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GERMANO- — GLASS-CLOTH.

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NOTE.

THIS Section (of 72 pages) contains 920 Main words, 336 Combinations explained under these, and 385 Subordinate entries; 1641 in all. The *obvious combinations*, recorded and illustrated by quotations, without definition, number 412 more. Of the 920 Main words, 685 are current and native or fully naturalized; 202 (22%) are marked (†) as *obsolete*, and 33 (3½%) are marked (||) as *alien* or not fully naturalized.

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic.'	Century' Dict.	Funk's 'Standard.'	Here.
Words recorded, <i>Germano-</i> to <i>Glass-cloth</i>	190	715	954	917	2053
Words illustrated by quotations	150	289	409	118	1638
Number of illustrative quotations	547	437	1108	169	8488

The number of quotations in the corresponding pages of Richardson's Dictionary is 590.

About one-fourth of the Section is taken up with the articles on the verbs *get* and *give*, and their derivatives. The large space occupied by these verbs has been necessary on account of the extreme generality of their fundamental meaning, and the consequent great variety in their specific applications. The result of investigation into the history of these words appears to be that *get* was an adoption from Scandinavian (the equivalent form having, so far as is known, existed in OE. only in compounds), and that Scandinavian influence was concerned in the origin of the northern form *give*, which has in all dialects displaced the original *yeve* or *yive*. Other important words of Teutonic etymology are *ghastly*, *ghost*, *giddy*, *gild*, *gill* sb.¹, *gird*, *girdle*, *girl*, *glad*, *glade*, *glass*. The remaining words are chiefly of Romanic or Latin origin; there are a few Greek derivatives, and an unusually large number of words ultimately of Oriental origin, as *gharry*, *ghaut*, *ghazal*, *ghazi*, *ghee*, *ghoul*, *ghurry*, *giaour*, *giddea*, *gingall*, *ginger*, *gingham*, *gingili*, *gingko*, *ginseng*, *giraffe*.

Amongst the words of remarkable sense-history are *gesture*, *ghost*, *giant*, *gig*, *gin*, *gingerly*, *glance*, *gland*. Etymological facts or suggestions not contained in other English dictionaries will be found under *gewgaw*, *gherkin*, *giddy*, *gimcrack*, *gingerbread* (which was *not* originally a compound of *ginger* and *bread*), *gingerly*, *girl*, *glade*, *glance*.