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# Ophiureae

**Ō-phi-ū-rē-ae**, *n. pl.* a division of the *Ophiuroidea*, including those species which have **un** branched arms, as contrasted with the *Euryaleae*, which have branching arms.

**Ō-phi-ū-ri-d**, *n.* an ophiuran.

**Ō-phi-ū-ri-dae**, *n. pl.* a division of the *Ophiuroidea*.

**Ō-phi-ū-roid**, *a.* of or relating to the *Ophiuroidea*.

**Ō-phi-ū-roid**, *n.* one of the *Ophiuroidea*; an ophiuran.

**Ō-phi-ū-roi-dē-ā**, *n. pl.* [Gr. *ophis*, a serpent, *oura*, a tail, and *eidōs*, form.] a class of echinoderms.

**oph-ry-on**, *n.* [L.L., from Gr. *ophrys*, eyebrow.] in anatomy, the middle point of the transverse supraorbital line.

**oph-ry-ō-sis**, *n.* spasm of the eyebrow.

**oph-thal-mal-gi-ā**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, the eye, and *algos*, pain.] in pathology, pain in the eye.

**oph-thal-mi-ā**, *n.* [Gr., from *ophthalmos*, the eye, from a root *op*, signifying to see, akin to *L. oc in oculus*.] severe inflammation of the eyeball or of the conjunctiva.

*varicose ophthalmia*; a variety of ophthalmia with varicosity of the veins of the conjunctiva.

**oph-thal-mi-at-ri-cs**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, the eye, and *iatrica*, treatment.] the treatment of eye diseases.

**oph-thal-mi-c**, *a.* 1. of or relating to the eyes. 2. pertaining to or suffering from ophthalmia.

**oph-thal-mi-te**, *n.* in the *Crustacea*, the jointed segment which supports the compound eye, projecting from the surface of the head; an eyestalk.

**oph-thal-mit-i-c**, *a.* pertaining to an ophthalmite.

**oph-thal-mi-tis**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, the eye, and *-itis*.] inflammation of the eye; ophthalmia.

**oph-thal-mō-**, [from Gr. *ophthalmos*, the eye.] a combining form meaning the eye or eyes, as in *ophthalmoscope*; also, before a vowel, *ophthalm-*.

**oph-thal-mō-ble-n-nor-rhē-ā**, **oph-thal-mō-ble-n-nor-rhōe-ā**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, and Gr. *blenna*, mucus, and *rhoia*, flow.] gonorrhoeal or purulent ophthalmia.

**oph-thal-mō-cē-le**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, and Gr. *kēlē*, tumor.] exophthalmia.

**oph-thal-mō-cō-pi-ā**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, and Gr. *kopos*, weariness.] asthenopia, or eyestrain; fatigue of the eyes.

**oph-thal-mō-de-s-mi-tis**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, and Gr. *desmos*, ligament, and *-itis*.] inflammation of the ocular tendons.

**oph-thal-mō-di-ā-stim-ē-tēr**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, and Gr. *diastēma*, interval, and *metron*, measure.] an instrument for determining the proper distance at which to place lenses for the eyes.

**oph-thal-mō-dy-nā-mom-ē-tēr**, *n.* an instrument for determining the near point of convergence.

**oph-thal-mō-dyn-i-ā**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, and Gr. *odynē*, pain.] pain in the eye.

**oph-thal-mog-rā-phy**, *n.* a description of the eyes.

**oph-thal-mō-log-i-c**, *a.* ophthalmological.

**oph-thal-mō-log-i-c-āl**, *a.* pertaining to ophthalmology.

**oph-thal-mol-ō-gist**, *n.* a specialist in ophthalmology.

**oph-thal-mol-ō-gy**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos* and *-logy*.] the branch of medicine dealing with the structure, functions, and diseases of the eye.

**oph-thal-mom-ē-tēr**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, and Gr. *metron*, measure.] an instrument for measuring the eye; especially, one for determining its refractive powers and defects by measuring the size of the images reflected from the cornea and lens.

**oph-thal-mom-ē-try**, *n.* determination of the refractive powers and defects of the eye.

**oph-thal-mō-phō-re**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, and Gr. *-phoros*, from *pherein*, to bear.] that section of the head of a gastropod in which the eye is located.

**oph-thal-mō-phō-ri-um**, *n.* same as *ophthalmophore*.

**oph-thal-moph-ō-rous**, *a.* pertaining to an ophthalmophore.

**oph-thal-moph-thi-sis**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, and Gr. *phthi-sis*, a wasting away.] shriveling of the eyeball.

**oph-thal-mō-plē-gi-ā**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, and Gr. *plēgē*, a stroke.] paralysis of the eye muscles.

**oph-thal-mō-scō-pe**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, and Gr. *skopein*, to view.] an instrument used to examine the interior of the eye: it consists of a perforated mirror arranged to reflect light from a small bulb into the eye.

**oph-thal-mō-scōp-i-c**, *a.* relating to the ophthalmoscope or to the use of it.

**oph-thal-mos-cō-py**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, and Gr. *skopein*, to view.] 1. a branch of physiognomy which deduces the knowledge of a person's temper and manner from the appearance of the eyes. [Rare.] 2. the examination of the interior of the eye with the ophthalmoscope.

**oph-thal-mō-stat**, *n.* [Gr. *ophthalmos*, and Gr. *statos*, from *histanai*, to make to stand.] an instrument for holding the eye steady during operation.

**oph-thal-my**, *n.* same as *ophthalmia*.

**-ō-pi-ā**, [Gr. *-opia*, from *ops*, *opos*, an eye.] a combining form meaning a (specified kind of) eye defect, as in *diplopia*; also *-opy*.

**ō-pi-an-i-c**, *a.* pertaining to or obtained from opium; as, *opianic acid*.

**ō-pi-ā-nine**, **ō-pi-ā-nin**, *n.* an alkaloid found in opium.

**ō-pi-ā-nyl**, *n.* same as *meconin*.

**ō-pi-ā-te**, *n.* [from *opium*.] 1. any medicine that contains opium or any of its derivatives, and acting as a sedative and narcotic. 2. that which induces rest or inaction; that which quiets uneasiness. They chose atheism as an *opiate*.—Bentley.

**ō-pi-ā-te**, *a.* 1. containing opium. 2. inducing sleep; soporiferous; somniferous; narcotic; causing rest or inaction.

**ō-pi-ā-te**, *v.t.*; *opiated*, *pl.* *pp.*; *opiating*, *ppr.* 1. to treat with an opiate. [Rare.] 2. to dull; to deaden. [Rare.]

**ō-pi-ā-ted**, *a.* mixed with opiates; under the influence of opiates.

**ō-pi-ē**, *n.* opium or a drug which contains opium. [Obs.]

**op-i-fice**, *n.* workmanship. [Obs.]

**ō-pif-i-cēr**, *n.* one who performs any work. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-ā-ble**, *a.* capable of being opined. [Obs.]

**op-i-nā-tion**, *n.* the act of thinking; opinion. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-ā-tive**, *a.* stubborn in opinion; opinionated. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-ā-tive-ly**, *adv.* in an opinative manner. [Obs.]

**op-i-nā-tōr**, *n.* one who holds an opinion. [Obs.]

**ō-pine**, *v.i.* and *v.t.*; *opined*, *pt.*, *pp.*; *opining*, *ppr.* [Fr. *opiner*; *L. opinari*, to think.] to think; to suppose; to hold or express (an opinion); now usually humorous.

**ō-pin-ēr**, *n.* one who thinks or holds an opinion. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-i-as-tēr**, *a.* [Fr. *opiniâtre*.] unduly attached to one's own opinion, or stubborn in adhering to it. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-i-as-trous**, *a.* same as *opiniaster*. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-i-ā-te**, *v.t.* to express one's opinion. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-i-ā-ted**, *a.* unduly attached to one's own opinions. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-i-ā-tive**, *a.* opinative. [Now Rare.]

**ō-pin-i-ā-tive-ly**, *adv.* in an opinative manner. [Now Rare.]

**ō-pin-i-ā-tive-ness**, *n.* undue stubbornness in opinion. [Now Rare.]

**ō-pin-i-ā-tōr**, **ō-pin-i-ā-tre** (-tēr), *n.* one unduly attached to his own opinion. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-i-ā-tre**, *a.* opiniaster; obstinate. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-i-ā-tre-ty**, *n.* opiniativeness. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-i-cus**, *n.* [probably from *L. opinari*, to think; hence, imaginative.] a fictitious beast of heraldic creation, represented as having the body of a lion, the head and wings of an eagle, and a short tail resembling that of the camel.

**ō-pin-ing**, *n.* opinion; notion.

**ō-pin-i-ōn** (-yun), *n.* [ME. *opin-ioun*; OFr.; *L. opinio*, from *opinari*, to think.] 1. a belief not based on absolute certainty

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or positive knowledge but on what seems true, valid, or probable to one's own mind; what one thinks; judgment.

2. an evaluation, impression, or estimation of the quality or worth of a person or thing.

3. the formal judgment of an expert on a matter in which his advice is sought.

4. in law, the formal statement by a judge, etc. of the law bearing on a case.

5. opinionativeness; conceitedness; obstinacy in a belief. [Obs.]

**Syn.**—notion, sentiment, conception, idea, estimation, belief.

**ō-pin-i-ōn**, *v.t.* to think. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-i-ōn-ā-ble**, *a.* admitting of opinion; capable of different views and beliefs; open to discussion; opposed to *dogmatic*.

**ō-pin-i-ōn-ā-te**, *a.* same as *opinionated*.

**ō-pin-i-ōn-ā-ted**, *a.* holding unreasonably or obstinately to one's own opinions. **Syn.**—stubborn, dogmatic.

**ō-pin-i-ōn-ā-te-ly**, *adv.* obstinately.

**ō-pin-i-ōn-ā-tist**, *n.* an opinionated person. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-i-ōn-ā-tive**, *a.* 1. opinionated. 2. of the nature of an opinion; consisting in opinion.

**ō-pin-i-ōn-ā-tive-ly**, *adv.* with undue fondness for one's own opinions; stubbornly.

**ō-pin-i-ōn-ā-tive-ness**, *n.* excessive attachment to one's own opinions; obstinacy in opinion.

**ō-pin-i-ōn-ā-tōr**, *n.* one who is opinionated. [Obs.]

**ō-pin-i-ōned**, *a.* attached to particular opinions; opinionated. [Rare.]

**ō-pin-i-ōn-ist**, *n.* one fond of his own notions; one unduly attached to his own opinions.

**ō-pi-oph-ā-gism**, *n.* [Gr. *opium*, and Gr. *phagein*, to eat.] the habitual use or eating of opium.

**ō-pi-oph-ā-gy**, *n.* opiophagism.

**ō-pip-ā-rous**, *a.* sumptuous. [Obs.]

**ō-pip-ā-rous-ly**, *adv.* sumptuously; abundantly. [Obs.]

**op-i-som-ē-tēr**, *n.* [Gr. *opisō*, backward, and *metron*, measure.] a device for measuring the length of a line that is curved or irregular, as the lines upon a map, by means of a thin wheel mounted upon a threaded axle and rolled along the line to be measured, and afterward rolled backwards along a straight, scaled line until it has returned to its original position.

**ō-pis-thi-on**, *n.* [Gr., hinder part.] the midpoint of the lower border of the foramen magnum.

**ō-pis-thō-**, **ō-pis-th-**, [Gr. *opisthen*, behind.] combining forms meaning *behind*.

**ō-pis-thō-bran-čh**, *n.* [Gr. *opistho-*, and Gr. *branchia*, gills.] a mollusk belonging to the *Opisthobranchiata*.

**Ō-pis-thō-bran-čh-i-ā-tā**, **Ō-pis-thō-bran-čh-i-ā**, *n. pl.* a large order of gastropods usually having the gills located behind the region of the heart.

**ō-pis-thō-bran-čh-i-ā-te**, *a.* pertaining to the *Opisthobranchiata*.

**ō-pis-thō-bran-čh-i-ā-te**, *n.* one of the *Opisthobranchiata*.

**ō-pis-thō-coe-li-ān**, **ō-pis-thō-coe-lous**, *a.* [Gr. *opistho-*, and Gr. *kōilos*, hollow.] in anatomy, concave behind; specifically, designating vertebrae that are hollow on the posterior side, or animals having such vertebrae, as in the saurians of the suborder *Opisthocalia*.

**ō-pis-thō-dō-me**, *n.* same as *opisthodomos*.

**ō-pis-thō-dō-mos**, *n.* [Gr. *opistho-*, and Gr. *domos*, house.] in architecture, the same as the Roman posticum, being the enclosed space in the rear of a Greek temple.

**ō-pis-thō-dont**, *a.* [Gr. *opistho-*, and Gr. *odontos*, tooth.] having back teeth only.

**Ō-pis-thō-glyph-i-ā**, *n. pl.* [Gr. *opistho-*, and Gr. *gluphein*, to carve.] a division of snakes that have grooves in some of the posterior maxillary teeth.

**ō-pis-thō-glyph-i-c**, *a.* 1. pertaining or belonging to the *Opisthoglyphia*. 2. having grooves in the back teeth.

**op-is-thog-nā-thous**, *a.* [Gr. *opistho-*, and Gr. *gnathos*, jaw.] having receding jaws; opposed to *prognathous*.

**ō-pis-thō-graph**, *n.* [Gr. *opistho-*, and Gr. *graphein*, to write.] something that has had writing inscribed upon both sides, as a monument, manuscript, slab, etc.

**op-is-thog-rā-phy**, *n.* [Gr. *opistho-*, and Gr. *graphein*, to write.] a writing on the opposite side of what has already been written on, as a leaf or sheet.

