3. Barbed or jagged, as an arrow.

beard'-grass, *n.* A name common to different species of coarse grass of the genus *Andropogon*.

beard'ie (-i), *n.* [Dim. of *beard*.] A Scotch name for the loach, *Nemachilus barbatus*.

beard'less, *a.* 1. Without a beard; young; not having arrived at manhood.

2. In botany, destitute of parallel hairs, or tufts of hairs; having no awn.

beard'less-ness, *n.* The state or quality of being beardless.

beard'-moss, *n.* A gray [illegible] *bida*, growing on trees.

beard'tongue (-tung), *n.* A plant of the genus *Penstemon*, so called from its tongue-shaped bearded stamen.

bear'er, *n.* 1. In [illegible] that which bears, sustains, or carries.

2. One who carries packages, letters, or intelligence; as, a *bearer* of good news; a *bearer* of despatches.

3. One who carries a body to the grave, as a pall-bearer at a funeral; a [illegible]

4. One who [illegible] cially, or as a bearer.

5. A tree or [illegible] good *bearer*.

6. In archite[illegible] tween the [illegible] it; often, an [illegible]

7. In herald[illegible] placed by the [illegible] support it; gener[illegible] figure of a human being, used for a like purpose, is called a *female bearer*.

8. In India, a house-servant; similar to a valet, or one of the carriers of a palanquin.

9. In commercial language, any person having, holding, or presenting a note, check, draft, etc.; as, pay to *bearer*.

10. In printing, (*a*) a type-high metal support for the sides of matter that is to be cast into a plate, to prevent the spreading of or damage to the [illegible] wood or metal [illegible] built onto the bed of a cylinder press, to sustain the impression.

bear'-gär'den, *n.* 1. Any place where bears are kept for exhibition or sport.

2. Figuratively, a scene of disorderly conduct, or riot; as, the meeting of the city council degenerated into a *bear-garden*.

bear'hērd, *n.* A bear-keeper; an attendant on bears.

bear'hound, *n.* A dog of the hound variety, used in hunting [illegible]

bear'ing, *n.* 1. The manner in which a person bears or conducts himself; gesture; mien; behavior.

I know him by his [illegible]

2. The situation of an object, with respect to another object, by which [illegible] a connection with it [illegible] be influenced by it [illegible]

But of this frame the *bearings* and the ties.

3. In architecture, the portion of a piece of timber which rests upon, or is inserted into a wall; also, the wall that supports [illegible]

4. In navigation, the situation of an object with [illegible] the bow, or the [illegible] or point of the compass [illegible] seen.

5. [*pl.*] In heraldry, the charges collectively. A carriage covered with armorial [illegible]

6. The act, capacity, [illegible] or giving birth; as, [illegible]

7. In machinery, any part that [illegible] bears up, or supports, [illegible] which a journal rotates.

8. Endurance; patience under affliction; as, my trials are past *bearing*.

9. Meaning; significance; tendency; connection; application; [illegible] *bearing* upon the case.

10. [*pl.*] In shipbuilding, (*a*) the widest part of a ship below the gunwale; (*b*) a ship's water-line when she is perfectly trimmed.

To lose one's bearings, to become lost or bewildered as to direction.

To take bearings, to ascertain one's position, or the direction, by the compass, in which an object lies; figuratively, to discover how matters stand; to ascertain the conditions.

Syn.—Deportment, demeanor, carriage, behavior, conduct, manner, mien.

bear'ing-cloth, *n.* The cloth in which a child is wrapped when carried to church to be baptized.

bear'ing-rein, *n.* A check-rein.

bear'ish, *a.* Partaking of the qualities of a bear; resembling a bear in temper or manners.

bear'ish-ness, *n.* The manner of a bear; rude behavior.

bēar'-lēad"ēr, *n.* 1. One who leads a bear, or travels with a bear, as for exhibition purposes.

2. Hence, humorously, a tutor; especially, one who conducts a young man on educational travels.

bēar'like, *a.* [illegible] or behavior.

bēarn, *n.* A [illegible]

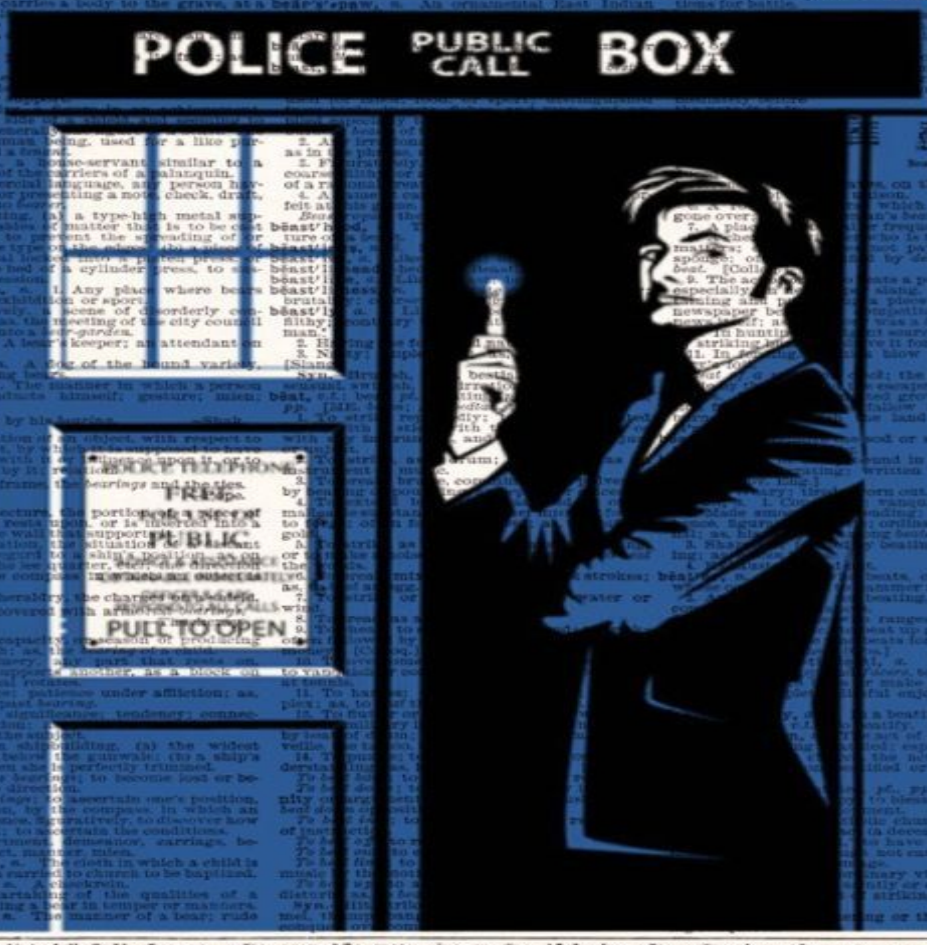
bēar's'-breech, *n.* [illegible] species of [illegible] common in [illegible]

bēar's'-foot, *n.* A species of hellebore widely used in medicine.

bēar'skin, *n.* The skin or fur of a bear.

bēast, *n.* A large headdress, made of bear's fur, especially one worn by a drum-major or by the soldiers of certain regiments of the British army.

bēar's'-paw, *n.* An ornamental East Indian [illegible]



bēat, *v.t.* 1. To move with pulsation; to throb; as, the pulse *beats*; the heart *beats*.

2. To dash with force, as a storm, flood, passion, etc.; as, the tempest *beats* against the house.

3. To knock at a door.

4. To fluctuate; to be in agitation.

5. To give forth sounds on being tapped or struck; as, the drums are *beating*.

6. In seamanship, to make headway against the wind by tacking.

7. In military language, to give a signal by [illegible]

8. To win a victory; to be the victor in a contest.

To beat about: to search for; to try to find; [illegible] hence, figuratively, to follow [illegible] enterprise.

To beat about the bush, to approach a subject in a circumlocutory way.

To beat to quarters, to summon the crew of [illegible] their stations for battle.

[illegible] ow, whether [illegible] tion; as, the [illegible] foot, in regu[illegible] er; also, the [illegible] struck im-

[illegible] gone over [illegible] 7. A pla[illegible] matters; [illegible] spoon; [illegible] *beat*. [Colloq.] 9. The a[illegible] especially [illegible] newspaper be[illegible] [illegible] In hunti[illegible] striking [illegible]

[illegible] s, on the vibration of [illegible] which is frequently [illegible] resort. [illegible] who is tricky in small [illegible] pay his debts; a [illegible] by *dead* as, a *dead beat*. [Colloq.]

[illegible] ate a person or thing; [illegible] along; the act of ob[illegible] a piece of news by a [illegible] also, the [illegible] search for game, as [illegible] the adver[illegible] the sound or tick [illegible] of vegeta[illegible] fallow land, which is [illegible] land for plowing.

[illegible] od or surface vegeta[illegible] und in small bundles [illegible] also *beet* and [illegible] orn out. [Colloq.] [illegible] vanquished. [illegible] worn by use; [illegible] ordinary; not origi[illegible] nes. [illegible] hammer[illegible] beats, or strokes; one [illegible] hammer sounds. [illegible] beating, pounding, or [illegible] ranges over a tract, [illegible] beats for game.

[illegible] *a.* [L. *beatificus*, [illegible] *facere*, to make.] Having the power to make happy, or the [illegible] enjoyment; as, a [illegible] beatific manner.

[illegible] ifying, or [illegible] especially, in the [illegible] act or process of [illegible] used or blessed after [illegible]

[illegible] *pt., pp.*; beatifying, [illegible] to bless with the com[illegible] ment. [illegible] to declare [illegible] (a deceased person) to [illegible] have been received [illegible] not canonized, to be [illegible] mary virtue or excel[illegible] ity or exalted. [illegible] striking blows; pun[illegible] ing or the state of be[illegible]