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treatment | tree

treatment /'tri:tm(a)nt/ noun. M16.

[from TREAT verb + -MENT.]

1 The process or manner of behaving towards or dealing with a person or thing. (Foll. by of.) M16.

2 = TREAT noun² 3a. Obsolete exc. dial. M17.
3 a The application of medical care or attention to a patient, ailment, etc. (Foll. by of, with.) M18.
b Subjection to the action of a chemical, physical, or biological agent etc. (Foll. by of, with.) E19.

4 Discussion or arrangement of terms, negotiation.

5 A manner or instance of dealing with a subject or work in literature, art, etc.; literary or artistic handling, written or spoken discussion. M19. **b** CINEMATOCAPPHY. A preparatory version of a screenplay, including descriptions of sets and of the camerawork required. **E20**.

6 In full **the full treatment**. The most elaborate or extensive way of dealing with a subject, situation, person, etc. Freq. in **get the full treatment**, **give the full**

treatment. colloq. M20.

ED: 1 Rosen Warson The troops, discontented with his treatment of them. refused to obey. Consumon Hadd Luther been. a prince, he could not have desired better treatment. New York Review of Books Concern over the shabby treatment of Hong Kong. 3s V. Bertrans The Devonshire Hoppial. Jor the treatment of the matter complaints. Proceed Them. Patterns under treatment for leukaemia. The heat treatment of the matter to the treatment of the treatment of the treatment of the treatment of the subject at lakes from the Greek mythology. S.B. Hemingway We'll give breakfast the full treatment.

treaty /ˈtriːti/ noun & verb. LME. [Anglo-Norman treté, Old & mod. French traité from Latin tractatus TRACTATE: see -v5.]

► A noun. †1 a Literary or artistic treatment, written or spoken discussion. LME-M17. >b = TREATISE noun 1.

2 Discussion of terms, negotiation. Now rare or obsolete exc. in *in treaty*. LME.

3 a An agreement or contract between individuals or parties. obsolete exc. in private treaty s.v. PRIVATE adjective. LME. >b A formally concluded and ratified agreement or compact between two or more States, relating to peace, alliance, commerce, etc.; a (notional) document embodying such an agreement. LME.

14 Entreaty, persuasion, request LME-M17.

13 St C Hill The Reader of Westphalla in 1648 had ended the German war Larkpox B Johnson The signing of a treaty to prohibit weapons. In outer space extradition freety, peace treaty etc.

Comb.: treaty indian N. Amer. (now chiefly Conad.): whose people have signed a treaty with the government; treaty port Hist: bound by treaty to be open to foreign trade.

▶ B verb. 1 verb intrans. Make a treaty. M19.

2 verb trons. Bind or affect by a treaty. L19.

Trebbiano /trabilo:neu/ noun. L19.

[Italian, from the River Trebbia in northern central Italy.]
A variety of vine and grape widely cultivated in Italy and elsewhere; the dry aromatic white wine produced from this grape.

treble /'treb(a)}/ noun. ME.

d French, use as noun of adjective: see next. Cf. TRIPLUM ▶ 1 1 The highest singing voice, esp. as possessed by a boy; a part written for or sung by such a voice; a person having a treble voice or singing a treble part; the highest

part in musical composition. ME.

2 (A) high-pitched or shrill voice, sound, or note; the high-frequency component of recorded or transmitted

sound. E16

3 An instrument, string, bell, etc., of treble pitch. M16.

1 K. Amin Roy trebles of thirteen or fourteen.

Transprion I charter over stony ways, in little sharps and trebles. R. Ruyball, Voices could be heard, the Edmirorus streble of children. Impire Adjusting the treble or bass can make a footstep heavier or lighter.

► II 4 A threefold number, quantity, etc.; a thing consisting of three parts; a sum or quantity three times as great as another. LME. >b PAPER-MAKING. A frame on which handmade paper is hung to dry. obsolete exc. Hist. M18. >c A method of crocheting in which three loops of thread are carried on the hook; a line or chain of crochet work done by this method. L19. >d = treble hook s.v. TREBLE adjective. L19. >e RACING. A bet on three races, in which the winnings and stake from the first race are transferred to the second and then (if successful) to the third. Also, a total of three races won by the same horse. E20. >f DARTS. (A throw into) the narrow space enclosed by the two middle circles of a dartboard, worth treble. M20. bg sport. A total of three victories, championships, etc., esp. by a football club during a season. M20. >h A drink of spirits of three times the standard measure. M20.

(1) An interest the treble of league Caip, and European Cup-seemed, a possibility.

treble /'trɛb(ə)l/ adjective & adverb. ME.

[Old French from Latin triplus TRIPLE adjective.] ► A odjective. 1 Consisting of three members, things, sets,

etc., threefold; existing or occurring three times or in three ways; of three kinds; triple. ME. 2 Three times as much or as many; of three times the number or amount. ME. >b spec. Of a drink of spirits: con-

stituting three times the standard measure. M20. 3 Of, pertaining to, or designating the highest singing voice (esp. of a boy) or musical part or frequency of sound; designating a musical instrument, string, etc., of the highest pitch; soprano. LME. >b High-pitched, shrill.

III 1 Granon A treble inclosure of brick walls Sir W. Scott it was attended with a treble difficulty. F. HARRSON EVERY ... episode has its double and treble meaning. 2. T. Jarrasson It sells. For treble the prick of common whale oil. A. U.R. The roller A. moving with a treble suffice velocity. b. L. Datchton He. Ordered three treble brandles. 3. HARRS I.R. The town fire surel walled in the scale to 3. treble pitch. Dally Telegraph Twin. Condispeaker enclosures, each containing 3 speakers (tast and treble).

Special collocations: **treble agent** a person ostensibly spying for three countries, although in fact loyal to only one. **treble bell** the smallest bell of a peal or set. **treble chance** a form of footthe smallest bell of a peal or set, **treble chance** a form of looball pool in which different numbers of points are awarded for a draw, an away win, and a home win. **treble clef**: placing German above middle C on the second lowest line of the staff, **treble hook** a fish-hook with three points. **treble rhyme**: including three syllables.

▶ B adverb. 1 To three times the amount or extent; three times over; trebly. ME.

2 In a high-pitched tone, shrilly. L16.

• trebleness noun (rare) (a) treble quality of sounds, high pitch;
(b) the quality of being threefold: Ε17.

treble /'trɛb(ə)!/ verb. ME.

[from prec.]

1 verb trans. Make three times as much or as many; multiply by three. ME. >b Fold in three thicknesses; make in three layers. L16. >c Amount to three times as many or as much as. E17.

2 verb intrans. Emit a high-pitched or shrill sound. Also (foll. by upon), sing the treble part to the lower parts in a composition, rare. LME.

3 verb intrans. Become three times as much or as many.

E17.

CL 1 SHARBS, Merch, V. Double six thousand, and then treble that. Issueer Pre-packaging: trebles a shop assistant's throughput: e-G. Borkgow The Carrists:, whose numbers more than trebled his own: 3 C. Pasoor Mr. Levy seduced the price of the paget. The circulation doubled, trebled, quadrupled.

trebly /'trebli/ adjective. L20.

[from TREBLE noun + -V1.]

Esp. of reproduced music: having too much treble; tinny

trebly /'trebli/ adverb. L16. [from TREBLE adjective + -LY².]

In a treble or threefold degree or manner, three times as much, triply.

CLI TENNYSON This hath made them trebly dear

trebuchet /ˈtrɛbjuʃɛt, -bəʃɛt, foreign trebyʃɛ (pl. same)/noun. Also trebucket /ˈtriːbʌkɪt, 'trɛ-/. ME.

Old & mod. French trébuchet (medieval Latin trebuchetum, tra-), from trébucher overturn, overthrow, stumble, fall, ult. formed as TRABUCH: see -ET1.]

1 Hist. A medieval military machine used in siege warfare for hurling heavy stones and other missiles. ME. 2 A small delicately poised balance or pair of scales.

3 Hist. = cucking-stool s.v. cuck verb1. M17.

trecento /trei't[entau/ noun. M19

[Italian = three hundred.]

The fourteenth century as a period of Italian art, architecture, literature, etc.; the style of the art etc. of this

m trecentist noun, pl. -tisti/- 'tisti/, an Italian artist, author, etc., of the 14th cent. E19.

treckschult noun var. of TREKSCHUIT.

tre corde /tre: 'ko:de:/ adverbial & odjectival phr. M20.

[Italian = three strings.]
A direction in music for the piano: with release of the soft pedal; (to be) played with such release. Cf. una

treddle /'tred(a)1/ noun1. Now dial.

[Old English tyrdel dim. of tord TURD: see -LE1.] A pellet of sheep's or goat's dung. Usu. in pl.

■ Also treddling noun (dial.) (usu. in pl.) LME.

treddle noun2 & verb var. of TREADLE

tredecile adjective & noun. M17-E19.

Imod. Latin tredecilis, from Latin tres three + decem ten: see -ILE ASTROLOGY. (Designating) the aspect of two planets which are three-tenths of a circle (108°) apart in the sky. Cf.

tredrille /tre'drsl/ noun, Also -dille /-'dil/. M18.

[from Quadrille noun' with tre-three for qua(d) four.]

An adaptation of the card-game quadrille for three players, usu. with thirty cards.

tree /uri:/ noun & adjective.

[Old English trêo(w) - Old Frisian trê, Old Saxon trio, treo, Old Norse trê, Cothic triu, from Germanic var. of Indo-European base repr. by Sanskrit dâru, dru-tree, Greek doru wood, spear, drus tree, oak.]

► A noun. 1 A woody perennial plant, typically having a single stem or trunk growing to a considerable height and bearing lateral branches at some distance from the ground. Cf. SHRUB noun' 1. OE. >b More widely, any bush or shrub of erect growth with a single stem. Also, any of certain herbaceous plants, such as the banana, with a very tall but not woody stem. ME. >c = Christmas tree (a) s.v. Christmas noun. M19.

2 Wood, esp. as a material; timber. orch. oe.

3 A branch or trunk of a tree as shaped for some purpose; a wooden pole, stake, bar, etc., forming part of a structure. Usu. as 2nd elem. of comb., as axie-tree, cross-tree, roof-tree, summer tree, etc. oe. >b A stick used as a staff or club. obsolete exc. Scot. or.

4 a The cross on which Jesus was crucified. orch. & poet.

OE. ▶ A gallows. ME.

5 a A genealogical tree; fig. a family, a lineage, a stock, ME. 16 MATH. & COMPUTING etc. A branching figure or graph in which processes, relationships, etc., are represented by points or nodes joined by lines (also tree diagram); a process, analysis, etc., having this structure; a dendro-

6 a The wooden shaft of a spear, the handle of an implement. Formerly also, a spear, a lance. Now diol. ME. P†b A wooden structure, esp. a ship. LME-L16. De The framework of a saddle, a saddle-tree; a block for keeping a shoe in shape when not worn, a shoe- or boot-tree. L15. d A wooden vessel; a barrel, a cask. Scot. E16.

7 Any natural or artificial structure of branched form: spec. (a) CHEMISTRY a treelike mass of crystals forming from a solution; a dendrite; (b) ANATOMY any branching system of vessels, nerves, etc., in the body; (c) 200,000 (in full respiratory tree) a branched respiratory organ in the body cavity of holothurians; (d) oil INDUSTRY a valve manifold on the casing of an oil or gas well (= Christmas tree (c) s.v. CHRISTMAS noun). E18.

CI 1 | Buchan A biggish clump of trees—"his mostly with a few ashes and breches, obple tree, filt tree, ook tree, etc. b current-tree, rose tree, etc.

Phroses: at the top of the tree in the highest rank of a profession etc. bark up the wrong tree: see BARK web'. Christmas tree: see CHRISTMAS NOUN. FAMILY-Tree. GENEALOGICAL tree. grow on trees be freely or easily obtainable (usu. with neg.). not see the wood for the trees: see woon noun'. out of one's tree sing (chiefly N. Ame.) mad. crazy. respiratory tree: see sense r[c] above. see the wood for the trees: see woon noun'. tree of Diana a tree-like mass of crystals formed in a solution of silver salts etc. tree of heaven a Chinese ailanthus, Ailonthus altissima, grown as an ornamental tree. tree of Jesses: see Jesse noun'. tree of knowledge (a) the tree in the Garden of Bden bearing the apple eaten by Eve (also tree of the knowledge of good and evil); (b) knowledge in general, comprising all its branches. tree of liberty a tree planted in celebration of a revolution or victory securing liberty. tree of the (a) a tree symbolic of life or immortality, esp. that found in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 29); (b) AMATONY = ARBOR VITAE 2; (c) a representation of a tree or shrub used as a motif, esp. in oriental art. triple tree: see TRIPLE odjective & odwerb. TYBURN tree. up a tree colon, (chiefly N. Ame.) unable to escape, in a predicament, in great difficulties (cf. up a gum tree s.y. GUM noun'). Wolf tree: see WOLF noun 9.

& odverb. Tyburn tree. up a tree collag. (chiefly N. Ame.) unable to escape, in a predicament, in great difficulties (cf. up a gum tree s.v. cum noun?). wolf tree: see woir noun.

Comb.: tree agate: bearing treelike markings; tree babbler any of various SE Asian babblers of the genera Suchyris and Malcopteron, which inhabit the ground levels of mature forests; tree-bear US diol. the racoon; tree boa any of several American arboreal boas of the genus Corallus, which have prehensile tails; tree-calf sootsnows a binding made of calf stained with a treelike design; tree-cate (a) any small arboreal cat; (b) a palm civet (c) N. Ame; dol. = FISHER 2b; tree clvet a palm civet, ep. the African Nandinia binotata; tree-crab the coconut crab; tree craberry the bush cranberry. Viburnum trilobum; treecreeper (a) any of various small passerine birds of the genus Certhia (family Certhiidae), which have down-curved bills and creep on the trunks and branches of trees; ep. the common C, familiaris of Eurasia and C. americana of North and Central America; (b) any similar bird of the Australian family Climacteridae; (c) = woodcreeper s.v. wood noun? & odjecthe? tree cricket any of numerous arboreal crickets constituting the subfamily Occanthinae; tree-crow = tree ple below; tree cult = tree-worship below; tree dasty = dolsy-bush s.v. Daisy noun; tree delty a tree god or goddess: tree diagram: see sense sh above tree doctor = tree surgeon below; tree duck = whisting duck s.v. wistrung plo djective; tree-feeder an animal that feeds on the foliage of trees, or on the insects living on leaves or bark; tree-fera any of various tree-sized tropical or subtropical ferns, esp of the family Cyatheaceae, bearing a crown of fronds at the op of a stem resembling a tree-trunk; tree fox (d) the grey fox. (b) N. Amer. did. = FISHER 2b; tree frog an arboreal frog; spc. one of