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TOMBAL—TRAHYSH.

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PREFATORY NOTE.

THIS double section completes the words in **TO-** and enters upon those in **TRA-**. It contains 1601 Main words, 511 Combinations explained under these, and 517 Subordinate entries of obsolete forms, etc., amounting to 2629. The *obvious combinations*, recorded, classified, and illustrated under the Main words, number 666 more, raising the total to 3295. Of the 1601 Main words, 1226 (76.58 %) are current English, native or naturalized, 261 (16.30 %) are marked † as obsolete, and 114 (7.12 %) || alien or not fully naturalized. Comparison with Dr. Johnson's, and some more recent Dictionaries, shows the following figures:—

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic'.*	'Century' Dict.*	Funk's 'Standard'.	Here.
Words recorded, <i>Tombal-</i> to <i>Trahysk</i>	213	1211	1737	1468	3295
Words illustrated by quotations	186	448	558	155	2547
Number of illustrative quotations	640	728	1351	215	12,210

* Including Supplement.

The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 625.

This double section contains a good representation of the chief constituents of the English Vocabulary. Among the words that have come down from the earliest English are *to-morn*, **TONGS**, **TONGUE** (12 cols.), **TOO**, **TOOL**, *toot*, **TOOTH**, **TOP** sb.¹, *tough*, *touse*, **TOW** v., **TOWARD** adj., adv., prep., **TOWN** and *township*; others, of somewhat later appearance, are *to-morrow*, *to-name*, *to-night*, *tone* and *tother*. Of native formation are, among many others, *topple*, **TOPSY-TURVY** (from *top*), *tout* from *toot*, and *tracery* from *trace* vb. Kindred Low German and Frisian dialects have contributed *tow* sb.², **TOY**, and the great word **TRADE**, cognate with the native *tread*. Scandinavian has added, among others, *toom* sb. and adj., *torfer*, *torsk*, and perhaps *toss*, *toller*, and *tow* sb.³ Of Celtic origin are *tor*, *torgoch*, **TORY**, *towan*. The French element is strong, including **TON** (4 words), *tonline*, *toque*, *torch*, *torsion*, **TORT**, *toris*, *torve*, *total*, **TOUR**, *tourn*, **TOURNAMENT**, *tourney*, **TOWER**, **TRACE**, and (in part) **TORTOISE**, most of them ultimately from Latin; with *toupee* (*toupet*), **TOWEL**, and *track*, ulteriorly from Frankish or other German dialect, and **TOUCH** and **TRAFFIC**, of Common Romanic standing, but uncertain origin. More directly from Latin (though sometimes through French) are *tomentose*, *tonsil*, *toph*, -us, *torment*, **TORPEDO**, *torpid*, *torpor*, *torrent*, *torture*, *torus*, *tradition*, **TRACT** (with its numerous family, including **TRACTARIAN**), *traction*, and *tractrix*. Italian, Spanish, or other Romanic tongues have given, among others, *tombola*, *tondino*, *tondo*, *torso*, and influenced the form of *tornado*. Greek, directly or through Latin (and sometimes also through French), gives *tome*, **TONE**, *tonic*, **TOPIC**, *toxic*, *trachea*, *tragedy*, *tragic*, and the numerous groups in *topo-*, *tox-*, *toxi-*, *toxo-*, *tracheo-*, *trachelo-*, *trachy-*; **TOPAZ** is of oriental origin through Greek and Latin. The East Indian words include *tom-tom*, *tonga*, *toon*, **TOPASS**, *tope*, *topā* (*topee*), and the ultimately Sinhalese *tourmaline*. The New World has given the North American Indian **TOTEM**, beloved of anthropologists; South America *tonka* (bean), *topinambo*, and **TOUCAN**. The West Indian *tous-les-mois* is probably a South American word masquerading as French. There are a few words from Hebrew, such as *Tophet*, and the alien *torah* and *tosaphoth*. There are individual words from Arabic, Turkish, Maori, and other far-off tongues.

The most interesting words historically are **TORY**, **TOWN**, *township*, **TRADE** (with *trade-wind*); to which may be added **TON** and *tonnage* (see *ton mascal*), *tourn*, *tower-pound*, and, in its recent application, **TORPEDO**; **TOP** sb.¹, sense 9, and its derivatives, *top-castle*, *top-gallant*, *topmast*, *topsail*, are of interest in naval history. Change of form is notable in **TORTOISE** and **TORNADO**, in the latter accompanying a gradual change of sense.

The most important and longest verb is **TOUCH**, which though a French immigrant in the 13th century, superseding the OE. *hrin-an*, has become the proper and indispensable word for the action, which it is hardly possible to express by any other word or phrase. With its verbal substantive of the same form, and their family, it here occupies 22 columns. The group of compounds in which it denotes the fact of taking fire at a touch, well known in *touch-wood*, appears first in **TOUCH-POWDER**, where its origin is suggested.

Difficult or disputed etymologies are treated under *toot* and *tout*, *top* sb.², *topsy-turvy*, *tor*, *tornado*, *tortoise*, *toss*, *toucan*, *touch*, *tow*, *towage*, *township*, *toy*, *toze* vb.², *track* vb.², *trade*, *traffic*; see also *Tragalism* (the correct etymological treatment of which is due to Dr. Bradley).