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NOTE.

THIS Section contains 755 Main words, 294 Combinations explained under these, and 191 Subordinate entries; in all 1240. The *obvious combinations*, recorded and illustrated by quotations, but not requiring individual explanation, number 316 more. Of the 755 Main words, 590 are current and fully 'English', 145 (19.3 %) are marked † as obsolete, and 20 (2.7 %) are marked †† as alien or not completely naturalized.

Comparison with Dr. Johnson's and some more recent dictionaries shows the following figures:—

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic.'	Century' Dict.	Funk's 'Standard.'	Here.
Words recorded, <i>Gradely</i> to <i>Greement</i>	143	574	669	672	1556
Words illustrated by quotations	120	244	326	101	1328
Number of illustrative quotations	433	438	811	155	774†

The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 555.

By far the largest portion, numerically, of the words included in this Section is proximately of French etymology, the ulterior origin being usually Latin (as in *graff*, *graft*, *grain* sb.¹, *grammar*, *grand*, *grant* sb. and vb., *grave* adj., *grease*), but sometimes Teutonic (as in *grape* sb.¹, *grate* vb.¹), and in one instance Celtic (*gravel*). Among the Latin derivatives, either taken directly from that language or adopted from learned words in French, are *gradient*, *gradual*, *graduate*, *granule* (with *granular*, *granulation*, etc.), *grate* sb.¹, *grateful*, *gratify*, *gratitude*, *gratuitous*, *gravitate*, *gravitation*, *gravity*. There are a few words directly from Greek, chiefly beginning with *gram-* and *graph-*. The Scandinavian element in the language is represented by *gradely*, *grain* sb.², *grain*, *grain* sb., adj., and vb.; the Celtic element only by one word of modern adoption, *gralloch*. The native English words, though not numerous, are very important. The adjective *great* (in the treatment of which valuable help was given by Dr. H. Sweet) occupies, with its compounds and derivatives, over 18 columns; among the other words of this class are *grasp*, *grass* (with its derivatives *graze*, *grazier*, etc.), *grave* sb.¹, *greedy* (and its cognates).

Although the Section contains no articles of extraordinary length, the average space occupied by the articles is considerably larger than usual, on account of the abnormal rarity of words with no length of history or variety of senses. Among the words more or less interesting for sense-development may be mentioned *grain* sb.¹, *grammar* and its cognates, *grand*, *grave* adj., *gravity*, *great*. Attention may be called to the articles on the terminal elements *-gram*, *-graph*, *-grapher*, *-graphic*, *-graphy*, presenting some curious facts in the history of a group of formations which modern science and technology have brought into extensive use.

In the department of etymology the most noteworthy point is the singular and unexpected result of investigation relating to the origin of the word *gravy*. Other etymologies of interest are those of *gradient* sb., *gramercy*, *grampus*, *grate* sb.¹

* * * A double section of **I** (INPUT to INV) will be published on October 1, 1900.