

A NEW ENGLISH DICTIONARY ON HISTORICAL PRINCIPLES.

DIFFLUENT — DISBURDEN.

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NOTE.

THIS Section contains 1252 Main words, 153 Combinations explained under these, and 95 Subordinate entries, 1500 in all. The *obvious combinations*, recorded and illustrated by quotations, without individual definition, number 150 more. Of the 1252 Main words, 942 are current and native or fully naturalized, 267 (21.3%) are marked (+) as *obsolete*, and 43 (3.4%) as (||) *alien* or not fully naturalized. Comparison with the corresponding part of Dr. Johnson's Dictionary, and of some more recent lexicographical works, shows the following figures :

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopæd c.'	Century Dict.	Funk's 'Standard.'	Here.
Total words recorded, <i>Diffluent</i> to <i>Disburden</i>	219	970	1002	1012	1650
„ words illustrated by quotations	170	417	440	110	1495
„ number of illustrative quotations	453	778	943	154	6828

The number of illustrative quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 673.

This Section contains part of the words in *Dis-*, a large number of these being words formed with the Latin prefix *dis-*, and its variants *di-*, *dif-*. The article *Dis-* gives an account of the history of this prefix in its passage from Latin through French into English, and a general view of its uses and applications in our language ; with illustrations of such formations as are not treated as Main words. Though originally proper to Latin and Romanic words, *dis-* has long been extended to native English words, and indeed to words from all sources, as in *disbelieve*, *disbench*, *disbosom*, *discoach*, *disturnpike*. Among important words containing this prefix, in one or other of its forms, attention may be called to *diffuse*, *digest*, *dilapidate*, *dilate*, *diligence*, *dimension*, *diminish* (with *diminution*), *dine* (*dinner*), *direct*, *disable*, *disallow*, *disaster*, *disband*. Words of scientific note are exemplified by *diffraction*, *diffusion*, *digit*, *dilemma*, *diluvial*. Historical interest attaches to *digger* (sense 2 d), *dilettante*, *diligroul*, *dimity*, *diocese* (long spelt *diocess*), *diorama*, *diphtheria*, *diplomatic* (and its relation to *diploma*), *directory*, *dirge*, and to the expression *dine with Duke Humphrey*. The proportion of native English and Teutonic words is larger than in the two preceding sections : they include, among others, the words *dight*, *dike* (with its derivatives), *dill*, *dim*, *din*, *ding*, *dingle*, *dip*, *dirt*.