This double section contains 1745 Main words, 298 Special Combinations explained under these, 979 Obvious Combinations, and 284 Subordinate entries of obsolete or variant forms; in all 3306 words. Of the Main words 374 are marked + as obsolete, and 93 are marked || as alien or not fully naturalized.

Comparison with Johnson's and some recent Dictionaries gives the following results:

This double section contains a further instalment of words beginning with Sr-, in which the Teutonic, Romanic, and Greek elements of the English vocabulary are very fully represented. Among the native words (most of them sufficiently recorded from the Old English period onwards) are speech, speed, spell, spew, spider, spill, spin, spindle, spit, spoke, spoon, sprawl, spread, and spring, which together with their derivatives occupy many columns in all. In addition to these there is a large percentage of words now obsolete, or surviving only in dialect use, for many of which the evidence is very scanty. A number of these, first recorded in Middle English, have corresponding forms in the other Teutonic languages, and some may really have been adopted from the Continent. Among the older words which clearly appear to have a Dutch or Low German origin are spill sb.², spilling, spice, spint, splinter, and split; during the 19th cent. Dutch has also supplied spook and spoar. An interesting example of a local form attaining a wide currency in recent years is spindrift. Gaelic is scantily represented by spleuchan, sporranc, and spreath (corruptly spreagh).

The French contributions are numerous and important, including spell v.³ (with its older variant speler v.), spicery, spinach, spire, spiny, spinel, spinet, sprig, sprout, etc., and some aphetic forms, as spence¹, spence, spile, sply, and sport. Latin stems are largely represented among these words, as well as in such forms as spicule, spile sb.¹, sphenarid, sphen, spinous, spinacle, spirit (with many derivatives), splendid, splendour, spoliation, sponsor, spontaneous, etc. Spirit also appears in the disguised form spriht (whence sprightly), and an unusual development from a Latin source is found in spittle sb.¹ (hospital).

The Greek element, adopted directly or through Latin, is in this section above the average; in addition to the words beginning with Srs- (which include sphere, spheric, etc., and Sphinx), it comprises sperm, spire sb.¹, splanchnic, spleen, spunde, spundyle, sponge, sporadic, spore, and a variety of derivatives from some of the stems represented by these.

The precise source of many of the minor words in this section is doubtful, and some of the more important still remain more or less obscure. A few are fanciful formations on ordinary words, as speckhfy, spellbinder, spiltron, splendidious, spreadation, while others are probably or certainly due to pure inventiveness, as spiff, spiffy, spifflate, spilge, spoff, spondylicks, spoof, spree. Some which begin with Srs- (e.g. splash) are later variants of forms with Pl-.