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UNFORESEEING—UNRIGHT.

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PREFATORY NOTE.

In this section of the Dictionary there are 3870 Main words, 108 Special Combinations explained under these, 126 Obvious Combinations, and 431 Subordinate entries of obsolete or variant forms; in all 4535 words. Of the Main words 567 are marked † as obsolete, and 8 are marked || as alien or not fully naturalized.

Comparison with Johnson's and some recent Dictionaries gives the following results:

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In the corresponding portion of Richardson the quotations number 203.

In this portion of U, five-sixths of the space is occupied by words formed with one or other of the two prefixes Un-.

The remaining sixth contains a number of words, chiefly of Latin origin, some of which are of considerable importance in the language. One group of these consists of terms, chiefly scientific, based upon L. unus or unguiculus nail, ungula hoof, and unguentum ointment. A much larger group has its base in L. inus one, and comprises either direct or secondary formations from this, as unable, unical, unicit, unific, unify, union, unitive, or combinations in which the first element is uni-, as uni-axial, -capsular, -cellular, -florous, -lateral, -lingual, -lateral, -personal, etc. The more notable words belonging to the former group are Unify v., Union (with its derivatives), Unique a. (from French, replacing the earlier unic from Latin), Unit (introduced by Dee in 1570), Unitarian, Unite v., and Unity. The latter includes Unicorn, Uniform, Uniformity, Union, Universal, Universe, and University.

Of the words in Un-, by far the greater number belong to the negative class (Un-1), and include many which are in common use and frequently of long standing. The majority of these are either adjectives (commonly with derivatives in -ly and -ness), as unfortunate, unfriendly, unfruitful, ungainly, ungenuous, ungente, ungaily (due to Tindale), ungovernable, ungracious, ungrateful, unhandsome, unhands, unhappy, unholy, unjust, unkind, unkindly, unlawful, unlike, unlikely, unlucky, unmerciful, unnatural, unnecessary, unpleasant, unprofitable, unquestionable, unready, unreasonable, or participial forms in -ed, as unformed, unfounded, unfurnished, ungathered, ungoverned, unpleased, unhallowed, unharmed, unheard, unheded, unhindered, unlettered, unlicensed, unlimited, unmeasured, unmigrated, unmixed, unmove, unnamed, unnumbered, unobserved, unoccupied, unopened, unpaid, unpereceived, unpolished, unprepared, unprincipled, unprovided, unpublished, unqualified, unquestioned, unrehearsed, unrestrained. In the obsolete and obsolescent examples there is much material to illustrate the history of the prefix and its relation to the synonymous In-.

Although they are in the minority, the number of words formed with Un-2 is by no means small, and includes many verbs in regular use, as unful, unhand, unharness, unhinge, unhitch, unhook, unhorse, unhous, unjoint, unkennel, unking, unload, unlock, unloose, unwake, unman, unmask, unpack, unpin, unravel, unrig.

Outside of these various classes the only word of special interest is Unless, in which the un- is an alteration of the preposition on.

Words with historical associations chiefly belong to the uni-group, as Uniät, Unicorn, Uniform, Uniformity, Union, Union flag, Unionist, Union Jack, Unite vb., United ppl. a., and United States.