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fishweir \'=,=\ *n* [ME *fishwer*, fr. OE *fiscwer*, fr. *fisc* fish + *wer* weir — more at FISH, WEIR] : FISHGARTH

fish well *n* : a well for fish on a fish boat

fish wheel *n* : SALMON WHEEL

fishwife \'=,=\ *n* [ME, fr. *fish* + *wife*] **1** : a woman who sells fish at retail **2** : a scurrilously abusive woman ⟨began to berate them in the coarse language of a ~ —Louis Bromfield⟩

fishwood \'=,=\ *n* **1** : STRAWBERRY BUSH 1a **2** : JAMAICA DOGWOOD

fishworm \'=,=\ *n* **1** : an earthworm used as bait **2** : a worm parasitic in or on fishes

fishy \'fishē, -shi\ *adj* -ER/-EST [ME, fr. ^{1}*fish* + -*y*] **1** : of or relating to a fish : like a fish : abounding in fish ⟨the ~ deep⟩ ⟨a ~ odor⟩ ⟨a ~ taste⟩ **2 a** : inspiring doubt or suspicion : DUBIOUS, QUESTIONABLE, UNCONVINCING ⟨he could not help scenting something ~ about an Englishman who chose to live abroad —Margery Sharp⟩ ⟨that story sounds very very ~ to me —Erle Stanley Gardner⟩ ⟨there is something of a ~ nature going on in the office —Dorothy Sayers⟩ ⟨using his position to line his pocket through ~ and degrading commercial deals —*Time*⟩ **b** : lacking warmth or passion : FRIGID, COLD, SUSPICIOUS, LACKLUSTER, DULL ⟨they remembered his ~ handclasp and downcast eyes —H.S.Canby⟩ ⟨a fervent urge . . . to hit him between his damnable cold, ~, evasive eyes —Vicki Baum⟩ ⟨she looked with a ~ eye on the glamorous scenes that we loved —W.A.White⟩ ⟨drawled . . . in his usual cautious, ~ tone —Frank O'Connor⟩

fishyback \'==,=\ *n* : the movement of truck trailers or freight containers by barge or ship — compare PIGGYBACK

fisk *var of* FISC

fissi- *comb form* [LL, fr. L *fissus*, past part. of *findere* to split — more at BITE] **1** : divided : cleft ⟨*fissi*lingual⟩ **2** : fission ⟨*fissi*parous⟩

fis·si·den·ta·ce·ae \,fisəden·'tāsē,ē\ *n pl, cap* [NL, fr. *Fissident-*, *Fissidens*, type genus (fr. *fissi-* + L *dent-*, *dens* tooth) + -*aceae* — more at TOOTH] : a family of chiefly tropical acrocarpous mosses (order Fissidentales) characterized by 2-ranked clasping vertically placed leaves — **fis·si·den·ta·ceous** \¦===·¦tāshəs\ *adj*

fis·si·den·ta·les \,===·'tā(,)lēs\ *n pl, cap* [NL, fr. *Fissident-*, *Fissidens* + -*ales*] : a small order of Musci coextensive with the family Fissidentaceae

fis·sile \'fisəl, -(,)sil, -,sīl\ *adj* [L *fissilis*, fr. *fissus* + -*ilis* -ile] **1** : capable of being split, cleft, or divided in the direction of the grain ⟨~ wood⟩ or along natural planes of cleavage ⟨~ crystals⟩ **2** : FISSIONABLE

fis·si·lin·gual \¦fisə¦liŋgwəl\ *adj* [*fissi-* + *lingual*] : of or relating to the Fissilinguia

fis·si·lin·guia \,=='=gwēə\ *n pl, cap* [NL, fr. *fissi-* + L *lingua* tongue + NL -*ia* — more at TONGUE] *in some classifications* : a group of lizards having the tongue forked (as members of the family Lacertilidae)

fis·sil·i·ty \fi'siləd·ē\ *n* : the quality of being fissile

^{1}**fis·sion** \'fishən *also* -izh-\ *n* -s [L *fission-*, *fissio*, fr. *fissus* (past part. of *findere* to split) + -*ion-*, -*io* -ion — more at BITE] **1** : the process or an instance of cleaving, splitting, or breaking up into parts ⟨cites the ~ of many families during the civil strife —Boyd Keenan⟩ ⟨our diplomacy will have to be resourceful . . . to avert disastrous ~*s* in the free world during the next few weeks —E.K.Lindley⟩ **2** : reproduction by spontaneous division of the body into two or more parts each of which grows into a complete organism, being the common mode of reproduction among the bacteria, fission algae, and protozoa — see BINARY FISSION, MULTIPLE FISSION **3** : CLEAVAGE 5 **4** : the splitting of an atomic nucleus (as by bombardment with neutrons) esp. into approximately equal parts resulting in the release of enormous quantities of energy when certain heavy elements (as uranium and plutonium) are split — called also *nuclear fission;* contrasted with *fusion;* distinguished from *spallation*

^{2}**fission** \"\ *vb* **fissioned**; **fissioned**; **fissioning** \-sh(ə)niŋ, \-zh(-\ **fissions** *vt* : to cause to undergo fission ⟨an element ~*ed* by high energy particles⟩ ~ *vi* : to undergo fission ⟨the number of free atoms released when a U-235 atom ~*s* —*Scientific American*⟩

fis·sion·abil·i·ty \,fish(ə)nə'biləd·ē, -lətē, -i *also* ,fizh-\ *n* -ES : the property of being fissionable — used esp. of chemical elements and materials

^{1}**fis·sion·able** \'fish(ə)nəbəl *also* 'fizh-\ *adj* [^{2}*fission* + -*able*] : capable of undergoing fission ⟨~ nuclei⟩ ⟨~ material⟩

^{2}**fissionable** \"\ *n* -s : fissionable material — usu. used in pl. ⟨large units capable of generating the volume required for production of ~*s* on a significant scale —*New Republic*⟩

fis·sion·al \-ənᵊl\ *adj* [^{1}*fission* + -*al*] : occurring in or by means of or involving division usu. of a cell ⟨~ reproduction⟩ ⟨~ irregularities⟩

fission alga *n* : BLUE-GREEN ALGA

fission bomb *n* : ATOM BOMB 1 — compare FUSION BOMB

fission fungus *n* : SCHIZOMYCETE, BACTERIUM

fission yeast *n* : a yeast that reproduces by division of each cell into two daughter cells of equal size (as members of the genus *Schizosaccharomyces*) — compare BUDDING YEAST

fis·sip·a·rous \(')fi¦sipərəs, fə's-\ *adj* [*fissi-* + -*parous*] **1** : producing new biological units or individuals by fission **2** : tending to break up into parts or to disintegrate : DIVISIVE, FACTIONAL, SEPARATIVE, DISINTEGRATIVE ⟨~ tenderness⟩ ⟨the problem of erecting a government on the shifting sands of the ~ center parties —*Newsweek*⟩ ⟨he knows how to reconcile ~ elements in his party —W.H.Stevenson⟩ — **fis·sip·a·rous·ly** *adv* — **fis·sip·a·rous·ness** *n* -ES

^{1}**fis·si·ped** \'fisə,ped\ *adj* [LL *fissiped-*, *fissipes*, fr. *fissi-* (fr. L *fissus*, past part. of *findere* to split) + *ped-*, *pes* foot — more at BITE, FOOT] **1** : having the toes separated to the base : CLOVEN-FOOTED **2** [NL *Fissipeda*] : of or relating to the Fissipeda

^{2}**fissiped** \"\ *n* -s : one of the Fissipeda

fis·sip·e·da \fə'sipədə\ *n pl, cap* [NL, irreg. fr. LL *fissiped-*, *fissipes*] : a suborder of Carnivora that includes recent land carnivores (as cats, dogs, bears) and extinct related forms

fis·sip·e·dal \(')fi¦sipədᵊl, fə's-; ¦fisə¦pedᵊl, -¦pēd-\ *also* **fis·sip·e·date** \fə'sipə,dāt, -,dət\ *adj* [LL *fissiped-*, *fissipes* + E -*al* or -*ate*] : FISSIPED

fis·si·pe·dia \,fisə'pēdēə\ [NL, alter. of *Fissipeda*] *syn of* FISSIPEDA

fis·si·pe·di·al \¦==¦=dēəl\ *adj* [NL *Fissipedia* + E -*al*] : FISSIPED

fis·si·ros·tres \,fisə'rä,strēz\ *n pl, cap* [NL, fr. *fissi-* + -*rostres* (fr. L *rostrum* beak) — more at ROSTRUM] *in former classifications* : a group of birds having the bill deeply cleft, including the swifts, goatsuckers, swallows, and others, and not representing natural relationships

fis·sive \'fisiv\ *adj* [L *fissus* (past part. of *findere* to split) + E -*ive* — more at BITE] : relating or tending to fission

^{1}**fis·sle** *or* **fis·tle** \'fisəl\ *vi* -ED/-ING/-S [prob. of imit. origin] **1** *chiefly Scot* : to make a rustling sound **2** *chiefly Scot* **a** : to bustle about **b** : FIDGET

^{2}**fissle** *or* **fistle** \"\ *n* -s **1** *chiefly Scot* : a rustling sound **2** *chiefly Scot* : COMMOTION, FUSS

fis·su·ra \fə's(h)u̇rə\ *n*, *pl* **fissu·rae** \-,rē, -,rī\ [NL] : FISSURE 2

fis·sur·al \'fishərəl\ *adj* [*fissure* + -*al*] : of or relating to a fissure

fis·su·ra·tion \,fishə'rāshən\ *n* -s [ISV *fissure* + -*ation*] **1** : the act of fissuring **2** : the state of being fissured

^{1}**fis·sure** \'fishə(r)\ *n* -s [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *fissura*, fr. *fissus* (past part. of *findere* to split) + -*ura* -ure — more at BITE] **1 a** : a narrow opening, chasm, or crack of some length and considerable depth usu. occurring from some breaking, rending, or parting : CLEAVAGE ⟨one of those abrupt ~*s* with dentate ~⟩ — compare SULCUS **d** : the cleft in the anterior or ventral part of the spinal cord; *also* : the posterior septum of the spinal cord **3** : a slit in tissue usu. at the junction of skin and mucous membrane ⟨~ of the lip⟩ ⟨anal ~⟩ **syn** see CRACK

^{2}**fissure** \"\ *vb* **fissured**; **fissured**; **fissuring** \-sh(ə)riŋ\ **fissures** *vt* : to break into fissures : CLEAVE ⟨sudden canyons deeply *fissured* the earth —Dan Wickenden⟩ ~ *vi* : CRACK, FRACTURE, DIVIDE ⟨the main castes *fissured* into scores, even hundreds, of subcastes —J.B.Noss⟩

fis·sure·less \-ləs\ *adj* : devoid of fissures ⟨a completely ~ large rock⟩

fis·su·rel·la \,fishə'relə\ *n*, *cap* [NL, dim. of L *fissura*] : a genus (the type of a cosmopolitan family Fissurellidae) of marine gastropods (suborder Rhipidoglossa) comprising the keyhole limpets and having a conical shell with an opening at the apex

fissure of ro·lan·do \-rō'lan(,)dō, -län-\ *usu cap R* [after Luigi *Rolando* †1831 Ital. anatomist] : CENTRAL SULCUS

fissure of syl·vi·us \-'silvēəs\ *usu cap S* [after Franciscus *Sylvius* (Franz de la Boë) †1672 Ger. anatomist] : LATERAL FISSURE

fissure vein *n* : a crack in the earth's crust filled with minerals deposited from aqueous solution including sometimes such adjacent rock as has been sufficiently mineralized to be mined as ore

fis·sur·iform \'fishərə,fȯrm, fi'shu̇r-\ *adj* [^{1}*fissure* + -*iform*] : resembling a fissure

fis·sury \'fishərē, -ri\ *adj* [^{1}*fissure* + -*y*] : abounding in fissures

^{1}**fist** \'fist\ *n* -s [ME, fr. OE *fȳst;* akin to OFris *fest* fist, OS & OHG *fūst*, OSlav *pęstĭ*] **1** : a hand with fingers doubled into the palm : a clenched hand **2 a** : a hand when closed as if to grasp or grip : CLUTCH, GRASP ⟨once he gets his ~ on something he never lets go of it⟩ **b** : a hand whether closed or not ⟨let's make up; give me your ~⟩ **c** : HANDWRITING ⟨you wrote an exquisite ~ —J.E.Agate⟩ **d** : the manner of tapping out a message that is peculiar to a particular telegraph operator **3 a** : a piece of work performed in a specified manner or with a specified degree of success : ATTEMPT, EFFORT, JOB ⟨all make a fair ~ at criticizing what they call the capitalist system —A.J.Nock⟩ **b** *dial* : a poor job of work : MESS ⟨made a ~ of doing that painting⟩ **4** : INDEX 9

^{2}**fist** \"\ *vt* -ED/-ING/-S **1** : to clench (one's hand) into a fist ⟨I'd ~*ed* my hands inside their mittens to keep the fingers warm —C.A.Lindbergh b. 1902⟩ **2** : to grip with the fist : HANDLE ⟨he did his best at ~*ing* frozen canvas with the rest of us —Raymond McFarland⟩ ⟨the crack jehu ~*s* the ribbons above the capering leaders and snorting bays —*Saturday Rev.*⟩

^{3}**fist** *var of* FEIST

fist cods *n pl but sing or pl in constr* [^{2}*fist* + *cods* (testes)] : a slaughterhouse worker who removes the hide from the rear legs of lambs and calves and curries calf carcasses

fist·ed \¦fistəd\ *adj* [^{1}*fist* + -*ed*] **1** : having fists **2** *of the hand* : clenched into a fist ⟨turned and beat ~ hands upon the mantelpiece —*Chatelaine*⟩

fistfight \'=,=\ *n* : a usu. spontaneous fight with bare fists ⟨anger provides that No. 1 difference between a ~ and a boxing bout —Jack Dempsey⟩

fist·ful \'fist,fu̇l\ *n* -s **1** : HANDFUL ⟨a ~ of silver⟩ **2** : a considerable number : COLLECTION ⟨a ~ of tired, outworn slogans —Bradford Smith⟩ ⟨last night a whole ~ of Chopin's greatest works were played —Virgil Thomson⟩

fist hatchet *also* **fist ax** *n* : HAND AX

fist·i·ana \,fistē'anə, -'ä-,-'å- *also* -'ā-\ *n* -s [^{1}*fist* + -*i-* + -*ana*] : the world of boxing ⟨one of ~'*s* most famous championship bouts⟩

fist·ic \'fistik, -tēk\ *adj* : relating to boxing or to fighting with the fists : PUGILISTIC ⟨she immediately became a ~ authority —Mickey Walker⟩

fist·i·cuff \'fistə,kəf, -tē,-\ *n* -s [alter. of earlier *fisty cuff*, fr. *fisty* + *cuff* (blow)] **1** : a blow with the fist or hand **2 fisticuffs** *pl but sing or pl in constr* : a fight with the fists : BOXING ⟨intervillage or camp disputes were settled by ~*s* —R.P.Schaedel⟩

fist·i·cuff·er \-fə(r)\ *n* -s : BOXER

fistle *var of* FISSLE

fist·mele \'fist,mēl\ *n* -s [^{1}*fist* + *mele*, obs. var. of *meal* (measure)] : the breadth of a fist with thumb stuck out used esp. in archery to give the correct height of a string from a braced bow : about 7 inches

fistmele

fistnote \'=,=\ *n* : a usu. important note (as in a book) preceded by a printing character in the shape of a fist with pointed index finger — symbol ☞

fis·tu·la \'fis(h)chələ\ *n*, *pl* **fistulas** \-ləz\ *or* **fistu·lae** -\,lē, -,lī\ [ME, fr. L] **1** *obs* : a reed instrument or pipe; *esp* : MUSETTE 1b **2** : a congenital or acquired passage leading from an abscess or hollow organ to the body surface or from one hollow organ to another and permitting passage of fluids (as pus) or secretions ⟨a salivary ~⟩ ⟨prepared a ~ to obtain pure gastric juice from the dog⟩ — compare SINUS a **3** : FISTULOUS WITHERS

fistula of the withers : FISTULOUS WITHERS

fis·tu·lar \-,lə(r)\ *adj* [LL *fistularis*, fr. L *fistula* + -*aris* -ar] : FISTULOUS

fis·tu·la·ri·idae \,fis(h)chələ'rīə,dē\ *n pl, cap* [NL, fr. *Fistularia*, type genus (fr. L *fistula* + NL -*aria*) + -*idae*] : a family (type genus *Fistularia*) of hemibranchiate fishes of warm seas that have the head prolonged into a tube with the mouth terminal, that are otherwise structurally similar to the sticklebacks, and that comprise the cornetfishes

^{1}**fis·tu·lar·i·oid** \¦==¦la(a)rē,ȯid\ *adj* [NL *Fistularia* + E -*oid*] : related to or resembling the family Fistulariidae

^{2}**fistularioid** \"\ *n* -s : a fistularioid fish

fis·tu·lat·ed \-,lād·əd\ *adj* [*fistula* + -*ate* + -*ed*] : having a fistula; *esp* : having an artificial fistula used for experiment (as on the digestive process)

fis·tu·li·na \,=='līnə, -'lēnə\ *n*, *cap* [NL, fr. L *fistula* + NL -*ina*] : a genus of basidiomycetous fungi (family Polyporaceae) related to *Boletus* but having each of the pores separate although crowded

fis·tu·li·za·tion \-,lə'zāshən, -,lī'z-\ *n* -s : the condition of being fistulized or having fistulas

fis·tu·lize \'==,līz\ *vb* -ED/-ING/-S *see -ize in Explan Notes*, *vt* : to produce (an artificial channel) by surgical means (as for relieving pressure in glaucoma) ~ *vi* : to develop a fistula ⟨a *fistulizing* bone lesion⟩

fis·tu·lose \'fis(h)chə,lōs\ *adj* [L *fistulosus*] : FISTULOUS

fis·tu·lous \-,ləs\ *adj* [ME, fr. L *fistulosus*, fr. *fistula* + -*osus* -ous] **1** : having the form or nature of a fistula : relating to or having a fistula ⟨a ~ ulcer⟩ — compare FISTULOUS WITHERS **2** : hollow like a pipe or reed

fistulous withers *n pl but usu sing in constr* : a deep-seated chronic inflammation of the withers of the horse usu. involving the cervical ligaments and the bursas of the vertebral spines and discharging seropurulent or bloody fluid through one or more openings which may be initiated by mechanical injury but of which the development depends on infection esp. with the bacterium (*Brucella abortus*) that causes bovine contagious abortion

fist wedge *n* : HAND AX

fisty \'fistē, -ti\ *adj* : FISTIC

^{1}**fit** \'fit, *usu* -id·+V\ *n* -s [ME, fr. OE *fitt;* akin to OS *fittea* Roberts⟩ **3** : a sudden often unaccountable burst or flurry (as of activity or emotion) : a brief period : SPELL, MOOD, IMPULSE ⟨a ~ of jealousy⟩ ⟨a ~ of idleness⟩ ⟨there is much praise or ridicule, as the ~ takes the onlookers —C.P.Conigrave⟩ ⟨something that grandpa threw together in a ~ of tinkering —*Car Life*⟩ ⟨he may have ~*s* of deep depression following ~*s* of anger —H.A.Overstreet⟩ ⟨went off into a quiet ~ of laughter —M.V.Reidy⟩ **4** : an outburst of anger, chagrin, or intense excitement ⟨she simply had a ~ when she learned what had happened⟩ — **by fits** *or* **by fits and starts** *adv* : at intervals : impulsively and irregularly : FITFULLY, INTERMITTENTLY ⟨slow wandering footsteps that halted and came on *by fits* —Pearl Buck⟩ ⟨Japanese expansion proceeded not according to any coldly calculated master plan but rather *by fits and starts* —O.D.Tolischus⟩

^{3}**fit** \"\ *adj* **fitter**; **fittest** [ME; akin to ME *fitten* to be suitable for] **1 a** : adapted to an end, object, or design : suitable by nature or by art : SUITED, QUALIFIED, APPROPRIATE ⟨found him a ~ officer and gentleman —*Time*⟩ ⟨soft water ~ for manufacturing is restricted to the central part of the district⟩; *specif* : so adapted to the environment as to be capable of surviving — often used in the phrase *the survival of the fittest* **b** : becoming from the viewpoint of propriety, convenience, or morality : SEEMLY, PROPER, MEET, PRUDENT, EXPEDIENT ⟨pictures . . . not ~ for young people to see —D.M.Davin⟩ ⟨it is not ~ for us to inquire into sacred things⟩ ⟨he gave credit where he thought ~ —Adrian Bell⟩ ⟨one can wish that the editors had seen ~ to include a few more illustrations —Stuart Preston⟩ **2 a** *obs* : made to fit : of the right dimensions : CLOSE-FITTING **b** : made or put in a suitable condition : READY, PREPARED ⟨corn . . . must be passed through a grain drier before it is ~ to store —F.D.Smith & Barbara Wilcox⟩ ⟨the work of getting the ship ~ for sea —Nevil Shute⟩ **c** : so affected as to be ready to do or suffer something : DISPOSED ⟨fair ~ to cry I was —Bryan MacMahon⟩ ⟨shivering and shaking ~ to die with cold —*Time*⟩ **3** : sound physically and mentally : qualified from the viewpoint of health : HEALTHY ⟨he keeps ~ by playing tennis and squash —*Current Biog.*⟩ ⟨you aren't ~ to get breakfast —Ellen Glasgow⟩ ⟨if you are young, ~, and keen you can be . . . an officer in the Royal Air Force —*Punch*⟩ ⟨the best prescription for a ~ old age is a bad illness in middle life —John Buchan⟩

syn SUITABLE, MEET, PROPER, APPROPRIATE, FITTING, APT, HAPPY, FELICITOUS: FIT suggests being adapted or adaptable to an end in view, situation, or occasion, sometimes an especial readiness for use ⟨a wooden image, movable and *fit* to be carried in procession —George Santayana⟩ ⟨the magnificent hall which seemed only a *fit* setting for her beauty —Nathaniel Hawthorne⟩ ⟨a ship *fit* for service⟩ SUITABLE applies to whatever answers demands or requirements smoothly, without difficulty, doubt, or objection ⟨the plain walls of the interior provide a *suitable* foil for the decorative color and woodwork —*Amer. Guide Series: Minn.*⟩ ⟨large tracts of land *suitable* for vineyards —Robert Hichens⟩ ⟨because of its proscribed theme, the play was not considered *suitable* movie material —*Current Biog.*⟩ ⟨after a *suitable* interval, not to seem importunate —Mary Austin⟩ MEET describes what is nicely adapted or rightly or justly applicable; it may be somewhat stronger and more complimentary than SUITABLE ⟨now that death has shut the door behind Kipling, leaving his completed work here with us, ready for the passionless estimate of posterity, it is *meet* for critics to weigh that work in their delicate scale —Katharine F. Gerould⟩ ⟨Sabbath was made a solemn day, *meet* only for preaching, praying, and Bible reading —C.A. & Mary Beard⟩ ⟨is it *meet* that an utter stranger should thus express himself? —W.S.Gilbert⟩ PROPER may suggest a fitness by nature or by right reason, good judgment, or social sanction ⟨water, the *proper* element for fish⟩ ⟨a few Yankees of the swindling kind who found their *proper* sphere in the peddling business —Van Wyck Brooks⟩ ⟨when a child has mastered a difficulty after persistent efforts, praise is a *proper* reward —Bertrand Russell⟩ ⟨the education *proper* to a hero —*Encyc. Americana*⟩ APPROPRIATE may suggest distinctive, peculiar, or distinguishing fitness ⟨the magician does not doubt that . . . the performance of the proper ceremony, accompanied by the *appropriate* spell, will inevitably be attended by the desired results —J.G. Frazer⟩ ⟨we have agreed that our writing should be *appropriate:* that it should fit the occasion —A.T.Quiller-Couch⟩ FITTING may suggest an especial harmony or congruousness ⟨the *fitting* expression for the deeds they do —G.W.Russell⟩ ⟨a *fitting* occasion to reassess the validity of the mechanical conception of the universe of which he was unwittingly the prime author —*Times Lit. Supp.*⟩ APT connotes a fitness marked by nicety and discrimination ⟨had shown that essential objectives could be gained by an *apt* combination of blackmail and negotiation —*Times Lit. Supp.*⟩ ⟨the *apt* and telling turns of expression, the phrases of homely vigor or happy pregnancy which have become a part of our linguistic stock in trade —J.L.Lowes⟩ ⟨what time so *apt* for inculcating obedience and other Christian virtues as this solemn hour —H.O.Taylor⟩ HAPPY applies to whatever is quite successfully, effectively, or pleasingly fit ⟨our ideal should be to make our battle a series of single combats, our ranks a *happy* alliance of agile commanders-in-chief —T.E. Lawrence⟩ ⟨of all writers he perhaps best combines in his style a felicitous elegance with a *happy* vernacular, the grace of philosophers and wits and the wit of the people —Carl Van Doren⟩ FELICITOUS suggests the opportunely or strikingly happy ⟨had a way of illuminating an array of factual data with *felicitous* theoretical insights —D.G.Mandelbaum⟩ ⟨some of the most *felicitous* turns of thought and phrase in poetry are the result of a flash of inspiration —J.L.Lowes⟩ — **fit to be tied** : angry or irritated to an extreme : ready to explode with wrath ⟨the hardheaded businessman looks *fit to be tied* —*New Republic*⟩ ⟨*fit to be tied* when she came home late⟩ — **fit to kill** : to an extreme ⟨dressed up *fit to kill*⟩ : at a great rate ⟨they were so happy that they blubbered *fit to kill* —S.J.Perelman⟩

^{4}**fit** \"\ *adv* [ME, fr. *fit*, adj.] *archaic* : FITLY

^{5}**fit** \"\ *vb* **fitted** *or* **fit**; **fitted** *or* **fit**; **fitting**; **fits** [ME *fitten*, fr. or akin to MD *vitten* to be suitable; akin to ON *fitja* to knit, OHG *fizzōn* to surround, *fizza* skein, yarn — more at ^{1}FIT] *vt* **1 a** (1) : to be suitable for or to : answer the requirements of : harmonize with : BEFIT, SUIT ⟨for all that it is a good constitution — a constitution that ~*s* us —Elmer Davis⟩ ⟨these fashions ~ the life of the sport car, the penthouse, modern furniture —*Women's Wear Daily*⟩ ⟨find . . . a gun that *fitted* you perfectly —Bob Nichols⟩ ⟨in appearance he *fitted* his job to perfection —S.H.Adams⟩ ⟨no program of work will ~ every community —Beatrice S. Rossell⟩ ⟨the name *fit* him to perfection —*Deerfield (Wis.) Republican*⟩ (2) *archaic* : to be seemly or proper for : become from the viewpoint of propriety, convenience, or morality — often used with impersonal *it* as subject ⟨it ~*s* us then to be as provident as fear may teach us —Shak.⟩ **b** (1) : to be correctly adjusted to or shaped for : conform to the contours of ⟨the coat ~*s* him beautifully⟩ ⟨the key ~*s* the lock⟩ ⟨I had grown tall enough to ~ my coffin —Sacheverell Sitwell⟩ (2) : to insert, apply, or adjust until snugly or correctly in place : cause to conform to the outlines or contours of a receptacle ⟨students are taught to ~ braces of different types⟩ ⟨~ a stopper into a bottle⟩ (3) : to make a place or room for (as by adjusting, maneuvering) : ACCOMMODATE ⟨he was *fitting* many concert appearances into a crowded schedule —*Current Biog.*⟩ ⟨always came in as though he . . . was *fitting* you in at great inconvenience —Fred Majdalany⟩ ⟨~ three or four men into a single turret —Tom Wintringham⟩ ⟨most of his library had been *fitted* in here —Lucien Price⟩ **c** : to be in agreement with or accord with ⟨this theory ~*s* all the known facts⟩ ⟨does not quite ~ the assumption that the sole cause of the business slowdown is an attempt to cut inventories —George Shea⟩ **2 a** : to make fit or suitable : adapt to the purpose intended : put into a condition of readiness : PREPARE, QUALIFY ⟨a comfortable stall was *fitted* for the horse —*Irish Digest*⟩ ⟨each ant is *fitted* to his place in the community by a combination of structural specialization and instincts —Ralph Linton⟩ ⟨vigorous training ~*s* men for the ordeals of battle⟩ ⟨his temperament *fitted* him to understand an age of courageous exploits —Van Wyck Brooks⟩ **b** : to prepare for college ⟨he was *fitted* for college by his own father⟩ **c** : to till (land) in preparation for planting ⟨came up with the team and drag from the field . . . where he had been *fitting* the bean ground —Gordon Webber⟩ **d** (1) : to bring to a required form and size : shape rightly : adapt to a model : ADJUST ⟨*fitted* the garment to the client's specifications⟩ (2) : to cause to conform to or suit something else ⟨you must ~ the words to the music⟩ ⟨tried to ~ his spending to his income⟩ ⟨~ your conduct to your circumstances⟩ (3) : to determine the required specifications of something for : MEASURE ⟨came to the house and *fitted* you for handmade French lingerie —Margaret A. Barnes⟩ ⟨*fitted* me for glasses⟩ : determine the fit of a garment on ⟨*fitted* her with the dress and found that it needed alterations⟩ (4) : to supply with something that is shaped, adjusted, or designed for the use required : PROVIDE, EQUIP ⟨*fitted* the ship with new engines⟩ ⟨its many and diversified laboratories are *fitted* with the latest in equipment —*Investor's Reader*⟩ (5) : to finish (animals) for the show ring; *also* : to dress and prepare (animals) for showing (6) : to subject (newly formed soap) before settling to a process of boiling with steam or water and additional alkali as needed until the desired texture is attained (7) : to adjust (a smooth curve of specified type) to a given set of points in such a way as to minimize the sum of the squares of the distances measured parallel to the axis of ordinates from the given points to the curve (8) : to design (a character in a font) so that the apparent distance to any close-set adjacent character will be as nearly uniform as the shape of the individual characters allows (9) *of a hand or suit in bridge* : to contain cards that increase the trick-winning capacity of (a partner's hand) ~ *vi* **1** *archaic* : to be seemly, proper, or suitable **2 a** : to become adjusted to a particular shape or size : conform in contour when applied or assumed ⟨his coat ~*s* beautifully⟩ **b** : to be in harmony or accord : make the proper adjustment : meet the needs : become suited : COINCIDE, AGREE, CONFORM, BELONG, ADJUST ⟨a conservative in a semiliberal setting . . . doesn't seem to ~ —*Kiplinger Washington Letter*⟩ ⟨I'm glad that your new secretary seems likely to ~ —H.J.Laski⟩ ⟨none of the familiar labels . . . seems to ~ quite so well —J.W.Krutch⟩ — often used with *in, into,* or *with* ⟨where does the wife ~ into all this —W.H.Whyte⟩ ⟨his somber pessimism *fitted* in with her own mood⟩ ⟨many of them have been able to ~ into the white man's life without giving up the ancient ways —H.A.Overstreet⟩ ⟨we should have to determine where you would ~ in —C.B.Kelland⟩ ⟨employers were likely to select . . . those . . . who would ~ easily and docilely with the rest of the workers —Oscar Handlin⟩ **c** *of the hands of two partners* : to constitute a fit (sense 4) **3** : to prepare for college esp. by attending a college-preparatory school **syn** see PREPARE

^{6}**fit** \"\ *n* -s **1 a** : the quality or state of being fitted or adapted : the manner in which or the degree to which something fits or conforms to some standard : AGREEMENT, ACCORD, ADJUSTMENT ⟨yearning for the good old days and the job and the comfortable ~ of old ways —Dixon Wecter⟩ ⟨a qualitative verbal assessment of the degree of ~ between the interpretations —*Amer. Anthropologist*⟩ ⟨I believe the average American's notions about the average Briton are at least as bad a ~ —Richard Joseph⟩ **b** : the manner in which clothing fits a wearer ⟨advising me about the ~ of my corsets —Mary Austin⟩ ⟨the ~ of the dress is snug⟩ ⟨American man-produced fashions are the envy of all Europe because of their crisp styling and ~ —*Wall Street Jour.*⟩ **c** : the degree of closeness with which surfaces are brought together in an assembly of parts (as a shaft in a hole or a nut on a screw) **d** : the conformity of a set of statistical observations to a corresponding set of values or of a curve that represents observations to a corresponding curve that serves as a standard **2** : a piece of clothing that fits ⟨the gown was an excellent ~⟩ **3** : the texture attained in fitting soap — called also *finish* ⟨a close (soft) ~ is used on large kettles —G.W.Busby⟩ **4** : such distribution of cards in the two hands of a bridge partnership that each can help the other to win tricks in every or nearly every suit

^{7}**fit** \"\ *Scot var of* FOOT

^{8}**fit** \"\ *dial past of* FIGHT

FIT *abbr* **1** free in truck **2** free of income tax

^{1}**fitch** \'fich\ *n* -ES [ME *ficche, fecche, vecche* — more at VETCH] **1** *dial* : VETCH **2 fitches** *pl* : SPELT ⟨lentiles, and millet, and ~*es* —Ezek 4:9 (AV)⟩ **3 fitches** *pl* : a forage herb (as tares) ⟨the ~*es* are beaten out with a staff —Isa 28:27 (AV)⟩

^{2}**fitch** \"\ *or* **fitch·ew** \'fi(,)chü\ *n, pl* **fitches** *or* **fitchews** [ME *fiche, ficheux, fitchewes,* fr. MF or MD; MF *fichau,* fr. MD *vitsau, fitsau, visse*] **1 a** : POLECAT 1a **b** : the fur or pelt of the fitch **2** *also* **fitch brush** : a small brush made of the hair of a fitch, skunk, or hog

^{3}**fitch** \"\ *vi* -ED/-ING/-ES [ME *fichen,* prob. alter. of *fiken* — more at FIKE] *dial Brit* : FIDGET

^{4}**fitch** \"\ *also* **fetch** \'fech\ *n* -ES [origin unknown] : a plait in which two canes or osiers are intertwined so as to bind the stakes and by-stakes in successive or alternate loops — see BASKET illustration

fitched \'ficht\ *adj* [MF *fiché* + E *-ed*] : FITCHÉE

fitch·ée *or* **fitchy** *also* **fitché** \'fichē, (')fi¦chā\ *adj* [MF *fiché,* past part. of *ficher* to drive in, pin, fasten — more at FICHU] *of a cross* : having the lower extremity pointed instead of ending in the form characteristic of the kind of cross in question ⟨a cross botonée ~⟩ ⟨a crosslet ~⟩ — **fitchée at the foot** : having a point descending from the lower extremity, the shape of which is not modified — used of a cross the outer aspects of whose arms are flat ⟨a cross formée ~⟩

fitch·et \'fichət\ *or* **fitchet weasel** *n* -S [^{2}*fitch* + *-et*] : POLECAT 1a

fitching *n* -S [^{4}*fitch* + *-ing*] **1** : ^{4}FITCH **2** : the act of plaiting a fitch

fite \'fīt\ *Scot var of* WHITE

fit·ful \'fitfəl\ *adj* [^{2}*fit* + *-ful*] **1** *obs* : characterized by fits or paroxysms ⟨life's ~ fever —Shak.⟩ **2** : having a spasmodic, irregular, or intermittent character : changeable or uncertain in mood : occurring in fits or spurts : coming and going : VARIABLE, CAPRICIOUS, UNSTABLE, IMPULSIVE ⟨his education must have been ~, to say the most of it —Osbert Sitwell⟩ ⟨there was a ~ cannonade far away in the southwest —H.G. Wells⟩ ⟨one of the most constant complaints is of insomnia or . . . ~ sleep —H.G.Armstrong⟩ ⟨hitherto I've been gloomy, moody, ~ —W.S.Gilbert⟩ — **fit·ful·ly** \-fəlē, -li\ *adv* — **fit·ful·ness** *n* -ES

fit·i·fied \'fid·ə,fīd\ *adj* [^{2}*fit* + *-ify* + *-ed*] **1** *Midland* : tending to have or be afflicted with fits; *specif* : EPILEPTIC **2** *Midland* : erratic and eccentric in behavior : TEMPERAMENTAL

fit·ly *adv* [^{3}*fit* adj + *-ly*] : in a fit manner or at a fit time ⟨this last book ~ presents

. . . of the candidate's ~ in education and morals —G.G. Coulton⟩ ⟨officials . . . should be chosen for their ~ to understand intellectual questions —Zechariah Chafee⟩ **3** : essential rightness or reasonableness : PROPRIETY, CORRECTNESS, APPROPRIATENESS ⟨one observes a nice historical ~ in the fact —H.O.Taylor⟩ ⟨no one with a sense of ~ ever docked the tail of a Shetland pony —Ben Riker⟩ — often used in the phrase *fitness of things* ⟨the sheep . . . lay quiet enough, having an inborn sense of the ~ of things —John Galsworthy⟩ ⟨it does appear to be . . . inherent in the eternal ~ of things —T.L.Peacock⟩

fit out *vt* : to supply with necessaries or means : FURNISH, EQUIP, OUTFIT, PREPARE ⟨friends *fitted* him *out* with a new suit and new shoes⟩ ⟨*fit out* a privateer⟩ ~ *vi* : OUTFIT ⟨the ship, a former merchantman, was *fitting out* as a privateer⟩

fit plant *n* [^{2}*fit*] : INDIAN PIPE

fitroot \'=,=\ *also* **fits·root** \'fits,=\ *n* [^{2}*fit* + *root*] : INDIAN PIPE

fits *pl of* FIT, *pres 3d sing of* FIT

fitted *adj* [fr. past part. of ^{5}*fit*] **1 a** : shaped to conform to the lines of something else ⟨~ sheets⟩ ⟨~ closets⟩; *specif* : shaped to conform to the lines of the body ⟨a ~ coat⟩ ⟨a ~ sleeve⟩ **b** : equipped with accessories ⟨a genuine leather ~ case⟩ **2** : ADAPTED, QUALIFIED ⟨for the accomplishments of the task . . . his energy and enthusiasm . . . make him peculiarly ~ —Arthur Fisher⟩

fit·ted·ness *n* -ES : FITNESS ⟨worried about his own ~ to carry on the work⟩

fit·ten \'fitᵊn\ *adj* [alter. of ^{1}*fitting*] *dial* : qualified or suited for : FIT ⟨a ~ place to live⟩

^{1}**fitter** *comparative of* FIT

^{2}**fit·ter** \'fid·ə(r), -itə-\ *n* -s : one that fits or makes to fit: as **a** : a person who tries on, adjusts, or alters articles of clothing for a customer **b** : a worker who uses hand and machine tools to fit parts together and to assemble machinery and other equipment **c** : SHIPFITTER **d** : an upfitter of furniture or caskets **e** : one that sharpens and repairs saws **f** : one that selects trees to be felled for tanbark and after they have been felled cuts rings through the bark to prepare them for the peelers **g** : one that makes plaster casts of stumps, prepares them for use in making artificial limbs, and fits the assembled limbs to the wearers **h** : a finish carpenter who installs prefabricated window frames and sash

fit·ters \'fitə(r)z\ *n pl* [ME *fiteres;* akin to OHG *vetze* rag, ON *fat* vessel, dress — more at VAT] *now dial Eng* : RAGS, TATTERS, FRAGMENTS

fittest *superlative of* FIT

fittig reaction *or* **fittig synthesis** *n, usu cap F* [after Rudolf *Fittig* †1910 Ger. chemist] : the Wurtz-Fittig reaction applied to the synthesis of aromatic hydrocarbons

^{1}**fitting** *adj* [ME, fr. pres. part. of *fitten* to fit — more at FIT] : APPROPRIATE, SUITABLE, PROPER ⟨the ~ expression for the deeds they do —G.W.Russell⟩ ⟨a ~ rebuke for his rudeness⟩ **syn** see FIT

^{2}**fitting** *n* -s [fr. gerund of ^{5}*fit*] **1 a** : something used in fitting up : ACCESSORY, ADJUNCT, ATTACHMENT ⟨living quarters with splendid ~*s* — marble pavements, ivory doors, crystal chandeliers —Christopher Rand⟩ ⟨an unusual ~ in these days is a hand throttle, fitted to the instrument panel —*Country Life*⟩ ⟨the ~*s* of the violin have been considerably altered since the greatest period of violin making —Robert Donington⟩ **b** : a small often standardized part (as a coupling, valve, gauge) entering into the construction of a boiler, steam, water, or gas supply installation or other apparatus — usu. used in pl.; see GAS FITTING, PIPE FITTING **2** : a trying-on of tailor-made clothes (as a suit or dress) in the process of completion **3** *Brit* : SIZE ⟨nylons are also being made in three ~*s* — for the slim, stocky, and oversize leg —*Irish Digest*⟩ ⟨~*s* for every foot —*Melbourne (Australia) Weekly Times*⟩

fit·ting·ly *adv* : in a fitting manner

fit·ting·ness *n* -ES : the quality or state of being fit

fit·tit \'fitət\ *Scot var of* FOOTED

fit·to·nia \fə'tōnēə\ *n, cap* [NL, fr. Elizabeth and Sarah Margaret *Fitton,* 19th cent. Irish writers on botany + NL *-ia*] : a small genus of Peruvian trailing herbs (family Acanthaceae) that are cultivated as foliage plants and that have leaves with showy red or white venation and inconspicuous flowers in bracted terminal spikes

fit·ty \'fitī\ *adj* [^{3}*fit* + *-y*] **1** *dial chiefly Eng* : suitable and becoming : APPROPRIATE **2** *dial chiefly Eng* **a** : being in good order : TRIM **b** : HANDSOME, STRIKING

fit up *vt* : to furnish with things suitable : make proper for use : EQUIP ⟨he *fitted up* one courtyard of the homestead and taught science to all . . . whom he could interest —Nora Waln⟩

^{1}**fit-up** \'=,=\ *n* -s [*fit up*] **1** *Brit* **a** : a place (as an inn or hall) fitted up as a temporary theater or stage ⟨meager productions in village *fit-ups* —*Country Life*⟩; *also* : the makeshift or improvised scenery and properties used or carried by a traveling theatrical company **b** *or* **fit-up company** : a traveling theatrical group that carries its own scenery and properties ⟨I started my stage training . . . in a *fit-up company* —*Listener*⟩ **2** : ^{6}FIT 1c

^{2}**fit-up** \"\ *adj* : of or relating to a fit-up ⟨having played much in inns and similar *fit-up* places —Arnold Bennett⟩

fit-up man *n* [*fit up*] : one who does the initial fitting together of parts of tanks, boilers, and other vessels in preparation for final assembly by the boilermaker

fitweed \'=,=\ *n* [^{2}*fit* + *weed*] : a tropical American herbaceous feverweed (*Eryngium foetidum*) with fetid prickly leaves

fitz·ger·ald contraction \(')fits¦jerəld-\ *n, usu cap F&G* [after George F. *FitzGerald* †1901 Irish physicist] : a longitudinal contraction that according to relativity theory every moving body is believed to undergo in the dimension parallel to the direction of motion

fitz·hugh \'fits,(h)yü *sometimes* ='=\ *n* -s *usu cap* [perh. alter. of *Foochow* (Minhow), city in southeastern China] : a pattern (as of pomegranates or butterflies) appearing on Chinese export porcelain of the 18th and earlier 19th centuries

fitz·roya \fits'rȯi(y)ə '=,==\ *n, cap* [NL, after Robert *Fitzroy* †1865 Eng. naval commander & meteorologist] : a genus of commercially important evergreen timber trees (family Pinaceae) of Chile and Tasmania with irregular branching, ternate decurrent scalelike leaves, and small globose cones

^{1}**five** \'fīv\ *adj* [ME, adj. & pron., fr. OE *fīf;* akin to OHG *funf, finf* five, ON *fimm,* Goth *fimf,* L *quinque,* Gk *pente,* Skt *pañca*] : being one more than four in number ⟨~ years⟩ — see NUMBER table

^{2}**five** \"\ *pron, pl in constr* [ME] : five countable persons or things not specified but under consideration and being enumerated ⟨~ are here⟩ ⟨~ were found⟩

^{3}**five** \"\ *n* -s [ME, fr. *five,* pron. & adj.] **1** : one more than four **2 a** : five units or objects ⟨a total of ~⟩ **b** : a group or set of five ⟨arranged by ~*s*⟩ **3 a** : the numerable quantity symbolized by the arabic numeral 5 **b** : the figure 5 **c** : the letter V **4** : five o'clock — compare BELL table, TIME illustration **5 a** : a playing card marked to show that it is fifth in a suit **b** : a domino with five spots on one of its halves **c** : a die with five spots on the uppermost side **d** : an article of clothing of the fifth size ⟨wears a ~⟩ **6 a** : a five-pound note **b** : a five-dollar bill **7** : a playing team of five members; *esp* : a basketball team **8** : FIFTEEN 6

five-and-dime \¦==¦=\ *n* : FIVE-AND-TEN

five-and-ten \¦==¦=\ *n* **1** : a store selling articles priced at 5 or 10 cents **2** : a variety store selling inexpensive articles of merchandise

five-em space *n* [contr. of *five-to-em space*] : a space in printing that is ⅕ of an em in thickness

five-figure \'=¦==\ *adj* : containing five numerical figures : rated at an annual salary of $10,000 or more

five-finger \'=,==\ *n* **1 a** : CINQUEFOIL 1 **b** : OXLIP 2 **c** : BIRD'S-FOOT TREFOIL 1 **d** : VIRGINIA CREEPER **2** : a 5-rayed starfish

five-fingered creeper \'=,==-\ *or* **five-fingered ivy** *n* : VIRGINIA CREEPER

five-fingered jack *n, usu cap J* : a common cinquefoil (*Potentilla canadensis*) of eastern No. America

five-fingered root *n* : the root of a water dropwort (*Oenanthe crocata*)

five-fingers \'=,==\ *n pl but sing in constr* **1** : FIVE-FINGER 1 **2** : GINSENG 2

five-flowered gentian \'=,=-\ *n* : an annual gentian (*Gentiana quinquefolia*) of eastern No. America

^{1}**five·fold** \'fīv¦fōld\ *adj* [ME *fiffold,* fr. OE *fīffeald,* fr. *fīf* five + *-feald* -fold] **1** : having five parts or aspects **2** : being five times as large, as great, or as many as some understood size, degree, or amount ⟨a ~ increase⟩

^{2}**fivefold** \"\ *adv* : to five times as much or as many : by five times ⟨increased ~⟩

five hundred *n* **1 a** : the numerable quantity symbolized by the arabic numerals 500 — see NUMBER table **b** : the letter D **2 a** : a card game developed from euchre and played with a pack of cards varying from 24 to 62 cards and often including a joker in which 2 to 6 players bid for the right to name the trump suit or no trump and the first to score 500 points wins **b** : any of various games in which the objective is 500 points

five hundred rum *or* **five hundred rummy** *n* : a variety of rummy for from 2 to 4 players in which the object is to lay down 500 or more points in melds — called also *pinochle rummy*

five-leaf \'=,=\ *n* [ME *fivelef, fiflef,* fr. OE *fīflēaf,* fr. *fīf* + *lēaf* leaf — more at FIVE, LEAF] : CINQUEFOIL

five-leaved chaste tree \'=,=-\ *n* : an Asiatic shrub or small tree (*Vitex negundo*) with showy lilac panicled flowers

five-leaved ivy *n* : VIRGINIA CREEPER

five-leaved pine *n* **1** : SWISS PINE **2** : any of several pines with five needles; *esp* : WHITE PINE 1a

five-lined lizard \'=,=-\ *n* : BLUE-TAILED SKINK

five·ling \'fīvliŋ\ *n* -s : a twin crystal consisting of five individuals

five·pence *Brit* 'fīvpən(t)s *or* 'fī(f)pə- *or* 'fipə-, *US* " *or* -īv-,pen-\ *n, pl* **fivepence** *or* **fivepences** **1** : the sum of five usu. British pennies **2 a** : five U.S. cents **b** : a five-cent piece

five·pen·ny morris \-nē-,-ni-, *or* 'fipnē- *or* 'fipni-\ *n* : morris played with five counters

five-per·cent·er \,fīvpə(r)'sentə(r)\ *n* -s : one that for a fee of five percent helps businessmen obtain government contracts or do other business with the government

fivepins \'=,=\ *n pl* : FIVE BACK

fiv·er \'fīvə(r)\ *n* -s **1** *slang* : a five-dollar bill **2** *slang* : a five-pound note

fives \'fīvz\ *n pl but sing in constr* [fr. pl. of ^{3}*five*] : a game similar to handball for two or four players — see ETON GAME, RUGBY GAME

fivescore \'=¦=\ *adj* : being 100 in number

five-shooter \'=¦==\ *n* : a revolver with a five-round capacity

five-sisters \'=¦==\ *n pl but sing in constr* : WHORLED LOOSESTRIFE

five·some \'fīvsəm\ *n* -s [^{2}*five* + *-some*] **1** : a group of five persons playing together **2** : any group of five persons or things

five-spot \'=,=\ *n* **1** : a California annual herb (*Nemophila maculata*) with showy flowers having a conspicuous purple blotch at the end of each corolla lobe **2** : an oil well made to produce copiously by pumping water under pressure into four other holes surrounding it **3 a** : ^{3}FIVE 5a **b** *slang* : a five-dollar bill

five-star \'=¦=\ *adj* **1** : being of five-star rank ⟨was made a *five-star* general⟩ **2** [so called fr. the use of multiple asterisks in the literary or dramatic reviews of some publications to symbolize degrees of merit] : being of the first class or quality ⟨there are not enough *five-star* works of art to go around —J.T.Soby⟩ ⟨a *five-star* book for those interested in the creation of our republic —J.R.Chamberlain⟩

five-star rank *n* [so called fr. the insignia on the uniform] : the rank of general of the army, general of the air force, or fleet admiral

fivestones \'=,=\ *n pl but sing in constr, Brit* : jacks played with five stones

five-ten limits \'=¦=-\ *n pl* : limitations fixing the maximum liability of an insurer at $5000 for the bodily injury or death of any one person and subject to the same limit per person at $10,000 for any one accident irrespective of how many persons are killed or injured

five-toed jerboa \'=,=-\ *n* : any of several large active long-eared jerboas (genus *Allactaga*) of eastern Europe and Asia (as *A. sibirica*)

five-year cure \'=,=-\ *n* : survival without clinically evident recurrence for five years after treatment for certain diseases (as cancer)

five-year plan \'=¦=-\ *n, often cap F&Y&P* [trans. of Russ *pyatiletka*] **1** : one of a continuing series of Soviet governmental programs designed to achieve usu. specified goals in the planned, coordinated, and cumulative development of the Soviet economy and other sectors of Soviet life (as education and science) over a period of five years **2** : a national governmental program of planned, coordinated, and cumulative economic and social development over a period of five years

FIW *abbr* free in wagon

^{1}**fix** \'fiks\ *vb* -ED/-ING/-ES [ME *fixen,* fr. L *fixus,* past part. of *figere* to fasten, pierce — more at DIKE] *vt* **1 a** (1) : to make (a material object) firm, stable, or stationary : make fast ⟨~ a post in the ground⟩ ⟨the internal passport system introduced . . . to ~ the population —Bernard Pares⟩ (2) : to implant firmly (as an idea or institution) : make permanent ⟨intent on ~*ing* a way of life outmoded in the home country —D.M. Friedenberg⟩ ⟨harsh words, threats . . . only ~ the habit deeper —H.R.Litchfield & L.H.Dembo⟩ (3) : to give a final or permanent form to : make definite and settled : CRYSTALLIZE ⟨~*ed* the cultural pattern that dominates the contemporary scene —*Amer. Guide Series: Minn.*⟩ ⟨Greene and his fellows evolved the style of what was to become Shakespearean drama, and . . . Marlowe ~*ed* it —W.B.Adams⟩ (4) : to give definite, visible, or fixed form to (something that is intangible, fleeting, or elusive) : CAPTURE, EVOKE ⟨that other aspect of truth which the scientist tries to catch and ~ —J.L.Lowes⟩ ⟨~*ed* their fears . . . in ebony images —F.J.Mather⟩ ⟨a voyage of speculation that aimed rather to survey the world than to ~ a convincing vision —Edmund Wilson⟩ ⟨~ in words, before time blurs them, the clear lineaments of genius —*Dock Leaves*⟩ **b** (1) : to make nonvolatile or solid : cause to form a nonvolatile or solid compound ⟨~ ammonia⟩; *also* : COMBINE ⟨~ nitrogen to form ammonia⟩ ⟨leaves of many plants take up carbon dioxide and ~ it in organic acids⟩ (2) : to make (a fertilizer element or a trace element) insoluble by combination with soil minerals [illegible] available to plants (3) : to make (a perfume) more lasting by adding a substance that reduces [illegible] (4) : to treat so as to make some condition permanent [illegible] (5) : to make the oil in the vapor state [illegible] with a [illegible] image of (a photographic negative or positive) more permanent by changing the unused silver salts to a soluble form that can