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THE SUPPLEMENT TO
THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY

THE contents of the short Supplement to the Oxford Dictionary, which is now in course of preparation, will consist mainly of such words and phrases as have come into use since the date of publication of the various volumes, and of modern usages which for one reason or another were overlooked, or received inadequate treatment, in the original work.

Much material of this nature has already been accumulated, partly by the dictionary staffs, but still more by the extensive contributions of various readers to whom the editors of the dictionary, and those who use it, are so much indebted for their long-continued interest in the work. The

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rapid preparation of the Supplement, however, will greatly depend upon further help from outside, and a special appeal is hereby made to all who are interested in the developments of Modern English to do what they can to aid in collecting fresh material.

The task before the editors of the Supplement is not only to record these new developments, but to illustrate them as far as possible from the earliest dates at which they begin to appear in print. To conduct special investigations for this purpose requires so much time that only slow progress can be made. Research of this kind, however, will often be rendered superfluous if readers will freely send in whatever they know or believe to be an early instance of a new word or phrase. In the case of scientific, technical, and

commercial terms, definite information (such as specialists will be able to give) as to the first appearance in print will be of the greatest value.

Any one willing to assist in this work, and desiring more precise information as to the best methods of doing so, is invited to apply to the editors, who will be glad to give any indications required.

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