

WORDS, PHRASES AND NOTEWORTHY SAYINGS.

From the Greek, Latin and Modern Languages.

- A bas* (Fr.). Down, down with.
ab initio (L.). From the beginning.
ab ovo (L.). From the egg, from the beginning.
ad captandum vulgus (L.). To attract or please the rabble.
ad infinitum (L.). To infinity.
ad libitum (L.). At pleasure.
ad nauseam (L.). To disgust or satiety.
ad rem (L.). To the purpose, or point.
ad valorem (L.). According to the value.
aequo animo (L.). With an equable mind, with equanimity.
affaire d'amour (Fr.). A love affair.
affaire d'honneur (Fr.). An affair of honor ; a duel.
affaire du coeur (Fr.). An affair of the heart.
a fortiori (L.). With stronger reason.
à la mode (Fr.). According to the custom or fashion.
alter ego (L.). My other self.
alma mater (L.). Gracious mother ; the college of which one is a graduate.
amende honorable (Fr.). Satisfactory apology ; reparation.
amor patriæ (L.). Love of country.
amour propre (Fr.). Self-love ; vanity.
anno domini (L.). In the year of our Lord.
ante meridiem (L.). Before noon.
a posteriori (L.). Reasoning from effect to cause.
a priori (L.). Reasoning from cause to effect.
apropos (Fr.). Suited to the occasion.
argumentum ad hominem (L.). An argument to the individual man, i.e., to his interests and prejudices.
ars est celare artem (L.). It is true art to conceal art.
ars longa, vita brevis (L.). Art is long, life is short.
artium magister (L.). Master of Arts.
au contraire (Fr.). On the contrary.
au courant (Fr.). Fully acquainted with matters.
au fait (Fr.). Well acquainted with ; expert.
aurea mediocritas (L.). The golden or happy mean.
au revoir (Fr.). Adieu until we meet again.
autant d'hommes, autant d'avis (Fr.). So many men, so many minds.
aut Cesar aut nullus (L.). Either Cæsar or nobody.
aut vincere aut mori (L.). Either to conquer or to die ; death or victory.
Baccalaureus in artibus (L.). Bachelor of Arts (B.A.).
beau idéal (Fr.). An ideal beauty.
beau monde (Fr.). The fashionable world.
bel esprit (Fr.). A person of wit or genius ; a brilliant mind.
bête noire (Fr.). A black beast ; a bugbear.
bis dat qui cito dat (L.). He gives twice who gives quickly.
bon ami (Fr.). Good friend.
bon jour (Fr.). Good day ; good morning.
bon soir (Fr.). Good evening.
Cacoethes loquendi, scribendi (L.). An itch for speaking, writing.
carpe diem (L.). Enjoy the present day ; improve the time.
carte blanche (Fr.). A white card ; full power.
casus belli (L.). The occasion or cause of war.
cela va sans dire (Fr.). That goes without saying.
c'est à dire (Fr.). That is to say.