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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 128 (7½ %) 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'.*	'Century' Dict.	Funk's 'Standard'.	Here.
Words recorded, <i>Sauce-alone to Scouring</i>	84	1731	2055	2048	3157
Words illustrated by quotations	196	472	529	154	2152
Number of illustrative quotations	735	698	1393	192	14204

* Including the Supplement of 1902.

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* sb.¹ 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 *sh-*. Of Scandinavian origin are *scale* sb.¹, *scant*, *scar*, *scare*, *scathe*, *score*, *scot*, and perhaps *scour* vb.¹ There is a considerable number of derivatives from Greek, especially under *Sch-* and *Scl-*. With the initial combination *sch-* there are many adaptations from Dutch, German, and Italian. From the Celtic languages there are only the little-known *scallag*, *scollop* sb.², *scoloc*. 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 *say* 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., *save* vb. and prep., *scab*, *scaffold*, *scale* sb.¹, sb.², sb.³, *scalp*, *scan* vb., *scandal*, *scantling*, *scavenger*, *scene*, *sceptic*, *schedule*, *scheme*, *schism*, *scholar*, *school*, *science*, *scold*, *scope*, *score*, *scour* vb.¹ The varying relation in use between the three synonymous and etymologically identical adjs. *Scotch*, *Scots*, and *Scottish* 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*, *score*, *scoop*, *scorn*, *scour* vb.¹ and vb.²

EMENDATIONS.

Saucer 4. Earlier example:—13. . *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 2784 With eghen that war ful bright and clere, And brade, ilkone, als a sawsere.

Sauciate v. Earlier example:—1644 HAMMOND *Of Conscience* 27 Any such act of willfull sinne . . is a naturall meanes . . of sauciating and wounding the soule.

Scovity. Earlier example:—1623 COCKERAM, *Scævutie*, vnluckinesse.

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

Scarlet sb. 4 a. For quot a 1683 substitute the following:—c 1610 BEAUM. & FL. *Philaster* v. i. (1622) 70 Doe the Lords bow, and the regarded scarlets, Kisse their gumd gols, and cry we are your seruants?

Scart sb.¹ In list of Forms dele 'g scrath (?error)' and read 'See also SCRATH'.

Schiller. The Ger. word has been used by English entomologists in the literal sense: 1835 J. DUNCAN *Beetles* (1876) 87 The elegant tribe of *Cetonide* . . are generally of a fine green, often accompanied with a delicate schiller or play of colour.

Scholiastic. Pronunciation: For 'skō·liæstik' read 'skō·liæ·stik'.

School sb.¹ 19. Additional example of *school-butter*:—1618 FLETCHER *Loyal 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?