

# A NEW ENGLISH DICTIONARY ON HISTORICAL PRINCIPLES.

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**KAISER — KYX.**

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## NOTE.

THIS double section concludes the letter K, and completes Vol. V, of which it also contains the title-page and preface. The letter K contains 1577 Main words, 495 Combinations explained under these, and 1084 Subordinate entries of obsolete forms, etc., 3156 in all. The *obvious combinations* recorded and illustrated by quotations under the Main words, but not requiring individual explanation, number 413 more, making a total of 3569 words. Of the 1577 Main words, 1098 are now current English, 267 (17 %) are marked † as obsolete, and 212 (13 $\frac{3}{4}$  %) as || alien, or not fully naturalized.

Comparison with Dr. Johnson's and some more recent Dictionaries shows the following figures :—

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic.'	'Century' Dict.	Funk's 'Standard.'	Here.
Words recorded in K	205	1412	2064	2071	3569
Words illustrated by quotations	150	322	595	177	2474
Number of illustrative quotations	665	557	1505	229	12,340

The quotations in Richardson under K number 684.

The characteristics of the K-words have already been described in the initial article upon the letter, and its history in the English alphabet. In consequence of this history, the native words in K are restricted to the initial combinations *Ke-*, *Ki-*, and *Kn-*; words in other initial combinations being foreign (or in rare cases dialectal), and usually recent. But the native words, though thus restricted in number, are often of great importance. Such are the substantives, **KEY, KIN, KIND, KING, KNAVE, KNIGHT, KNOWLEDGE**, with *keel, ken, kernel, kettle, kid, kidney, kindred, kingdom, kirk, kiss, kite, knee, knife, knob, knot, knuckle*, also the Norman-French *kennel* and *kerchief*, and two very ancient adoptions from Latin, *kiln* and *kitchen*, with **KAISER**, ultimately from Latin, but lost in its Old English form *kaser*, and re-adopted from continental Teutonic. Such are also the adjectives *keen, kind*, and the verbs **KEEP, KEN, KILL, KITHE, KNIT, KNOW**, with *kindle, kiss, knead, kneel, knock*. Interesting words of foreign origin, often merely denizens or aliens in our language, abound all through under *Ka-*, *Kh-*, *Kl-*, *Ko-*, *Kr-*, *Ku-*, *Ky-*; we may merely instance **KANGAROO, KHAKI, karoo, kayak, kermes, ketchup, khan, khedive, kiosk, knobkerric, knout, kopje, Koran, kotow, koumiss, kraal, kvass**. Words from Greek are also numerous; among the most ancient, **KYRIE ELEISON**. Among words of historical interest, besides some mentioned above in other capacities, are *keel* (sb.<sup>2</sup>), *Keys* (of Isle of Man), *khan, kidnap, Kitcat, knapsack*. Many of the words from remote languages are here for the first time correctly traced to their true origin, a work in which great assistance has been rendered by Mr. James Platt, junior.

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