A NEW
ENGLISH DICTIONARY
ON HISTORICAL PRINCIPLES.

DEPRAVATIVE—DEVELOPMENT.

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NOTE.

This Section contains 1175 Main words, 29 Combinations explained under these, and 184 Subordinate words, 1388 in all. The obvious combinations recorded and illustrated without definition number 40 more. Of the 1175 Main words, 304 (26%) are marked (†) as obsolete, and only 32 (2½%) as alien, or not fully naturalized (§). A comparison with the corresponding part of Dr. Johnson's Dictionary, and of some more recent lexicographical works shows the following figures:

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The number of illustrative quotations in this section is 7,200; the quotations for the corresponding words in Johnson's Dictionary are 581, in the work of Richardson (of which quotations were the chief feature) 803, in Cassell's 'Encyclopaedic' 861, in the 'Century' Dictionary 1117, in Funk's 'Standard' Dictionary 151.

This section extends nearly to the end of the words formed with the Latin (and French) prefix De-. Among these are the important words depress, deprive, deputy, derive, derogate, descend, describe, desery, desert, deserve, design, desire, desolate, despair, despite, destiny, destroy, detail, detain, detect, determine, detest, detract, develop, and their cognates, some of which have received in English a development of sense extending far beyond the Latin and French uses. Attention is called to the theological sense of depravity, the military sense of detail, the philosophical and university senses of determine, determination, etc., the Lamarckian use of development, and the curious change in the use of detritus by geologists; also to descent, detent, the archaic words deraign, deray, and the modern verbs derail, detrain. Among the words not containing the prefix De- are a very few of Old English origin, as depth, and the archaic or obsolete dere, derf, dern. Other articles of special interest are those on derrick, dervish, desk, despot, destrier, and especially Deuce, to be compared with devil in the next section. The history of the pseudo-archaic expression DERRING-do, and of the chain of misconceptions and blunders by which this piece of 'Wardour Street English' has been evolved, will interest many.