stones. *Soutb.*
 2. A precious stone; a gem. *Pope.*
 3. A name of fondness. *Shakespeare.*

JEWEL-HOUSE, or Office. *f.* The place where the regal ornaments are repositied. *Shakespeare.*

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JEWELLER. *f.* [from jewel.] One who trafficks in precious stones. *Boyle.*

JEWSEARS. *f.* [from its resemblance of the human ear. Skinner.] A fungus, tough and thin; and naturally, while growing, of a rumpled figure, like a flat and variously hollowed cup; from an inch to two inches in length, and about two thirds of its length in breadth. The common people cure themselves of sore throats with a decoction of it in milk. *Hill.*

JEWSE-MALLOW. *f.* [corchorus, Latin.] An herb.

JEWSE-STONE. *f.* An extraneous fossil, being the clavated spine of a very large egg-shaped sea-urchin, petrified by long lying in the earth. It is of a regular figure, oblong and rounded, swelling in the middle, and gradually tapering to each end. *Hill.*

JEWSE-HARP. *f.* A kind of musical instrument held between the teeth.

IF. *conjunction.* [if, Saxon.]
 1. Suppose that; allowing that. *Hooker.*
 2. Whether or no. *Pridg.*
 3. Though I doubt whether; suppose it be granted that. *Boyle.*

IGNEOUS. *a.* [igneus, Latin.] Firey; containing fire; emitting fire. *Glanville.*

IGNIPOTENT. *a.* [ignis and potens, Lat.] Presiding over fire. *Pope.*

IGNIS FATUUS. *f.* [Latin.] Will with the wisp; Jack with the lantern.

TO IGNITE. *v. a.* [from ignis, Latin.] To kindle; to set on fire. *Grew.*

IGNITION. *f.* [ignition, French.] The act of kindling, or of setting on fire. *Boyle.*

IGNITIBLE. *a.* [from ignite.] Inflammable; capable of being set on fire. *Brown.*

IGNIVOMOUS. *a.* [ignivomus, Latin.] Vomiting fire. *Derham.*

IGNOBLE. *a.* [ignobilis, Latin.]
 1. Mean of birth; not noble. *Dryden.*
 2. Worthless; not deserving honour. *Shakespeare.*

IGNOBLY. *ad.* [from ignoble.] Ignominiously; meanly; dishonourably. *Dryden.*

IGNOMINIOUS. *a.* [ignominieux, Fr. ignominiosus, Lat.] Mean; shameful; reproachful. *Milton.*

IGNOMINIOUSLY. *ad.* [from ignominiosus.] Meanly; scandalously; disgracefully. *Soutb.*

IGNOMINY. *f.* [ignominia, Latin.] Disgrace; reproach; shame. *Milton.*

IGNORAMUS. *f.* [Latin.]
 1. Ignoramus is a word properly used by the grand inquest impannelled in the inquisition of causes criminal and publick; and written upon the bill, whereby any crime is offered to their consideration, when they mislike.