

*Carbon*—Woody matter. Charcoal is impure carbon; the diamond is pure carbon. Carbonic acid is expelled from the lungs in the act of breathing. Carbonic oxyde in the blood or lungs is fatal to life.

*Caries*—Ulceration of the substance of the bones.

*Carminitives*—Warming, stimulant, aromatic medicines, used in colic and wind.

*Cartilage*—Gristle; the substance covering the ends of bones, moving and working upon each other.

*Castrate*—To geld, emasculate, deprive of the testicles.

*Catarrh*—A cold attended with running of the nose.

*Cathartic*—Purgative medicine, used for freely opening the bowels.

*Catheter*—An instrument used for drawing the water from the bladder and for other purposes.

*Caustic*—Any burning agent, as potash, nitrate of silver. To cauterize is to burn, generally applied to the use of the hot iron in diseases.

*Cavity*—A depression, as the cavity of a wound.

*Cellular tissue*—The membrane or tissue which invests every fiber of the body, composed of minute cells communicating with each other, and which serve as reservoirs of fat.

*Cephalic*—Pertaining to the head.

*Cerebral*—Pertaining to the brain.

*Cervical*—The neck; belonging to the neck.

*Characteristic*—A symptom of character. Characterize, to distinguish.

*Chemical*—Relating to chemistry.

*Chirurgical*—Belonging to surgical art.

*Cholagogue*—Medicines to increase the secretion of the bile.

*Chronic*—A lingering, long-standing disease, succeeding the acute stage. A seated, permanent disease.

*Chyle*—The milky liquid, as taken from the food during digestion, and prepared from the chyme, and ready to be absorbed by the lacteal vessels before being poured forth into the blood.

*Chyme*—The food modified and prepared by the action of the stomach.

*Cicatrice*—The scar left after the healing of a wound or ulcer.

*Circumscribed*—Limited.

*Cleft*—A mark; division; furrow.

*Clyster*—Liquid medicine injected into the lower intestine.

*Coagulate*—To clot, as the blood when drawn.

*Cohesion*—Connected; adhering together; sticking together.

*Coition*—The act of copulation; union of the sexes.

*Conception*—Fecundation by action of the male.

*Condition*—A healthy, serviceable state of the system. A firm state of the muscular tissue.