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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:—

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic'. *	'Century' Dict.*	Funk's 'Standard'. †	Here.
Words recorded	132	699	1037	939	2291
Words illustrated by quotations	314	255	304	79	1789
Number of illustrative quotations	118	368	688	62	8186

\* Including Supplement.

† Edition 1895.

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

In the first twenty pages of this section, containing the end of Tu-, the prevailing element is Latin or Romanic. Among the words of this origin are a number of derivatives or compounds of TURN, some of which are of historic interest, as *turnpike*. Others worth noting are *turpentine*, *turpitude*, *turquoise*, *turret*, *turtle* (in both senses), *Tuscan*, *tutelage*, *tutelary*, *tutor*, *tutorial*, *tutory*, and the more modern *tulozer*, *tuyere*. In contrast to these, English is poorly represented by the variants *tush* and *tusk*, by such interjections as *tush!* and *tut!*, and a number of obscure formations, as *turnip*, *tussle*, *tussock*, *tut* (sb.<sup>1</sup> and sb.<sup>2</sup>), *tutty*<sup>2</sup>, and *tuzzy-muzzy*. The compound metal *tutania* was named after William Tutin of Birmingham, about 1780. From various Oriental languages come *turpeth* or *turbith*, *tusser* or *tussore*, *tulang*, *tutenag*, and *tutty*<sup>1</sup>. The opening word of the section, *turndun*, is Australian, and *Tuza* 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 Twi- (whence *twibill*, *twifold*, *twilight*, *twinter*). Among the words ultimately referable to these stems are the numerals *twelve*, *twelfth*, *twenty*, *twentieth*, also *twice*, *twig*, *twill* sb.<sup>1</sup>, *twin*, *twine*, *twisel*, *twist*, etc. Other native words are *twick* v., *twinge*, *twink*, *twinkle*, *twit*, and *twitch*. Imitations of sounds are numerous, as *twang*, *twangle*, *twank*, *tweedle*, *tweet*, *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*, *twattle*, *tweak*, *twig* (in slang and colloquial uses), *twire*, *twirl*, *twizzle*. An interesting example of a mistaken form gaining currency is presented by *tweed*. Outside of these there is little to note except *twee* sb.<sup>1</sup> (from F. *étui*), with its derivatives *tweeze* and *tweezer*(s).

In the small number of pages occupied by Ty- the prevailing element is Greek, the chief bases being *tylo-*, *lympano-*, *typo-*, *typhlo-*, *typho-*, *tyranno-*, and *tyro-*. These are represented not only in numerous combinations forming terms of modern science, but in the simple or common words *lympan*, *lympanum*, *lympany*, *type*, *typhoid*, *typhus*, *typical*, *typify*, *typographer*, etc., *tyrannical*, *tyranny*, *tyrant*. Proper names on Greek or Latin types are exemplified in *Tychonian*, *Tyrian*, *Tyrrhene*, *Tyrrhenian*. Other languages have contributed little here: English supplies only a few words, as *tye* sb.<sup>1</sup> and sb.<sup>2</sup>, *tyg*, *tying*, and the place-name *Tyburn*; from Scandinavian come *tyke* and *Tynwald*, and several of the sbs. written *tyre* are from French or Latin. Chinese is the ultimate source of *Tycoon* and *typhoon*; some difficulties hitherto connected with the latter word are cleared away by the evidence now available.

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