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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:—

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic', and Suppl.	'Century' Dict., and Suppl.	Here.
Words recorded, <i>Stead</i> vb.— <i>Stillatim</i>	112	851	1263	1837
Words illustrated by quotations	84	234	230	1529
Number of illustrative quotations	427	366	618	9474

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.¹, *steam*, *steed*, *steek* vb.¹ and vb.², *steel*, *steep* adj., *steeple*, *steer* vb. and sbs., *stem* sb.¹, *stench*, *step* sb. and vb., *stern* adj., *steward*, *stick* sb. and vb., *stiff*, *stile*, *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*, *steg*, *stem* vb.¹ and vb.², *stern* sb.², *stevan* sb.³ and vb.³

There are a few words from Old French, as *stencil*, *stent*, *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 words of historical importance treated in this section may be mentioned *steelyard*¹, *sterling*, *steward*. Several of the articles, e. g. *steelbow*, *step* sb. and vb., *sterling*, *stew* sb.¹, contain etymological data not found in previous English Dictionaries.

Stanstickle.—Earlier instance:—a 1300 NECKAM *De Utensilibus* in Wright *Voc.* 98 *Gamarus*, *pinosche*, *stanstikel*.