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## SCOURING — SEDUM.

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### NOTE.

THIS double section includes 1500 Main words, 846 Special Combinations explained under these, and 342 Subordinate entries; in all 2688. The *obvious combinations* recorded and illustrated number 470, making a total of 3158. Of the Main words 81 (5½%) are marked † as obsolete, and 21 (1½%) 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>Scouring</i> to <i>Sedum</i>	283	1425	1623	1719	2688
Words illustrated by quotations	220	436	513	139	2347
Number of illustrative quotations	730	623	1203	204	13516

\* Including the Supplement of 1902.

The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 610.

The words here treated are mainly of Romanic and Latin origin. Of words inherited from Old English there are, excluding compounds and derivatives, not more than half-a-dozen; but one of them is *sea*, which with its combinations occupies about nineteen pages. The Scandinavian element is represented by *scout* sb.<sup>1</sup> and vb.<sup>2</sup>, *scrap*, *scrape* (?), *scurf*, and the important word *seat*. From Dutch we have *scout* sb.<sup>3</sup>, *scow*<sup>1</sup> and <sup>2</sup>, *scrab*, *scrabble*, *scraw* sb.<sup>3</sup>. The Celtic languages furnish only *scullogue* and perhaps *scovan* and *scove*. The alien words from non-European languages, which were so abundant in the early part of S, are here conspicuously absent: the only examples are the Hebrew *seah* and *Sebat*, the Indian *sebundy*, and the American *scuppaug* and *seawane*.

Although this instalment, like the preceding one, is exceptional in containing no long articles, it includes a considerable number of words that exhibit remarkable development of senses, such as *screen* sb. and vb., *screw* sb. and vb., *scripture*, *scruple* sbs. and vb., *scrutiny*, *scurvy* adj., *sea*, *seal* sb.<sup>2</sup>, *seam* sb.<sup>1</sup> and vb., *sear* vb., *search* vb., *season* sb. and vb., *seat* sb. and vb., *second* adj., sb., and vb., *secret*, *secretary*, *sect*, *secular*, *secure* adj. and vb., *security*, *sedition*.

### ADDITIONS AND EMENDATIONS.

**Sabbatical** *a.* 2.—Earlier example:—1599 PONT *Right Reckoning of Years* 2 These Sabbaticall yeares.

**Sabbatine** *a.*—Earlier example:—1674 BREVINT *Saul & Sam.* xiii. 281 Sabbatine bull.

**Sagamite**.—Earlier example:—1698 HENNEPIN *Contn. New Discov. Amer.* xxviii. 106 Sagamite, or Pap made of Indian Corn.

**Saliva**.—Earlier instance (in anglicized form):—c 1400 *Pety Job* 40 in 26 *Pol. Poems* 122 Thow woldest suffer neuer more Me to swolowe my salyue?

**Salsitude**.—Earlier occurrence:—1623 COCKERAM I, *Salcitude*, brine liquor that is salt. *Ibid.* II, *Brine*, salsitude.

**Saltation**.—Earlier occurrence:—1623 COCKERAM I, *Sallation*, dancing.

**Samcloth**.—Earlier occurrence:—a 1450 *Glossary (MS. Harl. 1002)*, *Hoc perzoma*, a samcloth.

**Sanable** *a.*—Earlier occurrence:—1623 COCKERAM I, *Sanable*, which may be healed.

**Sanguine** *a.* 5.—Earlier instance of *sanguine stone*:—1486 *Bk. St. Albans, Her.* a iij, The .v. stone is calde a Loys, a sanquine stone or sinamer hit is calde in armys.

Also *ellipt.* as *sb.*:—*Ibid.*, A loys is calde sinamer or sanquine in armys.