

## FOREIGN WORDS AND PHRASES.

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The following words and phrases are frequently used in writing and conversation:—

*Ab initio* [L.], from the beginning.

*Ad infinitum* [L.], to infinity.

*Ad interim* [L.], meanwhile.

*Ad libitum* [L.], at pleasure.

*Ad nauseam* [L.], to nausea.

*Affaire d'amour* [F.], a love affair.

*Affaire du cœur* [F.], an affair of the heart.

*A la mode* [F.], in the fashion.

*Alter ego* [L.], my other self.

*Argumentum ad hominem* [L.], argument applied to the person.

*Beau monde* [F.], the gay world.

*Bête noir* [F.], a black beast; a bugbear.

*Blasé* [F.], worn out by excesses.

*Bon mot* [F.], a witty saying.

*Bon ton* [F.], fashionable society.

*Cæteris paribus* [L.], other things being equal.

*Carte blanche* [F.], permission to do as one chooses.

*Chef-d'œuvre* [F.], a master-piece.

*Comme il faut* [F.], as it should be.

*Contretemps* [F.], a mishap.

*Coup d'état* [F.], a stroke of statecraft.

*Coup d'œil* [F.], a rapid glance.

*Cui bono* [L.], for whose benefit? of what use?

*Cum grano salis* [L.], with a grain of salt—some allowance.

*Denouement* [F.], the outcome.