

Μελίτριχος: A NEW WORD

In the Supplement to the new Liddell-Scott: *Lexicon*, note is made of a new word *μελαγχρινός* (C.C.A.G.: 12. 149¹). It occurs again Ibid. 10. 218³⁰ and with it another word which has escaped the lexicographers, *μελίτριχος*. There are three more examples of the latter; 10. 187⁹ and 10. 190³, both used of girls, and 10. 216²⁸ used, like 10. 218³⁰, of a man. All come from "birthday books" in which characteristics of those born in certain months and under certain signs of the zodiac are predicted.

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