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TURNDUN—TZIRID.

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PREFATORY NOTE.

This single section (slightly enlarged), which completes the letter T, contains 990 Main words, 374 Combinations explained under these, and 349 Subordinate entries of obsolete forms, etc., amounting to 1713. The obvious combinations, recorded and illustrated under the Main words, number 578, making a total of 2291. Of the 990 Main words, 751 are current English, 212 are marked + as obsolete, and 27 are alien or not fully naturalized. Comparison with Dr. Johnson's, and some more recent Dictionaries, gives the following figures:

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The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 291.

In the first twenty pages of this section, containing the end of Ty-, the prevailing element is Latin or Romanic. Among the words of this origin are a number of derivatives or compounds of Tur, some of which are of historic interest, as turnpike. Others worth noting are turquoise, turpentine, turpitude, turquoise, turul, turtle (in both senses), Tuscan, tutelage, tutelary, tutor, tutorial, tutury, and the more modern tutor, tuere. In contrast to these, English is poorly represented by the variants tuh and tish, by such interjections as tush! and tis!, and a number of obscure formations, as tureen, tussle, tussock, tut (sb.‡ and sb.), tuhly, and tuss-yuaze. The compound metal tincast was named after William Tustin of Birmingham, about 1780. From various Oriental languages come turpeth or turbith, tussor or tusser, tulang, tutane, and tully. The opening word of the section,turnian, is Australian, and Tzua Mexican.

On the other hand, the words beginning with Tw-, which occupy about half of the section, are almost entirely of native origin. A large proportion of these are connected with the numeral Two (the old masc. form of which survives as twain and tway) and the related stem Twe- (whence twibill, twifold, twillight, twinit). Among the words ultimately referable to these stems are the numerals twelte, twelfth, twenty, twentieth, also twaiz, twoil, twill sb.‡, twain, twain, twisel, twist, etc. Other native words are twick, twing, twinkle, twit, and twich. Imitations of sounds are numerous, as twang, twangle, twank, twiddle, twed, twingle-twangle, twink, and twitter. In addition to these groups there are various words evidently originating in the language, although of obscure formation and history, as twaddle, twail, twatchel, twatle, twak, twig (in slang and colloquial uses), tweir, twirl, twis. An interesting example of a mistaken form gaining currency is presented by tweed. Outside of these there is little note except twee sb.‡ (from F. du, tu), with its derivatives tweeze and tweener's

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