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Farewell, High Chief of Scottish song!
That couldst alternately impart
Wisdom and rapture in thy page,
And brand each vice with satire strong;
Whose lines are mottoes of the heart,
Whose truths electrify the sage!—

Farewell! and ne'er may envy dare
To wring one baleful poison-drop
From the crash'd laurels of thy bust;
But while the lark sings sweet in air,
Still may the grateful pilgrim stop
To bless the spot that holds thy dust!

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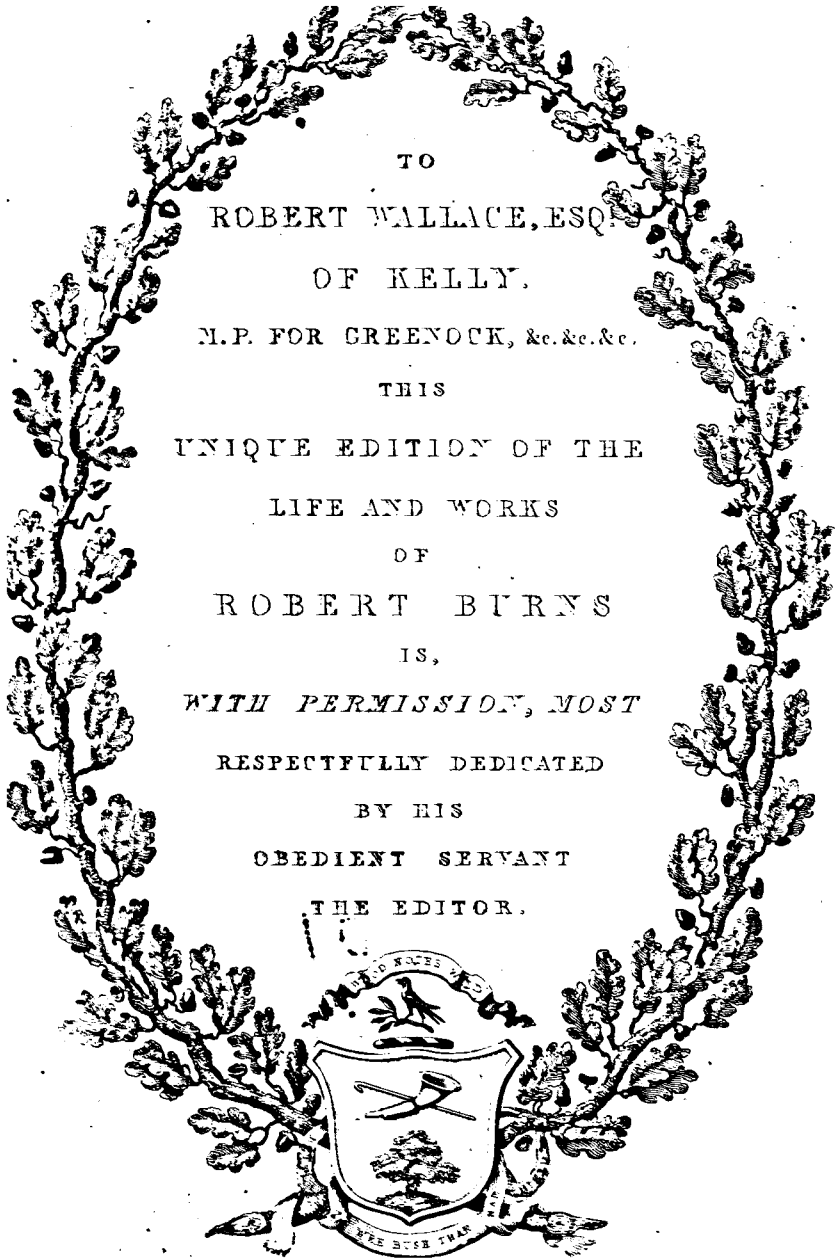
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THIS
UNIQUE EDITION OF THE
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OF
ROBERT BURNS
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WITH PERMISSION, MOST
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BY HIS
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THE EDITOR.



PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

OF

THE LIFE OF BURNS.

WITH something of hope and fear, I offer this work to my country. I have endeavoured to relate the chequered fortunes, delineate the character, and trace the works of the Illustrious Peasant with candour and accuracy: his farming speculations—excise schemes—political feelings and poetic musings—are discussed with a fulness not common to biography: and his sharp lampoons and personal sallies are alluded to with all possible tenderness to the living, and respect for the dead. In writing the Poet's life I have availed myself of his unpublished journals—private letters, manuscript verses, and of well-authenticated anecdotes and traits of character supplied by his friends; and I have arranged his works as much as might be in the order of their composition, and illustrated them with such notes, critical, historical and biographical, as seemed necessary. Of verse, one hundred and odd pieces will be found in this edition, which are not in Currie's octavos. The number of letters, too, is materially increased—but nothing is admitted which bears not the true Burns' stamp.

A. C.

BELGRAVE-PLACE,
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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

WHEN this Memoir and chronological Edition of the works of Burns were first announced, a friend observed that the learned part of the world, he was afraid, might think they had enough of the Peasant Poet already, and look coldly on any attempt to associate him in beauty of embellishment and elegance of exterior with bards

“Far seen in Greek, deep men of letters.”

“My chief dread is,” I replied, “that my labours in the cause of the Poet may not be acceptable: I have no fear for Burns—he will take care of himself.” It has not happened otherwise with the Poet than I anticipated: nor have my own exertions been, it appears, unwelcome: six thousand copies of the Life have been disposed of, and a new edition is called for: I now give it to the world, with some of the errors in the first edition corrected, and all such new intelligence added as seemed useful and characteristic.

A. C.

BELGRAVE-PLACE,
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BURNS.

His genius was universal. In satire, in humour, in pathos, in description, in sentiment, he was equally great: but his satire and his humour partake of the soil whence they sprung. They are rude, forceful, and manly: they are not polished into elegance, nor laboured into ease; but in every composition I am inclined to regard him as one of the few geniuses who arise to illuminate the hemisphere of mind. Education had nothing in the formation of his character; what he wrote was the pure offspring of native genius: and if we reflect how excellent he was in all; what various powers he has shewn in paths that are amongst the highest of poetical delineation; we may, without much offence to justice, place him by the side of the greatest names this country has produced.

Thornhill's Virgil, p. 443.

CHRONOLOGY

OF

BURNS'S LIFE AND WORKS.

1759.

January 25.—Born in a clay-built cottage, raised by his father's own hands, on the banks of the Doon, in the district of Kyle, and county of Ayr. A few days after his birth a wind arose, that crashed the frail structure, and the unconscious Poet was carried unharmed to the shelter of a neighbouring house.

1765.—(ætat 6.)

Sent by his father to a school at Alloway Mill—taught by one Campbell—some year placed under the care of Mr. Murdoch.

1766.—(7.)

May 25.—His father removes to the farm of Mount Oliphant, in the parish of Ayr, leased him by Mr. Ferguson, of Doonholm.

1768.—(9.)

In the absence of Murdoch, he is taught arithmetic in the winter evenings by his father, who instructs him also in the knowledge of History and Geography. On hearing Murdoch read the tragedy of Titus Andronicus, he is so shocked at the recital that he threatens to burn the book.

1769.—(10.)

The latent seeds of poetry cultivated in his mind by an old woman who resides in the family, and who had the largest collection in the country of tales and songs concerning devils, ghosts, fairies, witches, warlocks, apparitions, giants, enchanted towers, &c. The recital of these had so strong an effect on his imagination that for ever afterwards, in his nocturnal rambles, he kept a sharp look out in suspicious places.

1772.—(13.)

Sent to the Parish School of Dalrymple, for improvement in penmanship. Resumes his studies with Murdoch, in the town of Ayr. Revises his Grammar, and acquires a knowledge of French. Attempts the Latin, but makes little progress.

1773.—(14.)

Forms several connexions with other youngsters, who possess superior advantages, but who never insult the closterly appearance of his plough-boy carcass, the two extremes of which were often exposed to all the inclemencies of the seasons. They give him stray volumes of books, and one (the late Sir John Malcolm), whose heart, not even the *Mansie Riddle* scenes have tainted, helped him to a little French. Parting with these young friends, as they occasionally went off for the East or West Indies, was often a sore affliction, but he is soon called to more serious evils. His father's farm proves a ruinous bargain, and, to cleave the misfortune, he falls into the hands of a scoundrelly factor, who afterwards sat for the picture he drew of one in his *True and Two Dogs*. He becomes a dexterous ploughman for his art, but his indignation boils at the insolent threatening letters of the factor, which sets the family all in tears.

1774.—(15.)

Is the principal labourer in his father's farm—suffers great depression of spirits—is afflicted with head-ache in the evenings—forms his first attachment for Nelly Blair, a *bonnie sweet sonnie lass*, the tones of whose voice makes his heart-strings thrill like an Æolian harp. Composes his first song in praise of his *first-love Nelly*.

1775.—(16.)

A Collection of Songs, his *sadde mecum*—these he pores over, while driving his cart, or walking to labour, song by song, verse by verse, carefully noting the true tenor, or sublime, from affection and lustful. To this practice he owes much of his critic craft. Hitherto, he was, perhaps, the most ungainly, awkward boy in the parish—no *solitaire* less acquainted with the ways of the world.

1776.—(17.)

He goes to a country dancing school to give his manners a brush, strongly against the wish of his father, who was subject to strong passions, and, from that instance of disobedience, took a sort of dislike to him, which, he believes, was one cause of the apparent dissipation which marked his succeeding years—the great misfortune of his life to wait an aim—the only two openings by which he can enter the temple of fortune are the gate of niggardly economy, or the path of little cheating bargain-making. A constitutional melancholy makes him fly solitude, and he becomes a welcome guest wherever he visits—his greatest impulse is a *penchesse pour l'adorable moitié du genre humain*—his heart is completely tender, and eternally lighted up by some goddess or other. At the plough, scythe, or reep-hook, he fears no competitor, and spends his evenings after his own heart. His zeal, curiosity, and insatiable desire, recommend him as a confidant in all love adventures, and he is in the secret of half the loves of the parish of Tarbolton.

1777.—(18.)

May 25.—His father removes to the farm of Lochlea. The young poet composes the ballad "My father was a farmer upon the Carrick border," and the best of all his songs—"It was upon a Lammans night."

1778.—(19.)

Spends his nineteenth summer on a smuggling coast at a noted school in Kirkcaldy, where he learns mensuration, surveying, dialling, &c., but makes a greater progress in the knowledge of mankind. He falls in

occasionally with the smugglers, and learns to fill his glass and mix without fear in a drunken squabble, yet he goes on with a high hand with his geometry, till the sun enters *Virgo*, a month always a carnival in his bosom, when a charming *fillette*, who lives next door to the school, oversets all his trigonometry, and sets him off at a tangent from the sphere of his studies. Returns home considerably improved—engages several of his schoolfellows to keep up a literary correspondence—pores over a collection of Letters of the Wits of Queen Anne's reign.

1779.—(20.)

Five Lammour, et vive la bagatelle, his sole principles of action—*Tristram Shandy* and the *Man of Feeling* his favourite books. Poetry the darling walk of his mind—usually half-a-dozen or more pieces on hand. His passions now rage like so many devils, till they find vent in rhyme. Composes "Winter, a Dirge," the eldest of his printed pieces—The Death of poor Mallic, John Barleycorn, and several songs.

1780.—(21.)

November.—Forms, in conjunction with Gilbert, and seven or eight young men, a Bachelors' Club, in Tarbolton, the rules of which he afterwards draws up—the declared objects are—relaxation from toil—the promotion of sociality and friendship, and the improvement of the mind.

1781.—(22.)

Midsummer.—Partly through whim, and partly that he wishes to set about doing something in life, he joins a fox-dancer in Irvine, of the name of Peacock, a relation of his mother—where he spends six months learning the trade.

December 31.—Writes a remarkable letter to his father, in which he states that the weakness of his nerves has so debilitated his mind that he dares neither review past warts, nor look forward into futurity. He is quite transported at the thought that ere long, perhaps very soon, he shall bid adieu to all the pains, and anxieties, and inquietudes of this weary life; for he is heartily tired of it, and, if he does not very much deceive himself, he could contentedly and gladly resign it. He concludes by saying, "My meal is nearly out, but I am going to borrow till I get more."

December 31.—His shop accidentally catches fire, as he is giving a welcome carousal to the new year, and is burned to ashes, and, like a true poet, he is left without a sixpence.

1782.—(23.)

The clouds of misfortune gather thick round his father's head; and he is feebly far gone in consumption. To crown the distresses of the poet, a *belle fille*, whom he adores, and who had pledged her soul to meet him in the field of matrimony, jilts him, with peculiar circumstances of mortification. His constitutional melancholy is now increased to such a degree that for three months he is in a state of mind scarcely to be envied by the hopeless wretches who have got their mittimus—*depart from me, ye accused!* He forms a friendship with a young fellow, a very noble character, but a hapless son of misfortune, whose mind was tinct with independence, magnanimity, and every manly virtue. He was the only man he ever saw who was a greater fool than himself, where woman was the presiding star; but he spoke of illicit love with the levity of a sailor, which hitherto he had regarded with horror. Here his friendships did him a mischief, and the consequence was, that soon after he resumed the plough, he wrote "The Poet's Welcome to his Illegitimate Child." Meeting with *Ferguson's Scottish Poems*, he strings anew his wildly-sounding lyre.

1783.—(24.)

April.—Commences his Common Place Book, entitled: "Observations, Hints, Songs, Scraps of Poetry, &c. By Robert Burns; a man who had little art in making money, and still less in keeping it."

June 21.—Writes to his cousin, James Burns, that his father is in a dying condition; and sends, probably for the last time in this world, his warmest wishes for his welfare and happiness, and a free Mason, being his first introduction to the life of a boon companion.

1784.—(25.)

January.—Writes his "First Epistle to Davie, a Brother Poet," in which he alludes to his *Darling Jean*. The first idea of his becoming an Author started on this occasion.

February 13.—Death of his Father; whose all went among the hell-hounds that grow in the kennel of Justice—He makes shift to collect a little money in the family; and he and his brother Gilbert take the neighbouring farm of Mossiel, on which he enters with a full resolution. *Com' ye ye, I will be wile*—He reads the *Arithmetick*, calculates a crop, attends markets; and, in spite of the *devil, the world, and the flesh*, he believes he would have been a wise man; but the first year, from unfortunately buying bad seed, the second from a late harvest, they lost half the crop for their wisdom, and he returns, *like the dog to his vomit, and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire*. He now begins to be known in the neighbourhood as a maker of rhymes, and the first of his poetic offspring that saw the light was *The Holy Fair* or *The Herd's* a burlesque short initiation of a quarrel between two reverend Calvinists, both of them *dramatis personæ* in his *Holy Fair*. *Holy Willie's Prayer* next makes its appearance, and alarms the Kirk-session so much that they hold several meetings to look over their spiritual artery. Unluckily for him, his wanderings lead him on another side, within point blank shot of their heaviest metal. This is the unfortunate story that gave rise to his printed poem, *The Lassie*. He is compelled to perform penance in church-surcharges against the clergyman for his writing him—writing his "Epistle to Rankine" and his song "The Ranting Dog the Daddie o't."

1785.—(ætat 26.)

Exposes the cause of Gavin Hamilton against the Auld Light Fanatics; and produces, in succession, *The Kirk's Alarm, The Ordination, The Holy Fair, &c.—His Address to the Devil, and Death and Doctor Horne's*.

April 1—21. Writes his *Epistles to Laysell*, and, in the course of the year, *Hallowe'en, The Jolly Beggars, The Cotter's Saturday Night, and Various songs.*

1786.—(27.)

March 20.—Encloses Mr. Robert Muir, Kilmarnock, his *Scotch Drink*, with a wish that the _____ may follow, with a blessing, for his edification.

April 3.—Writes to Mr. Aiken that his proposals for publishing by subscription, he is just going to send to press, and signs his name, for the last time—*Burges*.

April 20.—Encloses Mr. John Kennedy, his Mountain Daisy (entitled in the MS. *The Gowan*), as being the very latest of his productions, and composed while holding the plough.—His connexion with his bonny Jean. She presents him with *Twins—Anger of her father—The distress of the Poet—Performs a penance a second time in the Kirk for his incontinency—is called upon to find security for the maintenance of his children—Is unable to raise the money, and the alternative is expatriation, or a jail—Prefers the former.*

August 1.—Publishes the first Edition of his Poems—Realizes above 20*l.*, and takes out his passage for Jamaica—Composes the last song he believes he shall ever make.—The Gloomy Night is gathering fast." when a letter from Dr. Blacklock fortanately arrives, which overthrows all his schemes, by opening new prospects to his poetic ambition. His poems everywhere received with rapture—Cultivates friendship with Professor Dugald Stewart, Dr. Blair, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Gregory, Mrs. Dunlop, &c.—Visits Katrina, the seat of Dugald Stewart, where he meets Lord Dair, and Mrs. Stewart of Stair, whom he celebrates in his Song, *Flow gently, sweet Afton—Composes the Loss of Ballechmyre, and forwards the Song to the heroine, Miss Alexander—Is treated by her with coldness, which he resents with bitterness.*

November 28.—Arrives in Edinburgh.

1787.—(28.)

January 7.—Writes to Gavin Hamilton that he feels a miserable blank in his heart, from the want of his bonnie Jean. "I don't think," he says, "I shall ever meet with so delicious an armful again. She has her faults; but so have you and I, and so has everybody."

January 14.—Writes a *Grave*, for the *Grave*, received with acclamation at the Banquet of Calcutta—Resides with his friend Richmond, in the house of Mrs. Carrara, Lawmarket, in a single room, at the rent of 2*l.* a week—Meets the Duchess of Gordon, and his conversation completely carries her off her feet.

April 4.—Publishes the second Edition of his Poems, of which 3000 copies are subscribed for—Commences his second Common Place Book.

May 6.—Sets out on a Border Tour; in company with Robert Ainslie, Esq.—Presented by the Magistracy of Jedburgh with the freedom of the town—his reception every where triumphant.

May 13.—Visits Dryburgh Abbey, and spends an hour among the ruins, since hallowed by the dust of Scott.

June 8.—Returns to Mossgiel—The family of his bonnie Jean now court his society—Returns to Edinburgh, where he obtains permission to erect a tombstone over the grave of Ferguson. The architect was two years in completing it, and the Poet was two years in paying him; for which they are quit. "He had," says the Poet, "the hardiheart to ask for interest on the sum, but considering that the money was due by one Poet, for putting a tombstone over another, he may with grateful surprise, thank heaven that ever he saw a farthing of it." Proceeds on his first Highland Tour, by way of Stirling, to Inverary—Visits the Harvieston ladies, and becomes acquainted with Miss Chalmers.

July.—Spends this month at Mossgiel—Writes his *Epistle to Willie Chalmers*.

August.—Re-visits Stirling-shire, in company with Dr. Adair of Harrowgate—Visits the ruined Abbey of Dunfermline—Kneels down and kisses with sacred fervour the stone which covers the grave of Robert Bruce—Shears at Linnithgow the room where the beautiful and injured Mary Queen of Scots was born—Crosses the Forth, and arrives in Edinburgh.

August 28.—Sets out on his third and last Highland Tour, in company with his friend Nicol—Visits the Duke and Duchess of Gordon—Dines with them, and forgets his friend Nicol, who, in a foaming rage, induces the Poet reluctantly, to turn his back on *bonnie Castle Gordon*, with a resolution he was unable to conceal.

September 16.—Arrives once more in Edinburgh, having travelled 600 miles in 27 days—Composes verses on Loch Turis, and Bruar Water—Forms an intimacy with Clarinda—Is overturned in a hackney-coach, by a drunken coachman; and is confined to his room for six weeks with a bruised limb—Writes his celebrated Letters to Clarinda—Contributes numerous Songs to Johnson's Musical Museum.

December 30.—Writes to his friend Scott, that Almighty Love still reigns in his bosom; and that he is at this moment ready to hang himself for a young Edinburgh Whore. (She turns out to be a married lady, whose husband is about in Jamaica.)

December 31.—Attends a Grand Dinner on the occasion of the birth of Prince Charles Stuart, and produces an Ode to celebrate it.

1788.—(29.)

March 20.—Composes (partly on horseback) *The Chevalier's Lament*. April 18.—Settles with his Publisher, Creech, and receives upwards of 600*l.*, as the produce of his Second Edition—Advances 200*l.* to assist his brother Gilbert; but, when afterwards solicited to become bail for him to a considerable amount, he is compelled to decline in justice to his family.

May 20.—Takes the farm of Ellisland.

August 3.—Marries his bonnie Jean, and contributes many of his best Songs to the Museum.

1789.—(30.)

July.—Receives an Epistle, part Poetic and part prosaic, from a young Poetess, Miss Janet Little, which he does not well know how to answer, being no date at the bottom of her writing.

September.—Writes the nobles of all his ballads, "To Mary in Heaven," Lines on Frian's Carse Hermitage, &c.

October 16.—Contents for the prize of "The Whistle," at Friers Carse—Drinks bottle for bottle in the Contest, and celebrates the occasion by a Poem.

December 20.—Writes to Provost Maxwell that his poor distracted mind is no more, so jaded, so racked and bedevilled with the task of the university's dunned, to make *oungines* to the work of three, that he detests, abhors, and swoons at, the very name of business.

1790.—(31.)

January 25.—Communicates to Mrs. Dunlop some interesting particulars of the life and death of Falconer, the unfortunate author of the *Shipwreck*—Finds his farm a ruinous affair—His "nerves in a cursed state," and a horrid hypochondria pervading every atom of both body and soul—Resumps his intercourse with the Muse, and writes in November his inimitable *Tam o' Shanter*, the best of all his productions—Is appointed to the Excise—Has an adventure with Ramsay of Ochiltree.

1791.—(32.)

April 11.—Birth of a third son—Becomes a member of the Dumfries Volunteers, and their Post Laureate—Writes several patriotic Songs, and his "Scots who hae wi' Wallace bled"—Fires off his "Five Carlines," and other Political Squibs, and satirises both Whigs and Tories—Visited in the summer by two English gentlemen, who dine with him, and partake freely of his Whiskey Punch—they forget the flight of time; lose their way on returning to Dumfries, and can scarcely count its three steeples, although assisted by the morning dawn.

August 25.—Sells his crop at a guinea an acre above value—A strange scene of drunkenness on the occasion—About 300 persons engaged in a regular battle, every man for his own hand, and fight it out for three hours—The victors lying drunk on the floor, and decaying until his dogs get so tipsy by attending them that they can't stand—Enjoys the scene—Relinquishes Ellisland, and removes to Dumfries—Is invited by the Earl of Buchan to assist at the coronation of the bust of Thomson, on the 23rd of September—Apologizes, but sends an Ode for the occasion—Presented by Lady Winifred Maxwell Constable with a valuable snuff-box, on the lid of which is a miniature of Mary Queen of Scots, as an acknowledgment for his "Lament" of "of that ill-starred Princess.

1792.—(33.)

February 27.—Puts himself at the head of a party of soldiers, and captures, sword in hand, a French Smuggler—Communicates to Francis Grose, Esq. the celebrated Antiquary, three remarkable Witch Stories relating to Alloway Kirk.

September.—Commences his celebrated Correspondence with George Thomson, and composes for his Collection of Scottish Songs upwards of one hundred and twenty of the finest lyrics in the language.

September 10.—Writes a remarkable letter to his friend Alexander Cunningham, in which he gives him his ideas of the conjugal state. "Ah, my friend! matrimony is quite a different thing from what your love-sick youths and sighing girls take it to be!"

December 8.—Birth of his daughter.

1793.—(34.)

Publishes a Fourth Edition of his Poems, in 3 vols.—Makes an excursion through Galloway and the neighbouring country, in company with Syme of Ryedale, the same was related to Sir Walter Scott his story of *The Sword Case*—Continues pouring forth his beautiful Songs to the Museum of Johnson—admired by the Excise that his business is to act, not to think, in allusion to his political opinions—Rejects the offer of an Annuity of 50*l.* to write Poetical Articles for the Morning Chronicle.

December.—Writes to Mr. Macmurdo that he does not owe a shilling to either man or woman.

1794.—(35.)

February 25.—Writes to Alexander Cunningham commencing with these words—"Canst thou minister to a mind diseased?" and stating that for two months he has been unable to wield the pen.

May.—Publishes a Fifth Edition of his Poems, finally corrected with his own hand.

At Midsommer he removes from the Bank Vennel, Dumfries, to Mill Hill Bree.

June 25.—Writes to Mrs. Dunlop from a solitary inn, in a solitary village, in Castle Douglas, that he is in poor health, and that he is afraid he is about to suffer for the follies of his youth.—His medical friends threaten him with a flying coup, but he spurs they are mistaken.

1795.—(36.)

January.—Writes his manly song "For a' that and a' that." In the Autumn he loses his only daughter.—Writes his Heron Ballads in November he is visited by Professor Walker, who spends two days with him, and writes a description of the Poet's appearance.

December 29.—Writes to Mrs. Dunlop that he already begins to feel the rigid age and stiffening joints of old age coming fast over his frame relating to Alloway Kirk.

1796.—(37.)

January 31.—Becomes the victim of a severe Rheumatic Fever—Rack'd with pain—Every face he meets with a greeting like that of Balis to Balanz: "Come, curse me Jacob, and come, I duty me Israel."—Implores his friends in Edinburgh to make interest with the Board of Excise to grant him his full Salary—His application refused!

July 6.—Affecting interview with Mrs. Riddel at Broom.

July 7.—Writes to his friend Cunningham:—"I fear the voice of the Bard will soon be heard among you no more! You actually would not know me. Pale, emaciated, and so feeble as occasionally to need help by your chair—My spirits fled, Red!"—Goes to Broom for the benefit of sea air.

July 12.—Writes to George Thomson for Five Pounds, and to his cousin James Burreas for Ten Pounds, to save him from the horrors of a jail!—Sends his last letter to Mrs. Dunlop, stating that, in all probability, he will speedily be beyond that *bourne whence no traveller returns*.

July 18.—Returns to Dumfries in a dying state—His good humour is unruled, and his wit never forsakes him. He looks to one of his brother Volunteers with a smile, as he stood weeping by his bedside, and says, "John, don't let the awkward squad fire over me!"

July 21.—His Death.

July 25.—His remains removed to the Town Hall of Dumfries, where they lie in state, and his funeral takes place on the following day.

GLOSSARY.

THE explanation of Scottish words by Burns in his brief, but valuable, glossary annexed to the earlier editions of his poems, is now extended to words and phrases contained in his songs and other posthumous pieces. All his definitions have been scrupulously retained, and to these have been added such illustrations from poetic and proverbial lore as cannot fail being acceptable even to readers intimate with the varied dialect of the north. The Scottish dialect, with which the English language of much of our verse is sprinkled, sometimes defies even description: these expressive northern words were only adopted because the language of the south, though rich to overflowing, had nothing to offer as an equivalent. This is peculiarly the case with Burns: his works abound with words, and phrases, and allusions, which can neither be translated nor explained in their native spirit and force.

Yet some have thought it strange that Burns should be as popular in the south as in the

north: this is not at all wondered at by those who are familiar with the very varied and forcible dialects of the English provinces. The truth is that the Scottish language is essentially Saxon, coloured a little with the Celtic, and as such is as well, perhaps better, understood in one half of the English counties than the scholastic language of Johnson and Gibbon.

Burns introduces his Glossary with these directions. "The *ch* and *gh* have always the guttural sound. The sound of the English diphthong *oo* is commonly spelled *ou*. The French *u*, a sound which often occurs in the Scottish language, is marked *oo*, or *ui*. The *a*, in genuine Scottish words, except when forming a diphthong, or followed by an *e* mute after a single consonant, sounds generally like the broad English *a* in *wall*. The Scottish diphthong *ae* always, and *ea* very often, sound like the French *e* masculine. The Scottish diphthong *ey* sounds like the Latin *ei*."

A

A'. All.
Aback. "And puts a' nature in a jovial mood." *Ramsay*.
 Away, aloof, back-wards.
Abeigh. At a shy distance.
 "Gaur'd puir Duncan stan' abeigh." *Burns*.
Aboon. Above, up.
 "Aboon the town upon the southwart side."
Blind Harry.
Abroad. Abroad, in sight, to publish.
 "An' spread your beauties a' abroad." *Burns*.
Abreed. In breadth.
Adie. Putrid water.
Ae. One.
 "Ae man's meat's anither man's poison."
Scots Proverb.
Aff. Off.
Aff-loof. Off-hand, extempore, without premeditation.
 To shoot aff-loof is to shoot without a rest.
 "E'en wi' a canty tale he'd tell aff-loof."
Ramsay.
Afore. Before.
 "Better be afore at a burial than ahin
 at a bridal." *Scots Saying*.
Aft. Aften. Oft. Often.
 "An' pried it aft, as ye may trow." *Macneil*.
 "Aften I have young sportive gùpicks seen."
Ramsay.
Agley. Off the right line, wrong, awry.
 "The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men
 Gang aft agley." *Burns*.
Aiblins. Perhaps.
 "The man may aiblins tyne a stot." *Montgomery*.
Ain. Own.
 "This is no my ain house,
 I ken by the biggin' o't." *Scots Song*.
Airn. Iron, a tool of that metal, a mason's chisel.
 "Thraw me thro' my airns, quo' the gude Gordon,
 They coot the town o' Dumfries fu' dear."
Old Ballad.
Airies. Earnest money.
Airl-penny. A silver penny given as airies or hiring money.
 "Your proffer o' luves an' airl-pennic." *Burns*.

Agee. On one side.
Airt. "Whilk pensylin he wears a thought agee." *Ramsay*.
 Quarter of the heaven, point of the compass.
 "And under what airt of the heaven so high."
G. Douglas.
Aith. An oath.
 "He swore the great aith bodily." *Wynntown*.
Aits. Oats.
 "Where aits are fine an' said by kind."
Scottish Song.
Aiver. An old horse.
 "Suppose I were ane auld yaud aiver." *Dunbar*.
Aizle. A hot cinder, an ember of wood.
 "She noticed na an aizle brunt
 Her braw new worst apron." *Burns*.
Alake. Alas.
 "O dool and alake!" an exclamation of sorrow.
Alane. Alone.
 "And hald his heritage hir alane." *Wynntown*.
Akwart. Awkward, athwart.
 "As he glaid by akwart he couth him ta."
Blind Harry.
Amast. Almost.
 "A midge is as big as a mountain a' but amast."
Scots Saying.
Amang. Among.
 "I met four chaps yon birks amang." *Boswell*.
An'. And, if.
 "And o', quo' he, an' I were as free." *King Jas. V*.
Ane. Ance. One. Once.
 "But gif it war ane or twa." *Barbour*.
Anent. Over-against, concerning, about.
Anither. Another.
 "Nature made her what she is,
 And never made anither." *Burns*.
Ase. Ashes of wood, remains of a hearth fire.
 "Remember that thou art but ase." *Dunbar*.
Aslent. Asquint, aslant.
Asteer. Abroad, stirring in a lively manner.
 "My mither she's a scauldin' jaud,
 Hauds at the house asteer." *Old Song*.
Aqueech. Between.
 "Aqueech twa queans I kenna how to look."
Scottish Rhyme.

Athout. Athwart.
Attour. Moreover, beyond, besides.
 "Attour the king shall remain in keeping."
Fitscottie.

Aught. Possession, as "in a' my aught," in all my possession.
 "I hae the Bible, an' there's no a better book in a' yere aught."
Scots Saying.

Auld. Old.
Auld-farran'. Auld farrant, sagacious, prudent, cunning.
 "These people right auld-farran' will be laith."
Ramsay.

Auld lang syne. Olden time, days of other years.
Ava. At all.
 "She neither kent spinning nor carding,
 Nor brewing nor baking ava."
Ross.

Awa. Away, begone.
 "Awa, quo' she, the diel's owre grit wi' you."
Ramsay.

Awfu'. Awful.
 "An awfu' scythe out owre ae shouther."
Burns.

Auld-shoon. Old shoes, literally; a discarded lover, metaphorically.
 "Ye may tell the coof that gets her,
 That he gets but my auld shoon."
Scots Song.

Aumos. Gift to a beggar; thus described in an old song:
 "A handfu' o' meal, a pickle o' grotts,
 Cauld parritch, or herring-bree."
Scots Song.

Aumos-dish. A beggar's dish in which the aumos is received.
 "An' she held up her greedy gab,
 Just like an aumos-dish."
Burns.

Awn. } The beard of barley, oats, &c.
Awnie. } Bearded.
 "An' sits set up their awnie horn."
Burns.

Ayent. Beyond.
 "The auld wife ayent the fire,
 She died for lack o' aneesing."
Ross.

B

Ba'. Ball.
 "She saw three bonnie boys playing at the ba'."
Scots Song.

Backets. Ash-boards, as pieces of basket for removing ashes.
Backlins. Comin' coming back, returning.
 "And backlins frae the bull to shift."
A. Scott.

Back-yett. Private gate.
 "An' thro' the back-yett, an' let naebody see."
Burns.

Baide. Endured, did stay.
 "But teachley dure it baide an unco' bang."
Burns.

Baggie. The belly.
 "Has, there's a ripp to thy auld baggie."
Burns.

Bainie. Having large bones, stout.
Bairn. A child.
 "As glad tythings unto my child and bairn."
G. Douglas.

Bairntime. A family of children, a brood.
Baith. Both.
 "Baith sceptre, sword, crowns, and ring."
Wynntown.

Ballets, ballants. Ballads.
 "An' it were about Robin Hood, or some o' Davie Lyndsay's ballants."
Scott.

Ban. To swear.
 "Our lass Bess may curse and ban."
Old Song.

Bane. Bone.
 "What's bred in the bane's ill to come out o' the flesh."
Scots Proverb.

Bang. To beat, to strive, to excel.
 "E'en ony rose her cheeks did bang."
Davidson.

Bannock. Flat, round, soft cake.
 "Bannocks o' bear-meal, bannocks o' barley."
Old Song.

Bardie. Diminutive of bard.
 "He was your bardie monie a year."
Burns.

Bare-fit. Bare-footed.
 "The lasses skelpin bare-fit thrang."
Burns.

Barley-bree. Barley-broo, liquor of barley, malt-liquor.

Barmie. Of, or like, barn, yeasty.
 "Quhik boils your barny brain."
Montgomery.

Batch. A crew, a gang.
 "A batch o' wabster lads."
Galt.

Batts. Bots.
 "The bleiring hats an' beshaw."
Poikwart.

Bauckie-bird. The bat.
 "Or wavering like the bauckie-bird."
Burns.

Baudrons. A cat.
 "And whyles a voice on baudrons cried."
Old Ballad.

Bauld. Bold.
 "My een are bauld an' dwell on a place."
Scots Song.

Bawk. A piece of unploughed land among corn.
Baws'nt. Having a white stripe down the face.
 "And auld your crummock and her baws'nt quey."
Ramsay.

Be. To let be, to give over, to cease.
 "He's aye woo wooing, and he'll never let me be."
Scots Song.

Beets. Boots.
 "What maks yere master wear beets, man?—
 Because he has nae abeen."
Aberdeen Saying.

Beer. Barley.
Bearded-bear. Barley with its bristly head.
 "Among the bearded barley."
Scots Song.

Beustie. Diminute of beast.
 "Wee sleekit, cowrin', timorous beustie."
Burns.

Beet, beek. To add fuel to a fire, to bask.
 "An' beek the house haith but an' been."
Ramsay.

Beld. Bald.
 "An' tho' his brow he beld aboon."
Burns.

Belyue. By and by, presently, quickly.
 "Belyue Eneas membris schuke for cauld."
G. Douglas.

Ben. Into the spence or parlour.
 "Spredand fra thauk to thauk, haith but and ben."
G. Douglas.

Benmost-bore. The remotest hole, the innermost recess.
 "And seek the benmost-bore."
Burns.

Bethankit. Grace after meat.
 "The auld gudeman just like to rive
 Bethankit hums."
Burns.

Beuk. A book.
Bicker. A kind of wooden dish, a short rapid race.
 "And bang'd about the nectar bicker."
Evergreen.

Bickering. Careering, hurrying with quarrelsome intent.
 "In glittering show and the once bickering stream."
Davidson.

Birnie. Birnie ground is where thick heath has been burnt, leaving the birns, or unconsumed stalks, standing up sharp and stubble.
Dumfries-shire.

Bie, or bield. Shelter, a sheltered place, the sunny nook of a wood.
 "Better a wee bush than nae bield."
Scots Prov.

Bien. Wealthy, plentiful.
 "And thou in berne and byre so bene and big."
Henryson.

Big, Biggit. To build—built.
 "They biggit a house on yon burn brae."
Old Song.

Biggin'. Building, a house.
 "I ha' house a biggin'."
Old Song.

Bill. A bull.
 "An' like a bill among the kye."
Ramsay.

Billie. A brother, a young fellow, a companion.
 "Now fear ye na my billie, quo' he."
Old Ballad.

Bing. A heap of grain, potatoes, &c.
 "Quhen they depulye the mekil bing of quhete."
G. Douglas.

Birdie-cocks. Young cocks, still belonging to the brood.
 "And our guid wife's wee birdie-cocks."
Burns.

Birk. Birch.
 "Among the birks sae blythe an' gay."
T. Cunningham.

Birkie. A clever, a forward conceited fellow.
 "Spoke like yoursel', auld birkie never fear."
Ramsay.

Birken-shaw. Birchen-wood shaw, a small wood.
Birring. The noise of partridges when they rise.
 "Ane gret staff along berrand with felloune weight."
Gaw. Douglas.

Birses. Bristles.
"The rough birsis on the briesst and eriest."
Gaw. Douglas.

Bit. Crisis, nick of time, place.
"Just as I was coming up the bit I saw a man
afore ma."
Scott.

Biss. A bustle, to buss.
"An' singe wi' hair-devouring biss."
Fergusson.

Black's the grun'. As black as the ground.
"Nae wonder he's as black's the grun'."
Burns.

Blastic. A shrivelled dwarf, a term of contempt, full of mischief.
"An' how the blasties did behave."
Train.

Blastit. Blasted.

Blate. Bashful, sheepish.
"We Phenicianis nane sae blate breistis has."
Douglas.

Blather. Bladder.

Blaud. A flat piece of anything, to slap.
"He was like to ding the pulpit in blauds."
Melvill.

Blaudin'-shower. A heavy driving rain; a blauding signifies a beating.
"For blaudin' o' the tailor sae."
Cock.

Blaw. To blow, to boast; "blaw i' my lug," to flatter.
"Keep your temper sweetly, an' neither brag
nor blaw."
Duff.

Bleerit. Bedimmed, eyes hurt with weeping.

Bleer't and blin'. Bleered and blind.

Bleer my een. Dim my eyes.
"I bleer my een wi' greetin'."
Old Song.

Bleezing, bleeze. Blazing, flame.
"An' of bleached birns pat on a canty bleeze."
Ramsay.

Blellum. Idle talking fellow.
"A bletherin', blust'ring, drunken blellum."
Burns.

Blether. } To talk idly; talking idly.
Bleth'rin'. }

"For an' they winna haud their blether."
Hamilton.

Blink. A little while, a smiling look, to look kindly, to shine by fits.
"Blink owre the burn, sweet Betty."
Old Song.

Blinker. A term of contempt, it means too a lively engaging girl.

Blinkin'. Smirking, smiling with the eyes, looking lovingly.
"She is a bonnie lassie wi' a blythe blinking ee."
Old Song.

Blirt and blearie. Out-burst of grief, with wet eyes.
"The lassie lost her silken smood,
Which cost her many a blirt and blearie."
Old Song.

Blue-gown. One of those beggars who get annually, on the king's birth-day, a blue cloak or gown with a badge.

Bluid. Blood.

Bluntie. Snivelling.

Blupe. A shred, a large piece.
"Till skin in blypes cam haulin'."
Burns.

Bobbit. The obscenity made by a lady.
"O when she cam ben she bobbit fu' low."
Old Song.

Bock, bocked. To vomit, to gush intermittently, gushed.
"He gat it owre
"Without a host, a bock, or glow'r."
Cleland.

Bodle. A copper coin of the value of two pennies Scots, or one third of an English penny.
"I was na worth a single bodle."
Scots Song.

Bogie. A small moss.

Bogles. Spirits, hobgoblins.

Bonnie, or bonny. Handsome, beautiful.
"She's a very bonnie lassie, an' you be she."
Old Song.

Bonnock. A kind of thick cake of bread, a small jannock or loaf made of oatmeal. See hannock.

Boord. A board.
"The Letter-gae o' holy rhyme sat up at our
boord head."
Ramsay.

Bore. A hole in a wall, a cranny.
"An' into holes and bores thaim hid."
Burel.

Boortrees. The shrub elder, planted much of old in hedges of barn-yards and gardens.
"An' aughin through the boortrees comin'."
Burns.

Boost. Behoved, must needs, wilfulness.

Boch, blotch. An angry tumour.

Bousing. Drinking, making merry with liquor.

Bouk, bouk. Body.
"I wadna gie his wee finger for your hale bouk."
Scots Saying.

Bow-kail. Cabbage.

Bow-hought. Out-knee'd, crooked at the knee joint. We say bow-beaked of a hawk.
"A short hought man, but fu' o' pride."
Ramsay.

Bowt, bowit. Bended, crooked.
"A runt was like a sow tail, sae bowt that night."
Burns.

Brachens. Fern.
"It's either the tod or the bracken bush."
Scots Proverb.

Brae. A declivity, a precipice, the slope of a hill.
"Twa men I saw ayont yon brae."
Ross.

Braid. Broad.

Braik. "The king has written a braid letter."
Old Ballad.

Braik. An instrument for rough-dressing flax, a kind of harrow.
"A braik for hemp that she may rub."
Watson.

Brainge. To run rashly forward, to churn violently.
"She gied the kirn an angry brainge an' spoilt
the butter."
Scots Saying.

Braing't. "The horse brainget," plunged and fretted in the harness.

Brak. Broke, became insolvent.
"He brak wi' the fou' hand"—spoken of a
dishonest debtor.

Branks. A kind of wooden curb for horses.
"Gif the beast be to the fore and the branks
hide hale."
Scots Saying.

Brankie. Gaudy.
"Whare has ye been sae brankie o'."
Scots Song.

Brauh. A sudden illness.
"A brash, a slight fit of sickness."
Sinclair.

Brats. Coarse clothes, rags, &c.
"He desires no more in the world but a bit
and a brat."
Scots Saying.

Brattle. A short race, hurry, fury.
"Giff our twa herds come brattling down the
brae."
Ramsay.

Braw. Fine, handsome.
"Braw, braw lads on Yarrow braes."
Old Song.

Brawlys, or brawlie. Very well, finely, heartily, bravely.
"I win but six-pennie a' the day lang,
An' I spent at night fu' brawlie."
Old Song.

Byasies. Diseased sheep.
"While moorland herds like gude fat braxies."
Burns.

Breastie. Diminutive of breast.

Breastit. Did spring up or forward; the act of mounting a horse.
"She breasties the billows," men say of a ship
when she has a fair wind.

Brechame. A horse-collar.
"Ane brechame and two brochis fyne."
Bannatyne Poems.

Breckan. Fern.

Breef. An invulnerable or irresistible spell.
"The breef was out; 'twas him it doomed
The mermaid's face to see."
Finlay.

Brecks. Breaches.

Brent. Bright, clear; "a brent brow," a brow high and smooth.
"For his blyth browis brent and athir ane."
G. Douglas.

Brewin'. Brewing, gathering.
"He saw mischief a brewin'."
Burns.

Bree, brie. Juice, liquid.
"An' plyed their cutties at the smervy bree."
Ramsay.

Brig. A bridge.
"Brig o' Balgounie, black be yere fa'."
Scots Saying.

Brunstane. Brimstone.
"He stole his whig-spunks tipt wi' brunstane."
Jacobite Reliques.

Brisket. The breast, the bosom.
"White legs an' briskets bare."
Morison.

Brither. A brother.
"My brither Jock an' another gentleman."
Scots Saying.

Brock. A badger.
"Whan ye have done tak hame the brok."
Bannatyne.

Brogue. A hum, a trick.
"And played on man a cursed brogue."
Burns.

Broo. Broth, liquid, water.
"What's no i' the bag will be i' the broo,"
said the Highlandman when he dirked
the haggis.

- Brose.** A kind of pottage made by pouring boiling water or broth on oatmeal, which is stirred while the liquor is poured.
- Broose.** A race at country weddings; he who first reaches the bridegroom's house on returning from church wins the broose.
- Broust,** Ale, as much malt liquor as is brewed at a time. "Ye drink o' yere ain brost," ye suffer for your own mjachief.
- Burgh.** A burgh. "A royal burgh," a royal borough.
- Bruilzie.** A broil, combustion. "For drinking, an' dancing, an' bruilzies." *Ross.*
- Brunt.** Did burn, burnt.
- Brust.** "Turn out the brunt side o' my shin." *Ramsay.*
To burst, burst. "The fiery sparkes brusting from his een." *G. Douglas.*
- Buchan-bullers.** The boiling of the sea among the rocks on the coast of Buchan.
- Buckskin.** An inhabitant of Virginia.
- Buff our beef.** Thrash us soundly, give us a beating behind and before.
- Bught.** A pen.
- Bughtin-time.** The time of collecting the sheep in the pens to be milked.
- Buirldy.** Stout made, broad built. "He's mair buirldy i' the back than i' the brain." *Scots Saying.*
- Bum-clock.** The humming beetle, that flies in the summer evenings. "The bum-clock humm'd wi' lasy drone." *Burns.*
- Busminn'.** Humming as bees, busing. "The cucking of cuckoos, the bumping of bees." *Urquhart.*
- Bummie, bummier.** To blunder—a drone, an idle fellow, one whose noise is greater than his work. "The loudest bummier's no the best bee." *Scots Saying.*
- Bunker.** A window seat. "Ithers frae aff the bunkers sank, Wi' een like collops scored." *Ramsay.*
- Burdies.** Diminutive of birds.
- Bure.** Did bear.
- Burn, burnie.** Water, a rivulet, a small stream which is heard as it runs. "A flowrie brae by which a burnie trotted." *Scots Song.*
- Burpewin'.** Burn the wind, a blacksmith. The bellows blow wind into the fire—hence burn the wind.
- Burr-thistle.** The thistle of Scotland. "The rough burr-thistle spreading wide." *Burns.*
- Buskie, bushit, bushes.** Bushy, dressed, dresses. "A bonnie bride is soon basket." *Scots Proverb.*
- Bushit-nest.** An ornamented residence.
- Buss.** Shelter.
- Bustle.** A bustle, to bustle.
- But, bot.** Without. "Touch not a cat but a glove." *Scots Proverb.*
- But and ben.** The country kitchen and parlour. "Mony blenkis ben our the but fall far sittis." *Dumbar.*
- By himself.** Lunatic, distracted, beside himself.
- Byke.** A bee hive, a wild bee nest. "In herrying o' a bee byke I has got a stang." *Old Song.*
- Byre.** A cow-house, a sheep-pen. "He ettled the bairn in at the breast; The bolt flew owre the byre." *King James I.*
- C**
- Ca', ca't.** { To call, to name, to drive.
"Ca' the yowes to the knowes." *Scots Song.*
Called, driven, calved.
"While new ca't kye rowte at the stake." *Burns.*
- Cadger.** A carrier. "Here ride cadgers, areels and a'." *Nursery Song.*
- Caddie, or Caddie.** A person, a young fellow, a public messenger. "Where will I get a little foot page? Where will I get a caddie?" *Old Song.*
- Caff.** Chaff. "King's caff is better than other folks corn." *Scots Proverb.*
- Ca'rd.** A tinker, a maker of horn spoons, and teller of fortunes.
- Cairn.** "Heh, sir, what cairds ar' tinklers." *Fergusson.*
A loose heap of stones, a rustic monument. "I will add a stone to your cairn." *Scots Saying.*
- Cal'ward.** A small enclosure for calves.
- Calimanco.** A certain kind of cotton cloth worn by ladies. "Her wat o' calimanco." *Forbes.*
- Gallan.** A boy. "Far-famed and celebrated Allan, Renowned Ramsay, caatic callan." *Hamilton.*
- Caller.** Fresh, sound, refreshing. "The callour air penetrative and pure." *G. Douglas.*
- Callet.** A loose woman, a follower of a camp. "Here's to ragged brats and callets." *Burns.*
- Cannie.** Gentle, mild, dexterous. "Ca' cannie lad, yere but the new-come cooper." *Scots Saying.*
- Cannilie.** Dexterously, gently. "She wad a reined in as cannilie as a cadger's pony." *Scott.*
- Cantie, or Canty.** Cheerful, merry. "I'll be mair canty wi't, an' neer cry dool." *Ramsay.*
- Cantraip.** A charm, a spell. "a witch that for sma' price Can cast her cantraipe and gie me advice." *Ramsay.*
- Cap-stane.** Cope-stone, topmost stone of the building. "Has laid the cap-stane o' them a'." *A. Wilson.*
- Car.** A rustic cart with or without wheels. "Tumbler-cars, so called to distinguish them from trail-cars, both of which were in common use." *Lockhart.*
- Carl, Carle.** An old man. "A pawkie auld carle cam' owre the lea." *K. James V.*
- Careerin'.** Moving cheerfully.
- Carl-hemp.** The male stalk of hemp, easily known by its superior strength and stature, and being without seed. "Thou stalk o' carle-hemp in man." *Burns.*
- Cartin.** A stout old woman. "Carlin, will your dochter marry?" *Scots Song.*
- Cartes.** Cards.
- Castock.** The stalk of a cabbage. "An there will be lang-cale and castocks." *Scots Song.*
- Caudron.** A cauldron. "Gar tell the lady o' the place I'm come to clout her caudron." *Scots Song.*
- Cauk and keel.** Chalk and red clay. "Wi' cauk an' keel I win my bread." *King James V.*
- Caud.** Cold. "Caud winter is awa', my luve." *Scots Song.*
- Caup.** A wooden drinking vessel, a cup. "We drank out o' luggies, noggies, goans, caups, bickers, quaighs, an' stoups." *Scots Story.*
- Cavie.** A hen-coop. "Croose as a cock in his ain cavie." *Mayne.*
- Cesses.** Taxes.
- Chanter.** A part of a bagpipe, the drone. "From their loud chanters down and sweep." *Scott.*
- Chap.** A person, a fellow. "I met four chaps yon birks amang." *Boswell.*
- Chaup.** A stroke, a blow. "Wad neither chaup nor ca'." *Gil Morice.*
- Cheek for chow.** Close and united, brotherly, side by side. "Gang cheek for chow whare'er we stray." *Macaulay.*
- Cheekit.** Cheeked. "An' twa red cheekit apples." *Burns.*
- Cheep.** A chirp, to chirp. "I wad rather hear the lark sing than the mouse cheep." *Scots Saying.*
- Chiel, or cheal.** A young fellow. "The chieis may a' knit up themselves for me." *Ramsay.*
- Chimla, or Chimlie.** A fire-grate, fire-place. "And ilka chimla o' the house." *Jamieson.*
- Chimla-lug.** The fire-side. "Ben to the chimla-lug." *Burns.*
- Chirps.** Cries of a young bird.

- Chittering.** Shivering, trembling.
"To let the chittering infant in." *Ramsay.*
- Chockin'.** Choking.
- Chow.** To chew, a quid of tobacco.
"He took aff his bannet and spat in his chow." *Old Song.*
- Chuckie.** A brood hen.
"Wi' hook an' line he baited chuckie." *Pennycuik.*
- Chuffie.** Fat-faced.
"How Bessie Fretlocks chuffie cheekit wean." *Ramsay.*
- Clachan.** A small village about a church, a hamlet.
"The first time that he met with me
Was at a clachan in the west." *Watson.*
- Claise, or claes.** Clothes.
"Quhill that my claes grew threadbare on my back." *Scots Rhyme.*
- Clait, claiting.** Cloth, clothing.
"Ane tailyour can nocht make ene garment
but of clait." *Hamilton.*
- Clapper-claps.** The clapper of a mill; it is now silenced.
"When clack, clack, clack, he heard a mill." *Ramsay.*
- Clap-clack.** Clapper of a mill.
"Whisky gill like clap o' mill,
Inspired his tongue wi' endless clatter." *Scots.*
- Clartie.** Dirty, filthy.
"With clarty alk about their tails." *Maitland.*
- Clarkit.** Wrote.
"Twa lines o' Davie Lyndsay wad ding a' he
ever clarkit." *Scott.*
- Clash.** An idle tale, the story of the day.
"The auld wives were making game,
An' roun' the clash did ca' mau." *Scots Song.*
- Clatter.** To tell idle stories, an idle story.
"Some plays the fule and all out clatters." *Dunbar.*
- Claight.** Snatched at, laid hold of.
"Auld Satan claight him by the spaul." *Jacobite Reliques.*
- Claut, clauted.** To clean, to scrape, scraped.
"May it do nae guile to him who clauts it out
o' the widow's house." *Wilson.*
- Clawers.** Idle stories.
- Clawers and haeners.** Agreeable nonsense, to talk foolishly.
"They frae a skelf began to claver." *Morison.*
- Claw.** To scratch.
"An' claw owre soon an auld man's pow." *Picken.*
- Cleekin.** A brood of chickens, or ducks.
"Scared frae its minnie an' the cleekin." *Burns.*
- Cleed, cleads.** To clothe, clothes.
"And leaves to cleed the lichen bowers." *Fergusson.*
- Cleek, cleekit.** Hook, snatch; having caught.
"Syne up their leglins cleek." *Ramsay.*
- Clegs.** The gad flies.
"Of flies, grasshoppers, hornets, clegs, an' clocks." *Hudson.*
- Clinkin'.** "Jerking, Clinking down," sitting down hastily.
- Clinkum-bell.** The church bell; he who rings it; a sort of head.
"Auld Clinkum at the inner port cries three
times Robin." *Burns.*
- Clips.** Wool-shears.
"A bonnier fleece ne'er crossed the clips." *Burns.*
- Clishmaclaver.** Idle conversation.
"It's no right o' you, sir, to keep me clishma-
clavering." *Galt.*
- Clock, clocking.** To hatch, a beetle; hatching.
"Ye're sae keen o' clockin' ye'll die on the eggs." *Scots Proverb.*
- Cloot.** The hoof of a cow, sheep, &c.
"When a hundred sheep rin how many cloots
clatter." *Scots Saying.*
- Clootie.** A familiar name for the Devil.
"Auld Satan, Hornie, Nick, or Clootie." *Burns.*
- Clour.** A bump, or swelling, after a blow.
"Tho' mony had cloured paws." *Ramsay.*
- Cloutin'.** Repairing with cloth.
- Cluda.** Clods.
"The faes they few awa in cluda." *Old Song.*
- Clunk.** The sound in setting down an empty bottle.
"And made the bottle clunk
To their health that night." *Burns.*
- Cousin'.** Wheedling.
- Cuble.** A fishing-boat.
"A litel kobil there they met." *Wymtown.*
- Cockernomy.** A lock of hair tied up on a girl's head, a cap.
- Cod.** A pillow.
"Twa heads may lie on as cod, and naobody
ken where the luck lies." *Scots Proverb.*
- Coft.** Bought.
"He that all mankind coft frae care." *Wymtown.*
- Cog, and Coggie.** A wooden dish.
"I wadna gie my three-girred cog
For a' the queans in Bogie." *Old Song.*
- Coila.** From Kyle, a district in Ayr-shire, so called, saith tradition, from Coil, or Coilus, a Pictish Monarch.
- Collie.** A general, and sometimes a particular name for country curs.
"Or hounded collie owre the mossy bent." *Ramsay.*
- Collie-shangie.** A quarrel among dogs, an Irish row.
"The collyshangy raise to sic a height." *Ross.*
- Commaun.** Command.
"I tald them I had seen the day they had nae
sic commaun." *Scots Song.*
- Convooyed.** Accompanied longly.
"A Kelso convoys—a stride an' a half owre
the door-stane." *Scots Proverb.*
- Cool'd in her linnens.** Cool'd in her death-shift.
"Blessed be the day that she cooled in her linnens." *Burns.*
- Cood.** The cud.
- Coof.** A blockhead, a ninny.
"The rest seem coofs compar'd wi' my dear Pate." *Ramsay.*
- Cookit.** Appeared and disappeared by fits.
"All close under the cloud of night thou coukkit." *Kennedy.*
- Coosser, coosser.** A stallion.
"Ye ken a fey man an' a coosser fears na the deil." *Scott.*
- Coost.** Did cast.
"We coost the cavelis us amang." *Old Ballad.*
- Coot.** The ancle, a species of water-fowl.
"Stand there and cool ye're coots." *Scots Say.*
- Corbies.** A species of the crow, blood-swords.
- Cootie.** A wooden kitchen dish, rough-legged; also those fowls whose legs are clad with feathers are said to be cootie.
"Spairges about the brunstane cootie." *Burns.*
- Core.** Corps, party, clan.
"He was the king o' a' the core." *Burns.*
- Corn't.** Fed with oats.
"They were better cornyt than they were formyer." *Acts James II.*
- Cotter.** The inhabitant of a cot-house, or cottage.
"A cotter is kept for each plough on the farm." *Sinclair.*
- Couthie.** Kind, loving.
"Fu' weel they can ding dool away
Wi' comradees couthie." *Fergusson.*
- Cove.** A cave.
"King Constantine was ta'en and brought to
ane cove." *Bellenden.*
- Cowe.** To terrify, to keep under, to lop; a fright, a branch of furze, broom, &c.
"Ye wad gar me trow my head's cowed,
though there's no a hair wrang on't yet." *Scots Proverb.*
- Cowp.** To barter, to tumble over.
"I mon run fast in drede I get a cowp." *Lyndsay.*
- Cowp the cran.** To tumble a full bucket or basket.
- Cowpit.** Tumbled.
"First coupit up his heels, so that his head
went down." *Knos.*
- Cowrin'.** Cowering.
- Cowle.** A colt.
"Mony a ragged cowle's been known
To make a noble aiver." *Burns.*
- Cozie, cozily.** Snug, snugly.
"To keep you cozie in a hoord." *Ramsay.*
- Crabbit.** Crabbed, fretful.
- Crack, crackin'.** Conversation, to converse, to boast; conversing.
"When ye hae done it's time to crack." *Montgomery.*
- Craft, or croft.** A field near a house, in old husbandry.
"The carle he came owre the craft." *Old Song.*
- Craig, craigie.** Neck.
"He stretched out his craig to the sword." *Pitcottie.*

THE WORKS OF BURNS.

Craiks. Cries or calls incessantly, a species of bird, the corn-rail.
"That geese and gailing crys and craiks."
Polworth.

Crambo-clink, or crambo-jingie. Rhymes, doggerel verses.

Crank. The noise of an ungreased wheel—metaphorically inharmonious verse.

Crankous. Fretful, captious.
"This while she's been in crankous mood." *Burns.*

Cranreuch. The hoar-frost, called in Nithsdale "frost-rhyme."
"No frost, excepting some cranreuch, or small frost."

Crap. A crop, to crop.
"That sword it crapped the bonniest flower." *Old Song.*

Craw. A crow of a cock, a rook.
"As the auld cock craws the young ane learns." *Scots Proverb.*

Creel. A basket, to have one's wits in a creel, to be craz'd, to be fascinated.
"Here come cadgers, creels ap' a'." *Nursery Rhyme.*

Creeshie. Greasy.
"I ken by his greiseby mou,
He has been at ane feast." *Lyndsays.*

Creuks. A disease of horses.
"She had the cleeks, the cauld, the creuks." *Old Song.*

Crood, or Crood. To coo as a dove.
"Where has ye been a' day,
My wee wee crooding dow." *Old Ballad.*

Croon, Crooning. A hollow and continued moan; to make a noise like the continued roar of a bull; to hum a tune; humming.

Crouchie. Crook-backed.
"He swore 'twas hilchin Jean Macraw,
Or crouchie Merran Humphie." *Burns.*

Crouse. Cheerful, courageous.
"They crouse crouse that crou last." *Scots Proverb.*

Croustly. Cheerfully, courageously.

Crowdie. A composition of oatmeal, boiled water and butter; sometimes made from the broth of beef, mutton, &c.

Crowdie time. Breakfast time.
"Crowdie since, crowdie twice,
Crowdie three times in a day." *Old Song.*

Crownin'. Crawling, a deformed creeping thing.

Crummie's nicks. Marks on the horns of a cow.
"My crummie is ane useful cow." *Scots Song.*

Crummock, Crummet. A cow with crooked horns.
"Spying ane unco crummit beast." *Davidson.*

Crump, crumpin'. Hard and brittle, spoken of bread; frozen snow yielding to the foot.
"Lest his crumpin' tread should her untimely rouse." *Davidson.*

Crunt. A blow on the head with a cudgel.
"Though I had got a fell crunt ahint the haffet." *Scots Story.*

Cuddle. To clasp and caress.
"She cuddled in wi' Johnnie." *Ramsay.*

Cuif. A blockhead, a ninny.

Cummock. A short staff with a crooked head.
"To tremble under fortune's cummock." *Burns.*

Cummock driddle. Walk slowly, leaning on a staff with a crooked head.

Curch. A covering for the head, a kerchief.
"A soundly courche o'er head and neck let fall." *Blind Harry.*

Curchie. A curtesy, female obeisance.
"An' wi' a curchie low did stoop." *Burns.*

Curler. A player at a game on the ice, practised in Scotland, called curling.
"To curl on the ice does greatly please." *Pennecuik.*

Curlic. Curled, whose hair falls naturally in ringlets.
"Green curlic kale." *Scots Story.*

Curling. A well-known game on the ice.
"As cauld's a curling stane." *Scots Saying.*
"He was playing at curling with Riddel of Staining." *Fountainhall.*

Curmurring. Murmuring, a slight rumbling noise.

Curpin. The crupper, the rump.
"And were I a man I'd gar their curpins crack." *Hamilton.*

Curple. The rean.

Cushat. The dove, or wood-pigeon.
"The cushat croods, the corbie cryes." *Montgomery.*

Cutty. Short, a spoon broken in the middle.
"He ga'e to me a cuttie knife." *Old Ballad.*

Cutty Stool, or Creepie Chair. The seat of shame, stool of repentance.
"The cutty stool is a kind of pillory in the church." *Sinclair.*

D

Daddie. A father.
"Her daddie forbad, her minnie forbad." *Scots Song.*

Daffin'. Merriment, foolishness.
"Quhat kind of daffin' is this all day." *Lyndsays.*

Daft. Merry, giddy, foolish; *Daft-buckie*, mad fish.
"Thou art the daftest fule that evir I saw." *Lyndsays.*

Daimen. Rare, now and then; *daimen taker*, an ear of corn occasionally.
"Paste and Yule, and daimen times." *Scots Saying.*

Dainty. Pleasant, good-humoured, agreeable, rare.
"A dainty whistle, with a pleasant sound." *Ramsay.*

Dales. Plains, valleys.

Dandered. Wandered.
"Nae mair through flowery howes I'll dander." *Ramsay.*

Darklins. Darkling, without light.
"An' darklin grub this earthy hole." *Burns.*

Daud. To thrash, to abuse. *Daudin-showers*, rain urged by wind.
"Then took his bonnet to the bent,
And daudit off the glar." *Ramsay.*

Daur. To dare; *Daur*, dared; *Daurna*, dare not.
"Ye daur weel but ye downa." *Scots Saying.*

Daurg, or Daurk. A day's labour.
"He never wrought a gude daurg that began grubbing." *Scots Proverb.*

Davoc. Diminutive of Davie, as Davie is of David.

Dawd. A large piece.
"Raw dauds make fat lads." *Scots Saying.*
"A dawd o' a bannock, or fadge to prie." *Old Ballad.*

Dawin'. Dawning of the day.
"Be this the dawin' gan at morn wax rede." *Gavin Douglas.*

Dawtit, Dawtlet. Fondled, caressed.
"Or has some dauted wedder broke his leg." *Ramsay.*

Dearies. Diminutive of dears, sweethearts.
"I'll rowe thee owre the lea rig, my ain kind dearie O." *Old Song.*

Dearthfu'. Dear, expensive.
"Wi' bitter dearthfu' wines to mell." *Burns.*

Deave. To deafen.
"Wha tear their lungs and deave your ears." *Ramsay.*

Deil-ma-care. No matter, for all that.

Deleerit. Delirious.
"And lived and died deleerit." *Burns.*

Describee. To describe, to perceive.
"How pleased he was I scarcely can describe." *Hamilton.*

Deuks. Ducks.
"Mony a time he wad slip to see me wi' a brace o' wild deuks on his pouch, when my gudeman was at Falkirk tryste." *Scot.*

Dight. To wipe, to clean corn from chaff.
"They canna dight their tears now, see fast as they fa'." *Old Song.*

Ding. To worst, to push, to surpass, to excel.
"Ye may ding the deil into a wife, but ye'll never ding him out o' her." *Scots Proverb.*

Dink. Neat, lady-like.
"A dink damsel makes aften a dirty wife." *Scots Proverb.*

Diinna. Do not.
"Diinna be chappit back, or cast down wi' the first rough answer." *Scot.*

Dirl. A slight tremulous stroke or pain, a tremulous motion.
"Gart Lawrie's heart-strings dirl." *Ramsay.*

Distain. Stain.
"May coward shame distain his name." *Burns.*

Diszen, or dis'. A dozen.
"Man's twal' is no sse gude as the deil's diszen." *Scots Proverb.*

Dochter. Daughter.
"He repudite Agasia, the king of Britonis dochter." *Bellenden.*

Doited. Stupified, silly from age.
"Full doited was his head." *Dunbar.*

Dolt. Stupified, crazed; also a fool.

Donsie. Unlucky, affectedly neat and trim, pettish.
"For fear o' donsie whirl into the stream." *Davidson.*

Doodle. To dandle.
"I have an auld wife to my mither,
Will doodle it on her knee." *Scots Song.*

Dool. Sorrow; *to sing dool*, to lament, to mourn.
"O dool for the order, sent our lads to the border." *Scots Song.*

Doo, doos. A dove, doves, pigeons.
"Thou wee was creouding doo." *Nursery Song.*

Dorty. Saucy, nice.
"Your well-seen love, and dorty Jenny's pride." *Ramsay.*

Douce, or douse. Sober, wise, prudent.
"I've given a douse advice and plain." *Ramsay.*

Doucely. Soberly, prudently.
"So ye may doucelly fill a throne." *Burns.*

Jought. Was or were able.
"And never dought a doit afford." *Ramsay.*

Doup. Bottom.
"But a' the skaith that chanced indeed
Was only on their doups." *Ramsay.*

Doup-skelper. One that strikes the tail.
"And diril the bairns' doups and loofs." *Scots Poem.*

Dour and din. Sullen and sallow.
"He had a wife was dour and din." *Burns.*

Douse. Sober, wise, prudent.
"O ye douse pepill discend from Dardanus." *G. Douglas.*

Douser. More prudent.
"A douser man never brak world's bread." *Scots Saying.*

Dow. Am, or are, able, can.
"Though he dow not to leid a tyke." *Dunbar.*

Dowff. Fithless, wanting force.
"Void of curage, and dowff as ony stane." *G. Douglas.*

Dowie. Worn with grief, fatigue, &c., half asleep.
"The dowie tones and lays lamentabil." *G. Douglas.*

Downa. Am, or are, not able, cannot.
"But downa do's come owre me now." *Burns.*

Doylt. Wearied, exhausted, stupid.
"Sair doylt wi' driving o' his hirsel hame." *T. Cunningham.*

Dozen. Stupified, the effects of age, to dozen, to benumb.
"The birds of clay
Dozen in silence on the bending spray." *Fergusson.*

Drab. A young female beggar; to spot, to stain.
"She drabbed them owre wi' a black tude's blude." *Scots Song.*

Drap, drapping. A drop, to drop; dropping.
"She's a drap o' my dearest blude." *Scots Saying.*

Draunting. Drawing, speaking with a sectarian tone.
"He drinks wi' Clavers and draunts wi' Cameron." *Scots Saying.*

Dreep. To ooze, to drop.
"And ruish me out an' laid me down to dreep." *Ross.*

Dreigh. Tedious, long about it, lingering.
"A dreigh drink is better than a dry sermon." *Scots Saying.*

Dribble. Drizzling, trickling, slaver.
"An' dribbles o' drink coming through the draft." *Scots Song.*

Driddle. The motion of one who tries to dance but moves the middle only.
"Wha used at trytes an' fairs to driddle." *Burns.*

Drift. A drove, a flight of fowls, snow moved by the wind.
"Better an even down anaw than a driving drift." *Scots Proverb.*

Droddum. The breech.
"Wad dress yere droddum." *Burns.*

Drone. Part of a bagpipe, the chanter.

Droop-rumpl't. That droops at the crupper.
"The sma' droop-rumpl't hunter cattle." *Burns.*

Droukit. Wet.
"All droukit and forewrocht." *G. Douglas.*

Drouth. Thirst, drought.
"The balmy dewe thro' burning drouth he dries." *King James VI.*

Drucken. Drunken.
"Some drucken, wi' drouth do burn." *Har'st Rig.*

Drumlie, drumly. Muddy.
"Drumly of mude and skaldand as it were wode." *G. Douglas.*

Drummock, or Drammock. Meal and water mixed, raw.
"For to refresh my stamoch,
I was received and fed with drummock." *Watson's Collection.*

Drunt. Pet, sour humour.
"And Mallie nse doubt took the drunt." *Burns.*

Dub. A small pond, a hollow filled with rain water.
"There lay a deuk-dub at my daddie's door." *Old Song.*

Dude, duddie. Rags, clothes; ragged.
"A hair-brained wee ane wagging a' wi' duds." *Ross.*

Dung-Dang. Worsted, pushed, stricken.
"Jenny dang the weaver." *Old Song.*

Dunted. Throbbled, beaten.
"He dunted the kist and the boards did flee." *Old Song.*

Dush, dush. To push or butt as a ram.
"The unco brute much dunching freed." *Davidson.*

Dusht. Overcome with superstitious fear, to drop down suddenly, pushed by a ram, &c.
"Down duscht he in dede thraw all forloist." *Gawin Douglas.*

Dyvor. Bankrupt, or about to become one.
"A dyvor buys your butter, woo' and cheese,
But or the day of payment breaks and flees." *Ramsay.*

E

E'e. The eye.
"And she blythe blinks in her e'e." *Old Song.*

Een. The eyes, the evening.
"A winding sheet drawn o'er my een." *Old Song.*

E'ebree. The eyebrow.
"Her bonnie e'ebree's a holy arch." *Scots Song.*

E'enin'. The evening.

Eerie. Frighted, haunted, dreading spirits.
"Gloomy, gloomy was the night,
And eerie was the way." *Old Ballad.*

Eild. Old age.
"Ane hundred maidens had she young and eild." *Gawin Douglas.*

Elbuck. The elbow.
"Hab fidg'd and leugh, his elbuck clew." *Ramsay.*

Eldritch. Ghastly, frightful, elvish.

En'. End.
"O haste ye an' come to our gate en'." *Scots Song.*

Enbrugh. Edinburgh.
"As I came in by Enbrugh town." *Old Song.*

Eneugh. Enough.
"But thei war glad eneugh." *Dunbar.*

Especial. Especially.

Ether-stone. Stone formed by adders, an adder bead.

Ettle. To try, attempt, aim.
"If I but ettle at a sang." *Ramsay.*

Eydent. Diligent.
"Them that's slack in gude are eydent in ill." *Scots Saying.*

F

Fa', Fa's. Fall, lot, to fall, fate; does fall.
"Brig of Balgonie, black be your fa'." *Scots Saying.*

Fa' that. To enjoy, to try, to inherit.
"How Marstig's daughter I may fa'." *Jamieson.*

Faddom't. Fathomed, measured with the extended arms.

Faes. Foes.
"Now my dear lad maun face his faes." *Mayne.*

Faem. Foam of the sea.
"Amang the white sea faem." *Scots Ballad.*

- Faiket.** Forgiven or excused, abated, a demand.
"I'll no faik a farden o' my right." *Gall.*
- Fainness.** Gladness, overcome with joy.
- Fairin'.** Fairing, a present brought from a fair.
"He'll gie him his fairin' I'll be caution for't." *Scott.*
- Fallow.** Fellow.
"It is full fair to be fallow and feir." *Scots Poem.*
- Fand.** Did find.
"For a while their dwelling good they fand." *Hudson.*
- Farl.** A cake of bread; third part of a cake.
"O'er a weel tostit girdle farl." *Fergusson.*
- Fash, fash!** Trouble, care, to trouble, to care for, troubled.
"They're fenyet freens that canna be fash't." *Scots Proverb.*
- Fasheous.** Troublesome.
- Fasten e'en.** Fasten's even.
- Faught.** Fight.
"Man is a sodger and life is a faught." *Burns.*
- Faugh.** A single furrow, out of lea, fallow.
"Farmers faugh gars lairds laugh." *Scots Proverb.*
- Fauld, fauldin'.** A fold for sheep, to fold; folding.
"Will ye ca' in by our town as ye gang to the fauld." *Scots Song.*
- Faut.** Fault.
"Wha will own he did the faut." *Burns.*
- Fausont.** Decent, seemly.
- Feal.** Loyal, steadfast; a field, smooth.
"Farewell my leal, feal friend." *Scott.*
- Fearfu'.** Fearful, frightful.
- Feart'.** Affrighted.
- Feat.** Neat, spruce, clever.
"The naturally neat willy aye be feat." *Scots Saying.*
- Fecht, Fechtin'.** To fight, fighting.
"Then up gat fechtin' Jamie Fleck." *Burns.*
- Feck.** Number, quantity.
"My words they were na mony feck." *Scots Song.*
- Feckel.** An under waistcoat.
- Feckfu'.** Large, brawny, stout.
"Till mony a feckfull chiel that day was slai'd." *Hamilton.*
- Feckless.** Puny, weak, silly.
"Breathless and feckless there she sits her down." *Ross.*
- Feckly.** Mostly, weakly.
"Three carts and twa are feckly new." *Burns.*
- Feg.** A fig.
- Fega.** Faith, an exclamation.
"By my fega
Ye've set auld Scots on her legs." *Beattie.*
- Feide.** Feud, enmity.
"Quhar Wilyham might be bettir frae thair feide." *Blind Harry.*
- Fell.** Keen, biting; the flesh immediately under the skin; a field pretty level, or the side or top of a hill.
- Felly.** Relentless.
"Fortune's felly spite." *Burns.*
- Fend.** To make a shift, to contrive to live.
"For poorth I might make a fen." *Burns.*
- Ferlie, or ferley.** To wonder, a wonder, a term of contempt.
"Name ferlies mair than fulis." *Montgomery.*
- Fetch, fetch't.** To pull by fits; pulled intermittently.
- Fey.** Strange; one marked for death, predestined.
"The folk was fey that he before him fand." *Blind Harry.*
- Fidge.** To fidget, fidgetting.
"No ane gies e'er a fidge or fyke." *Macaulay.*
- Fidgin'-fain.** Ticked with pleasure.
"I'm fidgin'-fain to see you." *Scots Song.*
- Fiel.** Soft, smooth.
- Fient.** Fient, a petty oath.
"Fient a crum o' thee she fa's." *Old Song.*
- Fien-ma-care.** The devil may care.
"I'm the deil, quo he, fien ma' care, quo I." *Scots Story.*
- Fier, fiere.** Sound, healthy; a brother, a friend.
"There's Jenny comely, fier and tight." *A. Douglas.*
- Fissle.** To make a rustling noise, to fidget, bustle, fuss.
"The oddest fike and fissle that e'er was seen." *Ross.*
- Fit.** Foot.
"O think that eild wi' wily fit." *Fergusson.*
- Fittie-lan.** The nearer horse of the hindmost pair in the plough.
- Fizz.** To make a hissing noise, fuss, disturbance.
"What fizzes in the mou' winna feed the wame." *Scots Saying.*
- Flaffen.** The motion of rags in the wind; of wings.
"There was rustlin' o' silks an' flaffin' o' feathers." *Scots Story.*
- Flaimen.** Flannel.
- Flang.** Threw with violence.
- Fleech, fleechin'.** To supplicate in a flattering manner; supplicating.
"At fairs or at preaching, nae wooing, nae fleeching." *Old Song.*
- Fleesh.** A fleece.
"As fox in ane lambes fleesch feinge I my cheir." *Dunbar.*
- Fleg.** A kick, a random blow, a fight.
"Syns at the lown a fearful fleg let fle." *Hamilton.*
- Flether.** { To decoy by fair words.
"Aye fletcher away; since I'll no do wi' foul play, try me wi' fair." *Scots Saying.*
- Flethrin, fethers.** Flattering—smooth wheedling words.
- Fley.** To scare, to frighten.
"Them that's ill fleyed are seldom sair hurt." *Scots Proverb.*
- Flichter, flichtering.** To flutter as young nestlings do when their dam approaches; fluttering.
"I trow my heart was flichtering fain." *Scots Song.*
- Flinders.** Shreds, broken pieces.
"Into a thousand flinders flew." *Scott.*
- Flingin-tree.** A piece of timber hung by way of partition between two horses in a stable; a stall.
- Flish, fishy, fishik.** To fret at the yoke, fretted.
"But never ane will be sae daft as tent auld Johnies fishy dame." *Hogg.*
- "Fasheous fools are easiest fliak't." *Scots Proverb.*
- Fliiter.** To vibrate like the wings of small birds.
"She's a bad sither that's ay in a fliiter." *Scots Proverb.*
- Fliitering.** Fluttering, vibrating, moving tremulously from place to place."
- Fhunkie.** A servant in livery.
"So stunkie braw when drest in Maister's claish." *Fergusson.*
- Flyte, flyting.** Scold; scolding.
"Quha cannot hald their peace are free to flyte." *Gavin Douglas.*
- Foord.** A ford.
"I aye roose the foord as I ride it." *Scots Proverb.*
- Forbear.** Forefathers.
"Thare our forbearis in their credillia lay." *Gavin Douglas.*
- Forbye.** Besides.
"Forbye the ghaist, the green room does na vent weel in a high wind." *Scott.*
- Forfairn.** Distressed, worn out, jaded, forlorn, destitute.
"So sadly forfairn were we." *Ross.*
- Forfoughten, foughten.** Troubled, fatigued.
"Or gif I was forfochten faynt." *King James.*
- Forgather.** To meet, to encounter with.
"Fools are fond o' a' they foregather wi'." *Scots Proverb.*
- Forgie.** To forgive.
"It's easier to forgi'e than forget." *Scots Prov.*
- Forinawed.** Worn out.
"Forjidge, forjesket, forinawed." *Scots Rhymes.*
- Forjesket.** Jaded with fatigue.
"Forejidge, forfoughten an' forjesket." *Scots Saying.*
- Fother.** Fodder.
- Fou'.** Full, drunk.
"I persave him well fou'." *Lyndsay.*
- Fouth.** Plenty, enough, or more than enough.
"Thy copious fouth or plenitude." *G. Douglas.*
- Fow.** A measure, a bushel; also a pitchfork.
"Some fork low but ye fow owre the mou." *Scots Saying.*
- Fraa.** From.
"Far far frae me and Logan braes." *Mayne.*
- Freath.** Froth; the frothing of ale in the tankard.
"O rare to see thee fess and freath." *Burns.*

Frien'. Friend.
"A firm frien' may be found in the fremit."
Scots Saying.

Frosty-calker. The heels and front of a horse-shoe, turned sharply up for riding on an icy road.

Fu'. Full.
"I'm no just fou, but I'm gaylie yet." *Old Song.*

Fud. The scut or tail of the hare, coney, &c.
"An' scarcely left to co'er their fuds." *Burns.*

Fuff, fuff' t. To blow intermittently; did blow.
"The breath o' a fause frien' is waur nor the fuff o' a weasel." *Scots Proverb.*

Fu-hant. Full-handed; said of one well to live in the world.
"He canna fail fair that breaks wi' the fu' han'."
Scots Proverb.

Funnie. Full of merriment.
"When he has his grog aboard he's so d-d funny wi' his cranks and his jests." *Scott.*

Fur. A furrow.

Fur-ahin. The hindmost horse on the right hand when ploughing.
"My fur-ahin's a wordy beast." *Burns.*

Furder. Further, succeed.
"Weel, my babie, may ye furder." *Scots Song.*

Furm. A form, a bench.

Fyke. Trifling cares, to be in a fuss about trifles.
"And made the carles strangely fidge and fyke."
Hamilton.

Fyle, fyl't. To soil, to dirty; soiled.
"Her face wad' fyle the Logan water." *Burns.*

G

Gub. The mouth, to speak boldly or pertly.
"I'll thrav my gab and gloom." *Ramsay.*

Gaberlunzie. Wallet-man, or tinker.
"She's aff wi' the gaberlunzie man."
King James V.

Gademan. Plough-boy, the boy that drives the horses in the plough.

Gae. To go; *gaed, went; gane, or gaen, gone; gawn, going.*
"Fy gae rub her owre wi' strae." *Scots Song.*

Gaet, or gate. Way, manner, road.
"I'll ne'er advise my niece sse grey a gate."
Ramsay.

Gaire. Parts of a lady's gown.
"My lady's gown there's gaire upon't." *Burns.*

Gang. To go, to walk.
"Full tenderlie till thou beyonth to gang."
Dunbar.

Gangrel. A wandering person.
"An' like a gangarel on to graspe." *Dunbar.*

Gar. To make, to force to; *gar't*, forced to.
"Fye gar ride and fye gar rin." *K. James V.*

Garten. A garter.
"Bot of ane auld red gartane." *Scots Poem.*

Gash, gashing. Wise, sagacious, talkative, to converse; conversing.
"The cheering supper gars them glibly gash."
Fergusson.

Gatty. Falling in body.
"She's grown gattie that was ance a dautie."
Scots Saying.

Gaucy. Jolly, large, plump.
"When pacing wi' a gawcy air." *Fergusson.*

Gaud and gad. A rod or goad.
"A red het gad o' airn." *Old Ballad.*

Gaudeman. One who drives the horses at the plough.
"A gadman ane, a thresher t'other." *Burns.*

Gawn. Going.
"She's gawn gear, gawn gear." *Scots Saying.*

Gaunted. Yawned, longed.
"When he list gaunt or blow the fyre is het."
G. Douglas.

Gawky, gawkie. Half-witted, foolish, romping; a thoughtless person and something weak.
"Wert thou a gidget gawky like the lave."
Ramsay.

Gayities, gaytie. Pretty well.
"I'm no that fou' but I'm gaylie yet." *Scots Song.*

Gear. Riches, goods of any kind.
"Which made the laird take up more gear."
Watson.

Geck. To toss the head in wantonness or scorn.
"She gecks at me and says I smell o' tar."
Ramsay.

Ged. A pike.
"Ged of that ilk had three geds, or pykies argent."
Mackenzie.

Gentles. Great folks.
"Here ride gentles, spurs an' a'."
Nursery Rhymes.

Genty. Elegant.
"Her waist and feet's fu' genty." *Ramsay.*

Geordie. George, a guinea, called Geordie from the head of King George.
"And they hae slain Sir Charlie Hay,
An' laid the wyte on Geordie." *Old Ballad.*

Get and geat. A child, a young one.
"Then Cupid, that ill-deedy get." *Ramsay.*

Ghaist ghaistie. A ghost.
"All is but ghaistis and elrische fantassyes."
G. Douglas.

Gie. To give; *gied, gave; gien, given.*
"Gie her a kiss an' let her gae." *Scots Song.*

Giftie. Diminutive of gift.
"Wad, but some power the giftie gie us."
Burns.

Giglets. Laughing maidens, playful girls.
"But what if some young gidget on the green."
Ramsay.

Gillie, gillock. Diminutive of gill.
"He gangs frae the jilt to the jillock."
Scots Saying.

Gilpey. A half-grown, half-informed boy or girl, a romping lad, a hoyden.
"A gilpey that had seen the faught." *Ramsay.*

Gimmer. An eye two years old, a contemptuous term for a woman.
"The mim-mou'd gimmers them misca'd."
Galloway.

Gin. If, against.
"Gin a body meet a body coming thro' the rye."
Scots Song.

Gipsy. A young girl.
"Gypsy, a young girl, a term of reproach."
Sibbald.

Girdle. A round iron plate on which oat-cake is fired.
"Or Culross girdles on it hammer." *Meston.*

Girn, girning. To grin, to twist the features in rage, agony, &c.; grinning.
"At hame to girn, and whinge, and pine."
Fergusson.

Gizz. A periwig, the face.
"Set up a frightfu' gizz." *Tarras.*

Glaikit. Inattentive, foolish.
"Quhattane ane glaikit fule am I."
Scottish Chronicles.

Glaive. A sword.
"O wae be to the hand whilk drew na' the glaive."
Scots Song.

Glaizie. Glittering, smooth, like glass.
"I've seen thee dapplit, sleek an' glazie."
Burns.

Glaumed. Grasped, snatched at eagerly.
"Few get what they glaum at." *Scots Prov.*

Girran. A pouterie girran, a little vigorous animal; a horse rather old, but yet active when heated.

Gled. A hawk.
"And by them cam the greedy gled."
Scots Proverb.

Gleg. Sharp, ready.
"To Berwick Law make gleg retreat."
Fergusson.

Glen. Dale, deep valley.

Gleib, Glieb o' lan'. A portion of ground. The ground belonging to a manse is called "the gleib," or portion.

Gley. A squint, to squint; *a-gley*, off at a side, wrong.
"Sum scornit him, sum gleyd earl called him thair."
Blind Harry.

Gleyde. An old horse.
"Ane crukit gleyd fell owre ane heugh."
Bannatyne.

Glib-gabbit. That speaks smoothly and readily.
"An' that glib-gabbit Highland baron." *Burns.*

Glint, Glintin'. To peep, peeping.
"The sun was glinting owre the scene." *Mayne.*

Glinted by. Went brightly past.
"It was nae sae ye glinted by." *Burns.*

Gloamin'. The twilight.
"At e'en in the gloamin' nae swankies are roamin'."
Scots Song.

- Gloamin ehot.* Twilight, musing; a shot in the twilight.
 "A gloamin shot it was, I trow." *Burns.*
- Glow'r.* To stare, to look; a stare, a look.
 "He gira't, he glow'r'd." *Dunbar.*
- Glowrin'.* Around, looking suspiciously, gazing.
 "My mither's ay glowran owre me." *Ramsay.*
- Glum.* Displeas'd.
 "Glum fowks no easily guided." *Scots Proverb.*
- Gor-cocks.* The red game, red cock, or moor-cock.
 Walking as if blind, or without an aim.
- Goavan.* "Some show a giff o' the gowk, but yere aye
 "goavan." *Scots Proverb.*
- Gowan.* The flower of the daisy, dandelion, hawk-
 weed, &c.
 "Where the gowan heads hang pearly." *Scots Song.*
- Gowany.* Covered with daisies.
 "Sweeter than gowany glens, or new mown
 hay." *Ramsay.*
- Gowd.* Gold.
 "And gowd amang her hair." *Scots Song.*
- Gowl.* To howl.
 "The ravening pack are gowling led." *Davidson.*
- Gowf.* A fool; the game of golf, to strike, as the bat
 does the ball at golf.
 "A gowf at Yule will no be bright at Beltane." *Scots Proverb.*
- Gowk.* Term of contempt, a cuckoo.
 "The gowk, the gormaw, and the gled." *Dunbar.*
 "Daft gowk leave off that silly whinging way." *Ramsay.*
- Grane, or grain.* A groan, to groan; *graining*, groning.
 "He graned like ony ghaist." *King James I.*
- Grained and gauned.* Groaned and yawned.
- Graip.* A pronged instrument for cleaning cowhouses.
 "The graip he for a harrow tak'." *Burns.*
- Graith.* Accoutrements, furniture, dress, gear.
 "The irne graith, the werkman and the wricht-
 tie." *Douglas.*
- Grannie.* Grandmother.
 "The gladness which dwells in their auld
 grannie's e'e." *Scots Song.*
- Grape.* To grope; *grapis*, groped.
 "Quhiik ye shall see and grape." *Lyndsay.*
- Grat.* Wept, shed tears.
- Great, grit.* Intimate, familiar.
 "Awa, awa, the dell's owre grit wi' you." *Ramsay.*
- Gree.* To agree; *to bear the gree*, to be decidedly vic-
 tor; *gree't*, agreed.
 "Allan bears
 The gree himself, and the green laurel wears." *Ross.*
- Green-graff.* Green grave.
 "They howkit his graff in the Dukit Kirk-
 yard." *Scots Song.*
- Greet.* To shed tears, to weep; *greetin'*, weeping.
 "For sorrow he 'gan greet." *Sir Tristrem.*
- Grey-neck-quill.* A quill unfit for a pen.
 "He's frae the tap o' the wing, but yere a
 grey-neck-quill." *Scots Proverb.*
- Grien.* Longing, desire.
 "And folk wad threep that she did grien." *Ramsay.*
- Grieves.* Stewards.
 "A gude grieve is better than an ill worker." *Scots Proverb.*
- Grippit.* Seized, caught.
 "And they has grippit Hughie Graham." *Old Bal.*
- Groanin-maut.* Drink for the carmeners at a lying in.
 "Wha will buy my groanin maut." *Burns.*
- Groat.* To get the whistle of one's groat; to play a
 losing game, to feel the consequences of one's
 folly.
 "Thy gruesome grips were never scaithly." *Hogg.*
- Grozet.* A gooseberry.
 "He lap at me like a cock at a grozet." *Scots Saying.*
- Grumph.* A grunt, to grunt.
 "What can ye get of a sow but a grumph." *Scots Proverb.*
- Grumphie, grumphin.* A sow; the snorting of an angry pig.
 "Better speak bauldly out than aye be
 grumphing." *Scots Proverb.*
- Grun'.* Ground.
 "He's sometimes in the air, but ye're aye on
 the grun'." *Scots Saying.*
- Grunstone.* A grindstone.
 "Be to the poor like ony whunstone,
 An' hauld their noses to the grunstone." *Burns.*
- Gruntle.* The phiz, the snout, a grunting noise.
 "The gruntill of Sant Antonis sow." *Lyndsay.*
- Grunzie.* A mouth which pokes out like that of a pig; the
 face, the countenance.
 "Dights her grunzie wi' a hushion." *Burns.*
- Grushie.* Thick, of thriving growth.
 "Ye're a' grease, but I'm only grushie." *Scots Saying.*
- Gude, guid, guids.* The Supreme being, good, goods.
 "Let us choose five of this guid company." *Blind Hurry.*
- Gude auld-has-been.* Was once excellent.
 "My lan' afore's a guid-auld-has-been." *Burns.*
- Guid mornin'.* Good morrow.
 "Guid mornin' maist blytheiy the auld earle
 said." *Scots Song.*
- Guid e'en.* Good evening.
 "Wi' mony guid e'ens an' guid days to me." *James V.*
- Guidfather and Guidmother.* Father-in-law, and Mother-in-
 law.
 "Caratuk fied to his gude moder Cartumandia." *Bellenden.*
- Guidman and Guidwife.* The master and mistress of the
 house; *young guidman*, a man newly married.
 "The auld guid man that thou talks of." *Scots Song.*
- Gully, or gullie.* A large knife.
 "Yon gullie is nae mows." *Ramsay.*
- Gulravage.* Joyous mischief.
 "Watty's was a walloping gulravage." *Galt.*
- Gumlie.* Muddy.
 "What's this that I see jaupin gumlie?" *Tarras.*
- Gumption.* Discernment, knowledge, talent.
 "They're but unlearned clerks,
 And want the gumption." *Hamilton.*
- Gusty, gustfu'.* Tasteful.
 "O withered bent wi' gustfu' hungry bite." *Davidson.*
- Gut-scraper.* A fiddler.
 "As weel as puir gut-scraper." *Burns.*
- Gutcher.* Grandshire.
 "Ye might be my gutcher." *Macniell.*

H

- Ha'.* Hall.
 "Stately stept he east the ha'." *Scots Ballad.*
- Ha' Bible.* The great bible that lies in the hall.
 "The big ha' bible, ance his father's pride." *Burns.*
- Haddin'.* House, home, dwelling-place, a possession.
 "Tho' her hauding be but ama'." *Train.*
- Hae, ha'en.* To have, to accept; haven.
 "He's no sae deaf; he hears when they say
 hae." *Scots Proverb.*
- Haet, sient haet.* A petty oath of negation; nothing.
 "Diel haet has she but the gowm she gangs
 in." *Scots Saying.*
- Haffet.* The temple, the side of the head.
 "Clinkand about his haffets with ane din." *Douglas.*
- Haffins.* Nearly half, partly, not fully grown.
 "While Jenny haffins is afraid to speak." *Burns.*
- Hag.* A gulf in mosses and moors, moss ground.
 "His honour was wi' the folk who were get-
 ting down the dark hag." *Scott.*
- Haggis.* A kind of pudding, boiled in the stomach of a
 cow or sheep.
 "As thou wad for a haggis, hungry gled." *Dunbar.*
- Hain.* To spare, to save, to lay out at interest.
 "Jump't in, swam o'er, and hain'd his plack." *Ramsay.*
- Hain'd.* Spared; *hain'd gear*, hoarded money.
 "Hain'd gear helps well." *Scots Proverb.*

- Hairst.** Harvest.
"In hairst at the shearing." *Scots Song.*
- Haith.** A petty oath.
"Haith Allan hath bright rays." *A. Nicol.*
- Haivers.** Nonsense, speaking without thought.
"Some hae hairis o' sense, but yee ae haivering."
Scots Proverb.
- Hal', or hald.** An abiding place.
"Aye gousty hald within laithlie to see."
G. Douglas.
- Hale, or hall.** Whole, tight, healthy.
"Weyll rewlytt off tong, right hall of contenance."
Blind Harry.
- Hallan.** A particular partition wall in a cottage, or more properly a seat of turf at the outside.
"Hab got a kent stood by the hallan."
Ramsay.
- Hallowmass.** Hallow eve, the 31st of October.
"When hallowmass is come and gane."
Scots Song.
- Haly.** Holy; "haly-pool," holy well with healing qualities.
"Thir Rapy's war gude haly men." *Wynntown.*
- Hame.** Home.
"Hame is ay hame be it ever sae hamely."
Scots Proverb.
- Hammered.** The noise of feet like the din of hammers.
"He in the parlour hammered." *Burns.*
- Han' or Haws'.** *Han's bread.* Hand; hand's breadth.
"A limpin leg a han's bread shorter." *Burns.*
- Hanks.** Thread as it comes from the measuring reel, quantities, &c.
"Her hair in hanks o' gowden thread."
Scots Song.
- Hansel-throne.** Throne when first occupied by a king.
"To hansel a new coat is to put a coin in the pocket."
- Hap.** An outer garment, mantle, plaid, &c; to wrap, to cover, to hap.
"I'll make a hap for my Johnny Faa." *Scots Song.*
- Harigals.** Heart, liver, and lights of an animal.
"He that never eats flesh thinks harigals a feast."
Scots Proverb.
- Hap-shackled.** When a fore and hind foot of a ram are fastened together to prevent leaping, he is said to be hap-shackled. A wife is called "the kirk's hap-shackle."
- Happer.** A hopper, the hopper of a mill.
"An' hapst high the happer." *Scots Song.*
- Hap-step-an'-loup.** Hop—step—and leap.
"The best gie whiles a jump, but yere aye at hap-step-an'-loup."
Scots Saying.
- Harkit.** Harkened.
"Had I to guid advice but harkit." *Burns.*
- Harn.** A very coarse linen.
"As coarse as Nancie's harn sark—three threads out o' the pund." *Scots Saying.*
- Hash.** A fellow who knows not how to dress nor act with propriety.
"I canna thole the clash
Of this impertinent old hash." *Ramsay.*
- Hastit.** Hastened.
"He hastit to his end like the moth to the caunle."
Scots Proverb.
- Haud.** To hold.
"Some can steek their neive, but ye hae nae haud o' yere han'."
Scots Proverb.
- Haughs.** Low lying, rich lands, valleys.
"Amid the haughs and every lusty vale."
G. Douglas.
- Haurt.** To drag, to pull violently.
"Achilles haurlet Hector's body thrys."
G. Douglas.
- Haurtin'.** Tearing off, pulling roughly.
"He haurled and luckie out o' her bed."
Scots Song.
- Haver-meal.** Oatmeal.
"Whare gat ye that haver-meal bannock."
Scots Song.
- Haveril.** A half-witted person, half-witted, one who habitually talks in a foolish or incoherent manner.
"Ye've learned to crack sae crouse, ye haveril Scot."
Fergusson.
- Havins.** Good manners, decorum, good sense.
"For me to speer wad nae gude havins been."
Ross.
- Hawkie.** A cow, properly one with a white face.
"Whan han' for neive the hawkies stan'." *Picken.*
- Heapit.** Heaped.
"Some strake the measure o' justice, but ye giet heapit."
Scots Proverb.
- Healsome.** Heathful, wholesome.
"As healsome as the waal o' Spa, an' unco' biate."
Ramsay.
- Hearse.** Hoarse.
"Alas! my roupit muse is hearse." *Burns.*
- Heather.** Heath.
"As fire to heather set." *Scots Ballad.*
- Hech.** Oh, strange, an exclamation during heavy work.
"The silliest strake has the loudest hech."
Scots Proverb.
- Hecht.** Promised, to foretell something that is to be got or given, foretold, the thing foretold, offered.
"And thai may hecht als to fulfill." *Barbour.*
- Heckle.** A board in which are fixed a number of sharp steel prongs upright for dressing hemp, flax, &c.
"I'd climb a hill o' heckle teeth
For luve o' thee, my lady O." *Scots Song.*
- Hee balou.** Words used to soothe a child.
"Hee balou, my sweet wee Donald." *Burns.*
- Heels-owre-gowdie.** Topsy turvy, turned the bottom upwards.
"I couped Mungo's ale
Clean heels o' et head, when it was ripe an' stale."
Ross.
- Heeze.** To elevate, to rise, to lift.
"Towart the lift wi' mony a heeze and hale."
G. Douglas.
- Hellim.** The rudder or helm.
"An' did our hellim thraw, man." *Burns.*
- Herd.** To tend flocks, one who tends flocks.
"When they were able now to herd the ewes."
Ross.
- Herry.** To plunder; most properly to plunder birds' nests.
"And herrit them in sic manner." *Barbour.*
- Herryment.** Plundering, devastation.
"He's nae herryment." *Scots Proverb.*
- Hersel', hirseel'.** Herself; a flock of sheep, also a herd of cattle of any sort.
"Ae scabbit liver will scau' the hale hirseel'."
Scots Proverb.
- Hessel.** So many cattle as sheep person can attend.
- Het.** Hot, heated.
"Strike iron while it's het, if ye'd have it to wald."
Ramsay.
- Heugh.** A crag, a ravine; *coal heugh*, a coal pit; *lowin heugh*, a blazing pit.
"See nich up in the heugh." *Montgomery.*
- Hilch, hilchin'.** To halt, halting.
"He swore 'twas hilchin' Jean Macraw." *Burns.*
- Himself.** Himself.
- Hiney.** Honey.
"For though thy hair were hanks o' gowd,
And thy lips o' drapp' kinny." *Scots Song.*
- Hing.** To hang.
"Gar hing him, hang him, high upon a tree."
Scots Song.
- Hirple.** To walk crazily, to walk lamely, to creep.
"He, tired and weary, hirpled down the brae."
Ross.
- Histie.** Dry, chapt, barren.
"With hirstis harsh of waggand windil strays."
G. Douglas.
- Hitch.** A loop, make a knot.
- Hizzie.** Husky, a young girl.
"A brow bouncing hizzie O." *Scots Song.*
- Hoddin.** The motion of a husbandman riding on a cart-horse.
"Gaed hoddin by their cotters." *Burns.*
- Hoddin-grey.** Woollen cloth of a coarse quality made by mingling one black fleece with a dozen white ones.
"Maun with the shepherds stay
And tauk what God will send in hoddin grey."
Ramsay.
- Hoggie.** A two-year old sheep.
"An unco' tyke lap owre the dyke,
An' maist has killed my hoggie." *Burns.*
- Hog-score.** A distance line in curling drawn across the rink. When a stone fails to cross it, a cry is raised of "A hog, a hog," and it is removed.
- Hog-shoulder.** A kind of horse play by jousting with the shoulder; to joust.
"Hog-shoulder, jundie stretch an' strive."
Burns.
- Hoodie-craw.** A blood crow, corbie.
"The huddit craws cried varrok, varrok,"

Hool. Outer skin or case, a nutshell, pea bush.
"I thought my heart had coupit frae its hool."
Ross.

Hoolie. Slowly, leisurely.
"Oh! that my wife wad drink hoolie and fairly."
Scots Song.

Hoord. A hoard, to hoard.
"He hid a bodie and thought it a hoord."
Scots Saying.

Hoordit. Hoarded.
"It's owre weel hoordit that canna be foun'."
Scots Proverb.

Horn. A spoon made of horn.
"Ram horns a-piece, an' has done wi't."
Tinker's Grace.

Hornie. One of the many names of the devil.
"Auld Hornie, Satan, Nick, or Clootie."
Burns.

Host, or hoast, hostin'. To cough; coughing.

Hotch'd. Hitched, turned topsy-turvy, blended, mixed.
"Gude help ye to a hotch, for ye'll never get a coach."
Scots Proverb.

Houghmagandie. Loose behaviour, fornication.
"An' mony a job that day begun
May end in houghmagandie."
Burns.

Housie. Diminutive of house.
"They wae bit housie toq in ruin."
Burns.

Hove, haved. To heave, to swell.
"The whole body is hoved like a loaf."
Hogg—Highland Society Trans.

Howdie. A midwife.
"How Mungo's mare stood still and awat wi' fright,
When he brought east the howdie under night."
Ramsay.

Howe. Hollow, a hollow or dell.
"Every hight has a how behind it."
Scots Prov.

Howebackit. Sunk in the back, spoken of a horse.
"Ye'll ne'er grow howebackit bearing yere frien'."
Scots Proverb.

Howff. A house of resort, a hiding-place.
"Frae ilka favourite howff and heid."
Fergusson.

Howk. To dig.
"Be there gowd where he's to beek,
He'll howk it out o' brimstone smeck."
Scots Poem.

Howkit. Digged.
"They howkit his graff in the Duket's kirkyard."
Old Ballad.

Howkin'. Digging deep.

Howlet. An owl.
"He kens nae a mavis frae a madge howlet."
Scots Proverb.

Hoy, hoy's. To urge, urged:
"They hoy'd him out o' Lauderdale,
Fiddle an' a' together."
Scots Song.

Hoyses. A pull upwards. Hoyses a creel, to raise a basket; hence "hoisting creels."

Hoyle. To smile easily.

Hughoo. Diminutive of Hughie, as Hughie is of Hugh.

Hums and haikers. Mumbles, and seeks to do what he cannot perform.

Hunkers. Kneeling, and falling back on the hams.
"A hunker doddie" on the ice, is to be pushed along in that posture.

Hurcheon. A hedgehog.
"Owre a hill o' heckle teeth,
An' down a vale o' hurcheon hides."
Old Rhyme.

Hurdies. The loins, the crupper.
"Gaured a' their hurdies wallop."
Ramsay.

Hushion, or hoshen. A cushion, also an old stocking with the foot, or sole of the foot, worn out.
"And awed his saul up in a hoshen."
T. Cunningham.

Huchyalled. To move with a hitch.
"They mounted him high on a huchyalled horse."
Scots Rhyme.

I

Icker. An ear of corn.
"A daimen icker in a thrave."
Burns.

Ieroe. A great grandchild.

Ik, or ilka. Each, every.
"For ilka sheep ye has I'll number ten."
Ramsay.

Ill-willie. Ill-natured, malicious, niggardly.
"An ill-willy cow should have short horns."
Scots Proverb.

Ingie. Genius, ingenuity.
"For beautie, sweetness, modestie, ingine."
Drummond.

Ingle. Fire, fire-place.
"And some the haly ingle with them bare."
G. Douglas.

Ingle-low. Light from the fire, flame from the hearth.
"A bleesing ingle and a clean hearth stane."
Ramsay.

I rede ye. I advise ye, I warn ye.
"I rede ye, gude people, beware o' me."
Scots Song.

I'se. I shall, or will.
"But gin't be sae, Sir, I'se be judg'd by you."
Ross.

Ither. Other, one another.
"The dell's bairns are aye fain o' ither."
Scots Saying.

J

Jad. Jade; also a familiar term among country folks for a giddy young girl.
"Conscience, quo' I, ye thowless jad."
Burns.

Jauk. To dally, to trifle.
"Get up, my muse, ye lassy jauker."
Fisher.

Jauner. Talking, and not always to the purpose.
"You tease me jauning ay of faith."
Falls of Clyde.

Jaup. A jerk of water, to jerk, as agitated water.
"Is by the jaup of fuidis couerit quite."
G. Douglas.

Jaw. Coarse rallery, to pour out, to shut, to jerk as water.
"Quiblik as thou seis with mony jaup and jaw."
G. Douglas.

Jillet. A jilt, a giddy girl.
"A jillet brak his heart at last."
Burns.

Jimp. To jump, slender in the waist, handsome.
"And wha will lace my middle jimp."
Old Ballad.

Jink. To dodge, to turn a corner; a sudden turning, a corner.

Jink an' diddle. Moving to music, motion of a fiddler's elbow.
Starting here and there with a tremulous movement.

Jinker. That turns quickly, a gay sprightly girl.
"Contend wi' thriftless mates or jinkers."
Ramsay.

Jinkin'. Dodging, the quick motion of the bow on the fiddle.
"To dance wi' her where jinkin' fiddles play."
A. Scott.

Jirt. A jerk, the emission of water, to squirt.
Thus the poet says of fortune:
"She's gien me many a jirt an' fleg."
Burns.

Joeteleg. A kind of knife.
"There's thretty pennies, gang and buy me a joeteleg."
Jamieson.

Jouk. To stoop, to bow the head, to conceal.
"And joukit under the spere."
G. Douglas.

Jow, to jow. The swinging motion and pealing sound of a large bell.
"The bells they jow'd and run."
Old Ballad.

Jundie. To juggle, a push with the elbow.
"If a man's gaun down the brae ilka ane gies him a jundie."
Scots Proverb.

K

Kae. A daw.
"Bark like ane dog, and kekil like ane kae."
Lyndsay.

Kail. Colewort, a kind of broth.
"There's sauld kail in Aberdeen."
Scots Song.

Kailtrunk. The stem of a colewort.
"Fient haet o't wad hae pierced the heart
O' a kail-runt."
Burns.

Kain. Fowls, &c., paid as rent by a farmer.
"Tho' they should dearly pay the kain."
Fergusson.

Kebars. Rafters.
"As it had been ane kebir or ane spar."
G. Douglas.

Kebruck. A cheese.
"They'll stou the kebruck to the heul."
Fergusson.

- Keckle.** Joyous cry; to cackle as a hen.
"Coup her under a creel and put the keckling off her." *Scots Saying.*
- Keek.** A keek, to peep.
"Keek into the draw-well, Janet, Janet." *Ramsay.*
- Kelpies.** A sort of mischievous water-spirit, said to haunt fords and ferries at night, especially in storms.
"Gin kelpie be nae there." *Old Ballad.*
- Ken.** To know, *ken'd*, or *ken't*, knew, known.
"Ken ye whare cleekie Murray's gane." *Jacobite Reliques.*
- Kennin.** A small matter.
"Gif o' this world a kennin maer,
Some get than me." *Nicol.*
- Kenspeckle.** Well known.
- Ket, ketty.** Matted, a fleece of wool.
"The soil is said to be ketty when bound together with quickgrass." *Jamieson.*
- Kiaugh.** Carking, anxiety; to be in a flutter.
"Sae laughing and kiaughing,
Ye faim wad follow me." *Scots Song.*
- Kilt.** To truss up the clothes.
"I'll kilt my coats aboon my knee." *Scots Song.*
- Kimmer.** A young girl, a gossip.
"My kimmer an' I lay down to sleep." *Scots Song.*
- Kin'.** Kindred, kind.
"Began to reckon kin' and rent." *Scott.*
- King's-hood.** A certain part of the entrails of an ox.
"Deil mak his king's-hood in a spleuchan." *Burns.*
- Kintra, kintrie.** Country; *Kintra-conser*, country stallion.
"Keep the kintrie, bonnie lassie." *Scots Song.*
- Kirn.** The harvest supper, a churn.
"He reserved several handful of the fairest corn for the harvest kirn." *Scots Story.*
- Kirsen.** To christen, to baptize.
"The morning dew had kirsen'd the young flowers." *Scots Story.*
- Kist.** Chest, a shop counter.
"He dunted the kist, an' the boards did flee." *Scots Song.*
- Kitchen.** Anything that eats with bread, to serve for soup, gravy.
"Better has a louse i' the pot than nae kitchen." *Scots Proverb.*
- Kith.** Kindred.
- Kittle.** To tickle, ticklish.
"Or dread a kittle cast." *Ramsay.*
- Kittling.** A young cat.
- Kintle, kintleing, or kuittle.** To cuddle, cuddling, fondling.
"Sat kuittling wi' the maiden kimmer." *Scots Story.*
- Knaggie.** Like knags, or points of rocks.
"She said, where's my necklace? I've hung it, quo' he, on a knag." *Scots Presb. Elog.*
- Knop.** To strike or break.
- Knappin-hammer.** A hammer for breaking stones.
- Knurl.** Dwarf.
- Knurlin.** Crooked but strong, knotty.
"A knurlin's ay a wurlin." *Scots Saying.*
- Knowe.** A small round hillock, a knoll.
"Ca' the yowes to the knowes." *Scots Song.*
- Kye.** Cows.
"Tyd kye lowis valis by them rennis." *G. Douglas.*
- Kyle.** The belly.
"Mony a weary day, but ne'er a fou kyte." *Scots Song.*
- Kythe.** To discover, to show one's self.
"His craftes gan he kythe." *Sir Tristrem.*
- L**
- Labour.** Thrash.
"And aften labour them completely." *Burns.*
- Laddie.** Diminutive of lad.
"I lo'e ne'er a laddie but ane." *Scots Song.*
- Laggen.** The angle between the side and the bottom of a wooden dish.
"And coast a laggen-gird myself." *Ramsay.*
- Lair.** Low.
"Thai ewyn laich with the erde has made." *Wyntown.*
- Lairing, lairie.** Wading, and sinking in snow, mud, &c., miry.
"Carried me through the dub an' the lairie." *Scots Song.*
- Laith.** Loath, impure.
"Sic fischin to neglect they will be laith." *Lyndsay.*
- Laithfu'.** Bashful, sheepish, abstemious.
"A landward lad is ay laithfu'." *Scots Prov.*
- Lallans.** Scottish dialect, Lowlands.
"And scorned to own that Lalland sangs they knew." *A. Wilson.*
- Lambie.** Diminutive of lamb.
"For 'twesoh twa hillocks the poor lambie lies." *Ross.*
- Lammas moon.** Harvest moon.
"Light's heartsome, quo' the thief to the lammas moon." *Scots Proverb.*
- Lan'.** Land, estate.
"I wad gie a' my lands an' rents,
I had that lady within my stents." *Scots Ballad.*
- Lan'-afore.** Foremost horse in the plough.
"My lan'-afore's a wordy beast." *Burns.*
- Lan'-ahin'.** Hindmost horse in the plough.
"My lan'-ahin's a weel gain fillie." *Burns.*
- Lane, lanely.** Lone; *my lane, thy lane*, &c., myself alone; lonely.
"Lang has I lain, my luve, lanely and eerie." *Scots Song.*
- Lang.** Long; *to think lang*, to long, to weary.
"He led a lang tyme of his life." *Wyntown.*
- Lap.** Did leap.
"He lap quhill he lay on his lendis." *King James I.*
- Late and air.** Late and early.
"They plague me air and late." *Scots Song.*
- Lave.** The rest, the remainder, the others.
"And the lave syne, thaj dede war thar." *Barbour.*
- Laverock.** The lark.
"An' the lift has faun an' smooed the laverocks." *Scots Saying.*
- Lawin'.** Shot, reckoning, bill
- Lawlan'.** Lowland.
"The lawlan' lads think they are fine." *Scots Song.*
- Lay my dead.** Attribute my death.
"Should she refuse I'll lay my dead
To her twa e'en o' bonnie blue." *Burns.*
- Lea-rig.** Grassy ridge.
- Leal.** Loyal, true, faithful.
"Yere a lad bath true and leal,
The priest-cat ye winna steal." *Scots Rhyme.*
- Leav.** Learning, lore.
- Lee-lang.** Live-long.
"A' the lee-lang night I dim my een wi' weeping." *Scots Song.*
- Leesome luve.** Happy gladsome love.
"The tender heart o' leesome luve." *Burns.*
- Leeze me.** A phrase of congratulatory endearment; I am happy in thee, or proud of thee.
"Leeze me on liquor, my toddin dow." *Old Song.*
- Leister.** A three-pronged and barbed dart for striking fish.
"He could not conceive why a man should be put in fetters for leistering a salmon." *Cal. Mer.*
- Leugh.** Did laugh.
"The lordes on the tothir side for liking they leugh." *Gawan and Gol.*
- Leuk.** A look, to look.
"He leukit east, he leukit west." *Scots Ballads.*
- Libbet.** Castrated.
"Gif libbet Italy be singing." *Burns.*
- Lick, licket.** Beat, thrashen.
"To lend his loving wife a loundering lick." *Ramsay.*
- Lift.** Sky, firmament.
"High in the lift full glaid he gan behald." *G. Douglas.*
- Lichtly, lightly.** Sincerely, to sneer at, to undervalue.
"His lichtly scorn he shall repent fu' sair." *Blind Harry.*
- J E

Lilt. A ballad, a tune, to sing.
"And Rosie liltis sweetly the 'milking the ewes.'" *Ramsay.*

Limmer. A kept mistress, a strumpet.
"Syne gart the limmers tak their heels." *Scots Ballad.*

Limpit. A kind of shell fish.
Limp't. Limped, hobbled.
"Them wha gae jumping awa aften come limp'in back." *Scots Saying.*

Link. To trip along; *linkin'*, tripping along.
"Linkin' o'er the lea." *Old Song.*

Linn. A waterfall, a cascade.
"Sen owe the linn it came." *Montgomery.*

Lint. Flax; *lint' the bell*, flax in flower.
"Now Bessie's hair's like a lint tap." *Ramsay.*

Lint-white. A linnet, flaxen.
"She liltis like ony lint-white." *Scots Saying.*

Loan. The place of milking.
"And muckie kye stand routing i' the loans." *Ramsay.*

Loaning. Lane.
"But now there's a moaning in ilka green loaning." *Old Song.*

Loof, looves. The palms of the hands.
"Wi' weel spread looves an' lang wry faces." *Burns.*

Loot. Did let.
"Lont a' his duddies fa'." *James V.*

Losh-man! Rustic exclamation modified from *Loyd man*.
"Them that cry losh, fain wad cry Lord." *Scots Saying.*

Loun. A fellow, a ragamuffin, a woman of easy virtue.
"Quod I loun thou leis." *G. Douglas.*

Loup. Jump, leap, startled with pain.
"A loup rycht ichtly maid he than." *Harbour.*

Louper-like. Lan-louper, a stranger of a suspected character.
"A horse couper and a lan-louper." *Scots Rhyme.*

Lowe, lowin'. A flame; flaming; *lowin'-drouth*, burning desire for drink.
"Then low or rek sall it discover." *Harbour.*
"A smith's house is aye lowin." *Scots Prov.*

Lowrie Abbreviation of Lawrence.
"Then Lowrie as anc lyouan lap." *K. James.*

Lowse. To loose.
"They may bide in her window till Beltane ere I lowse them." *Scott.*

Lug, The ear, a handle.
"Ye canna mak a silk purse o' a sow's lug." *Scots Proverb.*

Lug of the law. At the judgment seat.
"Ye live at the lug of the law." *Scots Prov.*

Lugget. Having a handle.
"Ye've a lang nose, an' yet yere cut lugget." *Scots Proverb.*

Luggie. A small wooden dish with a handle.
"Wi' green horn spoons beech luggies mingle." *Ramsay.*

Lum. The chimney; *lum-head*, chimney top.
"An' clouds o' reek frae lum-heads do appear." *Ross.*

Lunch. A large piece of cheese, meat, &c.
"They may dunch that gie the lunch." *Scots Proverb.*

Lunt, lunting. A column of smoke, to smoke, to walk quickly; smoking.
"Auld Simon sat luntin' his cuttie." *A. Scott.*

Lyart. Of a mixed colour, grey.
"The bandsters are runkled, lyart, and grey." *Scots Song.*

M

Mae, mair, maist, maistly. More, most, almost, mostly.
"And break my pipe an' never whistie mair." *Ramsay.*

Maggot's-meat. Food for the worms.
"Wha I wish were maggot's meat." *Burns.*

Mahoun. Satan.
"Gramercy, tailor, said Mahoun." *Dunbar.*

Maiten. A farm.
"To take ane maiten that grit lawbour requyris." *Mitland.*

Mak'. To make; *makin'*, making.
"Gif e'er I hear ough o' your makin' mair." *Kennedy.*

Mally. Molly, Mary.
"Mally's meek, Mally's sweet, Mally's modest and discreet." *Scots Song.*

Mang. Among.
"Mang men, wae's heart, we aften find." *Ferguson.*

Manse. The house of the parish minister is called "the manse."

Manteele. A mantle.
"Mae than the diel wear a black manteel." *Scots Proverb.*

Mark. Marks. This and several other nouns, which, in English, require an *s* to form the plural, are, in Scotch, like the words *sheep*, *deer*, the same in both numbers.

Mark, merk. A Scottish coin, value thirteen shillings and fourpence.

Marled. Party coloured.
"They delight to wear marled clothes." *Monypenny.*

Mar's year. The year 1715. Called *Mar's year* from the Rebellion of Erskine, Earl of Mar.

Martial chuck. The soldier's camp-comrade, female companion.
"When up arose the martial chuck." *Burns.*

Mashium. Mixed corn.
"Nae man's shall presume to grind wheat, maistoch, or rye, with hand." *Statutes.*

Mask. To mash, as malt, &c., to infuse.
"They grind the malt over small in the mill that it will not run when it is masked."

Maskin-pat. Tea-pot.
"Then up they gat the maskin-pat." *Burns.*

Maukin. A hare.
"There's mair maidens than maukins." *Scots Proverb.*

Maus, mauna. Must, must not.
"My mother says I mauna." *Scots Song.*

Maut. Malt.
"I hae brewed a forget o' maut." *Scots Song.*

Mavis. The thrush.
"The mavis frae the new-bloom'd thorn." *Ferguson.*

Maw, mawin'. To mow; mowing; *mawin*, mowed; *maw'd*, mowed.
"In simmer I maw'd my meadow." *Scots Song.*

Mawn. A small basket without a handle.
"We'll cover him wi' a mawn, o'." *Scots Song.*

Meere. A mare.
"The auld man's meere's dead." *Old Song.*

Meikle. Much.

Melancholious. Mournful.
"Come join the melancholious croon, O' Robin's reed." *Burns.*

Melder. Corn or grain of any kind, sent to the mill to be ground.
"Our simmer melder niest was milled." *Morison.*

Mell. To be intimate, to meddle; also a mallet for pounding barley in a stone trough.
"But Diomedes mells aye wi' thee." *Scots Poem.*

Melvie. To soil with meal.
"Nor melvie his braw clathing." *Burns.*

Men'. To mend.
"Ye may en' him, but ye'll never men' him." *Scots Proverb.*

Mense. Good manners, decorum.
"Their manhead and their mense." *Priests of Peblis.*

Menseless. Ill bred, rude, impudent.
"As menseless as a tinkler's messan." *Scots Saying.*

Merle. The black-bird.
"Sic mirth the mavis and the merle couth mae." *Henryson.*

Messin. A small dog.
"He is our mekill to be your messoun." *Dunbar.*

Midden. A dunghill.
"Come lyk a sow out of a mydding." *Dunbar.*

Midden-hole. A gutter at the bottom of a dunghill.
 "Beyond was the dungstead, with a pond of putrid water, termed the midden dub, into which the juices of the dung were collected." *Agricultural Survey.*

Middin-creels. Dung-baskets, panniers in which horses carry manure.
 "Her waly neeves like midden creels." *Burns.*

Milkin-shiel. A place where cows or ewes are brought to be milked.
 "It's a sma' sheal that gies nae shelter."
Scots Proverb.

Mim. Prim, affectedly meek.
 "As ony lamb as modest and as mim." *Ross.*

Mim-mou'd. Gentle-mouthed.
 "A mim-mou'd cat is na guid mouser."
Scots Proverb.

Min'. To remember; mind, remembrance.
 "O dinna ye min' Lord Gregorie." *Old Ballad.*

Minawae. Minuet.
 "She moves him in a minawae." *Scots Rhyme.*

Mind't. Mind it, resolved, intending, remembered.

Minnie. Mother, dam.
 "Sin' that I was born of my minnie." *Evergreen.*

Mirk, mirkest. Dark, darkest.
 "And the myrk nycht suddenly." *Wynntown.*

Misca'. To abuse, to call names; *misca'd*, abused.
 "And Russel sair misca'd her." *Burns.*

Mischanter. Accident.
 "Did sic a mishap and mischanter befa' me."
Ross.

Mislear'd. Mischievous, unmannerly.
 "Nor maun she be mislear'd." *Fergusson.*

Mistek. Mistook.
 "He mistek
 His neibor's pouch for his ain plaid neck."
Scots Poem.

Mither. Mother.
 "Quo Jock, an' laughing like to rive,
 What think ye o' my mither?" *Ramsay.*

Mistie-mastie. Confusedly mixed, mish-mash.
 "Yon mistie-mastie, queer hotch-potch." *Burns.*

Moistify, moistified. To moisten, to soak; moistened, soaked.
 "Some are gay drouthy, but ye're aye moistified."
Scots Saying.

Mons-meg. A large piece of ordnance, composed of iron bars welded together and then hooped.
 "Oh willawins! Mons-meg for you." *Fergusson.*

Mools. Earth.
 "—" have seen the cauld-rife mools on thine."
Ramsay.

Mony, or Monic. Many.
 "Sure nature herried mony a tree." *Fergusson.*

Moop. To nibble as a sheep.
 "The parings of their brede to moop up soon."
G. Douglas.

Moorlan'. Of, or belonging to, moors.
 "The wale o' our maidens is moorian' Meg."
Scots Song.

Morn. The next day, to-morrow.
 "The feist the fidler to morne." *G. Douglas.*

Mou'. The mouth.
 "Wha thraw their mou's and tak the dore."
Fergusson.

Moudiewort. A mole.
 "Ane may like to be luv'd, but wha wad mool
 in wi' a moudiewort?" *Scots Saying.*

Mouseie. Diminutive of mouse.
 "But mouseie thou art no thy lane." *Burns.*

Muckle, or mickle. Great, big, much.
 "There's mickle guid love in bonds and bags."
Ramsay.

Muses-stank. Muses-rill, a stank, slow flowing water.
 "And fand ane stank that flowed from ane well."
G. Douglas.

Musie. Diminutive of muse.
 "My musie tir'd wi' mony a sonnet." *Burns.*

Muslin-kail. Broth, composed simply of water, shelled barley, and greens—thin poor broth.
 "Fenny-weep's guid enough for muslin-kale."
Scots Proverb.

Mutchkin. An English pint.
 "The mutchkin-stoup it hauds but dribs,
 Sae bring us in the tappit-ken." *Ramsay.*

Myael'. Myself.
 "I winna blaw about mysel'."
Burns.

N

Na, or nae. No, nor, not any.
 "That on na manner nicht accord." *Barbour.*

Naething, or naithing. Nothing.
 "He had naething for to despend." *Barbour.*

Naig. A horse, a nag.
 "On a' the Nith there's nae sic smith
 For shoeing uther naig or gelding."
Scots Rhyme.

Nane. None.
 "Thus I declare the nane uncertaine thing."
G. Douglas.

Nappy. Ale, to be tipsy.
 "And when that the carles grew nappy."
Old Ballad.

Negleckit. Neglected.
 "But then to see how ye're negleckit." *Burns.*

Neibor, or neebor. A neighbour.
 "An' aye sainsyne the neehors roun',
 They jeer me air and late." *Scots Song.*

Neuk. Nook.
 "The sun frae the east neuk o' Fife." *Ramsay.*

Niest. Next.
 "A meaner phanton niest wi' meikle dread."
Ramsay.

Nieve, nief. The fist.
 "Hard on the left nief was the scharp stele hede."
G. Douglas.

Nievefu'. Handful.
 "A nievefu' o' meal or a gowpen o' groats."
Old Ballad.

Niffer. An exchange, to exchange, barter.
 "He's fond o' barter that niffers wi' muld Nick."
Scots Saying.

Niger. A negro.
 "That made Canaan a niger." *Burns.*

Nine-tailed cat. A hangman's whip.
 "But haud ye're nine-tailed cat a wee." *Burns.*

Nit. A nut.
 "Ye're owre fair o' flesh to live upon deaf nits."
Scots Saying.

Norland. Of, or belonging to, the north.
 "Was like the norlan' blast." *Scots Ballad.*

Notic't. Noticed.
 "Them wha stand on a knowe's sure to be
 notic't." *Scots Saying.*

Nowte. Black cattle.
 "Als bestial as horse and nowte within."
Blind Harry.

O

O'. Of.
 "I'm Willie o' the Waele." *Scots Rhyme.*

Ochels. The name of mountains in Scotland.

O'ergang. Overbearingness, to treat with indignity, literally to tread.
 "For fear that truth should clean o'ergang
 them." *Pennecuik.*

O'erlay. An upper cravat.
 "He faulds his owrelay down his breast wi'
 care." *Ramsay.*

O'haith! O'faith! An oath.

Ony, or Onie. Any.
 "Gin there be ony that lykis." *Wynntown.*

Or. Is often used for ere, before.
 "Wittail were scant or August cou'd appear."
Blind Harry.

Orra-duddies. Superfluous rags, old clothes.
 "To drink their orra-duddies." *Burns.*

O't. Of it.
 "Jock will make a bridal o't." *Scots Song.*

Ourie. Drooping, shivering.
 "The ourie cattle hang their heads." *Nicol.*

Oursel, oursel. Ourselves.
 "There's nae sel aae dear as our ain sel."
Scots Proverb.

Outlers. Outlyers; cattle unhouseed.
 "The dell, or else an outlier quey,
 Gat up an' gae a croon." *Burns.*

Ower, owre. Over, too.
 "Owe the water to Charlie." *Scots Song.*

Owee hip. Striking with a fore-hammer by bringing it with a swing over the hip; a way of fetching a blow with the hammer over the arm.
 "Brings hard owee hip wi' sturdy wheel,
 The strang forehammer." *Burns.*

- Owsen.** Oxen.
"I hae three gude owsen ganging in a plench."
Scots Song.
- Oxtered.** Carried or supported under the arm.
"The priest he was oxtered, the clerk he was carried."
Scots Song.

P

- Pack.** Intimate, familiar; twelve stone of wool.
"An' pack an' thick as tods could be."
Nicol.
- Paidle, paidlen.** To walk with difficulty, as if in water.
"He's but a paidlen bodie O."
Old Song.
- Painch.** Paunch.
"Pakand thair painch like Epicureans."
Scots Poem.
- Paitrick.** A partridge.
"An' paitricks scraichan loud at een."
Burns.
- Pang.** To cram.
"As fou's the house could pang."
Ramsay.
- Parishen.** Parish.
- Parle.** Courtship.
"A tocher's nae word in a true lover's parle."
Burns.
- Parritch.** Oatmeal pudding, a well-known Scotch dish.
"Frae the milk coggie o' the parritch cup."
Fergusson.
- Pat.** Did put, a pot.
"Fier pat my heart in sic a focht."
Burel.
- Pattle, or pettle.** A small spade to clean the plough.
"I wad be laith to rin and chase thee,
Wi' murdering pettle."
Burns.
- Paughty.** Proud, haughty.
"And pauchtie pride rycht sair I do detest."
Scots Poems.
- Pauky, pawkie.** Cunning, sly.
"A pauky auld carle cam o'er the lea."
King James V.
- Pay't.** Paid, beat.
"He's easily payt that's payt wi' paiks."
Scots Proverb.
- Peat-reek.** The smoke of burning turf, a bitter exhalation, whisky.
"Wi' gude peat-reek my head was light."
Duff.
- Pech, pechin'.** To fetch the breath shortly, as in an asthma, respiring with difficulty.
"Begood to pech and lump behind."
Mayne.
- Pechan.** The crop, the stomach.
"He puts in a bad purse that puts it in his pechan."
Scots Proverb.
- Pet.** A domesticated sheep, &c., a "vourie."
"The Deil's pet lambs lo'e Claveres lads."
Scots Saying.
- Pettle.** To cherish.
"An' pettle ye up a dainty lamb."
Scots Song.
- Philabeg, or philbegs.** The kilt; short petticoats worn by Highlanders.
"Wi' his philabeg and tartan plaid."
Scots Song.
- Phraise.** Fair speeches, flattery, to flatter.
"They need na mak sae great a phraise."
Skinner.
- Pibroch.** A martial air.
"Heardst but the pibroch answering brave,
To many a target clanking round."
Scott.
- Pickle.** A small quantity, one grain of corn.
"O gin my love were a pickle o' wheat."
Scots Song.
- Pigmy-scraper.** Little fiddler; a term of contempt for a bad player.
"A pigmy-scraper wi' his fiddle."
Burns.
- Pint-stoup.** A two-quart measure.
"Some can stan' the sword better than the pint stoup."
Scots Proverb.
- Pine.** Pain, uneasiness.
"In meikle dule and pine O"
Scots Song.
- Pingle.** A small pan for warming children's sops.
"Ye want a pingle lassie weel and guid."
Scots Poem.
- Pit.** To put.
- Placad.** A public proclamation, to publish publicly.
- Pluck.** An old Scotch coin, the third part of an English penny.
"He'll no mak his plack a bawbee."
Scots Prov.
- Plackless.** Pennyless, without money.
"The case is clear my pouch is plackless."
Turras.
- Plaidie.** Diminutive of plaid.
"Come under my plaidie and sit down beside me."
Macneill.
- Platie.** Diminutive of plate.
"Whyles owe the wee bit cup and platie."
Burns.
- Plew, or pleugh.** A plough.
"At mornin when frae pleugh or fauld I come."
Fergusson.
- Pliskie.** A trick.
"Their lugs in onie rackless pliskie."
Nicol.
- Plumrose.** Primrose.
"The plumrose and the snawdrap
Are the flowers that's dear to me."
Scots Song.
- Pock.** A meal-bag.
"Then she took up the meal pocks,
And sang them owe the wa'."
K. Jas. V.
- Poind.** To seize on cattle, or take the goods as the laws of Scotland allow, for rent, &c.
"To pryk and poynd bathe to and fra."
Wynntoun.
- Poorfith.** Poverty.
"But poorfith Peggy is the warst of a'."
Ramsay.
- Posie.** A nosegay, a garland.
"I'll tie this posie round wi' the silken bands
o' love."
Burns.
- Pou, pou'd, pou't.** To pull, pulled.
"When Samson pou'd to ground the great pil-
lare."
Blind Harry.
- Pouk.** To pluck.
"And ay as they at the auld carlin plaid pouk."
Scots Song.
- Poussie.** A hare or cat.
"And morning poussie whidding seen."
Burns.
- Pouse.** To pluck with the hand.
"Fride prinks her pow for the deil to pouse."
Scots Proverb.
- Pout.** A pelt, a chick.
"O woodcocks, teals, moor-powts, an' plivers."
Ramsay.
- Pouthery, pother, or powther.** Fiery, active, like powder; gun-powder.
"Mounted on a pouthery pownie."
Scots Saying.
- Pow.** The head, the skull.
"Abiet my pow was bald and bare."
Ramsay.
- Pownie.** A little horse, a pony.
"He'll gang mad on a horse wha's proud on a pownie."
Scots Saying.
- Preclair.** Super-eminent.
"More pleasand and preclair."
A. Scott.
- Preen.** A pin.
"Thousands a year's no worth a preen."
Ramsay.
- Prent.** Printing, print.
"That na prenter presume to prent aine books,
balladis saugs."
Acts Murie.
- Prie.** To taste; "prie'd, tasted."
"That ye're awa', ae peaceful meal to prie."
Fergusson.
- Prief.** Proof.
"To prief thair horse with javelins in thair hands."
G. Douglas.
- Prig.** To cheapen, to dispute; priggie, cheapening.
"I thought by priggie that she might hae spun," &c.
Fergusson.
- Primsie.** Demure, precise.
"A primsie damsel maks a daidlen dame."
Scots Proverb.
- Propone.** To lay down, to propose.
"The poet first proponing his intent."
G. Douglas.
- Pund, pund o' tow.** Pound, pound weight of the refuse of flax.
"But a' that she cou'd mak o' it
Was ae pur pund o' tow."
Scots Song.
- Pyet.** A magpie.
"Thair were pyats, and paitricks, and plivers
anew."
Scots Poem.
- Pyle, a pyle o' chaff.** A single grain of chaff.
"The cleanest corn that e'er was dight
May hae some pyles o' chaff in."
Burns.
- Pystle.** Epistle.
"An' penn'd a pretty pystle."
Scots Rhyme.

Q

- Quat.** Quit.
"Come quat the grup ye tinkler loon."
Scots Song.
- Quak, quaki'.** Quack, the cry of a duck; to quake, quaking.
"When wi' an' eldritch stoor quak, quak."
Burns.

- Quech.** A drinking cup made of wood, with two handles.
"Never count the lawin wi a' toom quech."
Scots Proverb.
- Quey.** A cow from one to two years old, a beifer.
"A cannie quey maks a sounie cow."
Scots Proverb.
- Quines.** Quenns.
"It will cost the quine a skirling."
Scots Saying.
- R**
- Ragweed.** Herb-ragwort.
"As rank a witch as e'er rade on a ragweed."
Scots Saying.
- Raible.** To rattle, nonsense.
"There's plenty o' raible whan drink's on the table."
Scots Saying.
- Rair.** To roar.
"Under thy feet the erd did rair and trymbil."
G. Douglas.
- Raize.** To madden, to inflame.
"And she ran aff as raised as ony deer."
Ross.
- Ramfeezled.** Fatigued, overspread.
"The tapetless ramfeezled hizie."
Burns.
- Rampin'.** Raging.
"The diel he heard the stour o' tongues,
And rampin' came amang us."
Old Song.
- Ramstam.** Thoughtless, forward.
"The least we'll get if we gang ramstam in upon them."
Scott.
- Randle.** A scolding sturdy beggar, a shrew.
"Was Rab the beggar randie."
Old Song.
- Rantin'.** Joyous.
"They ca' me the rantin' laddie."
Old Song.
- Raploch.** Properly a coarse cloth, but used for coarse.
"Their clain quihik wee of raploch grey."
Lyndsay.
- Rarely.** Excellently, very well.
"The sun it raise and better raise,
And owre the hill lowed rarely."
Old Song.
- Rash.** A rush; *rash-buss*, a bush of rushes.
"Because the rasche-buss keipis his kovr."
Lyndsay.
- Ratton.** A rat.
"Thocht rattones ouer them rin, they tak na care."
Lyndsay.
- Raucle.** Rash, stout, fearless, reckless.
"O rakel hond to do so foule a mis."
Chaucer.
- Raught.** Reached.
"Swith swelleand that morsel raucht had eche."
G. Douglas.
- Raw.** A row.
"He driues forth the stampand hors on raw."
G. Douglas.
- Ras, ras'd.** To stretch; stretched.
"Begoud to ras and rift."
Ramsay.
- Ream.** Cream, to cream.
"Without ream, sugar and bohea."
Ramsay.
- Reamin'.** Brimful, frothing.
"He merely ressauns the remand tair."
G. Douglas.
- Reave.** Take by force, rove.
"To nieffe that crown that is a great outrage."
Blind Harry.
- Rebute.** To repulse, rebuke.
"That I rebutet was and doung abak."
G. Douglas.
- Reck.** To heed.
"There's little to reck, quo' the knave to his neck."
Scots Saying.
- Rede.** Counsel, to counsel, to discourse.
"And for I think off him to rede."
Barbour.
- Red-peats.** Burning turfs.
"A toom tar-barrel and twa red peats."
Burns.
- Red-wat-shod.** Walking in blood over the shoe-tops.
"In tyrants' blood walked red-wat-shod."
Scots Poem.
- Red-wud.** Stark mad.
"Some are only daft, but yere red-wud raving."
Scots Saying.
- Ree.** Half drunk, fuddled; a *ree yaud*, a wild horse.
"Ye love a' ye see, like Rob Roole when he's ree."
Scots Saying.
- Reek, reekin, reekit.** Smoke, smoking, smoked, smoky.
"A reekit wee devil looked over the wa."
Scots Song.
- Reestit.** Stood restive; stunted, withered.
"It was a bogilly bit: the horse saw something, and snorted and reestit."
Scots Story.
- Remead.** Remedy.
"All makes for the ruin of this isle, and I see yet no means to remied it."
Baillie.
- Reef, rief.** Plenty.
Requite. Required.
"A drap and a bite's a sma' requite."
Scots Saying.
- Reet, reetit.** To stand restive; stood restive, stunted, withered.
- Restricket.** Restricted.
- Rew.** To smile, look affectionately, tenderly.
"Rew on me, true, Thomas, she said."
Thomas the Rhymer.
- Rickles.** Shocks of corn, stooks.
"A pickle's no mist in a rickle."
Scots Saying.
- Riddle.** Instrument for purifying corn.
"The dum-b riddle, the coarse riddle, and the fine riddle."
Farmer's Inventory.
- Rief-randies.** Men who take the property of others, accompanied by violence and rude words, sturdy beggars.
"Rief-randies, I disown ye."
Burns.
- Rig.** A ridge.
"Quhare thou thy riggis telis for to saw."
G. Douglas.
- Rin.** To run, to melt; *rinin'*, running.
"Whare will I get a bonnie boy
My errant for to rin."
Scots Ballad.
- Rink.** The course of the stones, a term in curling on ice.
"Be this they wan-near to the renkis end."
G. Douglas.
- Rip.** A handful of unthreshed corn.
"Hae there's a rip to thy auld baggie."
Burns.
- Ripples.** Pains in the back and loins, sounds which usher in death.
"I rede ye beware of the ripples, young man."
Old Song.
- Ripplin'-sme.** Instrument for dressing flax.
"Lassie, lend me your braw hemp heckle,
"An' I'll lend you my ripplin'-kame."
Scots Song.
- Riskit.** A noise like the tearing of roots.
"While apretty knowes just rair'd an' riskit."
Burns.
- Rockin'.** A denomination for a friendly visit. In former times young women met with their distaffs during the winter evenings, to sing, and spin, and be merry; these were called "rockings."
- Roke.** Distaff.
"The roke and the wee pickle tow."
Scots Song.
- Rood.** Stands likewise for the plural; roods.
- Roon.** A shred, the selvage of woollen cloth.
"The best o' webs is rough at the roons."
Scots Saying.
- Roose.** To praise, to commend.
"Come view the men thou likes to roose."
Ramsay.
- Roun'.** Round, in the circle of neighbourhood.
"The king lies down, yet the warl rins roun'."
Scots Saying.
- Roup.** A sale by auction.
- Roupet.** Hoarse, as with a cold.
"O may the roup ne'er roast thy weason."
Beattie.
- Routh, routhie.** Plenty, plentiful.
"I dinna want a roth o' country fare."
Ramsay.
- Routh o' gear.** Plenty of goods.
- Row, row t.** To roll, to wrap, to roll as water; rolled, wrapped.
"Rowet at ains wih storms and windis thre."
G. Douglas.
- Route, routin'.** To low, to bellow; lowing.
"Frae fauld's na main the owsen route."
Ferguson.
- Rozet.** Rosin.
"Full of roset down bet is the fir tree."
G. Douglas.

- Rue.** Regret, repent.
Rumble-gumption. Rough common sense.
"Ye suld hae stayed at hame, and wantit a wife till ye got mair rumble-gumption."
Hogg.
- Run-dells.** Downright devils.
"Jock's a misleard' imp, but ye're a run-dell."
Scots Saying.
- Rung.** A cudgel.
"Quhen rungy's wes laid on riggis."
King James.
- Runt.** The stem of colewort or cabbage.
"Bairns, when ye are weary digging, ye can pou kale runts."
Scots Saying.
- Runkled.** Wrinkled.
"A moupin runkled granny."
Ramsay.
- Ruth.** A woman's name, sorrow.
"I'the book o' truth there's love and ruthe."
Scots Saying.
- Ryke.** Reach.
"Let me ryke up to dight that tear."
Burns.
- S**
- Sae.** So.
"Sae thrang this day."
Fergusson.
- Soft.** Soft.
"Soft ease shall teach you to forget."
Old Song.
- Sair.** To serve, a sore; *sairie*, sorrowful; *sairly*, sorely; *sair't*, served.
"He has a saw for a' sairs."
Scots Proverb.
- Sark.** A shirt.
"Held on his sark, and tuk his suerd so gud."
Barbour.
- Sarkit.** Provided in shirts.
"But here half mad, half fed, half sarkit."
Burns.
- Saugh.** Willow.
"He rules easier wi' a saugh wand than a sharp brand."
Scots Saying.
- Saugh woodies.** Withies, made of willows, now supplanted by ropes and chains.
"The sonks o' his yaud war tyed wi' saugh widdies."
Scots Story.
- Saul.** Soul.
"An' lous the saul out of this mortal state."
G. Douglas.
- Saumont.** Salmon.
"He kena nae a selgh frae a saumont."
Scots Proverb.
- Saunt.** Saint.
"Ilka name has a saunt, save that aulddest ane sinner."
Scots Proverb.
- Saut, sautit.** Salt, salted.
"And get their tails weel sautit."
Fergusson.
- Saw, sawin'.** To sow; sowing.
"In fragil fiesche your feebill seds is saw'n."
Douglas.
"Hope is sawin while death is mawin."
Scots Proverb.
- Sax.** Six.
"Sax score o' lambs I sauld them ilka clute."
Ramsay.
- Scath.** To damage, to injure, injury.
Scaud. To scald.
"Ye had better get a scaud than a sconther."
Scots Proverb.
- Scauld, scawt.** To scold; a scold.
"My Eppie's tongue I vow its sweet,
E'en though she flytes an' scauds a wee."
Scots Song.
- Scaw.** Apt to be scared; a precipitous bank of earth which the stream has washed red.
"That chafes against the scaw's red side."
Sir W. Scott.
- Scone.** A kind of bread.
"The floure skounys were set in by and by."
Douglas.
- Sconner.** A loathing, to loath.
"We sconner at most parts o' meat."
Cleland.
- Screach and Seriegh.** To scream, as a hen or partridge.
"It is time, enough to screigh when ye're strucken."
Scots Proverb.
- Screed.** To tear, a rent; *screeding*, tearing.
"Screeding of kerches, crying dool and dair."
Ross.
- Scriene, scrienen.** To glide softly; gleesomely along, swiftly.
"And owre the hill gaed scrienen."
Burns.
- Scrimp.** To scant; *scrimpe*, scanty.
"There's Johnnie Trame has got a wife,
That scrimps him in his cogie."
Scots Song.
- Scroggie.** Covered with underwood, bushy.
"Among the braes sae scroggie."
Sculdudrey. Fornication.
"Could sa'r sculdudrey out like John."
Ramsay.
- Seed.** Saw, did see.
Seizin'. Seizing.
Sel'. Self; a *body's sel'*, ong's self alone.
"Sel'! sel'! has peopled hell."
Scots Proverb.
- Sell't.** Did sell, sold.
"He sell't his saul for a cracket sixpence."
Scots Saying.
- Sen', sen't.** To send, sent, or did send.
"An' then sh.'ll sen' ye to the deil."
Scots Song.
- Servan'.** Servant.
"Godliness is great gain, but sin keeps mony a servan'."
Scots Saying.
- Settlin'.** Settling; to get a *settlin'*, to be frightened into quietness.
"She gat a fearfu' settlin'."
Burns.
- Sets, sets off.** Goes away.
Shacklet-feet. Ill-shaped.
"Ye shape shoon by your ain shacklet-feet."
Scots Proverb.
- Shair'd.** A shred, a shard.
"Ye're grown a skrinkie an' a shaird."
Scots Saying.
- Shangan.** A stick cleft at one end for pulling the tail of a dog, &c., by way of mischief, or to frighten him away.
"Like collie wi' a shangan."
Davidson.
- Shank-it.** Walk it; *shanks*, legs.
"Them that canna ride maun shank it."
Scots Saying.
- Shaul.** Shallow.
"Shaul water's never smooth."
Scots Proverb.
- Shaver.** A humorous wag, a barber.
"He was an unco shaver
For mony a day."
Burns.
- Shavie.** To do an ill turn.
"I played my filly sic a shavie."
Burns.
- Shaw.** To shew; a small wood in a hollow place.
"Among the shaws are nuts and haws."
Scots Rhyme.
- Sheen.** Bright, shining.
Sheep-shank. To think one's self nae sheep-shank; to be conceited.
"He has gowd in the bank, an' he's nae sheep-shank."
Scots Rhyme.
- Sherra-muir.** Sherriff-muir, the famous battle of, 1715.
"Sherra-muir was but a cock fight till't."
Scots Saying.
- Sheugh.** A ditch, a trench, a sluice.
"The ciete circulet, and markit be ane seuch [Sheugh]."
G. Douglas.
- Shiel, shealing.** A shed, a shepherd's cottage.
"Ten miles frae ony town this shealing lies."
Ross.
- Shill.** Shrill.
"A miller's daughter has a' a shrill voice."
Scots Proverb.
- Shog.** A shock, a push off at one side.
"Gien earth a shog, and made thy will a law."
Ramsay.
- Shoo.** Ill to please, ill to fit.
"Then, daughter, ye should na be sae ill to shoo."
Old Song.
- Shool.** A shovel.
"Let spades an' shools do what they may,
Dryfe will hae Dryfesdale Kirk away."
Old Rhyme.
- Shoon.** Shoes.
"Where can I get a bonny boy
That will win hose and shoon."
Scots Ballad.
- Shore, snor'd.** To offer, to threaten; offered and threatened.
"When she disna scaul she shores."
Scots Saying.
"He shored the dog, an' then he shot at it."
Scots Story.
- Shouther.** The shoulder.
"Shouther to shouther stands steel an' pouther."
Scots Saying.

- Saef.** One traverse of the shuttle from side to side of the web.
"He has nae put in a single shot i' the wab this blessed day." *Scots Story.*
- Sic.** Such.
"Sic like a Robin Hood debates." *Fergusson.*
- Sicker.** Sure, steady.
"Out thourch his ribs a sicker straik he drew." *Barbour.*
"I mak sicker." *Motto of the Kirkpatrick Arms.*
- Sidelines.** Sideling, slanting.
"For Nory's sake this sideling hint he gae." *Ross.*
- Silken-snood.** A fillet of silk, a token of virginity.
"The lassie lost her silken snood,
Which cost her mony a blirt and beary." *Scots Song.*
- Siller.** Silver, money, white.
"Her e'en were o' the siller sheen." *Fergus.*
- Simmer.** Summer.
"O' simmer's showery blinks, and winter sour." *Fergusson.*
- Sin.** A son, since.
"There's mirth 'mang the kin when the kimmer cries a sin." *Scots Proverb.*
- Sin syne.** Since then.
"It's no that lang sin syne." *Scots Poem.*
- Skaith.** To damage, to injure, injury.
"And kisses laying a' the wyte
On you if she keep any akaith." *Ramsay.*
- Skeigh.** Proud, nice, saucy, mettled.
"She's skeigh, but she wianna skriegh." *Scots Saying.*
- Skellum.** A noisy, reckless fellow.
"She tauld thee weel thou wert a skellum." *Burns.*
- Skelp.** To strike, to slap; to walk with a smart tripping step, a smart stroke.
"And laid on skelp for akelp." *Lyndsay.*
- Skelpi-limmer.** A technical term in female scolding.
"Ye little skelpi-limmer's face." *Burns.*
- Skelpin, skelpit.** Striking, walking rapidly; literally, striking the ground.
"I cam to a place where there had been some clean skelping." *Scott.*
"A skelpit bottom breaks nae banes." *Scots Saying.*
- Skinklin.** Thin, gauzy, scaltery, a small portion.
"Squire Pope but buks his skinklin-patches." *Burns.*
- Skirl, Skirling.** To cry, to shriek shrilly, shrieking, crying.
"Sitting skirling on a caul' brae side." *Scott.*
- Skirl't.** Shrieked.
"I skirl't fu' loud, 'Oh I was befa' thee.'" *Fergusson.*
- Skient.** Slant, to run aslant, to deviate from truth.
"Of drawin' swords skienting to and fra." *Douglas.*
- Skiented.** Ran, or hit, in an oblique direction.
"The draps skiented off like rain from a wild duck's wing." *Scots Saying.*
- Skouth.** Vent, free action.
"The rain comes skouth when the win's i' the south." *Scots Saying.*
- Skreigh.** A scream, to scream, the first cry uttered by a child.
"For what wad gar her skirl and skreigh some day." *Ramsay.*
- Skyte.** A worthless fellow, to slide rapidly off.
"He's a selfish skyte that cares but for his kyte." *Scots Saying.*
- Skyrin.** Party coloured, the checks of the tartan.
"And a' the akyrin brins o' light." *Scots Poem.*
- Slae.** Sloe.
"Ane buss of bitter slaes." *Montgomery.*
- Slade.** Did slide.
"The wife slade cannie to her bed." *Burns.*
- Slap.** A gate, a breach in the fence.
"He's a sharp tyke that can catch at every slap." *Scots Proverb.*
- Slaw.** Slow.
"The feet are alaw when the head wears snaw." *Scots Saying.*
- Slee, sleest.** Sly, slyest.
"Or Fergusson the bauld and slee." *Burns.*
- S'eehit.** Sleek, sly.
"He's an auld farrant sleekit b'odie." *Scots Story.*
- Slidery.** Slippery.
"He alaid and stammerit on the slidry ground." *G. Douglas.*
- Slip-shod.** Smooth shod.
"Slip shod's no for a frozen road." *Scots Saying.*
- Sloken.** Quench, slake.
"To keep the life, but not to sloken thirst." *Hudson.*
- Slype, slypet.** To fall over; fell over, with a slow reluctant motion.
"Till spretty knowes just-raired and rasket,
And alypet owre." *Burns.*
- Sma'.** Small.
"Though my fortune be but sma'." *Scots Song.*
- Smeddum.** Dust, powder, mettle, sense, sagacity.
"Has fowth o' sense an' ameddum in her." *Skinner.*
- Smiddy.** A smithy.
"Sae I joined the smiddy thrang." *A. Scott.*
- Smirking.** Good-natured, winking.
- Smoor, smooered.** To smother, smothered.
"That his hie honour should not smure." *Lyndsay.*
- Smoutie.** Smutty, obscene; *smoutie phis*, sooty aspect.
"The smoultrie smith, the swart Vulcanus." *English Poem.*
- Smytrie.** A numerous collection of small individuals.
"A smytrie o' wee duddie weans." *Burns.*
- Snapper.** Mistake, stumble.
"He's never out o' ae whipper-snapper till he's into anither."
- Snash.** Abuse, Billingsgate, impertinence.
"The tither says I'll hae't, an' that right snash." *Morison.*
- Snaw, snawie.** Snow, to snow, snowy.
"He's ane o' snaw-ba's bairntime." *Scots Saying.*
- Snaw-broo.** Melted snow.
"The river, swelled wi' snaw-broo, was razing frae bank to brae." *Scots Story.*
- Sned.** To lop, to cut off.
"It is good that God snedde the unfruitful and rotten branches." *Boyd.*
- Sned-besoms.** To cut brooms.
"But I'll sned besoms, thrav saugh woodies before they want." *Burns.*
- Sneeshin.** Snuff; *sneeshing-mill*, a snuff-box.
"Or else they are not worth a sneeshin." *Meston.*
- Snell and snelly.** Bitter, biting; *snellst*, bitterest.
- Snell.** Not Boreas that sae snelly blaws." *Fergusson.*
- Snick, or sneck.** The latchet of a door.
"Just lift the sneck, and say peace be here." *Scots Advice.*
- Snick-drawing.** Trick contriving.
"Then you, ye auld snic-drawing dog." *Burns.*
- Snirt, snirtle.** Concealed laughter, to breathe through the nostrils in a displeased manner.
"Now let her snirt and fyke her fill." *Herd.*
- Snool.** One whose spirit is broken with oppressive slavery; to submit tamely, to sneak.
"Our dotard dads, snool'd wi' their wives." *Ramsay.*
- Snoove.** To go smoothly and constantly, to sneak.
"The naigs snooved awa', and the furrow fell owre like a ribbon." *Scots Story.*
- Snowk, snowkit.** To scent or snuff as a dog, scented, snuffed.
"The drink and ete the offerings great and small, Snokis and likis." *G. Douglas.*
- Sodger.** A soldier.
"On town guard sodgers' faces." *Fergusson.*
- Sonsie.** Having sweet engaging looks, lucky, jolly.
"Sousie and cantie and gausie." *Old Song.*
- Soom.** To swim.
"He'll soom wi' the stream, gae contrair wha will."
- Sooth.** Truth, a petty oath.
- Sough.** A sound dying on the ear, or a continued sound like the noise of high wind.
- Souk.** To suck, to drink long and enduringly.
"And aye she took the tither sook
To drouck the stowrie tow." *Scots Song.*
- Souple, Soupled.** Flexible, swift; supplid.
"As he rins he grows warm, an' as he grows warm he gets soupled, and then ye canna cast aut on his tail." *Scots Saying.*
"The cel, fu' souple, wags her tail." *Fergus.*
- Souther, souther.** To soldier.
"Ye hae cowpit the southering pan, my lass." *Scots Song.*

- Souter.** A shoemaker.
"Up wi' the souters o' Selkirk." *Scots Song.*
- Sowens.** A dish made of oatmeal; the seeds of oatmeal sowed, &c., boiled up till they make an agreeable pudding.
"And sowens and farles and baps." *Scots Song.*
- Soup.** A spoonful, a small quantity of anything liquid.
"A' ye wha live by soups o' drink." *Burns.*
- South.** To try over a tune with a low whistle.
"The soft south of the swyre and sound of the streams." *Dunbar.*
- Spae.** To prophecy, to divine.
"For thoch sho spayit the soith." *G. Douglas.*
- Spails.** Chips, splinters.
"Some strikkit thraw the coist with the spails of tree." *G. Douglas.*
- Spaarge.** To clash, to soil, as with mire.
"Spaarges about the brunstane cootie." *Burns.*
- Spates.** Swollen streams.
"The burne on spate hurls down the bank." *G. Douglas.*
- Spaul.** A limb.
"Auld Sathan claught him by the spaul." *Jacobite Relics.*
- Spavieit.** Having the spavin.
"Ye winna men' a spavieit horse wi' a braw bridle." *S. P.*
- Speut, spates.** A sweeping torrent after the rain or thaw; sudden floods.
"Unguarded was the hallan gate,
And Whigs poured in like Nith in spate." *Jacobite Relics.*
- Speel.** To climb.
"I hope to speel a higher tree,
And herry a richer nest." *Scots Song.*
- Spence.** The parlour of a farm house or cottage.
"Intil a spense where victual was plentye." *Henryson.*
- Spier.** To ask, to enquire; *spier'*, inquired.
"Whare do ye win, gin ane may spier." *Fergusson.*
- Spinmin-graith.** Wheel and roke and lint.
"Then Mog took up the spinning-graith." *Burns.*
- Splatter.** To splutter, a splutter.
"There's an unco' splutter, quo' the sow in the gutter." *Scots Saying.*
- Spleughan.** A tobacco pouch.
"Ik chiel screwed up his dogskin spleughan." *Davidson.*
- Splore.** A frolic, noise, riot.
"We have had some bits o' splores thegither." *Scott.*
- Sprachled.** Scrambled.
"Came spraughlin in a hurry out." *Mactaggart.*
- Spratle.** To scramble.
"And making a spratle for your life." *Scott.*
- Spreckled.** Spotted, speckled.
"The speckled mavis greets your ear." *Fergusson.*
- Spring.** A quick air in music, a Scottish reel.
"Playand on his harp of Trace sa pleasant spring-a." *Douglas.*
- Sprit, spref.** A tough-rooted plant, something like rushes, jointed-leaved rush.
"The ground is for the most part covered with sprit." *Trans. Highland Society.*
- Sprittle.** Full of spirits.
"He was lying in a little green spretty hollow." *Scots Story.*
- Spunk.** Fire, mettle, wit, spark.
"Is nocht left in ane spunk." *Godly Songs.*
- Spunkie.** Mettlesome, fiery; will o' the wisp, or ignis fatuus; the devil.
"He'll get a begunkie that lippens to spunkie." *Scots Saying.*
- Spurtle.** A stick used in making oatmeal pudding or porridge, a notable Scottish dish.
"Ane spurtle braid, and ane elwand." *Bannatyne Poems.*
- Squad.** A crew or party, a squadron.
"The same day the council ordered out a squad of the guards." *Wodrow.*
- Squatter.** To flutter in water, as a wild duck, &c.
"Syne squaterit down into the sea." *Lyndsay.*
- Squattle.** To sprawl in the act of hiding.
"Swith in some beggars hafit squattle." *Burns.*
- Squeel.** A scream, a screech, to scream.
"I trow he gaured the kimmers squeel." *Scots Song.*
- Stacher.** To stagger.
"Like a stirk stacharand in the rye." *Dunbar.*
- Stack.** A rick of corn, hay, peats.
"A peat stack at the door to keep a ranting fire." *Old Song.*
- Staggie.** Diminutive of stag.
"An' could hae flown like ony staggie." *Burns.*
- Staign.** A two year old horse.
"Quibies, thou stall staigs and stirks." *G. Douglas.*
- Stalwart.** Stately, strong, stout.
"Now strong Gyane now stalwart Cloan'hens." *Douglas.*
- Stang.** Sting, stung.
"In herrying o' a bee bike I hae got a stang." *Scots Song.*
- Stan't.** To stand; *stan't*, did stand.
"I canna stan't, I canna stan't; taking my siller is like taking my heart's blude." *Scots Story.*
- Stane.** A stone.
"Sum strack with stingis, sum gadderit stanes." *King James.*
- Stank.** A pool of standing water, slow moving water.
"And fand ane stank that flowit from ane well." *Douglas.*
- Stap.** Stop, stave.
"I'll take a stap out o' your cog." *Scots Saying.*
- Stark.** Stout, potent.
"Stark mighty wines and small wines." *Aberdeen Records.*
- Startle.** To run as cattle stung by the gaddy.
"That gars thee startle." *Burns.*
- Staukin.** Stalking, walking disdainfully, walking without an aim.
"He gangs staupe staukin, and yet he's wide waking." *Scots Saying.*
- Staumrel.** A blockhead, half-witted.
"A full staumrel is half a gomerall." *Scots Saying.*
- Staw.** Did steal, to surfeit.
"We'll staw'd wi' them, he'll never spier." *Fergusson.*
- Steck, stechin.** To cram the belly; cramming.
"His father stecht his fortune in his wame." *Ramsay.*
- "There's meat and drink, and aae stech yoursels well." *A Scotch Exhortation.*
- Steek.** To shut, a stitch.
"Whan thrasher John, sair dung, his barn-door stecks." *Fergusson.*
- Steer.** To molest, to stir.
"Steer her up and haud her gaun." *Scots Song.*
- Steeve.** Firm, compacted.
"As hot as ginger, and as steeve as steel." *Robertson.*
- Stell.** A still.
"Her nainsel does as gude as keep a sma' stell." *Scots Story.*
- Sten, sten't.** To rear as a horse, to stride, to leap suddenly; reared.
"My heart to my mou gied a sten." *Burns.*
- Stravagin.** Wandering without an air.
"He has gi'en up a trade and ta'en to stravagin." *Scots Saying.*
- Stents.** Tribute, dues of any kind.
"To tax and stent the hale inhabitants within the Parochin." *Acts James VI.*
- Stey.** Steep; *steyst*, steepest.
"Set a stout heart to a stey brae." *Scots Proverb.*
- Stibble.** Stubble; *stibble rig*, the reaper in harvest who takes the lead.
"Shod i' the cradle and barefoot i' the stibble." *Scots Proverb.*
- Stick-an'-stow.** Totally, altogether.
"Which gin I gie you stick-an'-stow." *Sherifs.*

- Stilt, stilt.** A crutch; to limp, to halt; poles for crossing a river.
"The Dunscore salt lairds stilt the Nith."
Scots Song.
- Stimpart.** The eighth part of a Winchester bushel.
"Them that canna get a peck main pit wi' a stimpart."
Scots Saying.
- Stirk.** A cow or bullock a year old.
"Our stirks and young beistis mony ane."
G. Douglas.
- Stock.** A plant of colewort, cabbages.
"A body's no broke while they hae a green kale-stock."
Scots Proverb.
- Stockin'.** Stocking; throwing the stockin'; when the bride and bridegroom are put into bed, and the candle out, the former throws a stocking at random among the company, and the person whom it falls on is the next that will be married.
- Stook, stooked.** A shock of corn, made into shocks.
"And when its a' cut I'll stook it wi' pleasure."
Galloway.
- Stoor.** Sounding hollow, strong, and hoarse.
Stot. A young bull, or ox.
"Semin young stottis, that yolk bare neur nane."
Douglas.
- Stound.** Sudden pang of the heart.
"So tyl hys heart stoundis the pryk of death."
G. Douglas.
- Stoup, or stoup.** A kind of high narrow jug or dish with a handle, for holding liquids.
"Fieyr Robert sayd, dame, fill ane stoup of ale"
Dunbar.
- Stoure.** Dust; more particularly dust in motion; *stourie*, dusty.
"The strang stowre raise like reek amang them fast."
Blind Harry.
- Stowlnins.** By stealth.
"And stowlnins when there was na thinking."
Nicol.
- Stown.** Stolen.
"Aft tymis gear tynt or stowin is gotten agane be conjurers."
Hamilton.
- Stoyte.** The walking of a drunken man, stumble.
"He gies mony a stoyte, but never a tumble."
Scots Saying.
- Strack.** Did strike.
"He had the same sword in keeping that strak the field o' Flodden."
Pitcottie.
- Strae.** Straw; to die a fair *strae* death, to die in bed.
"And out he drew his gude brown sword And straket it on the strae."
Old Ballad.
- Straik.** To stroke; *straike*, stroked.
"That straykes thir wenches hedis them to please."
G. Douglas.
- Strappan, strappin'.** Tall, handsome, vigorous.
"The English minister proposed to hire a band of strapping Elliotts."
Scott.
- Strath.** Low alluvial land, a holm.
"A strath is a flat piece of arable land lying along the side or sides of some capital river."
Burt.
- Straught.** Straight.
"Hand of woman or of man either will never straught him."
Scott.
- Streek.** Stretched, to stretch.
"Nane o't she wyled but forward on did streek."
Ross.
- Striddle.** To straddle.
"Lads like to striddle to the soun' o' the fiddle."
Scots Rhyme.
- Stroan.** To spout.
"An' stroaned on stanes and hillocks wi' him."
Burns.
- Stroup.** The spout.
"O haste ye an' come to our gate en' And sowther the stroup o' my lady's pan."
Scott.
- Studdie.** The nail.
"Item, three iron studdis and ane cruke studdie."
Inventory.
- Stumpie.** Diminutive of stump; a grub pen.
"And down gade stumpie in the ink."
Burns.
- Strunt.** Spirituous liquor of any kind; to walk sturdily, to be affronted.
"Gil ony wayward lassie tak' the strunt."
Scots Poem.
- Stuf.** Corn or pulse of any kind.
"And snoddy cleaned the stuff."
Tarras.
- Sturt.** Trouble; to molest.
"To sturt them on the streme fra hand to hand."
Douglas.
- Startin.** Frighted.
"When death lifts the curtain its time to be startin'."
Scots Proverb.
- Styme.** A glimmer.
"Suppose thou sees her not a styme."
Montgomery.
- Sucker.** Sugar.
"An' just a wee drap spiritual burnin' And gusty sucker."
Burns.
- Sud.** Should.
"That you sud musing gae."
Fergusson.
- Sugh, or sough.** The continued rushing noise of wind or water.
"Cald blows the nippin' north wi' angry sugh."
Fergusson.
- Sumph.** A pluckless fellow, with little heart or soul.
"Surveys the self-made sumph in proper light."
Ramsay.
- Suthron.** Southern, an old name for the English nation.
"A southern there he slew at every stroke."
Blind Harry.
- Sward.** Sword.
"Yere a fine sward, quo the fule to the wheat braird."
Scots Saying.
- Swall'd.** Swelled.
"Its a world's pity to see how these rings are pinching the poor creature's swalled fingers."
Scott.
- Swank.** Stately, jolly.
"Mair hardy, souple, steeve and swank."
Fergusson.
- Swankie or Swanker.** A tight strapping young fellow or girl.
"At sen in the gloamin' Nae swankies are roamin'."
Scots Song.
- Swap.** An exchange, to barter.
"I trou we swappit for the wars."
Old Song.
- Swarfed.** Sworned.
"The scene dumfounded the wretch, and swarfed him sae that he could not utter a word."
Mactaggart.
- Swat, sweatin'.** Did sweat, sweating.
"They swat like ponies when they speel Up braes, or when they gallop."
Ramsay.
- Swatch.** A sample.
"A swatch—a pattern, or piece for a sample."
Sinclair.
- Swats.** Drink, good ale, new ale or wort.
"Nor kept dow'd tip within her waas But remain' swats."
Ramsay.
- Sweer.** Lazy, averse; dead-sweer, extremely averse.
"Deferred hopes needna make me dead sweer."
Rutherford.
- Swoor.** Swore, did swear.
- Swinge.** To beat, to whip.
"Swynget and faught full sturdeley."
Barbour.
- Swinke.** To labour hard.
"To swinke and sweat withouten meat or wage."
Henryson.
- Swirl.** A curve, an eddying blast or pool, a knot in wood.
"The swelland swirl upheist us to heauen."
Douglas.
- Swirlie.** Knaggy, full of knots.
"He takes a swirlie guld moss aik, For some black gruesome carlin."
Burns.
- Swirth.** Get away.
"Swirth roast a hen an' fry some chickens."
Ramsay.
- Swither.** To hesitate in choice, an irresolute wavering in choice.
- Syebow.** A thick-necked onion.
"Wi' syebows, an' rifarts, and carlins."
Scots Song.
- Syne.** Since, ago, then.
"The meal was dear short syne."
Scots Song.

T

- Tackets.** Broad-headed nails for the heels of shoes.
"Wad haud the Lothians three in tackets."
Burns.
- Tae.** A toe; *three-taed*; having three prongs.
"Ows mony masters, quo' the toad to the harrows, when every tae gae him a tig."
Scott.

- Tak.** To take; *takin'*, taking.
"They tak the horse then by the head."
Scots Song.
- Tamtallan.** The name of an old castle or fortress, on the coast of East Lothian.
- Tangle.** A sea-weed, used as salad.
"Scraped haddocks, wilks, dulse, and tangle."
Scots Song.
- Tap.** The top.
"I'll tak my tap in my lap and rin." *Scott.*
- Tapetless.** Heedless, foolish.
"That she grew tapetless and swart therewith."
Ross.
- Targe.** *Targe them tightly*, cross question them severely.
- Targe.** Target.
- Tarrow, tarrow't.** To murmur at one's allowance; murmured.
"A tarrowing bairn was never fat."
Scots Proverb.
- Tarry-brecks.** A sailor.
"Tarry brecks are toom when tartan trews are fou."
Scots Proverb.
- Tassie.** A small measure for liquor.
"Here's my Jean's health in the siller lipt tassie."
Scots Song.
- Tauld, or tald.** Told.
"I trow anither tale she tauld." *Scots Song.*
- Taupie.** A foolish, thoughtless young person.
"Porridge," quoth Hab, "ye senseless taupie."
Ramsay.
- Tauted, or Tautie.** Matted together (spoken of hair and wool).
"He had an ill faur't tautie face."
Tannahill.
- Tawie.** That allows itself peaceably to be handled (spoken of a cow, horse, &c.).
"He fund when a fiel' he was twie an' tame"
Picken.
- Teuf.** A small quantity.
"And we'll get teats o' woo." *Scots Song.*
- Tedding.** Spreading after the mower.
- Teethless bawtie.** Toothless cur.
"When our dog Bawtie barks, fast to the door I rin."
Scots Song.
- Teethless gab.** A mouth wanting the teeth, an expression of scorn.
"While ae gab's teething, anither's growing teethless."
Scots Proverb.
- Ten-hours-bite.** A slight feed to the horse while in the yoke in the forenoon.
"Or dealing through among the naigs, Their ten-hours-bite."
Burns.
- Tent.** A field pulpit, head, caution; to take heed.
"Dawnus, son Turnus, in the nynte tak tent."
G. Douglas.
- Tentie.** Heedful, cautious.
"Be wyae and tentie in thy governing."
Maitland Poems.
- Tentless.** Heedless, careless.
"She that fa's owre a strae 's a tentless taupie."
Scots Proverb.
- Teugh.** Tough.
"Wi' aureate leuis, and flexibil twistis teuch."
Douglas.
- Thack.** Thatch; *thack an' rape*, clothing and necessities; alluding to the covering of a corn rick.
"Some grathis first the thack and rufe of tree."
Douglas.
- Thae, thir.** These.
- Thairms.** Small guts, fiddle strings.
"He that has a wide thairm has never a lang arm."
"For while I kittle hair on thairms." *Burns.*
- Thankit.** Thanked.
"He first asaid bethankit an' syne he drank it."
Scots Proverb.
- Theekit.** Thatch'd.
"With lede the south yele thekyd awn."
Wyntoun.
- Thegither.** Together.
"Gin we be seen thegither in the mirk"
Ross.
- Themsel'.** Themselves.
"Them that tent nae thersel' will tent nae body else."
Scots Proverb.
- Thick.** Intimate, familiar.
"Nae twa were ever seen mair thick."
Davidson.
- Thigger.** Crowding, make a noise; a seeker of alms.
"Thiggers are those who beg in a gentel way."
Macdaggart.
- Thir.** These.
"To thir twa wardanys athis swar." *Barbour.*
- Thirl, thirled.** To thrill, thrilled, vibrated.
"An elbuck dirle will lang play thirl."
Scots Proverb.
- Thole.** To suffer, to endure.
"Quhat danger is he suld thole on land and see."
Douglas.
- Thowe.** A thaw, to thaw.
"Dighted his face, his handies thow'd."
G. Douglas.
- Thowless.** Slack, lazy.
"He was thowless and had in wown."
Wyntoun.
- Thrang.** Throng, busy, a crowd.
"A thoughtless bodie's aye thrang."
Scots Proverb.
- Thrapple.** Throat, windpipe.
"Till thropil and wesand gade in two."
Barbour.
- Thraw.** To sprain, to twist, to contradict.
"Thraw the wand while it's green."
Scots Proverb.
- Thrawin'.** Twisting, &c.
"Alecto air thrawin visage did away."
Gavin Douglas.
- Thrawn.** Sprained, twisted, contradicted, contradiction.
"Thraw the widdie whan the wood's green."
Scots Proverb.
- Threap.** To maintain by dint of assertion.
"Bout once threap when he and I fell out."
Ross.
- Threshin'.** Thrashing; *threshin'-tree*, a flail.
- Threteen.** Thirteen.
- Thriatie.** Thistle.
"Bot thrissil, nettill, brier, and thorne."
Lyndsay.
- Through.** To go on with, to make out.
"Hey ca' through ca' through." *Scots Song.*
- Throu'ther.** Pell-mell, confusedly (through-ither).
"And see throwither warpiet were that she."
Ross.
- Thrum.** Sound of a spinning wheel in motion, the thread remaining at the end of a web.
"He's no gude weaver that leaves lang thrums."
Scots Proverb.
- Thud.** To make a loud intermittent noise.
"Throw cluds so, he thuds so." *Montgomery.*
- Thummart.** Fountart, pole-cat.
"May the fountart lay his crawin."
Scots Song.
- Thympit.** Thumped.
"When pulpit thumpers did express."
Meston.
- Thysel'.** Thyself.
"Mind thysel'—the world will mind the lave"
Scots Proverb.
- Till't.** To it.
"Till't they gade ye see on a brow simmer morning."
Scott.
- Timmer.** Timber.
"Timmeris for helmis war the tane."
Barbour.
- Tine, or tyne.** To lose; *tint*, lost; *tint the gate*, lost the way.
"Micht he do ocht but tyne him as it was."
Blind Harry.
- Tinkler.** A tinker.
"It canna be warse that's no worth a tinkler's curse."
Scots Proverb.
- Tip.** A ram.
"Young Colin plodded wi' his strayed tips."
Davidson.
- Tippence.** Two-pence, money.
"Wae to him that lippens to others for tippence."
Scots Proverb.
- Tirl, tirlin', tirlit.** To make a slight noise, to uncover; uncovering.
"When the wind blows loud and tirls our strae."
Scots Song.
- "And aff his coat they tirlit by the crown."
Scots Poem.
- Tither.** The other.
"An' the tae fat boutcher fryed the tither."
Jacobite Relics.

Tittle, tittlin'. To whisper, to prate idly; whispering.
 "My old and great acquaintances at the court of France titlited in the Queen's ear."
Melvil.

Tocher. Marriage portion; *tocher bands*, marriage bonds.
 "She need na mind a clochar wha has a rich tocher."
Scots Proverb.

Tod. A fox. "*Tod's the fauld,*" fox in the fold.
 "Birds has their nests, and tods has their den."
Lyndsay.

Toddle, toddlin'. To totter, like the walk of a child;—*toddles-dow*, toddlen dove.
 "Toddling burns that smoothly play."
Fergusson.

Too-fa'. "Too fa' o' the night," when twilight darkens into night; a building added, a lean-to.

Toom. Empty.
 "Of toom dominion on the pteuous main."
Ramsay.

Toop. A ram.
 "My poor toop lamb, my son an' heir."
Burns.

Toss. A toast.
 "An' a' forbye my bonnie sel',
 The toss o' Eccliefchan."
Scots Song.

Tosie. Warm and ruddy with warmth, good-looking, intoxicating.
 "And brought them wealth of meat and tosie drink."
Hamilton.

Toun. A hamlet, a farm house.
 "Will ye ca' in by our toun, as ye gae to the faul?"
Scots Song.

Tout. The blast of a horn or trumpet, to blow a horn or trumpet.
 "O lady, I heard a wee horn tout."
Old Ballad.

Tousles, tousling. Romping; ruffling the clothe.
 "Whilk tousles a' their tap, and gars them shak wi' fear."
Fergusson.

Tow. A rope.
 "His tows I find hae been sae flue."
Scots Poem.

Towmond. A twelvemonth.
 "To this towmond I' se indent."
Ramsay.

Tawzie. Rough, shaggy.
 "He's an auld tawtie tozie beast."
Scots Song.

Toy. A very old fashion of female head-dress.
 "My grannie's joy is her grannie's toy."
Scots Saying.

Toyte. To totter like old age.
 "He's auld and feckless, an' a' he dow do is toyte about."
Scots Song.

Trans. *Barrow-frames*, the handles of a barrow.
 "We'll batter it wi' a barrow tram."
Dunbar.

Transmugrifed. Transmigrated, metamorphosed.
 "It has undergone a great transmugrif-ication."
Galt.

Trashtrie. Trash, rubbish.
 "Wi' sauce, ragouts, and such like trashtrie."
Burns.

Treus. Trousers.

Trickie. Full of tricks.
 "A trickie chap's easiest tricket."
Scots Saying.

Trig. Spruce, neat.
 "Full taicht and trig socht blet and to their damnes."
Douglas.

Trimly. Cleverly, excellently, in a seemly manner.
 "An' trimly other tryme conceits."
Scots Poem.

Trinle, trintle. The wheel of a barrow, to roll.
 "An' my auld mither burnt the trinle."
Burns.

Trinklin. Trickling.
 "Lyke to the trinklin black stems of pik."
G. Douglas.

Troggers, troggin. Wandering merchants, goods to truck or dispose of.
 "The second are those called troggers, who carry on a species of traffic."
Sinclair.

Trove. To believe, to trust to.
 "And gif that ye will trow to me."
Barbour.

True th. Truth, a petty oath.
 "And trowth had in swyik fantasie."
Wynntown.

Tryste, trysts. To make an appointment; appointments, love meetings, cattle shows.
 "Was at that tryste that like day."
Wynntown.

Try't. Tried.

Tumbler-wheels. The wheels of a kind of low cart.
 "She can digest the wheels o' tumbler cars like Willie Stalker's mare."
Scots Saying.

Tug. Raw hide, of which in old time plough traces were frequently made.

Tug or tow. Either in leather or rope.
 "As e'er in tug or tow was traced."
Burns.

Tulsie. A quarrel, to quarrel, to fight.
 "Sevin' sum that the tulsie maid."
E. James.

Twa. Two; *twa-fauld*, two fold.
 "They made a paction 'tween them twa."
K. James V.

Twa thres. A few.
 "In twa three words I'll gie ye my opinion."
Scots Poem.

Twad. It would.

Twal. Twelve; *twa! pennie worth*, a small quantity, a pennyworth.—N. B. One penny English is twelve pence Scotch.
 "In twal year throw his douchty dede."
Barbour.

Twin. To part.
 "He'll no twin wi' his gear."
Old Ballad

Twistle. Twisting, the art of making a rope.
 "I'll twistle yere thrapple in a jiffy."
Scots Story.

Tyke. A dog.
 "Thocht he dow not to leid a tyk."
Dunbar.

Tysday. Tuesday.
 "Saw ye ought o' the rinaway bride
 Should been married on tysday 'teen."
Scots Song.

U

Unback'd filly. A young mare hitherto unsaddled.
 "But take it like the unbacked filly,
 Proud o' her speed."
Burns.

Unco. Strange, uncouth, very, very great, prodigious.
 "Ye've lain in an unco bed, and wi' an unco man."
Scots Song.

Uncos. News.
 "Sae tell's the^o uncos that ye've heard or seen."
Morison.

Unfauld. Unfold.
 "The news grow cauld that slow tongues unfauld."
Scots Proverb.

Unkenn'd. Unknown.
 "An unkenn'd sea has ay an unkenn'd shore."
Scots Proverb.

Unsicker. Uncertain, wavering, insecure.
 "Unsicker, unstable, quo' the wave to the cable."
Scots Proverb.

Unskathed. Undamaged, unhurt.

Upo'. Upon.

Unweeting. Unwittingly, unknowing.

Urchin. A hedge-hog.

V

Vap'rin. Vapouring.
 "In wrath she was sae vap'rin."
Burns.

Vauntie. Joyous, delight which cannot contain itself.
 "Tis daffin to be vanny."
Old Song.

Vera. Very.
 "Other fowk are well faured, but ye're no sae vera."
Scots Saying.

Vir. A ring round a column, &c.
 "Of plumb-tree made, with ivory virles round."
Ramsay.

Vogie. Vain.
 "And vogie that I ca' my ain."
Ross.

W

Wa'. Wall; wa's, walls.
 "The lady look'd over the castle wa',
 Cried wha maks a' this din?"
Scots Ballad.

- Wabster.** A weaver.
"Find me ane wabster that is leill." *Lyndsay.*
- Wad.** Would, to bet, a bet, a pledge.
- Wadna.** Would not.
"What writer wadna gang as far as
He could for bread." *Fergusson.*
- Wadset.** Land on which money is lent; a mortgage.
"An' what's his lairdship; a mere wadset, no
worth redeeming."
- Wae.** Woe; *waefu'*, sorrowful, wailing.
"It was wae-days wi' Charlie." *Scots Song.*
- Waefu'-woodie.** Hangman's rope.
"But weary-fu' the waefu'-woodie." *Burns.*
- Waesucks!** *Wae's me!* Alas! O the pity!
"Some that hae least to dree are loudest wi'
wae's me!" *Scots Proverb.*
- Wa'-flower.** Wall-flower.
"Ye may fin' the smell 'the wa'-flower for
three miles frae the abbey tap when the
win's in the west." *Scots Story.*
- Waft.** Woof; the cross thread that goes from the shuttle through the web.
"True love's the waft o' life, but it whiles
comes through a sorrowfu' shuttle." *Scots Saying.*
- Waifs an' crocks.** Stray sheep and old ewes, past breeding.
"And sittin' down like sarye crockis." *Dunbar.*
- Wair.** To lay out, to expend.
"Wi' ten pund Scots, on sarkin to ware." *Scots Song.*
- Wale, wal'd.** Choice, to choose; chosen.
"The wale o' our lassies is moorland Meg." *Scots Song.*
- Walie.** Ample, large, jolly, also an interjection of distress.
"O waly, waly, up the bank." *Scots Song.*
- Wame, wamefu'.** The belly; a belly-juil.
"A rotten sod across his wame."
"Let ne'er a wamefu' be a missing." *Hogg.*
A. Scott.
- Wanchansie.** Unlucky.
"Wi' creels wanchansie heap'd wi' bread." *Fergusson.*
- Wanrest, wamrestfu'.** Restless, unrestful.
"Quo' she, I wis I could your wanrest ken." *Ross.*
- Wark.** Work.
"Rise early to their wark." *Fergusson.*
- Wark-lume.** A tool to work with.
"An' cause she soon that wark-lume quit." *Scots Poem.*
- Ward's worm.** A miser.
"Some ca' him Haud-the-grip, and ither the
Ward's worm." *Scots Story.*
- Wari' or wardr'd.** World.
"Its ill to quarrel wi' a misrid wari'!"
- Warlock.** A wizard; *Warlock-knowe*, a knoll where warlocks once held trysts.
"Ye'll neither die for yere wit, nor be
drowned for a warlock." *Scots Proverb.*
- Warily.** Worldly, eager in amassing wealth.
"The wardly race may riches chase." *Burns.*
- Warran'.** A warrant, to warrant.
"Indeed, quo' she, I've warran'." *Scots Song.*
- Warsle, warstle, warsi'd, or warstl'd.** Wrestle, wrestling, struggling; wrestled.
"Quha with this world dois warsell and
strife." *Dunbar.*
"We've foughten tough and warsell sair." *Scots Song.*
- Worst.** Worst.
- Wastrie.** Prodigality.
"A house in a hastrie is downright wastrie." *Scots Proverb.*
- Wat.** Wet; *I wat—I wot—I know.*
"After their yokin—I wat weel." *Fergusson.*
- Wat.** A man's upper dress; a sort of mantle.
"To make a wat to Johnnie of." *Burns.*
- Water brose.** Brose made of meal and water simply, without the addition of milk, butter, &c.
"Them that likee na water brose, will scunner
at cauld steerie." *Scots Proverb.*
- Wattle.** A twig, a wand.
"He cut a wand and gae her a wattin." *Scots Story.*
- Wauble.** To swing, to reel.
"He's grown sae wanf he scarce can wauble." *Scots Saying.*
- Waught.** Draught.
- Waukin.** Waking, watching.
"Yet weel I like to meet her
At the wauking of the fauld." *Ramsay.*
- Waukit.** Thickened as fullers do cloth.
"Done, quo' Pate, and syne his ertes
Nailed the dysters waukit loof." *A. Wilson.*
- Waukrife.** Not apt to sleep.
"Thou art a gay and kindle quean,
But thou hast a waukrife rinnie." *Scots Song.*
- Waur, waur't.** Worse, worsted.
"And what the waur am I." *Old Song.*
"Wad abins waur't thee at a brattle." *Burns.*
- Wean.** A child.
"Ilka year a dainty wean." *Macneill.*
- Wearie, or weary.** *Many a weary body*, many a toilsome person.
Weary-widdle, Toilsome contest of life.
"This warl's a widdle, as weel as a riddle." *Scots Proverb.*
- Weason.** Weasand, windpipe.
"Weet your weason, or else it will greson." *Scots Saying.*
- Weavin' the stocking.** To knit stockings. See *Stockin'*.—*Throwing the stockin'*.
"To ca' the crack an' weave our stockin'." *Burns.*
- Weeder-clips.** Instrument for removing weeds.
"I turned the weeder-clips aside." *Burns.*
- Wee.** Little; *wee things*, little ones; *wee bits*, a small matter.
"Oh! wee, wee man, but ye be strang." *Scots Ballad.*
- Weel.** Well; *weelfare*, welfare.
"They're weel guidet that God guides." *Scots Proverb.*
- Weet.** Rain, wetness; to wet.
"Logan water's wide and deep,
And I am laith to weet my feet." *Scots Song.*
- Weird.** Fate.
- We'se.** We shall.
"We'se a' be fu' when the corn's i' the mow." *Scots Song.*
- Wha, whase, wha's.** Who, whose, who's.
"Ye wha hae sung o' Hallow fair." *Fergusson.*
- Whaize.** To wheeze.
"Ye fuif and wheeze, like a hunted weasel." *Scots Proverb.*
- Whalpit.** Whelped.
- Whang.** A leathern thong, a piece of cheese, bread, &c.
"Cut frae the new cheese a whang." *James V.*
- Whare.** Where. *Whare'er*, where'er.
"Whare will our gude-man lie?" *Scots Song.*
- What reek.** Nevertheless.
"And yet what reek he at Quebec." *Burns.*
- Whleep.** To fly nimbly, to jerk; *penny-whleep*, small beer.
"He hated penny-whleep and water." *Scots Rhyme.*
- Whid.** The motion of a hare running, but not frightened; a lie.
"He'll tell you a whid aboon what he's bid." *Scots Saying.*
- Whidden.** Running as a hare, or coney.
"The linnet's fittin' frae cove to cove,
The hare is whidden frae knowe to knowe." *Scots Song.*
- Whigmaleerie.** Whims, fancies, crochets.
- Whilk.** Which.
"Than whilk I trow." *Fergusson.*
- Whingin'.** Crying, complaining, fretting.
"Fears aye pingu and sorrows aye whingin'." *Scots Saying.*
- Whirligigums.** Useless ornaments, trifling appendages.
"The capitals which surmount the columns on
the new bridge of Ayr."
- Whistle.** A whistle, to whistle.
"The shrill sound of a thin sword-blade in
the act of striking."

Whisht. Silence; *to hold one's whisht*, to be silent.
 "Whisht, gude wife, is this a day to be singing your racing fule songs in." *Scott.*

Whisk, whisket. To sweep—to lash.
 "He whisket it cross my lips I trow,
 Which makes them baith sae mealy." *Scots Song.*

Whiskin' beard. A beard like the whiskers of a cat.
 "A whiskin beard about her mou." *Burns.*

Whitter. A hearty draught of liquor.
 "He's na fitter while the cog yields a whitter." *Scots Saying.*

Whittle. A knife.
 "Pits ilk chiel's whittle i' the pye." *Fergusson.*

Whunstone. A whinstone.
 "Be to the poor like ony whunstone." *Burns.*

Wh'y'es. Whiles, sometimes.

Wi'. With.
 "How 's a' wi' ye, my sonsie dame." *Scots Song.*

Wick. To strike a stone in an oblique direction—a term in curling.
 "Guard this in wick, else its a' da'j with the dinner and drink." *Directions in Curling.*

Wicker. Willow (the smaller sort).

Widdifou. Twisted like a withy—one who merits hanging.
 "Vain widdifou out of thy wit gane wild." *Dunbar.*

Wiel. A small whirlpool.
 "An' in the wiel she will drown me." *Old Ballad.*

Wife-wifkie. A diminutive, or endearing name, for wife.
 "There was a wee bit wifkie, and she gaed to the fair." *Geddes.*

Wight. Stout—enduring.
 "A nobell knight,
 Stout and manly, bauld and wicht." *Wyntoun.*

Wilyart-glower. A bewildered, dismayed stare.
 "Whiles wandering, whiles danderin,
 Like royd and wilyart rain." *Burel.*

Wimple, winplet. To meander—meandered—to enfold.
 "Wimplit and basket in ane bluidy bend." *G. Douglas.*

Wimplin'. Waving—meandering.
 "Where wimpling waters make their way." *Ramsay.*

Win', win't, wind. To wind, to winnow; winded, as a bottom of yarn.
 "Weel win corn should be housed ere the morn." *Scots Proverb.*

Win, wona. Live, dwells.
 "Where do ye win, gin ane may speer." *Fergusson.*

Winnin'-thread. Putting thread into hanks.
 "Prudence should be winning when thrift is spinning." *Scots Saying.*

Winna. Will not.
 "In troth i winna steer ye." *Scots Song.*

Winnock. A window.
 "May gain a place in Fame's high winnock." *Tannahill.*

Winsome. Hearty, vaunted, gay.
 "Busk ye, busk ye, my winsome marrow." *Hamilton.*

Wintle. A staggering motion; to stagger, to reel.
 "He'll wintle in a widdie as sure as I'm i' the body." *Scots Saying.*

Wisa. To wish.
 "There was nae need o' her to wis to pit me daft." *Galt.*

Withouten. Without.

Wizened. Hide-bound, dried, shrunk.
 "He's wizened, but gere geisond." That is, he is dry, but you are drier.

Winze. A curse, or imprecation.
 "He loot a winze and drew a straik." *Burns.*

Wonner. A wonder, a contemptuous appellation.
 "Some are unlo'esome enough, but ye're a waul's wonner."

Woo'. Wool.
 "Simmer it is coming in an we'll get teats o' woo'." *Scots Song.*

Wou. To court, to make love to.
 "Wooing at her, pu'in' at her." *Scots Song.*

Woodie. A rope; more properly, one of withs or willows.
 "He was missed by the water, but caught by the woodie." *Scots Proverb.*

Wooer-babs. The garter knitted below the knee with a couple of loops.

Wordy. Worthy.
 "He's weel wordy o' her, or the best o' a' her kin." *Scots Song.*

Worset. Worsted.
 "Her brow new worsted apron." *Burns.*

Wow. An exclamation of pleasure or wonder.
 To tease, to vex.
 "I'll tease him an' wrack him until I heart break him." *Burns.*

Wrack. Wild, mad; *wud-mad*, distracted.
 "Ance wud, and aye waur." *Scots Proverb.*

Wumble. A wibble.
 "To do sic a darke is like boring wi' a fipless wumble." *Scots Saying.*

Wraith. A spirit, a ghost, an apparition exactly like a living person, whose appearance is said to forebode the person's approaching death; also wraith.
 "And in her sleep loud wraith in every place." *Douglas.*

Wrang. Wrong, to wrong.
 "With rycht or wrang it hav wald thee." *Barbour.*

Wreeth. A drifted heap of snow.
 "Ance she lay a week or langer,
 Underneath a wreeth o' snaw." *Skinner.*

Wyle. To beguile.

Wyliecoat. A flannel vest.
 "The bride in wylie coat sae braw,
 Sat on her nether en." *Ramsay.*

Wyte. Blame, to blame.
 "Had I the wyte she bade me." *Scots Song.*

Y

Ye. This pronoun is frequently used for thou.

Yeas. Is used both for singular and plural years.

Yearlings. Born in the same year, coevals.
 "Near yearlings wi' the sun your God." *Ramsay.*

Yeasna. Longs much.
 "He's aye in a yearn, yearn, or a girn, girn." *Scots Saying.*

Yell. Barren, that gives no milk.
 "A yell sow was never gude to gices." *Scots Proverb.*

Yerk, Yerkit. To lash, to jerk, jerked, lashed.
 "If I canna sew, quoth Wat, I can yerk." *Scott.*

Yestreen. Yesternight.
 "Yestreen I saw the new moon
 Wi' the auld moon in her arm." *Scots Ballad.*

Yett. A gate; such as is usually at the entrance into a farm-yard, or field.
 "Thai wist not weill at what yett he ingaid." *Blind Harry.*

Yeuks. Itches
 "I'll gar ye scart where it disna yeuk." *Scots Saying.*

Yill. Ale.
 "Aye blithely, sir, an' drink his health too,
 when the yills gude." *Scott.*

Yin. One.
 "Happy we've been, yin and a'." *Burns.*

Yird, yirded. Earth, earthed; buried.
 "Into great pits cardet were." *Barbour.*

Yokin'. Yoking.
 "Or haud the yokin' o' a plough." *Jacobite Relics.*

Yont, ayont. Beyond.
 "The auld wife ayont the fire." *Ross.*

Yirr. Lively.
 "You yirr and yowl, you bark, but dare na bite." *Scots Saying.*

Yowe. An ewe.

Yowie. Diminutive of Yowe.
 "The ewie an' the crookit horn,
 Sic a ewie ne'er was born." *S'Waver.*

Yule. Christmas.
 "And held his yhule in Aberdeen." *Wyntoun.*

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