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ROMANITY—ROUNDNESS.

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PREFATORY NOTE.

Romanity—Roundness. This single section contains 803 Main words, 297 Combinations explained under these, and 242 Subordinate entries of obsolete or variant forms, making 1342 in all. The obvious combinations recorded and illustrated by quotations number 381, and bring up the total number of entries to 1723. Of the Main words 164 are marked † as obsolete, and 29 are marked ‡ as alien or not completely naturalized.

Comparison with 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 264.

In this section, as in the previous one, both Teutonic and Romanic elements are well represented. Among the more important words of native origin are rood, roef, rook (the bird), room (formerly also roomth), roost sb., rope (two sb.), rot vb., rother ox (now practically obsolete), rough, † round sb., round vb. (to whisper): some of these also give rise to a large number of compounds or derivative forms. Of adoptions from Scandinavian the chief are root sb., rot sb., and rotten; others, such as rove sb., roo vb., roose, rost, sb. and vb., roost sb., roose sb., and sb., ross sb., are either local in range or now confined to dialect use. Rorqual, though of Norwegian origin, has been introduced from French. Dutch has contributed the military rost and the printer’s rounce.

With the important exception of Round a., and its derivatives roundel (rondel), roundlet, most of the French words occurring in this section are of comparatively late introduction. The most prominent are roimaunt, rondache, roirond, roqueclaire, rosace, roselle, roué, roué, roule, roulet, rouelle, and roulette. Italian has supplied rando, rosolio, rotole, rotolada; and Spanish is represented by rondador, Rosmarino.

Of Latin words in their original form the most noteworthy are roaa solis, roaa solis, rostelium, rostrum, rota, rotula, and rotunda. Among those which are ultimately of Latin origin are rosary, rose (with many combinations), rosemary (earlier rosmarine), rosin, rostrate, rotary, rotation (etc.), and routund.

From more remote languages come the Russian rouble, the Arabic rull, the Persian rook (in chess), the Malay rotang, and the South American rousou.

Among other words to which some special interest attaches may be mentioned romantic, Romany (Gipsy), Rome (Rome-penny, Rome-soft), Romish, Rosicrucian, rote sb., and sb.2, rousical, and Roundhead.

As it has been found impossible to complete R in a double section, this issue has been limited to a single one, in order to avoid the separate publication of a small number of pages. The portion to be published on April 1 will contain the remainder of the letter, thus making the Dictionary continuous from A to the first instalment of S, or fully three-quarters of the entire work.