



- c1449 R. PECOCK *Repressor* (1860) 110 (MED) Restitucioun of fame to be doon to a man azens diffame is ful hard, and myche hardir than is restitucioun of worldli good.
- 1483 (▸ 1413) tr. G. Deguileville *Pilgrimage of Soul* (Caxton) iv. v. f. lx<sup>v</sup> This tree, that felyth hyr seluen wronged by spoylyng of hyr fruyt and asketh restitution shal fyrst haue audyence to make hyr compleynt.
- 1495 *Act 11 Hen. VII* c. 21 For the recovere and restitution of the same dett damages and costis the pleyntif..may..sue an Accion of Dett.
- 1548 *Hall's Vnion: Henry VIII* f. lxxxx<sup>v</sup> Euer the Frenche Ambassadors promised restitution of eury thyng, but none was restored.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Henry VI, Pt. 2* (1623) III. i. 118 Many a Pound of mine owne proper store..Haue I dispursed to the Garrisons, And neuer ask'd for restitution .
- 1625 T. GODWIN *Moses & Aaron* v. viii. 250 Restitution in identitie, was and is principally required.
- 1681 J. DALRYMPLE *Inst. Law Scotl.* (1693) I. vii. 61 Restitution of things belonging to Others, may seem to be an Effect of Property.
- 1732 POPE *True Narr. what passed in London* in Swift et al. *Misc.: 3rd Vol.* 249 He was advis'd to Restitution, but I never heard that he comply'd with it.
- 1772 'JUNIUS' *Stat Nominis Umbra* I. Ded. p. viii A death-bed repentance seldom reaches to restitution.
- 1836 C. THIRLWALL *Hist. Greece* III. 337 The three..important points on which the Athenians felt themselves aggrieved: the restitution of Amphipolis [etc.].
- 1883 J. A. FROUDE *Short Stud.* 4th Ser. I. ix. 106 He had been promised restitution of his property, but it had been given back to him in ruins.
- 1950 E. H. ERIKSON *Childhood & Society* i. 29 As long as there is a sense of blame, there are also irrational attempts at restitution for the damage done.
- 1993 *Archit. Rev.* Jan. 29/1 The German government is committed to the principle of restitution and has said that it will restore land and property to those who lost it through confiscation by the Nazis before the war.

## b. An act of restoring something taken from another person.

- 1442 *Rolls of Parl.: Henry VI* (Electronic ed.) Parl. Jan. 1442 §29. m. 4 Alle restitucions of londez..made by yow.
- c1450 *Alphabet of Tales* (1904) I. 32 (MED) He was delyverd of þat horrible vision & liffid after many day & made a restitution & become a gude ma[n].
- a1500 (▸ c1425) ANDREW OF WYNTOUN *Oryg. Cron. Scotl.* (Nero) VII. l. 2601 [They] Sulde haf..ful restitutionys Off landis and al possessionnys, Þat þaris was befor þan.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Othello* (1622) v. i. 15 He calls me to a restitution large, For Gold and Jewells, that I bobd from him, As gifts to Desdemona.
- 1662 W. PETTY *Treat. Taxes* 58 It will be asked with how manifold restitutions should picking a pocket (for example) be punished?
- 1726 Bp. J. BUTLER *15 Serm.* x. 180 David passes Sentence..that there should be a four-fold Restitution made.
- a1781 R. WATSON *Hist. Reign Philip III* (1783) I. 40 To procure a restitution of some towns on the German frontier.
- 1884 A. T. BROOK tr. A. Gindely *Hist. Thirty Years War* II. x. 380 It was provided that the various restitutions of land and people should take place within three periods which had been fixed for the discharge of soldiers.
- 1910 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 450/2 Of the provisions of the treaty..the most important were those stipulating for (1) a general restitution of conquests, [etc.].

- 1987 D. HALL *Seasons at Eagle Pond* i. 5 By March it will only bring the grumps, but November snow is revenance, a dreamy restitution of childhood or even infancy.
- 2007 J. PRIBAN in P. De Greiff & A. Mayer-Rieckh *Justice as Prevention* viii. 323 Restitutions of Jewish property (of both physical and moral persons) confiscated during the 1939-45 Nazi occupation were implemented by a special set of laws.

## 2.

**a.** The action or an act of restoring a thing or institution to its original state or form; (*Theology*) God's final restoration of the world to its original perfection (esp. in **restitution of all things**, with reference to Acts 3:21).

- c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) Deeds iii. 21 Jhesu Crist..it bihoueth heuene for to resceyue, til into the tyme of restitucioun of alle thingis [L. *restitutionis omnium*].
- ?a1439 LYDGATE *Fall of Princes* (Bodl. 263) II. 1522 (*MED*) Off his arm, afftir this vengauce, Ther was anon maad restitucioun.
- a1475 (▸ ?a1430) LYDGATE tr. G. Deguileville *Pilgrimage Life Man* (Vitell.) 6902 (*MED*) Folk dyde hyr peyne..To make Restytucyoun, By ther dyllygent labour [Fr. *De toutes ces erreurs oster Et la beaulte restituer*], Off that was broke by ther Errour.
- 1549 T. HOBY tr. M. Bucer *Gratulation* (title page) The Gratulation of the mooste famous Clerke M. Martin Bucer..vnto the churche of Englande for the restitucion of Christes religion.
- 1585 ABP. E. SANDYS *Serm.* iii. 44 Nehemias,..gaue thankes vnto the Lord..for restitution of religion.
- 1605 R. VERSTEGAN *Restit. Decayed Intelligence* Pref. Ep. A new woork vnder the name of *A restitution of decayed intelligence, in antiquities concerning our nation*.
- 1659 J. HARRINGTON *Art of Law-giving* III. i. 52 We finde in the restitution of the Sanhedrim by Jehoshaphat, that there was Amariah, chief in all matters of the Lord.
- 1687 *Kirkcudbright Sheriff Court Test.* 10 May At the great day of the restitution of all things in and through..Jesus Christ.
- 1771 *Encycl. Brit.* II. 479/1 It will not be at rest,..till it be restored to its original equality; and this restitution cannot be made through the substance of the glass.
- 1781 E. WINCHESTER *Seed of Woman* 35 Proving to a Demonstration the Doctrine of the Restitution of all Things to their first State of Perfection.
- 1860 J. BROWN *Let.* 15 Aug. in J. Cairns *Mem. J. Brown* 415 They two saw her open her..true eyes... and..close them till the time of the restitution of all things.
- 1867 A. J. JUKES *Second Death* (1869) 106 I have thus noticed what Reason is supposed to say against the doctrine of final restitution.
- 1922 A. L. GUÉRARD *Short Hist. Internat. Lang. Movement* II. vi. 139 The restitution of international c wherever it had been replaced by s or k greatly improved the appearance of the language.
- 1989 A. BROOKNER *Lewis Percy* xi. 171 Miserably, he longed for his wife, and the restitution of their life together.
- 1992 *Raritan* Summer 123 Nature was conceived as originally human, inextricably bound up thereby with the Fall of Man and consequently in need of the divine restitution promised by the Gospels.

†**b.** Correction of an error. *Obsolete. rare*<sup>-1</sup>.

- 1636 J. MELLIS *Record's Ground of Artes* 330 I will give you a Table for the restitution of those errours, as may suffice for this present time.

**3.** The action or an act of restoring a person or people to a previous status or position; the fact of being restored or reinstated in this way; (also) a document authorizing such restoration.

- a1387 J. TREVISA tr. R. Higden *Polychron.* (St. John's Cambr.) (1876) VI. 163 (MED) He hadde lettres of þe pope to þe kynges of Engelond to his restitucioun.
- c1475 *Mankind* (Folg.) (1969) 17 (MED) I haue be þe very mene for yowr restytucyon.
- 1485–6 *Rolls of Parl.: Henry VII* (Electronic ed.) Parl. Nov. 1485 1st Roll §35. m. 27 The acte of restitution of the seid late viscount, made or to be made in this present parliament.
- 1503–4 *Act 19 Hen. VII* c. 28 §1 The restitucions and enhablements of the seid persones.
- 1576 W. LAMBARDE *Perambulation of Kent* 278 The restitution of the Englishe bloude to the crowne.
- 1610 A. WILLET *Hexapla in Daniele* 138 The effect of this his restitution to his reason.
- 1621 ABP. J. WILLIAMS in S. R. Gardiner *Fortescue Papers* (1871) 169 Soe I may be restored to my temporalities..if his Majestie will be pleased to signe this restitution.
- a1661 T. FULLER *Worthies* (1662) Westm. 238 His piety and Patience were rewarded by God, with a happy restitution to his undoubted Dominions.
- 1703 D. DEFOE *Poor Man's Plea* Misc. 291 After the Restitution of King Charles the Second.
- 1797 *Encycl. Brit.* IX. 637/1 A peremptory *mandamus*, or writ of restitution.
- 1855 C. A. LORENZ tr. Van der Keessel *Sel. Theses* dcccxxix A debtor who has become impoverished by mere change of fortunes, and has not acted fraudulently, is discharged from all liability, and restituted, provided one half of the creditors to whom a half of the debt is due consent to such restitution.
- 1899 *Dict. National Biogr.* LVII. 364/2 He brought a suit against Goodman for his restitution to the deanery of Wells,..and he was restored by royal order on 18 June 1560.
- 1974 *Speculum* 49 539 Remigius had sent a priest guilty of homicide to Gregory. Gregory prohibited his restitution to office, since he would not contradict the canonical statutes.
- 1993 A. WILDAVSKY *Assimilation versus Separation* 60 Joseph's valuable services for..the butler—preparing him for restitution to his former position by correctly interpreting his dream—are met with imprisonment.

#### 4. Reparation of hurt, loss, injury, etc.

- 1395 *Remonstr. against Romish Corruptions* (Titus) (1851) 146 (MED) It semeth it wolde lette moche restitucioun of extorcions, theftis, and othere wrongis.
- c1425 LYDGATE *Troyyes Bk.* (Augustus A.iv) iv. 5260 3e wil make restitucioun Of þe harmys and þe violencis..By Paris wrou3t.
- 1458 in J. Raine *Testamenta Eboracensia* (1855) II. 223 (MED) Of alle the mevable goodes..non legat..to make playn restitucon and dieu satisfaccon of any extorcion or injuriez doone by the said Sir Thomas.
- c1540 (▸ ?a1400) *Gest Historiale Destr. Troy* 156 How the Grekys sent two Kinges in Message to Kyng Priam ffor Restitucion of þaire harme.
- 1615 G. SANDYS *Relation of Journey* (1637) 85 The English consull of Aleppo is absolute of himselfe..whose chiefe employment is..to labour a revenge of wrongs, and a restitution of losses.
- 1650 BP. J. TAYLOR *Rule & Exercises Holy Living* III. iv. §9 An adulterous person is tyed to restitution of the injury, so far as it is reparable.
- 1808 E. W. BRAYLEY *Beauties of Eng. & Wales* VIII. 802 60,000 of the 100,000 marks which John had agreed to pay in restitution of the injuries sustained by ecclesiastics, were remitted.

- 1875 *Good Words* **16** 851/2 That mystery of love..requires full restitution of every injury, and has faith to receive its dead again.
- 1913 *Pedagogical Seminary* Sept. 346 The suffering of the guilty conscience is intense. Peace comes back only after strenuous efforts for the restitution of the wrong.
- 2000 M. LEIFER *Asian Nationalism* ii. 28 By placing the emphasis on how China had been victimised.., and on its entitlement to restitution of past wrongs,..these leaders also hoped to build a sense of national unity.

## 5.

†**a.** Restoration or return of something to its normal position; an instance of this. *Obsolete.*

- 1578 J. BANISTER *Hist. Man* II. f. 40 (*margin*) The Luxation of the shoulder hath difficulte restitution.
- 1658 SIR T. BROWNE *Garden of Cyrus* i, in *Hydriotaphia: Urne-buriall* 2 If Adam were made out of an extract of the Earth, all parts might challenge a restitution.
- ?1788 *New Royal Cycl.* I *Anaplasia*, in surgery, the complete restitution of a bone, by causing the two ends to meet, and close exactly together.
- 1849 *Charleston Med. Jrnl. & Rev.* **4** 589 The application of the cupping instruments two or three times..completely and easily effected entire restitution of the bone to its natural position.

**b.** The action of resuming or tendency to resume a previous shape or position by virtue of elasticity or resilience. Now chiefly in *coefficient of restitution* (see *COEFFICIENT n. 2b*).

- 1656 tr. T. Hobbes *Elements Philos.* IV. xxviii. 356 When any thing is bent (as a plate of steel), and..restores it self again, it is evident that the cause of its restitution cannot be referred to the ambient aire.
- 1669 R. BOYLE *Contin. New Exper. Physico-mechanicall: 1st Pt.* xvi. 50 The cause of the Motion of Restitution in Bodies, and consequently of that which makes some of them Springy.
- 1701 N. GREW *Cosmol. Sacra* I. IV. §2 That so their Roots may yield to Stones, and their Trunks to the Wind, or other force, with a power of Restitution.
- 1728 E. CHAMBERS *Cycl.* (at cited word) Contraction being the proper and natural Action of muscular Fibres, some Authors ascribe Dilatation to a Motion of Restitution.
- 1865 TAIT & STEELE *Dynamics of Particle* (ed. 2) x. §271. 288 The coefficient of proportionality..may be conveniently termed the Coefficient of Restitution.
- 1884 A. DANIELL *Text-bk. Princ. Physics* 237 At the moment of complete restitution the energy possessed by the body (if perfectly elastic) has wholly assumed the kinetic form.
- 1935 A. H. G. PALMER & K. S. SNELL *Mechanics* x. 215 If *e* is the coefficient of restitution, what further time elapses before the next impact?
- 1995 *Nature* 2 Mar. 11/3 The results are quite different when collisions between the particles are elastic (or the coefficient of restitution is equal to unity).

**c.** *Obstetrics.* The rotation of the head of the fetus that occurs immediately after it passes through the mother's vulva, restoring the normal (forward-facing) alignment of the fetal head and shoulders.

- 1831 C. D. MEIGS tr. A. A. L. M. Velpeau *Elem. Treat. Midwifery* v. 294 In one word, the occiput turns towards the left groin, while the chin is directed towards the opposite sub-iliac space, and the title of act of restitution has been given to this rotation.
- 1849 *Brit. & Foreign Medico-chirurg. Rev.* 4 502 The mechanism of the different cranial positions..is divided, after the manner of the French, into a series movements of the foetal head, viz. flexion, rotation, extension, and restitution.
- 1892 *Lancet* 6 Feb. 397/1 The head is kept in this constant state of twist until after delivery, when untwisting or 'restitution' takes place.
- 1962 S. KITZINGER *Experience of Childbirth* ii. 39 The baby's head slips out and then it starts to turn to come into line with the shoulders which are still inside... This is called 'external rotation' or 'restitution'.
- 1985 M. F. MYLES *Textbk. Midwives* (ed. 10) xxi. 346 Restitution takes place and the occiput turns one-eighth of a circle to the right.
- 2010 C. R. B. BECKMANN et al. *Obstetr. & Gynecol.* (ed. 6) viii. 95/2 External rotation occurs after delivery of the head as the head rotates to 'face forward' relative to its shoulders. This is known as restitution, followed rapidly by delivery of the body, expulsion.

**6. Numismatics.** (a) A commemorative coin issued by a Roman emperor in the name of a previous emperor. (b) A papal medal issued in the name of a previous pope to fill a gap in the series. (c) A medal imitated with slight alterations from a previous medal to portray or commemorate a different person or event.

- 1728 E. CHAMBERS *Cycl.* (at cited word) Titus, after the Example of his Father, struck *Restitutions* of most of his Predecessors. Gallian struck a general *Restitution* of all the preceding Emperors in two Medals.
- 1853 H. N. HUMPHREYS *Coin Coll. Man.* xxiv. 327 Such restitutions, by Titus and his two immediate successors, were of bronze.
- 1891 *Numismatic Chron.* 11 419 These medals, formerly supposed to be later restitutions, are here proved to be of the time, and to be, therefore, the earliest Italian medals.
- 1904 MRS. G. W. HAMILTON tr. C. von Fabriczy *Ital. Medals* I. i. 10 The long-continued dispute as to whether these medals..were original and contemporary strikings, or merely restitutions—that is, pieces made at a later time but after the earlier style—has lately been finally decided.
- 1991 J. G. BERNSTEIN in M. Rossi & A. Rovetta *Studi di Storia dell'arte in onore di M. L. Gatti Perer* 125 Hill called the medal a restitution..but G. Boccolari..dates it ca. 1460.

**7. Genetics.** The rejoining of the two parts of a broken chromosome or chromatid, esp. as a means of chromosomal repair. Also: the resulting chromosome or chromatid.

- 1941 C. D. DARLINGTON & M. B. UPCOTT in *Jrnl. Genetics* 41 299 When a chromosome is broken, the two parts may rejoin as they were before. This is the principle of *restitution* now generally accepted.
- 1945 *Jrnl. Genetics* 47 11 On this view it appears likely that lethals *not* apparently associated with any chromosome change are restitutions.
- 1980 R. P. WAGNER et al. *Introd. Mod. Genetics* x. 273/1 When a chromosome breaks, the two broken ends usually undergo restitution.
- 2000 *Radiation Res.* 154 87 The progress of postirradiation structural restitution at the sites of radiation-induced chromatin instabilities.

## PHRASES

**P1.** In sense 1.

**a. to make restitution.**

[After Anglo-Norman and Middle French *faire restitution* (1268 or earlier).]

- a1400 ( ▶ a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Fairf. 14) 27279 For suche kin þing with gode resoun sulde men make restitucioun.
- c1400 ( ▶ c1378) LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* (Laud 581) (1869) B. v. 277 (MED) I can þe nouȝte assoille Til þow make restitucioun and rekne with hem alle.
- c1460 ( ▶ a1449) LYDGATE *Legend St. Austin* (Harl. 2255) l. 229 in *Minor Poems* (1911) I. 200 (MED) My dewtees I did alwey delaye..Made in my liff no restitucioun.
- a1513 R. FABYAN *New Cronycles Eng. & Fraunce* (1516) I. clx. f. lxxxix<sup>v</sup> He shulde..make restitucion of all thynges that he before had takyn from the Church.
- 1542 H. BRINKELOW *Lamentacion* sig. Dv Thou must..make restitucyon to thy power.
- 1611 *Bible (King James)* Exod. xxii. 5 Of the best of his owne vineyard shall he make restitution .
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Merry Wives of Windsor* (1623) v. v. 28 Why, now is Cupid a child of conscience, he makes restitution .
- 1685 R. BAXTER *Paraphr. New Test.* Matt. v. 23, 24 Go presently and make restitution.
- a1720 W. SEWEL *Hist. Quakers* (1795) I. 39 They had wronged her.., therefore they ought to make her restitution.
- 1754 J. ERSKINE *Princ. Law Scotl.* II. iv. 428 It is a relevant defence, that the defender..made voluntary restitution..of the goods spuiliend.
- 1835 C. THIRLWALL *Hist. Greece* I. ix. 345 The Spartan, instead of making restitution, took away the life of his companion.
- 1871 E. A. FREEMAN *Hist. Norman Conquest* IV. xvii. 56 Though their tenure might be changed and the restitution not made without a price paid to the new lord.
- 1914 Z. GREY *Rustlers of Pecos County* xiv. 225 Sampson had made restitution in every case where he had personally gained at the loss of farmer or rancher.
- 1987 M. FLANAGAN *Trust* xxv. 238 For this act of vandalism you will make restitution.
- 2005 *N.Y. Times* (National ed.) 20 Nov. III. 5/1 Google is reluctant to make restitution to [Internet] advertisers who claim to have been victimized by fraudulent and often malicious clickers.

**b. Law. restitution of conjugal rights:** judicial restoration of conjugal rights in a suit brought by one party in a marriage against the other.

- 1720 T. WOOD *Inst. Laws Eng.* II. 861 Jactitation of Marriage, Divorces, Alimony, Restitution of Conjugal Rights, Subtraction of Tithes, Right of Tithes or of a Modus Decimandi.
- 1768 W. BLACKSTONE *Comm. Laws Eng.* III. 94 The suit for restitution of conjugal rights is..another species of matrimonial causes: which is brought whenever either the husband or wife is guilty of the injury of subtraction, or lives separate from the other without any sufficient reason.
- 1858 LD. ST. LEONARDS *Handy Bk. Prop. Law* xii. 73 Restitution of conjugal rights may be granted by the Court.
- 1940 *Jrnl. Compar. Legislation & Internat. Law* 22 34 A further provision abolishes the remedy of attachment in the case of a decree for restitution of conjugal rights.

2001 *Columbia Law Rev.* **101** 1205 The British had imported into India the English legal practice of recognizing claims for the restitution of conjugal rights.

**P2.** In sense 3.

**restitution in blood:** the readmission of an attainted person to forfeited privileges of birth and rank, civil rights, etc. Cf. **BLOOD** *n.* Phrases 2d. Now *hist.*

- 1583 J. FOXE *Actes & Monuments* (ed. 4) II. 1475/2 Cardinall Poole landed at Douer vpon the Wednesday being the xxi. day of Nouember, on which day one Act passed in the parliament for his restitution in bloud.
- a1633 E. COKE *1st Pt. Inst. Lawes Eng.* (1648) III. 240 Of restitutions by Parliament some be in blood onely... And some be generall restitutions.
- 1666 in J. Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1721) III. 103 A bill was ordered..for the restitution in blood of Edward Seimour, son and heir of the late duke, attainted.
- 1675 W. DUGDALE *Baronage Eng.* I. 171/1 But, after execution thus done upon this Duke..though there then passed an Act for his Attainder; yet there was likewise an Act for the restitution in blood of Henry his eldest Son.
- 1751 *Parl. Hist. Eng.* III. 293 Two private Bills were also passed in this Session; the one, for the Restitution, in Blood, of the Lady Gertrude Courtney, Widow to Henry Courtney, late Marquess of Exeter.
- 1769 W. BLACKSTONE *Comm. Laws Eng.* IV. xxx. 385 Sometimes..the merits of the criminal's family shall after his death obtain a restitution in blood, honours, and estate, or some, or one of them, by act of parliament.
- 1863 H. COX *Inst. Eng. Govt.* I. vi. 43 Bills for reversal of attainder and for restitution in blood.
- 1891 R. W. DIXON *Hist. Church Eng.* IV. 267 The first bill was for the restitution in blood of Cardinal Pole: which was passed with convenient speed.
- 1922 C. C. STOPES *Life of Henry* xviii. 266 On the 16th James granted Southampton a special pardon, with restitution in blood to him and his heirs, and restitution of titles, lands and property of all kinds.
- 1991 *Eng. Hist. Rev.* **106** 397 Most of Sir Geoffrey's study is therefore devoted to the legislative process and its results..ranging from the safety and government of the realm to the private concerns of restitution in blood.

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## COMPOUNDS

**C1.** General *attributive* (in sense 6) as **restitution coin**, **restitution medal**.

- 1901 *Spink & Son's Numismatic Circ.* Dec. 5016 Restitution coins are those which, after a more or less considerable interval alter their first issue, were restruck by another Emperor who, reproducing more or less faithfully the prototype, added to it his own name followed by the abbreviation REST', or more rarely the whole word RESTIVIT.
- 1906 *Spink & Son's Numismatic Circ.* Dec. 9521 The puncheon of the bust of Henry II. (1558) was used for a *restitution medal*.
- 1973 *Art Bull.* **55** 391/2 A restitution medal of Giuliano was being cast about the very time that Michelangelo was carving his statue.

2003 W. G. SAYLES *Anc. Coin Collecting* (ed. 2) 41 There are many other indicators which tell us that coins were 'collected' in ancient times. One of the more obvious of these are so-called 'restitution' coins.

## C2.

**restitution nucleus** *n.* [after German *Restitutionskern* (O. Rosenberg 1927, in *Hereditas* **8** 321)] *Genetics* a cell nucleus having twice the regular chromosome number, formed by an uncompleted mitotic or meiotic cell division.

1927 *Hereditas* **8** 336 The semiheterotypic meta- and anaphase very often are not completed, but are interrupted by a premature homotypic division, whereby *Restitution-nuclei* are formed.

1950 *Adv. Genetics* **3** 197 The zygoic chromosome number is restored through the fusion of two azygoic nuclei, the formation of a restitution nucleus or endomitosis.

1974 *Euphytica* **23** 631 The diploid chromosome numbers...may result either from first or second division restitution nuclei of meiosis.

1993 *Cell Biol. Internat.* **17** 945 In these cells the diplochromosomes were shown to originate from restitution nuclei.

2008 T. F. STUESSY *Plant Taxon.* (ed. 2) xvii. 220/1 The broad differences...between diplospory (unreduced embryo sac coming from a generative cell by mitosis or modified meiosis to yield an unreduced restitution nucleus) and apospory.

**restitution suit** *n.* *Law* a suit for restitution of conjugal rights.

1863 M. C. M. SWABEY & T. H. TRISTRAM *Rep. Court Probate & Court for Divorce* II. 677 *Naylor v. Naylor*, which was a restitution suit brought by the wife, in which her adultery was relied on by the husband.

1894 *Westm. Gaz.* 6 Dec. 1/2 Whatever is an answer to a restitution suit is also a ground for judicial separation.

1999 *Past & Present* May 174 To prove just cause for leaving was no defence in a restitution suit.

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