

# A NEW ENGLISH DICTIONARY ON HISTORICAL PRINCIPLES.

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## FOISTY — FRANKISH.

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### NOTE.

THIS Double Section (128 pp.) contains 2079 Main words, 638 Combinations explained under these, and 240 Subordinate entries; in all 2957, besides 814 *obvious combinations*, recorded and illustrated by quotations without separate explanations. Of the 2079 Main words, 1368 (66%) are current and native or fully naturalized, 670 (32%) are marked (+) as *obsolete*, and 41 (2%) as (||) *alien* or not fully naturalized. Comparison with the corresponding portion of Dr. Johnson's Dictionary, and of some more recent lexicographical works, shows the following figures:

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic.'	'Century' Dict.	Funk's 'Standard.'	Here.
Words recorded, <i>Foisty</i> to <i>Frankish</i>	424	1689	1752	1837	3771
Words illustrated by quotations	373	910	923	242	3428
Number of illustrative quotations	1415	1457	2455	345	17,616

The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 1392.

The Teutonic portion of the vocabulary here occupies a much larger proportion of space than in the Sections recently issued. It includes the particles *for*, *fore*, and *forih*, which with their compounds fill about forty pages; the numerals *four*, *fourteen*, *forty*, and the corresponding ordinals; and many words which have required copious illustration on account of their multiplicity of senses, or which have given rise to a large number of combinations and derivatives, such as *fold*, *follow*, *folk*, *food*, *foot*, *foul*, *fowl*, *fox*, *frame*. The Romanic element in the language is also largely represented; some of the early adoptions from French, such as *fool*, *folly*, *force*, *forge*, *form* and *formal*, *franchise*, *frank*, exhibit interesting development of meaning. The onomatopœic words, the abundance of which was the most remarkable feature of the two sections last published, are here almost entirely wanting. As might be expected from the predominance of words of native origin or early adoption in this portion of the Dictionary, the proportion of obsolete words is unusually large.