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UNRIGHT — UZZLE.

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PREFATORY NOTE.

In this section of the Dictionary there are 3994 Main words, 124 Special Combinations explained under these, 231 Obvious Combinations, and 262 Subordinate entries of obsolete or variant forms; in all 4611 words. Of the Main words 693 are marked † as obsolete, and 47 are marked || as alien or not fully naturalized.

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

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic' and Suppl.	Century' Dict. and Suppl.	Funk's 'Standard'.	Here.
Words recorded	532	1641	1968	1271	4,611
Words illustrated by quotations	517	1189	1039	107	4,400
Number of quotations	1355	1590	1734	147	25,471

In the corresponding portion of Richardson the quotations number 1797.

Of this final portion of U, almost half is occupied by words formed with the prefix UN⁻¹, or less frequently UN⁻². The variety of formation evidenced in the earlier parts of the letter is sustained; most of the words are still in common use, while many have had a long and interesting history. Though falling within this sequence, the terms *until* and *unto* are of different formation. Of the remainder of the part, almost half is given to the important group of words *up* and their many combinations and derivatives, of which *upon*, the most outstanding, itself requires five pages of illustration. Consisting entirely of words of foreign origin, the portion *ur-* records a wealth of scientific and other terms, as *urachus*, *uræmia*, *uranaite*, *urea*, and many words in *urano-*, *uretero-*, *urethro-*, *urino-*, and *uro-*.

Apart from the extensive series of words in *un-* and *up*, those of native extraction in this portion are comparatively few, including *us*, *usward*, *utmost* a., *utter* a. and adv., *utter* v.¹, *uver*, etc. Dutch is meagrely represented by † *uploper*, *uproar*, † *upsy Friese*; German by *ure-ox*, *urochs*, also *urbarial*; and Old Norse by *ure* sb.⁴ and sb.⁵, † *usell* a., and † *uthe*.

Excepting *urraca* and † *uso* (from Spanish or Italian), the Romanic element is solely from French, as † *uny* v., *urbane*, *ure* sb.¹, sb.³, and v.¹, *urgence*, *urgent*, *uric*, *urinal* sb., *urine* sb., *usable*, *usage*, *usance*, † *usant*, *use* sb. and v., *user*², *usine*, *ustion*, *usual*, *usurer*, *usurp*, *usurpation*, *usurper*, *usury*, *ulas*¹, *utensil*, *uterine* a., *utilize*, *utricle*, *utterance*², and † *wvule*.

Adoptions from Latin include *urban*, *urbic*, *uredo*, *urethra*, *urge* v., *urn* sb., *ursa*, *ursine* a., *urtica*, *urus*, *usucapion*, *usucapition*, *usufruct* sb., *usufructuary*, *usurpate*, *uterus*, *utriculus*, *uxorious*; while *urceolate*, *ureter*, *urinary*, *urinous*, *Utraquist*, and *wvula* are from mediæval or modern Latin. Greek is mainly represented in forms based upon *ouranos* 'heaven', as *Urania*, *uranium*, *uranography*, *-logy*, *-metry*, *-scopus*, *Uranus*, or in compounds of which the first element is URO⁻¹ or URO⁻²; but also in *upathric*, *upsilon*, *Utopia*. Gaelic (Irish or Scottish) supplies † *uraught*, *urisk*, † *usker*, and *usquebaugh*.

The contributions from Oriental sources include *Usnea*, ultimately from Arabic, and *upanishad*, *upas*, *Urdu*, and *urim*, from Sanskrit, Malay, Hindustani, and Hebrew respectively; while *uroo* and *utu* come the one from native Australian, the other from Maori. Native tongues of South America have contributed *urali*, *urari*, *urubu*, *urucu*, and *urucuri*; *urao* is borrowed from Mexican.

Terms derived from or involving proper names include *Ural*¹, *Uralian*, etc., *Urbanst*, *Urgonian*, *Ursuline*, *Utrecht*, and *Uvarovite*.

In addition to the foregoing, interest attaches to the words *unspeakable*, *unwashed*, † *uptails*, *urchin*, *usher*, *utilitarian*, and *utility*.