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ST—STANDARD

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NOTE.

THIS section (65 pages) includes 448 Main words, 241 Special Combinations explained under these, and 106 Subordinate entries; in all 795. The obvious combinations recorded and illustrated number 204, making a total of 999. Of the Main words 98 (22 %) are marked † as obsolete, and 14 (3 %) are marked ‖ as alien or not fully naturalized.

Comparison with Dr. Johnson's and some recent Dictionaries gives the following figures :-

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic', and Suppl.	'Century' Dict., and Suppl.	Here.
Words recorded, <i>St—Standard</i>	80	331	398	999
Words illustrated by quotations	69	137	47	893
Number of illustrative quotations	484	316	672	773 ²

The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 300.

The words included in this Section are, with comparatively few exceptions, either of native English or of French origin. Numerically the French derivatives slightly preponderate; but the native words occupy much the larger proportion of the space, mainly because of the multitude of the senses and idiomatic uses of the verb *stand*, which fills nearly 13 pages. There are one or two Scandinavian words (*stack*, *stacker*, *staiihe*), and a few direct Latin and Greek derivatives (*stadium*, *stagnate* and its cognates, *stalactite*, *stalagmite*, *stamen*, *stamina*). Celtic words are entirely absent, as are also adoptions from non-European languages, which in the previous instalments of S have been abundant.

Among the words in this Section that are remarkable on account of their sense-development may be mentioned *stable* adj., *stack*, *staff*, *stage*, *stain*, *stale* adj., *stall* sb.¹ and sb.², *stalwart* (*stalworth*), *stamina*, *stamp* sb. and vb., *stand* sb. and vb., *standard*.

Staddle sb. Earlier example of sense 2: 1543 *Act* 35 *Hen. VIII*, c. 17 § 1 (1544) The same stathilles or storers [*elsewhere in the section* standilles or storers]. Earlier example of sense 3 a: c 1475 *Pict. Voc.* in Wr.-Wülcker 785/21 *Hic arcomus* [read *arconius*], a stathele.