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1632 MASSINGER City Mad. IV. ii, My private house, in crammed abundance, Shall prove the Chamber of the City poor. 1655 Ficher Ch. Hist. x. iv. §21 We mention not the large sums bequeathed by him [Thos. Sutton] to poor, to prisons, to colleges, to mending highways, to the chamber of London. 1711 LUTTRELL Brief Rel. (1857) VI. 695 There was remaining in the chamber of London of the charity mony gathered for them upwards of 2000 £. 2727-51 CHAMBERS Cycl., The Chamberlain of London keeps the city money, which is laid up in the chamber of London, an apartment in Guildhall. 1823 Act 4 Geo. IV. c. 50 §107 (for rebuilding London Bridge). The monies...shall be from time to time paid into the Chamber of the City of London. †6. [= med.L. camera, F. chambre] A province, city, etc., directly subject, and yielding immediate revenue to the king; more loosely: Capital, metropolis, royal residence;

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CHAMBER

loosely: Capital, metropolis, royal residence; Proyal port or dockyard.

1555 Fardle Facions 1. iv. 46 Garama, the chiefe citie, and as we terme it, the chambre of the king. 1610 HOLLAND Camden's Brit. (1637) 421 (D.) London. the seat of the British Empire, and the kings of England's chamber. 1631 WEEVER Anc. Fun. Mon. 608 This his Citie of Maldon, then the chamber of his kingdome. 1644 HOWELL. Engl. Tears Ded., To my Imperial Chamber, the Citie of London. c1645 — Lett. (1650) 196 Huge fleets of Men of War.. do daily sail on our seas, and confront the Kings chambers. 1699 in Col. Rec. Penn. 1. 564 Those places called the king's chambers, where shipps of warr are numerous.

7. a. The hampings or furniture of a chamber.

7. a. The hangings or furniture of a chamber. ? Obs.

1612 W. TRAVERS Supplie. Pricy Counsel, To unfold this TOTAL W. TRIVERS Supplie. Prity Counset, 10 united this tapestry, and to hang up the whole chamber of it. 1845 STEPHEN Laws Eng. II. 212 Her apparel and bedroom furniture. (called the widow's chamber) was first set aside for her own use. 1859 TYRNER DOM. Archit. 111. iii. 62 The purchase of a 'chamber', a 'halling', that is, the necessary hangings for those apartments.

b. euphem. for CHAMBER-POT, q.v.

1922 Joves Ulyster 755 Wherea the chamber gone. 1961 F. G. Cassiov Jamaica Talk v. 85 'Chamber-pot' has been abbreviated to Chamber.

II. An enclosed space, cavity, etc.

8. An enclosed space in the body of an animal or plant; as e.g. the ventricles of the brain; the anterior and posterior chambers of the eye: the chambers or compartments of a shell, etc. 1398 TREVISA Barth. De P.R. III. ix. (Tollem, MS.), In pe

1398 TREVISA Barth. De P.R. III. IX. (1010m. MIS.), In permost e subtil chambris of pe brayne [in subtilissimic cerebri ventriculis]. Bid. v. xxxvi. (1495) 150 In the herte of a becate. ben two chambres. 1774 GOLDSM. Nat. Hist. (1776) VI. 219 The first cavity, or chamber, of the brain, is filled with ..spermaceti. 1831 BREWSTER Optics xxxv. 288 The two parts into which the iris divides the eye are called the anterior and the posterior chambers. 1866 ARGVIL Reign Law v. (ed. 4) 240 The nectar chambers of long tubular flowers. 1882 VINES Sachs' Bot. 455 Hollow chambers which extend from base to apex.

9. a. An artificial space, cavity, or room for various purposes; an enclosed space or compartment in a piece of mechanism, etc.

compartment in a piece of mechanism, etc. E.g. An underground cavity for holding powder and bombs, called also powder-chamber, bomb-chamber; the space enclosed between the gates of a canal lock; the part of a pump in which the plunger or piston works; and in many specific applications in arts and manufactures.

1769 FALCONER Dict. Marine (1789), Corps de pompe, the chamber of a pump. 1811 A. T. Thomson Lond. Disp. (1818) 8 Into a chamber lined with sheet lead... water is poured. 1825 J. Nicholoson Operal. Mechanic 175 The steam is conveyed... into the upper chamber of the upper obx. 1837 H.T. MARTISEL Soc. Amer. II. 196 Our boat won the race, and we bolted... into the chamber of the first lock. 1837 Cassell's Techn. Educ. 1V. 74/2 These tubes terminate in a small chamber. in a small chamber.

b. A concave part leaving a hollow space underneath.

attrib. in open-chamber panel in a saddle, the panel or padded part so stuffed as to allow a current of air to pass between the saddle and the horse's back.

1888 Saddler's Price List, Best full shaftoe, suitable for India, with open chamber panel.

10. †a. A detached charge piece in old

10. † a. A detached charge piece in old ordnance to put into the breech of a gun. Obs.

1465 in Paston Lett. 978. III. 436, ii) handgonnes, iiii, chambers for gonnys... Item, a stokke gonne with iii. chambers 1481-90 floward floureh. Bhs. (1841) 23, iii. Jutel broken goonys and three chambers to them. 1627 CAPT.

SMITH Seaman's Gram. xiv. 66 Chambers is a charge made of brasse or iron, which we use to put in at the britch of a sling or murtherer, conteining just so much powder as will drive away the case of stones or shot. 1867 SMYTH Sailor's Word-bk., Murderer, small pieces of ordnance which were loaded by shifting metal chambers placed in the breech.

† b. Name given in 16-17th c. to a piece of ordnance; esp. a small piece without a carriage.

ordnance; esp. a small piece without a carriage, standing on its breech, used to fire salutes. Obs. [Cf. the German büchse, orig. the box or chamber of a gun, now the gun itself, and see

chamber of a gun, now the gun itself, and see HARQUEBUS.]
1540 Sc. Ld. Treasurer's Acc. in Pitcairm Crim. Trials I. 306 Doune-taking of xxx Chalmeris of be Heid of Davidis Towris...with vthir Chalmeris and Munitioune. 1577 HOLINSHED Chron. III. 1209/1 Robert Thomas, maister gunner of England, desirous...to honour the feast and mariage daie...made three great traines of chambers. 1594 PEELE Batt. Alcazar 124 The trumpets sound, the chambers are discharged. 1597 Shaks. 2 Hen. IV, II. iv. 57. a 1627 MIDDLETON World Lost Wiss. V. 190 Stage direction, Chambers shot off within. 1668 Lond. Gaz. No. 255/3 At his Entry into the Town the great Guns and Chambers were discharged. 1727 Brice's Weekly Jrnl. 13 Oct. 3 Guns and Chambers were fired all Day.

c. That part of the bore of a gun in which the charge is placed (in many obsolete types of ordnance, esp. mortars and howitzers, of smaller diameter than the bore, but now a space of larger diameter: see quot. 1879); in old revolvers, each of the barrels, and in new, each of the compartments of the breeching which contain the charge.

contain the charge.

1627 CAPT. SMITH Seaman's Gram. xiv. 66 In a great Peece we call that her Chamber so far as the powder doth reach when she is laded.

1672 Compl. Gunner in Mil. 68 Mar. Discipline III. (v. 5. 1742 Phil. Trans. XI.II. 181 That the Change of the Form in the Chamber, will produce a Change of the Distance to which the Bullet is thrown. 1859 F. GRIFFITIS Artil. Man. (1862) 190 The bullet chamber sand bore are rifted. The powder chamber is not rifled, but is of a larger diameter than the bullet chamber. 1874 KNIGHT Dict. Mech. I. 446/2 The great bronze gun of Moscow. Bore 36 in. diameter; chamber. 19 in. diameter. 1879 Times (weekly ed.) to Jan. 14/3 The use of air-space left above and about the charge of powder in a suitable chamber, larger than the bore of the gun, has produced the most astonishing results. The 100-101 Armstrong gun. was not originally chambered. The addition of the chamber.. added 6,700 foot-tons. to its striking energy. 1888 Daily News 26 June 10/3 A six-chambered revolve was discovered. It was loaded in five chambers, and one chamber had evidently been recently discharged.

d. The cavity in a mine for the reception of the powder.

powder.

1730-6 BAILEY Chamber of a Mine. III. In combination.

11. chamber of dais. Sc. Also chamber of deas, of deese, chambradeese [Jamicson suggests a F. *chambre au dais, room with a canopy]. A parlour; also a best bedroom. (Jam.)
a1605 R. Bannatyns Jinl. 486 (Jam.) Adam causit bier
butt the deid corps to the chalmer of davice. 1731 Mem.
Capt. Creichton 97 (Jam.) The chamber where he lay was
called the Chamber of Decse... a room where the Laird lies
when he comes to a Tenant's house. 1818 Scott Hit. Midl.
xxvi And then my mother's wardness and my when he comes to a Tenant's house. 1818 Scott I'll. Mid.
xxvi, And then my mother's wardrobe, and my
grandmother's forby. they are a' in the chamber of deas
Oh, Jeanie, gang up the stair and look at them! 1824

Redgauntlet Let. xi, Just opposite the chamber of dais which
his master occupied.

12. attrib. and obvious comb., as chamberambush. -bawd. -bell. -candle. -candlestick. door, -groom, -hanging, -keeper, -keeping, -lamp, -physic, -ridien adj. (cf. bed-ridden), -robe, †-room, -servant, -sill, -soot, -sweeping, -wall, -window. Sometimes connoting effeminacy or wantonness, as chamber-combatant (cf. CARPET-KNIGHT), -critic, -delight, +-glew Sc. [see GLEE], -pleasure,

combalant (cf. CARPET-KNIGHT), -critic, -delight, †-glew Sc. [see GLEE], -pleasure, -scape, -term.

1671 MILTON Samson 1112 Nor in the house with "chamber-ambushes Close-banded durst [they] attack me.

1684 SOUTHERNE Disappoint. 11. 1, Thou art a praying "Chamber-bawd, And truth abhots thee. 1841 MARRYAT Poacher XI, Mrs. Phillips... lighted a "chamber candlestick to go to bed. 1613 WITHER Epithal, "Chamber-combatants who never Wear other helmet than a hat of bever. a 1537 B. JONSON Epigr. Ikxii, Thou art started up A "chamber-critic, and doth dine, and sup At madam's table. 1580 SIDNEY Arcadia (1674) 33 In the comparison thereof (hunting) he disdained all "chamber-delights. 1516 in Glasscock Rec. St. Michael's, Bp. Stortford (1882) 15 For a key to St. Johns "chamber-dore vijid. 1602 SHAKS. Ham. v. v. 33 Ile dupt the chamber dore. 1850 MAGINN Homeric Ballads 193 Eurynome, as a "chamber-groom With lamp in hand, to the nuptial room The new met partners led. 1611 SHAKS. Cymb. v. v. 204 Auerring notes of "Chamber-hanging, Pictures, etc. 1647 R. STAPYLTON Juvenal 52 What giv'st thou to my lord Cossus his "Chamber-keepers" 1375 BARBOUR Bruce v. 380 A "chalmir page thar vith him 3eid. 1774 M. MACKENIE Maritims Surv. Introd. 13 The "Chamber-performances of Map-sellers and Drawers, who. never saw any of the Places they delineate. 1601 HOLLAND Pliny II. 344 Clinice. Margin, "Chamber Physicke. So called, because hee visited his patients lying sicke in bed. a 1640 MASSINGER Balhful Lov. v. iii. D. Will you. exchange your triumphs For "chamber-pleasures" c 1630 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. Poems Wks. (1711) 56/1 His "chamber-prayers, Which are pour'd midst sighs and tears To avert God's fearful wrath. 1627 "chamber-pleasures" c 1630 DRUMM. OF HAWTH. Poems Wks. (1711) 56/1 His "chamber-prayers, Which are pour'd midst sighs and tears To avert God's fearful wrath. 1627 "chamber-pleasures" c 1630 OLMSTED Slave States 40 The "chamber-secapes, The sinnes "gainst Nature, and the "rhamber-seveping, and water-fetching. 1897 11 Pt. Return Parnas.

13. Special comb., chamber acid, sulphuric acid in the condition and of the strength at which it is removed from the lead chambers; chamber arrest, confinement in one's room under arrest; chamber-barrister, a barrister who confines himself to chamber-practice; tchamber-bored a, of a piece of ordnance, having a chamber of different bore from that of the piece; chamber cantata, a cantata suitable for performance in a private room; chambercast, a cast of the chambers of a shell; †chamber-child, -chiel(d, Sc. 'a servant who waits in a gentleman's chamber, a valet' (Jam.);

chamber-closet, a commode for invalids and the infirm (Knight Dict. Mech., a 1877); chamber-concert, a concert where chamber music is performed; chamber-counsel, (a) private counsel or business; (b) opinion given by a lawyer in private chambers (see sense 3 b); (c) a lawyer who gives opinions in private, not in court; chamber-counsellor = prec.; chambergas, the gas, or mixture of gases, contained in the large lead chambers used in the manufacture of sulphuric acid; chamberhand N.Z., one who works in the freezing-chamber in a freezingworks; chamber-horse, a contrivance which enables a person to obtain exercise resembling that of horse-riding; chamber kiln, a kiln consisting of a series of chambers arranged in circular form, used for burning cement, bricks, and tiles; also attrib.; chamber lad, a bedroom attendant in chambers; † chamber-letter, one who lets rooms for hire; chamber man, a bedroom attendant (cf. CHAMBERMAID); a man employed in or about a chamber, esp. to do the work connected with a manufacture by a chamber process; chamber-mate, one who shares the same room with another, a CHAMBERrellow; chamber-milliner, a milliner who carries on business in a private house, not in a shop; chamber-music, that class of music specially fitted for performance in a private room, as distinguished from a concert-room, church, etc.; chamber-organ, a small organ suitable for a private room; chamber-piece = CHAMBER 10b; chamber-pitch (Mus.), (see quot.); chamber-practice (Law), practice in chambers and not in court, the practice of a process, chamber-counsel; chamber manufacturing process that is carried out by means of a closed or sealed chamber; chamberset, a set of chamber ware or furniture; †chamber-stead, a place for a chamber; chamber-stool, a close-stool; chamber-story (Arch.), 'that story of a house appropriated for bed-rooms' (Gwilt); chamber-study, private study (see quot.); chamber-tomb Archæol., a chambered tomb (see CHAMBERED ppl. a.); chamber-utensil, -vessel = CHAMBER-POT; chamber-work, †(a) sexual indulgence (obs.); (b) the work of a chamber-maid. See also

chamber-utensil, -vessel = CHAMBER-POT; chamber-work, †(a) sexual indulgence (obs.); (b) the work of a chamber-maid. See also CHAMBER-DEACON, †(a) sexual indulgence (obs.); (b) the work of a chamber-maid. See also CHAMBER-DEACON, -FELLOW, -LYE, -MAID, -POT. 1872 W. CROOKES tr. Wagner's Chem. Technol. 206 "Chamber Acid. As soon as the acid formed in the leader chambers has acquired a sp. gr. of 1.5 = 50° B. = 140° Twaddle, it is run off into a reservoir. 1879 Lunge Sulphuric Acid 1. 206 At Oker each cubic metre of chamber-space yields 2.85 kilograms chamber-acid of 106° Tw. in the case of rich ores. 1903 Daily Chron. 19 Dec. 51 Frederick the Great, when Crown Prince, was not only condemned to "chamber-arrest, but actually flung into prison. 1888 Pall Mall G. 9 Jan. 1411 He believed that there were one or two ladies practising as "chamber barristers. 1669 STURMY Mariner's Mag. II. v. Xii. 58 To know whether your Piece be "Chamber-bored. 1905 E. J. Dint Scarlatti 9 The immense popularity of the "chamber-cantate during the whole of the seventeenth and the early part of the eighteenth century. 1875 DAWSON Dawn of Life vii. 185 Dr. Gumbel, observing... grains of occolith. in crystalline calcareous marbles, considered them to be "chamber casts or of organic origin. 1846 J. Lindsay Let. in Tytler Hist. Scot. (1864) III. 374 "cardinal's "chalmer child. c 1568 Murray in 11. Campbell Lowe-lett. Mary Q. Scots App. 48 Dalgleishe, chalmer-child to my Lord Bothwell, wes takin, and the box and letteris quilk he brought out of the castell. 1836 Musical Libr. Suppl. III. 19 The. Soirées Musicales established at Paris. probably auggested the "Chamber Concerts. 1612 Shaks. Wint. T. 1. ii. 217, I haue trusted thee With all. My "Chamber-Councels. 1691 Wood Ath. Oxon. II. 107 Selden. gave sometimes Chamber-Counsel, and was good at conveyance. 1830 Grots Greece II. Ixii. VIII. 25 Ilis silent assistance in political and judicial debates, as a sort of chamber-counsel, was highly appreciated. 1712 STRELE Spect. No. 2 P6 He is. among Divi

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1610 B. Jonson Alch. 1. i, 'Sdeath, you perpetual curs, Fall to your couples again, and cozen kindly. 1611 SHAKS. Wint. T. 11. i. 135 lle keepe my Stables where I lodge my Wife, Ile goe in couples with her. 1633 P. ELECHER Purple Isl. 11. 19 note, None of them [the nerves] single, but runne in couples. 1644-7 CLEYELAND Char. Lond. Diurn. 4 They hunt in their Couples, what one doth at the head, the other scores up at the heele. 1705 Ilickeringill. Priest-cr. 11. iv. J. Like Blood-hounds) they usually hunt (in Couples) together, (Avarice and Ambition) that's their Name. 1836-9 DICKENS Sk. Boz, Dancing Acad. ix, And when he had been sufficiently broken in in the parlour he began to run in couples in the Assembly-room.
2. transf. † a. A. connexion between two parts

2. transf. † a. A connexion between two parts of the body; ? a ligament. Obs.

x535 COVERDALE Col. ii. 19 The heade wherof the whole body by joyntes and couples receaueth norishment and is

knyt together.

†b. Gram. A connecting word or particle; a

copula. Obs.

1628 T. SPENCER Logick 161 The Verbe (in the common language of the Schooles) is called the band, or couple. 1711 J. GREENWOOD Eng. Gram. 152 It is called the Subjunctive Mood because it is subjoin d or added to the first Sentence by some Cople or Tyc.

+3. Union or coupling in matrimony; the bond

of wedlock; sexual union. Obs.
c1320 Orpheo 422 in Ritson Metr. Rom. II. 265 A foulce couple it were forthy To letc hur com in thy company. 1362 LANGL. P. Pi. A. x. 180 Hit is an vn-comely couple. To seuen a 30ng wenche to an old feble Mon. c1450 Myrc 194 Wyth-owten cowpulle or fleschly dede. 2153 LD. BERNERS Hum clxii. 631 It were a mete copyll of vs twayne to be ioyned-together in maryage. 1611 CORYAT Crudities 442 To be begotten in the honest and chast couple of marriage.

II A union of two a pair.

II. A union of two; a pair. The plural after a numeral is often couple, esp when followed by of with the names of animals

or things

4. A brace of dogs used for hunting, esp. harriers or spaniels; also, a brace of conies or rabbits

rabbits.

c1430-50 Two Cookery-bkt., CC. copull Conyngges.

2470-85 MALORY Arthur X. Xiii. 434 A noyse as hit hadde ben a thyrtty couple of houndes. 1527 W. CAPON in Fiddes Wolkey II. (1726) 104 He gave to us 6 cowple of conyes. 1620 GUILLIM Heraldry III. Xiv. (1660) 167 Skilfull Forresters... Do use to say, a Couple of Rabbets or Conies. 1636 W. DENNY in Ann. Dubrensia (1877) 14 Then throw they in their Couples, and one cry Of many Parkes do ring about the Skie. 1728 BRADLEY Fam. Dict., Couple, in respect to Conies and Rabbets, the proper Term for two of them; so it is for two Hounds. 1801 STRUIT Sparts & Past. 1. i. 19 Two spaniels or harriers were called a couple.

5. a. A man and woman united by love or marriage: a wedded or engaged pair.

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a 1300 Cursor M. 10168 (Cott.) To wijf he has dame anna tan, —Was suilk a cuple [v.r. coupil, couple] neuer nan. 1393 Langl. P. Pl. C. xix. 224 The bible berep witnesse... pat a-corsed alle couples pat no kynde forth brouthe. 1436 E. E. Willi (1882) 107 Euery couple of man & wyf dwellyng at Ochecote. 1545 Birikklow Compl. 44b, iij. pownd of euery hundreth, to be bestowyd vpon poore copyls at their maryages. 1510 Shaks. Temp. 1v. 140, I must Bestow vpon the eyes of this yong couple Some vanity of mine Art. 1667 MILTON P.L. Iv. 339 Fair couple, linkt in happie nuptial League. 1711 STELLE Spect. No. 254 P3 A very loving Couple. 1753 Scott Mag. Aug. 422/2 The happy couple who of the Dunstable bacon in 1751. 1847 Emerson Repr. Men. Uses of Gt. Men Wks. (Bohn) I. 284 It is observed in old couples. who have been housemates for a course of years, that they grow alike. 1875 Mrs. RANDOLPH Wild Hyacinth 1.43 Bit Loudoun would give up Glen Ettrick at once to the young couple.

b. A man and woman associated as partners in

a dance or the like.

a dance of the like.

1759 Compl. Lett.-criter (cd. 6) 226, I stood two couple above her. 1857 Hughes Tom Brown 11. viii, A merry country-dance was going on. and new couples joined in every minute. 1857 Routledge's Ball-room Guide 31 The Lancers must be danced by four couples only in each set.

6. Of compeler A pair of composite sexes.

Lancers must be danced by four couples only in each set.

6. Of animals: a. A pair of opposite sexes.

c1335 E.E. Allit. P. B. 333 Of vche best pat berez lyf busk
be a cupple. 2362 LANGL. P. Pl. A. x. 169 Alle schulen dye
for his dedes. Out-taken Eihte soules, and of vche beest a

b. Farming. A ewe and her lamb; double

D. Farming. A two lambs, couple, a ewe with two lambs, a1722 Liste Hub. Gloss. (E.D.S.), Couples, ewes and lambs. 1855 Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc. XVI. 11. 295, 200 ewes with their lambs, generally here [Bucks.] called 'couples'. 1882 Somerate Gaz. 18 Mar., 9 single couples and 1 double ditto

of ewes and lambs.

7. a. gen. Two individuals (persons, animals, or things) of the same sort taken together; properly used of such as are paired or associated by some common function or relation; but often loosely, as a mere synonym for two. Cf. pair.

loosely, as a mere synonym for two. Cf. pair. † couple of corn: app. two quarters.

All shades of gradation connect the strict sense (as in 1541) with the loosest (as in 1711).

1365 Durh. Halmote Rolls (Surtees) 42 Ad emendum ij coppell' de silles cum les pannes. 1400 Beyrn 2002 ber & ber a coupill gon to speke & eke to roune. 1481 CANTON Reynard (Arb.) 68 Tho gaf. I hym a copel of maynchettis with swete butter. 1486 Bh. St. Albans F. vja., A Couple or a payer of botilis. 1526 Act. 28 Hen. VIII in Stat. Irel. (1621) 7 After the rate of fifteene shillings the couple of corne. 1535 COVERDALE Judith xix. 3 A seruaunt and a couple of asses. 1541 R. Copl-AND Guydon's Quest. Chirurg., Howe many cowples of sensityfe synewes come fro the brayne. 1570 Ascinan Scholem. Pref. to Rdr. (Arb.) 20 Though they three do cost me a couple of hundred poundes by yeare. 1599 Shaks. Much Ado III. v. 34 A couple of as

arrant knaues as any in Messina. 1611 Binle 2 Sam. xiii. 6 Make me a couple of cakes. 1638 Brome Antip. 1v. viii, These persons passe over the Stage in Couples. 1711 STEELE Spect. No. 8 Pt., I shall here communicate to the World a couple of letters. 1867 LADY HERBERT Cradle L. vii. 194 We spent a couple of hours resting and exploring the ruins. 1885 Law Time LXXX. 111/1 The rule. has existed for at least a couple of centuries.

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for at least a couple of centuries.

b. (With of omitted) = couple of (cf. COUPLA;

U.S. colloq.).

1938 S. Lewis Martin Arrowsmith xvi. 188 A couple
months in Italy. 1934 D. HAMMET Thin Man xxli. 173 She
touched me for a couple hundred to blow town.

c. Quasi-adj. a couple more (..), two more

C. Quasi-adj. a Coupte whose (...), to this colloq.).

[1934 P. A. TAYLOR Sandbar Sinister vi. 9a 'Just you hang on for a couple minutes more,' Asey promised her.] 1961 'H. STONE' Man who looked Death in Eye iii. 57 The crowd of curious onlookers gathered in the street and a couple more cops to hold them at a decent distance. 1965 A. LURIE Nowhere City xii. 123 I wonder if I could dictate a couple more letters then, while we wait? 1985 Washington Post 4 Jun. 13/4 It's going to be a couple more months. before we decide what to do.

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1933 R. Keverne' Menace xvi. 180 Stopped at the 'Swan' for a couple. 1934 H. M. Harwood Old Folks at Home 1. i, Lisa (coldly): I said you had had a couple.

8. One of a pair of inclined rafters or beams,

that meet at the top and are fixed at the bottom by a tie, and form the principal support of a roof;

by a tie, and form the principal support of a roof; a principal rafter, a chevron.

[Cf. c600 Isidor, Orig. xix. xix. 6 Cuplæ [v.r. coplæ, complæ] vocatæ, quod copulent in se luctantes.]

1364 Durh. Halm. Rolls (Surteea) 31, j domum sufficientem de iij copula. c1380 Sir Ferumb. 1328 Al je coplea cipres were & pe raftres were al-so. c1425 Wynydd. Cron. Ix. vi. 163 Twenty cuppil he gave or ma, to pe body or pe kirk alsua. 1372 Bossewell Armorie 11. 75 An house is neuer made perfecte, till these coples be put ypon it, by the maner of an heade. 1595 Willspord Scales Comm., Archii. 12 At every joynt a collar-beam, fastned at their heads with a pin onely; these last by some are called the Arch-couples. 1796 Statist. Acc. Scall. XVII. 140 (Jam.) The oak couples were of a circular form. lined with wood. 1868 G. MACDONALD R. Falconer I. 97 The other [room]. showing the naked couples from roof-tree to floor. 1888 ELWORTHY W. Somerst Word-bb. 3.v., A 'half-couple' is a single main timber, such as would be used in a 'lean-to' roof.

†9. = COUPLET I. Obs. rare.

c1330 R. Brunne Chron. Wace (Rolls) 102 Sir Tristrem;

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ouer gestes it has pe steem. if men it sayd as made Thomas;
But I here it no man so say, bat of som copple som is away.
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1855 Peirce Anal. Mechanics 40 A couple of forces is a system of two parallel and equal forces which act in different lines. 1881 Maxwell. Electr. & Mags. II. 193 The moment of the couple with which terrestrial magnetism tends to turn the ... magnet.

1g. 1887 Blackw. Mag. Sept. 293/1 The central 'couple', as the Mathematicians would call it, of the European belance.

11. Geom. (See quot.)

181. Geom. (See quot.)

1881 C. TAYLOR Geom. Conict 257 If three or more pairs of points A, A'; B, B'; C, C'; etc. be taken on a straight line at such distances from a point O thereon that OA. OA' = OB. OB' = OC. OC' = etc., they are said to constitute a system in Involution. the points (A, A')(B, B')(C, C') etc., are called Conjugate Points or Couples of the involution.

12. Electr. A pair of connected plates of different metals, used for creating either a

different metals, used for creating either a galvanic or a thermo-electric current.

gavanic of a thermo-electric current.

1863 TYNDALL Heat.i. App. (1870) 17 The figure represents what is called a thermo-electric pair or couple.
1863-72 Watts Dict. Chem. II. 415 The system of two dissimilar metals immersed in a liquid which acts on one of them is called a Galvanic or Voltaic Couple. 1885 Watson & Burbury Math. Th. Electr. & Magn. I. 240.

13. Astron. A double star.

14. attrib. and comb., as couple-balk (Sc.), cf. sense 8 and BALK sb. 11; couple-keep (see

1843 BETHUNE Sc. Fireside Stor. 113 The wooden framework of an old bed.. was brought down from the couple-bauks of the barn. 1888 ELwowthy W. Samertet Word-bk., Couple-keep is often to be found in advertisements. It means a good crop of early grass fit for ewes and lambs, which must be well fed.

couple ('kap(ə)1), v. Forms: 3 kuple, 3-5 cuple, 4 copil, cuppel, -ul, 4-5 coupel, -il, -yl, cowpyll, cuppil(le, 4-6 copple, cowple, coupul(l, 4-7 cople, cupple, 6 coople, 4- couple. [a. OF. copler, cupler, letter coupler, f. couple: see prec. and cf. L. copulare.

1. trans. To tie or fasten (dogs) together in

pairs.

c1340 Gaw. & Gr. Kmt. 1130 benne bise cacheres pat coupe cowpled hor houndez, Vnclosed be kenel dore, & calde hem ber-oute. c1440 [see COMPLE v.]. 1386 Bh. St. Albans B iii b, Cowple vp yowre houndys. 1396 Shaxs. Tam. Shr. Ind. 1. 18 Couple Clowder with the deepe-mouth'd brach. 1502 2nd Pt. Return fr. Parnass. 11. v. (Arb.) 32 The Huntsmen hallowed, so ho, Venue a coupler, and so coupled the dogges. 1790 Stetle Taller No. 37 Pz. Tom. Bellirey and Ringwood were coupled together. 10 be in at the Death

of the Fox, Hare, or Stag. 1859 Jephson Brittany ix. 147
They [the dogs] were all coupled.
2. a. gen. To fasten or link together (properly

2. a, gen. To fasten or link together (properly in pairs); to join or connect in any way.

c 1330 R. Brunne Chron. Wate (Rolls) 88 II it were made in tyme couwee... pat rede Inglis it ere inowe, but couthe not has coppled a kowe. 1382 Wyclif Isa. v. 8 Wo that ioynen hous to hous, and feeld to feeld coupleth. 1432-50 tr. Iligden (Rolls) 1. 135 The superior Scythia is a grete region... copled of the eate parte to Ynde, of the northe to the occean. c 1478 Rauf Coilisar 43 With ane Capill and twa Creillis cuplit sbute. 1535 Coverdale Isa. xxiv. 22 These shalbe coupled together as prisoners be. 1600 Hakluy Voy. (1810) III. 566 They bound our armes behind vs. coupling vs two and two together. 1665 Sir T. Herbert Trav. (1677) 64 These [places] Eebar coupled to the rest of his Empire. 1744 Pope [J.]. That man.. who is measuring ayllables and coupling rhimes, when he should be mending his own soul. 1819 Shell.ey Cyclops 202, I see my young lambs coupled two by two With willow bands.

† b. To yoke (a horse or cart). Obs.

a 1300 Curor M. 6220 (Cott.) His folk all armed did he call, And cuppel did his cartes all. 1393 LANGL. P. Pl. C. 111. 190 Let cople be comissarie, our ecat shalh be drawe.

c. Organ-playing. To connect (two keys or keyboards) by means of a coupler. Also intr. (6 a key or keyboard) To admit of this connexion.

1829 Organ Specif. in Grove Dict. Mus. II. 509/1 Pedal to couple Swell to Great. 1880 Ibid. 601/2 When the Swell was coupled to the Great Manual.

d. Mech. To connect (the driving-wheels of a locomotive steam-engine) by a coupling-rad in pairs); to join or connect in any way.

coupling; to connect (the driving-wheels of a

coupling; to connect (the driving-wheels of a locomotive steam-engine) by a coupling-rod.

1841 Penny Cycl. XIX. 249/1 The two pair of wheels [of a locomotive engine] were coupled together by connecting rods. 1864 Law Times Rep. X. 719/1 Trucks. filled with ballast... were coupled together and carried away by an engine. 1374 Knient Dict. Mech. s.v. Car-coupling, in Europe the connection is more intimate, the cars being coupled together so firmly as to prevent the jar as the cars collide or jerk apart in stopping or starting.

e. Photogr. To connect a device (as a rangefinder, etc.) to the mechanism of a camera.

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e. Photogr. To connect a device (as a rangefinder, etc.) to the mechanism of a camera. Also intr., to be capable of being so connected. 1934 R. M. Fanstone Mod. Miniature Cameras ii. 7 This camera has automatic focussing by means of a range finder coupled to the focussing adjustment of the lens. 1935 W. Alexander Miniature Camera Guide p. i (Advt.), Leica Model III. Automatically coupled range-finder focusing. 1939 Amer. Ann. Photogr. 1940 7/2 These new, small cameras were characterized by their versatility and built-in features, such as: range finders coupled to the lens and shutter assembly. 1958 Amateur Photographer 31 Dec. 8/3 (Advt.), Rangefinder couples with all lenses. 1961 A. L. M. Sowersh Diet. Photogr. (ed. 19) Coupled exposure-meter, an exposure-meter the mechanism of which is linked to the controls adjusting stop and shutter-speed.

† 3. a. To join in wedlock or sexual union. Obs. a 1340 Hamfole Psalter xviii. 5 God til mankynd as spouse til spouse is copild. 1375 Barbour Bruce 11. 41 Dame mariory wes coupilly tin-to goddis band with Walter stewart off Scotland. 1450-1530 Myrr. our Ladye 112 Borne of a woman that was carnally coupled vinto hym. 1485 Caxton St. Wenefr. 2, I am coupled in matrimonye to the sone of the euclastyng kyng. 1535 Coverdale Mark x. 9 Let not man therfore put asunder that which God hath coupled together: 1549 Bk. Com. Prayer, Solem. Matrim., II any man do allege any impediment why they may not be coupled together in matrimony. 1600 SHASS. A. Y.L. III. iii. 45 The Vicar of the next village. hath promis'd to..couple vs. 1726 Swift Let. to Pope 17 Nov. 360 To assist. in degrading a parson who couples all our beggers. 1749 FIELDING Tom Jones xviii. ix, As eager for her marriage with Jones as he had before been to couple her to Blifil. b. To espouse, marry. Obs.

b. To espouse, marry. Obs.
c1400 Destr. Troy 12754 Clunestra at kirke couplit onone
This Engest, with Jolite to hir juste spouse.

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c. To pair (animals).

1721 R. Bradley Whr. Nat. 91 If a Sow of that Breed is Coupled with a Boar of the Cloven-footed kind. a 1754 FIELDING Fathers v. V. Wedding! directly! what, do you think you are coupling some of your animals in the country?

4. intr. (for reft.). To unite with one of the

4. intr. (for refl.). To unite with one of the opposite sex, come together sexually; to pair.

1362 LANGL. P. Pl. A. x. 153 To kepe his cun from Caymes pat pei coupled not to-gedere. a1547 SURREY Aeneid IV. 35 He that with me first coppled tooke away My love with him. 1590 SHANS. Mids. N. IV. 145 Begin these wood birds but to couple now? 1664 EVELYN Kal. Hort. (1720) 104 Furnish.. your Aviaries with Birds before they couple. 1671 Millton P. R. II. 181. 1774 Golds. Nat. Hist. (1776) IV. 96 They [moles] couple towards the approach of spring. 1869 Tennyson Pelleas & E. 526 Why then let men couple at once with wolves.

5. a. trans. To associate or bring together (persons) in pairs, or as companions or partners:

(persons) in pairs, or as companions or partners; formerly also, to match or engage as opponents

in a contest.

1362 LANGL. P. Pl. A. IV. 132 Clerkes pat were confessours coupled hem to-gedere Forte construe pis clause. c1400 Ywaine & Gaw. 3506 Thai saw never under the hevyn Twa Knightes that war copled so eyyn. c1489 CAXTON Sonnes of Aymon xvii. 302 Or ever they lefte eche other goo, whan they were cowpled ones togyder fwrestling]. 1526 TINDALE Acts ix. 26 He assayde to cople hym silfe with the apostles. 1583 STOCKER Hist. Civ. Warres Lowe C. II. 58 a, thon Montiew, as he was coupled to the enemie, was alaine with an Harquebouze shott. 1684 OTWAY Atheist I. i, When the rest of the Company is coupled. 1822 WORDSW. Eccles. Sonn. 11. xxxiv. Latimer & Ridley, See Latimer and Ridley in the might of Faith stand coupled for a common flight!

b. To attach or unite by ties of affection, or the

1362 LANGL. P. Pl. A. xt. 116 Ryd forp bi Richesse.. For 3if pou couple pe to him, to Clergie comestou neuere. c 1430

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† pro'vexity. Obs. rare-0. [Ultimately from L. provect-us advanced, pa. pple. of provehere: see PROVECTION. For the form, cf. convex, convexity.] An advanced condition or state.

1674 BLOUNT Glossogr. (ed. 4), Provexity..., greatness of age, the being well grown in years, or well studied in any Art.

† pro'vey, obs. variant of PURVEY v.

† proviable, a. Obs. rare-1. [a. OF. proveable (13th c. in Godef.), var. of por-, pourveable, 'qui pourvoit à tous les besoins': see PURVEYABLE.] ? Suitable, convenient; or ? get-at-able.

1450 Paston Lett. 1. 176, I descre that and [= if] John Berney...can mete wyth Dallyng, that fals undre eschetor, in once place proviable, that he may [be] by force brought to Castre.. to be kept yn hold.

† provi ance. Sc. Obs. rare. Also 4 pruwiance. [a. OF. proveance (13th c. in Godef.), variant of

[a. OF. proveance (13th c. in Goder.), variant of por-, pourveance, -voyance, semi-popular representatives of L. providentia: see PURVEYANCE.] Provision; providence. c. 1375 Sc. Leg. Saints xxxiii. (George) 213 In pe tymc come a knycht... I treu, of goddis pruwiance. Quhare pe maydine abad hir chance. 1552 Lyndesay Monarche 6107 Thocht presentlye, be Goddis prouiance, Beistis, fowlis, and fyschis in the seis, Ar necessar, now, for mannis systemance.

proviant ('provient). Also 7 proveant, proviand. [a. G. proviant, Du. proviand, in It. proviand, apparently an altered form of providing, provenda PROVEND, influenced by OF. provent providing, provence provision. Brought into Eng. by soldiers who served in the Thirty Years'

providing, proveance provision. Brought into Eng. by soldiers who served in the Thirty Years' War, 1618-48.

The German word is treated by Kluge as from the It.; but proximad is not in Florio 1598 1611, who has only provenda 'provander for horses or fodder for cattle'. Diez referred the word to L. providenda things to be provided.]
Provision; food supply, esp. for an army; commissariat; = PROVAND, PROVANT 1.

1637 R. Monro Exped. 1. 7 Receiving all necessaries fitting for our march, as ammunition, proviant, and waggons, for our baggage. 1647 Sc. Acts Chos. I (1814) VI. 270/1 That all Regiments. be put and kept in equality, either in Money, Proveant, or Provision, according to their strength. 1832 CARLYLE in Froud Life (1882) II. xii. 313 We want for nothing in the way of earthly proviant, and have many reasons to be content and diligent. 1885 A. FORBES Souvenirs (1894) 135 On one occasion, before Plevna, his imperturbable coolness stood him in good stead in the matter of 'proviand'.

b. attrib. = PROVANT 3.a.

1637 R. Monro Exped. 1. 5 We were entertained on proviant bread, beere and bacon. 1870 Daily News 5 Dec., It was the wheel of his [own] gig that he had seen stuck on to the proviant waggon. 1880 A. FORBES in 19th Cent. VII. 233 Marshall was hustling proviant columns up along the line of communications.

pro-vicar, -vicariate: see PRO-1 4.

pro-vice-chancellor. [f. PRO-1 4 + VICE-CHANCELLOR.] One of the deputies appointed by the vice-chancellor of a university on his election; an assistant or deputy vice-chancellor. 1660 Wood Life 30 June (O.H.S.) 1. 320 The same day the doctors and provice chancellor at home put off the Act. 1663 Ibid. 23 Sept. 492 When they were there the provice cancellor and the 24 proproctors placed them. 1721 AMMERST Terra Fil. No. 35 [1754] 185 The gentlemen. went to Dr. Dobson, president of Trinity college, who was at that time pro-vice-chancellor. 1898 Daily News 10 Oct. 9/1 The new Vice-Chancellor. appointed as his Pro-Vice-Chancellors the Principal of Hertford, the Provost of Queen's, the Master of University, and the President of Corpus. pro-vice-'chancellor. [f. PRO-1 4 + VICE-

providable (prov'yaidob(o)l), a. rare. [f. PROVIDE v. + -ABLE.] Capable of being provided.

1891 Dict. Nat. Biog. XXVIII. 224/2 He would have provided for Rousseau had Rousseau been providable for.

providator, providatory: see PROVEDITOR.

provide (prou'vaid), v. Also 5-6 provyde, Sc. provide (pray vaid), v. Also 5-6 provyde, Sc. -wyde, -wyde, 6 -vyd. [ad. L. prōvid-ēre to see before, foresee, look after, attend to, be cautious, f. prō, PRO-1 + vidēre to see. Cf. purvey, a doublet of this through OF., in earlier Eng. use. Provide was app. introduced in 15th c. as a direct repr. of the L. verb in certain senses, and its use may have been proposed by the forest provided and its use may have been promoted by the fact that providence was already in use for purveyance.]

purveyance.]

I. † 1. trans. To foresee. Obs.

1423 Jas. I Kingis Q. ix, So vncouthly hir werdes sche deuidith, Namly In south, that seildin ought prouidith.

1545 RAYNOLD Byrth Mankynde 91 Euident and sufficient signes, whereby maye be prouided & foresene the aborcement before it come. 1607 B. Jonson Volpone Ded., Scuere and wiser patriots. prouiding the hurts these licentious spirits may doe in a state. 1640 Yorke Union Hon.

137 Of especiall counsell and advice, in providing and foreseeing the event of any deep designes.

2. intr. To exercise foresight in taking due measures in view of a possible event; to make provision or adequate preparation. Const. for,

provision or adequate preparation. Const. for,

against.

C1407 Lydo. Reson & Sent. 1556 Huge boolys of metal.. Brentlen] all that kam be-syde: Ther koude no man hym provyde To save him that he was brent. 1432-50 tr. Higden (Rolls) III. 47 Men of Lacedemonia provide for a batelle ageyne men of Micena. 1529 Mone Dyaloge; I. Wks. 132/2 Go to Christes gospell & loke on his first miracle, whither he might not have prouided for wine without miracle. 1568 GRAFTON Chron. II. 689 The olde adage, salyng in tyme of peace, prouide for war, and in tyme of war, prouide for peace. 1665 Boyle Occos. Refl. II. xi. (1848) 131 We may be often sollicitous to provide saginat many Evils and Dangers that possibly may never reach us. 1796 Bunke Corr. (1844) IV. 393 The first duty of a state is to provide for its own conservation. 1878 Jevons Prim. Pol. Econ. I. \$2. 10 Suffering from misfortunes which could not have been provided against. 1883 E. T. PAYNE in Law Times 27 Oct. 432/2 An inn or hotel is an establishment, the proprietor of which undertakes to provide for the entertainment of all comers, especially travellers.

† b. To see to it or take care beforehand; to make provision (that something shall not

† b. To see to it or take care beforehand; to make provision (that something shall not happen). Obs.
c1430 Lydo. Min. Poems (Percy Soc.) 186, I wil be ware and afore provide, That of no fowler I wil no more be japed. 1509 FISHER Fun. Serm. C'tess Richmond Wka. (1876) 296 To., prouyde by her owne commaundement that nothyings sholde lacke. 1538 STARKEY England II. ii. 181 We must prouyd. that by no prerogatyle he vaurpe apon the pepul any such authorysyd tyranny. 1573-80 BARET Alu. P80: To prouide that a thing happen not, precauce. Ibid. 803 To prouide that one take no harme, cauere alicui.
c. To make it, or lay it down as, a provision or arrangement; to stipulate that. Cf. PROVIDED 5, PROVIDING br. bble., PROVISION 5.

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1423 [see PROVIDING pr. pple.]. 1360 DAUS tr. Sleidane's Comm. 114 b, The Mayers wyfe of the citie prouided in her wyll, that she would be buried without any pompe or noyse.

1596 DALRYMPLE tr. Leslie's Hist. Scot. 1. (S.T.S.) 116 Qn sa our lawis provydes, that the eldest succeides. 1849 MACAULAY Hist. Eng. 1. 1. 13 Another regulation, providing that every person who was found slain should be supposed to be a Frenchman, unleas he were proved to be a Saxon.

1891 Law. Rep., Weekly Notes 72/2 The clause did not provide that the costs of references. should be in the discretion of the arbitrators.

II. 3. trans. To prepare, get ready, or arrange (something) beforehand. Now rare.

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12420 ? L.VOG. Assembly of Gods 216 What pyne or greef ye for me prouyde, Without any grogyng I shall hit abyde. 1470 Henry Wallace x. 620 Wallace in haist prouidyt son his ost. 1526 Pilgr. Perf. (W. de W. 1531) 8b, 0f certayne benefytes that god hath prouyded for vs. 1535 Coverballe. Prov. vi. 7 In the sommer she prouideth hir meate, & gathereth hir foode together in ye haruest. 1697 Dayden Virg. Georg. 1. 271 The wise Ant her wintry Store provides. 1809 MALKIN Gil Blay vi. P. 103 He had provided a gown of coarse dark cloth, and a little red horse-hair beard.

14. intr. To prepare, make preparation, get ready. Const. with inf., or absol. Obs.

1403 Petronilla (Pynson) 105 Felliculla gan afore prouyde, Maugre flaccus, to lyue in maydynhede. 1368 GRAFTON Chron. II. 165 He prouyded to sende men and victualles to strengthen the castels of. Flynt and Rutlande. 1601 R. JOHNSON Kingd. & Commw. (1603) 105 Let them not thinke to begin anie long warre, much lesse to continue it, unlesse they throughly provide aforehand. 1616 Hieron Wis. 1. 589, Your respective saluting vs., your prouiding to entertaine vs. 1626 B. Jonson Staple of N. iv. is But stay, my Prin

+ b. trans. with vbl. sb. (provide your going =

prepare or make ready to go). Obs.
1606 Shaks. Ant. & Cl. III. iv. 36 Prouide your going,
Choose your owne company, and command what cost Your
heart ha's mind to.
5. trans. To supply or furnish for use; to yield,

5. trans. To supply or furnish for use; to yield, afford. Const. † to (obs.), for, or with dative.

1447 BOKENHAM Seyntys (Roxb.) 37 Al that longyth to thy necessyte Shal be provydy de begod and me. 1538 STARKEY England 1. i. 10 Al thyng that God and neture hath prouydyd to hym. 1552 Bk. Com. Prayer, Communion, The bread and wyne for the Communion shall be prouyded by the Curate, and the churchwardens, at the charges of the Parishe. 1581 in Confer. 111. (1584) Riv. Prouide me ynke and paper, and I will write. 1634 MILTON Comus 186 Such cooling fruit As the kind hospitable Woods provide. 1772 Junius Lett. 1xvii. (1820) 344 This very act provides a remedy for such persons. 1898 BESANT Orange Girl II. xxvi, The contractors...do honestly provide the convicts the rations prescribed by the Government.

6. To furnish or appoint (an incumbent) to a vacant benefice (rarely, a person to a pension); esp. of the pope: To appoint (a person as

esp. of the pope: To appoint (a person as successor) to a benefice not yet vacant, thus setting aside the right of the patron. Cf. PROVISION sb. 4, PROVISOR 1. Now only Hist. [1388 Act 12 Rich. II, c. 15 Item de null liege du Roy. passe le meer. pur soy providre ou purchacer ascun benefice de seinte Esglise ove cure ou sanz cure en le dit roislme.] 1436 Paston Lett. I. 25 Ther arn ij, other persones provided to the same bysshopriche yet lyvyng, beforn my seyd adversarie. 1580 Reg. Privy Council Scot. III. 314 His brother german, being lauchfullie providit to ane yeirlie pensioun., wes slane., in quhais place the said Alexander, being providit to the said pensioun, bruikit the samin peciabilie. 1593-4 Exch. Rolls Scotl. XXII. 393 Johnne Balfour, providit of auld to the chapellanie of Sanct Thomas. a 1639 Sportiswoon Hist. Ch. Scot. 11. (1677) 59 Shevez posted to Rome. and was himself provided to the Archbishoprick. 1887 LUPTON Life Colet 121 He was provided, in 1504, to the vacant see of St. David's. 1899 TREVELYAN Eng. Age Wycliffe 120 The Papal power of 'providing' to benefices.

HII. 7. To equip or fit out (a person, etc.) with what is necessary for a certain purpose; to furnish or supply with something implied. In quot. 1628, to provide or furnish with a lodging, 1465 in Exch. Rolls Scotl. VII. 321 note, Gevin. In parte of sustentacione of him unto the tyme that he be bettir providit, ten poundis. 1836 MS. Acc. St. 79hh's Hosp. Canterb., Payd to Coincy for to provide hym selfe sway xijd. 1888 Panke tr. Mendoa's Hist. China 121 They do take so much fish, that they do prouide the whole kingdome for all the yeare. 1628 East. MANCH. China 121 They do take so much fish, that they do prouide the whole kingdome for all the yeare. 1628 East. MANCH. in Buccleuch MSS. (Iliat. MSS. Comm.) I. 268 Werden tells me he hash provided you not far from the Parliament. 1656 H. Phill. 1189 Purch. Patt. (1676) Blxb, The first Builder is sufficiently provided by his workman to testific his cost. 1838 Dickens Nich. Nich. xliii. I. mean to look out for snother situation; so provide yourselves, gentlemen, if you please.

1 b. refl. To equip or prepare oneself, to make oneself ready, prepare (to do something, for or against something). Cf. 3 and 4. Obs.

2 1489 CANTON Blanchardyn xlvii. 182 (They) ordeyned & provided theym self-soo, that they fered but lytyl Subyon or nouste. 21594 CAPT. WyATT R. Dudley's Voy. W. Ind. (Hakl.) Soc.) 2 A speciall commandement. that they should generallie provide themselves to goe with him the Sonday followinge.. to the church. 1600 Sinks. A. Y.L. 1. iii. 89 You Neice prouide your selfe. 1602 — Ham. III. iii. 7 King... Therefore prepare you... Guild. We will our selves prouide. 1650 FULLER Pingah II. x. 211 Hence the Sea running Southward, provides itself to entertain a nameless Brook. at 1650 FULLER Pingah II. x. 211 Hence the Sea running Southward, provides itself to entertain a nameless Brook at 1650 FULLER Pingah II. x. 211 Hence the Sea running Southward, provides itself to entertain a nameless Brook at 1650 FULLER Pingah II. x. 211 Hence the Sea running Southward, provides i III. 7. To equip or fit out (a person, etc.) with

something. Often in indirect passive. a. Const.

with.

14.. in Tundale's Vis. (1843) 98 With help of her.. So prudently with vertu hus to provyde. 1500-20 Dunnar Paems xiv. 3 How that this realme, with nobillis owt of nummer, Gydit, provydit sa mony seiris hes bene. 1603 CAMDEN Rem. 1 Prouided with all complete prouisions of Warre. 1798 SOPHIA LEE Canterb. T., Yng. Lady's T. II. 167 His valet (was) provided with phosphoric matches, by which he had now lit a tuper. 1841 LANE Arab. Nis. I. 71 They. provide themselves with sweet cakes, bread, dates. 1860 Tyndall Glac. 1. xxii. 151 The waiter then provided me with a ham sandwich.

4 h. Coper. of Obt.

me with a ham sandwich.

† b. Const. of. Obs.

1547 BOORDE Introd. Knowl. xiv. (1870) 160 Howbeit the
good townes be prouyded of vitels. 1556 Aurelio & Itab.
(1608) Pijj. Provyde you of trew contricion and patience.
1657 W. RAND tr. Gastendi's Life Peirett. 1. 72 Vlassius..
providing him of a ship, sent him away. 1723 CHAMBERS tr.
Le Clere's Treat. Archit. 1. 142 When an Architect is not
provided of an able Painter fit to manage a Work of this kind.
† c. Const. in. Sc. Obs.

1586-7 Rot. Scace. Reg. Scot. XXI. 61 [He] sall... provyid
and furnies his majesteis hous and haill tabillis... in naiprie,
fyireweschell, and tyneveschell.

9. intr. with for: to make provision for a person,
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1535 Coverdale 1 Chron. xxiii. 5 Therfore wyl I prouyde for him. 1597 SHAKS. 2 Hen. IV, v. v. 125 His wonted Followers Shall all be very well prouided for. 1632 J. HAYWARD tr. Biondi's Eromena 104 The old King seeing his sonnes thus well match'd, and Polimero so well provided for and setled. 1764 BURN Poor Laws 202 Thus hath the wisdom of the nation. been employed for ages, in providing properly for the poor, and yet they are not properly provided for. 1856 FROUDE Hist. Eng. I. i. 44 The essential duty of every man being to provide honestly for himself and his family.

t'provide, a. Obs. rare-1. [ad. L. providus foreseeing, f. providere: see prec.] Prudent,

foreseeing, provident.

c1475 Harl. Contin. Higden (Rolls) VIII. 445 He was moderate in cures temporalle, provide in cownsaille [Walsingham Chron. 'In curis temporalibus providus'].

provided (prou'vaidid), ppl. a, and quasi-conj. [Pa. pple. of provide v.]

I. ppl. a. † 1. Prearranged, preconcerted. Obs. 1562 Burgh Rec. Peebles 4 Oct. (Rec. Soc.) 280 The greit providit slauchteris oppresiones and skaithis done to ws.

2. Prepared, ready; in a state of readiness. 1379 Lyly Euphues (Arb.) 136 Demosthenes being sent for to declaime amiddest the multitude, stayd and saide, I am not yet prouided. 1394 Shaks. Rich. III, 111. i. 132 With what a sharpe prouided with the reasons. a 1604 HAMMER Chron. Irel. (1633) 89 Hawlaffe came in the night. hee hasted to Adelstanes Tent, but he was provided, and in armes. 1719 De Fox Crusoe (1840) II. xiv. 284 The company was. well armed, and provided for all events.

3. Furnished or equipped (with what is needed).

needed).

11873 Tristram Moab xii. 217 note, Offering an easy opportunity for a rightly provided collector. 1880 J. E. Watt Poet. Sk. 45 (E.D.D.), I was ance weel providit, an deemed mysel thrang, A-boukin an bleachin haill wabs o' new sheetin.

new sheetin.

4. That is supplied, furnished, or afforded.

1878 BROWNING La Saisiaz 446 Man. makes for the provided room Where the old friends want their fellow.

1891 Pall Mall G. 21 Sept. 3/2 Heligoland...was not..an average tourist's haunt. It was less..in the matter of 'provided' amusements.

b. provided school, a public elementary school provided by the local education authority, under the Education Act of 1902.

[1902. Act 22 Edw. VII, c. 42 §7 A school maintained but not provided by the local education authority. Ibid. §8 Where the local education authority or any other persons propose to provide a new public elementary achool. Ibid., That a school provided by the local education authority, or



July, in N. & Q. oth Ser. 11. 237/1 John Simpson, tenant in Crosthead, bath a lairs with throughs in the churchyard of Bothkennar. 1804 STACO Misc. Porms (1808) 4 Then great Job Bruff gat on a thruff. 1864 W. CHAMBERS Ilist. Peebles. 205 Throucha or flat table-like stones.

through, sb.1: see THROUCH.

through (0ru:), sb.2 Also 8-9 dial. thruff (0rAf). [f. THROUGH adv. or adj., sometimes due to ellipsis of a sb.]

ellipsis of a so.]

1. = THOROUGH sb. 2. dial.

1778 [W. Marshall] Minutes Agric. to June an. 1777,
Mixes it with the sand and marl, which is thrown out in
making their claborate thruffs, or sub-drains.

2. = THROUGH-STONE⁸.

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1805 [see THROUGH-STONE.]. 1828 Craven Gloss., Thruff, a
bond stone, or thorough stone. 1846 BROCKET N.C. Words
s.v. Thruff-stone, These walls being composed of fragments
of all shapes and sizes, without morrar, the 'thruffs' are used
as bond-stones and give great stability. 1892. J. T. BENT
Ruined Cities Mathonaland iv. 97 Most of them [the stones]
run back into the wall irregularly, acting in the same way as
throughs in our dry-built walls.

3. A ladder-rung that goes through the sides.

1899 N. & Q. oth Ser. 111. 76/a Ladders are often made with three or four flat bars, longer than the rounded ones, and projecting sufficiently on each side to admit a wooden peg... These are called flat rungs, sometimes 'throughs'

through (θru:), a. [attrib. use of THROUGH adv., primarily used with verbal abs., nouns of action, agent-nouns, and the like, derived from vbs. qualified by the adv., or with ellipsis of a pple. of such a verb, as in through (going) way; afterwards in various extended or transferred uses.]

1. a. That passes, extends, or affords passage through something. (See also THROUGH a. 1;

THROUGH 2.)

spec. Of a bolt, rivet, etc.: Passing through the whole thickness of that in which it is fixed: see also through-bolt s.v. THROUGH 2: in Carpentry, of a housing: running through the whole thickness of the member, not stopped. through bridge: see quot. 1877. through lights: see THROUGH.

Driage: see quot. 1877. Invogen ingat: see thouccur1523 [see through-serene, -iparin in THROUGH-2]. a 1578
[see THROUGH-PASSACE]. 1596 SPENSER State Irel. Was.
(Globe) 614/1 Was there not a through way then made by
the awoord for the imposing of lawes uppon them? 1605
BACON Adv. Learn. 11. ii. §14 The opennesse and through
passage of the world. were appointed to be in the same
ages. 1865 Once a Week to June 679/1 Building houses back
to back without any 'through' ventilation. 1877 KNIGHT
Diet. Mech., Through-bridge, one in which the track rests on
the lower stringer, in contradistinction to a deck-bridge.
2859 Wetcut Test Bh. Nated Archit. 1v. 74 The rivets are of
two kinds, through (or clenched) and tap. 1934 [see STOPPED
ppl. a. 0] 1879 A. B. EMARY Woodworking iii. 18 (caption)
Through housing.
b. That goes, extends, or conveys through the
whole of a long distance or journey without

whole of a long distance or journey without interruption, or without change; as a through train, booking, carriage, passenger, line of railway, fare, ticket. through traffic: (a) rail traffic continuing through to a further traffic continuing through to a further destination; (b) road traffic which passes through a particular town, etc., rather than

destination; (b) road traffic which passes through a particular town, etc., rather than stopping there.

1845 Boston (Mass.) Tronscript 20 Nov. 3/2 Through tickets may be obtained for Montreal. 1846 Boston (Mass.) Traveller 2 July, Through trains from Boston. 1848 Amer. Railsoad Jrnl. 20 July 48/21 A through passenger in the 9 and 40 clock lines, pays more than \$1.25, for each of those parts of the line. 1858 Hawthorny Fr. & It. Note-Bhs. (1872) L. Ilaving taken through tickets to Paris by way of Folkestone and Boulogne. 1861 Jeptenson Davis Message to Confederate Congress Amer. 18 Nov., The construction of this...line would give us a through route from North to Scotland has been carried on by eight independent Companies. 1869 Bradishaw's Railway Man. XXI. 41 Through-booking arrangements with the Scotlish North Eastern. 1884 Gi. West. Rails. Time Tables July 10 The Eastern. 1884 Gi. West. Rails. Time Tables July 10 The through trains between Aldgate and Richmond. 1890 Daily News 12 Nov. 7/2 Any railway to which there is through booking from Aldershot. 1891 S. J. Weyman New Rector I. 11: 28 Oh, dear, they are in a through carriage... I would rather go in another carriage and change. 1803 East. DUNMORE Pamirs I. 83 A few merchants carry on a through trade between India and Turkestan. 1905 Sat. Rev. 21 Oct. 22/2 What with the through travellers and the.. traffic, there was no lack of variety. 1944 Sun (Ballimore) 16 Feb. 9/1 A mid-town express highway as a through-traffic route. 1962 Through-traffic [see Route v. J. 1976 Alyn & Deenda Observer 10 Dec. 1/6 The new by-pass will provide an additional crossing of the River Dee that will enable much through traffic to so woid the city. 1978 O. S. Nock Great Western 1:0 In such conditions the through carriage was an inestimable boon.

c. Of an organ-stop: Extending through the

whole compass of the keyboard.

1881 C. A. Edwards Organ 146 All the foundation.

stops of a really good organ should be through stops.

†2. Going through or affecting the whole of something: = THOROUGH a. 2. Obs.

Something: = Thorough and through coal, coal as it comes from the pit, i.e. large and small mixed indiscriminately.

1542 UDALL Erasm. Apoph. 80 That thei might..haue a through sight in it. 1581 SIDNEY Apol. Poetrie (Arb.) 49 From a through beholding the worthines of the subject.

1607 Hignon WAr. 1. 462 To apeake of a true and through reformation. 1647 CLARANDON Hut. Reb. 111. \$111 There was not a Grievance... to which there was not a through Remedy applied. 1696 VANBRUGH Relapte Epil. 22 You never saw a through republican a finish'd beau. 1710 PRIDEAUX Orig. Tither ii. 69 If on through search and examination they were approved of.

through, v. Sc. rare. ? Obs. [f. THROUGH prep. and adv.: cf. THOROUGH v.1]

1. trans. To carry through, put through, carry into effect. Hence 'throughing vbl. sb.
1638 R. Baillis Lett. & Jrul. (1841) I. 74 His father's throughing of Perth articles. 1716 Wodrow Corr. (1843) II. 772. I am mistaken if this way they get their design throughed. 2. intr. To get through; to succeed. to make to

through, to make good, prove.

1786 Burns Brigs of Ayr 175 Faith ye've said enough, And muckle mair than ye can mak to through. 1863 JANET HAMILTON Poems & Fis. 56 We've throught weel and thrivin this mony a year.

through (8ru:), prep. and adv. From c 1700, abbreviated thro'; in 15-18th c., without', thro. Forms: see below. [OE. Burh, purh, Northumb. Berh, a Common WGer. prep. and adv.: cf. OFris. (from *thurch) thruch, truch (WFris. troch, NFris. truch, troch); OS. thurh, thuru, *thurih (MLG. dorch, dörch, dor, dör, LG. dör, dör. MD. doer, döre döre, der der der der der. dôr, MDu. door, dôre, dôre, deur, dor, dur, Du. door); OHG. duruh, durih, duri, dur (MHG. durch, durch, dur, dur, dûr, Ger. durch, dial. dur. dôr). Not in Scandinavian; in Gothic with different Not in Scandinavian; in Gothic with different ablaut grade pairh (= perh); prob. cases of a sb., belonging to a pre-Teut. ablaut-series *terk-, tork-, trk- to bore: cf. Goth. pairkô hole, and OHG. durhil, MHG. dürchel, dürkel, OE. *pyrhil, pyrel bored, perforated: cf. THINL 18. OE. purh with full stress became puruh, now THOROUGH, as burh has become borough, furh furrow, etc.; when unstressed and proclitic, purh became pūr, and with metathesis prūh, prū, throū, thro. The unstressed forms naturally prevailed in proclitic prepositional use, and the stressed in the adverb, and its derived adj. and ab. But with the restressing of the prep. thrū as through (Gruz), this form has also become possible as an adverb, while on the other hand the stressed THOROUGH also survives as an archaic form of the preposition beside the normal through. Thurf is an early phonetic development of purh, and thruf a more recent one of pruh, similar to (rAf) for rough, dwarf from dwergh, (bo:f) for Bargh, (bruf) for Burgh (place-names), (i'nAf) for enough, (80f) for though, etc. The metathesis of pruh for purh occurs already c1300 in a s.w. text; but otherwise in ME. is usually northern. From Caxton onwards it was the standard English form.

See Note under THOROUGH prep. and adv.]

A. Illustration of Forms. For disyllabic forms pureh, puruh, purow, etc.: see

a. 1 purz (perh), 1-3 porh (1 porch), 1-4 purh, a. I purg (perh), I-3 porh (1 porch), I-4 purh, 2-4 purch, 3 Orm. purch, 3-4 purs, pors, thurs, 3-5 purgh, 4 porgh, borghe, pourh, pours, (pour), 4-5 pourgh, thourgh, thurghe, thorgh, 4-6 thurgh, 5 thors, purse, pourse, (thour), Sc. thourch. Also 3 purp, porp, 4 purth, pursth, 5 thourch, (dorth); 4-5 thurght, thorght, 5 purght. (Final p. g., is frequently a scribal error for final s. and tha copyist's error for th; in Scotch t was often added to -th.-gh, or -th.)

(Final J. B. is frequently a scribal error for haal J. and the copyist's error for the, in Scotch the was often added to -ch., gh, or -th.)

2700 Episaal Gloss. (O.E.T.) 741 Per seudoterum, porh ludgaet. Ibid. 757 Per anticipationem, porch [Erfurt dorh] obst. a800 Cyntewus Elena 289 puth witgens wordgeryno. 2900 puth [see B. 1. 7b]. e950 Lindisf. Gosp. Mark xv. 10 Derh æfist [Rushus. 8xth messtel] gesaldon hine. c. 1000 Falts. 12 Aposities 13 [Gr.) Durg Neroneen nearo-scarwe. c. 2000 Ags. Gosp. ibid., Durh andan hine sealdon. a 1175 Cott. Hom. 213 Ealle ping geworhette god purch his words. a 1200 Moral Ode 283 pe suneseputő sinte. c. 1200 purch [see B. 1. 7]. 1397 R. Glouc. (Rolls) 681, & regnede pritti yer wel por [v.r. poru, purgh, thorugh, prough] alle pinge. 13... Curtor M. 11070 (Gott.) All pe cunthre thurght. c. 1300 Will. Palerna 4119 bourh your help. 13... Gau. & Gr. Knt. 310 Putry yyslmes so mony. 1377 Lanot. P. Pl. B. 1. 32 Thorw [C. Thorgh] wyn and porw women pere was Loth accombred. 1393 Ibid. C. xxi. 399 So pat borgh gyle was geten, porwe graceis nowy-wonne. c. 1380 Wycl. 18 Serm. Sel. Wis. 1. 392 bours Samarie and pe cuntre of Galila. c. 1386 Citaucan Frankl. T. 137 Eterna god that thurgh [v.rr. thour, purgh, poruhe] thy puruelance Ledest the world. c. 1410 Thourh [see B. 11. 5b]. c. 1428 Seven Sag. (P.) 323 Thourth the emperours commandement. c. 1440 Though [see B. 1. 2]. c. 1450 Merlin ii. 32 He hadde resceyved deth thourgh me. 1450 Laurfal 1031 The lady rod durth Cardevyle. c. 1460 Thourth; 1521 Thurgh [see B. 11. 1].

β. 3 pruh, 4 prou3, 5 proughe, throws, throughe, (drogh, trogh), 5-6 thrugh, throughe, 5-7 throgh, 6 throwgh(e, 5- through (8- abbrev. thro'); 4- thru, Sc. thrw, threu, threw, 4-7 (chiefly Sc.) throu, 4-8 (-9 Sc. or dial.) throw, 5 pro, 5- thro, 6 throwe, Sc. throuw; Sc. 4-6 throuch, 6 thruch, thruch, throwch, 7 throche, 8

throch; 5 throght, (troght), 5-6 Sc. throcht, 6 thrught, Sc. thrucht, throucht.

throch; 5 throght, (troght), 5-6 Sc. throcht, 6 thrught, Sc. thrucht, throught.

thru; now used informally as a reformed spelling and sbbreviation (chiefly) in N. Amer.

1a1300 Frayer to Virgin 8 in O.E. Mite. (1872) 195 Bote pu pruh pin milde mod bringe me out of sunne. Ibid. 19.

13.. Thru, throu lece B. 1. is 7, 7b]. c1350 Will. Palerne 459 Mi wicked eyigen...lad myn hert prouj loking pis langour to drye. 1375 Banour Bruce 1. 137 Through that aller hale assent. Ibid. 331 Destroyit throw pwsoune. c1375 Sc. Leg. Saints 2. (Mathou) 52 Thrw sorcery & felone gyle. Ibid. xivi. (Nytholai) 806 Blyndyt threu gret cowaitise. 14400 Soxdone Bab. 2350 He. hade pardon Throgh prayere and specialle grace. c1400 Detit. Troy 1130 Thrugh lemys of light. Ibid. 4977 pro mony long chsumburs. c1428 Eng. Cong. Irel. 18 The gret peril that myght be-fall hym... drogh the owt-comen folk pat was thus in-to the land 1-com. Ibid. 40 Trogh sl thynge. Ibid. 48 That thou in hast y-done troght some grete lette. c1470 Heway Wallace viti. 700 Trocht falsheid, and thar subtlite. 1482 Caxton Fables of Aliop v. viii, The serpent... slews the child through his venym. 1487-8 Throwys [see B. I. 4]. c1489 Thrughe [see B. I. 1]. 1489-8 Throwys [see B. I. 4]. c1489 Thrughe [see B. I. 1]. 1300 Cokwolds Daunce 105 in Hasl. E.P.P. I. 43 Thrucht Skormes noss that put a prik. — Throucht [see B. I. 3]. 1508 — Gold. Targe 18 Doun throu the tyce B. I. 3]. 1508 — Gold. Targe 18 Doun throu the tyce ryour ran. 1533 Cal. Anc. Rec. Dublin (1880) 306 Such merchunds... as cum throw Oxmantown. 1545-7 in Archaelogia XXXIV. 41 Throwfish the web. 1506 Throuch [see B. II. 4]. 1574 Bravitin Soul at Endor 140 [He] may fall thro a broken bridge. a1579 Hosses Rect. (1681) 1767.

Throu the working of Belief. 1700 Paion Despairing Shepherd, Wandring thro' the lonely Rocks. 1724 RAMASA Vition i, Throch fedom, our freedom Is blotit with this shore. a1738 — Bonny Texedide i, [II] was 100 bonny Tweed side, And see my deary come throw. 1878 W. WHITMAN Daybht. & Notebht. (1978) I. 12

B. Signification.

I. prep. The preposition expressing the relation of transition or direction within something from one limit of it to the other: primarily in reference to motion in space, hence in various derived senses.

1. a. From one end, side, or surface to the other or opposite end, side, or surface of (a body or a space) by passing within it; usually implying

into, at one end, side, etc. and out of at the other.

(Expressing movement (or extension) either so as to penetrate the substance of a thing, or along a passage or opening already existing in it.) With various vbs. of motion forming prepositional phrases: cf. PASS v. 58 a, BUN v. 12-15,

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a700 [see A. a]. c930 Lindif. Gosp. Matt. vii. 13 Inngeonges beth neurou port. c1000 ibid., Gangaß inn purh pet nearwe geat. c1400 Deitr. Troy 4977 Led were po lordes pro mony long chaumburs... purgh mony gay Alys. 1446 Registr. Aberdon. (Maist. Cl.) 1. 245 A lonyan lyand prow the mur betwix twa ald stare dykes. 1490 CAXTON Encydos xv. 60 Fyres...sodaynly sente throughe the cloudes in grete tempeste and murmure. 1521 FISHER Whs. (1876) 315 To condyth that people thurgh the deserte. 1857 N. T. (Genev.) John iv. 4 He must nedes go through [1526 TINDALE thorowe] Samaris. 1503 CAMDEN Rem. 103 An extreame cold winder passed through insides. 1708 Constit. Watermen's Co. xl, 11 any person Row.. through London-Bridge, on the Flood-Tide. 1783 Johnson Idler No. 15 Pa Sauntering about the Shop with her arms through her pocket-holes. 1848 THACKERRY Van. Fair xxxii, George... was lying... dead, with a bullet through his heart. Mod. There is a path through the wood.

b. Denoting transmission of light, or of sight, by an aperture or a transparent medium; also fig.

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(See also LOOK v. 20, SEE v. 24.)

13... Cursor M. 11220 (Gött.) be sune beme gas thru

[Cott. thoru] pe glas. c 1386 CHAUCER Kat.'s T. 217 Thurgh
a wyndow. He cast his eye yoon Emelys. 1640 Nabess

Brids 11. ii. A pigmie that cannot be discerned but through
a multiplying glas. 1704 Pore Disc. Past. Poetry 5 y Piety to
the Gods should shine through the Poem. 1766 Golffan.

Vic. W. 2vi, These instances of cunning, which she thought
impenetrable, yet which everybody saw through. 1852

DICKENS Block Ho. viii, Mrs. Pardiggle. had been
regarding him through her spectacles.

(b) through-tho-lans adj., tased with reference

to light measurement in which it is the light passing through the lens of the camera that is measured (the same light that would form the

1965 Focal Encycl. Photogr. (rev. ed.) 1. 554/1 Through-the-ler-sexposure measurement has the advantage. that the meter cell receives light from exacly the same subject field as is taken in by the lens. 2977 J. Heddens Photographer't Handbh. 14/3 Bolid state through-the-lens metering, soom lenses, motor-drive, are all part of an ever-widening 'system' built around the single lens reflex body. 1984 What