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TRINK—TURN-DOWN.

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PREFATORY NOTE.

This double section, extending from Trink to Turn-down, contains 7971 Main words, 713 Combinations explained under these, and 492 Subordinate entries of obsolete forms, etc., amounting to 3176. The obvious combinations, recorded, classified, and illustrated under the Main words, number 761 more, raising the total to 3937. Of the 1971 Main words, 1538 (78.0%) are current English, native or naturalized, 340 (16.2%) are marked † as obsolete, and 13 (0.7%) ? as alien or not fully naturalized. Comparison with Dr. Johnson's, and some more recent Dictionaries, shows the following figures:—

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* Including Supplement. † Edition 1895.

The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 787.

This double section is as deficient in words originally English as that immediately preceding it. The corresponding columns of an Anglo-Saxon Dictionary show only about 26 native main words with some 6 adopted from Latin. Of the twenty aboriginal words, not more than half survive in Modern English and its dialects, viz. trod, trough, trough (perhaps originally Norse), troth, trow, trowe, Tyre, tuck, tun, and turf; of those taken over from Latin already in Old English, we have triumph, troy, tunic, and earliest of all Turn. Although many derivatives and compounds have since been formed, and some from cognate Low German and Scandinavian have been added at later dates to this element, it still, as the following pages show, forms a very small fraction of the section. By far the largest proportion of naturalized words comes to us from Latin directly, or through French: among these are trice, iron, troil, Trouble, trowel, trowant, trump, trumpsey, truncheon, Trunk, trunmony, trust sb. and vb., Try, tube, tuber, tubercle, tuba and tuff, tumefy, tumid, tunic, tunny, turbid, turbine, turbid, turbulents, turcan, turgit. Both Latin and Greek have given us words in Tur, meaning 'three', such as triple, trival, trivium; tripod, triphthong, tripody, and trisyllable. Greek is also the source of large groups of words in triro, trocho-, troppo-, with such learned terms as troglodyte, trope, tropic, and trypanosome. The Celtic languages have contributed, Welsh turn (t) and tun or tunk, Scottish Gaelic tuchlan and tammock, Irish math and turlough. Of other European languages, Italian has given trice, trombone, Swedish tungsten, Lapp tundra, Russian tsar and its family, Turkish tulip. Words from non-European languages (chiefly names of animals, trees and plants, native products or devices, food, clothing, dwellings) are very few in Tr-, but numerous in Tu-, including Maori words retained in New Zealand as tuatara, tuwhau, tomatamah, Australian tun, Malay tuba, Chinese tsiilee, Tibetan tsamba, Burmese tsane or tsaying, Hindi tulsi, tulshar, tupsor, Persian turban, Turk, Turcoman, Arabic truchman, tuba (tree), tumbake. Northern Africa yields trombash and tubbo, South Africa, the Sechawa twete (fly); North American Indian dialects have given tuchahoe and tullibee; Aztec tule, Haytian tuma, Carib tama, Tupi and other South American tongues trolec, tucum, tucutucu, turarinha, trysul.

The longest article is that on the word Turn, of which the simple verb has 47 main senses, and 65 sub-senses. There are also 25 senses in special phrases, e.g. turn the scale, turn colour, turn tall, turn loose, turn to bay, and 16 combinations with adverbs, e.g. turn about, turn off, turn out, turn out, many of which exceed the average length of main words (thus, turn up has itself no fewer than 27 senses), so that the total number of sense-divisions explained and illustrated under this verb is 286. The substantive turn has 76 senses, the compounds of the verb-stem number 47, and the derivatives treated as Main words, e.g. turnable, turncoat, turnpitt (only a few of which appear in this section) upwards of 40. No one will be surprised, therefore, that the analysis of the significations of this word, with the arrangement and illustration of its various meanings, has occupied nearly three months, and that the results, although compressed to a minimum, fill 36 columns. To enable the reader to make his way through the maze of meanings, a general index is prefixed. Yet turn is not originally English, but only a very early adoption from Latin, and ultimately from Greek, turnás, rówos being a turning-lathe, and tournare to 'turn' on a lathe, the source of the multitude of senses here exhibited.

Other words of interesting history are Tripos, triis, tricium, trowe (with its derivative trouser), truckle vb. and its connexion with truckle-bed, truce (in origin plural of ME. trowes), trunck, Try, tubman, Tuesday, Tulchan, Tulip, tumbrer, tumbrrel, Tune (variant of lom), turban, Turk and its numerous derivatives Turkey, turguolo, turcopter, and turky the fowl.

I had hoped by a slight enlargement of this issue to reach the end of T, but my long and serious illness, which lasted from May to November, robbed us of that satisfaction. The next section will take us well into U.