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KEY TO THE PRONUNCIATION.

I. CONSONANTS.

b, d, f, k, l, m, n, p, t, v, z have their usual values.

g as in *go* (gōu).
h ... *ho!* (hōu).
r ... *run* (rɒn), *terrier* (te'riə).
ɹ ... *her* (həɹ), *farther* (fɑːɹðə).
s ... *see* (sē), *cess* (ses).
w ... *wen* (wen).
hw ... *when* (hwen).
y ... *yes* (yes).

þ as in *thin* (þin), *bathe* (bæþ).
ð ... *then* (ðen), *bathe* (bæð).
ʃ ... *shop* (ʃɒp), *dish* (dɪʃ).
tʃ ... *chop* (tʃɒp), *ditch* (dɪtʃ).
ʒ ... *vision* (viːʒən), *déjeuner* (deʒəne).
dʒ ... *judge* (dʒɒdʒ).
ŋ ... *singing* (sɪˈŋɪŋ), *think* (þɪŋk).
ŋɡ ... *finger* (fɪŋɡə).

(FOREIGN.)

ñ as in *French nasal, environ* (aɪnvɪrɒn).
lʲ ... It. *seraglio* (səˈrɑːliʊ).
nʲ ... It. *signore* (sɪnˈʒɔːre).
χ ... Ger. *ach* (aχ), Sc. *loch* (lɒχ, lɒχʷ).
χʲ ... Ger. *ich* (ɪχʲ), Sc. *nicht* (nɛχʲt).
ʎ ... Ger. *sagen* (zäˈʎɛn).
ʎʲ ... Ger. *legen, regnen* (lɛˈʎɛn, rɛˈʎɛnɛn).

II. VOWELS.

ORDINARY.

a as in *Fr. à la mode* (a la mɔd').
ai ... *aye=yes* (ai), *Isaiah* (aɪzaɪˈä).
æ ... *man* (mæn).
ɑ ... *pass* (pas), *chant* (tʃant).
au ... *loud* (laud), *now* (nau).
ʊ ... *cut* (kʊt), *son* (sɒn).
e ... *yet* (yet), *ten* (ten).
ɛ ... *survey sb.* (səˈvaɪv), *Fr. attaché* (ataʃe).
ɛ̃ ... *Fr. chef* (ʃɛf).
ə ... *ever* (evə), *nation* (nəˈʃən).
əɪ ... *I, eye* (əɪ), *bind* (baɪnd).
|| ə ... *Fr. eau de vie* (ə də vɪ').
i ... *sit* (sit), *mystic* (mɪstɪk).
ɪ ... *Psyche* (saɪˈkɪ), *react* (rɪˈækt).
o ... *achor* (əˈkɔɪ), *mortality* (mɔːrəˈlɪti).
oi ... *oil* (oil), *boy* (boi).
o ... *hero* (hɪˈrɔ), *zoology* (zɔːlɒdʒi).
ɔ ... *what* (hwɔt), *watch* (wɔtʃ).
ɔ, ɔ* ... *got* (gɔt), *soft* (sɔft).
|| ɔ ... Ger. *Köln* (kɔln).
|| ɔ̃ ... *Fr. peu* (pø).
u ... *full* (ful), *book* (buk).
iu ... *duration* (diʊrəˈʃən).
u ... *unto* (vntu), *frugality* (fru-).
iu ... *Matthew* (mæˈpiu), *virtue* (vɜːtiu).
|| ü ... Ger. *Müller* (müˈlɛr).
|| ü ... *Fr. dune* (düːn).
|| ɔ̃ (see ɪ̃, ɛ̃, ɔ̃, ü̃) } see Vol. I, p. xxxiv, note 3.
|| ɪ̃, ũ (see ɛ̃, ɔ̃) }
as in *able* (æb'l), *eaten* (ɪˈtɛn) = voice-glide.

LONG.

ā as in *alms* (āmz), *bar* (bār).
ō ... *curl* (kɔɪl), *fur* (fɔɪ).
ē (ē̃) ... *there* (ðē̃), *pear, pare* (pē̃).
ē (ē̃) ... *rein, rain* (rē̃), *they* (ðē̃).
ē̃ ... *Fr. faire* (fē̃).
ō ... *fir* (fāɪ), *fern* (fāɪn), *earth* (ɔ̃ɪp).
ī (ī̃) ... *bier* (bī̃), *clear* (klī̃).
ī̃ ... *thief* (þī̃), *see* (sē̃).
ō (ō̃) ... *boar, bore* (bō̃), *glory* (glō̃).
ō̃ (ō̃) ... *so, sow* (sō̃), *soul* (sō̃).
ō̃ ... *walk* (wō̃k), *wart* (wō̃t).
ō̃ ... *short* (ʃō̃t), *thorn* (þō̃n).
|| ō̃ ... *Fr. coeur* (kō̃r).
|| ȝ̃ ... Ger. *Göthe* (gō̃tē), *Fr. jeûne* (ʒō̃n).
ū (ū̃) ... *poor* (pū̃), *moorish* (mū̃rɪʃ).
iū, iū̃ ... *pure* (piū̃), *lure* (lū̃).
ū̃ ... *two moons* (tū̃ mū̃nz).
iū̃, iū̃̃ ... *few* (fiū̃), *lute* (lū̃t).
|| ü̃ ... Ger. *grün* (grū̃n), *Fr. jus* (ʒū̃).

OBSCURE.

ǣ as in *amceba* (ǣmɛbǣ).
ǣ ... *accept* (ækseˈpt), *maniac* (mǣˈniæk).
ǣ̃ ... *datum* (dǣˈtʊm).
ě ... *moment* (mō̃mɛnt), *several* (seˈvɛrǣl).
ě̃ ... *separate* (adʒ.) (seˈpǣrɛt).
ô ... *added* (æˈdɛd), *estate* (estɛˈt).
ĩ ... *vanity* (vǣˈnɪti).
ĩ̃ ... *remain* (rɛmɛˈn), *believe* (bɛlɛˈv).
ỗ ... *theory* (þɛ̃ɔ̃ri).
ø̃ ... *violet* (vǣˈɔ̃lɛt), *parody* (pǣˈrɔ̃di).
ø̃̃ ... *authority* (ǫ̃pɔ̃rɪti).
ø̃̃ ... *connect* (kǫ̃neˈkt), *amazon* (æˈmǣzɔ̃n).
iū̃, iū̃̃ ... *verdure* (vǣˈɔ̃diū̃), *measure* (meˈʒiū̃).
iū̃̃ ... *altogether* (ǫ̃ltǣ̃geˈðɛɪ).
iū̃̃̃ ... *circular* (sǣˈkiū̃lǣɪ).

* ɔ̃ the ɔ in soft, of medial or doubtful length.

|| Only in foreign (or earlier English) words

In the ETYMOLOGY,

OE. *e, o*, representing an earlier *a*, are distinguished as *ɛ, ɔ* (having the phonetic value of *ɛ* and *ɔ*, or *ɔ̃*, above); as in *ende* from *andi* (OHG. *anti*, Goth. *anderi-s*), *menn* from *mann*, *pn* from *an*.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, SIGNS, &c.

a. [in Etymol.] ... = adoption of, adopted from.	gen. = genitive.	pa. t. = past tense.
a (as a 1300) = ante, before.	gen. = general, -ly.	Path. = in Pathology.
absol., absol. = absolutely.	Geol. = in Geology.	Pers. = Persian.
abst. = abstract.	Geom. = in Geometry.	pers. = person, -al.
acc. = accusative.	Goth. = Gothic (= Moeso-Gothic).	pf. = perfect.
ad. [in Etymol.] ... = adaptation of.	Gr. = Greek.	Pg. = Portuguese.
adv., adv. = adverb.	Gram. = in Grammar.	Philol. = in Philology.
advb. = adverbial, -ly.	Heb. = Hebrew.	phonet. = phonetic, -ally.
AF., AFr. = Anglo-French.	Her. = in Heraldry.	phr. = phrase.
Anat. = in Anatomy.	Herb. = with herbalists.	Phren. = in Phrenology.
Antiq. = in Antiquities.	Hort. = in Horticulture.	Phys. = in Physiology.
aphet. = aphetic, aphetized.	imp. = Imperative.	pl., pl. = plural.
app. = apparently.	impers. = impersonal.	poet. = poetic.
Arab. = Arabic.	impf. = imperfect.	pop. = popular, -ly.
Arch. = in Architecture.	ind. = Indicative.	ppl. a., ppl. adj. = participial adjective.
arch. = archaic.	indef. = indefinite.	ppl. = participle.
Archæol. = in Archæology.	inf. = Infinitive.	Pr. = Provençal.
assoc. = association.	infl. = influenced.	prec. = preceding (word or article).
Astr. = in Astronomy.	int. = interjection.	pref. = prefix.
Astrol. = in Astrology.	intr. = intransitive.	prep. = preposition.
attrib. = attributive, -ly.	It. = Italian.	pres. = present.
bef. = before.	J., (J.) = Johnson (quotation from).	Prim. sign. = Primary signification.
Biol. = in Biology.	(Jam.) = in Jamieson, Scottish Dict.	priv. = privative.
Boh. = Bohemian.	(Jod.) = Jodrell (quoted from).	prob. = probably.
Bot. = in Botany.	L. = Latin.	pron. = pronoun.
Build. = in Building.	(L.) (in quotations) = Latham's edn. of Todd's	pronunc. = pronunciation.
c (as c 1300) = circa, about.	lang. language. [Johnson.]	prop. = properly.
c. (as 13th c.) = century.	LG. = Low German.	Pros. = in Prosody.
Cat. = Catalan.	lit. = literal, -ly.	pr. pple. = present participle.
catachr. = catachrestically.	Lith. = Lithuanian.	Psych. = in Psychology.
Cf., cf. = confer, compare.	LXX. = Septuagint.	q.v. = quod vide, which see.
Chem. = in Chemistry.	Mal. = Malay.	(R.) = in Richardson's Dict.
cl. L. = classical Latin.	masc. (rarely m.) = masculine.	R. C. Ch. = Roman Catholic Church.
cogn. w. = cognate with.	Math. = in Mathematics.	refash. = refashioned, -ing.
collect. = collective, -ly.	ME. = Middle English.	refl., refl. = reflexive.
colloq. = colloquially.	Med. = in Medicine.	reg. = regular.
comb. = combined, -ing.	med. L. = mediæval Latin.	repr. = representative, representing.
Comb. = Combinations.	Mech. = in Mechanics.	Rhet. = in Rhetoric.
Comm. = in commercial usage.	Metaph. = in Metaphysics.	Rom. = Romanic, Romance.
comp. = compound, composition.	MHG. = Middle High German.	sb., sb. = substantive.
compl. = complement.	midl. = midland (dialect).	Sc. = Scotch.
Conch. = in Conchology.	Mil. = in military usage.	sc. = scilicet, understand or supply.
concr. = concretely.	Min. = in Mineralogy.	sing. = singular.
conj. = conjunction.	mod. = modern.	Skr. = Sanskrit.
cons. = consonant.	Mus. = in Music.	Slav. = Slavonic.
Const., Const. ... = Construction, construed	(N.) = Nares (quoted from).	Sp. = Spanish.
with.	n. of action = noun of action.	sp. = spelling.
Cryst. = in Crystallography.	n. of agent = noun of agent.	spec. = specifically.
(D.) = in Davies (Supp. Eng.	Nat. Hist. = in Natural History.	subj. = subject, subjunctive.
Glossary).	Naut. = in nautical language.	subord. cl. = subordinate clause.
Da. = Danish.	neut. (rarely n.) = neuter.	subseq. = subsequently.
dat. = dative.	NF., NFr. = Northern French.	subst. = substantively.
def. = definite.	N. O. = Natural Order.	suff. = suffix.
deriv. = derivative, -ation.	nom. = nominative.	superl. = superlative.
dial., dial. = dialect, -al.	north. = northern (dialect).	Surg. = in Surgery.
Dict. = Dictionary.	N. T. = New Testament.	Sw. = Swedish.
dim. = diminutive.	Numism. = in Numismatics.	s.w. = south western (dialect).
Du. = Dutch.	obj. = object.	T. (T.) = in Todd's Johnson.
Eccl. = in ecclesiastical usage.	Obs., obs., obs. ... = obsolete.	techn. = technical, -ly.
ellipt. = elliptical, -ly.	occas. = occasional, -ly.	Theol. = in Theology.
e. midl. = east midland (dialect).	OE. = Old English (= Anglo-Saxon).	tr. = translation of.
Eng. = English.	OF., OFr. = Old French.	trans. = transitive.
Ent. = in Entomology.	OFris. = Old Frisian.	transf. = transferred sense.
erron. = erroneous, -ly.	OHG. = Old High German.	Trig. = in Trigonometry.
esp., esp. = especially.	OIr. = Old Irish.	Typog. = in Typography.
etym. = etymology.	ON. = Old Norse (Old Icelandic).	ult. = ultimate, -ly.
euphem. = euphemistically.	ONF. = Old Northern French.	unkn. = unknown.
f. [in Etymol.] ... = except.	Opt. = in Optics.	U.S. = United States.
f. (in subordinate	Ornith. = in Ornithology.	v., vb. = verb.
entries) = form of.	OS. = Old Saxon.	v. str., or w. = verb strong, or weak.
fem. (rarely f.) ... = feminine.	OSl. = Old Slavonic.	vbl. sb. = verbal substantive.
fig. = figurative, -ly.	O. T. = Old Testament.	var. = variant of.
F., Fr. = French.	O Teut. = Original Teutonic.	wd. = word.
freq. = frequently.	orig. = original, -ly.	WGer. = West Germanic.
Fris. = Frisian.	Palæont. = in Palæontology.	w. midl. = west midland (dialect).
G., Ger. = German.	pa. pple. = passive or past participle.	WS. = West Saxon.
Gael. = Gaelic.	pass. = passive, -ly.	(Y.) = in Col. Yule's Glossary.
		Zool. = in Zoology.

Before a word or sense.

† = obsolete.

‡ = not naturalized.

In the quotations.

* sometimes points out the word illustrated.

In the list of Forms.

1 = before 1100.

2 = 12th c. (1100 to 1200).

3 = 13th c. (1200 to 1300).

5-7 = 15th to 17th century. (See General Explanations, Vol. I, p. xxx.)

In the Etymol.

* indicates a word or form not actually found, but of which the existence is inferred.

:- = extant representative, or regular phonetic descendant of.

The printing of a word in SMALL CAPITALS indicates that further information will be found under the word so referred to.

Soldure, obs. form of **SOLDER** *sh.*¹

Sole (*sōl*), *sh.*¹ Forms: 4- sole, 4-5 sool, 4-6 soole (6 soille), 6-7 Sc. soille, soile; 4 soul, 6 sowle, 6-7 soule; 6-7 soale, 7-8, 9 dial. soal. [a. OF. *sole* (mod. F. *sole* in special senses), = Prov. and Pg. *sola*, *suela* (cf. It. *soletta*): = pop. and med. L. *sola*, for L. *solea* (whence OF. *suele*, *seule*, etc.) sandal, shoe. The leading variations of sense appear in OF., and SOLE *sb.*² is properly the same word.

A trace of the word appears in OE. in the gloss 'Soleae, solen' (? for 'solan'), but there is no evidence of continuity. In the other Germanic languages it also occurs in older glosses and later becomes common, as OS. *sola* (pl. *solum*), MLG. *sole*, *sale* (LG. *soal*, *soot*, *sāt*, etc.), MDu. *sole* (*sole*), sool (Du. *sool*, Fris. *soal*), OHG. *sola*, MHG. *sole*, *sol*, rarely *sule*, *sul* (G. *sohle*); also Da. *saale*, MSw. *sola*, *sula* (Sw. *såla*, *sula*), Norw. *sole*, Icel. *sóli*.]

I. 1. The under surface of the foot; that part of it which normally rests or is placed upon the ground in standing or walking; also, the mark made by this on the ground (quot. c. 1410).

c. 1325 *Gloss. W. de Bibbesworth* in Wright *Voc.* 149 *La plantule*, sole. 1328a Wyclif *Job* xviii. 9 His sole shal ben holdis with a grene. — *Acts* iii. 7 The groundis and plantis, or solis, of him ben saddid to gidere. c. 1410 *Master of Game* (MS. Digby 182) xxiv. He knowth hym by he traces and by his denne and by he soole. c. 1534 Du Wes *Introduct. Fr. in Palser*. 903 The soole, la plantie. 1583 *Leg. B. St. Andrews* 720 They bring thame farre on ambling foiles, Bot send thame hame throw on thair soilles. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* i. x. 9 Most vertuous virgin, . . . That . . . Hast wandered through the world now long a day; Yet ceast not they wearie soles to lead. 1607 TORSELL *Four-f. Beasts* (1658) 95 You would think one of them was the hoof of a Goat, and the other of a Hart, both of them hollow and without soles. 1697 DRYDEN *Æneid* ii. 1157 By these protected, with our naked Soles, Thro' Flames unsing'd we march. 1830 R. KNOX *Béclard's Anat.* 146 An undulated layer which covers . . . the double furrowed lines of the dermis, on the palms and soles. 1842 TENNYSON *St. S. Stylites* 2 From scalp to sole one slough and crust. 1871 B. TAYLOR *Faust* (1875) I. xxii. 201 Our shoes are all danced out, we throw, We've but naked soles to run with.

b. Freq. with addition of the (or his, etc.) foot.
c. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Conste.* 1493 Fra behateler oboven be croun . . . tyl be sole of be fot doun. 1387 TREvisa *Hyden* (Rolls) IV. 351 For greet knelyngs his knees were as be soles of his feet. c. 1440 *Cesta Rom.* xlix. 222 (Harl. MS.). For ther was on him noon helthe, from the topp of his hede vnto the sole of his fote. 1535 COVERDALE *1 Kings* v. 3 Vntyll the Lorde deluyered them vnder the sole of his fete. 1626 BACON *Sylva* § 96 Pigeons bleeding, applied to the Soles of the Feet, ease the Head. 1686 tr. Chardin's *Coronat. Solyman* 89 For the affront thou hast done me receive a hundred drubs upon the soles of thy feet. 1706-7 FARQUHAR *Beauz* *Strat.* iii. i. A little of her Cephalick Plaster to put to the Soles of your Feet. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* vii. ii. From the sole of my foot to the crown of my head. 1849 CLARIDGE *Cold Water Cure* 168 Take a shallow foot-bath (only to cover the soles of the foot) for seven to ten minutes.

c. Farriery. (See quotes. 1805, 1831.)

1610 MARKHAM *Masterp.* ii. c. 100 Raze both the quarters of the hoofe . . . from the croun vnto the sole of the fote. 1735 BURDON *Pocket Farrier* 79 Never draw a Horse's Soles, on any Pretence whatever. 1798 J. LAWRENCE *Philos. & Pract. Treat.* *Horse* ii. 233 Nothing to be cut from the sole, binders, or frog, but loose rotten scales. 1805 BOARDMAN *Dict. Veterinary Art* s.v., Sole of a horse, that plate of horn which, encompassing the fleshy sole, covers the whole bottom of the foot. 1831 YOATT *Horse* 285 The Sole . . . is the under concave and elastic surface of the foot, . . . extending from the crust to the bars and frog. 1876 VOYLE & STEVENSON *Milit. Dict.* 393/2.

d. Zool. The inner or under side of the claw of an animal (cf. quot.).

1896 tr. Boas' *Text-bk. Zool.* 469 Like Reptiles and Birds, Mammals have cap-shaped claws at the tips of the digits, and here also they are differentiated into two parts, a harder dorsal . . . wall, and a ventral horny sole, . . . of looser horn.

2. The bottom of a boot, shoe, etc.; that part of it upon which the wearer treads (freq. exclusive of the heel); one or other of the pieces of leather or other material of which this is composed (cf. INSOLE and OUT-SOLE). Also, a separate properly-shaped piece of felt or other material placed in the bottom of a boot, shoe, etc.

Also applied to the corresponding part of a stocking or sock: see *stocking-sole*.

c. 1440 *Prompt. Parv.* 463/2 Sole, of a schoo, solea. 1530 PALSGR. 272/1 Sole of a shoo, semelle. 1548 *Act 2 & 3 Edw. VI. c. 9* § 4 The inner soole of the saide double souled Shoes. 1573 TUSSEY *Husb.* (1878) 98 A hone and a parer, like sole of a boote. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* ii. ii. 234 On Fortunes Cap, we are not the very Button. *Ham.* nor the Soles of her Shoe? 1661 LOVELL *Hist. Anim. & Min.* 34 The a-shes . . . of an old shoole sole, helps gallings by the shoe. 1720 *Humourist* 84 The same Shoes, with Cork Soles, and square Toes. 1791 BELZEE *Herodotus* i. I. 196 [The] sandals . . . consisted of one or of more soles, and were fastened with thongs above the foot. 1806 BERSFORD *Miseries Hum.* Life ii. i. The sole of the shoe torn down in walking. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.*, Brit. II. § 4977 A hinge in the outer sole, to allow the foot to bend when walking. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 280/1 The sole in a machine-made shoe would mean a sole, an inner sole, shank piece.

b. With punning allusion to SOUL *sb.*

See also SHAKS. *Merch. V.* iv. i. 123; *Rom. & J.* i. iv 15; *B.* iv. 67, etc.

1603 DEKKER *Wonderfull Years Wks.* (Grosart) I. 130 An honest cobler (if at least coblers can be honest that live

altogether amongst wicked soales). 1641 'SMECTYMNUUS' *Vind. Ansv.* xiv. 179 You and they may turn *Frates Mendicantes*, and go bare foot, if you part with these pairs of soles.

† c. A sandal. Obs. rare.

1553 BRENDÉ *Q. Curtius* viii. 53 When their soles [L. *solea*] be taken off, their feet be anointed with sweet oiles.

† d. transf. A thin piece or leaf of iron produced in the manufacture of tin-plate. *Obs.*

1728 *Phil. Trans.* XXXV. 631 These Leaves are drawn from Bars of Iron, about an Inch square; which being made a little flat, they cut into thin Pieces or Soles (*semelles*).

II. 3. † a. The foundation of a building; the site of a city, etc. Obs. rare.

1417 *Eng. Misc.* (Surtees) 12 John Hesill sail galayne right fra the bak syde of hys post that standys in hys hall hend un to hys sole in this house that he byggys. *Ibid.* That Hesill may hafe rowne thar to lay hys sole, and rayse thys house. c. 1450 *Towneley Myst.* iii. 391 So wold mo . . . that I se on this sole of wifis that ar here. 1615 SANDYS *Trav.* 127 In the sole, a stone of Porphyry, whereon . . . she did set our Saviour. *Ibid.* 157 The sole where the New City stood . . . is now left out of the walls of Jerusalem. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 86 [The mosque is] round built with good white marble five yards high from the sole, the rest is dried bricks.

b. The bottom, floor, or hearth of an oven or furnace.

(a) 1615 MARKHAM *Eng. Housew.* ii. ix, Large Ovens to bake in, the soales thereof, rather of one or two intire stones, than of many bricks. 1847 HALLIWELL, *Sole*, the floor of an oven. *Linc.* 1876 PAGE *Adv. Text-bk. Geol.* vii. 136 Leek-stones were largely used for the linings and soles of ovens.

(b) 1839 *URE Dict. Arts* 579, a is the ash pit vaulted under the sole of the furnace. 1864 *Q. J. Nat. Sci.* I. 493 When it is required to make steel, the coverings of the sole . . . are omitted. 1884 C. G. W. LOCK *Workshop Rec. Ser.* iii. 56/1 The sole of the furnace is usually 16 to 24 ft. square.

c. Naut. (See quotes.)

c. 1850 *Rudim. Navig.* (Weale) 149 *Sole*, a sort of lining to prevent wearing or tearing away the main part to which it may be attached; as to the rudder, bilgeways, &c. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.* s.v., The decks of the cabin and forecastle in some ships, respectively called the cabin and forecastle soles.

4. a. = SILL *sb.*¹ I and 2. Cf. WINDOW-SOLE. *Now rare.*

1419-20 *Mem. Ripon* (Surtees) III. 144 Et in ij liminibus de quarcu et ij soles de esch emt. pro ij sperry de novo faciendis in predicia domo. 1433 *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 53, ij balkes, iij stanzons, vij bandclongs, iij soles. 1541 in *Proc. Antig. Scotl.* (1860) III. 161 In heicht fra the solis of the said queir duris. . . xxvij futris. 1625 *Burgh Rec. Glasgow* I. 347 The soillis of their windois being fywe futis above the flure. 1669 STURMY *Mariner's Mag.* vii. xxix. 42 A Gally-pot of Fair-water . . . will set it self level being placed upon the Sole of the Window. 1709 *Phil. Trans.* XXXVI. 200 The Water, in some, was as high as the Soles of the Windows. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* I. 139 Generally a great number of small articles are thrown on the sole of a work-horse stable window. 1866 BROGDEN *Prov. Lincs.*, *Sole*, the seat of a window. 1875 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 473/1 *Sill or Sole*, the horizontal base of a door or window-frame.

b. Naut. and Fortif. (See quotes.)

1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) *Sole*, a name sometimes given to the lower side of a gun-port, which however is more properly called the port-sell. 1829 F. A. GRIFFITHS *Artif. Man.* (1862) 248 The sole of the embrasure is the bottom, or space, between the cheeks, or sides. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 432 The slope of the bottom of the embrasure, called the 'Sole'.

c. Mining. (See quotes.)

1839 *URE Dict. Arts* 843 It may happen that the floor of the gallery shall not be sufficiently firm to afford a sure foundation to the standards; and it may be necessary to make them rest on a horizontal piece called the sole. 1883 GRESLEY *Gloss. Coal-m.* 229 *Sole*, a piece of timber set underneath a prop.

d. A flat tile used as a rest or support for a draining-tile or drain-pipe.

1843 *Mech. Mag.* XXXIX. 191 Flat tiles, or soles, are formed in nearly the same manner. 1847 DWYER *Pract. Hydraulic Eng.* 115 When the tiles and soles, or pipe tiles are used in minor drains, each tile should rest equally upon two soles. 1881 *Mechanic* 519 An excellent plan is to lay soles or flat tiles and in these to set half-pipes or bridge-pipes.

5. † a. The rim of a wheel. Obs.-1

1523 FITZGERB. *Husb.* § 5 On marreis ground and soft ground the other wheles be better, because they be broder on the soule.

b. The inner circle of a water-wheel (cf. quot. 1797).

1673-4 GREW *Anat. Pl. Trunks* (1682) 138 So also the Ladies and Soles of a Mill-wheel are always made of Elm. 1707 MORTIMER *Husb.* 332 Elm is a Timber . . . proper for Water-works, Mills, Soles of Wheels, Pipes, Aquaducts. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XVIII. 903/2 The inner circle . . . is called the Sole of the wheel, and usually consists of boards nailed to strong wooden rings of compass timber . . . firmly united with the arms or radii. 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Operat. Mechanic* 84 Burn's overshoot-wheel . . . forms a large hollow cylinder by its buckets and sole.

c. The lower frame-timbers of a wagon, cart, etc. (cf. quotes. and SILL *sb.*¹ I b).

1843 *Civil Eng. & Arch. J. Nat. Sci.* VI. 265/2 The timber framing which carries the hinge on which the body of the [railway] wagon turns in the act of tipping, is called the 'soles'. 1851 *Coal-Trade Terms Northumb. & Durh.* 49 *Sole*, the part of a chaldron wagon or coal-tub frame to which the bearings for the wheels are attached, and into which the sheths are inserted. 1876 ROBINSON *Mid-Yks. Gloss.* s.v., The soles of a cart are the middle supporting timbers of the body.

6. The lower part, bottom, or under surface of anything. Chiefly in more or less specific uses (cf. next).

1615 CROOKS *Body of Man* 629 In Fishes onely the very tippe of the tongue is loose, the rest is fastened downe unto the Soale of the mouth. 1660 MARKHAM's *Eng. Housew.* ii. ii. 72 Put in the soal of a Manchet, a good quantity of sweet butter, and season it with Pepper [etc.]. 1688 HOLME *Armoury* iii. 289/1 The parts of a Shuttle are, . . . the Sole, is the Bottom of it, which is smooth shod with Iron Plate. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780), *Fond d'affût*, the sole or bottom of a gun-carriage. 1791 SELBY *Bridge Act* 4 The sole of the said bridge . . . shall not be less than three feet above the . . . top of the present artificial or flood banks. 1811 *Acc. Game Curling* 3 The under surface, or sole; as it is called, is polished as nicely as possible, that the stone may move easily along. 1839 *URE Dict. Arts* 649 The lower piece, or sole of the engine . . . is screwed down . . . to a strong board. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 1392/2 A block or tray with a flat sole. 1887 JAMIESON's *Sc. Dict.* Suppl. 224/1 *Sole*, the flat bottom of the head of a golf-club.

b. esp. The under part or surface of a plane-stock, plough, rudder, electrical instrument, etc.

(a) 1678 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* iv. 64 The Iron . . . will rise above the Sole into the Mouth of the Stock, and consequently not touch the Stuff. *Ibid.* vi. 113 The under-side of a Plain is called the Sole. 1823 F. NICHOLSON *Pract. Builder* 229 The edge of the iron of a plane is said to be rank-set when it projects considerably below the sole. 1846 HOLTZAPFEL *Turning* II. 499 The sole of a long plane is in a great measure the test of the straightness of the work.

1875 *Carph. & Join.* 26 In the carpenter's plane the sole quickly deteriorates, and must then be planed off true again.

(b) 1766 *Museum Rust.* VI. 427 Keep but the sole of the plough level in the ground. 1821 *Sutherland Farm Rep.* 71 in *Hush.* (L. U. K.) III, The ploughing [is] so deep as to leave some of the lime visible below the plough sole. 1821 J. HOLLAND *Manuf. Metal* I. 156 In every plough, not only the parts above named, but the sole or under plate, . . . are of iron or cast metal. 1879 *Castell's Techn. Educ.* I. 200.

(c) 1825 *Orr's Circ. Sci., Elem. Chem.* 217 One half of the instrument [i.e. the electrophorus]—to which the term 'sole' has been given—is now prepared, and it only remains to form the cover. 1866 R. M. FERGUSON *Electr.* 190 The condenser is generally placed in the sole of the instrument [an induction coil], and does not meet the eye.

(d) 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Sole of the Rudder*, a piece of timber attached to its lower part to render it nearly level with the false keel.

c. A smooth or flat surface or side.

1711 W. SUTHERLAND *Shipbuild. Assist.* 164 *Sole of Planks*; the flat Side of them. 1879 *Encycl. Brit.* X. 367 The stones in the boulder-clay . . . have one or more flat sides or 'soles', are smoothed or polished [etc.].

7. † a. (See quot.) Obs.-1

1610 FOLKINGHAM *Art Surv.* I. iii. 5 The vpper Crust is the Soile or Soale of the Earth.

b. The under surface of land or soil; the sub-soil. rare.

1683 in *Macfarlane's Geogr. Collect.* (S. H. S.) II. 139 This clay is not so good a sole as the other. 1796 in Robertson *Agrie. Perth* (1799) 518 By this means I put the sole of the arable ground, or under surface, as far as I can from the upper surface. 1859 R. F. BURTON *Centr. Afr.* in *J. Nat. Geogr. Soc.* XXIX. 158 Its sole displays quartzose sand, with scatters of granite.

c. A (good, etc.) surface or bottom in a field, turf, etc.

1846 BROCKETT *N. C. Gloss.* (ed. 3) II. 146 If it be smooth and level it is said to have a good sole. 1893 W. FREEM *Yonatt's Compl. Grazier* x. i. 898 Crested dogstail grass . . . contributes materially to the production of a good 'sole' in the turf of pastures.

8. a. Mining. The bottom or floor of a vein, level, or working.

1653 MANLOVE *Customs Lead Mines* 274 Sole of the Rake, Smytham, and many more. 1667 PRIMATT *City & C. Builder* 5 They have the convenience of driving a drift or sough, from the bottom of the hills to the sole of the Rake. 1747 HOOSON *Miner's Dict.* B. iv, The Sole and Rooft, or Skirt. *Ibid.* S. iv, When Doorsteads are used, and the Sole of the Drift so soft, that it will not bear the Forks. 1789 J. WILLIAMS *Min. Kingdom* I. 278 The soles of the string were nearly upon a level with the soles of the vein. 1839 *URE Dict. Arts* 981 *Pitcoal*, A platform about 3 feet high is left at the sole. 1886 HOLLAND *Chesh. Gloss.*, *Sole*, Salt-mining term. The bottom of the mine.

b. The bottom or lowest part of a valley, etc.

1880 V. L. CAMERON *Future Highway* II. xii. 257 Their tents were pitched as low down as possible, some in the very sole of the valley. 1886 R. F. BURTON *Arab. Nts.* (abr. ed.) III. 410 His men took to flight and fled along the sole of the Wady.

c. dial. The bottom of a furrow.

1877 in PEACOCK *N. W. Linc. Gloss.* 232/1.

III. 9. attrib. and Comb. a. Simple attrib., as sole-bar, board-ing, channel, clout, cushion, etc.

Various technical terms, such as sole-bar, piece, plate, are employed in several special applications.

1829 *Glover's Hist. Derby* I. 242 Needham, a London framework-knitter, placed the trucks on the 'solebar'. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* I. 474 The sloping edge *d. n.* represents the enlargement of the sole-bar, on which the outside silt in a railway car. 1877 *Burgh Rec. Glasgow* I. 67 The said erie furnaces glassbands, *soil-burdis, lyme, and sand. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 326 On the inside of the shod-plates are formed the grooves for securing the ends of the buckets and of the *sole-boarding. 1821 *Cent. Dict.*, *Sole-channel, in a boot- or shoe-sole, a groove in which the sewing is sunk to protect it from wear. 1821 *Scott Pirate* xv, The sock, and the heel, and the *sole-clout of a real steady Scottish plough. 1825 JAMIESON *Suppl.*, *Sole-clout*, a thick plate of cast metal attached to that part of the plough which runs on the ground. 1836 *Penny Cycl.* VI. 188/2 The pads or *sole-cushions of the

spreading feet [of the camel] are divided into two toes. 1417 in *Eng. Misc.* (Surtees) 11 Fra the *sole end of the front before in to the steward. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* I. 414 The breadth of the *sole-flange [of a plough] is 2 inches. 1859 *Todd's Cycl. Anat.* V. 531/1 The remarkable dorsal mound, and, the cushion-like *sole-pad of the Dromedary. 1706 STEVENS *Span. Dict.* I. *Soleta*, the *Sole-part of a Stockin. 1869 SIR E. REED *Shipbuild.* iv. 60 In the screw ships of the Royal Navy, the *sole-piece is very broad and shallow in wake of the aperture. 1901 *Black Scaffolding* 50 The next thing to do is to prepare a sole piece out of 11in. by 4in. which is laid on the firm ground so as to make a little less than a right angle with the inside of the outermost shore. 1741 *Phil. Trans.* XLI. 564 This *Sole-plate answers the Shape of the Foot. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* II. 310 The sole-plate on which the superstructure of the [crank] engine is raised. 1875 *KNIGHT Dict. Mech.* 2244/2 *Sole-plate*, the back portion of a water-wheel bucket. 1434 in *Rogers Agric. & Pr.* III. 551/1 [Two] *soolshoon. 1808 JAMIESON, *Sole-shoe*, a piece of iron, on what is called the head, or that part of a plough on which the sock, or share, is fixed. 1844 H. STEPHENS *Bk. Farm* I. 408 H is the sole-shoe on which the plough has its principal support. 1593 *Rites & Mon. Ch. Durh.* (Surtees) 23 The said socklet [of a cross] was maid fast with iron and lead to the sole stone. 1839 *URE Dict. Arts* 1248, f, the sole-stone [of a smelting-furnace], of granite, hewn out basin-shaped. 1884 *KNIGHT Dict. Mech.* Suppl., **Sole Tile*, a flat or belling tile, for the bottom of sewers, muffles, or other objects.

b. *Misc.*, as *sole-bound*, *-shaped*; *sole-deep*, *-walking*.

1610 *FOLKINGHAM Art Surv.* I. viii. 19 Burnt, parched, sole-bound, and wet spewing grounds. *Ibid.* x. 24 Crust-clung and Sole-bound soyles. 1870 *ROLLESTON Anim. Life* 48 The sole-shaped locomotor disk known as the 'foot'. 1875 *KNIGHT Dict. Mech.* 2243/2 A vertically moving sole-shaped die. 1891 *HARDY Tess* (1900) 105/1 The snow-lay sole-deep upon the floor. 1894 *Pop. Sci. Monthly* June 284 There still exists on this island a singular cat, which is plantigrade (sole-walking).

c. Objective, chiefly in names of implements or machines (see quotes).

1875 *KNIGHT Dict. Mech.* 2242-3 Sole-beating, -channeling, -cutting (etc.) Machine. *Ibid.* 2243 Sole-finishing Tool. *Ibid.* 2244 Sole-shaper. 1885 *Harper's Mag.* Jan. 279/2 The curved outline of the sole is cut by passing the strips beneath two curved sliding or revolving knives in a 'sole-cutting machine'. 1897 *Allbutt's Syst. Med.* II. 933 In 'sole stitching' by American machinery the men are said to have become mercurialised by volatilisation of the metal.

Sole (*sōl*), *sb.* 2 Forms: a. 4- sole (5 sool). β. 7-8 soal(e), 8 soall. [a. OF. (also mod.F.) *sole* (=Sp. *suela*), of the same origin as prec., agreeing in sense with L. *solea* (whence Pg. *solha*, It. *sogliola*).]

1. A common British and European flat-fish (*Solea vulgaris* or *solea*), highly esteemed as food; one or other of the various fishes belonging to the widely-distributed genus *Solea*.

a. 1347 *Durh. Acc. Rolls* (Surtees) 41 In playces, sperling', et soles emp., vj s. x d. 1372 in *Riley Mem.* Lond. (1868) 307 [Certain fish called] Soles. c. 1450 *Two Cookery Bks.* 103 Sole, boiled, rost, or fried. Take a sole, and do away be hede [etc.]. c. 1480 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 189 Item whelkes, [etc.] Item iij solys, vij d. c. 1520 L. ANDREW *Noble Lyfe* II. lxxxv, Solea is the that is a swete fische and holson for seke people. 1555 *EDEN Decades* (Arb.) 300 Dried fysshe as soles, maydens, playces, & such other. 1620 *VENERER Via Recta* iv. 72 The Sole verily is to be reckoned among the meats of prime note. 1653 H. COGAN *tr. Pinto's Trav.* xxviii. (1663) 108 It is not possible to deliver the store of fish that is taken in this river, chiefly Soles and Mulletts. 1769 *PENNANT Brit. Zool.* III. 190 The sole is found on all our coasts. 1827 *Southey's Devit's Walk* xlviii, Now soles are exceedingly cheap. 1840 *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 324 All the Soles are excellent fishes, and may be had in good condition nearly all the year. 1870 *YEATS Nat. Hist. Conn.* 324 The sole is common on the British coasts, and in season from May to November.

b. 1630 J. TAYLOR (Water P.) *Wks.* I. 117/1 The pide-coat Mackrell, Pilchard, Sprat, and Soale. 1696 *Phil. Trans.* XLX. 350 Here are also good plenty of large Soles, taken in Troul-nets. 1714 *GAY's Fables* II. 294 The jointed Lobster, and unscaly Soale. 1758 *JOHNSON Idler* No. 33 P 7 Dined alone in my room on a soal. 1797 P. WAKEFIELD *Mental Improv.* (1801) I. 102 A small pectunculus or cockle, is the prey of the soal.

b. In collective singular. In quot. 1700 with punning allusion to SOUL sb.

1661 *CHILDREY Brit. Baconica* 18 Soale and Playce (both which follow the tide into the fresh rivers). 1700 T. BROWN *tr. Fresny's Amusem.* 21 An Old Burly Drab, that Screams out the Sale of her Maids and her Sole at the same Instant. 1781 *COWPER Conversat.* 336 Serve him with ven'son, and he chooses fish; With soal—that's just the sort he would not wish. 1899 *Daily News* 15 July 5/1 Sole is dear again, even more than usually so.

2. With distinguishing terms.

See also LEMON sb.² 1668 *WILKINS Real Char.* 141 Common Sole. Spotted Sole. 1839 *YARRELL Suppl. Brit. Fishes* 36 The Solenette, or Little Sole. 1840 *tr. Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 324 *S. vulgaris*, the Common Sole, is dark-brown on the upper part. 1840 *Penny Cycl.* XVIII. 263/2 Of the subgenus *Monochirus*, one species is found on the British coast, and is known by the names Variegated Sole, Red-backed Flounder, &c. (*M. linguatulus*).

3. In American and Australasian use: One or other of various fishes belonging to related genera (esp. *Achirus*) or to the family *Pleuronectidae*.

1882 *JORDAN & GILBERT Syn. Fishes N. Amer.* 841 *Achirus*, Soles. 1884 *GOODE Nat. Hist. Aquat. Anim.* 175 The much-prized Sole of Europe, *Solea Vulgaris*, does not occur in the Western Atlantic. Its nearest representa-

tive, the American Sole, is found along our coast from Boston. *Ibid.* 182-188. 1898 *MORRIS Austral Eng.* 426. 1903 *GOODE & GILL Amer. Fishes* p. lxviii.

4. attrib. and Comb., as sole fillet, potage, -pritching, -skin; sole-like adj.

1725 *Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Fish Potages*, To prepare a Sole Potage for Fish Days. *Ibid.* s.v. *Sole*, A Dish of Sole Fillets with a Lentil-Cullis. 1834 *MEDWIN Angler in Wales* II. 118 He dwelt with delight on sole-pritching, mackerel-fishing, and cod-fishing. 1859 *SALA Gaslight & D.* x. 120 Dried solekins wherewith to clear the decoction of the Indian berry. 1881 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* V. 67 The second sub-order [of *Anacanthini*] consists of the Sole-like division, the Pleuronectoidei.

Sole (*sōl*), *sb.* 3 Now dial. Forms: 1 sal, 3 sol, 4, 6, 9 sole, 5 soole, 7 soale, 9 soal, etc. (See also SALE sb.³) [OE. *sāl* = OS. *sāl* (MLG. and LG. *sāl*, *seil*), MDu. *seel* (Du. *seel*, Fris. *seel*), OHG. and G. *seil*, ON. *seil*, Goth. **sail* (cf. *insailjan* vb.). Cf. SEAL sb.³ and v.²]

† 1. A rope, cord, etc. *Obs.* *Beowulf* 1906 Pa was be mæste... seæl sale fest. c. 1000 *Gen.* 372 Me. d. recant sal. c. 1275 *XI Pains of Hell* 162 in O. E. ME. 151 Of heom hi token vnrhit mol, For bi hi drayef myd sol. 1345-6 *Ely Sacr. Rolls* (1907) II. 139 In soles empt. pro dictis Bauderykk.

2. spec. A rope or cord for tethering or tying up cattle; a wooden collar or yoke used to fasten a cow, etc., in the stall.

c. 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 463 Soole, beestys teyngne, trimembrate, ligaculum. 1530 *PAISGR.* 272/2 Sole, a bowe about a beestes necke. 1547 *SALESBURY Welsh Dict.*, Aerwy, sole. 1573 *Tusser Husb.* (1878) 38 Soles, fetters, and shackles, with horselock and pad. 1647 *HEXHAM* 1, A Sole to tye beasts. 1660 *Chirk Castle Acc.* (1908) 93, 3 dozen of soales to tye the cattle. 1826- in dial. glossaries and texts (N. Cy., Lancs., Chesh., Derby, Shrops., Heref.). 1890 *Gloss. Gloss.*, Sole, the noose or loop made of wood attached to one end of the foddering cord, in order to strain the cord up tight.

Sole, *sb.* 4 *Kent. dial.* ? *Obs.* [OE. *sōl* mire, a muddy or miry place (freq. in place-names), = OHG. *sol* (MHG. *sol*, *sāl*, G. dial. *sol*, *sohl*).] A pond or pool.

15.. in *Pegge Kenticisms* (E.D.S.) 48 Besyde the watteringe-sole in thende of Yckhame Streete. 1736 J. LEWIS *Hist. Thant* (ed. 2) 38 Soal, a dirty pond of standing Water. 1736 *PEGGE Kenticisms* (E.D.S.) 48 Sole, a pond, or pool.

Sole, *obs. f.* SOUL sb.; dial. var. SOWEL, stake.

Sole (*sōl*), *a.* Forms: 4-5 soul(e), 5 sool/1 (sowle, soell), 5-6 soole, 5- sole. [a. OF. *soul* (fem. *soule*), *sol* (fem. *soule*), also *sul*, *suel*, *seul* (mod.F. *seul*, *seule*), = Prov. sol, Pg. *só*, Sp. and It. *solo*:—L. *sōlum*, acc. sing. of *sōlus* alone. In later use prob. to some extent directly from Latin.]

1. Having no husband or wife; single, unmarried; † celibate. Chiefly in legal use and freq. of women. Now rare or *Obs.*

a. In predicative use. The quotations in the first group illustrate the common phrase to live sole.

(a) c. 1386 *CHAUCER Merch. T.* 836 Ne wold he that sche were love ne wyf, But ever lyve as wydow... Soul as the turtill that lost hath hir make. c. 1430 *LYDG. Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 134 And for it is an impossible to fynde ever suche a wyfe I wil live sowle duryng my lyfe. 1469 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 45 Yf she wil leve sowle withouth an husbonde. 1541 *BARNES Wks.* (1573) 311/2 I doe not reproche that Priestes doth lyue sole. 1570-6 *LAMBARDE Peramb. Kent* (1826) 95 King Edward the Confessor (being otherwise of himself disposed to haue liued sole) tooke unto his wife Edgitha. 1655 *FULLER Ch. Hist.* ix. 163 Indeed Grindall, living, and dying sole, and single, could not be cockering to his own children.

(b) 1428 *E. E. Wills* (1882) 34 Jif Ionet my wif kepe here soale, withoute husbonde, Twelf-moneth after my decesse. 1464 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 525/2 Eny Gyit or Graunte, by us to hir made while she was soule. 1520 in *Laing Charters* (1899) 82 As long as she kepeth hirselve sole and wydow. 1548 *SOMERSET Epist.* to *Scots B* iij b, Yow wil not kepe her sole and vmarrid. 1596 *BACON Max. & Use Com. Law* ix. (1630) 36 The reason is, because shee was once sole. 1726 *AVLYFFE Parergon* 107 Some others are such as a Man cannot make his Wife, though he himself be sole and unmarry'd. 1827 *JARMAN Powell's Devises* II. 289 That her said daughter Martha should pay unto her daughter Mary 30^l. yearly, while sole and unmarried.

b. attrib., or placed immediately after the sb. *Woman sole*, = *feme-sole* s.v. FEME.

(a) 1464 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 548/2 As if she... were woman soule. 1599-10 *Act 1 Hen. VIII.* c. 18 § 2 She [shall] be able... to sue in her own name only as a Woman sole. 1628 *COKE On Litt.* 66 If a woman sole shall doe homage. 1624 *tr. Perkins' Prof. Bk.* i. § 47. 21 If a woman sole enfeoffe a stranger.

(b) 1464 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 549/1 If she were or had been soale woman at the tyme. 1485 *Ibid.* VI. 285/2 The Countess shall hold... as anie other sole persone not covert of anie Husband. 1528 in *Fouillier Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 77 Albeit he were a sole man without charge of wife or children. 1566 *DRANT Horace, Sat.* ii. v. H iij b, Least some should repley... That thou doest good to sole olde men. 1618 J. WILKINSON *Coroners & Sheriffs* II. 22 Where any... do make themselves to be beloved of any sole woman, as maide, or widow. 1753-4 *RICHARDSON Grandison* (1781) I. xiv. 84 To what evils... might not I, a sole, an independent young woman, have been exposed?

† c. Of life: Pertaining to or involving celibacy. Common from c. 1250 to 1500.

1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* (1580) 45 These lawes doe declare, how little it is for the common weales advancement, that... a Citee should be lesned for loue of sole life. 1579 W. FULKE *Ref. Rastel* 791 He which hath forsaken the profession of

sole life, and fallen to... marriage. 1598 *BARCKLEY Felle. Man* v. (1603) 534 Some [men] like a sole life, others thinke it no life without a companion.

2. Without companions; apart from or unaccompanied by another or others; alone, solitary. Usually predicative.

Common c. 1400-1450, and freq. with the addition by *himself* or *herself*.

c. 1400 *Rom. Rose* 3023 He was not soole, for ther was moo; For with hym were other twoo. 1412-20 *LYDG. Chron.* *Troy* i. 29 The kyng... went allone In-to a wode for to make his mone, Soole by hym silfe. 1474 *CAXTON Chesse* iv. ii. (1883) 168 Whan the kyng hath goon so ferre that alle his men be lost, than he is sole. 1530 *PALSGR.* 324/2 Sole, alone or solitary, *seul*. 1591 *SYLVESTER Du Bartas* I. l. 77 Shall valiant Scipio Thus himselfe esteem, Never less sole than when he sole doth seem? 1650 *HOWELL Fam. Lett.* II. 121, I am oft times sole, but seldom solitary. 1716 *POPE Iliad* viii. 250 Sole should he sit, with scarce a God to friend. 1728-46 *THOMSON Spring* 722 All abandon'd to despair, she sings Her sorrows through the night; and on the bough, Sole-sitting [etc.]. 1817 *BYRON Manfred* ii. ii. 10, I should be sole in this sweet solitude. 1857 *ARNOLD Rugby Chapel Wks.* (1890) 310 Sole they shall stray.

attrib. 1609 *BIBLE* (Douay) *Baruch* iv. 16 A wicked nation... which... have led away the beloved of the widow, and made the sole woman [L. *unicam*] desolate of children. 1789 *Triumphs Fortitude* I. 136 As I have none to accuse but myself, so none but myself (sole being as I am) can be involved in its consequences.

† b. Separated from another. *Obs.*—

c. 1407 *LYDG. Reson & Sens.* 2703, I abood, Lefte al sool fro my maistresse.

c. Of places: Solitary, lonely; secluded.

1598 *YONG Diana* 43 When I behold The place so sorrowfull and sole, a 1618 J. DAVIES (Heref.) *Wils. Wks.* (Grosart) II. 42/1 No State so holie, nor no place so Sole... but is full of Doubt. 1887 *SWINBURNE Locrine* I. ii. 190 There is a bower... still and sole As love could choose for harbourage.

3. Being, or consisting of, one person only.

Corporation sole: see CORPORATION 3. 1399 *LANGR. R. Reddes* I. 62 All was felawis and felaw-schepe... No soule persone to punnysh be wrongis. 1616 *R. C. Times Whistle* (1871) 88 Although he had noe other company But his sole single selfe to satisfie. 1654 *FULLER Two Serms.* 6 No meere man by his sole selfe without Gods assistance. 1765 *BLACKSTONE Comm.* I. 469 These [two powers] are very unnecessary to a corporation sole. 1861 *Ld. BROUGHAM Brit. Const.* xvii. 272 n., Each chapter is a corporation aggregate, and each parson is a corporation sole.

† b. One sole, one and no more, one only, a single (person or thing). *Obs.*

c. 1450 *Merlin* vii. 110 Eche of yow is but oon sole man. 1450-80 *tr. Secreta Secret.* xxvii. 20 Truste thou neuyr in oon sool ffsiciane. 1613 W. BROWNE *Brit. Fast.* I. i, A jewell, which was never sent To be posessed by one sole element. 1626 C. POTTER *tr. Surp's Hist.* *Quarrels* 352 The Ambassador had not... disbursed one sole denier. 1639 N. N. *tr. Du Bosq's Compl. Woman* I. F 4, Is there one sole word in all this worke, to... engender an evil thought?

† 4. In predicative or quasi-advb. use: With no other person or persons; without participator, partner, sharer, etc., in something, esp. in rights, duties, or possessions. *Obs.*

c. 1450 *tr. De Initiatione* II. viii. 49 Lete ihesu be sool hy derlyng and hy special. 1450 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 190/1 Eny thyng by us to hym graunted soule, or by us graunted to hym and eny other person or persons joyntly with hym. 1477 *Ibid.* VI. 194/2 Every other persone to whose use the said Duke is sole seised in eny Castelles. 1644 *tr. Perkins' Prof. Bk.* iii. § 205, 92 One of the Chapter is sole seised in fee of his owne tith of land. 1671 *MILTON P. R.* I. 100, I, when no other durst, sole undertook The dismal expedition.

† b. Standing alone; uncontrolled by others. 1748 *RICHARDSON Clarissa* xiii. 1. 74 My father himself could not bear that I should be made Sole, as I may call it, and independent.

5. One and only: a. Of things.

1497 *BP. ALCOCK Mons Perfect.* Cj/1 For ye sole ryght-wysnes is in him. 1592 *Sol. & Pers.* II. i, The murderier will escape Without reuegion, sole salue for such a sore. 1617 *MORVSON Itin.* II. 113 Sir Arthur Chichester had taken the sole Castle held in those parts... by Brian mac Art. 1696 *WHISTON The Earth* II. (1722) 185 This is the sole way of bringing natural Knowledge to perfection. 1726 *SWIFT Gulliver* iv. xii, But as my sole intention was the public good, I cannot be altogether disappointed. 1798 *FERRIER Varieties of Man* 223 Those who read for the sole purpose of talking. 1829 *LYTTON Devereux* I. iii, I believe my sole crime was candour. 1862 *MILLER Elem. Chem.*, *Org.* (ed. 2) iii. § 3. 177 In this case water and the compound ether are the sole products. 1883 *GILMOUR Mongols* xxiii. 285 He was... the sole support of his father.

b. Of persons.

1513 *BRADSHAW St. Werburge* II. 1506 Athalia... Com-manded to slee the kynges children all That she myght regne sole princesse imperiall. a 1548 *HALL Chron.* *Hen. VI.* 167 b, Lady Alice, the only child and sole heire of Thomas Montacute. 1596 *SPENSER F. Q.* iv. xii. 30 For death t'adward I ween'd did appertaine To none, but to the seas sole Soueraine. 1647 in *Verney Mem.* (1907) I. 214 In that will my father was left sole executor. 1652 *Nicholas P.* (Camden) 321 L^a Culpepper design'd by some both in France and Holland to be the K.'s great and sole minister in Holland. 1736 *BUTLER Anal.* II. vii. Wks. 1874 I. 351 The sole author of such a work. 1771 *Junius Lett.* xlviii. (1788) 264 You have... maintained, that the house of commons are the sole judges of their own privileges. 1836 *THIRLWALL Greece* III. 233 Laches, now sole commander, landed a body of the allied troops on the Sicilian coast. 1839 *FR. A. KEMBLE Resid. in Georgia* (1863) 74 The sole manager of these estates. 1892 *Photogr. Ann.* II. 399 Sent to me by Mr. Scholzig, who is their sole agent. *absol.* 1667 *MILTON P. L.* v. 28 O Sole in whom my thoughts find all repose!

c. Singular, unique, unrivalled.

1398 TREVISIA *Barth. De P. R. XIX. cxvi.* (1495) 921 This vnyte [of the Trinity] muste be sole and syngher without pere. 1595 SHAKS. *John iv. i.* 52 This [murder] so sole, and so vnycheable. 1667 MILTON *P. L. v.* 272 He seems A Phoenix, gaz'd by all, as that sole Bird When... to Egyptian Theb's he flies. 1851 MRS. BROWNING *Casa Guidi Wind. n.* 487 The priestly ephod in sole glory swept, When Christ ascended. 1867 HOWELLS *Ital. Journ.* 178 There is a lovely palm-tree, rare, if not sole in that latitude. 1870 DEUTSCH *Rem.* (1874) 193 God is sole of His kind.

† d. Placed before a sb., in the sense of 'alone' following it. *Obs. rare.*

c1586 CTESS PEMBROKE *Ps. cxix. iii.* Since thy sole edicts containe it. Who search not them how can they gaine it? 1634 SIR T. HAWKINS *Pol. Observ.* 3 That mountaine of fortune which is to be aimed at by sole vertue.

† f. Of things, qualities, etc.: Unaccompanied by other things or qualities; standing alone. *Obs.*

(a) 1542 BOORDE *Dyetary x.* (1870) 252 Water is not hol-some, sole by it selfe. 1562 J. HEYWOOD *Prov. & Epigr.* (1906) 148 Wisdom and folly in thee Is as it were a thing by itselfe sool.

(b) 1590 SWINBURNE *Testaments* 148 When the testator doth not referre his disposition to the sole onely will of another person... but to the concrete will, or will ioynd with fact. 1592 WEST *1st Pt. Symbol.* § 21 c. Hereupon contracts by consent are defined (as) contracts hauing cause placed in sole consent. 1609 BIBLE (Douay) *Gen. ii. 17 comm.* Neither could it... be better... signified how bad a thing sole disobedience is [etc.]. 1622 in *Bucclench MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 209 He seeks no other caution or security than the King's sole word.

7. Of things, rights, duties, etc.: Pertaining or due to, possessed or exercised by, vested in, etc., one person or corporate body to the exclusion of all others; exclusive.

1597 HOOKER *Ecl. Pol. v. lvi.* § 5 Euerly of them may have their sole and seuerall possessions. 1611 KNOLLES *Hist. Turkes* (1638) 167 Vpon any ambitious conceit, or desire of the sole Government. a1661 FULLER *Worthies, Eng. vi.* (1662) 19 This power was sometime sole in a single person and sometimes equally in two together. 1766 BLACKSTONE *Comm. II.* 216 The right of sole succession... was also established with respect to female dignities and titles of honour. 1788 REID *Aristotle's Logic iv.* i. 67 A theory of which he claims the sole invention. 1818 CRUISE *Digest* (ed. 2) I. 486 Where an estate is vested in trustees, for the sole and separate use of a married woman. 1867 RUSKIN *Time & Tide xxiii.* § 154 Supreme judges... exercising sole authority in courts of final appeal. 1879 *Athenaeum* 6 Sept. 304/3 The present postage system is the sole and undisputed invention of Sir Rowland Hill.

b. Similarly of actions.

1562 *Apol. Priv. Masse* (1850) 9 But you have the other signification of this term private: that is the sole receiving of the sacrament by the priest. 1621 in *Elsing Lord's Deb.* (Camden) App. 153 The priviledge of the sole printing of the Bible. 1651 HOBBS *Leviath. ii.* xxii. 119 The End of their Incorporating, is to make their gaine the greater... by sole buying, and sole selling, both at home, and abroad. 1825 SCOTT *Betrothed xvii.* A good housewife, who... will sometimes even condescend to dress a dish for her husband's sole eating.

8. Uniform or unvaried.

1845 MRS. S. C. HALL *Whiteboy v.* 38 Land... at one time covered with the snowy blossoms of the wild-rush, and at others exhibiting a sole surface of dark brown peat. 1885 MISS GATTY *Juliana H. Ewing* iii. 57 He was required to distemper the walls of the drawing-room with a sole colour.

9. In quasi-advb. use: Solely.

1562 J. HEYWOOD *Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 203 To shew thy thrift soole. 1581 A. HALL *Iliad ii.* 31 The burden great, his brother then had beare Sole for his sake in these turmoyle. 1812 CARY *Dante, Parad. v.* 22 Liberty of will; the boon, wherewith All intellectual creatures, and them sole... [God] hath endow'd. 1820 BYRON *Morg. Mag.* xxv. Think not they lived on locusts sole. 1827 POLLOCK *Course T.* viii. Good and bad... distinguished sole the sons Of men.

10. Comb. a. With vbl. sbs. and pres. pples., as sole-being, -speaking; sole-justifying, -lying, -reigning, -ruling, etc.

1534 WHITTINGTON *Tullies Offices i.* (1540) 71 He wolde flye fro solatyrenesse and soole beyng, and wolde seke out a felowe of his study. c1586 CTESS PEMBROKE *Ps. xlvii. i.* God... Who high and highlie feared standes, Of all the earth sole-ruling king. 1596 *Edw. III.* ii. i. Your progenitor Sole ragning Adam. 1625 B. JONSON *Staple of N.* ii. iv. He has the monopoly of sole-speaking. Why, good Sir? you talke all. 1642 J. EATON *Henry-c.* *Free Justif.* 427 The only soole-saving and sole-saving voice of Christ. 1811 J. P. MALCOLM *Mann. & Cust. London* (ed. 2) II. ii. 20 The true nature of sole-justifying faith. 1831 WORDSW. *To B. R. Haydon* 8 The one Man that laboured to enslave The World, sole-standing high on the bare hill. 1859 G. MEREDITH *R. Feverel* xxi. Two swallows, mates in one nest... who twittered... to the sole-lying beauty in her bed.

b. With pa. pples., etc., as sole-begotten, -commissioned, -seated, -thoughted; also sole-happy, -selfy, -sufficient.

1591 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas i.* iii. 1123 And Death... Comes very late to his sole-seated Lodge. 1605 *Ibid.* ii. iii. i. *Vocation* 1114 Nor as inviron'd... But rather, as sole-selfy limited, And joynd to place. 1606 *Ibid.* iv. ii. *Magnificence* 987 Sole-happy Causes of this sumptuous Feast. 1631 *Eng. Primer of Our Lady* 30 Glorie to th' unbegotten Father, And to His sole begotten Son. 1656 R. SIMS *Conf. Christ & Mary* 71 God is all-sufficient, self-sufficient, sole-sufficient. 1711 SHAFTESB. *Character.* (1737) III. 340 Is it true... that their excellencies of the present establishment are the sole-commission'd? 1820 KEATS *Eve of St. Agnes v.* These let us wish away, And turn, sole-thoughted, to one Lady there.

c. Special combs., as † sole-sale, a monopoly; † sole-talk, a soliloquy; sole-coloured a., of a single uniform colour; self-coloured.

1596 Bp. W. BARLOW *Three Serm.* ii. 49 The intollerable licenes of Monopolies and Solesales. 1616 T. ROGERS (title), *Soliloquium Animæ*; The sole-talk of the Soule. 1885 MISS GATTY *Juliana H. Ewing* iii. 57 The sole-coloured walls well covered with pictures.

Sole, variant of SOL a., dirty. *Obs.*

Sole (soul), v. 1 Also 7 soel, Sc. soill; 7-8 soal, Sc. soll. [f. SOLE sb.1, perh. through the vbl. sb., which is found earlier. Cf. MDu. *solen* (Du. *solen*; Fris. *soalje*), LG. *solen*, *salen*, MHG. *solen* (G. *sohlen*, *besohlen*); also Sp. and Pg. *solar*.]

1. trans. To provide or furnish (a boot, shoe, stocking, etc.) with a sole.

(a) 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 160 To sole, *solum adhibere*. 1580 HOLLYBAND *Treas. Fr. Tong. Carreler*, to sole shoes. 1598 *Shuttleworths' Acc.* (Chetham Soc.) 112 Solesinge one pair of shoes, v. 1607 TOPSELL *Four-f. Beasts* (1658) 175 The Scythians make them shoes, and soale them with the backs of Fox and Mice skins. a1680 BUTLER *Rem.* (1759) I. 217 A peripatetic Cobler scorn'd to soale A pair of Shoes of any other School. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* iv. x. I soaled my shoes with wood. 1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xxix. The deil flay the hide o' it to sole his brogues wi'! 1857 MILLER *Elem. Chem., Org.* vii. § 2. 509 [Gutta percha] is employed as a substitute for leather in soling boots and shoes. 1906 SHERRING *Western Tibet* iv. 65 Their shoes... are soled with rope very ingeniously and finely plaited.

absol. 1824 SYD. SMITH *Wks.* (1859) II. 451 He is at liberty to make a shoe anywhere;... he may sole on the Mississippi, —heel on the Missouri.

(b) 1578 in *Archæologia* XXV. 566 Given to a tailor for solinge a payre of stockings. 1602 SEGAR *Honor, Milit.* & *Civ.* ii. xi. 71 Two others shall put on his blacke nether-stocks soled with leather. 1664 in *Maitland Club Miscell.* (1840) II. 157 For solling his Lordships stockings.

b. To cover with or as with a sole.

1681 GREW *Museum* i. vii. ii. 167 The fore-feet are soled each with four little Tufts of Down or short Hair. *Ibid.* 170 His Feet soled with a treble Tuft of a close short... Down.

c. To fit the head of a golf-club with a sole.

1595 GOLF & How to Play it ii.

2. trans. To form the base or bottom of.

a1643 CARTWRIGHT *Ordinary* iv. i. My debt-books shall soale Pyes at young Andrews wedding. 1714 LADY G. BAILLIE *Househ. Bk.* (S.H.S.) 247 For stones to soll the big oven.

3. Golf. To place the sole of a club on the ground in preparing for a stroke. Also refl. and absol.

1599 VAILE *Mod. Golf* 27 Nearly all professionals, when addressing their ball for the put, sole the putter in front of the ball. *Ibid.* 29 The professional soles in front of his ball because [etc.]. *Ibid.* The driver is made so that it should sole itself when allowed to rest naturally on the ground.

† Sole, v. 2. *Obs.* Also 7 soyle, soal. [ad. OF. *soler*, *soller*, *souler*, var. of *chouler*, etc.: see CHULLE v.] trans. To throw (a bowl). Also intr. of the bowl.

1638 WENTWORTH in *Carte Collect. Lett.* (1735) III. 25 The bowl that soyles faire is more probable to run with comeliness and certainty to the mark it is sent. 1658 BRAM-HALL *Schism Guarded Wks.* (1677) 296 'It were strange if he should throw a good cast, who soals his Bowl upon an undersong,' alluding to that ordinary and elegant expression in our English Tongue, 'Soal your Bowl well', that is, be careful to begin your work well. 1699 COLES *Lat. Dict.* 1, To sole a bowl, *probe et rite emittere globum*.

† Sole, v. 3. *Obs. rare.* [OE. *solian*, = MDu. and MLG. *solen*, OHG. *solōn* (MHG. *solen*) = Cf. SOL a.] intr. To become foul or dirty.

c1000 *Reimleid* 67 Searo hwit solap, sumur hat colað, c1250 Owl & Night, 1276 Nis noht so hot pat hit nacolep Ne noht so hwit pat hit ne solep.

Sole, obs. form of SOWL v.

|| Solea (sōl'ia). *Ecll.* [Byz. Gr. *σολέα*, ad. Romanic *solea (cf. It. *soglia*) threshold.] In churches (esp. those of the East), a raised part of the floor in front of a chapel or of the chancel.

1858 *Ecclesiologist* XIX. 315 The chancel arch [in Shottesbrook church]... is spanned by a high stone screen, outside of which... the prayer-desk stands upon a solea of the width of the screen. 1884 A. J. BUTLER *Coptic Ch. Egypt* I. iv. 214 In front of all three eastern chapels is a continuous narrow platform or solea.

† Soleated, a. *Obs.* [ad. L. *soleāt-us* wearing sandals.] (See quotes.)

1623 COCKERAM I. *Soleated*, shod like a horse, with Iron in his Shoes. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Soleated*, shod, as horses are, or what wears pattens.

† Solebaiting, vbl. sb. *Obs.* [Alteration of *surbaiting*, after SOLE sb.1 and f. *solbature*.] = SUB-BAITING vbl. sb.

1652 H. L'ESTRANGE *Amer. no Jewes* 21 In hot countries people went bare-foot and used to wash their feet for refreshment after surbaiting, or solebaiting, and weariness of travail.

Solecism (sōl'ēsiz'm). Forms: a. 6-8 solœ-isme, 7-9 solœicism (7 solœicism); 6-7 solœ-ism(e), 8 solœaicism. b. 6-7 solœicism, 6-solœicism (7 soll-). [ad. L. *solœicismus*, ad. Gr. *σολοικισμός*, f. *σολοικος* speaking incorrectly, stated by ancient writers to refer to 'the corruption of the Attic dialect among the Athenian colonists at Σόλοι in Cilicia'. So f. *solœisme*, Sp. and It. *solœismo*. The transferred uses of the word also occur in Gr. and L.]

1. An impropriety or irregularity in speech or diction; a violation of the rules of grammar or syntax; properly, a faulty concord.

a. 1577 HANMER *Anc. Ecll. Hist.* (1585) 138 They seeme farre from offending, in any barbarous terme, solœisme, or ignorant error at all. 1593 NASHE *Four Lett. Conf.* 70 Sucke out one solœisme or mishapen English word if thou canst. 1609 HOLLAND *Amm. Marcell.* c. j. b. A very Solœ-isme and incongruities of Syntax. 1699 BENTLEY *Phal.* 320 All these are gross Solœicisms, the last part of the Sentence not agreeing nor answering to the first; which is the proper definition of a Solœicism. 1702 *Burlesque L'Es-trange's Vis. Quevedo* 242 State Aphorismes Cramm'd full with factious Solœicisms. 1839 BROUGHAM *Statesman Geo. III.* Ser. 1. (ed. 2) 72 He certainly spared no pains to eradicate his northern accent, beside being exceedingly careful to avoid provincial solœicisms.

b. 1582 N. T. (Rhem.) Pref. b ij b, They easily take offense of the simple speeches or solœicisms. 1588 *Marprel. Epist.* (Arb.) 4 If he did, then he ouersaw many a fowle solœisme, many a senceless period. 1660 JER. TAYLOR *Ductor* ii. iii. rule 14. § 34 Solœicisms, impure words, and... rude expressions. 1672 DRYDEN *Defence Epil.* Ess. (ed. Ker) I. 165 Let any man... read diligently the works of Shakespeare and Fletcher, and I dare undertake, that he will find in every page either some solœicism of speech, or some notorious flaw in sense. 1717 WODROW *Corr.* (1843) II. 294, I question much if any of my friends are more sensible of the Scot-ticisms, yea, solœicisms, in my style than I am. 1769 *Jumius Lett.* xxvii. (1788) 146 There is something in it, which cannot be... expressed without a solœicism in language. 1837 HALLAM *Hist. Lit.* i. i. 20 We find even early proofs that solœicisms of grammar, as well as barbarous phrases... were very common in Rome itself. 1882 FARRAR *Apoc. Chr.* II. 156 The Greek of the Apocalypse is so ungram-matical and so full of solœicisms as to be the worst in the entire Greek Testament.

b. Without article: Violation of the rules of concord in grammar or syntax; incorrect or un-grammatical speech or diction, or the use of this.

1583 FULKE *Def. Tr. Script.* i. 47 If the relative must alwaies be referred to the antecedent of the same case, to agree with it in case... there is no Greeke auctor whose workes are extant, but he hath committed Solœicisms. 1603 HOLLAND *Plutarch Explan. Words, Solœicisms*, Incongruity of speech, or defect in the purity thereof. 1677 DRYDEN *Apol. Heroic Poet.* Ess. (ed. Ker) I. 180 A wary man he is in grammar, very nice as to solœicism or barbarism. 1699 BENTLEY *Phal.* 310 Attic, the beloved Dialect of the Sophists, in which they affected to excell each other, even to Pedantry and Solœicism. 1872 A. BAIN *Higher Eng. Gram.* 105 The words employed may be English, but they may be combined in a way that is not English. This is Solœicism.

fig. 1637 MASSINGER *Guardian* i. i. Think upon 't, a close friend Or private Mistress, is Court-rhetorick; A Wife, meer rustick Solœicism.

2. A breach or violation of good manners or etiquette; a blunder or impropriety in manners, etc.

(a) 1599 *Broughton's Lett.* vi. 19 [It] is surely a solœicisms in manners, and argueth great want of discretion. a1641 FINETT *For. Ambass.* (1656) 27 My Lord Walden leav-ing him at the Court gate and remaining that night (not perhaps without a Solœicism in ceremony) at Theobalds. 1642 FULLER *Holy & Prof. St.* i. xii. 38 As if she be guilty of casual incivilities, or solœicisms in manners occasioned by invincible ignorance. 1738 *Gentl. Mag.* VIII. 521/2, I observ'd Prior... whisper somewhat in his Ear, which I suppose was to desire him to rectify that Solœicism in Dress. 1778 MISS BURNAY *Evelina* lxviii. You have committed an outrageous solœicism in good manners. 1814 SCOTT *Wav. iv.* The idea of having committed the slightest solœicism in politeness... was agony to him. a1864 HAW-thorne *Dr. Grimshawe* xvi. (1891) 208 The cold, unbelieving eye of the Englishman, expectant of solœicisms in manners.

(b) 1639 MASSINGER *Unnatural Combat* iii. i. He ne'er observed you... take A say of venison or stale fowl by your nose, Which is a solœicism at another's table. a1645 HOWELL *Fam. Lett.* i. i. xl. I should commit a great Solœicism, if... I should leave you unsaluted. 1685 in *Verney Mem.* (1904) II. 416, I looke upon it as an ill Omen, that you should commit such a grosse solœicism at your first en-trance into the University against your Loving father. 1842 LEVER *J. Hinton v.* 33 Who, in the slightest solœicism of London manners, could find matter for sarcasm and railleury. 1884 E. YATES *Recoll.* I. 151 In those days smoking in the street was an unpardonable solœicism.

b. Without article. *rare.*

1640 FULLER *Abel Rediv.*, *Colet* (1867) I. 116 Solœicism he accounted the worst point of slovenly; affecting neatness in his household stuff and clothes. 1644 NAUNTON's *Fragm. Reg.* 36 For his inside, it may be said, and without solœicism [1641 offence], that he was his Fathers own sonne.

3. An error, incongruity, inconsistency, or impropriety of any kind.

a. 1599 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* v. ii. [iv]. Forgive it now. It was the solœicism of my starres. 1612 BACON *Ess.*, *Empire* (Arb.) 300 It is the Solœicism of power, to thinke to command the ende, and yet not to endure the meane. 1662 Bp. E. HOPKINS *Serm. Funerals Hon. A. Grevil* (1663) 18 'Tis as great a solœicism to thinke of their graves, as of going to bed at noon day.

b. 1603 BODLEY in *Bucclench MSS.* (Hist. MSS. Comm.) 44 A match... between our Prince and the King of Spain's two years' daughter... is a motion so full of solœicisms, as [etc.]. 1753 *De Foe's Tour Gl. Brit.* (ed. 5) I. 266 But tho' ex-cedding beautiful, yet, I thinke, to join Roman with Gothic Architecture, is a Solœicism. 1792 A. YOUNG *Trav. France* 483 Of all solœicisms, none ever equalled Paris demanding that the transport of corn from province to province should be prohibited. 1838 PRESCOTT *Ferd. & Is.* (1846) I. vii. 302 The idea of compelling belief in particular doctrines is a solœicism. 1850 MRS. JAMESON *Leg. Monast. Ord.* (1863) 233 Where a fat jovial Franciscan would be a solœicism. 1875 GLADSTONE *Glean.* VI. xviii. 117 What age or country can match the practical solœicisms exhibited in the following facts?

b. Const. *in* something.

a. 1616 B. JONSON *Epigr.* cxvi. A desperate solœicism in truth and wit. 1659 C. SIMPSON *Division-Violist* i. 11 As for Thirds and Sixts... two, three or more of them, rising or falling together, is no Solœicism in Musick.

1. Associated or connected with religious rites or observances; performed with due ceremony and reverence; having a religious character; sacred.

a 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter*, *Comm. Cant.* 499 We sall synge oure psalmys, [that is, we sall make solemne] bi lounys. 1340-70 *Alex. & Dind.* 735 3it may be no man.. Wip solem[m]pne sacrifice serue hem at oure. 1387 TREVISIA *Hiden* (Rolls) V. 299 Seint Mammetus, ordeyned solemne letanyes pat beel-cleped be Rogacions. 1447 BOKENHAM *Synctys* (Roxb.) II. It was don in ful solemne wyse And with many a cerymone. 1528 CROMWELL in Merriman *Life & Lett.* (1902) I. 219 The service daylie doon..so deuoute, solemne, and full of Armony. 1599 SANDYS *Europa Spec.* (1632) 5 The solemnest diuine honour which I see in those parts. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 808 Then came forth the sacrificers, who began the sacrifice of men..for this was their solemnest festiual. 1650 FULLER *Pisgah* I. vii. 17 It is answered, that seven was the compleat and solemne number, whereon God himself emphatically insists. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* I. 390 [They] with cursed things His holy Rites, and solemne Feasts profan'd. 1830 COLERIDGE *Church & State* (ed. 2) 226 During the solemner Sabbath of the Spirit. 1847 TENNYSON *Princ.* II. 428 At last a solemne grace Concluded, and we sought the gardens.

b. *Spec.* Of various ecclesiastical ceremonies or services of a special character (see *quots.*).

1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 284 He giftes a solemne cursing, Tille þo þat þer on liftes. c 1515 COCKE *Lorell's B.* 7 A solemne drynye is songe there, With a grette drynkynge. 1546 *Supplic. Poore Commons* (E.E.T.S.) 69 To this daye, thei vse, on solemne feastes, to folow their olde ordinary. 1577 HARRISON *Descr. Brit.* II. i. It happened..in a Rogation weeke that the clergy goyng in solemne procession [etc.]. 1609 in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* VII. 54 Father Rector of ye Colledge performed his Jubilee with a Solemn Mass. 1700 *Ibid.* 68 A Solemne Obsequie for Count Colonna of Bornheim. 1753 CHALLONER *Cath. Chr. Instr.* 93 In the high or solemne Mass the Gospel is sung by the Deacon. 1834 K. H. DIGBY *Mores Cath.* v. vii. 188 The festival of the circumcision became solemne in the sixth century. 1866 LEE *Direct. Angl.* (ed. 3) 360 *Solemn Service*, a choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist. 1908 *Ch. Times* 13 Mar. 347/2 Parishioners, friends, and relatives gathered from far and near for the Solemne Requiem.

2. Of days or seasons: Marked by the celebration of special observances or rites (esp. of a religious character); distinguished by, or set apart for, special ceremonies.

c 1325 *Prose Psalter* cxvii. 25 Stablis þe solemne daie. c 1350 *Will. Palerne* 1418 Pemperour erdest stille in rome at þe ester tide, & for þat solemne seoun [etc.]. 1387 TREVISIA *Hiden* (Rolls) VI. 29 He..forbeed hem mete and drynkynge of wyn but it were in certeyne solemne dayes in þe yere. c 1400 *Apol. Loll.* 50 Pat feyris nor markets had no place in þe kirik in solemne tymis. 1422 tr. *Secreta Secret.*, *Priv. Priv.* 194 In hey festis & solemne dayys. 1533 FRITH *Mirror* (1829) 295 The Jews..were commanded to keep the seventh day solemne. 1611 BIBLE *Numb.* x. 10 Also in the day of your gladnes, and in your solemne dayes. 1650 TRAPE *Comm.*, *Exod.* xx. 17 Holie-daies were either quotidian or solemne. c 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 23 Apr. 1646, To this there joyes a spacious Hall for solemne days to ballot in.

3. Performed with, accompanied by, due formality or ceremony; of a formal or ceremonious character.

c 1369 CHAUCER *Deke Blaunche* 302 Eueryche [bird] songe in his wyse The most solemne seruse. c 1386 — *Squire's T.* 61 This Cambiansk..halt his feste, so solemne and so riche That in this world ne was ther noon it liche. c 1440 *Pronp. Paro.* 464/1 Solemne, or feestfulle, *festiuous, celebre*. c 1529 SKELTON *E. Ramnyng* 548 Now truly, to my thyngkyng, This is a solemne drynkynge. 1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus* Ftij. To morrow next there is solem hunting in the park here adioyning. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* 723 A solemne horse running, wherein the horse that outrunneth the rest hath for his prise a little golden bell. 1664 J. DAVIES tr. *Olarus Voy. Amb.* Aij b. The Account of a Solemne Embassy, sent to two of the greatest Princes of Europe and Asia. c 1700 EVELYN *Diary* 15 Oct. 1685, Being the King's birth day, there was a solemne ball at Court. 1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. iii. iiii. Till at length..in solem final session, there bursts forth..an explosion of eloquence. 1853 J. H. NEWMAN *Hist. Sch.* (1873) II. i. 30 They were invited to two solemne banquets.

4. Formal; regular; uniform. *Obs.*

1639 FULLER *Holy War* IV. ix. (1840) 194 Since which time we find no solemne taking it [the city] by the Turks. a 1661 — *Worthies* (1840) II. 542 Castles..able to resist (though no solemne siege) a tumultuary incursion. 1668 CULPEPPER & COLE *Barthol. Anat.* I. xvii. 47 Any matter may easily repass..in the solemne Circulation of the Blood. 1704 *Dict. Rust.* (1726) s.v. *Hot-shoots*, Whereupon they'll continue a glowing, solemne, and constant Fire, for 7 or 8 hours.

5. Customary; carefully observed. *Obs.*

1616 B. JONSON *Ev. Man in Humour* Ded. to Camden, So solemne a vice it is with them to vse the authoritie of their ignorance, to the crying downe of Poetry.

6. Grand, imposing; sumptuous. *Obs.*

13..E. E. Allit. *P. B.* 1771 He sete on Salamones solle, on solemne wyse. c 1386 CHAUCER *Man of Lawe's T.* 387 Arryved ben this cristen folk to londe, In Surrie, with a gret solemne route. c 1400 *Destr. Troy* 1630 Priam..a pales gret make Within the Cite full Solemne of a sete rial. 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 142 b. Salomon buylded a solemne temple. of stones precyous & quadrat or squared. c 1586 CRESS *PEMBROKE P. S.* cx. ii. In solemne robes they glad shall goe. 1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poetie* I. xv. (Arb.) 49 For which purpose also the players garments were made more rich and costly and solemne.

7. Of great dignity or importance. *Obs.*

c 1386 CHAUCER *Prolog.* 209 Ther was..A limitour, a ful solemne man. 1387 TREVISIA *Hiden* (Rolls) I. 3 After solemne and wise writers of arte. *Ibid.* 95 Babylonia..was first so solemne pat it conteyned Assyria, Caldea, and

Mesopotamia. c 1430 LYND. in *Pol., Rel. & L. Poems* (1866) 28, I fond a lyknesse depict vpon a wal.. The hede of three fulle solemne and roiall, Intellectus, Memorye, and Resoun. a 1513 FABYAN *Chron.* vi. (1811) 183 Eusthane..mette with hym, and his people, at a place callid Brymforde, where he had a gret and solemne victory. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 230 Thrie Judgement saites to be seprate ane frone another in solemne places.

8. Famous, renowned. *Obs.*

1387 TREVISIA *Hiden* (Rolls) II. 421 His temple is solemne in þe ilond Diomedea. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 22 Edinburgh.., quhlike was nocht lile celebrat and solemne.

9. Of a formal and serious or deliberate character: a. Of vows or oaths, *spec.* of those made under some religious sanction.

Solemn League and Covenant: see COVENANT sb. 9 a. c 1315 SHOREHAM I. 1785 Of chastete professioun Hys [is] solemne þy-heste. 13..E. E. Allit. *P. C.* 23 With sacrafyse vp-set, & solemne vowes. a 1450 MYRC 1661 Hym þat brekep solemne vow. Or change hyt wole, sende hym forþ now. c 1489 CAXTON *Blanchardyn* xlvi. 177 Makynge a grette & a solemne oath. 1559 MERRY *Mag.* *Moubrays Banishment* xi. We all agreed and sware a solemne oth. 1597 HOOKER *Ecl. Pol.* v. lxxv. § 9 The solemnest vow that we euer made. 1643 PYNNE *Sov. Power Parl.* I. (ed. 2) 54 Such faith is to be given to the solemnest Oathes of Kings. 1756-9 A. BUTLER *Lives of Saints, St. Frances*, The Oblates make no solemne vows, only a promise of obedience to the mother-president. 1835 *Month Nov.* 436 The Redemptorists were approved with solemne vows and are therefore a Religious Order properly so called. 1894 *Ibid.* June 239 According to the Statutes the vows of the choir nuns should be those canonically called 'solemne'.

b. Of statements, compacts, documents, etc.

Not always clearly distinct from sense 6. 1240 in *Ellis Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. 1. 67 And afterward with a solemne proposition denouncide vn to hym thys Pes. c 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* I. vi. 31 Alle the trouthis of lawe of kinde..wren writen bifore in thilk solemnest inward book. 1533 MORE *Debell. Salem* v. Wks. 940/1 But then cometh he forth vpon me..with a very folly & with a solemne lye. 1560 DAVIS tr. *Sleidan's Comm.* 257 Therefore we protest..in solemnwysse that we are of this mynd. 1610 HOLLAND *Camden's Brit.* 760 Thomas Musgrave..was by solemne writ of summons called to the Parliament. 1671 MARVELL *Corr. Wks.* (Grosart) II. 385 Our House hath..made a solemne vote, That aids given by the Commons ought not to be altered. 1702 ADDISON *Dial. Medals* I. Wks. 1766 III. 17 The solemne dissertations that have been made on these weighty subjects I. 1741-2 GRAY *Agripp.* I. 1. Of mutter'd charms and solemne invocation. 1806 J. BRESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* that there is nothing to fear. 1847 Mrs. A. KERR tr. *Rauke's Hist. Servia* 263 A solemne agreement had been entered into, and Russia was entitled to demand its due execution. 1884 *Encycl. Brit.* XVII. 550/2 But neither in England nor in Sicily did official formalism acknowledge even French..as a fit tongue for solemne documents.

6. Of a serious, grave, or earnest character:

a. Of actions, feelings, etc.

c 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* II. viii. 183 If bi the ymagis..schulde be maad ey quyk and feruent and solemne and miche deuout remembrance. a 1548 HALL *Chron.*, *Edw. IV.* 234 He toke of hys cappe, and made a low and solemne obeysance. 1590 GREENE *Never too Late* Wks. (Grosart) VIII. 77 With a solemne conge departing; he went about his busines. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. ii. 201 A figure like your Father..with solemne march goes slow and stately. 1659 HAMMOND *On Ps.* xlviii. 12. 246 Nothing deserving our solemnest meditations. 1705 STANHOPE *Paraphr.* II. 303 Therefore our Zeal, if sincere, will be solemne. 1763 J. BROWN *Poet. & Music* xii. 214 Our parochial Music, in general, is solemne and devout. 1827 SCOTT *Chron. Canongate* I. I shall never forget the solemne tone of expression with which he summed up the incapacities of the paralytic. 1833 TENNYSON *Dream Fair Wom.* lvi. I heard Him, for He spake, and grief became a solemne scorn of ills. 1868 FEOULKES *Church's Creed or Crown's Creed?* 36 There is a solemne document before the world—I may say one of the solemnest.

b. Of persons. *Also transf.*

1580-3 GREENE *Mamillia* Wks. (Grosart) II. 239 Be not too sad least he thinke thou art sollempe. 1599 SHAKS. *Hen. V.* IV. i. 318 Where the sad and solemne Priests sing still. 1667 MILTON *P. L.* IV. 648 Silent Night With this her solemne Bird. *Ibid.* ii. 236 Some great Potentate..solemne and sublime, whom not to offend, With reverence I must meet. 1782 COWPER *Conversation* 299 A shallow brain behind a serious mask..The solemne pop. 1824 LOVER *Handy Andy* xxviii. They were again a reverent flock, and he once more a solemne pastor. 1867 F. H. LUDLOW *Brace of Boys* 265 So confused among the wax-works that he pinched the solemnest showman's legs to see if he was real. *absol.* 1871 R. ELLIS *Catullus* xvii. 6 But dull water, auant..; seek the sour, the solemne!

c. Of the features or looks.

1595 SHAKS. *John* IV. ii. 90 Why do you bend such solemne browes on me? 1761 GRAY *Ode* 76 What Virgins these.. That bend to earth their solemne brow. 1832 BREWSTER *Nat. Magic* iii. 43 Though the eyes were open, the features were solemne and rigid. 1899 MARG. BENSON & GOURLAY *Temple of Mut* I. 11 An Arab girl with solemne eyes.

7. Fitted to excite serious thoughts or reflections; impressive, awe-inspiring.

c 1400 St. Alexius (Laud MS.) 867 Þe þrid tyme com þe voice Fro hym þat was don on croice wip gret solemne lith. c 1425 Abraham's *Sacr.* 437 in *Bk. of Brome* 68 Lol..now haue we showdyd Thys solemn story to grette and smale. 1522 MORE *De quat. Novis* Wks. 84/1 The wind that puffeth vs vp in pride, vpon the solemne sight of worldly worship. 1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. viii. 29 There raignd a solemne silence ouer all. 1642 H. MORE *Song Soul* I. III. lxx. In solem silence this vapour rose From this drad Dale. 1719 TICKELL *On the Death of Addison* 15

What awe did the slow solemne knell inspire. 1757 GRAY *Bard* 105 What solemne scenes on Snowdon's height. 1821 SHELLEY *Adonais* xlv. His solemne agony had not yet faded from him. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. xviii. 123 The solemne heights of Monte Rosa. 1880 J. F. CLARKE *Self Culture* iii. 75 It becomes vastly more solemne than death.

8. Gloomy, dark, sombre. *Obs.*

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. ii. 78 Customary suites of solemne Blacke. 1626 B. JONSON *Epigr.* I. lxxiii. Your partie-perpale picture, one halfe drawne In solemne cypres. 1625 BACON *Ess.*, *Adversity* (Arb.) 505 Wee see in Needleworkes and Imbroideries, it is more pleasing, to haue a Luely Worke, vpon a Sad and Solemne Grounde; then to haue a Darke and Melancholy Worke, vpon a Lightsome Ground.

9. As *adv.* Solemnly. *rare*—

1743 FRANCIS tr. *Hor., Sec. Poem* 20 Let the solemne Numbers rise; Solemne sing the Queen of Night.

10. As *sb.* Solemnity. *rare*—

1706 DE FOE *Jure Divino* IV. 81 When subjects..Bind their dissembled homage to the Crown And bend the Solemnities of Religion down.

11. Comb. a. Misc., as solemne-breathing, -looking, -proud adjs., -slowly *adv.*

1526 SKELTON *Magny*, 1023 Somtyme I syt as I were solempe prowde. 1634 MILTON *Comus* 555 A soite and solemne breathing sound. 1754 GRAY *Progr. Poet.* 14 Parent of sweet and solemne-breathing airs. 1817 LADY MORGAN *France* I. (1818) I. 53 A cold, solemne-looking English sergeant. 1871 G. MACDONALD *Wks. of Fancy & Imag.* II. 12 Let the bright sails all solemne-slowly pass.

b. Parasynthetic, or with pa. pples., as solemne-browed, -measured, -shaded, -thoughted, -visaged.

1777 POTTER *Eschylus* (1779) I. 138 For this beneath the solemne-shaded grove Our raptur'd invocations rise. 1838 L.D. HOUGHTON *Poems of Many Years* 11 Solemne-measured be your paces. 1842 DICKENS *Amer. Notes* (1850) 151/1 In stiff-necked solemne-visaged piety. 1844 Mrs. BROWNING *Lady Geraldine's Courtship* xli. Wordsworth's solemne-thoughted idyl. 1854 MISS MULOCK *Head of Family* vi. A long-limbed, solemne-browed follower of the sciences.

12. Solemn, v. *Obs.* In 5-6 solemne, 6 solempe(n)se. [f. prec., or ad. OF. *solemn* (p)ner, -nier.] *trans.* To solemnize, celebrate.

1483 *Cath. Angl.* 348/2 To Solemne, solemniizare, celebrare. 1a 1500 *Chester Pl.* (Shaks. Soc.) I. 23 To morrow the seventh daye I will solempe [v.r. blyn]. 1527 *Lanc. Wills* (Chetham Soc.) I. 34, I will y^e Sir Iohn Walton occupy and solempe dyvine service at the forsaide Chappell. 1555 EDEN *Decades*, etc. (Arb.) 302 They solemne marriages, and begynne the same with fyre and flynte.

13. Solemnacy. *Obs.*—1 In 6 solemnpacie. [Cf. next and -ACR.] Solemnization.

1591 HORSEY *Trav.* (Hakl. Soc.) 158 The manner and solemnpacie of this mariage was so stryngent and heathenly.

14. Solemnation. *Obs. rare.* [Cf. SOLEMN v.] Solemnization, celebration.

1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* VII. xxxvi. 270 When this solemnaciation was done, thence came in the grene knyghte syr Pertynlope with thyrty knyghtes. 1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Beccalini's Advs. Jr. Parnass.* 236 The daies solemnation of admittance of the literati into Parnassus.

15. Solemncholy (sɒləmkəli), a. Also -coly. [Fancifully f. SOLEMN a., after melancholy.] Excessively solemne or serious.

1855 HALIBURTON *Nat. & Hum. Nat.* I. ix. 285 Watch his face as he goes along, slowly and solemcholy through the street. 1863 PYCROFT *Dragons' Teeth* I. 154 With sighs and groans, pale faces, and 'solemcholy' looks. 1894 MELDRUM *Margredel* 67 He's a very solemcholy youth.

16. Solemned, a. *Sc. Obs.* Forms: 5-6 solempt, -empnit, solemnit (6-7t), 6 solemned. [f. SOLEMN v. + -ED.] Solemn, in various senses.

1423 JAS. I *Kings* Q. lxxix. Their peple sawe I stand, With mony a solempt [so M.S.] contenance. c 1450 *Maitl. Club Misc.* III. 203 Ane haly wattyf fat of siluer..for solemnit festis. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneid* v. ii. 24 Netheles said I..exequies, with solempt [v.r. solempt, solemnit] pomp and fair, Dewlie perform. 1564 KNOX *Bk. Common Order* (1584) Cvj, The cutting off..by publicke and solemned sentence, all obstinate and impenitent persons. 1567 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 542, I faythfullie affirme be my solemnit ayth.

Hence † Solemnedly *adv. Obs.*

c 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xvii. (*Martha*) 202 Al hyre covent..hyre exequies dewotly did. & solemnitly. 1566 *Acts & Constit. Scotl.* To Rdr., [They] had thair statutis..inrollit, bukit, and solemnitlie red to all the pepill. 1572-3 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* II. 200 Oure Sovereane Lordis Commissioneris..solemnitlie promeist and sware [etc.].

17. Solemnel, a. *Obs.* Also 5-6 solemnell(e). [a. OF. *solempnel*, -nal (F. *solennel*), ad. L. type **solemnalis*.] Solemn.

1471 CAXTON *Recuyell* (Sommer) 426/11 Hercules..went to..Salamanque and..he wold make there a solemnell estudye. 1490 — *Encydos* xv. 60 An assemble..of metes and of wyne for to kepe a solemnell feste. 1556 *Aurelio & Isab.* (1608) Biv, The King her father kept her with solemnell keping inclosed. 1600 in *Cath. Tract.* (S.T.S.) 222, I dout not bot your Maiestie sal accompis this solemnell promesse. 1647 in HEXHAM I. s.v.

18. Solemnness (sɒləmnəs), a. Also solemness. [f. SOLEMN a. + -NESS.] The state or quality of being solemne; solemnity.

1530 FALSGR. 272/2 Solemnesse, solempnit. 1561 T. HOBT tr. *Castiglione's Courtier* IV. (1577) I iv, Pride, wrath, solemness and such tiranical fashions as he have within them. 1642 D. ROGERS *Naaman* 130 When the closenesse, solemnesse, and necessity of it, is presented to the soule. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (1824) I. 74 He looked at me with such respect and solemness at parting. 1797-1803 FOSTER in J. E. RYLAND *Life & Corr.* (1845) I. 211 Still shades, that dimmed in solemness the lower part of her orb. 1828-32 WEBSTER s.v., The solemness of public worship.

1908 *Nation* Mar. 845/1 He has felt the greater solemnness of a Semitic tongue.

† **Solemniation.** *Obs. rare.* [f. L. *sōlemni-s*: cf. SOLEMNATION.] Solemnization.

1603 KOLLES *Hist. Turks* (1638) 192 For solemnization of the marriage, [Amurath] prepared all things with great magnificence. 1658 CASSALD *Legacy* 18 Ornaments of Solemnization of the Royal descent.

Solemnific, *a. nonce-wd.* [f. SOLEMN *a.* + (-)FIC.] Affectedly solemn.

1823 BEDDOES *Poems* 225 This speech... begins too designedly in the established form of solemnific invocation.

Solemnify (*spl'mnifai*), *v.* [f. as prec. + (-)FY.] *trans.* To make solemn. Also *refl.*

188a L. C. LILLIE *Prudence* 79 Solemnified by the silent hidden presences. 1885 G. MEREDITH *Diana* III. ix. 164 Mr. Sullivan Smith had solemnified himself to proffer a sober petition.

Solemniously, *adv. rare.* Also 6 solemniously. [f. SOLEMN *a.* + -IOUS: cf. OF. *solemniously*.] Solemnly.

a 1578 LINDSAY (Pittcott) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 124 Thairefrir the marriage was solemniously maid. 1910 *Blackw. Mag.* Apr. 607/1 'In the name of God,' says the Pope, very solemniously, 'what is the maning ov all this?'

Solemnity (*spl'mniti*). *Forms:* 3-4 *solempnete*, 4-5 *-ite(e, -ytee, 4-6 -yte, 4-7 -itie (6 -ytee); 4 solempnete, -ite, 5 -itee, -ytee; 4-5 solempnete, -ite(e, 5-6 -yte, 6-7 -itie, 6- solempnity.* [a. OF. *solempnetē, -itē* (= Sp. *solemnidad*, Pg. *solemnidade*), ad. L. *sōl-, sollem* (*p*)*nitas* (post-classical), f. *sōl-, sollem* (*p*)*nis* SOLEMN *a.*: see -ITY. The ME. form *solem* (*p*)*nite* was app. sometimes stressed on the first syllable: cf. SOLEMNTY.]

1. Observance of ceremony or special formality on important occasions: *a.* In the phrases *with or in* (*great*, etc.) *solemnity*. *Now rare.*

c 1290 *S. Eng. Leg. l.* 169 Heo bureden þat holi bodi hasteleche þere beside With luyte solempnete i-novr. 13.. E. E. Alt. P. B. 1313 He sased hem with solempnete, þe souerayn he prayesd. 1390 GOWER *Conf. l.* 352 With gret solempnete He was unto his dignite Received, and coroned king. c 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) xxvii. 153 Þai bere þe body to a hill with gret solempnytee. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* vii. xxxvi. 270 The Bisshop of Caunterbury made the weddyng... with gret solempnity. a 1557 Mrs. M. BASSER tr. *More's Treat. Passion* m. 5 Wks. 1398 My blessed Martyrs... shall... with woondrefull solempnity enter into heauen. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N. iv. l.* 182 We'll hold a feast in great solempnity. 1611 BIBLE *Transl. Pref.* 2 For bringing backe the Arke of God in solempnity. 1719 YOUNG *Revenge* v. 1, And then, with all the cool solempnity Of public justice, give her to the grave. 1759 ROBERTSON *Hist. Scotl.* Wks. 1813 l. 366 The conference, however, was opened with much solempnity. 1875 *Times* 9 May, The Emperor... was received with all the solempnity that befits so great a Potentate.

b. In general use.

c 1340 HAMPOLE *Psalter* cxvii. 26 Makis solempnyte in 3oure saule. c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* II. 124 þe Jewis calengiden... to have a man 3ouven to hem, for solempnitye of þe feeste. c 1400 LOVE *Bonavent. Mirr.* (1908) 50 The solempnitye and the worthynesse of this feste and this hige day. c 1420 *Brut* ccxlii. 349 þe King... welcomed him... and made þere alle þe solempnitye þat myght be do. 1502 *Ord. Crysten Men* (W. de W. 1506) l. ii. Them that be ordeyned of god & of holy churche as well in case of necessitye as of solempnitye. 1553 EDEN *Treat. New Ind.* (Arb.) 14 The king hereof vseth gret prate & solempnitye. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgr.* (1614) 192 If a female child be borne, there is small solempnity. 1653 MORE *Antid. Ath.* II. iii. § 5 Instead of all this Glory and Solempnity there had been nothing but howlings and shoutings. 1759 ROBERTSON *Hist. Scotl.* vii. Wks. 1813 l. 511 Elizabeth resolved that no circumstance of pomp or solempnity should be wanting. 1821 SHELLEY *Ginevra* 161 The marriage feast and its solempnity Was turned to funeral pomp.

2. An occasion of ceremony; an observance or celebration of special importance; a festival or other similar occasion.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 13874 Iesus wem hold forth... Til it come a solempnitye, He com a-gain in þat cite. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* III. 166 So myhte every man aboute The day of that solempnitye His tale telle. c 1400 *Brut* Pro. l. Dioclian þoughte mayren his Doughtes among all þo knyghtys þat tho were at that solempnitye. c 1425 *Found. St. Bartholomew's* (E. E. T. S.) 47 This childe... was brought to the forsaide churche yn the solempnitye of the glorious Apostle. a 1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* lxii. 177 Then they went all with the pope to his palays, and there was made the solempnytes of y^e maryage. 1570-6 LAMBARDE *Peramb. Kent* (1826) 259 King Edward the Secunde... held the solempnitye of a whole Christinne in the house of this Manor. 1617 MORVSON *Itin.* III. 217 Among other solempnities, they roasted an Oxe in the midst of the field for the people. 1673 TEMPLE *Ess. Irish* Wks. 1720 l. 119 Many... may come, not only as to a publick kind of Solempnity, but as to a great Mart of the best Horses. 1770 PRIDEAUX *Orig. Tithes* II. 113 Such a multitude of People were fed... during their continuance together at those Solempnities. 1763 J. BROWN *Poet. & Music* § 4. 41 Hymns or Odes would be composed, and Sung by their Composers at their festal Solempnities. 1834 K. H. DIGBY *Mores Cath.* v. vii. 218 Assisting on Easter day at the divine office of this great solempnity. 1867 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1877) I. 426 The king engaged in a remarkable solempnity on the spot which had witnessed his last battle.

† *b.* A ceremonial procession. *Obs.*

1636 STROBE *Floating Isl.* II. iv. Enter in the midst of the song Amorous ushering the solempnity. 1907 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4374/1 When the Solempnity came near St. Mark's Place, the Norton Gallery hoisted the Union Colours. 1731 *Gentl. Mag.* l. 441 A Representation of the Solempnity and Procession of the Lord Mayor of London thro' the City.

† 3. Applied concretely (see *quots.*). *Obs.*

c 1435 *Torr. Portugal* 1591 My two dragons hast thou slan, My solempnitye they were. 1449 *Churchw. Acc. St. George's, Stamford* in Nicholls (1797) 133, I bequethe to the seyn Church of Seynt George a solempnitye of array for the fest of Corpus Christi.

4. † *a.* Proper or regular performance. *Obs.-1*

c 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* IV. 2 At Marches mone, in contrey that is colde, Putacioun hath his solempnitye [L. *celebratur*].

b. Law. Necessary formality, such as is requisite to make an act or document valid.

1588 in T. Morris *Provosts of Methuen* (1875) 72 The solempnitye of the law... [being] obseruit. 1590 SWINBURNE *Testaments* 6 The testament is imperfect in respect of solempnitye, wherein some of the Legall requisites... be wanting. 1665 CALDWELL P. (Maitl. Cl.) l. 63 Not being sealed be the seal of the partie, quilk was an essentiall solempnitye of contracts. 1669 CHAMBERLAYNE *Pres. St. Eng.* 158 If she be Plaintiff, the Summons in the Process need not have the solempnitye of 15 dayes. 1871 MARKBY *Elem. Law* § 171 The contract... should be accompanied by certain solempnities as they are called. 1875 K. E. DIGBY *Real Prop.* x. § 1 (1876) 374 No solempnity short of a deed is regarded by our law as sufficient to create a right of this kind.

5. The state or character of being solemn or serious; impressiveness; gravity; a solemn utterance or statement.

1712 ADDISON *Spectator* No. 405 ¶ 3 That Solempnity of Phrase, which may be drawn from the Sacred Writings. 1741 C. MIDDLETON *Cicero* l. i. 2 A writer, who loves to raise the solempnity of his story by the introduction of something miraculous. 1794 Mrs. RADCLIFFE *Myst. Udolpho* xxvii. The solempnity of this silence... subdued her spirits. 1822-7 GOOD *Study Med.* (1829) II. 486 At present, from a knowledge of the circulation of the blood, we can smile at these negatory solempnities. 1883 FROUDE *Short Stud.* IV. l. i. 164 Subjects which in our fathers' time were approached only with the deepest reverence and solempnity.

† **Solemnize**, *v. Obs.* *Forms:* 6 *solempnizate, -zate, Sc. solemp* (*p*)*nizate*. [f. ppl. stem of med. L. *solemn* (*p*)*nizare*.] *trans.* To solemnize.

1538 CRANMER *Misc. Writ.* (Parker Soc.) II. 360 Marriage contracted and solemnized in lawful age. 1548 UDALL, etc. *Erasm. Par. Mat.* xiv. 80 He dyd solempnizate the day of his birth. 1585 *Rec. Elgin* (Spald. Cl.) 4 That he sail solempnizate the band of matrimonie.

Solemnization (*spl'mnizi*), *n.* *Forms:* 5 *solempnysacion, 6 -yzacion, -izacion, -isacion; 5 solempnyzacyoun, 6 -izacion, 6- -isacion, solemnization.* [a. OF. *solem* (*p*)*nisation, -ization*, or ad. med. L. *solempnizatio*: see SOLEMNIZE *v.* and -ATION.] The action of solemnizing or celebrating in a ceremonial manner.

1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys* (Roxb.) 32 Wych tyme as shuld the solempnyzacyoun been of that cherche. 1555 WATREMAN *Fardle of Factions* II. xii. 271 He goeth vp to the aultare... and so procedeth in the Solempnization of y^e Masse. 1586 in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* (1911) IX. 167 For the solemnisation of which popish feast we thought these persons would assemble themselves together. 1621 in *Ellis Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. III. 267 On Friday my Lord of Essex... was present at the solemnization of his mothers funeral. 1651 BAXTER *Infant Bapt.* 295 The secondary... Act, and Instrument, being but the Ceremonial solemnization. 1800 *Monthly Rev.* XCI. 501 A solemnization of this kind... would in my judgment... have a happy influence. 1863 H. COX *Instit.* III. iii. 626 Coronation was but a... national solemnization of the descent.

b. spec. The celebration or performance of a marriage.

1497 *Br. ALCOCK Mons Perf.* Diiij. The solempnyzacion of the maryage of the spouse of heuen. c 1535 in *Ellis Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. II. 89 For the solempnisation of matrimonie betwene you. 1548-9 (Mar.) *Bk. Com. Prayer, Offices* 13 The forme of solempnization of matrimonie. 1625 in *Ellis Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. III. 190 The solemnization of the Nuptials of our King and Queen and the Madam of France. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) III. 77 Out came, with great diffidence... a proposal of speedy solemnization. 1797 Mrs. RADCLIFFE *Italian* xiii. To urge an immediate solemnisation of their marriage. 1858 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* III. xvii. 506 The solemnization of the marriage was extorted from his Majesty against his will.

† **Solemnize**, *sb. Obs.-1* [f. the vb.] Solempnization; solemn rite.

1590 SPENSER *F. Q.* I. x. 4 Though spousd, yet wanting wedlocks solemnize.

Solemnize (*spl'mnizi*), *v. Forms:* 4-6 *solempnise* (5 -ese, -ish), 5-6 -yse, -yze, 6-7 *solempnize; 6- solempnise (6-yse), solemnize.* [ad. OF. *solem* (*p*)*niser, -izer* (= Sp. and Pg. *solemnizar*), or med. L. *solempnizare*: see SOLEMN *a.* and -IZE. In older verse the stressing *solemnize* occasionally appears.]

1. *trans.* To dignify or honour by ceremonies; to celebrate or commemorate by special observances or with special formality.

1382 WYCLIF *1 Esdras* i. 20 There is not solempnizid such a pasch in Israel, for the times of Samuel. 1460 CAPGR. *Chron.* (Rolls) 66 Hermes wrot a book that Eastern day schuld evyr be solempnyzid on a Sunday. 1480 CAXTON *Murr.* III. x. 155 To solempnize suche dayes as holy chyrche hath ordeyned. 1530 PALSGR. *724/2* The bouchers in London solempnyse saynte Lukes daye above all feestes in the yere. 1597 BRARD *Theatre God's Judgem.* (1612) 272 To the end the better to solempnize his entrie to the crowne, commaunded a sumptuous and pompous banquet to be prepared. 1623 LISLE *Alfivic on O. & N. Test.* Many thousands of Angels solemnised his birth with heavenly songs. 1652 LOVEADY tr. *Calprenède's Cassandra* I. 22 These two engaged Princes solemniz'd their mutuall fury by the death of so many thousands. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus, Antiq.* xix. vii. § 1 Agrippa was solemnizing his birth-day. 1787 BURNS *Ode Birthday Pr. Chas. Edward* 15 We solemnize this sorrowing natal

day, To prove our loyal truth. 1838 THIRLWALL *Greece* xliii. V. 317 The king solemnized his triumph with great magnificence at Dium.

2. To celebrate (a marriage) with proper ceremonies and in due form; also, to perform the ceremony of (marriage).

1426 LYDG. in *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 136 And there in Troys also was solempnized The mariage, to conferme up the peas. 1491 *Act 7 Hen. VII.* c. 2 § 11 So that thoes espousels be solempnized in Church, Chapel, or Oratory. 1533-4 *Act 25 Hen. VIII.* c. 12 The mariage, which was solempnized by his maistie and... the lady Catherine. 1588 GREENE *Perimedes* Wks. (Grosart) VII. 84 Bradamant... with great pompe solempnized the Nuptials. 1615 G. SANDYS *Trav.* 66 They buy their wives of their parents, and record the contract before the Cadi, which they after solempnize in this manner. 1657 in *Verny Mem.* (1904) II. 120 The mariage of the Protector's daughter to Warwick's sonne, is forthwith to bee solempnized. 1713 *Guardian* No. 7 ¶ 3 The immature marriages solempnized in our days. 1797 Mrs. RADCLIFFE *Italian* xiii. He found a priest who would solempnize their nuptials. 1847 EMERSON *Poems, Musketaguid* Wks. (Bohn) l. 484 And wide around, the marriage of the plants Is sweetly solempnized. 1886 *Act 49 Vict.* c. 14 § 1 No person shall be subject to any proceedings in any court... for solemnizing matrimony between the aforesaid hours.

b. To wed ceremonially. *nonce-use.*

1592 BRETTON *Pilgr. Parad.* Wks. (Grosart) I. 20/2 Where sacred mercy first did solempnize The spirite to the fleshe in mariage.

c. absol. To marry.

1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) IV. 168 Let the articles be drawn up, and engrossed; and solempnize upon them. 1804 EUGENIA DE ACTON *Tale without Title* I. 112, I am unalterably resolved never to marry any other woman: and... should I solempnize upon her recovery [etc.].

3. To hold, observe, perform, † proclaim, etc., with some amount of ceremony or formality.

1483 CAXTON *Gold. Leg.* 233/2 Wherefor the temperour established... that the counseyl shold be solempnour established in mylane. 1487-8 in *Prymer* (E.E.T.S.) 170 The Banys where solempnysyd & published betwixt Aunes Skerne... and Peres Courteys. 1548-9 (May) *Bk. Com. Prayer, Communion* 121 The Minister haunyng always some to communicate with him, may accordingly solempnise so high and holy misteries, with al... due ordre. 1602 WARNER *Alb. Eng. Prose* Addit. 341 There... did [Æneas] solempnize an Anniuersarie at the Tombe of his father. 1603 in *Ellis Orig. Lett.* Ser. I. III. 72 To-morrow... wee doe solempnize the funerals... of her late Majesty. 1641 MILTON *C. Govt.* v. Wks. 1851 III. 117 To solempnize some religious monthly meeting different from the Sabbath. 1703 in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* VII. 149 The Anniversary Service for Henri 4 was Solempnized this Morn. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xxxiii. The scene of solempnizing some high national festival. 1835 THIRLWALL *Greece* x. l. 427 The Megarian peasantry were compelled to solempnize the obsequies of every Bacchiad. 1897 G. ALLEN *Type-writer Girl* xiv. 189 Dinner solempnized, we withdrew to the comfortable divans of the balcony.

† 4. To celebrate with praise or commendation; to laud or glorify. *Obs.*

1514 BARCLAY *Eclages* iv. (1570) C v b/2 And to what vices that princes moste intende, Those dare these fooles solempnize and commend. c 1586 CTESS PEMBERKE *Ps.* cviii. i. My hart is bent... God's name to solempnize. a 1619 FOTHERBY *Atheom.* II. i. § 7 (1622) 184 Vnto the Sunne, whose glorious regimēt All dayes solempnize. 1652 LOVEADY tr. *Calprenède's Cassandra* I. 49 The bravery of the Course was solempnized with a general Shout. 1687 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 2266/1 We cannot be satisfied... that what Your Majesty hath now done for them, should be more Solempnized, than what You have always done for us.

5. To make solemn; to render serious or grave. 1726 POPE *Odys.* xvii. 245 Holy horrors solempnize the shade. 1760-74 H. BROOKE *Fool of Qual.* (1809) III. 140 Such an inward awe and veneration... as, for a while, sunk his spirits, and solempnized his features. 1802-12 BENTHAM *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) II. 561 He solempnizes his tone... and beholds in the air a host of difficulties. 1845 MARTINEAU *Misc.* (1852) 114 A religious ceremonial invested with every beauty that may touch and solempnize their hearts. 1871 MOZLEY *Univ. Ser.* vi. (1876) 131 'That remarkable desire... seems to be innate in all... the desire to be solempnized. People like being awed.

absol. 1865 MOZLEY *Miracles* vii. 133 A supernatural fact... is a potent influence; it rouses, it solempnizes.

6. *intr.* To speak or meditate solemnly.

1836 *Fraser's Mag.* XIV. 733 [He] had sermonised and solempnised in sepulchral vaults and feudal towers.

Hence *Solempnized ppl. a.*

1641 G. SANDYS *Paraphr. Song Solomon* III. iii. 13 At that solempniz'd Nuptial Feast.

Solempner, *rare.* [f. prec.] One who solempnizes or performs a solemn rite.

1577 HANMER *Anc. Eccl. Hist.*, Eusebius x. iv. Setting before our mind the author and solempner of this present Feast. a 1634 R. CLERKE *Serm.* (1637) 518 The second regard is of the Solempnizer... Christ himselfe. 1706 STEVENS *Span.-Eng. Dict.* 1, Solempniaador, a Solempnizer.

Solempnizing, *vbl. sb.* [f. as prec.] The action of celebrating solemnly or ceremoniously.

1565 STAPLETON tr. *Bede's Hist. Ch. England* 180 The catholike solempnizing and dewe observation of the time of Christes resurrection. 1591 HORSEY *Trav.* (Hakl. Soc.) 171 Great feastings and trumps was at the solempnizing of this mariage. 1634 BRERETON *Trav.* (Chetham Soc.) 64 It was as long in solempnizing as our marriages. a 1714 SHARP *Imit. Christ* III. Wks. 1754 V. 266 The feast of the dedication, for the solempnizing of which we find our Saviour making a journey to Jerusalem.

Solempnizing, *ppl. a.* [f. as prec.] That solempnizes or renders solemn.

1614 SELDEN *Titles Honor* 137 The Dancers or Singers, and number of the solempnizing Sacrificers. 1807 C. SIMON

in Carus (1847) 218 This had a sweetly solemnizing effect. 1859 CORNWALLIS *New World* I. 228 No solemnizing associations seemed to connect themselves with the hallowed ground. 1871 MOZLEY *Univ. Sermon* v. (1876) 105 This judicial character of war enables it to produce its solemnizing type of character.

† Solemnly, *a. Obs.* ¹ [LY¹] Of a solemn or sacred character.

1482 Monk of Evesham (Arb.) 106 Who ys he that wolde not ful gretly sorow to see so feire and so solemnly a body to be caste under so grette iniuriis and sore peynys.

Solemnly (sɒl'mli), *adv.* Forms: *a.* 4 solemplice, -liche; 4-6 solemply (4 -lie, 5 -lye, solemply); 4 solempliche, 6 -ly. *B.* 4 soll-, solempliche; 4-6 solempny (4 -lie, 5 -li), solempny (6 -lie); 5-6 sollempn(e)ly. *γ.* 6 sollempnelie, 6-7 -ly, 6- sollempny. [f. SOLEMN *a.* + -LY². Cf. OF. *solempnement*, L. *sollemniter*, MDu. *solem p'nelic*, -liche.] In a solemn manner, in various senses of the adj.; ceremoniously, formally; gravely, seriously, etc.

a. 1300 *Cursor M.* 6097 In myning sal ye hald þis dai, . . . Solemplice wit-in your lai. 1387 TREvisa *Higden* (Rolls) III. 391 To brenne noble bodies whanne þey were dede, and kepe þe askes solemplice in solempne place. 1430 *LYDG. Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 19 Solemplye [they] gan him conveye in dede Up into the chyrche. 1473 *Rental Bk. Cupar-Angus* (1870) I. 172 The forsd Robert and Thomas . . . swur solemply vpon the haly wangelis. 1535 COVERDALE *Judith* xvi. 26 The daye wherin this victory was gotten, was solemply holden. 1548 HALL *Chron.*, Hen. IV, 22 b, The kyng . . . was by the senate and magistrates solemply receyved. 1565 COOPER *Thes. s.v. Celebro*, To bryng solemply to buryng.

B. 1325 *M.S. Rowl.* B. 520 ff. 30 b, Pat te notes ant te fins . . . ben communeliche and sollempliche i-radde. c. 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 15401 He was byried ful solemply. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 329 The hihe festes of Neptune . . . sollempliche thei besine. 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* iv. 445 To whom Poul wrote more in quantite and more sollempnely and ofir. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* VIII. xxxvi. 328 They were wedded and sollempnely held theyr maryage. 1513 MORE *Hist. Rich.* III, Wks. 60 f She was sollemply sworn to say the truth. 1587 GREENE *Euphues* Wks. (Grosart) VI. 177 Being sollempnly set in a coole Arbour.

γ. 1556 ROBINSON *More's Utopia* II. (Arb.) 134 After that warre is ones sollempnelly denounced. 1577 B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* IV. (1586) 170 b, I founde of late . . . an Owle sitting sollemply in the nest. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE *Pseud. Epid.* 239 Eve . . . was not sollemply begotten, but suddenly framed. 1671 MILTON *Sansou* 1731 To fetch him hence and sollemply attend With silent obsequie. 1716 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Lett.* I. iii. 12 The thick shade of the trees . . . is sollemply delightful. 1766 GOLDSM. *Vicar* i, I sollemply protest I had no hand in it. 1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* v. xlii, Solemply and slow . . . the wind bore that tumult to and fro. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xv. III. 507 The right of the people to resist oppression . . . had been sollemply recognised by the Estates of the realm. 1874 GREEN *Short Hist.* vi. § 5. 315 Luther's works were sollemply burnt in St. Paul's.

Solemnness, variant of SOLEMNESS.

† Solemnty, *Obs.* In 4-5 solempnte. [prob. a reduced form of ME. *solempnetē*.] Solemnity. 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 9632 As a-nouþer chylid shuld ha þe þat hade receyvede the solempnte. 1382a WYCLIF *Lev.* xxiii. 41 And 3e shulen halowe the solempnte of hym seuen dayes.

† Solemny, *a. and adv.* Obs. In 5 solempny, -ni. [f. SOLEMN *a.*] *A. adj.* Solemn.

c. 1420 *Chron. Vilod.* 1797 Bot a solempniere dedicacione for-soþer þe nas In Wylton neuer before þat day d-yone. 1448-9 METHAM *Wks.* (E.E.T.S.) 51 And euery man that he coude off myrth or play schuld schewe yt. this solempny day. c. 1450 *Godstow Reg.* 489 That the fest of seynt Margarete myght be the more solempnyere and the more deuotely be halowed and honoured.

B. adv. Solemnly. (Cf. SOLENNY *adv.*)

c. 1375 *St. Leg. Saints* xxvii. (Machor) 1207 Þare solempni with honoure þai grathit for it a sepulture. 1470 *Contin. Brut* 493 And in euery town by þe way he had solempny his dirige on þe evyn, & masse on þe morn.

† Solen, *a. and sb.* ¹ Obs. Also 5 solenne. [a. OF. *solenne* (= It. *solenne*), ad. L. *söl-, sollennis*, var. of *sollennis* SOLEMN *a.*]

A. adj. Solemn, in various senses.

1432-50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) III. 297 A feste of ganderes was made solenne and kepede at Rome in the kalendes of Iune. c. 1460 *Promp. Parv.* (W.) 421 Solenne, or festful, *festinus*. 1530 PALSGR. 325 f Solen, nat chereful, *penicil*. 1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* I. 330 Syne grauit [he] wes in to his graif . . . with sacrifice solen Of Cristin wyis with money nobill men. 1570 LEVINS *Manip.* 62 Solen, *solennis*.

B. sb. ? A formal residence.

1447 BOKENHAM *Seyntys* (Roxb.) 29 In this seya cnerche was an abbeye, A solenne of munkys whil that it stood.

Solen (sɒl'en), *sb.* ² [a. L. *söl'en*, or Gr. *σολήν*, channel, pipe, syringe, shell-fish, etc. So *F. solen*.]

1. *Zool.* The razor-fish, *Solen ensis* or *siliqua*.

1661 R. LOVELL *Anim. & Min.* 240 Solen. . . The flesh is sweet; they may be eaten fried or boiled. 1752 HILL *Hist. Anim.* 170 The large, brown, common Solen, called the Razor-shell and Sheath-shell. 1776 MENDES DE COSTA *Elem. Conchol.* 233 Shells with valves, that . . . are always open and gaping in some part; as chamæ, pinnae, solens, etc. 1834 M. MURRIE *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 268 In the Solens, properly so called, the shell is cylindrically elongated. 1841-71 T. R. JONES *Anim. Kingd.* 538 The Solen excavates for itself a very deep hole in the sand.

Comb. 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XIV. 319 Solen-like Nymphidae. 2. *Surg.* (See quot.)

1693 tr. *Blancard's Phys. Dict.* (ed. 2), *Solen*, an oblong Instrument which Surgeons use, to contain a broken Member. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.* 2244 f *Solen*, (a) a cradle for a broken limb; (b) a tent or tilt of splits or wands to hold the bed-clothes from contact with a broken or sore limb.

Hence (from sense 1) *Solena'cean sb.* and *a.*; *Solena'ceous a.*

1842 BRANDE *Dict. Sci.*, etc. 1130 f *Solenaceans*, *Solenacea*, . . . the name of a family of Dimiary Bivalve Mollusks, of which the razor shell (*Solen*) is the type. 1850 OGILVIE, *Solenaceus*, relating to the Solenaceans.

Solender, obs. form of SALLEDNER.

Solennes (sɒl'lnēs). Now rare. [f. SOLE *a.*]

† L. Solitude; solitariness. Obs.

c. 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* II. xv. 235 Forto haue quietnes and soolnes to preie to God or to a Seint. 1534 WHITTINGTON *Tulys Offices* I. (1540) 63 A large house is oite a reproche to his master, if there be in it soolnesse and no recourse. 1612 J. DAVIES (Heref.) *Muse's Sacr. Wks.* (Grosart) II. 68 f Solennesse, brings sadnesse; Company, but strife. 1618 SYLVESTER *Monodia* 100 Her selfe to sadnesse and to solennesse taking.

2. The state or condition of being sole, alone, or apart.

1587 GOLDING *De Mornay* vi. 90 The first God, being afore the Beër, and alone, . . . yet . . . abyedeth still in the solennesse of his vnitie. 1631 R. BOLTON *Conf. Aff. Cons.* xi. (1635) 274 He is much troubled with solennesse in suffering. 1651 FULLER *Worthies* (1840) I. 39 The laurel importing conquest and sovereignty, and so by consequence solennes in that faculty. 1748 CHESTER. *Lett.* (1792) II. clx. 74 An advantage which France has; . . . which is (if I may use the expression) its solennes, continuity of riches and power within itself. 1889 MACM. *Mag.* Jan. 205 f The Greek island is never coarse, balanced, as he is, with curious solennes, between the barbarian and the gentleman.

Solenette (sɒl'nɛt, spl'nɛt). [Irregularly f. SOLE *sb.* + -(N)ETTE.] The little sole, *Monochirus linguatulus* or *Solea minuta*.

1839 YARRELL *Suppl. Brit. Fishes* 36 The Solenette, or Little Sole. 1881 Cassell's *Nat. Hist.* V. 73 The Solenette . . . attains a length of five inches. 1892 Chambers's *Encycl.* IX. 559 f The Solenette . . . is the smallest British species.

Solenhofen. [See def.] *Solenhofen slate* or *stone*, a fine-grained variety of limestone, used esp. in lithographic printing, quarried in the upper beds of the Jurassic formation at Solenhofen in Bavaria. So *Solenhofen bed*.

1833-4 *Encycl. Métrop.* (1845) VI. 634 f Solenhofen beds. In the centre of the German Jura . . . occur beds of white fissile limestone, now universally employed in lithography. 1881 *Penny Cycl.* XXI. 256 f The Jurassic limestone of Solenhofen, commonly called the Solenhofen slate. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 698 f The Solenhofen stone, in its chemical decomposition, consists of lime and carbonic acid.

Solenial, *a.* [f. SOLEN-IUM + -IAL.] Of the nature of a canal or pipe.

1900 G. C. BOURNE in *Trans. Linn. Soc., Zool.* VII. x. 532 Fresh solenial outgrowths of the chief members give rise to new lateral members.

Solenite. [a. F. *solénite*: see SOLEN *sb.* 2 and -ITE¹ 2 a.] A fossil razor-fish or solen.

1848-32 in WEBSTER. 1849 CRAIG, *Solenite*, a fossil Solen, of which Lamarck describes five species as occurring in the neighbourhood of Paris. 1850 OGILVIE *s.v.*, Fragments of solenites are found in the Essex cliffs.

† **Solenium** (sɒl'niəm). Pl. solenia. [mod. L., ad. Gr. *σολήμιον*, dim. of *σολήν* SOLEN *sb.* 2] (See first quot.)

1900 G. C. BOURNE in *Trans. Linn. Soc., Zool.* VII. x. 522 The anastomosing canals lined by endoderm which place the zooid cavities in communication have been variously named 'solons', 'nutritive-canals', 'coenenchymal tubes', and so on. I propose to call them solenia. *Ibid.* 532 The anthostole sends up a solenium.

† **Solenly**, *adv.* Obs. rare. [f. SOLEN *a.* + -LY².] Solemnly; ceremoniously.

1393 LANGL. P. Pl. C. IV. 54 In masse and in matyns . . . we shulle syng Solenliche and sotlich as for a sustre of oure ordre. c. 1400 *Destr. Troy* 8738 There set was full solenly besyde the high altar, A tabernacle.

† **Solemnial**, *a. Obs.* ² [f. L. *solenn-is*: see SOLEN *a.*] Also † **Solemnial** *a.* (See quot.)

1623 Cockeram I, *Solemnial*, vsuall once a yeere. 1656 BLOUNT *Glossogr.*, *Solemnial*, yearly, used or done every year at a certain time, publicly, solemn, accustomed.

† **Solemnit**, var. *solemnit* SOLEMNED *a. Obs.* 1562a WINSET *Wks.* (S.T.S.) I. 27 Ane notable cause of this solenit dayis geuis the said renoumit Father Augustine.

† **Solemnity**, *Obs.* Forms: 5 solenite, 5-6 sollemitte, 6 -itye, 7 -ity. [a. OF. *solennitē* (= It. *solennità*), var. of *solennitē* SOLEMNITY.] Solemnity, formal celebration, etc.

c. 1400 *Laud Troy Bk.* 2753 He wente to that sollemitte, The temple and that loye to se. c. 1400 *Destr. Troy* 9091 Priam prestly gert ordan A gret solenite. *Ibid.* 9094 With Sacrifice & solenite vnto seere goddes. c. 1475 *Harl. Contin. Higden* (Rolls) VIII. 446 Within whiche sollemitte he made iij erles. 1565 STAPLETON tr. *Bede's Hist. Ch. Eng.* 182 The sollemitte whereof beginneth in the euening of the xliij. daye. 1595 in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* V. 360 Within the Octaves & sollemitie of St. Lawrence. 1647 J. TAYLOR *Lib. Proph.* ii. 51 That they should with so great pomp and sollemities engage mens perswasions.

So † **Solemnization** [f. *solennisation*], solemnization. † **Solemnize** v. [f. *solenniser*, It. *solennizzare*], to solemnize, to perform. † **Solemnly** *adv.* [cf. SOLEMN *adv.*], solemnly. Obs.

c. 1450 *Cov. Myst.* (Shaks. Soc.) 71 This is the hyest fest of

oure *solennyzacion. c. 1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* III. 345 And in this mone . . . Thy graffing good hit is to *solennize. 1588 GREENE *Perimedes* Wks. (Grosart) VII. 42 The marriage of the Gentlemen was solennised the next weeke after. 1480 in 10th *Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. V. 315 A Masse of the Holi Goste *solennly sayde and song. 1485 *Ibid.* 319 The Maire . . . and commynes, bene sworne all and singlerly solenly on the bocke.

Soleno- (sɒl'no), combining form of Gr. *σολήν* channel, pipe, etc., as *solenoocyte*, one of the cells found in the nephridia of certain polychætan worms; *solenodon* (t, one or other of certain insectivorous mammalian rodents native to the West Indies and America, as the agouta, *S. paradoxus*, or the almiqui, *S. cubanus*; *soleno-gyne*, *soleno-stelic a.*, *Bot.* (see quot.); *solenostomatous a.*, of, belonging to, or resembling the genus *Solenostomus* of lophobranchiate fishes.

Various other examples, as *solenococh*, *solenoglyph*, *solenopharynx*, *solenostome*, etc., are recorded in some recent Dicts.

1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXXIII. 882 The blind branches are beset with peculiar cells, the *solenocytes. 1840 *Cuvier's Anim. Kingd.* 80 The *Solenodon . . . resembles a gigantic Shrew, but with coarse fur. 1871 Cassell's *Nat. Hist.* I. 362 The existence of a *Solenodon* in some of the mountainous parts of the island of Cuba. 1896 SLATER in *Geog. Jnrl.* VII. 288 The affinities of which . . . seem on the whole to approach the Solenodonts. 1866 *Treas. Bot.* 1071 f 2 **Solenogyne*, a little Australian perennial herb of the *Compositæ*, now united with *Lagenophora* under the name *L. Solenogyne*. In aspect it is very like our own daisy. 1900 R. D. JACKSON *Gloss. Bot. Terms* 243 f 1 **Solenostelic*, . . . having a tubular stele with internal and external phloëm (Jeffrey). 1855 J. PHILLIPS *Man. Geol.* 60 According to the ordinary . . . notion of their food, gasteropodous mollusca with shells may be ranked thus:—Hlostomatous phytophaga, . . . Solenostomatous zoophaga.

Solenoid (sɒl'nɔid, sɒl'nɔid). [a. F. *solénoïde*, f. Gr. *σολήν*: see SOLEN *sb.* 2]

1. *Electr.* An electro-dynamical spiral, formed of a wire with the ends returned parallel to the axis; a series of elementary circuits arranged on this principle.

1832 *Handbk. Nat. Philos., Electro-Magnet.* xii. § 270 (L.U.K.) 83 Collecting together a great number of similar helices . . . and uniting them in one mass. Such an arrangement is called by Ampère an Electro-dynamic Solenoid. 1881 *Nature* XXV. 167 The main current is made to pass through a pair of concentric solenoids, and in the annular space between these is hung a solenoid. 1897 CURRY *Theory Electr. & Magnetism* 254 A number of elementary circuits placed at equal distances apart along any line with their planes at right angles to that line is called a solenoid.

2. *Med.* A kind of cage for containing a patient during medical treatment.

1901 *Brit. Med. Jnrl.* No. 2092 Epit. Med. Lit. 19 The subject was seated in a large solenoid or cage, and expired through a gasometer. 1903 *Ibid.* No. 2203. 654 The successful treatment of diphtheria and tetanus within the solenoid.

Solenoidal (sɒl'noɪdəl), *a.* [f. prec. + -AL.] Of, pertaining or relating to, a solenoid; of the nature or having the properties of a solenoid.

1873 MAXWELL *Electr. & Magn.* I. 21 The distribution of the vector quantity is said to be Solenoidal. 1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 230 f Solenoidal Magnets. [are] such that the vector *i* satisfies the solenoidal condition. 1897 CURRY *Theory Electr. & Magnetism* 256 This solenoidal arrangement of the molecular currents.

Hence **Solenoidally** *adv.*

1883 *Encycl. Brit.* XV. 231 f When a body is solenoidally magnetized. *Ibid.*, The magnetic action of a solenoidally magnetized body.

† **Solent**, *a. Obs.* ¹ [f. L. *sol-ēre* to be wont.] ? Usual, customary.

1658 FRANK *Norih. Mem.* (1694) p. vi, There the Rocks and the Groves will be our solent Reception, and the Cities and Citadels supply us with Accommodation.

Solepers, obs. variant of SURPLICE.

Soler (sɒl'ɛr). [f. SOLE *v.* + -ER¹.] One who soles boots or shoes.

1884 L. GRONLUND *Co-oper. Commv.* viii. (1886) 173 The operatives in a shoe-factory: . . . the 'tappers', the 'solers', the 'finishers'. 1902 *Longm. Mag.* Dec. 150 Some were only eyelet-hole makers, others were sole-peggers, or tongue-sewers, or solers and heelers.

† **Soler** ², *Obs.* ¹ [a. OF. (**soler*) *solier*, f. L. *solum*, perh. by confusion with *soler* SOLLAR *sb.* 1] A throne.

a. 1340 HAMPOLE *Ps., Comm. Cant.* 502 Pat he sytt wip pryncis and hald þe solere of ioy [L. *solum glorie*].

† **Solera** (sɒl'ɛrə). [Sp.]

1. A blend of sherry wine.

1851 REDDING *Mod. Wines* 306 The finest wines come thus into England in cases. . . Soleras, sixteen years in wood [etc.]. 1876 *From Vineyard to Decanter* 23 In the shippers bodega many soleras are kept, each contained in a given number of butts. 1888 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIV. 607 f The wines . . . are reared for a number of years as soleras.

2. A wine-cask, usu. containing a double butt.

1863 T. G. SHAW *Wine* 136 Stocks are kept in casks of all sizes, generally double butts, called soleras. *Ibid.* 139 The bungs of the soleras are never driven home.

Soler (e, obs. forms of SOLAR *sb.* 1)

Soleret, rare. [ad. med. L. *solaretum*, dim. of *solarium* SOLLAR *sb.* 1] A small upper room.

1851 T. H. TURNER *Dom. Archit.* I. v. 217 To make a certain soleret above the gateway there. *Ibid.* iii. 88.

Soleret (te, variants of SOLLERET.

† **Solert**, *a. Obs.* [ad. L. *sōlert*, stem of *sōlers*, *sollers*, f. *sollus* whole, entire + *ars* art.] Clever, wise; characterized by cleverness.

1612 COTTA *Disc. Dang. Pract. Phys.* 3 An exact and exquisite disquisition of a sound and solert judgement. 1678 CUDWORTH *Intell. Syst.* 1. p. 68; That Man was therefore the Wisest (or most solert) of all Animals. a 1680 BUTLER *Rem.* (1759) I. 466 Nor is the diligent and solert Dr. less proper for this Administration.

So † **Solertic** *a. Obs.* Also † **Solertiousness**, † **Solerty** [L. *solertia*], cleverness, ingenuity.

1623 COCKERAM 1, *Solestice* [sic], craftie. a 1649 in *N. & Q. Ser.* 1. X. 357 Solertiousness must be added to the rest, else it will be too dull to meet with every occurrent. 1656 OUGHTRED in *Rigaud Corr. Sci. Men* (1841) I. 90 Which therefore I leave to the solerty of W. J. a 1670 HACKET *Abp. Williams* 1. (1692) 22 The interpretation of his secret meaning; which abounded to the praise of Mr. Williams's solertiousness.

† **Soleship**. *Obs.* [f. *SOLE* *a.*] The state or fact of being sole or alone in the enjoyment or exercise of a privilege, power, etc.

1641 SIR E. DERING *Sp. on Relig.* ix. 32 This Bishop... sublimates it self by assuming a soleship both in Orders and Censures. *Ibid.*, Unless you root out this soleship of Episcopacy. 1643 *Sober Sadnes* 37 The very name of Monarch implies a soleship of Government.

Solitary, *obs.* form of **SOLITARY** *a.*

Sole-tree. Also 6 *soletre*, 6-7 *soletree*, 7 *soale*-, 7, 9 *sole tree*. [f. *SOLE* *sb.* + *TREE*.] A beam, plank, or piece of timber forming a support, base, or foundation to something.

1527-8 *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 101 Pro plumb. . in tegulis, in les fre stone, in evis bordes, severns et j soletre. 1530 *Houden Roll*, *Ibid.* 354 Owtshot-sparres, sarkynbordos et geists ac soletores pro thakking. 1632 *Kirtan-in-Lindsey Ch. Acc.* in Peacock *N. W. Linc. Gloss.* 239/1 For a piece of wood to make a sole-tree for the seats. 1671 in *Holmes Pontefract Bk. Entries* (1882) 103 Studs for peritions, soletores, nayles. 1789 J. WILLIAMS *Min. Kingd.* I. 370 Two door-checks, or side-posts, . a lintel and sole-tree. 1833 *Loudon Encycl. Archit.* 1206 The rise from the channel to the sole-tree, . to be 4 inches. 1877 in *Peacock N. W. Linc. Gloss.* s.v. There'll hev to be a new sole-tree to th' crewyard pump.

b. *spec. in Mining* (see later quots.).

1653 *MANVOLE Customers Lead Mines* 258 Stoprice, Yokings, Soletores, Roach and Ryder. 1747 *Hooson Miner's Dict.* Pij b. They [small stone] are composed of two Stoce-blades, two Sole-trees [etc.], . the Sole-trees and Hang-benches are fastened together with Pins of Wood. 1860 *Eng. & For. Mining Gloss.* (ed. 2) 144 (Derby Terms), *Sole tree*, a piece of wood belonging to stowces to draw ore up from the mine.

† **Soleus** (*sol'ūs*, *sō'ul'ūs*). *Anat.* Also 8 *soluēs*. [mod. L., f. L. *solea* *SOL* *sb.*] A muscle of the calf of the leg, situated between the gastrocnemius and the bone. Also *attrib.*

1676 J. COOKE *Marrow Surg.* 432 These [twin muscles] with *Soleus* are inserted and make the Heels great Tendon. 1704 J. HARRIS *Lex. Techn.* I. *Soleus*, is a Muscle that helps to extend the Foot. 1733 G. DOUGLAS *Tr. Winslow's Anat. Expos. Human Body* iii. xii. § 486 The fleshy Body of the *Soleus* seems to consist of two Planes of Fibres at least. 1846 BRITTAN *Tr. Malgaigne's Man. Oper. Surg.* 145 Divide the attachments of the soleus, . from the tibia. 1854 MAYNE *Expos. Lex.* 367/1 The *Soleus* muscle. 1899 *Altbutt's Syst. Med.* VII. 141 These movements are due to the gastrocnemius and soleus acting alternately with the antagonistic muscles.

Solewid, *pa. pple.* **SOLWE** *v. Obs.*

Soleyn (*e*), variants of **SOLIN** *a. Obs.*

† **Solf**, *v. Obs.* Also 4-6 *solfes* (5 *solfon*), 5 *solue*, *solph*-, 6 *solf*, *soulfe*; 4 *solfye*, 5 *solfy*. Also see **SOEFF** *v.* [ad. OF. (also mod. F.) *solfier* (cf. Sp. *solfear*), f. *sol* *FA* *SOL* *sb.*]

1. *intr.* - **SOL-FA** *v. i.* Also *fig.*

1230 in *Rel. Ant.* I. 292, I solfe, and singe after, . I horle at the notes. 1377 *LANGL P. Pl. B.* v. 423 Jete can I neither solfe ne syng ne seynes lyne rede. c 1400 *Beryn* 306 He had nee to solte Long or it wer mydynst. 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 464/1 *Solfon*, *solf*. a 1529 SKELTON *Agst. comely Coystroune* 23 He solfeth to haute, shys trybyll is to hy. 1542 *St. Papers Hen. VIII* (1849) IX. 238 They are lyke to solfe for y; for the King charge the them . with thisunrection. 1570 *Foxe A. & M.* (ed. 2) I. 301/2 Their singyng was turned to scoldyng, . and if in stead of the Organes they had had a drumme, I doubt, but they would have solfed [1596 solfaed] by the eares together.

2. *trans.* - **SOL-FA** *v. 2.* Also *fig.*

1525 Bp. CLERK *Let. to Wolsey* (MS. Cott. Vit. B. vii. f. 127), To make the Venetians the more afayrd and to make them to solfe sumwhatt a higher notte. 1553 *Respublica* i. iv. 410 Come on; ye shall Learne to solfe Reformacion, Sing on now, Re. 1582 STANYHURST *Eneis* i. (Arb.) 21 [Eneas] This kyyre sad solfing, thee northern bluster aproching Thee sayls tears tag rag.

Hence † **Solfing** *vbl. sb. Obs.*

1440 *Promp. Parv.* 464/1 *Solfyng*, *solfacio*. c 1500 in *Grose's Antiq. Rep.* (1809) IV. 409 For thy sophisticall solphyng, . take it forthe!

Sol-fa (*sol'fā*, *sō'ul'fā*), *sb. Mus.* Also 6 *solle fa*, 6-9 *sol fa*, 7-8 *solfa*. [From the syllables *SOL* (*SOL* *sb.*) and *fa* (*FA*) of the scale: see **GAMUT**.]

1. The set of syllables 'do (or ut), re, mi, fa, sol, la, si', sung to the respective notes of the major scale; the system of singing notes to these syllables; a musical scale or exercise thus sung. † *Occas.* in the phr. to sing *sol-fa*. *Tonic sol-fa*: see **TONIC** *a.* 1548 *Hooper Declar. Commandm.* viii. 134 Souche as syng solle fa, and can do nothyng lesse then the thing that aper-

tainithe to there offyce. 1580 *LYLY Euphues* (Arb.) 213 As forward as the Musition, who being entreated, will scarce sing sol fa, but not desired, straine aboute Ela. 1602 *BRETTON Wonders Worth Hearing* Wks. (Grosart) II. 7/2 My Hostesse... began with a note aboute Ela to sing them. . a solfa. 1644 *MILTON Areop.* (Arb.) 64 A Harmony and a Catena . out of which, as out of an alphabet or sol fa, . a little book-craft . might furnish him unspeakably. 1714 *GAY What d'ye call it* II. iv. I might have learnt Accounts, and sung *Sol fa*. 1730 *Treat. Harmony* 63 We must give the same solfa to the Notes defining the Leaps. 1840 *BARHAM Ital. Leg. Ser.* II. (1905) 353 We'll have nobody give us *sol fa* but He! 1887 *DOWDEN Life Shelley* II. vii. 309 Claire had her singing-master, and got on prosperously with her *sol fa*. *Fig.* 1579 *LYLY Euphues* (Arb.) 93 If thou haddest learned . the first note of Descant, thou wouldest haue kept thy *Sol. Fa.* [= complaint] to thy selfe.

2. *attrib.*, as *sol-fa man*, *notation*.

1676 *Poor Robin's Intell.* 15-22 Aug. 1/1 He contracts with an able Sol-fa-man to teach him, . the rudiments of song. 1890 W. J. GORDON *Foundry* 82 Hymns . in which the music is given in the sol-fa notation.

So † **Sol-fa-re**. *Obs.* -1

1600 *DEKKER Old Fortunatus* v. ii. There's more music in this, than all the gamut airs, and sol fa res in the world.

Sol-fa (*sol'fā*, *sō'ul'fā*), *v. Mus.* Also 6 *sole-fay*, 6-7 *sol fa*, 6-9 *solfa*. [See *prec.*]

1. *trans.* To sing (a tune, air, etc.) to the sol-fa syllables. Also *fig.*

1568 V. SKINNER *It. Montanus' Inquisit.* 40b. He . shall not be suffered to speake but in a very low note, whereof they themselves will appoint him the tune, and Solfa it before him. 1597 *MORLEY Mus.* III. 156 You shall not find a musician . able to sol fa it right. 1609 *DOULAND Ornith. Microf.* 15 He that will Solfa any Song, must aboute all things haue an eye to the Tone. 1730 *Treat. Harmony* 65 When we would solfa any Musick that is written in a Transposed key. 1767 *Ann. Reg. Ess.* 198/2, I sol-fa'd them exactly by note, without any ornament. 1832 A. CLARKE in J. B. B. CLARKE *Life* I. 61 Each tune was at first sol-fa'd, till it was tolerably well learned. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.*, *Brit.* II. No. 3383, The teacher Sol-fa's a short musical phrase while he points to the notes on the Modulator.

2. *intr.* To sing in this manner; to use the sol-fa syllables in singing.

1584 *PEELE Arraignm. Paris* v. i. Music sounds, and the Nymphs within sing or solfa with voices and instruments awhile. 1609 *DOULAND Ornith. Microf.* 14 To solfa . is to expresse the Syllables and names of the Voyces. 1623 *MIDDLETON More Dissemblers* v. i. Let whoso would Sol Fa, I'd give them my part. 1730 *Treat. Harmony* 64 Solfaing from D to D, we shall find the Syllables to be the same. *Ibid.* 77 The Leading Part and the Answer to it must Solfa alike. 1809 *MALKIN Gil Blas* v. i. 7 To all appearance you sol-fa with your whole heart and soul. 1838 W. GARDINER *Music & Friends* II. 807 In the singing-room they were solfaing in every kind of voice. 1881 *Grove's Dict. Music* III. 545.

† *b.* With *it. Obs.* -1

1624 *L'ESTRANGE Fables* 1. cccxi. His Son follow'd the Corps, Singing, Why Sirrah, shalls the Father; you should Howle and Wring your Hands, . and not go Sol-Fa-ing it about like a Mad-man.

Hence **Sol-fa-er**, one who sol-fa; **Sol-fa-ist**, an adherent of the (tonic) sol-fa system.

1609 J. DOULAND *Ornith. Microf.* 15 Euery Solfaer must needs looke, whether the song be regular, or no. 1882 *Athenæum* 24 June 806/2 We think that the Sol-faists have made out a most excellent case in the replies which Mr. Curwen has collected. 1883 *American VI.* 174 The sol-fa-ists are now a power in the musical world.

Sol-faizing, *vbl. sb.* [f. *SOL-FA* *v.* + *-ING* *1.*] The action or practice of singing to the sol-fa syllables; solmization.

1549-62 *STERNHOLD & H. Ps.* To Rdr., The knowledge of perfect Solfaizing. 1609 J. DOULAND *Ornith. Microf.* 14 Euery Song may be sung by Solfaing, which is for Noices, that learne to sing. 1667 C. SIMPSON *Compend. Pract. Mus.* 6 That which we call the sol-fa-ing of a Song. 1730 *Treat. Harmony* 64 The Example of the Octave . . to show how true and certain this method of solfaing is. 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) XII. 506 note, From which characters, except in sol-fa'ing, the notes in the diatonic series are generally named. 1818 *Blackw. Mag.* III. 269 The exercises in solmisation or solfaing, as it is more familiarly called. 1875 STAINER & BARRETT *Dict. Mus. Terms* s.v., In the modern method of Sol-fa'ing no distinction is made between tones and semitones.

attrib. 1589 *NASHE Martin Marprelate* Wks. (Grosart) I. 151 Quaint Queristers . first entered with their Solfaing notes.

† **Solfatara** (*solfatāra*). Also 8-9 *solfa-tarra*, 9 *solfa-tara*; 8-9 *solfaterra*, 8 *solfa-terra*. [The name of a sulphurous volcano near Naples, f. *It. solfo* sulphur.] A volcanic vent, from which only sulphurous exhalations and aqueous vapours are emitted, incrusting the edge with sulphur and other minerals.

a. 1777 *FORSTER Voy. round World* II. 296 The earth which covered these solfatarras . had a greenish tinge. 1802 *PINKERTON Mod. Geogr.* (1811) 663 A kind of solfatara, or vast mass of sulphur, emitting continual smoke. 1843 *Penny Cycl.* XXVII. 748/2 There are several solfatarras, or cones of pure sulphur, and mud volcanoes. 1899 E. J. CHAPMAN *Drama Two Lives* 19 Among them shone A solfatara's fiery cone.

attrib. 1882 *GEIKIE Text-Bk. Geol.* 209 The dormant or waning condition of a volcano . is sometimes called the Solfatara phase. 1896 *KIRWAN Elem. Min.* (ed. 2) II. 2 The sulphureous acid exists . in various solfatarras. 1871 *KINGSLEY At Last* ii. In case of . any difficulty occurring in obtaining sulphur from Sicily, supply . might be obtained from this and the other like Solfatarras of the British Antilles. 1886 *GUILLE-*

MARD Cruise Marchesa I. 23 Hot springs and solfatarras are found in the neighbourhood of Tamsui.

Hence **Solfatarric** *a.*

1885 *Academy* 3 Oct. 225 A legacy of former vulcanicity — the lingering relics of solfataric action. 1895 *Physiographic Processes* (Nat. Geogr. Monographs) I. 18 This action of hot waters is known as solfataric action, and solfataric waters are quite common in volcanic regions.

† **Solfaterra**, var. *solfaterra*, **SOLFATARA**.

1764 *GRAINGER Sugar Cane* II. 392 note. Volcanoes are called sulphurs or solfaterres in the West Indies.

† **Solfeggio** (*solfe'dzio*), *sb.* Pl. *solfeggi*, *solfeggios*. [It., f. *sol-fa* *SOL-FA*.] An exercise for the voice, in which the sol-fa syllables are employed; † also *transf.*, an exercise for a musical instrument.

1774 'J. COLLIER' *Mus. Trav.* Ded. p. iv, Playing his new Solfeggi to the dying groans of the . Dantziggers. *Ibid.* 28 He was seated opposite to a glass practicing some solfeggi on the flute. 1836 R. FURNESS *Astrol.* i. Wks. (1858) 138 For Thor loved music. . Taught the sol-feggio, Aretino's scale. 1844 *CALKIN & BUDD Mus. Catal.* 191 Solfeggios for the Voice, with an Accompaniment for the Piano Forte. 1873 *MISS BRADDON Str. & Pilgr.* i. vii. 83 You can't imagine I could spend half my existence in shrieking solfeggi.

attrib. 1867 *Chamb. Encycl.* IX. 480/1 The seven notes of the diatonic scale are represented by the Solfeggio syllables. 1896 *HUTCHINSON tr. Gounod's Reminisc.* 14, I easily held my place, even at that early age, in a Solfeggio class.

Hence **Solfeggio** *v. rare*.

1831 *Examiner* 708/2 The verses should be spoken, and then the music solfaged [sic].

† **Solferino** (*solfe'rino*). [f. the place-name *Solferino* in Italy, because discovered shortly after the battle fought there in 1859.] The bright crimson dye-colour rosaniline. Also *attrib.*

c 1865 J. WYLDRE *Circ. Sci.* I. 420 Aniline . is . used in . dyeing establishments, for affording the colours . . Magenta, Solferino. 1883 *Chamb. Jnrl.* 15 Dec. 797/2 The number of new names given to various varieties of colour, as mauve, magenta, solferino, &c. 1889 *GUNTER That Frenchman* v. 53 Most of these [dresses] are of . Solferino reds, or Pompadour greens.

Solfre, *obs.* form of **SULPHUR**.

† **Soli**, *pl.* of **SOLO** *sb.*

Soli- (*sō'li*), *comb.* form of L. *solus* sole, alone, as in *solibiblical* *a.*, that relies or depends on the Bible only; also *solibiblician*, *solibiblist*.

1854 *WATERWORTH Orig. Anglicanism* 90 They maintain the solibiblical system. *Ibid.* 296 In what conclusions do the solibiblists agree? 1909 *Sat. Rev.* 17 Apr. 501/2 In his opposition to solibiblicism.

Solible, *obs.* variant of **SOLUBLE** *a.*

† **Sollicit**, *sb. Obs. rare.* Also 7 *sollicito*. [f. the vb.] An entreanty or solicitation.

1612 *SHAKS. Cymb.* n. iii. 52 Frame your selfe To orderly sollicit [i.e. solf. sollicit], and be friended With aptnesse of the season. 1639 N. N. tr. *Dr Bosq's Compl. Woman* II. 71 All his sollicities . not having force enough to shake the resolution of this Lady. a 1657 R. LOVEDAY *Let.* (1663) 51, I remember your frequent sollicities gained a promise from me to compose you a prayer.

† **Sollicit**, *a.* Chiefly *Sc. Obs.* Also 6 *sol(1)-yest*, 6-7 *solist(e)*, *solicite*. [ad. L. *solicitus* (*solicitus*), f. *sollus* whole, entire, + *citus*, *pa. pple.* of *cire* to put in motion. So Sp. and Pg. *sollicito*, It. *solli-*, *sollecito*.]

1. Characterized by solicitude or care.

1513 *DOUGLAS Æneid* VIII. vii. 71, I the hecht All manner thing, wyth sollyst diligence. 1644 *MAXWELL Prerog. Chr. Kings* Ep. Ded. p. v, Episcopacie after the most exact and sollicit trial, is onely the crime [etc.].

2. *Sollicitous*; anxious; careful. Also *const. for*, to (with inf.), etc.

a. 1533 *BELLENDEEN Livy* II. i. (S.T.S.) I. 131 Brutus, seand be pepill solist with his suspicioun, callit kyng to aue concion. 1549 *Compl. Scot.* vi. 43 Riche byng amphion vas verray solist to keep his scheip. 1596 *DALRYMPLE tr. Leslie's Hist. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 253 He was verie soliste and kairful for his people. 1606 *BURNIE Kirk-Buriall* (1833) 8 Why then . are ye solist what befell a senseless carrion? b. c 1535 *FISHER Wks.* (E.E.T.S.) II. 431 Saint Paule . is veray solcite and carefull, sellt the flocke of Christe shalbe corrupted by theyr heresies. 1596 *DALRYMPLE tr. Leslie's Hist. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 307 The pepile sollicit and sair kairful for the state of the cuntry. a 1614 J. MELVILL *Diary* (Wodrow Soc.) 634 We are not sollicit neither cairfull in this mater. 1644 *MAXWELL Prerog. Chr. Kings* 106 Who knoweth not how ambitious, factious, and discontented spirits, are most ingenious and solcite.

Hence † **Sollicitness**. *Sc. Obs.*

1549 *Compl. Scot.* v. 32, I beleue that oure solistnes ande vane opinion vald altir. *Ibid.* xiii. 112 That 3e gar 3our solistnes of the defens of 3our comont veil preffer the solistnes of 3our particular veil.

Sollicit (*sō'lisit*), *v.* Forms: 5- sollicit, 6 *sol-lyoit* (*solucyit*), *solysset*, 7 *solissit* (6-7 *Sc. solist*); 5-8 *solicite*, 6-7 *solycite*; 6-8 *sollicite* (6 *-ycite*), 7-8 *sollicit*. [ad. OF. *sol-*, *soliciter* (mod. F. *soliciter*, = Prov. *solicitar*, Sp. and Pg. *solicitar*, It. *solli-*, *sollecitare*), or ad. L. *solicitare* (*sol-*), f. *solicitus*; see *prec.*]

1. *trans.* † 1. To disturb, disquiet, trouble; to make anxious, fill with concern. *Obs.*

a 1450 *tr. De Imitatione* III. l. 121 If it were so wib me, manys drede shuld not so solcite me, ner be dartes of wordes shuld not meve me. a 1512 *FABIAN Chron.* v. (1811) 106 He solycited so the lordes of Burgoyne, that some of them abhorred the crudelitie of that woman. c 1611

CHAPMAN *Iliad* xvi. 10 Hath any ill solicited thine ears
Befall'n my Myrmidons? 1637-8 in Willis & Clark *Cambridge* (1886) l. 119 They may enjoy all y^e ground... in
what manner they please; we desire no way to solicit
them. 1681 *Dryden Spain*. *Priar* iii. ii. But anxious Fears
solicit my weak Breast. 1719 *Young Revenge* iv. i. How
good in you, my lord, whom nations cares Solicit, and a
world in arms obeys!

refl. c. 1685 *Great Frost 1683-4* 17 Ye merchants, to Green-
land now leave off your sailing, And for your train oyl
yourselves never solicit. 1788 *New London Mag.* 533
They... consider him as one that... never solicits himself
about them.

2. To entreat or petition (a person) for, or to do,
something; to urge, importune; to ask earnestly
or persistently.

1530 *Palsgr.* 725/1. I solycite one, I call upon him to re-
membere the suite I make to him; *se sollicite*. 1548 *Geste*
Fr. Masse 116 He is reverenced and solicited but as resident
in heaven. 1612 in *Fortescue P.* (Camden) 7 note, Hee hath
soe confirmed mee in the assurance of your... readie assistance
upon all occasions, that I neede not any more
solicite you therein. 1655-60 *STANLEY Hist. Philos.* (1687)
3/2 In this privacy of life he was solicited and sent unto by
many Princes, whose invitations. he refused. 1719 in Sir
J. Pictou *Lpool Rec.* (1883) II. 79 The charge of soliciting
the Government for the moneys. 1769 *ROBERTSON Chas. V.*
v. Wks. 1813 V. 445 Henry had been soliciting the pope for
some time, in order to obtain a divorce from Catherine of
Aragon, his queen. 1868 *GLADSTONE Juv. Mundi* ii. (1869)
63 The injured priest, Chrusos, solicits all the Achaioi, and
most of all the two Atridae. *Ibid.*, There is no sign that he
solicited the army.

transf. 1646 *BP. HALL Contempt.* O. T. xxi. i. Lebanon
is now anew solicited for cedar trees.

b. Const. to with inf., or with that.

1533 *BELLENDEN Liry* ii. l. (S.T.S.) I. 129 Brutus solisit
be pepill to mak pare soleme aiths, neuer to suffer any
kingis regne abone pame. 1560 *DAUST. S'edane's Comm.*
302 The cities and townes of Germany are solicited to
accept the Interim. 1656 *EARL MONM. tr. Boccalini's Advts.*
fr. Parnass. i. xiii. (1674) 16 [He] did much solisit his
Majesty that he might be admitted. 1676 *KAY CORR.* (1848)
123, I have been lately solicited to reprint my Catalogue of
English Plants. 1719 *Young Revenge* i. i. Had I known
this before, I had not then solicited your Father To add
to my distress. 1855 *MACAULAY Hist. Eng.* xiv. III. 411
He had been solicited to accept indulgences which scarcely
any other heretic could by any solicitation obtain.

† c. spec. To beg (an advocate) to attend to a
case. *Obs.*—1

1536 in *Strype Mem. Cranmer* (1694) App. 32 A Proctor
must take sufficient instructions of his Clients, and keep
every Court-day...; solisit and instruct his Advocates [etc.].

3. To incite or move, to induce or persuade, to
some act of lawlessness or insubordination. *Freq.*
const. to (with sb. or inf.).

1565 *COOPER Thesaurus s.v. Sollicito*, To sollicit mens
minides and intice them with byrbes. 1570-6 *LAMBARDE*
Peramb. Kent (1826) 149 This done, he solliciteth to re-
bellion the Bishops, Nobilitie, and Commons of the Realme.
1600 *HOLLAND Liry* x. xxi. 366 The Vmbrians... were moved
to revolt; and the Gauls also sollicitated with great summes
of money. 1643 *BAKER Chron.*, *Jas. I.* 134 With a purpose
to sollicit foreign Princes against the King. 1683 *Brit. Spec.*
102 Boadicea... sollicitated the Britains... to a Revolt.
1809 *CHRISTIAN Blackstone's Comm.* IV. 221 One Higgins
was indicted... for having incited and sollicitated a servant to
steal his master's property. 1835 [see SOLICITATION 2 d].

4. To incite, draw on, allure, by some specious
representation or argument. (Cf. 5 b.)

1591 *SHAKS. 1 Hen. VI.* v. iii. 190 Solicite Henry with her
wonderous praise. Benthine thee on her Vertues [etc.].
1592 *Kyo Sp. Trag.* iii. xv. 19 Though I sleepe, Yet is my
mood solliciting their soules. 1606 *BIBLE (Douay) Dent.* xxiv.
7 If any man be taken solliciting his brother of the children
of Israel, and selling him... he shal be slaine. [1773 *GRAY*
Corr. (1843) 153 The said Solicitor (who seems to have
solicited the house out of their senses).]

b. To court or beg the favour of (a woman),
esp. with immoral intention.

1591 *SHAKS. Two Gentl. v. iv.* 40 Therefore be gone,
solicit me no more. 1599 — *Much Ado* ii. l. 70 Daughter,
remember what I told you, if the Prince doe solicit you in
that kinde, you know your answer. 1614 *Rich. Hostie*
of Age (1844) 48 Perceiving... the other [Julia] againe to be
solicited with witlesse and wanton Roysters. 1632 *High*
Commiss. Cases (Camden) 310 He sollicitid Ellen Coalman
the wife of Joseph Coleman to lye with her. 1712 *STEELE*
Spect. No. 402 ¶ 2 That my Mother, the most mercenary of
all Women, is gained by this false Friend of my Husband
to sollicit me for him.

c. To make immoral attempts upon.

1645 *Ordin. concerning Suspension fr. Lord's Supper* 6
Any that shall solisit the chastity of any person. 1881
Times 2 May 6/5 It appeared that... he had attempted to
take familiarities with their maid-servant and solicited her
chastity.

d. Of women: To accost and importune (men)
for immoral purposes.

1710 *STEELE Tatler* No. 201 ¶ 1 There are those [women]
who betray the Innocent of their own Sex, and sollicit the
Lewd of ours. 1809 E. A. PARKES *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3)
498 Means could easily be adopted to prevent soldiers being
solicited by women. 1887 *Spectator* 9 July 919/2 She was
arrested by a constable, accused of solliciting gentlemen.

5. Of things: a. To affect (a person or thing)
by some form of physical influence or attraction.
Now rare.

(a) 1601 *HOLLAND Pliny* xxxi. vii. Not onely we men are
solicited and moved by salt more than by any thing else to
our meat. 1668 *CULPEPPER & COLE Barthol. Anat.* i. ii. 26
That the Excrements may be the longer detained... and that
We may not every foot be sollicitated to go to stool.

(b) 1046 *SIR I. BROWNE Pseud. Ep.* ii. v. (1686) 63 Glass

commonly exorciates the parts through which it passeth
and solicits them unto a continual expulsion. 1676 *HOBBS*
Iliad i. 567 Then gently sleep sollicitated each eye. 1690
LOCKE Hum. Und. ii. i. (1695) 43 Sounds and some tangible
Qualities fail not to sollicit their proper Senses, and force
an entrance to the Mind. 1829 *Chapman Phys. Sci.* 17
Hardness is classed among the properties relative to certain
forces solliciting or impelling bodies. 1852 H. ROGERS *Ecl.*
Faith (1853) 285 All effects are the result of properties or
susceptibilities in one thing, sollicitated by external contact
with those of others.

b. To tempt, entice, allure; to attract or draw
by enticement, etc. (Cf. 4.)

1663 S. PATRICK *Parab. Pilgr.* x. (1687) 52 Did they not
perpetually ingross your thoughts, and sollicit your desires.
1667 *MILTON P. L.* ix. 743 That Fruit, which with desire...
Solicited her longing eye. 1759 *JOHNSON Idler* No. 89
¶ 10 Innumerable delights sollicit our inclinations. 1780
COWPER Progr. Err. 39 The world around solicits his
desire. 1817 *CHALMERS Astron. Disc.* ii. (1852) 49 He
might have met with much to sollicit his fancy, and tempt
him to some devious speculation. 1868 *GLADSTONE Juv.*
Mundi x. (1869) 403 His early youth is not sollicitated into
vice by finding sensual excess in vogue.

† 6. To endeavour to draw out (a dart, etc.)
by the use of gentle force. *Obs.*

1697 *DRYDEN Æneid* xii. 590 The fam'd physician...
hastens to the wound. With gentle touches he performs
his part, This way and that, solliciting the dart. 1718 *POPE*
Iliad xiii. 750 But good Agenor gently from the wound 'T
the spear sollicitis. 1784 *COWPER Task* iii. 115 With gentle
force solliciting the darts, He drew them forth.

7. Med. To seek to draw, to induce or bring on,
esp. by gentle means.

1732 *ARBUNOTH Rules of Diet in Ailments*, etc. 376
One ought to sollicit the Humours towards that Part. 1776
T. PERCIVAL *Ess.* III. 266 The same remedies are also
employed to sollicit the gout to the extremities. 1808 *Med.*
Jrnl. XIX. 151 He supposed it owing to an inflamma-
tory tendency conveyed... to the intestines; there 'soliciting
excretions'. 1822-7 *Good Study Med.* (1829) I. 201 Such
asperities... which act... by solliciting the peristaltic motion
of the bowels. *Ibid.* IV. 380 But the action of the bowels
must only be sollicitated, and by no means violently excited.

II. † 8. To conduct; manage, or attend to
(business, affairs, etc.); to push forward or prose-
cute. *Obs.*

1429 [see SOLICITING *vbl. sb.*]. c. 1477 *CAXTON Jason* 61 b.
They can where as argos the maister patrone solisit the
werk... of the ship. 1518 *Sel. Pl. Star Chamb.* (Selden) II.
131 Wyllyam... went to... the Checker... to pay certeyn money
and to solyset other maters that he had there to doo.
1577 *HANMER Ecl. Hist.*, *Eusebius* ix. ii. The author of all
which mischief was Theotecnus, who sollicitated the cause,
and egged them of Antioch forwards. 1627 *Lisander &*
Cal. iii. 47 She went unto Paris... where she employed a
month more in solliciting her husbands affaires. 1647
CLARENDON Hist. Reb. iii. § 93 A Committee was come
from the Parliament in Ireland, to sollicitate Matters con-
cerning that Kingdom. 1717 *STEELE Epist. Corr.* (1787)
I. 186, I am going to Hampton-court, where the King now is,
to sollicit some matters relating to our commission. 1789
CHARLOTTE SMITH E. helinde (1814) III. 75 To be em-
ployed in solliciting and managing the affairs of his son.

b. To conduct (a lawsuit, etc.) as a solicitor;
to transact or negotiate in the capacity of a law-
agent. ? *Obs.*

1606 *Act 3 Jas. I.* c. vii. That none be suffered to Sollicit
any Cause or Causes in any of the Courts... but only... men
of sufficient and honest disposition. 1671 *CLARENDON Hist.*
Reb. ix. § 55 One Brabant, an Attorney at Law, (who had
heretofore sollicitated the great Suit against Sir Richard in
the Star-Chamber). 1761 *Ann. Reg.* ii. 37 A law-suit,
... which he sollicitated so effectually that it was concluded
greatly to the advantage of the duke. 1839 *Morning*
Herald 3 June, The attorney-at-law who sollicitated the suits.

† c. To stir up, instigate (rebellion, etc.). *Obs.*—1
1600 W. WATSON *Deacordon* (1602) 262 It is now plaine,
that they had then plotted in their harts a shamefull re-
bellion, which they did sollicit.

† 9. a. To urge or plead (one's) then, cause, etc.).

a. 1562 G. CAVENTISH *Wolsey* (1893) 188 Then began both
noble men and other... to make earnest sewte to Mayster
Cromwell for to sollicit their causes to my lord, to get of
hyme his confirmacions. 1577 in *Ellis Orig. Lett.* Ser. ii.
III. 75 Therefore as yow tender his healtie, I pray yow
sollicitate the matter to my Lord Treasurer. 1601 *SHAKS.*
Twel. N. iii. l. 120 But would you undertake another suite
I had rather heare you to sollicit that Then Musicke from
the sphaeres. a 1677 *BARROW Serm.* (1686) I. xxxi. 447
God and Nature therefore within us do sollicit the poor
man's case. 1769 *GOLDSM. Hist. Rome* (1786) I. 424 It was
in vain that this great man [Cicero] went up and down the
city, solliciting his cause in the habit of a suppliant.

† b. To urge or press (a matter). *Obs.*

c. 1610 *KEYMOR Obs. Dutch Fishing* (1664) 2 Since I
solicited this to have 200. Busses built for England, the
Hollanders have made 800. new Busses more. a 1648 L.D.
HERBERT Hen. VIII (1633) 424 He seemed to receive some
satisfaction... and therefore forbore a while to sollicit this
point. 1704 *HEARNE Duct. Hist.* (1714) I. 116 Hagga
earnestly exhorts the People of God, to the building of the
Temple. *Ibid.*, Zechariah... also sollicitated the re-building
of the Temple.

† c. To seek or follow diligently. *Obs.*—1

1658 *FRANCK North. Mem.* (1821) 29 All that sollicit thy
paths of peace shall be found in their duty as by wisdom
directed.

10. To request, petition, or sue for (some thing,
favour, etc.); to desire or seek by petition.

1595 *DANIEL Civil Wars* I. lxxxvi. Who faile not to aduise
the Duke with speed, Solliciting to what he soone agreed.
1644 *MILTON Areop.* (Arb.) 54 Who make so many journeys
to sollicit their licence. 1676 *WYCHERLEY Pl. Dealer* v. l.
Free. Give you a Ship! why, you will not sollicit it.

Man. If I have not sollicitated it by my services, I know no
other way. a 1700 *EVELYN Diary* 27 Oct. 1675, To... sollicit
supplies from the Lord Treasurer. 1751 *JOHNSON Rambler*
No. 157 ¶ 5 My acquaintance was sollicitated by innumerable
invitations. 1797 *MRS. RADCLIFFE Italian* i. Even if she
were not averse to his suit, how could he sollicit her hand? 1844
THIRLWALL Greece VIII. 325 Nabis... sent Pythagoras
to sollicit an interview with Flamininus. 1855 *BREWSTER*
Newton II. xix. 214 The object... seems to have been to
sollicit the favour of the Mogul to the English Company.

b. To seek after; to try to find, obtain, or
acquire.

1717 *POPE Eloisa to Abelard* 186, I. Repent old pleasures,
and sollicit new. 1751 *JOHNSON Rambler* No. 149 ¶ 11 They
never suffer her to appear with them in any place where
they sollicit notice. 1784 *COWPER Task* II. 635 There we...
Sollicit pleasure, hopeless of success.

11. Of things: To call or ask for, to demand
(action, attention, etc.).

1592 *Kyd Sp. Trag.* iv. iv. 127 Neuer hath it left my
bloody hart, Solliciting remembrance of my vow. 1613
PURCHAS Pilgrimage (1614) 508 After our long perambula-
tion of the Asian Continent, the sea inuironing doth sollicit
our next endeours. 1664 *POWER Exp. Philos.* iii. 191 All
which incomparable Inventions do not only sollicit, but...
should inflame our endeours to attempt even impossibili-
ties. 1817 *JAS. MILL Brit. India* v. vii. II. 613 The forma-
tion of a new government sollicitd his attention. *Ibid.*
ix. 694 The affairs and government of India sollicitd the
utmost exertions of their abilities.

III. *intr.* 12. To make request or petition; to
beg or entreat.

1509 in *Mem. Hen. VII* (Rolls) 432 Notwythstande yng
that I... have solucytid unto the kyng and unto his se-
cretary Almasan... that the sayd ambassatur myghte be
namyd. 1529 *LYNDESAY Compl.* 53 Had I solisit... My
rewarde had nocht bene to craif. 1608 *SHAKS. Per.* ii. v. 69
Resolve your angry father, if my tongue Did e'er solisit.
1686 *tr. Chardin's Trav. Persia* 12 They could not then
expect that the French should sollicitate in their behalf as
they had done before. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* iii. ix. 395 Whilst
they were thus solliciting. 1796 *ELIZA HAMILTON Lett.*
Hindoo Rajah (1811) I. 247 Too modest to sollicit, and too
proud to bear the harshness of repulse. 1837 *CARLYLE Fr.*
Rev. i. ii. v. Now too behold... American Pleni-potentiaries,
here in person solliciting.

b. Const. for.

1592 *Kyd Sp. Trag.* iv. i. All the Saintes doe sit solliciting
For vengeance. 1604 *SHAKS. Oth.* v. ii. 28 If you bethinke
your selfe of... Grace, Sollicit for it straight. a 1700 *EVELYN*
Diary 9 July 1665, I went to Hampton Court... to sollicit
for money. 1769 *GOLDSM. Hist. Rome* (1786) I. 338 Metellus
... was obliged to sollicit at Rome for a continuation of his
command. 1802 *MARIAN MOORE Lascelles* II. 49 It was
Lascelles' excessive delicacy... which made him not sollicit
for the purse from Serena. 1808 *ELEANOR SIKATH Bristol*
Heiress III. 210 She received several messages from young
Benson, solliciting for an interview.

c. Const. to with inf.

1654-66 *EARL ORRERY Parthen.* (1676) 794, I sollicit to be
the mis-erabest of men, to preserve you from being the
unjustest. 1710 *SWIFT Lett.* (1767) III. 65, I was solliciting
this day, to present the bishop of Clogher Vice-Chancellor.
1775 S. J. PRATT *Liberal Opin.* lvii. (1783) II. 174, I sat by
his bed-side, and gently sollicitated to learn the cause of this
strange disaster. c. 1800 R. CUMBERLAND *John De Lincaster*
(1809) III. 85 Devereux himself sollicitd to go with me. 1832
SOUTHEY Hist. Penins. War III. 98 The accounts... repre-
sented Ferdinand as still solliciting to be adopted by marriage
into the family of the tyrant.

13. To act or practise as a solicitor.

1596 *NASHE Saffron Walden* 83 His mother may haue
sud in *forma pauperis*, but he neuer sollicitid in form of
papers in the Arches in his life. 1681 *Trial of S. Colledge*
5 No body can sollicit for any one that is under an Accusa-
tion of High-Treason, unless he be assigned so to do by the
Court. 1714 *French Bk. Rates* 13 We have appointed a
Person to receive all their Petitions, and sollicit for them
at our Expence. 1784 *SWIFT Drapier's Lett.* I. Wks. 1761
III. 20 We are at a great distance from the King's Court,
and have no body there to sollicit for us.

† 14. To petition against, to make intercession
for, a person or thing. *Obs.*

1609 *BIBLE (Douay) 1 Mac.* x. 61 There assembled against
him pestilent men of Israel, wicked men solliciting against
him. 1612 T. TAYLOR *Comm. Titus* ii. 12. 463 I though
many things sollicit for these Justs... yet a Christian man
must still stand out in the deniall of them. 1697 *COLLIER*
Ess. Moral Subj. II. To Rdr, Some Authors (I am sorry
it may be said so) seem to sollicit for Vice. 1741 *MIDDLETON*
Cicero II. xi. 453 What your mother and sister are now
solliciting against in favor of the children.

† *Sollicitancy. Obs. rare.* In 7 soll-. [See
prec. and -ANCY.] Solliciting.

1665 *BRATHWAIT Comment Two Tales* 26 Yet, lest Ab-
solon should be numbred among those weak woovers... he
rears his Battery, though with a more easie sollicitancy,
than he did at first. *Ibid.* 154 At her Hands, from whose
Sollicitancy he had received his Reprieve.

Solicitant (sōl-i-tānt), sb. and a. [ad. L.
sōl-, sollicitant-, pres. pple. stem of sollicitare
SOLICIT v.]

A. sb. One who solicits or requests earnestly.

1802-12 *BENTHAM Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) I. 603 To
... beg his vote and interest in favour of the solicitor or his
friend. 1821 *New Monthly Mag.* II. 598 The sight of an
English carriage... drew half a dozen fresh sollicitants. 1881
Academy No. 459. 127 That wider circle to whom he was
only known as a sollicitant... for contributions to the paper.

B. adj. That solicits or begs earnestly; making
petition or request.

1886 *Daily Telegr.* 8 Jan. (Cassell), The unemployed
labour that is chronically sollicitant of a job. 1897 *WALSH*
Hist. Oxford Movement iv. (1898) 118 The Bulls of the
Popes themselves against sollicitant priests.

† **Solicitate**, *a. Obs.* Also 5-6 **solicitate**, 6 *Sc. sollicitat.* [ad. *L. sol-, sollicitatus*, pa. pple. of *sollicitare* **SOLICIT v.**] Solicitous, anxious, careful; characterized by care or solicitude.

1432-50 tr. *Higden* (Rolls) 111. 403 The kyng of Macedony, sollicitate and besy for the succession of pat realme. 1548 *Wishart Conf. Faith in Misc. Wodr. Soc.* (1844) 22 A sollicitat and thoughtfull charge of the poore. 1555 *Eden Decades* (Arb.) 133 Nature was not sollicitate to brynge furthe suche grete fluds.

Hence † **Solicitateness**. *Obs.*—1

1560 *Whitehorne Arte Warre* 28 b. With greater industrie, & more sollicitatenesse.

† **Solicitate**, *v. Obs.* Also 6-7 **solicitat**, **solicitate**. [*f. ppl. stem of L. sol-, sollicitare.*]

1. *trans.* To manage or conduct.

1547 *Br. Hooper Declar. Christ v. Dii*, To sollicitat and do all there affars as a faythfull Embassadour. 1560 *Whitehorne Arte Warre* 102 It is conuenient for thee, to sollicitate this worke in soche wise, that...the Diche maie be digged at least, fower or five yardes in depth.

2. To excite, stir up, or stimulate.

1568 C. [WATSON] *Polybius* 50 b. He sent out his most actiue soldiery to sollicitate and prouoke his aduersaries that they might come to the hands of the rest. *Ibid.* 87 He also sollicitated the Numidians & Libians to rebellion. 1579 *Lwyne Phis. agst. Fortune* 1. xxxviii, The tast of the wyne dooth not so much sollicitate the appetite. 1650 *EARL MOON. tr. Senault's Man bec. Guilty* 54 She commits so many faults with delight, stays not for being sollicitated by the senses.

3. To request, entreat, beseech.

1563 *Foxe A. & M.* 1171/1 The Byshop...dyd vrge & sollicitate (him), according to his maner of wordes to recant. 1632 *Litwog Trav.* x. 430 I he sollicit her...to restore them to their health. a 1655 *Ussher Ann.* vi. (1658) 176 Having often sollicitated the King...to pay for the Navy.

4. *intr.* To take action, make application.

1572 in *Turner Sel. Rec. Oxford* 347 The Towne Clarke shall go to London to sollicitat towching the brewer charter.

Solicitation (sŏl'is'it-ŏn). *Forms:* *a. Sc.* 5-6 **solistatioun** (6-acioun), 6-7 -ation, 6 **solyst-**, **solistatioun**. *B.* 6-7 **solicitac(i)on**, 6-8 -ation (6-atioun); 6 **solistacioun**, **solys-etacioun**, 7 **solissitation**, 7- **solicitation**. [*a. OF. sol-, sollicitation* (mod.F. *solicitation*, = *Sp. sollicitacion*, *Pg. sollicitação*, *It. solle-, sollicitazione*), or ad. *L. sol-, sollicitatio*: see **SOLICIT v.** and -ATION.]

† 1. Management, transaction, or pursuit of business, legal affairs, etc. *Obs.*

1492 *Acta Dom. Concilii* 250/1 Pe Soume of fiftj merkis...auch to him...for sollicitation of thar errandis be tyme he was alderman of be said town. 1529 in *Burnet Hist. Ref.* 1. 11. Rec. xxii. (1679) 54 So as ye may be sure to have of him effectual concurence and advice in the furtherance and sollicitation of your Charges. 1642 *Harcourt in Maem. Mug.* XLV. 289, I presume you are now very bussee in the sollicitation of my law busines. 1722 in *Westm. Gaz.* (1906) 27 Aug. 2/3 To undertake the Sollicitation and Management of any Affairs which may come before either House.

2. The action of soliciting, or seeking to obtain by earnest request; entreaty, petition, diligent or importunate asking.

a. 1533 *Bellegenden Livy* 1. xv. (S.T.S.) I. 82 Numa havand na cognossant of Rome, was chosin bot only his sollicitatioun, and maid king. 1561 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* 1. 160 To the effect oure Sovereane Lady be nocht molestit with importunate sollicitatioun, and requiest. 1637-50 *Row Hist. Kirk* (Wodrow Soc.) 221 He was upon great moyen and sollicitation enlarged, but verie shortlie after he departed this life.

B. 1533 *Bellegenden Livy* v. vi. (S.T.S.) II. 167 þai þat war movit be requiest or sollicitatioun of tribuns militare. 1588 *Lebarde Eiren.* iv. vii. 514 At the sollicitation and by the means of some parties grieved. 1622 *Williams in Fortescue P.* (Camden) 173 By the sollicitation of Sir Edw. Cooke I forbore...to doe any thing herein. 1697 *Luttrell Brief Relat.* (1837) IV. 266 Great sollicitation has been used for the two latter to change their sentence from death to transportation. 1751 *Johnson Rambler* No. 160 ¶ 2 [Patron:] are sometimes corrupted by Avarice, and sometimes cheated by Credulity, sometimes overpowered by restless Sollicitation. 1780 *Mirror* No. 71, After two years sollicitation...Antonio gave up all hopes of success. 1836 *Sir H. Taylor Statesman* xxiii. 167 A spirit of justice, ears shut against private sollicitation, ought to be regarded as essential qualifications...for the office of private secretary. 1883 *Law Rep.* 23 Chanc. Div. 722 At her sollicitation the trustee lent the fund to the husband and it was lost.

b. With *a* and *pl.* An instance of this.

1500-20 *Dunbar Poems* lvii. 2 Be dyuers...operatiounis Men makis in court thair sollicitatiounis. 1506 *Earl Essex in Ellis Orig. Lett.* 3rd Ser. IV. 131 His sollicitatiounis and gifts, offered to the rebels of Ireland. 1625 in *Foster Eng. Factories Ind.* (1909) III. 59 Our owne petitiounis, sollicitatiounis, and complaints. 1671 *Milton Samson* 488 Spare that proposal, Father, spare the trouble Of that sollicitation. 1769 *Junius Lett.* xxv. (1780) 140 Your sollicitations...were renewed under another administration. 1836 *J. Martin Discourses* iv. 121 Without one sollicitation on the part of the conquered, peace is offered. 1874 *Green Short Hist.* ix. 689 In spite of his master's personal sollicitations Churchill remained true to Protestantism.

6. The action of soliciting a person of the other sex (cf. **SOLICIT v.** 4 b and 4 d).

1604 *Shaks. Oth.* iv. ii. 202 If she will returne me my Jewels, I will give ouer my Suit, and repent my unlawfull sollicitation. a 1639 *T. Carew Upon Sickness of E. S.* 19 Shee Who hath preserv'd her spotless chastity From all sollicitation. 1681 *Otway Soldier's Fort.* iii. 1, She cannot

be free from the insolent Sollicitations of such Fellows as you are, Sir. 1781 *Mrs. Inchbald I'll tell you what* iii. ii, He had just seen the most beautiful girl his eyes ever beheld, to whom he had given a look of sollicitation. 1848 *Dickens Dombey* liv, From my marriage day I found myself exposed...to such sollicitation and pursuit...from one mean villain. 1889 [see **SOLICITER**].

d. Law. (See quot. and **SOLICIT v.** 3.)

1835 *Tomlins Law Dict., Sollicitations*. It is an indictable offence to solicit and incite another to commit a felony.

3. The exertion or operation of a physically attracting influence or force.

1626 *Bacon Sylva* § 836 By Excitation and Sollicitation of the Body Purified, and the Parts thereof, by the Body Ambient. 1833 *Herschel Astron.* viii. 266 Be it pressure from without or the resultant of many pressures or sollicitations of unknown fluids. 1837 *Whewell Hist. Induct. Sci.* (1837) II. 67 The 'sollicitations of gravity'. 1884 *N. Amer. Rev.* Aug. 15 The sollicitations of Jupiter's attractive force are as urgent on a swiftly rushing body as on one at rest.

4. The action of some attractive, enticing, or alluring influence.

1676 *HALE Contempl. II. Medit. Lord's Prayer* 153 In these the Objects were innocent, and had in themselves no active sollicitation to Evil. 1690 *Locke Hum. Und.* ii. i. § 8 Children...are surrounded with a world of new things, which, by a constant Sollicitation of their Senses, draw the Mind constantly to them. 1712 *Arbutnot John Bull* (1755) 32 She was...a common mercenary prostitute, and that without any sollicitation from nature. 1758 *Johnson Idler* No. 25 ¶ 10 Vicious sollicitations of appetite, if not checked, will grow more importunate. a 1820 *T. Brown Philos. Human Mind* xcvi. IV. 561 The duty that is exercised in resisting the sollicitations of evils. 1884 *Sully Outl. Psychol.* iv. 99 The power of sustained attention grows with the ability to resist distractions and sollicitations.

† 5. Anxiety; sollicitude. *Obs.*

1697 *Clayton Acc. Virginia in Misc. Curiosa* (1708) III. 297 If...their Heards are stray'd from their Plantations, without more sollicitation they go directly to the Rivers to fetch them home again. a 1718 *W. Penn in Life Wks.* I. 135 Whom I ever served with a steady Sollicitation. 1725 *Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Water*, This comes so little...into our Diet...that it is not worth much Sollicitation about it.

Hence **Sollicitationism**.

1880 *W. D. Howells Undiscovered Country* iii. 52 What I wish now to establish as the central principle of the spiritistic science is the principle of sollicitationism.

Sollicited, *ppl. a.* [*f. SOLICIT v.*] *a.* Approached with sollicitation. *B.* Asked or begged for.

1833 *J. H. Newman Ariens* iii. iv. (1876) 308 The proposed measure...fixed the attention of the solicited Churches rather upon the argument, than upon the Imperial command. 1856 *Kane Arctic Explor.* II. v. 66 Even the stoutest could hardly bear their once solicited allowance of raw meat.

Sollicitee, *rare.* [*f. SOLICIT v. + -EE¹*] One who is solicited.

1887 *Pall Mall G.* 25 July 4/2 No charge of sollicitation is to be taken except when the sollicitee is prepared to come forward and prosecute.

† **Soliciter**. *Obs.* *Forms:* *a.* 5 **solyster**, 6 **sollester**; *Sc.* 6 **sol(1)istar**. *B.* 5 **soliciter**, 6 **solycyter**, **solyciter**, 6-7 **soliciter** (6 *Sc.* -ar), 7- **soliciter**. [*f. SOLICIT v. + -ER¹*]

1. One who conducts or manages affairs on behalf of another; *spec.* = **SOLICITOR** 3.

a. 1482 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 118 The bylles of xx s of the sarpier schall be sent unto Ingland to the solyster shortly. 1563 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 239 For furnishing of procuratours, solistaris, and uthers doers for the saidis merchandis. 1585 *Exchequer Rolls Scot.* XXI. 613 The said James, Lord of Doun, comperand be George Mak, his solistar.

B. 1464 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 530/1 Provided alwey, that this Acte extend not nor be prejudicial to Richard Fowler, of or for the Office of oure Soluciter. a 1548 *Hall Chron.* Hen. iv. 7 b, He by his priue frendes and solistars, caused to be enacted [etc.]. 1576 in *Feuillerat Revels Q. Eliz.* (1908) 415 Councellors, solistars, and attorneies. 1616 *R. C. Times' Whistle* (1871) 46 A daw To a solliciter is now become Iustice of peace & coram. c 1630 *Risdon Surv. Devon* § 39 (1810) 40 Baldwin Mallet, soliciter unto King Henry the eighth.

2. One who takes charge of, or action in, some affair; a promoter or forwarder.

a 1530 *Wolsey in Ellis Orig. Lett.* 1st Ser. II. 5 To be a solycyter and setter forth of such thyngs as do and shall conserve my said ende. 1533 *Bellegenden Livy* v. xiii. (S.T.S.) II. 191 The small pepill take purpois to continew be same tribuns þat war solistaris of bare lawis. 1631 *Gouge God's Arrows* v. 406 You who in the name of the rest were Sollicitors in this business. 1664 *H. More Myst. Iniq.* 72 As if these were the most serious and earnest sollicitors of Religion that one can hope to meet withall.

3. A petitioner; = **SOLICITOR** 4.

a. 1500-20 *Dunbar Poems* lvii, Quod Dumbra aganis the solistaris in court. 1536 *Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin* (1889) 498 [We] most umbllye desyre youre grace to be owre soler to owe prynse. 1587 *A. Hume Epist. Moncreiff* 197 3it all solistars cannot iustice haue.

B. 1537 *State Papers Hen. VIII.* XII. No. 883, Trustyng your mastershypp wylye a solyciter to hym for us. 1588 *Shaks. L. L. L.* ii. 29 In that behalfe...we single you, As our best mouing fairesolciter. 1628 *Wither Brit. Rememb.* i. 1023 Thou wert Solicitor For King Manasses that Idolater. 1668 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 254/2 That the City of Vienna is much disgusted with the...Liberty given to the Jews, and are earnest sollicitors for their Banishment.

b. fig. Of things.

c 1585 *Montgomerie Sonn.* lv. 9 My secrete sighs, solisters for my sute. 1617 *Hieron Wks.* II. 114 Such a conscience...will be a perpetual sollicitor, till it hath brought a man before the Lord. 1652 *Crashaw Carmen Deo Nostro Wks.*

(1904) 195 Cymballs of Heav'n, or Humane spears, Sollicitors of Soules or Eares.

† 4. A suitor (to a woman). *Obs.*

c 1590 *Faire Em* iv. iii, Both which shaddowes of my irrevocable affections I have not sparde to confirme before him...and all other amorous sollicitors.

Hence † **Sollicitership**, = **SOLICITORSHIP** 1. *Obs.*

1592 *Chettle Kind-harts Dr.* (1841) 49 Having scraped vp a few common places, and, by long sollicitership, got in to be an odd attorney.

Soliciting (sŏl'is'itj), *vbl. sb.* [*f. SOLICIT v.*] The action of the vb., in various senses.

a. 1429 in *Rymer Fœdera* (1710) X. 420/2 My said Lord the Cardinal, that hath take upon him the Solliciting of the said Cause. 1530 *Palsgr.* 272/2 Solycityng, steryng, sollicitation. 1570 *Dee Math. Pref.* aj. He, with humble request, and instant Solliciting, got the best Rules...for ordering of all Companies...of men. 1625 in *Foster Eng. Factories Ind.* (1909) III. 58 His complaints and sollicitings were utterly rejected. 1662 *Marvell Corr. Wks.* (Grosart) II. 85 To Mr. Cressel for his solliciting whole through the business. 1709 *J. Johnson Clergym. Vade M.* ii. 6 By worldly or secular employs we are to understand solliciting in law-suits [etc.]. 1760-72 *H. Brooke Fool of Qual.* (1809) IV. 134 The remaining time was spent in solliciting for me. 1837 *Carlyle Fr. Rev.* 1. i. ii, Not now by violence and murder, but by solliciting and finesse.

B. 1474 *Acc. Ld. High Treas. Scot.* I. 48 To the solisting of the Kings materis in the Court of Rome. 1500-20 *Dunbar Poems* ix. 133 Of fals solisting flor wrang deliverance At Counsaile, Session, and at Parliament. 1678 *Sir G. Mackenzie Crim. Law Scot.* ii. xxvi. § 7 (1699) 267 The being present at a Consultation with the Pursuer, or the solisting for him, are likewise Branches of partial Counsel.

Soliciting, *ppl. a.* [*f. as prec.*] That solicits, in senses of the verb.

1605 *Shaks. Lear* i. i. 234 A still solliciting eye, and such a tongue...Hath lost me in your liking. 1704 *J. Norris Ideal World* ii. vii. 355 The solliciting motion of adjacent or circumambient bodies. 1816 *J. Scott Vis. Paris* (ed. 5) 207 These solliciting females are not easily rebuffed. 1829 *Chapters Phys. Sci.* 17 Properties relative to solliciting forces. 1885 *W. Roberts Urin. & Renal Dis.* iii. xiii. (ed. 4) 647 The column of liquid in the tube...exercising a solliciting force on the contents of the sac.

Sollicitive, *a. rare.* [*f. as prec.* Cf. *OF. sollicitif, -ive.*] Sollicitant.

1865 *Times* 4 Feb. 5/4 Perambulating the thoroughfares with eyes shut, and hands extended, sollicitive of alms.

Solicitor (sŏl'is'itar). *Forms:* 5-7 **solicitoir**, 6-7 -or; 5 **solicy-**, 5-6 **solyei-**, 6 **solsysy-**, 5-7 **solicitoir** (6 -oure), 6 **solistor**, 6- **solicitor**. [*ad. OF. sol-, sollicitour* (mod.F. *solliciteur*), *f. solliciter* **SOLICIT v.**: see -OR.]

† 1. One who urges, prompts, or instigates. *Obs.* 1412-20 *LYDG. Troy Book* 1. 3797 And of his Iourne chefe solycitoir was Hercules, be worthi conquerour. 1540-1 *ELYOT Image Gov.* (1556) 56 Sollicitours and furtherers of dishonest appetitis. c 1555 *Harsfield Divorce Hen. VIII* (Camden) 254 One that was the chief incenser and solicator of the first divorce. 1600 *Holland Livy* xxiv. xxxv. 533 No bad sollicitor by word of mouth to further & follow the cause. 1723 *Wallaston Reliq. Nat.* vi. 144 Promoters or instruments of...wickedness; such as...solicitors in vice.

† 2. A thing serving to instigate, etc. *Obs.*

1594 *T. B. La Primaud. Fr. Acad.* ii. 265 Ioy and hope...were bestowed upon him to bee spurres and sollicitours to induce him to seeke after God. 1607 *Scholast. Disc. agst. Antichrist* ii. vi. 41 It hath been vied from time to time, as an agent and a sollicitor to arme the people...against their lawfull Lordes. 1699 *Atterbury Serm.* vii. (1737) IV. 203 We usually blame the body to an high degree, as...the sollicitor to every evil act, all that defiles the man. 1751 *Affecting Narr. H. M. S. 'Wager'* 104 Extreme Hunger and Thirst which were our Sollicitors at this Time, will prompt one to the most desperate Undertakings.

† 3. One who conducts, negotiates, or transacts matters on behalf of another or others; a representative, agent, or deputy. *Obs.*

c 1425 *LYDG. Assemb. Gods* 912 Hooly heremytes, goddes solycitours, Monasteriall monkis [etc.]. a 1513 *Fabyan Chron.* v. (1811) 73 The which Paterne had been sollicitour for y^e Frenshe Kyng in the foresayd matier. 1546 *Langley tr. Pol. Verg. de Invent.* viii. ii. 145 Pius the II...instituted the new College of Solicitors & Proctors by whose Counsaill and aduise all bulles and grauntes wer made. 1638 *R. Baker tr. Balzac's Lett.* (vol. II) 35, I come not therefore as his Sollicitor but as his bare witness. 1655 *Fuller Ch. Hist.* ix. 203 The principall pillars of the Presbyterian party...applied themselves by their secret sollicitors to James King of Scotland. 1702 *W. J. tr. Bryn's Voy. Levant* iv. 216 Next to him is the Father Sollicitor, who ought to be a Spaniard born. 1741 *Middleton Cicero* (1742) I. v. 388 His principal Agents and Sollicitors at Rome were his Brother Quintus [etc.].

† 4. *spec.* An official having charge of the King's or Queen's interests. *Obs.*

1460 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 388/1 The Sollicitours for the Quene mad leve of Cli. 1503 *Ibid.* VI. 536 Thomas Lucas, the Kyngs Solisitor. 1555 *N. C. Wills* (Surtees, 1908) 235 Mr...Cordall, our sovereign Ladie the Quenes Sollicitor. 1608 *Chapman Dh. of Byron* v. ii, Where the King's chief Sollicitor hath said There was in France no man that ever liv'd Whose parts were worth my imitation.

3. One properly qualified and formally admitted to practise as a law-agent in any court; formerly, one practising in a court of equity, as distinguished from an attorney.

The rise of solicitors as a class of legal practitioners, and the gradual recognition and definition of their status, are illustrated by the first group of quotations. For the Scottish usage see *Bell Dict. Law Scot.* s.v.

(a) *a 1577* SIR T. SMITH *Commw. Eng.* ii. i. (1589) 44 Solicitors are such, as being learned in the laws, and informed of their masters cause, doe informe and instruct the Counsellors in the same. *1598 BARCKLEY Felix, Man* (1631) 398 After that solicitors were suffered in the midst of them all, to be as it were the skum gatherers of suites. *1653 [F. PHILLIPS] Consid. touching Ct. Chancery* 18 Solicitors (a race of people was not allowed or heard of in the Law about 100 years agoe). *1681 Trial of S. Colledge* 6, I know not but he may be criminal that brought you those Papers; for we allow no Solicitors in cases of Treason. *1799 Act 2 Geo. II. c. 23 § 3* (An Act for the better Regulation of Attornies and Solicitors). No Person... shall be permitted to act as a Solicitor... unless such Person... be admitted and inrolled... in such of the said Courts of Equity, where he shall act as Solicitor. *1765 BLACKSTONE Comm.* III. 26 To practice in the court of chancery it is also necessary to be admitted a solicitor therein. *1825 Penny Cycl.* III. 66/1 A solicitor in any court of equity at Westminster may be sworn, admitted, and enrolled an attorney of his Majesty's courts of law. *1843 Act 6 & 7 Vict. c. 73 § 21* Be it enacted, That... there shall be a Registrar of Attornies and Solicitors. *1873 [see ATTORNEY sb.] 3.*

(b) *1584 LODGE Alarum* Bij, They finde out... some olde soeking vnderminning Solicitor. *1654 FULLER Two Serms.* 76 Let Diligent Attornies so faithfully sollicite, let painefull Solicitors so honestly Agitate [etc.]. *1679 Est. Test* 27, I have heard a... famous Lawyer say, he thought he was one of the ablest Solicitors in England. *1721 DE FOE Moll Flanders* (1722) 26 Had she employ'd a petty Fogging hedge Solicitor... I should have brought it to but little. *1798 CHARLOTTE SMITH Yng. Philos.* III. 58 Sir Appulby... found it convenient to suppose I was willing to await his reference to his solicitor. *1837 DICKENS Pickw.* ii. The solicitors' wives, and the wine-merchant's wife, headed another grade. *1858 LYTTON What will He do?* ii. xii. I will direct my solicitor to take the right steps to do so. *1897 G. ALLEN Type-writer Girl* ii. 25 He was... obviously wealthy, though 'twas a third-rate solicitor's.

fig. *1650 BULWER Anthropolom.* More fit for one who had deserved to be Attorney General to Nature, then for me, the meanest Solicitor in her Court.

attrib. *1896 Pall Mall G.* 23 Jan. 10/2 Solicitor and client costs will be enforced in all cases.

b. Solicitor-General, a law-officer (in England ranking next to the Attorney-General, in Scotland to the Lord-Advocate), who takes the part of the state or crown in suits affecting the public interest.

In the earliest example perhaps with less specific meaning (cf. 2 b above).

1533-4 Act 25 Hen. VIII. c. 16 § 2 The Kinges generall attorney, and generall Solicitor, which for the time is. *1647 CLARENDON Hist. Reb.* i. § 96 He was Recorder of London, Solicitor-General, and King's Attorney, before he was forty years of age. *1708 CHAMBERLAYNE Pres. St. Gt. Brit.* (1710) 576 The Queen's Serjeants at Law... Solicitor-General, Robert Eyre, Esq. *1747 Gentl. Mag.* XVII. 116/1 Upon this the solicitor general was heard in reply. *1812 Examiner* 14 Dec. 786/1 At which the Solicitor General expressed such anticipating alarm. *1848 W. H. KELLY tr. L. Blanc's Hist. Ten Y. II.* 321 The solicitor-general, M. Martin du Nord, began to prepare an indictment. *1876 BANCROFT Hist. U.S.* IV. xlv. 217 [He] leased his eloquence to the government for the office of solicitor-general.

4. One who entreates, requests, or petitions; one who solicits or begs favours; a pleader, intercessor, advocate.

1551 ROBINSON tr. More's Utopia (1895) 18 An euell tale well tolde nedeth none other solicitor. *1635 JACKSON Creed* viii. xiv. 165 That hee might bee a faithful Solicitor to his Almighty Father for aid and succour unto all that are beset with them. *1673 True Notion Worship of God* 32 It demonstrates the greatest for God in those that are earnest Solicitors at his Throne. *1700 SWIFT Rates of Clergymen* Wks. 1755 II. 11. 26 His sister was... so good a solicitor, that by her means he was admitted to read prayers in the family. *1754 HUME Ess. & Treat.* (1777) II. 417 The Lacedaemonians... put up their petitions very early in the morning, in order... by being the first solicitors, to pre-engage the gods in their favour. *1860 SMILKS Self-Help* v. 279 The passion for salaries and Government employment... makes a whole people a mere crowd of servile solicitors for place. *1883 LD. ROSEBERY Speech at Edin.* 21 July, The brazen solicitor who will not take No for an answer. *transf.* *1670 ECHAARD Cont. Clergy* 110 Besides the devil, he shall have solicitors enough.

b. With possessive pron., etc., denoting the person on whose behalf the solicitation is made.

1604 SHAKS. Oth. III. iii. 27 Therefore be merry Cassio, For thy Solicitor shall rather dye, Then giue thy cause away. *1639 S. DU VERGER tr. Camus' Admir. Events* 86 When Ctesiphons wicked solicitors saw their labour lost with Heraclee, they then addressed themselves to the mother. *1734 tr. Rollin's Rom. Hist.* (1827) 218 Whenever the young lords had any favour to ask of the King, Cyrus was their solicitor.

c. *transf.* Of things.

1579 HARVEY Letter-bk. (Camden) 61 Lett this ilfavoured letter suffice for a dutifull solicitor and remembre in that behaiffe. *1608 D. T. Ess. Pol. & Mor.* 48 b, The beautie and fairenesse of his eyes... were the principall, and chiefe Solicitors of her affections towards him. *1661 MORGAN Sph. Centricity* v. 56 Beauty, and Harmony... being prevailing Solicitors for the obtaining love and affection.

† 5. One who, or that which, draws on or entices. *Obs.*

1594 HOOKER Eccl. Pol. i. vii. § 3 Appetite is the wills solicitor, and the will is appetites controller. *1639 S. DU VERGER tr. Camus' Admir. Events* 22 This voyage, whereunto his owne courage was a sufficient solicitor. *1655 R. YOUNGE Agst. Drunkards* 18 He that will be drawn to the Tavern or Alehouse by every idle solicitor... is a Drunkard in Solomon's esteem.

† 6. ? A recruiting officer. *Obs.*—¹

1698-9 in R. Steele *Tudor & Stuart Procl.* (1910) I. 508/2,

rst Regiment of Foot Guards... 2 quartermasters, a solicitor, a drum-major [etc.].

Solicitorship. [f. prec. + -SHIP.]

1. The office, duty, or calling of a solicitor.

c 1596 SIR R. CECIL in Campbell *Lives Chancellors* (1856) II. xlviii. 315 To arm him with your observations (for the exercise of solicitorship). *1825 LD. COCKBURN Mem.* (1856) 155 Blair... held to his comfortable solicitorship and to his own way steadily. *1837 New Monthly Mag.* LI. 284 His sense of the crookedness or cruelty of the trade was added to his sickening of solicitorship.

2. The personality of a solicitor.

1633 MASSINGER New Way II. iii. And yet your good solicitorship, and rogue Wellborn, Were brought into her presence!

Sollicitous (sŏl'i-si-təs), a. Also 6-8 solicitous. [f. L. *sol-*, *solicit-*us (see SOLICIT a.) + -OUS. Cf. OF. *sol(d)icieux*, -eux.]

† 1. Full of care or concern; anxious, apprehensive, disquiet. *Obs.*

1621 BURTON Anat. Mel. i. ii. iii. v. Ever suspicious, anxious, solicitous, they are childishly drooping without reason. *1658 in Verney Mem.* (1907) II. 78 Good natures are solicitous when a misapprehension befalls them. *1674 MILTON P. R.* II. 120 There without sign of boast, or sign of joy, Solicitous and blank he thus began. *1706 PHILLIPS* (ed. Kersey), *Sollicitous*, full of Care and Fear, troubled or much concerned about a thing. *1741 MIDDLETON Cicero* I. iii. 209 They began to be solicitous.

2. Troubled, anxious, or deeply concerned, on some specified account. Const. with prep., as *about*, *for*, *of*, etc.

(a) *1570 FOXE A. & M.* I. 159/2 He willett him alwaies to be solicitous for his soule. *1631 GOUGE God's Arrows* III. Ep. Ded. p. iv, Moses, when he tarried at home, was very solicitous for his countreimen in the field. *1699 BENTLEY Phal.* 422 For a bare Error of the Memory I shall not be solicitous. *1748 ANSON'S Voy.* III. i. 1. 302 The boat was sent away... and we were not a little solicitous for her return. *1790 BURKE Fr. Rev.* 11 Solicitous chiefly for the peace of my own country, but by no means unconcerned for yours. *1810 BENTHAM Art of Packing* (1821) 50 The Solicitor for the smuggler is solicitous for the smuggler, because... in being solicitous for his client, he is solicitous for himself. *1845 SARAH AUSTIN tr. Ranke's Hist. Ref.* II. 315 They deemed that such an one would be more solicitous for their welfare... than a stranger.

(b) *1647 N. BACON Govt. Eng.* ii. xiii. (1739) 71 These foreign Engagements made the King less solicitous of the point of Prerogative at home. *1706 E. WARD Wooden World* Diss. (1708) 16 One so solicitous of other Mens Healths, cannot be unmindful of his own. *1729 BUTLER Serms.* Wks. 1874 II. 124 Scarce any shew themselves to advantage, who are over solicitous of doing so. *1828 SCOTT F. M. Perth* xxx, Your Highness will not expect me to be very solicitous of Henry Smith's interest. *1841 EMERSON Ess.* i. *Prudence*, You are solicitous of the good-will of the meanest person, uneasy at his ill-will.

(c) *1658 SIR T. BROWNE Hydriot. Intro.* The Persian Magi... being only solicitous about their Bones [etc.]. *a 1683 OWEN Holy Spirit* (1693) 14 In this condition the best of Men are apt to be solicitous about their Answers. *1709-29 MANDEY Syst. Math., Astron.* 351 Concerning those, Astronomers are not Solicitous, by reason of the Smallness. *1889 RUSKIN Præterita* II. 330 He was undiligent and effectless—chiefly solicitous about his trousers and gloves.

b. With dependent clause.

1639 MASSINGER Unnatural Combat III. ii, He found him Solicitous in what shape she should appear. *1647 H. MORE Poems* Ded., I am not indeed much solicitous, how every particle of these Poems may please you. *1764 GOLDSM. Hist. Eng. in Lett.* (1772) I. 57 This weak monarch was in no way solicitous who succeeded. *1784 COWPER Task* IV. 433 Much solicitous how best He may compensate for a day of sloth. *1836 J. GILBERT Chr. Attemper* ix. (1852) 285 Why so solicitous that we should be reconciled? *1845 SARAH AUSTIN Ranke's Hist. Ref.* II. 529 The delegates of the States were chiefly solicitous lest they should be attacked by the remnant of the order in Germany.

3. Extremely or particularly careful or attentive; taking the utmost heed or care.

1609 BIBLE (Douay) *Micah* vi. 8 *comm.*, To love mercie, and to walke solicite with thy God. *1682 SIR T. BROWNE Chr. Mor.* i. § 33 Move circumspectly, not meticulously, and rather carefully solicitous, than anxiously solicitous. *1789 BENTHAM Princ. Legisl.* vi. § 41 Under a solicitous and attentive government the ordinary preceptor... is but a deputy as it were to the magistrate.

4. Anxious, eager, desirous: a. With *to* and inf.

1647 CLARENDON Hist. Reb. i. § 21 The Prince... was transported with the thought of it, and most impatiently solicitous to bring it to pass. *1693 J. EDWARDS Auth. O. & N. Test.* 384 Those learned and pious writers... were not solicitous to go any farther. *1748 ANSON'S Voy.* II. ix. (ed. 4) 316 We were very solicitous to get some positive intelligence. *1779 Mirror* No. 19, These peculiarities serve only... to make her more solicitous to prevent their effects. *1817 JAS. MILL Brit. India* II. iv. viii. 284 Whose alliance Hyder was solicitous to gain. *1867 D. DUNCAN Act.* vii. 146 God is willing, nay, solicitous to confer these blessings.

b. With in (governing nouns of action).

1628 LD. GRYS Barclay's Argents 274 To the most of them the Kings being so solicitous in this business was not pleasing. *1665 WALTON Life Hooker* 241 All this time he was solicitous in his study. *1774 GOLDSM. Nat. Hist.* i. xv. (1824) I. 101 While the merchant and the mariner are solicitous in describing currents and soundings.

5. Marked or characterized by anxiety, care, or concern: a. Of actions, study, etc.

1563 FOXE A. & M. 1260/1 Whose industrie was alwayes solicitous, not onely to come of his owne companye, but also. for other prysoners. *1645 E. REYNOLDS Serms. Hosea* vi. 64 A symbole, first, of vigilant care and most intent and solicitous inspection and providence. *1678 CUDWORTH Intell. Syst.* 443 The Government of some of them is toil-

som and solicitous. *1736 BUTLER Anal.* II. vi, An attentive, solicitous, perhaps painful exercise of their understanding about it. *1829 I. TAYLOR Enthus.* II. (1867) 32 A solicitous dissection of the changing emotions of the religious life. *1863 H. ROGERS Life J. Howe* i. 14 It is not after the method of a severe logic or a too solicitous philosophy.

b. Of cares, thoughts, etc.

1650 BULWER Anthropolom. 242 The solicitous cares of his mind, which dry his very bones. *a 1693 URQUHART Rabelais* III. xvi. 133 He was in this sad quondary and solicitous pensiveness. *a 1703 BURKITT On N. T.* Luke xii. 30 This vexatious care, and solicitous thoughtfulness. *1717 L. HOWEL Desiderius* (ed. 3) 55 Being the less incumber'd with uneasy Cares and solicitous Vexations.

c. Of life or conditions.

1661 GAUDEN in C. Wordsworth Documentary Suppl. (1825) 29, I doe not desire to live long in this distracted and solicitous condition. *1673 TEMPLE United Prov.* Wks. 1720 I. 25 The Royal Servitude of a solicitous Life.

6. Of features: Suggestive of solicitude or anxiety.

1868 SWINBURNE Ess. & Studies (1875) 362 The features resolute, solicitous, heroic. *1876 GEO. ELIOT Dan. Der.* xi, It was not possible for a human aspect to be freer from grimace or solicitous wriggings.

Sollicitously, adv. [f. prec.] In a solicitous manner, in various senses of the adj.

1614 T. ADAMS Semper Idem Wks. (1629) 857 Many parents are solicitously perplexed, how their children shall doe when they are dead. *1674 BOYLE Excellency Theol.* i. ii. 66 It needs not be solicitously proved. *1733 SWIFT Apol.* Wks. 1755 IV. i. 213 You... Do now solicitously shun The cooler air, and dazzling sun. *1799 Monthly Rev.* XXX. 297 They solicitously shun all commerce with Europeans. *1817 J. SCOTT Paris Revisit.* (ed. 4) 87 The finest faces hung solicitously over it. *1856 S. DAVIDSON Bibl. Criticism* xlv. 685 Many Slavic words are formed solicitously after the Greek.

Sollicitousness. [f. SOLICITOUS a.] The state or quality of being solicitous; care, concern; anxiety, solicitude.

1636 Divine Tragedie lately Acted 41 Free your selves on that day... from worldly cares and solicitousnesse. *1670 G. H. HIST. of Cardinals* II. i. 123 To behold them with such passion and solicitousness endeavouring the good of Christianity. *1709 J. CLARKE tr. Grotius' Chr. Reliq.* II. xiv. (1818) 122 Solicitousness in procuring and preserving riches. *1724 in Biogr. Presbyt.* (1827) II. 146 He did run fast... in great Solicitousness of coming short of his Task. *1874 I. HARDY Far fr. Mad. Crowd* xlv, This spoiled effort of his new-born solicitousness.

Sollicitress. ? *Obs.* Also 7 *solicitrress*, 8 *solicitrress*. [Cf. next and -ESS.]

1. A female who solicits or prefers requests.

1631 MABBE Celestina x. 117, I know not... whether thou art now coming with that Solicitrress of my safety? *1654-66 EARL ORRERY Parthen.* (1676) 593 To disoblige his pretended Solicitrress. *1788 CHARLOTTE SMITH Emmeline* (1816) III. 116 She prepared to become a solicitrress for favours to a statesman.

fig. *1710 SHAFESBURY Charact.* (1737) I. *Adv. Author* III. 312 They are very powerful Solicitrresses. They never seem to importune us; tho they are ever in our eye.

2. A female who entices to immorality. *1634 W. TIRWHITT tr. Balzac's Lett.* (vol. I) 270 Yet am I credibly informed, that... she is turned Solicitrress to entice others to vice. *a 1639 W. WHEATLEY Prototypes* III. xxxix. (1640) 9 If we consider... the person of his solicitrress... how great a patterne is he of invincible purity.

Sollicitrix. ? *Obs.* Also *solicitrrix*. [f. SOLICITOR, after forms in -trix.]

1. = SOLICITRESS 2.

1611 COTGR., Maquerelle, a (woman) bawd; the solicitrrix of lecherie.

2. A female solicitor; = SOLICITRESS 1.

1637 NABBES Microcosm, v. Bless me! who's that? one of the devil's she-lawyers?... Pray how long have you been a solicitrrix? *1658 in Verney Mem.* (1907) II. 77 You have a solicitrrix here... which is my wife. *1700 T. BROWN tr. Fresny's Amusem.* 46 The first Motion he found in himself, was for the Charming Solicitrrix. *1747 Mem. Nutrebrin* Crt. I. 82 The bishop began with saying what an importunate solicitrrix the dutches had been.

Solitude (sŏl'i-ti-tud), Also 5-6 *sol-*, 6 *soll-*, *yoytude*, 6-8 *sollititude*, 6 -ud. [a. OF. *sol-*, *sollititude* (mod.F. *sollitude*, = Sp. *sollitude*, Pg. *sollitude*, It. *soll-*, *sollititudine*), or ad. L. *sŏl-*, *sollitudo*, f. *sollitus* SOLICIT a.]

1. The state of being solicitous or uneasy in mind; disquietude, anxiety; care, concern.

? *a 1412 LYDG. Two Merchants* 580 So ar we travailed with sollitude. *1528 PAYNELL Salerne's Regim.* (1617) 178 Sollitude, feare, sadnesse, sleepe it drowneith in. *a 1533 LD. BERNERS Gold. Bk. M. Aurel.* (1546) M vij b, Such are of a delicate bloude, haue not soo much sollitude as the rustical people. *a 1631 DONNE Select.* (1840) 169 Lazarus come forth... from your waters... of sollitude. *1684 Contempt. State of Man* i. i. (1699) 4 What we desire with impatience, being possessed, brings Care and Sollitude. *1737 WHISTON Josephus, Hist.* III. i. § 1 Yet did the disturbance... in his soul plainly appear by the sollitude he was in. *1796 ROBERTSON Chas. V.* iv. Wks. 1813 V. 413 Bourbon, on his part, was far from being free from sollitude. *1833 I. TAYLOR Fanaticism* v. 102 Free from sollitude, because free from wais. *1849 W. IRVING Mahomed* vii. (1853) 36 These, and other causes of sollitude, preyed upon his spirits.

2. Anxious, special, or particular care or attention.

a 1535 MORE Treatise Sacr. Wks. 1266 What diligenca here suffyse vs? What sollituede can we thyinke here ynough? agaynste the cummyng of thys almyghty king. *1603 HOLLAND Plutarch's Mor.* 185, I could wish that the sollituede and care of the elder [brother] savoured rather of a companion... than of a father. *1750 JOHNSON Rambler* No. 39 ¶ 4 That it is not to be envied for its happiness,