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NOTE.

This Section, which continues the letter H as far as the word Horizontal, contains 1088 Main words; 387 Combinations explained under these, and 239 Subordinate entries; 1634 in all. The obvious combinations, recorded and illustrated by quotations, without individual definition, number 493 more. Of the Main words, 849 are current and native, 139 (16.4%) are marked + as obsolete, and only 20 (2.3%) as alien or not fully naturalized.

Comparison with the corresponding pages of Dr. Johnson's Dictionary, and of some more recent lexicographical works, shows the following figures:

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The quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson's Dictionary number 820.

This Section shows examples of all the chief elements of the current English vocabulary. Words of native or Teutonic origin again preponderate. Among the more noticeable of these are the verb Hold (the longest article here contained), also hog, holiday, holly, half, Holy, Home, honey, honeysuckle, hood, house, hoop, hop, Hore sb. and a. Words of Latin origin, including those that have come through French, are here fewer, but they include the important words homage, homicide, honest, honour, honourable, and their kin. Words from Greek are rather numerous, for, beside horizon, homily, and their derivatives, we encounter here the large groups of technical terms in Holo, Homalo-, Homo-, Homax-, Hoyo-, which, even when treated with studied conciseness, run through many pages. Examples of words from far-off languages appear in horde, hollock, hominy, and hong—the last two better known to English speakers in the far west, and farthest east, than in the British Isles. There are numerous words of historical interest, from Hogen-Mogen to Home Rule, of literary interest from hoppestere to hidden grey, of note in Folklore, as Hogmanay. Honey-moon emerges as a cynical term 'applied to those married persons that love well at first, and decline in affection afterwards; it is hony now, but it will change as the moon.' In later use, the changing and 'inconstant moon' is a less prominent part of the notion. Points of etymological interest come up, inter alia, under hogshead, hoise, hold (of a ship), hollyshock, and the group hole, hold, hollow. The term hog shows a notable diversity of application in different localities; a homely group is seen in hoddy-dod, hoddy-doddy, hoddy-noddy, hoddy-pick, hoddy-poll. The article honorificabilitudinitatibus may be usefully consulted by Baconianists, who have 'discovered' that the long word (which was coined many centuries earlier into a Latin dactylic hexameter, 'Plenus honorificabilitudinitatibus esto!') was invented by Bacon and inserted by him in Love's Labour's Lost (v. i. 44) as an elaborate anagram recording his authorship of Shakspeare's plays!

The letter H is completed in the double Section which will be published on July 1.