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STEAD—STILLATIM

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NOTE.

This section (80 pages) includes 926 Main words, 283 Special Combinations explained under these, and 291 Subordinate entries; in all 1500. The obvious combinations recorded and illustrated number 337, making a total of 1837. Of the Main words 135 are marked † as obsolete, and 36 are marked § as alien or not fully naturalized.

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

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The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 387.

In this section the words inherited from Old English are very numerous, and with their compounds and derivatives occupy the greater portion of the space. Among them are steal vb. and sb., steam, steed, steek vb. and vb., steel, steep adj., steeple, stier vb. and sbs., stem sb., stench, step sb. and vb., stern adj., steward, stick sb. and vb., stiff, still adj., vb., and adv. Other noteworthy words of native Teutonic origin, though of later formation, are sterling, stickle vb., stickler. The Scandinavian words are steak, stig, stem vb., stern sb., steven sb. and vb.

There are a few words from Old French, as stencil, stend, stew sbs. and vb., and a somewhat larger number of Latin derivatives, as stellate, stellation, stelliferous, stercoraceous, sterile, stertorous, of some of which the immediate sources are learned words in French. The numerical proportion of words of Greek etymology is somewhat large, but most of these have required only brief treatment, being mainly recent terms of science or technology; among the few introduced before the nineteenth century may be mentioned stenography, stentorian, stereometry, stigma, stigmatize.

Among the articles, e.g. steilbow, steep sb. and vb., sterle, sten sb., contain etymological data not found in previous English Dictionaries.

Stanstickle.—Earlier instance:—an 1300 NECKAN de Utensilibus in Wright Voc. 98 Gamarus, pinosche, stanstikel.