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- Waif,² goods lost and unclaimed : *weif*, or *west*. wafe
Wainscot,² lining for rooms. London. *winskut*. wāne-skut
Wales,² was united to England in 1290. wailz
Waltz,² a dance. From *Walzen*, to revolve. walts
Wan,³ pale, sickly. Accented as in *wanton*. won
Waped,³ crushed by misery. Now obsolete. wā-ped
Warminster,² a town in Wilts. (*warmister*) wār-mins-tur
Wart,² a flesh tumor : vulgar, *wurt* et *waut*. waurt
Wasp,² an insect : 140 species. (*wosp & whosp*) wasp
Weal,² mark of a stripe. Corruptly *whale*. wele
Weald,² a woody part, as the *wealds* of *Kent*. wealde
Wealth,² money, any possessions. (*wulth*) welth
Wealy,³ marked with or in streaks. (*whaly*) wē-lo
Weapon,² an instrument of offence. (*wepe-un*) wēp-pon
Weasel,² an animal : there are 45 species. wē-zul
Weechelm,² a species of elm. Also *witchelm*. wēetsh-elm
Weet,⁵ to know. Sometimes *weeten*. weot
Wex,⁵ to grow. Corrupt. by Spencer from *wax*. weks
Wheat,² a pulse. We have 330 varieties. whete
Wherefore,⁷ for which reason. Corr. *whuffur*. whēre-foro
W. A consonant on leading, vowel ending words. Was (waz), "If he was [were] ill."
Wafer. Which, stamp with a lamb, Catholics administer as bread and wine.
Wagon, a team; from the Saxon *wag-on* : hence *wagon* is improper.
Waistcoat [wes-kut]. Its contracted enunciation is now received as its orthoepey.
Waits. Night music. Because they anciently waited on potentates.
Waltz. Originated last century in one of the northern villages of Germany.
Wandering musicians pay 1s. 6d. a day for an organ phin, and 3s. 6d. with figures.
Wardmote. Its city advertisement costs 14l. Wept, properly weeped.
Wars. The late wars cost England a sum equal in amount to 11,400 tons of gold.
Wasp. Like the male bee, has no sting. Vespertilio, or bat, has 25 varieties.
Watch. To finish one for the pocket. requires the aid of 150 different hands.
Water carriers, 1710, pld at Aldgate pump. A water plug is known by small boards attached to houses or walls, with capitals and figures thereon, denoting from whence it comes, and the distance at which it may be found. In London less money is paid for wine than water; which, 1731, in the West Indies, sold for 1s. per pail. A pint weighs 16 oz. : cubic foot 1000 ounces.
Waco: when a verb, improperly spelt *waico*; which, correctly, is a woman, for contempt of court, deserted by the law. Wave of the sea, or its form, travels 40 miles an hour.
Wealth. The sum total of British wealth has been calculated at 3343 millions.
Week-days, were named from the Saxon gods Sun, Moon, Tuisco, Woden, Thor, Friga and Sater. Weeks of the ancient Greeks consisted of 10, & those of the Romans, 8 days.
Weight of the heaviest anchor is 96 cwt. Wench, in America, means a black girl.
Went. This industrious word comes from the verb *wend*, to go, now used only by poets.
Westminster abbey has internal allegorical symbols of the *adepts*; their science being much studied by many of its prelates, which, anciently, was considered so sacred, as fit only for the pure, the learned, and the wise.
Which. "Our Father *which* [who] art in heaven." Also mischosen in the liturgy, and sacred writ: is applied to animals and inanimate things, or in asking a question.
Wheat. We consume 18,000,000 quarters annually. In 1494 sold for 6d. per bushel.
Whig. Originated in Scotland about 1680, and was then applied to the Presbyterians.
Withdrawing [drawing] room, attended by ladies and gent. but *levee* by gentlemen only.
VULGARISMS.-Wash-us, warz, warnt, we-bit, for wash-house, was, was not, small piece.

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