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**M**, the thirteenth letter of the alphabet: Tw. II, 5, 118. 121. 132. 136. 141. 151.

**Mab**, the queen of the fairies: Rom. I, 4, 53. 75. 88.

**Macbeth**, name in Mcb. passim. Rhyming to *health*: I, 1, 7. to *death*: I, 2, 65. III, 5, 4. to *breath*: IV, 1, 98.

**Maccabaeus**; *Judas M.*, the leader of the Jews against Antiochus of Syria; one of the Nine Worthies: LLL V, 1, 134. V, 2, 540. 602. 634.

**Maddonwald** (the later Ff *Macdonnell*) name in Mcb. I, 2, 9.

**Macduff** (cf. *Duff*), name in Mcb. II, 4, 20 etc.

**Mace**, a spice, the second covering of the nutmeg: Wint. IV, 3, 49.

**Mace**, a club of metal used as an ensign of authority: *he that sets up his rest to do more exploits with his m. than a morris-pike*, Err. IV, 3, 28. *the sword, the m., the crown imperial*, H5 IV, 1, 278 (= sceptre). *with these borne before us instead of —s*, HGB IV, 7, 144. *O murderous slumber, layest thou thy leaden m. upon my boy?* Caes. IV, 3, 268 (to arrest him like a bailiff; cf. *Arrest*).

**Macedon**, the kingdom of Alexander the Great: H5 IV, 7, 21. 22. 23. 26. 28. Per. II, 2, 24.

**Machiavel**, the famous Italian writer; proverbially for a crafty politician: *am I a M.?* Wiv. III, 1, 104. *Alençon, that notorious M.* H6A V, 4, 74. *set the murderous M. to school*, H6C III, 2, 193.

**Machination**, intrigue, plotting: —s, *hollowness, treachery*, Lr. I, 2, 122. *your business of the world hath so an end, and m. ceases*, V, 1, 46.

**Machine**, artificial structure; used of the body: *whilst this m. is to him*, Hml. II, 2, 124.

**Mackerel**, the fish Scomber scomber: *buy land as cheap as stinking m.* H4A II, 4, 395.

**Macmorris**, name in H5 III, 2, 72. 91. 100.

**Maculate**, stained, impure: *m. thoughts*, LLL I, 2, 97.

**Maculation**, stain, impurity: *there's no m. in thy heart*, Troil. IV, 4, 66.

**Mad**, adj. 1) disordered in the mind, insane: Sonn. 129, 8. 140, 12. Tp. I, 2, 209. III, 3, 58. Meas. V, 60. Err. II, 2, 11. 215. IV, 3, 82. IV, 4, 131. Shr. I, 2, 18. III, 2, 19. Tw. I, 5, 145. 211. II, 3, 93 etc. etc. Used of dogs infected with the rabies canina: Wiv. IV, 2, 131. Err. V, 70. Ant. IV, 15, 80. *m. as a buck*, Err. III, 1, 72 (proverbial phrase). *stark m.* Err. II, 1, 59. V, 281. Shr. I, 1, 69. Wint. III, 2, 184. very m. H5 I, 4, 28. to fall m. Tit. II, 3, 104. to grow

*m.* Sonn. 140, 9. to go m. Troil. IV, 2, 78. Lr. II, 4, 289. Oth. IV, 1, 101. to run m. Lucr. 997. Ado I, 1, 88. 93. Tw. II, 5, 212. Wint. III, 2, 184. H4A III, 1, 145. 212. H5 II, 2, 130. Troil. V, 1, 54. Tit. IV, 1, 21. Rom. II, 4, 5. IV, 3, 48. IV, 5, 76. Oth. III, 3, 317. to wax m. Tit. III, 1, 223.

2) beside one's self, having lost all self-command: *at his own shadow let the thief run m.* Lucr. 997. *some-time her grief is dumb ... sometime 'tis mad and too much talk affords*, 1106. *m. that sorrow should his use control*, 1781. *the fools are m., if left alone*, Gent. III, 1, 99. Lucr. 1108. Wiv. I, 4, 69. III, 5, 154. IV, 1, 4. Mids. III, 2, 441. Merch. IV, 1, 48. V, 176. H4A I, 3, 53. Oth. III, 3, 317. IV, 1, 101 etc.

3) extravagant in any way; gay and frolicsome to wildness and wantonness: *a m. host*, Wiv. III, 1, 115. *do you hear, my m. wenches?* LLL II, 257. *how now, m. spirit?* Mids. III, 2, 4. *fetching m. bounds*, Merch. V, 73. *be m. and merry*, Shr. III, 2, 228. *like a m. lad*, Tw. IV, 2, 139. *how now, m. wag?* H4A I, 2, 50. IV, 2, 55. *m. Shallow*, H4B III, 2, 16. *the m. days that I have spent*, 37 etc. = furious, passionate: *her eyes are m. that they have wept till now*, Ven. 1062. *subject to the tyranny of m. mischances*, 738 (the later *Qq sad*). *the finest m. devil of jealousy*, Wiv. V, 1, 19. *m. ire*, H6A IV, 3, 28. *m. and fantastic execution*, Troil. V, 5, 38. *these hot days is the m. blood stirring*, Rom. III, 1, 4. = inflamed with desire: *he was m. for her*, All's V, 3, 260. *I am m. in Cressid's love*, Troil. I, 1, 51. = foolish, absurd: *a m. fantastical trick*, Meas. III, 2, 98. *his m. attire*, Shr. III, 2, 126. *a m. marriage*, 184. 244. *her m. and headstrong humour*, IV, 1, 212. *as m. in folly*, All's V, 3, 3. *m. world, m. kings*, John II, 561. *he she loved proved m. and did forsake her*, Oth. IV, 3, 27 (cf. All's V, 3, 3).

**Mad**, vb. 1) tr. to make mad, to madden: Sonn. 119, 8. Err. IV, 4, 129. V, 84. All's V, 3, 213. Tw. I, 5, 141. R2 V, 5, 61. Tit. III, 1, 104. Lr. IV, 2, 43. Cymb. II, 2, 37. IV, 2, 313.

2) to be mad: *when he to —ing Dido would unfold his futher's acts*, H6B III, 2, 117.

**Madam**, title of honour given in speaking of or to ladies of rank: *what must I call her. Madam. Alce m., or Joan m.?* M., and nothing else; so lords call ladies, Shr. Ind. 2, 111; cf. Sly's blunders v. 145 and I, 1, 259. *ere long they should call me m.* H4B II, 1, 109. Lucr. 1277. Gent. I, 2, 3. 34. 77. 130. 138. IV, 2, 120. LLL II, 1, 1. 40 etc. etc. *m. my interpreter*, H5 V, 2, 282. *dear m.* Gent. I, 2, 17. *sweet m.* LLL V, 2, 339. *my dearest m.* All's I, 3, 213. *good m.* Tw.

III, 1, 173. *gracious m.* H6C III, 3, 59. *noble m.* H8 IV, 2, 44 etc. *M. Silvia*, Gent. II, 1, 6. 14. 152. II, 5, 12. IV, 3, 1. IV, 4, 39. 114. 116. Meas. I, 2, 45. 74 etc. *m. and mistress*, Gent. II, 1, 102. *m., and pretty mistresses, give ear*, LLL V, 2, 286. *our —s mock at us*, H5 III, 5, 28 (French ladies). *the —s too did almost sweat*, H8 I, 1, 23. *honest —s issue*, Lr. I, 2, 9.

**Mad-brain**, adj. insane: Shr. III, 2, 10.

**Mad-brained**, the same: Shr. III, 2, 165. H6A I, 2, 15. Tim. V, 1, 177.

**Mad-bred**, produced by or in madness: *this m. flaw*, H6B III, 1, 354.

**Madcap**, a fellow of wild and eccentric habits: Gent. II, 5, 8. John I, 84. H4A I, 2, 160. Adjectively: *the merry m. lord*, LLL II, 215. *a m. ruffian*, Shr. II, 290. *the m. duke*, H4A I, 3, 244. *the m. Prince of Wales*, IV, 1, 95.

**Madeira**, a sort of wine: H4A I, 2, 128.

**Made-up**, complete, perfect: *a m. villain*, Tim. V, 1, 101.

**Mad-headed**, wild, foolish: H4A II, 3, 80.

**Madly**, 1) in a deranged mind, distractedly: *that's somewhat m. spoken*, Meas. V, 89. *wast thou mad, that thus so m. thou didst answer me?* Err. II, 2, 12. Mids. II, 1, 171. Shr. II, 329. III, 2, 246. Tw. V, 319. John III, 4, 58. Rom. IV, 3, 51.

2) wildly, without self-control: *which (fear) m. hurries her she knows not whether*, Ven. 904. *m. tossed between desire and dread*, Lucr. 171. *by reprobate desire thus m. led*, 300. Err. V, 152. Mids. II, 1, 153. III, 2, 23. H4B I, 1, 10. Troil. II, 2, 116. Cymb. V, 5, 31 (*m. dying*, = dying in a wild state of mind).

**Madman**, a man whose understanding is deranged: Meas. V, 506. Err. IV, 1, 93. V, 213. LLL V, 2, 338. Mids. V, 10. Shr. V, 1, 60. 76. Tw. I, 5, 139. 146. IV, 2, 46. 125. IV, 3, 221. V, 294. 299. 335. H6B III, 1, 347. Rom. I, 2, 55. II, 1, 7. V, 3, 67. Tim. III, 4, 103. Caes. IV, 3, 40. Lr. III, 6, 10. IV, 1, 32. V, 3, 187. *he speaks nothing but m.* Tw. I, 5, 115 (cf. H5 V, 2, 156). Plur. *madmen*: Sonn. 147, 11. Mids. V, 4. As III, 2, 422. Tw. III, 4, 154. R2 V, 5, 62. H4B I, 3, 32. Troil. V, 1, 56. Rom. III, 3, 61. Caes. III, 2, 274. Lr. III, 4, 81. IV, 1, 48. Cymb. V, 4, 146.

**Madness**, 1) insanity: Sonn. 140, 10. Tp. II, 2, 14. V, 116. Wiv. IV, 2, 27. Meas. IV, 4, 4. V, 51. 61. 63. Err. V, 76. Merch. I, 2, 69. As III, 2, 420. IV, 1, 218. Tw. III, 4, 16. 61. IV, 3, 4. 10. V, 302. Wint. IV, 4, 495 etc. etc. *in m.* = mad: Hml. III, 4, 187. Oth. I, 1, 98.

2) extreme folly: *of this m. cured*, H4B IV, 2, 41. *were't not m., to make the fox surveyor of the fold?* H6B III, 1, 252. *his flight was m.* Mch. IV, 2, 2.

3) wild affection or emotion: *fetter strong m. in a silken thread*, Ado V, 1, 25. *such a hare is m. the youth*, Merch. I, 2, 21.

**Madonna**, the address used by the fool to Olivia in Tw. I, 5, 47. 64. 66. 68. 72. 74. 76. 120. 145. V, 306.

**Madrigal**, a pastoral song: Pilgr. 360. Wiv. III, 1, 18. 23.

**Mad-woman**, a woman deranged in her understanding: *if your wife be not a m.* Merch. IV, 1, 445.

**Maccenas** (O. Edd. *Mrcenas*) friend of Octavius Caesar: Ant. II, 2, 17. 102. 175.

**Maggot**, a small grub, a fly-worm: LLL V, 2, 409. Hml. II, 2, 181. IV, 3, 24.

**Maggot-pie** or **Magot-pie**, magpie: Mch. III, 4, 125.

**Magic**, subst. sorcery, enchantment: Tp. V, 50. Wint. V, 3, 39. 110. Tim. I, 1, 6. Hml. III, 2, 270. Oth. I, 2, 65. I, 3, 92. III, 4, 69. Ant. III, 10, 19.

**Magic**, adj. pertaining to sorcery: Tp. I, 2, 24. H6A I, 1, 27. Mch. III, 5, 26.

**Magical**, the same: Ant. III, 1, 31.

**Magician**, sorcerer: As V, 2, 67. 78. V, 4, 33. H4A I, 3, 83. R3 I, 2, 34.

**Magistrate**, a public functionary: Tp. II, 1, 149. H5 I, 2, 191. H6A I, 3, 57. H6B IV, 2, 19. H6C I, 2, 23. Cor. II, 1, 47. III, 1, 104. 202.

**Magnanimity**, heroic bravery: *infuse his breast with m. and make him naked foil a man at arms*, H6C V, 4, 41.

**Magnanimous**, dauntless, heroic: *be m. in the enterprise*, All's III, 6, 70. *most m. mouse*, H4B III, 2, 171. *as m. as Agamemnon*, H5 III, 6, 6. IV, 7, 18. *valiant and m. deeds*, Troil. II, 2, 300. III, 3, 277. cf. Armado's letter in LLL IV, 1, 65.

**Magnificence**, pomp, splendour: Wint. I, 1, 13.

**Magnificent**, pompous, boastful: *a letter from the m. Armado*, LLL I, 1, 193. *than whom no mortal so m.* III, 180.

**Magnifico**, title given to Venetian grandees: Merch. III, 2, 282. Oth. I, 2, 12.

**Magnify**, to glorify, to exalt: *him that thou —est with all these titles*, H6A IV, 7, 75.

**Magnus**: *Saint M. Corner*, H6B IV, 8, 1.

**Magot-pie**, see *Maggot-pie*.

**Mahomet**, the Arabian prophet: H6A I, 2, 140.

**Mahu**, name of a devil: Lr. III, 4, 149. IV, 1, 63.

**Maid**, 1) virgin: *he preached pure m.* Compl. 315. *'tis not a m., for she hath had gossips*, Gent. III, 1, 269. *a wronged, I would fain have said a m.* Meas. V, 21. II, 2, 154. Ado II, 2, 40. IV, 1, 35. 86. Mids. II, 2, 59. Merch. III, 2, 312. As IV, 1, 148. All's IV, 2, 74. John II, 572. H4A IV, 1, 114. H5 V, 2, 323. H6A V, 4, 55. H6B IV, 7, 129. H6C I, 1, 216. Troil. IV, 5, 50. Rom. III, 2, 135. Hml. IV, 5, 54. Lr. I, 5, 54 etc. Used of a man who has not yet known woman: *you are betrothed both to a m. and man*, Tw. V, 270.

2) girl: *if you be m. or no*, Tp. I, 2, 427. 428 (not a goddess, but a mortal woman). *behold this m.* 491. IV, 95. V, 185. *knows I am a m. and would not force this letter to my view*, Gent. I, 2, 53. *can you love the m.?* Wiv. I, 1, 252. I, 4, 127. *is there a m. with child by him?* Meas. I, 2, 92. 94. I, 4, 32. II, 2, 20. III, 1, 180. V, 178. LLL I, 1, 137. 299. Mids. II, 2, 73. III, 2, 302. Tw. II, 4, 46. V, 268. 282. H4A III, 3, 130 (*M. Marian*). Rom. I, 4, 66 etc. Used as a compellation: *why went you not with master doctor, m.?* Wiv. V, 5, 232. *m.!* LLL I, 2, 138. *mutes, m.!* Shr. I, 1, 59. *the gods to their dear shelter take thee, m.* Lr. I, 1, 185. *my —s*, LLL V, 2, 262. *good m., fair m. etc.* Wiv. II, 2, 38. Meas. II, 2, 79. Mids. I, 1, 46 etc. Proverb: *—s still answer nay, and take it*, R3 III, 7, 51; cf. *—s in modesty say no to that which they would have the profferer construe ay*, Gent. I, 2, 55.

3) female servant: *spinning amongst her —s*, Lucr. Arg. 10. *she hoarsely calls her m.* Lucr. 1214. *a m. of Dian's*, Sonn. 153, 2. Tp. III, 1, 84. Gent. I, 2, 69. II, 3, 8. III, 1, 269. Wiv. IV, 2, 77. V, 5, 49. Err.

V, 170. Merch. III, 2, 200. 311. V, 33. Shr. Ind. 2, 92. H8 III, 1, 75. Rom. II, 2, 6. Tim. IV, 1, 12. Oth. IV, 3, 26. Ant. III, 7, 15. IV, 15, 74 etc.

**Maid-child**, female child: Per. V, 3, 6.

**Maiden**, 1) virgin: *then are you no m.* Ado IV, 1, 88. All's II, 1, 175. H5 III, 3, 20. Oth. III, 4, 75. Oftenest adjectively: *the m. burning of his cheeks*, Ven. 50. *m. worlds*, Lucr. 408. *bud*, 848. Sonn. 16, 6. 66, 6. 154, 4. Meas. IV, 4, 27. Ado III, 1, 109. IV, 1, 166. 181. LLL V, 2, 351. 789. Mids. I, 1, 75. II, 1, 164. III, 2, 285. All's IV, 2, 57. John II, 98. H5 V, 2, 253. 349. 353. H6A II, 4, 47. V, 4, 52. H8 IV, 2, 169. V, 5, 41. Tit. II, 3, 232. Rom. II, 2, 86. Hml. I, 3, 121. V, 1, 256. Per. V, 1, 243. *a m. and an innocent hand*, John IV, 2, 252 (not yet stained with blood). *thy m. sword*, H4A V, 4, 134. *m. youth*, H6A IV, 7, 38.

2) girl: —s' eyes stuck over all his face, Compl. 81. Meas. I, 4, 80. LLL V, 2, 916. Mids. II, 1, 35. 168. II, 2, 74. III, 2, 66. Merch. II, 1, 14. III, 2, 8. As IV, 3, 41. Shr. IV, 5, 44. All's I, 1, 55. IV, 2, 6. Tw. I, 4, 33. Wint. IV, 4, 85. H5 II, 4, 107. Troil. III, 2, 219. Oth. I, 3, 94. Used as a compellation: Meas. II, 2, 48. All's I, 3, 155. II, 1, 117. Adjectively: *my m. weeds*, Tw. V, 262. *a m. battle*, Troil. IV, 5, 87.

**Maidenhead**, virginity: Shr. III, 2, 227. Tw. I, 5, 232. Wint. IV, 4, 116. H4A II, 4, 398. IV, 1, 59. H4B II, 2, 84. H6B IV, 7, 130. H8 II, 3, 23. 25. Troil. IV, 2, 23. Rom. I, 1, 31. I, 3, 2. III, 2, 137. Per. III Prol. 10. IV, 2, 64. IV, 6, 136.

**Maidenhead**, place in England: Wiv. IV, 5, 80.

**Maidenhood**, virginity: All's III, 5, 24. H6A IV, 6, 17. Rom. III, 2, 13.

**Maidenly**, 1) becoming a maid: *it is not friendly*, 'tis not m. Mids. III, 2, 217. 2) girlish: *what a m. man-at-arms are you become*, H4B II, 2, 82. 3) virginal, chaste: *the —est star*, Lr. I, 2, 143.

**Maiden-tongued**, speaking in a gentle and insinuating manner: Compl. 100.

**Maiden-widowed**, having become a widow, while yet a virgin: Rom. III, 2, 135.

**Maidhood**, girlhood: *by the roses of the spring, by m., honour, truth and every thing*, Tw. III, 1, 162. *is there not charms by which the property of youth and m. may be abused?* Oth. I, 1, 173.

**Maid-pale** (cf. *Pale*) having the white and tender complexion of a virgin: *change the complexion of her m. peace to scarlet indignation*, R2 III, 3, 98.

**Mail**, subst. armour: *a rusty m.* Troil. III, 3, 152 (O. Edd. *male*). Corrupt passage: *no egma, no riddle, no l'envoy; no salve in the m.* LLL III, 74 (Qq F1 in *thee male*; m. perhaps = budget, box).

**Mailed**, clad in armour: *the m. Mars*, H4A IV, 1, 116. *with his m. hand*, Cor. I, 3, 38 (gauntleted). *m. up* = completely covered and wrapped up: *I should not thus be led along, m. up in shame*, H6B II, 4, 31.

**Maim**, subst. a laming and crippling hurt, a deep injury: *so deep a m. as to be cast forth in the common air*, R2 I, 3, 156. *your father's sickness is a m. to us*, H4A IV, 1, 42. *that bears so shrewd a m.* H6B II, 3, 41. *stop those —s of shame seen through thy country*, Cor. IV, 5, 92 (—s of shame = shameful —s).

**Maim**, vb. to lame, to cripple: *you —ed the jurisdiction of all bishops*, H8 III, 2, 312. *with such —ed rites*, Hml. V, 1, 242 (defective). *a judgment —ed and*

*most imperfect*, Oth. I, 3, 99. *I am —ed for ever*, V, 1, 27. = to hurt in general: *did win whom he would m.* Pilgr. 312 (in the rhyme). *it —ed you two outright*, Shr. V, 2, 62. Cade says *mained* for *maimed*, H6B IV, 2, 172.

**Main**, subst. 1) with of; full might, the whole, the gross of a thing: *nativity, once in the m. of light, cruels to maturity*, Sonn. 60, 5. *empties itself, as doth an inland brook, into the main of waters*, Merch. V, 97. *to-morrow we must with all our m. of power stand fast*, Troil. II, 3, 273. *goes it against the m. of Poland, or for some frontier?* Hml. IV, 4, 15.

2) absol. a) the principal point, that which is first in question: *let's make haste away, and look unto the m.* H6B I, 1, 208. *I doubt it is no other than the m., his father's death and our o'erhasty marriage*, Hml. II, 2, 56.

b) the ocean, the great sea: Sonn. 64, 7. 80, 8. John II, 26. R3 I, 4, 20. Oth. II, 1, 3. 39.

c) the continent: *swell the curled waters 'bove the m.* Lr. III, 1, 6.

d) (probably from the French *main*) a stake at gaming: *to set so rich a m. on the nice hazard of one doubtful hour*, H4A IV, 1, 47.

**Main**, adj. 1) great, first in importance, principal, chief: *the m. flood*, Merch. IV, 1, 72 (the sea). *the man that the m. harvest reaps*, As III, 5, 103. *he might in a m. danger fail you*, All's III, 6, 17. *the m. consents are had*, V, 3, 69. *these m. parcels of dispatch*, IV, 3, 104. *our m. battle's front*, H6C I, 1, 8; R3 V, 3, 299. *m. end*, H8 II, 2, 41. III, 2, 215. Cor. II, 2, 43. IV, 3, 20. Mch. IV, 3, 198. V, 4, 10. Hml. I, 1, 105. Lr. IV, 6, 217. Oth. I, 3, 11. II, 1, 269. Ant. I, 2, 198 (*the m. soldier*). Cymb. V, 4, 16. Per. V, 1, 29.

2) concerning the gross or whole; general: *a man may prophesy of the m. chance of things*, H4B III, 1, 83. *we do not mean the courting snatchers only, but fear the m. intendment of the Scot*, H5 I, 2, 144. *m. chance, father you meant*, H6B I, 1, 212. *put your m. cause into the king's protection*, H8 III, 1, 93. *by the m. assent of all these learned men she was divorced*, H8 IV, 1, 31. *if he were foiled, we did our m. opinion crush in taint of our best man*, Troil. I, 3, 373. *quite from the m. opinion he held once*, Caes. II, 1, 196. *no farther than the m. voice of Denmark goes withal*, Hml. I, 3, 28.

3) superior, overruling: *which by m. force Warwick did win*, H6B I, 1, 210. *by commission and m. power*, H8 II, 2, 7.

**Main-course**, the main sail (cf. *Course*, 9): *bring her to try with m.* Tp. I, 1, 38 (i. e., according to Smith's Sea-Grammar: 'to hale the tacke aboard, the sheet close aft, the boling set up, and the helme tied close aboard').

**Maine**, French county: John I, 11. II, 152. 487. H6A IV, 3, 45. V, 3, 95. 154. H6B I, 1, 51. 209. 210. IV, 1, 86. IV, 2, 170. IV, 7, 70.

**Mained**, in the language of Cade, = *maimed*. H6B IV, 2, 172.

**Mainly**, forcibly, mightily: *these four came all a-front and m. thrust at me*, H4A II, 4, 222. *I do not call your faith in question so m. as my merit*, Troil. IV, 4, 87. *by your safety, wisdom, all things else, you m. were stirred up*, Hml. IV, 7, 9. *I am m. ignorant what place this is*, Lr. IV, 7, 65 (= perfectly).

**Main-mast**, the chief or middle mast: Wint. III, 3, 94.