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SAUCE-ALONE—SCOURING.

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NOTE.

This double section includes 1704 Main words, 433 Special Combinations explained under these, and 1020 Subordinate entries; in all 3157. The obvious combinations recorded and illustrated number 363, making a total of 3520. Of the Main words 410 (24%) are marked + as obsolete, and 158 (7½ %) 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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* Including the Supplement of 1903.

The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 719.

The words here included are for the most part of Romanic origin. A few native Old English words (say vb.¹, saw vb.² and sb.², and three or four more) occur in the first few pages, but none are found among the words beginning with sc-, because the OE. sc- is represented in modern English by sb-. Of Scandinavian origin are scale sb.¹, scant, scar, scare, scathe, score, scot, and perhaps scour vb.³. There is a considerable number of derivatives from Greek, especially under Sch- and Sc-.

With the initial combination sch- there are many adaptions from Dutch, German, and Italian. From the Celtic languages there are only the little-known scallug, scollop sb.², scoile. In striking contrast to the previous instalment of S, this section contains barely two or three words from Oriental and one (savannah) from American languages.

In this section the absence of long articles is somewhat remarkable, the longest, that on saug vb.¹, filling only 11 columns, an unusually small space for an important native verb. The sense-development of many of the words, however, though not so diversified as to require to be treated at great length, is not wanting in interest: see, e.g., saw vb. and prep., scopec scaffold, scale sb.¹, sb.², sb.³, scalp, scan vb., scandal, scallion, scavenger, scene, sceptic, schedule, scheme, schism, scholar, school, science, scold, scope, score, scour vb.³. The varying relation in use between the three synonymous and etymologically identical adjs. Scotch, Scots, and Scotland is curiously illustrated in our quotations.

Of the etymological notes, perhaps the most important is that on the word scientific, the true history of which has not hitherto been given in any English dictionary. New etymological facts or suggestions will also be found under savannah, scold, scree, scold, scorn, scour vb.² and vb.³.

EMENDATIONS.

Saucer 4. Earlier example:—13. Sengyn Sag. (W.) 2784 With egwen that war ful bright and clere, And brave, ilkone, als a sawsere.

Satiate v. Earlier example:—1644 Hammond Of Conscience 17 Any such act of willfull sinne . . . is a natural meanes . . . of sauciating and woundinge the soule.

Scornity. Earlier example:—1623 Cockham, Scornitie, vnluckinesse.

Scale sb.² 3. Earlier example:—1450 ME. Med. Bh. (Heinrich) 208 pe scales of notes ant. ryndes.

Scarlet sb. 4 a. For quot a 1683 substitute the following:—1516 Braam. & Fl. Philaster v. i. (1622) 70 Dog the Lords bow, and the regarded scarlets, Kisse your pund gols, and cry we are your servants?

Scant sb. In list of Forms dele '9 scrath (?error)' and read 'See also Scrath'.

Schiller. The Ger. word has been used by English entomologists in the literal sense: 1835 J. Duncan Bates. The elegant tribe of Catonidae . . . are generally of a fine green, often accompanied with a delicate schiller or play of colour.

Schollarie. Pronunciation: For 'sko-lleristik' read 'skolleristik'.

School sb. 19. Additional example of school-butter:—1618 Fletcher's Local Subj. v. iv. Anc. He was whipt like a top, I never saw a whore so lac'd: Court schoole-butter? Is this their diet?