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W—WASH.

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NOTE.

This double section includes 983 Main words, 368 Special Combinations explained under these, and 692 Subordinate entries; in all 2043. The obvious combinations recorded and illustrated number 516, making a total of 2559. Of the Main words 299 (30%) are marked as obsolete, and 151 (15%) are marked as alien or not fully naturalized.

Comparison with Dr. Johnson's and some recent Dictionaries gives the following figures:

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The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 621.

The W portion of the English vocabulary is remarkable for the entire absence of Greek and Latin derivatives, which under every other letter except Y form a large proportion of the whole. It consists mainly of words belonging to the oldest strata of the language—words inherited from Old English, and early adoptions from Scandinavian and Old French. As most of these words of long history have developed a great variety of senses and forms, the average length of the articles in this part of the Dictionary is larger than usual.

In the present instalment the words of Old English origin include wade, wadset, wain, wais, wake sb. and vb., waken, wale, wail, wallow, wallwort, walnut, won, wander, wonpe, wonpe, wonpe, wonpe, warder, ward, way, wairlock, warm, wampee, wampum, war, warbl, warder sb., warrior. Attention may be called to the articles on the prefix w— and the suffixes -ward, -wards, the origin and functions of which are treated with a fullness not hitherto attempted.