

**GLOSSARY OF SCIENTIFIC AND OTHER TERMS, WITH THEIR
DEFINITION.**

Abdomen—The portion of the body containing the stomach and intestines; the belly.

Abnormal—That which is not natural or regular.

Abortion—The casting of the young in an unnatural manner, and before the proper time.

Abrade, Abrasion—To rub off, to wear away by contact, as rubbing off the surface of the skin, producing galls.

Abrupt—Quick, sudden; an abrupt turn or twist in the intestine may produce strangulation of the parts.

Abscess—A swelling and its cavity containing pus or matter. A cavity containing pus.

Abscission—The cutting away or removal of a part.

Absorb—Swallowing up, drinking in.

Absorbent—In anatomy, those vessels which imbibe or suck up, as the lacteals or lymphatics. In medicine, any substance, as chalk, magnesia, etc., used to absorb acidity in the stomach.

Absorption—The taking up by the vessels of the body of any substance either natural or unnatural, as the serum of dropsical swellings.

Accelerate—Growing quicker or faster, as an accelerated pulse.

Acid—Sour. The last fermentation before the putrid.

Acidulate—To make slightly sour, as with lemon, vinegar, or the mineral acids.

Accretion—Increase, or growing as an exostosis or unnatural growth of bone.

Aceni—Stony growths of the liver, resembling berries.

Acrid—Sharp, pungent, biting, irritating, as the strong acids.

Acute—Severe, sharp. In diseases, those which soon come to an end in contradistinction to chronic.

Adhesion—A joining together, as the union of parts in healing.

Adhesive—That which adheres, as certain plasters.