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ROUND-NOSED—RYZE.

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PREFATORY NOTE.

Round-nosed—Byze. This section contains 1261 Main words, 119 Combinations explained under these, and 427 Subordinate entries of obsolete or variant forms, making 1807 in all. The obvious combinations recorded and illustrated by quotations number 482, and bring up the total number of entries to 2289. Of the Main words 310 are marked † as obsolete, and 31 are marked ‖ as alien or not completely naturalized.

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

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic'.	'Century' Dict.	Funk's 'Standard'	Here.
Words recorded, <i>Round-nosed to Ryze</i>	162	842	923	834	2289
Words illustrated by quotations	129	281	376	109	1849
Number of quotations	642	527	1349	141	13,947

The number of quotations in the corresponding portion of Richardson is 515.

The balance of the Teutonic and Romanic elements, noticeable in the two preceding sections, is also well maintained in this, and it might be a matter of opinion which of these two sources has contributed the greater number of important words. To the Teutonic side, however, belongs the word which has required far more space than any other, viz. the verb *RUN*, the forms and senses of which cover no fewer than 37 columns, while many more are occupied by words derived from it, as *runaway*, *runner*, etc. Though native in English, this verb appears to owe its later and surviving forms to Scandinavian influence. Among the many other words which can be traced to Old or early Middle English, are *row* sb.¹ and v.¹, *rud* sb.¹, *rudder*, *ruddock*, *ruddy*, *rue* sb.¹ and v.¹, *rueful*, *rung*, *rush* sb.¹, *rust* sb.¹ and v.¹, *rusty*, *ruth*¹, and *rye* sb.¹ Of later appearance are *rowlock*, *rub* v.¹, *rudd*, *ruddle*, *rumble*, *rumple*, *runnel*, *runnet*, *rustle*, *ruttle*. Some of these may be of Continental origin, as is clearly the case with *rummer* and *ruller*. The number of Scandinavian words is fairly large, and the older group of these includes *roup* sb.¹ and v., *roust* sb. and v.¹, *rout* v.³, *rove* sb.², *rowan*, *ruck*, *ruckle*, *rump* sb.¹, and probably *rug* sb.², *rug* v.¹, *rugged* adj. Of later introduction from the same source are *rune*² (whence *runic*), *ruta-baga*, and *rype*.

A few Latin words have been adopted without alteration, as *rubor* and *ruga*, but the greater number have been modified in accordance with the usual types; these include *rubicund*, *rubric*, *rude*, *rudiment*, *rufous*, *rugose*, *ruin*, *ruinate*, *ruminant*, *ruminate*, *rumour*, *rupture*, *rural*, *rustic*, *rusticale*, etc. Some of these were partly or mainly adopted through French, which has also supplied many important words, as *rout*, *route*, *routine*, *rowel*, *royal*, *ruby*, *rue* sb.², *ruff* sb.³, *ruffian*, *rule*, *ruler*, *rummage*, *runlet*, *rush* v.², *russet*, and *rut* sb.¹ Spanish and Portuguese are chiefly represented by *rusk* sb.², and there are only a few words from Eastern languages, as *rupee*, *rusa*, *rusma*, *ruth*², *ruttee*, *ryot*, *ryotwar*(y).

In a considerable number of cases the precise origin of the word still remains obscure; among the more noteworthy of these are *rouse* v.¹, *rove* v.¹, *row* sb.², *rowdy*, *rubber* sb.², *rubbish*, *rubble*, *ruff* (in various senses), *ruffle* v.¹ and v.², *rum* sb. and adj., *rumpus*, *runt*, *rut* sb.² A marked feature of this section is also the extent to which it includes sets of words written alike but of different origin and meaning; the chief examples of this are *rout*, *rove*, *row*, *ruck*, and *ruff*.

In addition to the above, the following words may be mentioned as having some historical interest, *Round Robin*, *Round Table*, *rub* sb.¹, *rumney*, *rundale*, and *runrig*.