

NEW ENGLISH DICTIONARY.

Frank-law—Gain-coming.

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NOTE.

THIS Double Section contains the conclusion of the letter F and the beginning of G.

The following is a classified enumeration of the words treated :—

	Main words.	Subordinate entries.	Special combinations with explanations.	Obvious combinations without separate explanations, but usually with illustrative quotations.	TOTAL.
Frank-law to end of F	1930	237	443	503	3113
G to Gain-coming	198	63	32	61	354
	<u>2128</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>3467</u>

Of the 2,128 main words, 565, or 26½%, are marked (†) as *obsolete*, and 43, or 2%, are marked (||) as alien or imperfectly naturalized.

Comparison with the corresponding portion of Dr. Johnson's Dictionary, and of some more recent lexicographical works, show the following figures :—

	Johnson.	Cassell's Encyclopædic.	'Century' Dict.	Funk's 'Standard.'	Here.
Words recorded, Frank-law to Gain-coming	446	1612	2008	1917	3467
Words illustrated by quotations	328	723	953	256	2936
Number of illustrative quotations	1060	1246	2473	360	16612

The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 1,372.

Among the articles exhibiting interesting development of senses are those on *free*, *freemason*, *fresh*, *fret*, *fruit*, *full*, *function*, *fund*, *furniture*, *gag*, *gain*. Etymological information not given in former English Dictionaries will be found under *free*, *fresh*, *fret*, *fudge*, *-ful*, suffix, *full*, v. (to baptize), *gable*; the much-discussed archæological term *fylfot* has been traced to its documentary source, and a suggestion made with regard to its derivation.

☞ With this issue is given the Prefatory Note to the half-volume containing F.