

# WORDS, PHRASES, PROVERBS, ETC.,

FROM

## THE GREEK, THE LATIN, AND MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES, RENDERED INTO ENGLISH.

NOTE. — *L.* Latin; *Fr.* French; *It.* Italian; *Sp.* Spanish; *Gr.* Greek.

### A.

*À la Française.* [Fr.] After the French mode; — *la mode*, in fashion; — *l'Anglaise*, after the English fashion

*A fortiori.* [L.] With stronger reason; — *mensâ et thoro*, from bed and board; — *posteriori*, from the effect to the cause; — *priori*, from the cause to the effect; — *vinculo matrimonii*, from the tie of marriage.

*Abandon.* [Fr.] Disregard of self, or of appearances.

*Ab extra.* [L.] From without; — *initio*, from the beginning; — *intra*, from within; — *uno disce omnes*, from one learn all; from a single instance infer the whole.

*Ad eundem* (sc. *gradum*). [L.] To the same degree; — *hominem*, to the man; that is, to his interests and passions; — *infinitum*, to infinity; — *interim*, in the mean while; — *libitum*, at pleasure; — *nauseam*, to disgust.

*Adscriptus glebæ.* [L.] Belonging or attached to the soil.

*Agenda.* [L.] Things to be done.

*Alere flammam.* [L.] To feed the flame.

*Alis volat propriis.* [L.] She flies with her own wings; — motto of Oregon. [come.]

*Allons.* [Fr.] Let us go.

*Alma mater.* [L.] A fostering mother.

*Alter ego.* [L.] Another self.

*Amende honorable.* [Fr.] Satisfactory apology.

*Amour propre.* [Fr.] Self-love; vanity.

*Anglicè.* [L.] According to the English manner.

*Anno ætatis suæ.* [L.] In the year of his or her age; — *Christi*, in the year of Christ; — *Domini*, in the year of our Lord; — *mundi*, in the year of the world; — *urbis conditæ*, in the year the city (Rome) was built.

*Ante bellum.* [L.] Before the war; — *meridiem*, before noon.

*Appui.* [Fr.] Point of support.

*Aqua viæ.* [L.] Brandy; spirit; alcohol.

*Arbiter elegantiarum.* [L.] An umpire in matters of taste

*Argumentum ad hominem.* [L.] An argument deriving its force from the situation of the person to whom it is addressed [artist's room.

*Atelier.* [Fr.] A workshop, or

*Au contraire.* [Fr.] On the contrary; — *à fait*, well instructed; expert; — *à revoir*, adieu until we meet again.

### B.

*Bas bleu.* [Fr.] A blue-stocking.

*Beau monde.* [Fr.] The fashionable world.

*Beaux esprits.* [Fr.] Gay spirits; men of wit. [mind.]

*Bel esprit.* [Fr.] A brilliant

*Ben trovato.* [It.] Well found; a happy invention.

*Bête noir.* [Fr.] A bugbear

*Bijou.* [Fr.] A jewel.

*Billetdoux.* [Fr.] A love-letter.

*Bizarre.* [Fr.] Odd; fantastic.

*Blasé.* [Fr.] Pallid; surfeited; rendered incapable of continued enjoyment.

*Bona fide.* [L.] In good faith.

*Bon bon.* [Fr.] A sugar-plum; — *jour*, good day; good morning; — *soir*, good evening.

*Bonhomie.* [Fr.] Good-natured simplicity.

*Boulevard.* [Fr.] A public walk or street occupying the site of demolished fortifications.

*Bouleversement.* [Fr.] An overturning; subversion.

*Bourgeois.* [Fr.] A man of middle rank in society.

*Bourgeoisie.* [Fr.] Middle classes of society; traders.

*Brochure.* [Fr.] A pamphlet.

*Brusque.* [Fr.] Rude; blunt.

*Brutum fulmen.* [L.] A harmless thunderbolt.

### C.

*Cacothès loquendi.* [L.] A rage for speaking; — *scribendi*, an itch for scribbling.

*Cæteris paribus* [L.] Other things being equal.

*Café.* [Fr.] A coffee-house.

*Calèche.* [Fr.] A half-coach or calash

*Canaille.* [Fr.] The rabble.

*Cantatrice.* [It.] A female professional singer.

*Caput mortuum* [L.] The worthless remains.

*Casus belli.* [L.] That which involves or justifies war.

*Catalogue raisonné.* [Fr.] A

catalogue of books arranged according to their subjects.  
*Caveat emptor.* [L.] Let the buyer beware.  
*Chapeau bas.* [Fr.] Hats off; — *bras*, a military cocked hat.  
*Chargé d'affaires.* [Fr.] An inferior diplomatic representative at a foreign court.  
*Charivari.* [Fr.] A mock serenade of discordant music.  
*Châteaux en Espagne.* [Fr.] Castles in Spain, the land of romance; castles in the air. [piece].  
*Chef-d'œuvre.* [Fr.] A masterpiece.  
*Chère amie.* [Fr.] A dear friend; a mistress.  
*Chevalier d'industrie.* [Fr.] One who lives by persevering fraud. [former].  
*Ci-devant.* [Fr.] Formerly.  
*Circa, or Circiter.* [L.] About.  
*Citoyen.* [Fr.] A citizen; a burgher.  
*Couiffeur.* [Fr.] A hair-dresser.  
*Comme il faut.* [Fr.] As it should be.  
*Compos mentis.* [L.] Of a sound mind.  
*Con amore.* [It.] With love; earnestly.  
*Confrère.* [Fr.] A brother; an associate.  
*Congé d'élire.* [Fr.] A leave to elect.  
*Contretemps.* [Fr.] An awkward mishap or accident.  
*Conversazione.* [It.] A meeting of company for conversation.  
*Cordon sanitaire.* [Fr.] A line of troops to prevent the spreading of pestilence.  
*Corps diplomatique.* [Fr.] A diplomatic body.  
*Corpus delicti.* [L.] The substance or foundation of the offense.  
*Corrigenda.* [L.] Typographical errors to be corrected.  
*Coup d'état.* [Fr.] A stroke of policy in public affairs; — *de grace*, a finishing stroke; — *de main*, a sudden enterprise or effort; — *de soleil*, a stroke of the sun.  
*Crescite, et multiplicamini.* [L.] Grow, or increase, and

multiply; — the motto of Maryland.  
*Crevace.* [Fr.] A deep crevice; a breach.  
*Crimen læsæ majestatis.* [L.] High treason.  
*Cruz criticorum.* [L.] The puzzle of critics; — *mathematicorum*, the puzzle of mathematicians.  
*Cui bono?* [L.] For whose benefit? Colloquially, but erroneously, of what use?  
*Cuisine.* [Fr.] A kitchen; cookery.  
*Cum grano salis.* [L.] With a grain of salt; with some allowance; — *privilegio*, with privilege.  
*Currente calamo.* [L.] With a running or rapid pen.  
*Custos rotulorum.* [L.] Keeper of the rolls.

## D.

*De gustibus non est disputandum.* [L.] There is no disputing about tastes; — *jure*, from the law; by right; — *mortuis nil nisi bonum*, say nothing but good of the dead; — *novo*, anew; — *profundis*, out of the depths.  
*De trop.* [Fr.] Too much, or too many; not wanted.  
*Dei gratiâ.* [L.] By the grace of God.  
*Demi-monde.* [Fr.] Disreputable female society; abandoned women.  
*Deo gratias.* [L.] Thanks to God; — *volente*, God willing.  
*Dernier ressort.* [Fr.] A last resource.  
*Deus ex machina.* [L.] A god coming down from the staging (of a theater); an unexpected and fortunate occurrence.  
*Dies iræ.* [L.] Day of wrath; — *non*, a day on which judges do not sit.  
*Dieu défend le droit.* [Fr.] God defends the right; — *et mon droit*, God and my right.  
*Dirigo.* [L.] I direct or guide; — the motto of Maine.

*Dissecta membra.* [L.] Scattered limbs or remains.  
*Distingué.* [Fr.] Distinguished; eminent.  
*Distrain.* [Fr.] Absent in thought.  
*Dolce far niente.* [It.] Sweet doing-nothing; sweet idleness.  
*Dominus vobiscum.* [L.] The Lord be with you.  
*Double entente.* [Fr.] Double meaning; a play on words.  
*Douceur.* [Fr.] A bribe.  
*Dramatis personæ.* [L.] Characters represented in a drama.  
*Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.* [L.] It is sweet and honorable to die for one's country.  
*Dum vivimus, vivamus.* [L.] While we live, let us live.  
*Durante beneplacito.* [L.] During good pleasure; — *vita*, during life.

## E.

*Eau de vie.* [Fr.] Water of life; brandy.  
*Ecce homo.* [L.] Behold the man; — applied specifically to any picture representing the Savior given up to the people by Pilate, and wearing the crown of thorns.  
*E pluribus unum.* [L.] One out of many; one composed of many; — the motto of the United States.  
*Editio princeps.* [L.] The first edition.  
*Égalité.* [Fr.] Equality.  
*Élève.* [Fr.] A pupil; a foster child.  
*Élite.* [Fr.] A choice or select body of persons. [tion].  
*Éloge.* [Fr.] A funeral oration.  
*Émeute.* [Fr.] A riot; a mob.  
*Employé.* [Fr.] One who is employed.  
*En arrière.* [Fr.] In the rear, — *famille*, in a domestic state; — *passant*, in passing; by the way; — *rapproch*, in a condition or relation of sympathy; in a condition to admit of free communication; — *route*, on the way.

*Enceinte*. [Fr.] Pregnant.

*Enfans perus*. [Fr.] Lost children; a forlorn hope.

*Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem*. [L.] With the sword she seeks quiet peace under liberty; — the motto of Massachusetts.

*Entente cordiale*. [Fr.] Evidences of good will, exchanged by the chief persons of two states. [ourselves.]

*Entre nous*. [Fr.] Between.

*Entrée*. [Fr.] Entry; first course at table.

*Entrepôt*. [Fr.] A bonded warehouse; a free port.

*Ergo*. [L.] Therefore.

*Esprit de corps*. [Fr.] The animating spirit of a collective body. [perpetual.]

*Esto perpetua*. [L.] Let it be.

*Et cum spiritu tuo*. [L.] And with thy spirit; — *id genus omne*, and every thing of the sort; — *sic de similibus*, and so of the like; — *tu*, Brute! and thou also, Brutus!

*Eureka* (εὕρηκα, hū-rē-ka.) [Gr.] I have found it; — the motto of California.

*Ex animo*. [L.] Heartily; — *cathedra*, from the bench; with high authority; — *officio*, by virtue of his office; — *parte*, on one side only; — *pede Herculeum*, we recognize a Hercules from the size of the foot; that is, we judge of the whole from the specimen; — *post facto*, after the deed is done.

*Excelsior*. [L.] Higher; more elevated; — the motto of New York.

*Excerpta*. [L.] Extracts.

*Exempli gratia*. [L.] By way of example.

*Exeunt omnes*. [L.] All go out.

*Exposé*. [Fr.] An exposition.

## F.

*Facile princeps*. [L.] Evidently pre-eminent; the admitted chief.

*Faibourg*. [Fr.] A suburb.

*Fauteuil*. [Fr.] An easy chair.

*Faux pas*. [Fr.] A false step.

*Fecit*. [L.] He made it.

*Femme couverte*. [Fr.] A married woman; — *de chambre*, a chambermaid.

*Festina lentè*. [L.] Hasten slowly. [festival.]

*Fête champêtre*. [Fr.] A rural.

*Feu de joie*. [Fr.] A firing of guns in token of joy; a bonfire.

*Feuilleton*. [Fr.] Bottom part of a French newspaper, separated by a line from the rest, and devoted to light literature, criticism, &c.

*Fiacre*. [Fr.] A hack.

*Fidei defensor*. [L.] Defender of the faith.

*Fille de chambre*. [Fr.] A chambermaid; — *de joie*, a prostitute.

*Flagrante bello*. [L.] During hostilities; — *delicto*, in the commission of the crime.

*Fortiter in re*. [L.] With firmness in acting.

*Friseur*. [Fr.] A hair-dresser.

*Fuit Ilium*. [L.] Troy has been.

*Fusillade*. [Fr.] A simultaneous discharge of fire-arms.

## G.

*Gallicè*. [L.] In French.

*Garçon*. [Fr.] A boy, or a waiter.

*Garde du corps*. [Fr.] A body guard; — *mobile*, a guard liable to general service.

*Genius loci*. [L.] The genius of the place. [police.]

*Gens d'armes*. [Fr.] Armed.

*Gloria in excelsis*. [L.] Glory to God in the highest; — *Patri*, glory be to the Father.

*Γνωθὶ σεαυτὸν* (*Gnothi seauton*). [Gr.] Know thyself.

## H.

*Haud passibus æquis*. [L.] Not with equal steps.

*Haut gout*. [Fr.] High flavor; fine or elegant taste.

*Haute nouveauté*. [Fr.] A great novelty.

*Hic et ubique*. [L.] Here and everywhere; — *jacet*, here

lies; — *labor*, *hoc opus est*, this is labor, this is work.

*Hoc age*. [L.] Do this; — *anno*, in this year; — *loco*, in this place; — *tempore*, at this time.

*Honi soit qui mal y pense*. [Fr.] Shame on him who evil thinks.

*Hora è sempre*. [It.] It is always time.

*Hors de combat*. [Fr.] Out of condition to fight.

*Humanum est errare*. [L.] To err is human.

## I.

*Ich dien*. [German.] I serve.

*Id est*. [L.] That is; — *genus omne*, all of that sort.

*Imprimatur*. [L.] Let it be printed; — a license to print a book, &c.

*Improvisatore*. [It.] An impromptu poet.

*Improvisatrice*. [It.] An impromptu poetess.

*In æternum*. [L.] Forever; — *articulo mortis*, at the point of death; — *commendam*, in trust; — *curia*, in the court; — *equilibrio*, in equilibrium; — *esse*, in being; — *extremis*, at the point of death; — *flagrante delicto*, taken in the fact; — *forma pauperis*, as a poor man; — *foro conscientia*, before the tribunal of conscience; — *futuro*, in future; henceforth; — *hoc signo vincis*, in this sign, or under this standard, thou shalt conquer; — *limine*, at the threshold; — *loco*, in the proper place; — *loco parentis*, in the place of a parent; — *medias res*, into the midst of things, or affairs; — *medio tutissimus ibis*, you will go most safely in the middle; — *memoriam*, in memory; — *nubibus*, in the clouds; — *perpetuum*, forever; — *posse*, in possible existence; — *propria persona*, in person; — *puris naturalibus*, quite naked; — *re*, in the matter of; — *rem*,

against the thing; — *seculâ sæculorum*, for ages on ages; — *situ*, in its original situation; — *statu quo*, in the former state; — *terrorem*, as a warning; — *toto*, in the whole; entirely; — *totidem verbis*, in so many words; — *transitu*, on the passage; — *usum Delphini*, for the use of the Dauphin; — *utrumque paratus*, prepared for either event; — *vacuo*, in empty space; — *verba magistri jurare*, to swear to, or by, the words of another; to adopt opinions on the authority of another; — *vino veritas*, there is truth in wine.

*Infanta*. [Sp.] A princess of the blood royal in Spain and Portugal.

*Infante*. [Sp.] Any son of the king, except the eldest, or heir apparent.

*Insouciance*. [Fr.] Indifference; carelessness.

*Inter alia*. [L.] Among other things; — *nos*, between ourselves.

*Invidâ Minervâ*. [L.] Without genius. [said it.]

*Ipsè dixit*. [L.] He himself

*Ipsissima verba*. [L.] The very words.

*Ipsò facto*. [L.] In the fact itself; — *jure*, by the law itself.

## J.

*Je ne sais quoi*. [Fr.] I know not what.

*Jeu de mots*. [Fr.] A play on words; a pun; — *d'esprit*, a witticism.

*Jupiter tonans*. [L.] Jupiter the thunderer.

*Jure divino*. [L.] By divine law; — *humano*, by human law.

*Jus civile*. [L.] Civil law; — *divinum*, divine law; — *et norma loquendi*, the law and rule of speech; — *gentium*, law of nations.

*Juste milieu*. [Fr.] The golden mean.

## L.

*Labor ipse voluptas*. [L.] Labor itself is pleasure; — *omnia vincit*, labor conquers every thing.

*Laissez faire*. [Fr.] Let alone.

*Lapsus linguae*. [L.] A slip of the tongue.

*Laus Deo*. [L.] Praise to God.

*Le beau monde*. [Fr.] The fashionable world; — *diable boiteux*, the lame devil; — *roi le veut*, the king wills it; — *roi s'aviserà*, the king will consider or deliberate.

*Lèse majesté*. [Fr.] High treason.

*L'étoile du nord*. [Fr.] The star of the north; — the motto of Minnesota.

*Lettre de cachet*. [Fr.] A sealed letter; a royal warrant.

*Lex non scripta*. [L.] The common law; — *scripta*, statute law; — *talionis*, the law of retaliation.

*Liaison*. [Fr.] An alliance; an illicit connection. [trial.]

*Lite pendente*. [L.] During

*Loco citato*. [L.] In the place cited.

*Locum tenens*. [L.] A deputy or substitute; a proxy.

*Locus in quo*. [L.] The place in which; — *sigilli*, place of the seal.

*Longo intervallo*. [L.] By or with long interval.

*Lucus à non lucendo*. [L.] A *jeu d'esprit* in etymology, which, assuming that *lucus*, a dark wood or grove, is derived from the verb *lucere*, to shine, supposes it must be *à non lucendo*, from its not being light.

*Lusus naturæ*. [L.] A sport or freak of nature.

## M.

*Macte virtute*. [L.] Proceed in virtue. [faith.]

*Ma fois*. [Fr.] Upon my

*Magnum opus*. [L.] A great work.

*Magnus Apollo*. [L.] Great

Apollo; one of high authority.

*Maître de hôtel*. [Fr.] A house-steward.

*Mal à propos*. [Fr.] Ill-timed.

*Malgré nous*. [Fr.] In spite of us. [itself.]

*Malum in se*. [L.] Bad in

*Mare clausum*. [L.] A closed sea; a bay.

*Matériel*. [Fr.] Materials or instruments employed; opposed to *personnel*.

*Mauvais goût*. [Fr.] Bad taste; — *honte*, false modesty.

*Me judice*. [L.] I being judge.

*Mélange*. [Fr.] A medley.

*Mêlée*. [Fr.] A hand-to-hand fight; a riot.

*Memento mori*. [L.] Remember death.

*Memorabilia*. [L.] Things to be remembered.

*Mens sana in corpore sano*. [L.] A sound mind in a sound body.

*Mésalliance*. [Fr.] Improper association; marriage with one of lower station.

*Meum et tuum*. [L.] Mine and thine.

*Mirabile dictu*. [L.] Wonderful to be told; — *visu*, wonderful to be seen.

*Mittimus*. [L.] We send; — a writ to commit an offender to prison.

*Modus operandi*. [L.] Manner of operation.

*Montani semper liberi*. [L.] Mountaineers are always freemen; — the motto of West Virginia.

*Monumentum ære perennius*. [L.] A monument more durable than brass.

*Multum in parvo*. [L.] Much in little.

*Mutatis mutandis*. [L.] The necessary changes being made.

*Mutato nomine*. [L.] The name being changed.

## N.

*Næve*. [Fr.] Having native or unaffected simplicity.

*Naïveté.* [Fr.] Native simplicity.

*Ne plus ultra.* [L.] Nothing further; — *quid nimis*, not any thing too much or too far; — *sutor ultra crepidam*, let not the shoemaker go beyond his last.

*Née.* [Fr.] Born; as, *Madame de Staël, née* (that is, whose maiden name was) Necker.

*Négligée.* [Fr.] An easy, underelementary attire; undress.

*Nemine contradicente.* [L.] No one speaking in opposition; — *dissentiente*, no one dissenting.

*Nemo me impune lacessit.* [L.] No one wounds me with impunity; — the motto of Scotland.

*Nil admirari.* [L.] To wonder at nothing; — *desperandum*, never despair.

*N'importe.* [Fr.] It matters not.

*Noblesse oblige.* [Fr.] Rank imposes obligation; much is rightly expected of one of high birth or station.

*Nolens volens.* [L.] Whether he will or not. [tough me]

*Noli me tangere.* [L.] Don't touch me.

*Nolle prosequi.* [L.] To be unwilling to proceed.

*Nom de plume.* [Fr.] A pen name; an assumed title; — *de guerre*, a war name; a traveling title; a pseudonym.

*Non compos mentis.* [L.] Not in sound mind; — *est inventus*, he has not been found; — *obstante*, notwithstanding; — *omnis moriar*, I shall not wholly die; — *sequitur*, it does not follow; an unwarranted conclusion.

*Nasce teipsum.* [L.] Know thyself.

*Nota bene.* [L.] Mark well.

*N'oubliez pas.* [Fr.] Don't forget. [see]

*Nous verrons.* [Fr.] We shall see.

*Novus homo.* [L.] A new man.

*Nuance.* [Fr.] Shade; gradation; tint.

*Nudum pactum.* [L.] A contract made without any con-

sideration, and therefore void. [or never.]

*Nunc aut nunquam.* [L.] Now

## O.

*Obiit.* [L.] He, or she, died.

*Obsta principiis.* [L.] Resist the first beginnings.

*Odium theologicum.* [L.] The hatred of theologians.

*Ohe! jam satis.* [L.] O, now there is enough.

*Oi πολλοί.* [Gr.] The many; the rabble.

*Omnia vincit amor.* [L.] Love conquers all things; — *vincit* labor, labor overcomes all things.

*On dit.* [Fr.] They say; flying rumor.

*Onus probandi.* [L.] The burden of proving.

*Ora e semper.* [It.] Now and always. [us]

*Ora pro nobis.* [L.] Pray for us.

*Ore rotundo.* [L.] With round, full voice.

*O! si sic omnia.* [L.] O that he had always done or spoken thus.

*O tempora! O mores!* [L.] O the times! O the manners!

*Otium cum dignitate.* [L.] Ease with dignity; dignified leisure.

*Oubliette.* [Fr.] Dungeon of a castle.

*Oui dire.* [Fr.] Hearsay.

*Ouvrier.* [Fr.] A workman; an artisan.

## P.

*Papier mâché.* [Fr.] Chewed or mashed paper; a hard substance made of a pulp from rags or paper.

*Par exemple.* [Fr.] For example; — *excellence*, by way of eminence.

*Pari passu.* [L.] With equal pace.

*Par nobile fratrum.* [L.] A noble pair of brothers; two just alike. [of honor.]

*Parole d'honneur.* [Fr.] Word of honor.

*Particeps criminis.* [L.] An accomplice.

*Parvenu.* [Fr.] An upstart; one newly risen into notice.

*Pas à pas.* [Fr.] Step by step.

*Passé.* [Fr.] Past; out of use; faded; worn out.

*Passe-partout.* [Fr.] A master-key. [silver pie.]

*Pâte de foie gras.* [Fr.] Goose-pate.

*Paterfamilias.* [L.] The father of a family.

*Pater noster.* [L.] Our Father; the Lord's prayer; — *patriæ*, father of his country.

*Patois.* [Fr.] Dialect of the lower classes.

*Patres conscripti.* [L.] 'Conscripserunt' fathers; the Roman senators.

*Peccavi.* [L.] I have sinned.

*Peine forte et dure.* [Fr.] Strong and severe punishment. [liking.]

*Pendant.* [Fr.] Inclination; *Pendente lite.* [L.] Pending the suit.

*Pensée.* [Fr.] Thought.

*Per annum.* [L.] By the year; — *capita*, by the head.

*Per centum.* [L.] By the hundred; — *contra*, contrariwise; — *se*, by itself considered.

*Perdu.* [Fr.] Lost.

*Personnel.* [Fr.] Body of persons employed in some public service.

*Petitio principii.* [L.] A begging of the question.

*Petit maître.* [Fr.] A dandy; a coxcomb.

*Peu de chose.* [Fr.] A trifle.

*Pirouette.* [Fr.] A whirl on the toes, as in dancing.

*Pis aller.* [Fr.] The last shift.

*Più.* [It.] More.

*Pleno jure.* [L.] With full authority. [web.]

*Plexus.* [L.] A net-work; *Poco à poco.* [It.] Little by little.

*Poeta nascitur, non fit.* [L.] The poet is born, not made.

*Point d'appui.* [Fr.] Point of support; prop.

*Pons asinorum.* [L.] Bridge of asses.

*Post mortem.* [L.] After death; — *obitum*, after death.

*Pot-pourri.* [Fr.] A hotch-potch; a medley.

*Preux chevalier.* [Fr.] A brave knight.

*Prima facie.* [L.] On the first view.

*Primus inter pares.* [L.] Chief among equals.

*Principia, non homines.* [L.] Principles, not men.

*Pro aris et focis.* [L.] For our altars and firesides; — *bono publico*, for the public good; — *et con*, for and against; — *forma*, for the sake of form; — *hac vice*, for this turn or occasion; — *ratâ*, in proportion; — *tempore*, for the time.

*Proces verbal.* [Fr.] A written statement.

*Profanum vulgus.* [L.] The profane vulgar.

*Proh pudor.* [L.] O, for shame.

*Propria quæ maribus.* [L.] Those things which are appropriate or peculiar to men, or to husbands.

*Punica fides.* [L.] Punic faith; treachery.

## Q.

*Quantum libet.* [L.] As much as you please; — *meruit*, as much as he deserved; — *mutatus ab illo*! how changed from what he was!; — *sufficit*, a sufficient quantity; — *eis*, as much as you will.

*Quasi.* [L.] As if; in a manner.

*Quelque chose.* [Fr.] A trifle; something; any thing.

*Quid pro quo.* [L.] One thing for another; an equivalent; — *rides*? why do you laugh?

*Qui facit per alium, facit per se.* [L.] He who does a thing by the agency of another, does it himself.

*Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?* [L.] Who shall guard the guards themselves?

*Qui tam?* [L.] Who as well?

*Qui transplant, sustinet.* [L.] He who transplanted, still sustains; — the motto of Connecticut.

*Qui vive?* [Fr.] Who goes there? — hence, on the qui vive, on the alert.

*Quo animo?* [L.] With what mind or intention? — *jure*? By what right?

*Quod erat demonstrandum.* [L.] Which was to be demonstrated; — *eide*, which see.

## R.

*Rara avis.* [L.] A rare bird.

*Recueil.* [Fr.] Collection.

*Reductio ad absurdum.* [L.] A reducing a position to an absurdity.

*Regnant populi.* [L.] The people rule; — the motto of Arkansas. [Properly, *Regnat populus*.]

*Religio loci.* [L.] The religious spirit of the place.

*Renommée.* [Fr.] Renown; fame.

*Requiescat in pace.* [L.] May he rest in peace.

*Res angusta domi.* [L.] Narrow circumstances at home; poverty. [the end.]

*Respice finem.* [L.] Look to the end.

*Résumé.* [Fr.] A summing up; recapitulation.

*Resurgam.* [L.] I shall rise again.

*Revenons à nos moutons.* [Fr.] Let us return to our sheep; let us return to our subject.

*Rifacimento.* [It.] Renewal; re-establishment.

*Robe de chambre.* [Fr.] A dressing-gown or morning-gown.

*Rouleau.* [Fr.] A little roll.

*Rudis indigesta moles.* [L.] A rude and undigested mass.

*Ruse de guerre.* [Fr.] A stratagem of war.

*Rus in urbe.* [L.] The country in town.

## S.

*Salle.* [Fr.] A hall.

*Salon.* [Fr.] An apartment for company; a fashionable party; or fashionable society.

*Salus populi suprema est lex.* [L.] The welfare of the peo-

ple is the supreme law; — the motto of Missouri.

*Sanctum sanctorum.* [L.] Holy of holies.

*Sans cérémonie.* [Fr.] Without ceremony; — *peur et sans reproche*, without fear and without reproach.

*Sauve qui peut.* [Fr.] Save himself who can.

*Savoir faire.* [Fr.] Ability; — *vivre*, good breeding.

*Scandalum magnatum.* [L.] Defamatory speech or writing to the injury of persons of dignity.

*Scire facias.* [L.] Cause it to be known.

*Séance.* [Fr.] A sitting or session.

*Secundum artem.* [L.] According to rule; — *naturam*, according to the course of nature.

*Semper felix.* [L.] Always fortunate; — *fidelis*, always faithful; — *idem*, always the same; — *paratus*, always ready.

*Senatus consultum.* [L.] A decree of the Senate.

*Se non è vero, è ben trovato.* [It.] If not true, it is well feigned.

*Sesquipedalia verba.* [L.] Words a foot and a half long.

*Sic itur ad astra.* [L.] Such is the way to immortality; — *passim*, so everywhere; — *semper tyrannis*, ever so to tyrants; — the motto of Virginia; — *transit gloria mundi*, so passes away earthly glory; — *vos non vobis*, thus you do not labor for yourselves.

*Sicut ante.* [L.] As before; — *patribus, sit Deus nobis*, as God was with our fathers, so may he be with us.

*Similia similibus curantur.* [L.] Like things are cured by like.

*Si monumentum queris, circumspice.* [L.] If you seek his monument, look around.

*Simplex munditiis.* [L.] Of simple elegance.

*Sine cura.* [L.] Without



charge or care; — *die*, without a day appointed; — *quæ non*, an indispensable condition.

*Si quæris peninsulam amœnam, circumspice.* [L.] If thou seekest a beautiful peninsula, behold it here; — the motto of Michigan.

*Sit tibi terra levis.* [L.] May the earth lie lightly upon thee.

*Soi-disant.* [Fr.] Self-styled.

*Soubrette.* [Fr.] An intriguing woman.

*Stans pede in uno.* [L.] Stand-Stat

*Stat magni nominis umbra.*

[L.] He stands the shadow of a mighty name. [which.

*Statu quo.* [L.] The state in

*Stet.* [L.] Let it stand.

*Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re.* [L.] Gentle in manners,

but resolute in deed

*Sub judice.* [L.] Under consideration; — *rosâ*, under the rose; privately.

*Sui generis.* [L.] Of its own kind. [chief good.

*Summum bonum.* [L.] The

*Sum cuique.* [L.] Let each have his own.

## T.

*Tabula rasa.* [L.] A smooth or blank tablet.

*Tapis.* [Fr.] Cover of a council-table; hence, to be on the tapis is to be under consideration.

*Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis.* [L.] The times are changed, and we are changed with them.

*Tempus fugit.* [L.] Time flies.

*Terra filius.* [L.] A son of the earth; that is, a human being; — *firma*, solid earth; a safe footing; — *incognita*, an unknown country.

*Tertium quid.* [L.] A third something; a nondescript.

*Tiers-état.* [Fr.] The third estate; commons or commonalty.

*To kalón (To kalon).* [Gr.] The beautiful; the chief good.

*Totidem verbis.* [L.] In just so many words.

*Toties quoties.* [L.] As often as.

*Toto celo.* [L.] By the whole heavens; diametrically opposite.

*Tout-à-fait.* [Fr.] Entirely; — *au contraire*, on the contrary; — *ensemble*, the whole taken together.

## U.

*Uberima fides.* [L.] Superabounding faith.

*Ubi supra.* [L.] Where above mentioned.

*Ultima ratio regum.* [L.] The last argument of kings; war; — *Thule*, utmost limit.

*Unâ voce.* [L.] With one voice.

*Uno animo.* [L.] With one mind; unanimously.

*Usque ad aras.* [L.] To the very altars; — *ad nauseam*, to disgust.

*Utile dulci.* [L.] The useful with the pleasant.

*Ut infra.* [L.] As below; — *supra*, as above stated.

*Uti possidetis.* [L.] As you possess; state of present possession.

## V.

*Vade mecum.* [L.] Go with me; a constant companion.

*Væ victis.* [L.] Woe to the vanquished.

*Vale.* [L.] Farewell.

*Valet de chambre.* [Fr.] An attendant; a footman.

*Veni, vidi, vici.* [L.] I came, I saw, I conquered.

*Verbatim et literatim.* [L.] Word for word and letter for letter.

*Verbum sat sapienti.* [L.] A word is enough for a wise man.

*Vetturo.* [It.] A hack.

*Vetturino.* [It.] A hackman.

*Vexata questio.* [L.] A disputed question.

*Viâ.* [L.] By the way of.

*Via media.* [L.] A middle course.

*Vicè.* [L.] In the place of; — *versâ*, the terms being exchanged.

*Vide ut supra.* [L.] See what is stated above.

*Vi et armis.* [L.] By force and arms; by main force.

*Vincit amor patriæ.* [L.] Love of country prevails; — *omnia veritas*, truth conquers all things.

*Vis à vis.* [Fr.] Opposite; facing.

*Vis a tergo.* [L.] A propelling force from behind; — *inertiæ*, the power of inertia; resistance; — *vixit*, the vigor of life.

*Vitam impendere vero.* [L.] To stake one's life for the truth.

*Vivat regina.* [L.] Long live the queen; — *rex*, long live the king.

*Vivâ voce.* [L.] By the living voice; by oral testimony.

*Vive la république.* [Fr.] Long live the republic; — *la bagatelle*! success to trifling; — *le roi*, long live the king.

*Voilà.* [Fr.] Behold; there is, or there are.

*Vox, et præterea nihil.* [L.] A voice, and nothing more; — *populi, vox Dei*, the voice of the people is the voice of God.

*Vraisemblance.* [Fr.] Appearance of truth.