

NEW ENGLISH DICTIONARY.

Glass-coach to Gyzzarn.

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NOTE.

THIS Part, which concludes the letter G and Vol. IV, contains 4462 Main words, 1668 Subordinate words, 1629 Special Combinations explained and illustrated under the Main words; total 7759. The obvious combinations, mentioned and illustrated under the Main words, without definition, make 1710 more. Of the 4462 Main words, 983 (22%) are marked (+) as *obsolete*, and 148 (3¼%) are marked (||) as *alien* or incompletely naturalized.

Comparison with the corresponding portions of some other Dictionaries shows the following figures:—

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic.'	'Century' Dict.	Funk's 'Standard.'	Here.
Total words recorded <i>Glass-coach to Gyzzarn</i> }	752	... 3408	... 4259	... 4186	... 9469
,, words illustrated by quotations	610	... 1292	... 1668	... 524	... 7616
, number of quotations ...	2366	... 2245	... 4328	... 708	... 39,761

The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson's Dictionary is 2706.

All the important elements in the English vocabulary are abundantly represented in this Part. In amount of space occupied, though not with regard to number of words, the Teutonic (native English and Scandinavian) element has the first place, as it includes such important words as *go*, *God*, *good*, *great*, which have required to be treated in articles of unusual length. The words of Latin and Romanic origin are somewhat more numerous, and many of them (as *glory*, *gloze*, *grace*, *grain*, *grand*, *grant*, *grave*, *gravity*, *grudge*, *guide*), are of considerable interest on account of their remarkable sense-history. The Greek element is represented mainly by words beginning with *gloss-*, *glott-*, *gly-*, *gnatho-*, *gno-*, *gon-*, *gram-*, *graph-*, *gymn-*, *gyn-*, many of which are scientific terms of recent formation. There are a few Celtic words, as *glen*, *glib* sb., *glossan*, *gneeve*, *goryd*, *graddan*, *gralloch*; a few from Oriental and African languages; and a group of words beginning with *gua-*, adopted through Spanish or Portuguese from the languages of South America or the West Indies.

In the department of Etymology the following articles contain facts or arguments pointing to conclusions widely different from those hitherto generally received: *goal*, *goodyear*, *gown*, *gravy*, *groin* sb.², *gun*, *gyve*. Other words of which the derivation will be found more correctly stated or more fully discussed than in former dictionaries are *gloaming*, *gloom*, *gnome*, *go*, *God*, *gospel*, *gossamer*, *gouge*, *gradient* sb., *gramercy*, *grampus*, *grate* sb.¹, *grist*, *groats*, *groom*, *grouse*, *grozier*, *guarantee*, *guess*, *guest*, *guild*, *guilt*, *guinea-pig*, *gush*.

* * * The Prefatory Note to the half-volume containing **G** is given with this Part.