

Quill, (*kwil*), *n.* [Ger. *kiel*; Dan. *kiol*; Lat. *culmus*; Gr. *kalamos*, a reed.] The large, strong feather of a goose, or other large bird; — used for writing-pens, &c. Hence, the instrument of writing; a pen. — The spine or prickle of a porcupine. — A piece of small reed or other hollow plant, on which weavers wind the thread which forms the woof of cloth.
(*Mus.*) The implement with which musicians strike the strings of certain instruments.

“His flying fingers and harmonious *quill*.” — *Dryden*.

—Something formed like a quill, as the plait of a ruffle.
To carry a good quill, to write well.
—*v. a.* To plait, or to form with small ridges; as, to *quill* a ruff. — To wind on a quill, as yarn.