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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 (2$\frac{5}{7}$%) 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:

	Johnson.	Century Dict.	Funk's 'Standard.'	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic.'	Here.
Total words recorded, *Depravative—Development*	247	816	940	887	1428
„ „ recorded and defined	246	712	629	755	1112
„ „ illustrated by quotations	194	413	105	477	1160

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 'Encyclopædic' 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, descry, 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 *descant, 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, destrer,* 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.