

A NEW ENGLISH DICTIONARY ON HISTORICAL PRINCIPLES.

FEE — FIELD.

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NOTE.

THIS Section contains 962 Main words, 229 Subordinate words, 183 Special Combinations explained under the Main words, and 271 Obvious Combinations recorded and illustrated without individual explanation: total 1645. Of the Main words 681 are current and fully naturalized, 254 (25%) are *obsolete*, and 27 are *alien*. The greater completeness in vocabulary and illustration distinctive of the Oxford Dictionary as compared with other English Dictionaries may be seen from the following tabular statement:

	Johnson.	Century Dict.	Funk's 'Standard.'	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic.'	Here.
Total words recorded, <i>Fee—Field</i>	231	978	1066	978	1645
„ „ defined	228	773	772	828	1064
„ „ illustrated by quotations	179	445	124	371	1617
Total number of quotations	490	1209	168	592	8562

The portion of the English vocabulary dealt with in this Section, while including a considerable number of words introduced in the modern period of the language, abounds chiefly in words which existed in Old or in Early Middle English. Amongst the words of interesting sense-history are *feed*, *feel*, *feeling*, *feign*, *fellow*, *felon*, *felony*, *fence*, *felch*, *felish*. Corrections of the ordinarily accepted etymologies will be found under *feeze*, *felon*, and *feud*¹.

CORRECTIONS (IN FORMER SECTIONS).

Faldstool. The explanation given of the OE. form *fyldestól* is incorrect; cf. the gloss. 'volumina, *fyldas*,' in *Zeitschrift f. deutsches Alterthum* IX. 494.

Fastgong, Fastingong. The ON. forms, *fstu-gangr*, *fstu-inngangr*, should have been referred to. From the latter it appears that the correct analysis of *fastingong* is *fast* sb. + *ingang*.