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P R E F A C E

THIS dictionary, which does not pretend to be complete, is designed to help civilians and those numerous members of H.M. Forces who are not experts in abbreviation, to make their way amid that jungle of abbreviations through which newspaper readers and sailors, soldiers, airmen have to thrust, like intrepid explorers, either in the search for truth or in the execution of their martial duty.

Civilians can afford to regard abbreviations either as a game or as an attempt at extrication from a verbal maze, but airmen and soldiers and sailors cannot afford to regard them so light-heartedly. Petty Officers and N.C.Os., and inexperienced officers in any of the Services, regard abbreviations as something more than a joke : and even experienced officers may find themselves at a loss when confronted with a new one or when they meet with a long set of instructions issuing from a Service not their own and couched in an abbreviology that may, in their first feeling of stupefaction, strike them as demonology.

Under the term *abbreviations* are included abridgements (e.g. *att* is "attached," *det* is "detachment").

Gestapo, *Nazi*, *Ogpu*, *Tass*, and all other such words as have, from at least as early as 1940, been no longer apprehended, in English at least, as abbreviations, are excluded.

Corrections and additions will be welcomed.

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GENERAL NOTE.—Chemical abbreviations have no points : thus *N*, not *N.*, is nitrogen ; *Na*, not *Na.*, is sodium.

A

- A.** Acting ; usually **a**, as in *a/Lt.-Col.*, Acting Lieutenant-Colonel.
- (2) Adjective. Also **Adj.** or **adj.**
- (3) Adjutant ; Adjutant's, as in "the **A** side " of a Divisional, Corps, or higher headquarters ; **A** also = the Adjutant - General's Branch.
- (4) Adult ; for adults only (cinema programmes).
- (5) Advance ! : on clock-regulators.
- (6) Answer.
- (7) Argon. (Chemistry.)
- (8) Article(s).
- (9) On sleeve it=Fleet Air Arm. (Naval.)
- a.** Accepted.
- (2) Acre(s).
- (3) Active. (In Grammar.)
- (4) Aged (of horses more than six years old).
- (5) Alto.
- (6) Area.
- (7) At. (Rare.)
- A.A.** Anti-aircraft.
- (2) Automobile Association.
- (3) Army Act.
- (4) Associate in Arts.
- A.A.A.** Amateur Athletic Association.
- (2) Agricultural Adjustment Administration or Act (in U.S.A.).
- A.A. & Q.M.G.** Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General. He is the head of the combined " **A** " and " **Q** " sides of a Divisional Headquarters' staff.
- A.A.A.S.** American Association for the Advancement of Science.
- A.A.C.** L. *anno ante Christum*, in the year before Christ.
- (2) Aeronautics Advisory Committee (in War of 1914-18).
- (3) Anti-Aircraft Command.
- (4) Army Aid Corps. (U.S.A.)
- A.A.D.C.** Air Aide-de-Camp.
- A.A.F.** Auxiliary Air Force.
- A.A.G.** Assistant Adjutant-General.
- A.A.I.** Associate of Auctioneers' Institute.
- A.A.L.M.G.** Anti-Aircraft Light Machine-Gun.
- A.A.L.P.A.** Associate of the Incorporated Society of Auctioneers.
- A. & C.** Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra*.
- (2) Addenda and Corrigenda.
- A. & M.** Ancient and Modern. "Hymns, A. & M."
- A.A.P.S.** American Association for the Promotion of Science.
- A. & Q.** ; **A.Q.** Short for *A.A. & Q.M.G.*
- A. & S.H.** Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
- A.A. of A.** Automobile Association of America.
- A.A. 1, 2, or 3,** Seaman qualified as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd class anti-aircraft gunner.
- A.A.Q.M.G.** Acting Assistant Quartermaster-General.
- A. & W.I.** America and West Indies station. (Naval.)
- A.A.S.** Auxiliary Ambulance Service. It consists of both male and female members.
- (2) (Fellow of the) American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- (3) Advanced Air Station.
- A.A.S.S.** *Americanæ Antiquarianæ Societatis Socius*, i.e. Fellow of the American Antiquarian Society.
- A.A.U.** Amateur Athletic Union. (U.S.A.)

A.A.W.C. Australian Advisory War Council.

A.B. Able-bodied ; hence, able-bodied seaman.

(2) *L. Artium Baccalaureus*, Bachelor of Arts—a mainly American variant of *B.A.*

(3) Air Board (1914-19).

(4) Army Book ; e.g. *A.B.* 64 (the pay-book of all ranks below that of 2nd Lieutenant).

A.B.A. Amateur Boxing Association.

(2) American Bar Association.

Abb. Abbey ; also Abbot, Abbess.

abbr. ; occ. **abbrev.** Abbreviation ; abbreviated.

A.B.C. ; for (1) and (2), *ABC* is better or, at least, more usual. A railway time-table (and guide).

(2) An elementary textbook. From the basic sense : alphabet.

(3) Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

(4) Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. (American.)

(5) Aerated Bread Company ; one of its branches.

A.B.C.A. Army Bureau of Current Affairs.

A.B.C.D. America, Britain, China, Dutch East Indies, as opposed to the Axis, especially in the East. The term arose in mid-July, 1941.

A.B.C.F.M. American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

abd. Abdicate ; but gen., abdicated.

A.B.D.A. American - British - Dutch - Australian area or front in the Pacific.

A.B.F.M. American Board of Foreign Missions ; cf. *A.B.C.F.M.*

ab init. *L. ab initio*, from the beginning.

abl. Ablative ; hence *abl. abs.*, ablative absolute.

A.B.M. Assistant Beach Master.

Abp. Archbishop.

abr. Abridgement ; abridged.

A.B.S. American Bible Society.

abs. Absolute ; absolutely.

(2) Abstract.

A.B.S.I. Associate of Boot and Shoe Industry.

absol. Absolute ; absolutely.

abs. re. *L. absente reo*, in the absence of the accused person.

abt. About.

Abyss. Abyssinia ; Abyssinian.

A.C. Army Council (cf. No. 7).

(2) Alternating Current. In electrical installations.

(3) Air Corps (of the U.S.A.).

(4) Air Co-operation ; as in *A.C. Sqn.* In the Air Force : Army Co-operation.

(5) Artillery College.

(6) Alpine Club. But also : Aero Club and Athletic Club.

(7) Air Council.

(8) = *B.C.* (2). (It is *L. ante Christum.*) But also : *anno Christi*, in the year of Christ.

(9) Aircraftman.

(10) Army Corps.

(11) Advisory Committee.

(12) Atlantic Charter.

(13) Appeal Court. But also : Appeal Case(s).

a/c. Account (in book-keeping).

(2) Also **A/c.** or **A/C.**, aircraft.

ac. Activity ; as in "There was much *en ac.*"

A.C.A. Associate of Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Acad. Academy.

A.C.A.S. Assistant Chief of the Air Staff.

A.C.C. Army Catering Corps.

(2) **A/CC.** Aircraft-carrier.

acc. According ; according to.

(2) Account.

(3) Accusative (case).

(4) Acceptance (of a bill).

A.C.C.S. Associate of the Corporation of Certified Secretaries.

accel. Accelerando. (Music.)

acct. Account ; occ. Accountant.

accus. Accusative.

A. Cdre. Air Commodore.

A.C.F. Army Council Form.

Acft. C. Aircraft carrier.

A.C.G. Assistant Chaplain-General.

A.C.G.B.I. Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland.

A.C.G.I. Associate of the City and Guilds of London Institute.
A.C.H. Aircraft-hand.
A.C.I. (An) Army Council Instruction.
 (2) Air Council Instruction.
A.C.I.A. Associate of Corporation of Insurance Agents.
A.C.I.B. Associate of Corporation of Insurance Brokers.
A.C.I.G.S. Assistant Chief of the Imperial General Staff.
A.C.I.S. Associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.
ack. Acknowledged; occ. Acknowledge.
A.C.L.S. American Council of Learned Societies.
A.C.M. Air Chief Marshal.
A.C.M.F. Australian Commonwealth Military Forces.
A.C.N.S. Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff.
A.C/O C. Air Co-operation Command. (R.A.F.)
A. Comm. Air-Commodore. In Air Force : *A. Cdre.*
A.C.P. Association of Correctors of the Press.
 (2) Associate of the College of Preceptors.
A.C.R.A. Associate of the Corporation of Accountants.
A.C.S. Additional Curates Society.
a/c.s. or **A/C.S.** Aircraft security vessel.
A.C. Sqn. Army Co-operation Squadron (of 'planes).
A.C.T. Air Council for Training.
Act. Actuary; Actuaries.
act. Active (voice : in grammar).
A.C.U. Autocycle Union.
 (2) American Congregational Union.
A.C.W. or **A/C/W.** Aircraftwoman.
A.D. *L. anno Domini*, in the year of our Lord; i.e. after the Birth of Christ.
 (2) Air Defence; as in *A.D.O.* and *P.A.D.*
 (3) In the Navy : Air Division.
 (4) Better, *A/D.* : aerodrome.
a.d. After date.
 (2) *ante diem*, before the day.
ad. Advertisment. (Also **advert.** and **advrt.**)

(2) Adapted; adaptor.
A.D.C. Aide-de-Camp. That officer who acts as courier and secretary to a general. He must be affable, courteous, and very, very tactful; ready-witted and of an infinite resource; immaculately attired. Generally a smart young man of good social standing and preferably a deep private purse. Unofficially he is also a buffer and shock-absorber.
 (2) Amateur Dramatic Club.
 (3) If in Old English lettering, it is synonymous with :—
A.D.C. Gen. Aide-de-Camp General. A Court appointment, the holder being a general; he is *A.D.C.* to the King.
A.D. Corps. Army Dental Corps. Improperly : *A.D.C.*
Add. Addendum or Addenda, i.e. addition(s).
adds. Address (n. and v.).
addsd. Addressed.
ad eund. *L. ad eundem gradum*, admitted to the same degree— at some other university.
ad fin. *L. ad finem*, towards the end; cf. *ad init.*
A.D.G. Assistant Director-General.
A.D.G.B. Air Defence of Great Britain. "The A.D.G.B. absorbs a very large number of men that would otherwise be employed in the Army."
ad inf. *L. ad infinitum*, to infinity.
ad init. *L. ad initium*, at (or, very near) the beginning.
ad int. *L. ad interim*, in the meanwhile.
Adj. Adjutant. Also **Adjt.**
 (2) Adjective. Also **adj.**
Adj.-Gen. Adjutant-General.
Adjt. See **Adj.**
ad lib. *L. ad libitum*, at pleasure; to the desired extent.
ad loc. *L. ad locum*, at the place.
Adm. Admiral; Admiralty.
 (2) Administrator. Also **Admor.**
adm. Administrative or administration.

- Adm. Co.** Admiralty Court (of the U.S.A.).
- Adml.** An unnecessary variant of *Adm.* (1).
- Admor.** See **Adm.** (2).
- A.D.M.S.** Assistant Director of Medical Services.
- A.D.O.** Air Defence Officer. (Naval.)
- A.D.O.S.** Assistant Director of Ordnance Services.
- A.D.P.** or **a.d.p.** Air defence position.
- A.Dpo.** Aircraft Depot.
- A.D.R.** Assistant Director of Remounts.
- A.D.S.** Advanced dressing station; cf. *R.A.P.* and *C.C.S.*
- A.D.S. & T.** Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport.
- A.D.Tn.** Assistant Director of Transportation.
- ad v.** The strictly correct form of *adv.* (4).
- Adv.** Advent.
- (2) Variant of *adv.* (7).
- adv.** Advance; as in *adv. H.Q.*, advance Headquarters.
- (2) Advanced; as in *adv. Maths.*
- (3) Adverb; occ. Adverbial, Adverbially.
- (4) *L. ad valorem*, to the value—i.e. in proportion to the estimated value (of merchandise).
- ~(5) *L. adversus*, against or opposed to.
- (6) Advertisement.
- (7) Advocate.
- Adv. Bse.** Advanced Base. (Air Force.)
- Adv. Gd.** Advanced Guard. (Air Force.)
- advert.** or **adv.** Advertisement.
- advl.** Adverbial.
- adv.** See **advert.**
- A.E.** Adult Education.
- (2) Army Education.
- AE.** (Of a ship) third-class in Lloyd's register. Except to nautical persons, it is one of the least known of *abbr.*
- A.E.A.** Air Efficiency Award. To all ranks for long, efficient service. (Air Force; announced in Press on Sept. 12, 1942.)
- A.E.C.** Army Educational Corps.
- A.E.F.** American Expeditionary Force (in the war of 1914-18). Contrast *A.I.F.*
- A.E.G.** Allgemeine Electricitäts-Gesellschaft.
- aeg.** *L. aeger*, ill; cf. *aegrot.*, short for *aegrotat*, he is ill. (University.)
- A.E.L.T.C.** All England Lawn Tennis Club.
- Aen.** The Aeneid of Virgil.
- A.Ent.** (or **Ents.**) **O.** Area Entertainment Officer.
- A.E.O.** Area Education Officer.
- (2) Improperly, Area Entertainment Officer.
- Aer.** or **Aeron.** Aeronautics; hence *aer.* or *aeron.* aeronautical.
- A.E.R.A.** Associate Engraver, Royal Academy.
- aerp.** Aeroplane.
- Aes.** Aesop.
- Aesch.** Aeschylus.
- Aesth.** Aesthetics; hence *aesth.* aesthetic.
- aet.** *L. actatus*, aged; e.g. "Smith, aet. 46."
- A.E.U.** Amalgamated Engineering Union.
- A.F.** Army Form (for, e.g., claims).
- (2) Admiral of the Fleet.
- (3) Anglo-French (language).
- (4) Air Force; as, e.g., in *R.A.F.*
- A.F.A.** Amateur Football Association.
- A.F.A.S.** Associate of the Faculty of Architects and Surveyors.
- A.F.B.S.** American and Foreign Bible Society.
- A.F.C.** Air Force Cross, awarded to officers "for acts of valour, courage, or devotion to duty while flying, though not in active operations against the enemy." — (*The Daily Telegraph*, April 2, 1941.)
- A.F.C.U.** American and Foreign Christian Union.
- aff.** Affectionate; affectionately. "Yrs. aff., Bill." The latter, also **affly**.
- (2) Affirmative, affirmatively.
- afft.** Affidavit.
- Afgh.** Afghanistan.

- A.F.L.** Air Force List.
- A.F.M.** Air Force Medal, awarded to N.C.Os. and men. It corresponds to the *A.F.C.*
- afme.** Airframe. (Air Force.)
- A.F.O.** Army Forwarding Officer.
- A.F. of L.** American Federation of Labour.
- Afr.** Africa ; African.
- A.F.R.Ae.S.** Associate Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.
- A.F.S.** Auxiliary Fire Service.
(2) Atlantic Ferry Service. (R.A.F.)
- aftn.** Afternoon.
- A.F.U.** Advanced (pilots') Flying Unit.
- A.F.V.** Armoured Fighting Vehicle(s).
- A.F.W.** Army Field Workshop.
- A.G.** Adjutant-General.
(2) Also **a.g.** : anti-gas.
(3) Agent-General.
(4) Attorney-General.
(5) Air Gunner.
(6) Accountant-General.
- Ag.** Argentum (in Chemistry).
- A.G. & Q.M.G.** Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General.
- agn.** Again.
- Agric.** Agriculture (also, **Agr.**) ; hence *agric.*, agricultural.
- A.G.R.M.** Adjutant-General, Royal Marines.
- A.G.S.M.** Associate of the Guildhall School of Music.
- A.G.S.S.** American Geographical and Statistical Society.
- agst.** Against.
- agt.** Agent.
- Agt.-Gen.** Agent-General.
- A.H.** Anno Hegirae. The Hegira was Mohammed's flight from Mecca to Medina in A.D. 622 ; Mohammedan chronology is reckoned from that date.
- a.h.l.** L. *ad hunc locum*, at this passage.
- A.H.M.S.** American Home Mission Society.
- A.H.Q.** Air Headquarters.
- A.H.S.** L. *anno humanae salutis*, in the Year of Human Salvation.
(2) American Humane Society. (Founded by Henry Bergh in 1866.)
- a.h.v.** L. *ad hanc vocem*, at this word.
- A.H.W.C.** Associate of the Heriot-Watt College.
- A.I.** Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute.
(2) American Institute.
(3) Anthropological Institute.
- A.I.A.** Associate of the Institute of Actuaries.
(2) American Institute of Architects.
- A.I.A.A.** Architect Member of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors.
- A.I.A.C.** Associate of the Institute of Company Accountants.
- A.I.A.S.** Surveyor Member of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors.
- A.I.C.** Associate of the Institute of Chemistry.
- A.I.C.E. ; A.Inst.C.E.** Associate of the Institution of Civil Engineers.
- A.I.C.S.** Associate of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.
- A.I.D.** Army Intelligence Department.
(2) Aeronautical Inspection Directorate.
- A.I.F.** Australian Imperial Force.
- A.I.G.** Assistant Inspector-General.
- A.I.G.T.** Association for the Improvement of Geometrical Teaching.
- A.I.I.A.** Associate of the Institute of Industrial Administration.
- A.I.L.** Air Intelligence Liaison.
- A.I.L.O.** Air Intelligence Liaison Officer.
- A.I.Loco.E.** Associate of the Institute of Locomotive Engineers.
- A.I.M.E.** American Institute of Mining Engineers.
- A.I.Mech.E.** Associate of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.
- A.I.Min.E.** Associate of the Institute of Mining Engineers.
- A.I.M.T.A.** Associate of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants.
- A.Inst.P.** Associate of the Institute of Physics.
- A.I.O.B.** Associate of the Institute of Builders.
- Aira.** Airacobra, a fighter 'plane of

- American make. First employed, operationally, in 1941.
- Air M.** Air Marshal.
- A.I.S.A.** Associate of the Incorporated Secretaries' Association.
- A.K.C.** Associate of King's College (London).
- A.L.** In the Year of Light (*L. annolucis*).
(2) American Legion.
- a.l.** Autograph letter; hence *a.l.s.*, autograph letter, signed.
- Al.** Aluminium.
- A.L.A.** Associate of the Library Association.
(2) American Library Association.
- Ala.** Alabama.
- A.L.A.A.** Associate of the London Association of Certified Accountants.
- Alas.** Alaska.
- Alb.** Alberta.
(2) Albania; Albanian.
- Alban.** (Bishop) of St. Albans.
- Alch.** Alchemy; (*alch.*) alchemical.
- A.L.C.M.** Associate of the London College of Music.
- Ald.** Alderman.
(2) Aldine.
- Alex.** Alexander.
- Alf.** Alfred.
- A.L.G.** Advanced Landing Ground.
- Alg.** Algebra.
(2) Algeria.
(3) Algernon.
- Al-L.** Alsace-Lorraine.
- A.L.O.** Air Liaison Officer. (Naval.)
- A.L.S.** Associate of the Linnean Society.
- a.l.s.** See *a.l.*
- alt.** Altitude.
(2) Alternative; alternatively.
- Alta.** Alberta.
- A.M.** Albert Medal. For gallantry in saving life, esp. at sea.
(2) Air Ministry.
(3) Air Marshal.
(4) Army Manual.
(5) *L. anno mundi*, in the year of the world.
(6) *L. Artium Magister*, Master of Arts— an American form of *M.A.*
- (7) Ave Maria.
- (8) Associate Member.
- a.m.** Above-mentioned. Generally, it is avoided: see **a.n.**
- (2) *Ante meridiem*—before noon. Not used in the fighting Services.
- Am.** America; American.
- A.M.A.** Assistant Masters' Association.
(2) American Medical Association.
- Amb.** Ambulance.
- A.M.C.** Art Master's Certificate.
(2) Armed Merchant Cruiser.
(3) Army Medical Corps; now *R.A.M.C.*
- A.M.D.** Army Medical Department.
- A.M.D.G.** *L. ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, to—or for—the greater glory of God.
- amdt.** Amendment.
- Amer.** America; American. Less usual than *Am.*
- amg.** Among.
- A.M.G.O.** Assistant Master-General of Ordnance.
- A.M.I.A.E.** Associate Member of the Institute of Automobile Engineers.
- A.** (or **Assoc.**) **M.I.C.E.** Associate Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers.
- A.M.I.Chem.E.** Associate Member of the Institution of Chemical Engineers.
- A.M.I.E.E.** Associate Member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers.
- A.M.I.Gas E.** Associate Member of the Institute of Gas Engineers.
- A.M.I.Loco.E.** Associate of the Institute of Locomotive Engineers.
- A.M.I.Mech.E.** Associate Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.
- A.M.Inst.T.E.** Associate Member of the Institution of Transport Engineers.
- amn.** (not *amm.*). Ammunition.
- A.M.O.** Air Ministry Order.
- amp.** Ampère (electrical unit).
- A.M.P.C.** Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps.
- amph.** Amphibian. (Air Force.)
- A.M.S.** Army Medical Service(s).

- (2) Army Medical Staff.
A.M.S.E.F. or **a.m.s.e.f.** Anti-mine-sweeping explosive float.
amt. Amount.
A.N. or **A.-N.** Anglo-Norman.
a.n. Above-named. Not *a.m.* (above-mentioned), which might be confused with the civilian *a.m.* (before noon).
An. An Anson bombing plane.
an. L. anno, in the year; *annum*, as in *per an.*
 (2) Short for *anon*, q.v.
Anac. Anacreon; occ. Anacreontic.
anal. Analogy; analogous.
 (2) Analysis; analytic(al).
Anat. Anatomy; hence *anat.*, anatomical.
anc. ; **anct.** Ancient; anciently or in ancient times.
and. Andante. (In Music.) Often italicized.—The abbreviation of *and* itself is & (called the ampersand).
Angl. Anglican.
 (2) Anglia.
ann. Annals.
 (2) Annual.
annot. Annotation(s); annotator; annotated.
anon. Anonymous; occ. anonymously.
anr. Another.
A.N.S. Army Nursing Service.
ans. Answer; answers.
Ant. Antrim (County).
 (2) Antigua.
 (3) Ant(h)ony.
 (4) Antiquities. Also **Antiqs.**
ant. Antonym (the opposite of synonym).
Anthrop. Anthropology; anthropological (*anthrop.*).
Antiq. ; **Antiqs.** Variants of *Ant.* (4).
Antiq. or **antiq.** Antiquary; antiquarian.
A.N.Z.A.C. ; gen. written *Anzac*. The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps; hence its sector on Gallipoli in 1915.
A.O. Army Order.
 (2) Accountant Officer. (Naval and Air Force.)
a.o. Account of.
A.O.A. Air Officer in charge of Administration.
A.O.C. Air Officer Commanding.
 (2) Army Ordnance Corps. Now *R.A.O.C.*
A.O.C. in C. Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief.
A.O.D. Army Ordnance Department—or Depot.
 (2) Ancient Order of Druids. (Masonry.)
A.O.E.R. Army Officers' Emergency Reserve.
A.O.F. Ancient Order of Foresters.
A.O.H. Ancient Order of Hibernians.
A 1. First-class (ship) in Lloyd's register.
aor. Aorist. (In grammar.)
A.O.S. Army Ordnance Stores.
 (2) Ancient Order of Shepherds.
A.O.S.E. American Order of Stationary Engineers.
A.O.S.S. *L. Americanae Orientalis Societatis Socius*, Fellow of the American Oriental Society.
A.P. Associated Press.
 (2) Advance(d) Post.
 (3) Action Post.
 (4) Ammunition Point.
 (5) Armour-piercing.
 (6) Associated Presbyterian.
 (7) See **a.p.** (2).
 (8) Air pilotage. (Air Force.)
 (9) Air Publication.
a.p. Above proof.
 (2) Author's proof. Also **A.P.**
Ap. or **Apl.** April.
 (2) *Ap.* only, Apostle. Plural, *App.*
ap., gen. italicized. *L. apud*, in the work(s) of (a writer).
A.P.A. American Protestant Association.
 (2) American Philological Association.
A.P.C.K. Association for Promoting Christian Knowledge. (Church of Ireland.)
A.P.C.N. *L. anno post Christum natum*, in the year after Christ was born.
A.P.D. Army Pay Department.
Apl. See **Ap.**
A.P.M. Assistant Provost Marshal.

- A.P.M.G.** Assistant Postmaster-General.
A.P.O. Army Post Office.
Apoc. Apocalypse.
Apocr. Apocrypha.
apos. Apostrophe.
app. Apparent ; apparently.
 (2) Appendix.
 (3) Appointed.
 (4) Apprentice.
appar. Apparatus.
appl. Applied ; applied to ; applicable ; applicable to.
appro. Approval or approbation ; esp. *on appro.*, applied to goods.
approx. Approximate (adj.) ; approximately.
appx. Appendix (to an order, an instruction, a book, etc.).
A.P.S. Army Postal Service.
 (2) American Peace Society.
 (3) American Protestant Society.
 (4) Aborigines Protection Society.
A.P.S.L. Acting Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant. (Naval.)
A.P.S.S. Army Printing and Stationery Services.
A.P.T.C. Army Physical Training Corps.
A.P.U.C. Association for Promoting Unity of Christendom.
A.Q. (or **A/Q**). See **A. & Q**.
Aq. or **aq.** L. *aqua*, water. (In Chemistry.)
A.Q.M.G. Assistant Quartermaster-General.
A.R. L. *anno regni*, in the — year of the reign (of —).
 (2) Annual Return.
a.r. or **a/r**. All risks.
Ar. Arabia. Also see **Arab**.
 (2) Architecture.
Arab. Arabia ; Arabian or Arabic.
A.R.A. Associate of the Royal Academy.
A.R.A.D. Associate of the Royal Academy of Dancing.
A.R.A.M. Associate of the Royal Academy of Music.
Aram. Aramaic.
Arb. See **F.I.Arb**.
A.R.B.A. Associate of the Royal Society of British Artists.
arbor. Arboriculture.
A.R.C. Automobile Racing Club.
- A.R.C.A.** Associate of the Royal College of Art.
 (2) Associate of the Royal Cambrian Academy.
A.R.C.E. Academical Rank of Civil Engineer.
Arch. or **Archit.** Architecture ; (**arch.**) architectural ; architect.
 (2) Archipelago.
arch. Archaism ; archaic.
Archaeol. Archaeology ; hence *archaeol.* archaeological.
Archd. Archduke.
 (2) Archdeacon.
Archit. See **Arch**.
A.R.C.I. Associate of the Royal Colonial Institute.
A.R.C.M. Associate of the Royal College of Music.
A.R.C.O. Associate of the Royal College of Organists.
A.R.C.S. Associate of the Royal College of Science.
A.R.E. Associate of the Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers.
Arg. Argentina (the Argentine).
Argyl. Argyllshire.
A.R.H. Ammunition railhead.
A.R.H.A. Associate of the Royal Hibernian Academy.
A.R.I.B.A. Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects.
Arist. Aristotle.
Aristoph. Aristophanes.
Arith. Arithmetic.
Ariz. Arizona.
Ark. Arkansas.
Arm. Armagh (County).
 (2) Armenia ; Armenian.
armd. Armoured.
armd.c. Armoured car.
A.R.M.S. Associate of the Royal Society of Miniature Painters.
armt. Armament.
A.R.O. Army Routine Order.
A.R.P. Air Raid Precautions ; hence, those who organize, supervise and effect these precautions.
 (2) Ammunition Refilling Point.
 (3) Associated Reformed Presbyterian.

- A.R.P.A.M.** Air Raid Precautions (department of the) Air Ministry.
- A.R.P.C.** Air Raid Precautions Controller.
- A.R.P.O.** Air Raid Precautions Officer.
- A.R.P.S.** Associate of the Royal Photographic Society.
- A.R.R.** *L. anno regni regis* (or *reginae*), in the — year of the King's (or Queen's) reign.
- arr.** (To) arrive; arrives; (time of) arrival.
- A.R.R.C.** Association (or Associate) of the Royal Red Cross.
- arrond.** Arrondissement (a subordinate district of Department or city of France).
- A.R.S.** Aeroplane Repair Section.
- A.R.S.A.** Associate of the Royal Society of Arts.
(2) Associate of the Royal Scottish Academy.
- A.R.San.I.** Associate of the Royal Sanitary Institute.
- A.R.S.L.** Associate of the Royal Society of Literature.
- A.R.S.M.** Associate of the Royal School of Mines - now the Royal College of Science.
- A.R.S.W.** Associate of the Royal Scottish Society of Painting in Water Colours.
- art.** Article (section of a book, etc.).
(2) Rare in Army for: artillery.
(3) Artificer.
(4) Artist.
- A.R.T.C.** Associate of the Royal Technical College (of Glasgow).
- Arty.** Artillery. The Army abbr., whereas in encyclopaedias it is gen. **artill.**
- Arty.R.** Artillery Reconnaissance.
- A.R.U.** American Railway Union.
- A.R.W.** Air Raid Warden.
- A.R.W.A.** Associate of the Royal West of England Academy.
- A.R.W.S.** Associate of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours.
- A.S.** Anglo-Saxon. Better *A.-S.*
(2) *L. anno Salvatoris* (or *salutis*), in the year of Salvation.
- (3) Academy of Sciences.
- (4) Assistant Secretary.
- (5) Account Sales.
- (6) Air Staff.
- (7) Air Station.
- A/S.** Anti-submarine.
- As.** Arsenic. (In Chemistry.)
(2) Asia; Asiatic.
- A.S.A.** American Statistical Association.
- (2) Amateur Swimming Association.
- A.S.A.A.** Associate of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.
- Asaph.** (Bishop) of St. Asaph.
- A.S.C.** See **R.A.S.C.**
(2) American Society of Cinematographers.
- A.Sc.** Associate in Science.
- A.S.C.E.A.** American Society of Civil Engineers and Architects.
- ASDIC.** Allied Submarine-Detection Investigation Committee. Hence, *Asdic*: the Asdic device—a particular kind of hydrophone.
- A.S.E.** Amalgamated Society of Engineers.
- A.S.G.B.** Aeronautical Society of Great Britain.
- ashp.** Airship.
- A.S.L.** Acting Sub-Lieutenant.
- A.S.L.E. & F.** Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.
- ASLIB.** Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux.
- A.S.M.E.** American Society of Mechanical Engineers.
- A.S.P.** Astronomical Society of the Pacific.
(2) Air Stores Park. (Air Force.)
- A.S.P.C.A.** American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
- A.S.R.S.** Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.
- Ass.** Assyria(n).
(2) Assistant.
- ass.** or **assy.** Assembly; e.g. "The *ass.* pt. is X."
- Ass. Com.-Gen.** Assistant Commissary-General.

- assim.** Assimilated (to) ; assimilative.
Assn. Association.
Assoc. Associated ; association (better *Assocn.*) ; Associate.
Assoc.I.C.E. ; Assoc.M.I.C.E. ; etc.
 See **A.I.C.E.**, etc.
Assocn. Association.
Assoc. Sci. Associate in Science.
Ass.P. Assembly position.
asst. Assistant.
A.S.S.U. American Sunday School Union.
assy. See **ass**.
Assyr. A variant of *Ass.*, 1.
Ast. See **Astron.**
A.S.T.M. American Society for Testing Materials.
Astrol. Astrology. Hence *astrol.*, astrological ; astrologer.
Astron. Astronomy. (Also **Ast.**) Hence, *astron.* astronomical ; astronomer.
A.S.W. Association of Scientific Workers.
A.S.W.W. Amalgamated Society of Wood Workers.
A.T. See **A.Tk.**
at. Atomic.
A.T.A.S. Air Transport Auxiliary Service.
A.T.C. Air Training Corps (for boys).
A.T.C.L. Associate of Trinity College - (of Music), London.
At.-Gen. See **Att.G.**
Athen. Athenian.
A.Tk. Anti-tank. Also **A.T.** or, best of all, **A/T**.
A.T.I. Associate of the Textile Institute.
Atl. Atlantic.
A.T.M. Army Training Memorandum ; as in "*A.T.M.* 13."
atm. pr. Atmospheric pressure.
A. tps. Army troops.
A.T.S. Auxiliary Territorial Service. (British.)
 (2) American Temperance Society.
 (3) American Tract Society.
 (4) Associate of Theological Study.
a.t.s. or **ats.** At the suit of. (Legal.)
Att. Attorney ; occ. **Atty**.
 (2) *Attaché* ; as in *Mil. Att.*
att. Attached.
Att. G. Attorney-General. Also **Att.-Gen.** ; occ. **At.-Gen.**
attrib. Attributed ; attributive ; attributively.
Atty. See **Att.**
at. wt. Atomic weight.
A.U. Angström unit. One hundred-millionth of a centimetre (in short wave-lengths).
Au. L. *aurum*, gold. (In Chemistry.)
A.U.A. American Unitarian Association.
A.U.C. *L. ab urbe condita*, from the founding of the city. With esp. reference to Rome.
Aud.-Gen. Auditor-General.
Aug. August.
aug. or **augment.** Augmentative.
a.u.n. *L. absque ulla nota*, unmarked ; lit. without any marking or note.
Aus. Australia ; Australian.
Austr. Austria ; Austrian.
auth. Author.
 (2) Authentic ; authorized ; authority.
aux. Auxiliary. (Unnecessarily : *auxil.*)
Aux. F. or **Aux. F.I(nd).** Auxiliary Force, India.
Aux. F.S. Auxiliary Fire Station.
auxil. See **aux**.
A.V. Authorized Version (of the Bible).
a.v. *L. annos vixit*, he lived — years.
a/v. *Ad valorem*.
Av. See **Ave**.
av. See **avdp**.
 (2) Average.
A.V.C. See **R.A.V.C.**
A.V.D. Army Veterinary Department. (Obsolescent.)
avdp. Avoirdupois ; occ. **av**.
Ave. Avenue ; occ. **Av**.
A.V.G. American Volunteer Group (of airmen serving in Burma and China). *Disbanded on July 4, 1942.*
A.V.M. Air Vice-Marshal.
A.V.O. Administrative Veterinary Officer.

A.W. or **a.w.** Atomic weight.
A.W.C. Army War College. (U.S.A.)
A.W.H.A. "Melbourne, Sunday [Aug. 17, 1941]. The establishment of an Australian Women's Home Army has been authorized by the Federal Cabinet, it

was announced today.—B.U.P."
(The Daily Express, Aug. 18, 1941.)
A.W.L. or **a.w.l.** Absent without leave.
A.Y.L. Shakespeare's *As You Like It*.
A.Y.M. Ancient York Mason.
 (Masonry.)
az. Azure.

B

B. Bachelor.
 (2) Baptist.
 (3) Barge. (Naval.)
 (4) Baron.
 (5) Battle. (Especially in encyclopaedias.)
 (6) Bay.
 (7) Bishop.
 (8) Black (of pencils); **BB**, double black; **BBB**, treble black.
 (9) Bloody—as expletive adverb or adjective.
 (10) Boatswain.
 (11) Bomber ('plane).
 (12) Boron. (In Chemistry.)
 (13) British.
b. Ball. (In cricket, where it also= bowled (by) and bye(s).
 (2) Bass. (Music.)
 (3) Blue sky. (Nautical.)
 (4) Born.
 (5) Brother.
B.A. Bachelor of Arts.
 (2) British Academy. Also, British Association.
 (3) Buenos Aires. (Colloquial.)
 (4) Board of Agriculture.
 (5) British America. (American.)
Ba. Barium. (In Chemistry.)
Bab. Babington. (In Botany.)
Bac. *L. baccalaurus*, bachelor. (In degrees.)
Bact.; **Bacter.** Bacteriology; hence *bact.* or *bacter.*, bacteriological.
B.Agr. Bachelor of Agriculture. (Occ. **B.Agric.**) Mostly U.S.A.
bal. Balance.
Ball. Balliol College.
Balt. A Martin Baltimore medium bomber—American 'plane.
B. & F.B.S. British and Foreign Bible Society. Also **B.F.B.S.**

b. & s. Brandy and soda.
B. & W. Bishop of Bath and Wells.
B.A.O. Bachelor of Obstetrics.
 (2) Base Accountant Officer. (Air Force.)
hap. Baptized.
Bapt. Baptist.
bar. Barometer; barometrical.
Barb. Barbadoes.
B.Arch. Bachelor of Architecture. (U.S.A.)
barr. Barrister.
Bart. See **Bt.**
Bart's. St Bartholomew's Hospital, London.
Bath & Well. (Bishop) of Bath and Wells.
Batt. Battalion. Better *Bn.*
 (2) Battery.
Bav. Bavaria; Bavarian.
Bays. The Queen's Bays Regiment.
B.B. Balloon Barrage.
 (2) Blue Book.
 (3) A Burton-and-bitter. (Colloquial.)
B.B.C. British Broadcasting Corporation.
 (2) Bromo-benzyl-cyanide. (A gas.)
bbl(s). Barrel(s).
B.C. British Columbia.
 (2) Before (the birth of) Christ; cf. *A.D.* (1).
 (3) Borough Council.
 (4) British Council.
 (5) Battle Cruiser
 (6) Battery Commander.
 (7) Bomber Command. (R.A.F.)
 (8) A variant of *B.Ch.*
 (9) Bad character.
B.C.D.R. Belfast and County Down Railway.
B.C.E. Bachelor of Civil Engineering.

- B.Ch.** Bachelor of Surgery. Also **Ch.B.**
The *Ch.*=*L. Chirurgiae*, of surgery.
- B.Ch.D.** See **B.D.S.** (2).
- B.C.L.** Bachelor of Civil Law.
- B.C.M.S.** Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society.
- B.Com.** Bachelor of Commerce.
- B.C.S.** Battle Cruiser Squadron.
(2) Bengal Civil Service.
- B.D.** Bachelor of Divinity.
(2) See **B.D.O.**
(3) Or **b.d.**: battle dress.
(4) Bomb-disposal; cf. *B.D.S.*
- Bd.** Board (e.g. of Trade).
- bd.** Bond.
(2) Bound.
- B.D.A.** British Dental Association.
- B.D.C.** Bottom Dead Centre (reference to pistons).
- Bde.** Brigade; as in 120 *Bde.*, the 120th Brigade.
- Bde. Maj.** Brigade Major.
- Bde. R.O.** Brigade Routine Orders.
Also **B.R.O.**
- bdl(s).** Bundle(s).
- B.D.O.** Boom Defence Officer (**b.d.** or **B.D.**=boom defence). (Naval.)
- Bdr.** Brigadier.
(2) Bombardier.
- bds.** Boards (in book-binding).
- B.D.S.** Bomb-Disposal Squad. Composed of heroic men: they never know when or even whether the bomb may explode.
(2) Also **B.Ch.D.** Bachelor of Dental Surgery.
- B.E.** British Empire, Order of the.
(2) Board of Education.
(3) Also **B.Eng.** Bachelor of Engineering.
(4) Buddhist Era; e.g. 1942 A.D.=2485 B.E.
- b.e.** Bill of exchange.
- Be.** Beryllium. (In Chemistry.)
- Bé.** Baumé.
- B.E.A.** British Esperanto Association.
(2) British East Africa.
- Beau.** A Beaufort fighter ('plane).
- bec.** Because.
- B. Ed.** Bachelor of Education.
- Beds.** Bedfordshire.
- Beds. & Herts.** The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
- B.E.F.** British Expeditionary Force.
- Belg.** Belgium; Belgian.
- B.E.M.** British Empire Medal (instituted in 1941).
- B. Eng.** Bachelor of Engineering.
- Beng.** Bengal.
- Berks.** Berkshire.
- B.E.S.A.** British Engineering Standards Association.
- B. ès L. ; B. ès S.** *Bachelier ès Lettres ; — Science.* (French degrees.)
- bet.** Between.
- B.E.W.** Board of Economic Warfare.
(U.S.A.; cf. *M.E.W.*)
- B.F.** Bloody fool.
- b.f.** brought forward; as in *total b.f.*
(Mostly in the Pay Corps.)
(2) Beer firkin.
- B.F.B.S.** British and Foreign Bible Society.
- b4.** Before.
- B.F.I.** British Film Institute.
- B.F.P.O.** British Field Post Office.
- B.G.** Birmingham Gauge.
- B.Gen.** Brigadier-General, now called Brigadier.
- B.G.G.S.** See :—
- B.G.S.** Brigadier, General Staff. That officer at a Corps H.Q. whose work corresponds to that of a G.S.O.1 at a Divisional H.Q. (Formerly *B.G.G.S.*)
- B.Gu.** British Guiana.
- B'ham.** Birmingham.
- B'head.** Birkenhead.
- B.Hond.** British Honduras.
- b.h.p.** Brake horse-power.
- bhpric.** Bishopric. (Mostly in encyclopaedias.)
- B.H.Q.** Brigade Headquarters. Battalion H.Q. should be *BnH.Q.*
- B.I.** British India.
- Bi.** Bismuth.
- B.I.A.E.** British Institute of Adult Education.
- B.I.B.** or **b.i.b.** Baby incendiary bomb. (Air Force.)
- Bib.** or **Bibl.** Biblical. Also, Bibliography (better *Bibliog.*).
- B.I.F.** British Industries Fair.

- biog.** Biography; biographical; biographer.
- Biol.** Biology. Hence *biol.*, biological; biologist.
- B.I.R.** Board of Inland Revenue.
- B.I.S.** Bank of International Settlements.
- (2) British Information Services. (Operating in U.S.A.; connected with the M.O.I.)
- Bk.** Book (as part of a published work); as in "*Marlborough*, Bk. II." Or as an entity, as in "*Bks a/c*."
- (2) Bank.
- Bkg.** Banking.
- bkrpt.** Bankrupt.
- bkt.** Basket.
- B.L.** British Legion.
- (2) Breech-loading (gun).
- (3) Bachelor of Law; contrast *B.LL.*
- (4) Also **B/L** or **b.l.**: bill of lading.
- (5) Black letter (type).
- Bl.** A Blenheim bombing 'plane.
- bl.** Bale; barrel. The plural is *bls*.
- bldg.** Building.
- B.L.E.** Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. (American.)
- B.Litt.** Bachelor of Letters (Oxford).
- blk.** Block. (In typography.)
- B.LL.** Bachelor of Laws.
- B.L.S.** Bureau of Labour Statistics. (U.S.A.)
- bls.** See **bl**.
- blt.** Built.
- B.M.** Brigade Major; also as **B.Maj.** or **Bde. Maj.**
- (2) Occ. **Brit. Mus.**: British Museum.
- (3) Bachelor of Medicine.
- (4) Beata Maria.
- (5) *Beatae memoriae* (of blessed memory).
- (6) Bench Mark. (In Surveying.)
- (7) Beach Master. (Air Force.)
- b.m.** Board measure.
- B.M.A.** British Medical Association—possessing powers comparable with those of the Law Society.
- B.M.E.** Bachelor of Mining Engineering.
- B.Met.** Bachelor of Metallurgy.
- B.M.J.** *The British Medical Journal*.
- B.M. lever.** Breech mechanism lever. (Mostly Naval.)
- B.Mus.** Bachelor of Music.
- (2) British Museum.
- Bn.** Battalion.
- (2) Baron.
- bn.** Been.
- B.N.C.** Brasenose College, Oxford.
- BnH.Q.** Battalion Headquarters.
- B.N.O.C.** British National Opera Company.
- BnR.O.** Battalion Routine Orders.
- B.O.** Body odour. An advertisers' bugbear to frighten the credulous.
- (2) Branch Office.
- b.o.** In commerce: buyer's option or broker's order.
- Bo.** A De Boeing bombing 'plane ("flying fortress" in journalism).
- B.O.A.** British Optical Association.
- (2) British Olympic Association.
- B.O.A.F.G.** British Order of Ancient Free Gardeners. (Masonry.)
- B. of E.** Bank of England.
- (2) Board of Education.
- B. of H.** Board of Health.
- (2) Band of Hope.
- B. of T.** See **B.O.T.**
- Boh.** Bohemia; Bohemian.
- Bol.** Bolivia; Bolivian.
- Bom.** Bombardier.
- Bom. C.S.** Bombay Civil Service.
- Bom. S.C.** Bombay Staff Corps.
- B.O.P.** *The Boy's Own Paper*.
- bos'n.** Boatswain.
- B.O.T.** Board of Trade. (Occ. **B. of T.**)
- Bot.** Botany; hence *bot.*, botanical, botanist.
- bot.** Bought. (On invoices, etc.)
- B.O.U.** British Ornithologists' Union.
- Boul.** Boulevard.
- B.O.W.O.** Brigade Ordnance Warrant Officer.
- B.P.** British public. (Facetious.)
- (2) Occ. **Brit. Pharm.**: British Pharmacopoeia.
- (3) Also **B.-P.**; Baden-Powell. (Journalists' and Boy Scouts'.)
- b.p.** Boiling point.
- (2) Below proof. Of spirituous liquors.
- (3) Bill(s) payable.

(4) Bill of parcels.
 (5) *L. bonum publicum*, the public good.
 (6) See **bpl**.
Bp. Bishop.
B.P.B. Bank post bills.
B.P.C. British Purchasing Commission. (Operating mainly in U.S.A.)
B.Phil. Bachelor of Philosophy.
bpl. Birthplace. (Also **b.p.**)
B.P.O. Base Post Office.
B.P.O.E. Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.
B.P.S.O. Base Personnel Staff Officer. (Air Force.)
Bp. Suff. Bishop Suffragan.
B.P.T. or **b.p.t.** Battle-practice target. (Naval.)
B.Q. *L. bene quiescat*, may he (or she) rest well.
B.Q.M.S. Battery Quartermaster-Sergeant.
B.R. Book of Reference. (Mostly Naval.)
b.r. Bills receivable.
Br. British; rarely, Breton.
 (2) Brother.
 (3) Bugler.
 (4) Brig.
 (5) Also **br.** : bridge.
 (6) Bromine. (In Chemistry.)
 (7) Rare for : Brigade.
br. Brig. (Nautical.)
Br. Am. British America. (American.)
Braz. Brazil; Brazilian (occ. **Brazil**).
B.R.C.S. British Red Cross Society.
b.rec. Bill(s) receivable.
Brec. Breconshire.
Bret. Breton.
brev. Brevet.
 (2) Brevier.
Brig. Brigade.
 (2) Brigadier.
Brig.-Gen. Brigadier-General.
Brit. Britain (or Britannia); British.
Brit. Mus.; **Brit. Pharm.** See **B.M.** (2), and **B.P.** (2).
Britt. *L. Britanniarum*, of the Britains.
B.R.O. See **Bde. R.O.**
bro. Brother.
brom. Bromide; bromidic.
Bros. Brothers. A famous firm of

tailors is affectionately known as "Moss Bros."
brot. Brought.
B.R.S. Building Research Station.
Bry. or **Bryol.** Bryology; hence *bry.*, *bryol.*, bryological. (Mosses.)
b.s. or **bs.** or **B.s.** or **B.S.** Battleship.
 (2) **B.S.**; Battle Squadron. (Naval.)
 (3) **B.S.** or **b.s.**; Bill of Sale.
 (4) **B.S.** or **b.s.**; Balance Sheet.
 (5) **B.S.** Bachelor of Surgery. (American.)
 (6) Better *B.Sc.* Bachelor of Science.
 (7) Building society—as in *C.B.S.* (3).
B.S.A. British South Africa.
 (2) Birmingham Small Arms Co., England.
 (3) British School at Athens.
 (4) Bibliographical Society of America.
B.S.C. British Supply Council.
 (2) Bengal Staff Corps.
B.Sc. Bachelor of Science.
B.Sc.Tech. Bachelor of Technical Science.
B.S.F. British Salonica Force.
B.S.G.D.G. Breveté S.G.D.G.; *breveté* = patented.
B.S.L. Botanical Society of London.
B.S.M. Battery Sergeant-Major.
B.S.R. British School at Rome.
B.S.T. British Summer Time.
B.T. Board of Trade.
 (2) Bomber Transport. (Air Force.)
Bt. Baronet. Also **Bart.**
bt. Bought. Also **bot.**
B.Th. Bachelor of Theology.
B.Th.U. See **B.T.U.**
B.T.O. Brigade Transport Officer.
B.T.U. British Thermal Unit(s). Also **B.Th.U.**
btwn. Between.
Bty. Battery. (Army.)
B.U. Brown University. (U.S.A.)
bu. Bushel; pl. **bus.**
Bucks. Buckinghamshire.
Budd. Buddhism; Buddhist.
B.U.F. British Union of Fascists.
B.U.J. Bachelor of Canon and Civil Law. (*L. Baccalaureus Utriusque Juris.*)

Bulg. Bulgaria ; Bulgarian.
bull. Bulletin.
B.U.P. British United Press.
bur. Buried.
burl. Burlesque.
bus. See **bu.**
 (2) Omnibus.
B.V. or **b.v.** Boom vessel.
 (2) *Beata Virgo* (see **B.V.M.**).
 (3) Bible Version—as opposed to the Prayer Book version of the Psalms.
B.V.L.A. British Volunteer, Latin America. (Air Force.)

B.V.M. Blessed Virgin Mary ; or *L. Beata Virgo Maria*.
B.W. Black Watch.
 (2) Board of Works.
 (3) Bonded warehouse.
B.W.C. British War Cabinet.
B.W.G. Birmingham Wire Gauge.
B.W.I. British West Indies.
 (2) British Workmen's Institute.
B.W.R.S. British War Relief Society. (U.S.A.)
B.W.T.A. British Women's Temperance Association.
bx. Box ; boxes.
Byz. Byzantine. Also **Byzant**.

C

C. Caesar ; Caius. In Roman nomenclature.
 (2) Cape.
 (3) Captain.
 (4) Carbon.
 (5) Centigrade.
 (6) Century ; thus *C* 17 (or *C.* 17), the 17th century. Cf. sense (13).
 (7) Circuit. (Legal.)
 (8) Congregational.
 (9) Conservative. (Politics.)
 (10) Consul.
 (11) *L. consultum*, a legislative decree.
 (12) Cruiser.
 (13) A hundred (*L. centum*).
c. About (of dates) ; it=*L. circiter* ; cf. *ca* (2).
 (2) Caught (by). (In cricket.)
 (3) *L. causa*, cause, (law) case.
 (4) Cent(s) ; centime(s).
 (5) Centimetre. Also **cm**.
 (6) Chapter (of book).
 (7) Cloudy. (Nautical.)
 (8) Colt. (Horse-breeding and horse-racing.)
 (9) *L. contra*, against.
 (10) Contralto.
 (11) Current. (Electricity.)
 (12) With ; hence without. (*L. cum*).
C.A. Church Army.
 (2) Catering Adviser.
 (3) Chartered Accountant.
 (4) Chief Accountant. In Air Force : Command Accountant.

(5) County Alderman.
 (6) Central America ; Central American. Also **C.Am.**
 (7) Commercial Agent.
 (8) Court of Appeal.
 (9) Confederate Army.
 (10) Church Association.
 (11) Controller of Accounts.
C/A. Capital account.
Ca. Calcium. (Chemistry.)
ca. Cathode.
 (2) *L. circa*, about.
C.A.A. Civil Aeronautics Administrator. (U.S.A.)
C.A.C. County Agricultural Committee(s).
 (2) Central Advisory Committee.
cad. Cadenza. (Music.)
Caes. Caesar.
C.A.F. Curates' Augmentation Fund.
C.A.G. Civil Air Guard.
Cal. or **Calif.** California.
cal. Calendar.
 (2) Calorie(s).
 (3) Calends. (American.) Cf. *kal*.
 (4) Calando. (In Music.)
Calif. See **Cal**.
C.Am. See **C.A.** (6).
cam. Camouflage (whether noun, adjective, or verb) ; hence *Cam.* O., Camouflage Officer.
Camb. Cambridge—town or University.
Camb. Cambridgeshire.

Camd. S. or Camd. Soc. The Camden Society.

Camerons. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Camp. Camp Commandant.

Can. Canada ; also Canadian.
(2) Canon—the Church dignitary.

can. Canto.
(2) *L. cantoris*, of the choir.

c. & b. Caught and bowled (in cricket).

C. & M. Pty. Care and Maintenance Party. (Air Force.)

Canpac. Canadian Pacific Railway ; especially **Canpacs**, its stocks and shares.

Cant. Canticles.
(2) Canterbury.

cant. or **cantab.** It. *cantabile*, to be sung. (Music.)

Cantab. Cantabrigian—a graduate of the University of Cambridge.

Cant. T. Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*.

Cantuar. (Archbishop) of Canterbury.

C.A.O. Chief Accountant Officer. (Air Force.)

C.A.P. Chlor-aceto-phenone. (A gas.)

Cap. In Britain it is rare, in the U.S.A. it is common, for : Captain.

cap. Capital (letter) ; cf. *L.c.* (2). The pl. is **caps**.
(2) Chapter (of a book) ; less common than *ch.* (*L. caput*.)
(3) Number of an Act of Parliament.
(4) Foolscape (paper).
(5) In U.S.A. it also=(to) capitalize.
(6) Captain, now less usual than :—

Capt. Captain.

Car. Carolina.
(2) *L. Carolus*, Charles.

car. Carat. Jewellers often use **K**.

Card. or **Cardig.** or **Cards.** Cardigan-shire. (The third is the best form.)
(2) **Card.** only : Cardinal.

Carib. Caribbean.

Carliol. (Bishop) of Carlisle.

Carm. ; **Carmarths.** Carmarthenshire.

Carn. Carnarvonshire. (Sometimes spelt *Caer*—.)

carp. Carpentry.

C.A.S. Chief of the Air Staff.

cas. Castle.

Cat. Catullus.
(2) Catechism.

cat. or **ca^t.** Caught.
(2) Only **cat.** : catalogue.

Cath. Catholic.
(2) Catharine.

cath. Cathedral
(2) Cathode.

C. Aus. Central Australia.

caus. Causative (in Grammar).
(2) Causation (in Philosophy and Theology).

Cav. Cavalry. Now mechanized—no longer cavalry in the old sense.

cav. Caveat. (Legal.)

Cav. Armd. C. Regt. ; Cav. Armd. C. Sqn. Cavalry Armoured Car Regiment or Squadron.

C.B. Companion of the Bath.
(2) Confinement (or confined) to barracks (a military punishment).
(3) Confidential Book. (Naval.)
(4) Cape Breton.
(5) Common Bench.
(6) Counter Battery.
(7) Cavalry Brigade.
(8) County Borough.

Cb. Columbium. (In Chemistry.)

C.B.C. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

C.B.E. Commander of the Order of British Empire—a decoration.

c.bk. Cheque-book.

C.B.O. Counter-Battery Officer.

C.B.S. Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.
(2) Columbia Broadcasting Service.
(3) Church Building Society.

C.C. County Council ; hence County Councillor. Also Common Council or Common Councilman. Also City Council ; City Councillor.
(2) County Court. But also : Circuit Court ; Civil Court.
(3) Cricket Club. But also : Cycling Club.
(4) Cadet Captain (at Naval colleges).
(5) Chief Controller (of the Auxiliary Territorial Service).

- (6) Coastal Command. (R.A.F.)
 (7) Caius College, Cambridge.
 (8) Consular Clerk.
 (9) Crown Clerk.
 (10) County Clerk.
 (11) Chief Clerk.
 (12) Cape Colony.
 (13) Chamber of Commerce.
 (14) Confined to Camp. (Air Force.)
- c.c.** Cubic contents.
 (2) Cubic centimetres.
 (3) Also **cc.** : chapters.
 (4) *Contra* credit.
- C.C.A.** Chief Clerk of the Admiralty.
C.C.B. Cotton Control Board (War of 1914-18).
C.C.C. Corpus Christi College.
 (2) Club Cricket Conference. But also : County Cricket Club.
 (3) Central Criminal Court.
 (4) Civilian Conservation Corps. (In U.S.A.).
- C.C.C.A.** Corps Commander, Coast Artillery.
C.C.C.S. Colonial and Continental Church Society.
C.C.J. County Court Judge.
C.C.M.A. Commander Corps Medium Artillery.
C.C.O. County Comforts Organization.
 (2) Chief of Combined Operations.
C.C.P. Court of Common Pleas.
 (2) Code of Civil Procedure. Contrast *C.Cr.P.*
C.Cr.P. Code of Criminal Procedure.
C.C.S. Casualty Clearing Station.
 (2) Ceylon Civil Service.
 (3) Civilian Conservation Corps. (U.S.A.)
- C.D.** Coast Defence(s).
 (2) Contagious diseases. Hence *C.D. Acts*, Contagious Diseases Acts.
 (3) Civil Defence.
 (4) Chancery Division.
 (5) Civil death.
 (6) *Corps Diplomatique*—the Diplomatic Corps. On, e.g., motor-cars and letters.
- c.d.** Cum dividend.
Cd. Command. (A military command, as a formation or a region).
- (2) Command Paper (up to 1918 inclusive; cf. *Cmd.* (2))—a paper laid, by command of the Crown, before Parliament.
 (3) Cadmium. (In Chemistry.)
 (4) Commissioned (in *Cd. R.M.G.*).
 (5) Could.
- C.D.A.** College Diploma in Agriculture.
 (2) Coast Defence Artillery; now *C.A.*, Coastal Artillery.
C.D.A.A.A. Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies.
C.D. Acts. See **C.D.** (2).
C.D.A.S. Civil Defence Ambulance Service.
C. de G. Croix de Guerre (a French decoration for gallantry in the field).
Cd. Ents. O. See **C.E.O.** (3).
Cd. E.O. See **C.E.O.**
C.D.H. College Diploma in Horticulture. *c. div.* Variant of *c.d.*
C.D.R.C. Civil Defence Regional Commissioner.
Cd.R.M.G. Commissioned Royal Marine Gunner.
C.D.R.S. Civil Defence Rescue Service.
C.D.S. Civil Defence Services.
Cd. S.B. Commissioned Signals Boat-swain.
Cd. S.O. Commissioned Supply Officer. (Naval.)
C.D.V. Civil Defence Volunteers.
c.d.v. Carte de visite—visiting card.
C.D.W.S. Civil Defence Wardens' Service.
C.E. Chief Engineer.
 (2) Incorrectly Church of England (correctly *C. of E.*).
 (3) Civil Engineer.
 (4) Chancellor of the Exchequer.
 (5) Canada East.
 (6) Counter-espionage.
 (7) Common Era.
 (8) Compression Engine.
Ce. Cerium. (In Chemistry.)
ce. Is short for the endings *-ance* and *-ence*.
C.E.D. Committee of Economic Defence—in U.S.A.; since July 1941.
C.E.F. Chinese Expeditionary Force. From early 1942.

cel. Celebrated.

Cels. Celsius.

Celt. Celtic.

C.E.M.A. Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts.

C.E.M.S. Church of England Men's Society.

Cent. See **cent.** (4).

cent. *L. centum*, a hundred; cf. *per cent.*, *q.v.*

(2) Central.

(3) Century.

(4) Centigrade. More gen. *Cent.*

Cent. Afr.; **Cent. Am.**; **Cent. Aus.**
Central Africa—Central America—Central Australia.

C.E.O. Command Education Officer; better *Cd. E.O.*

(2) Corps Education Officer.

(3) Command Entertainments Officer; also **C.Ent.** (or **Ents.O.**).
Best *Cd. Ents. O.*

Cert. Certificate; occ. to certify, certified.

(2) Certain(ly); certainty.

certif. A variant of *cert.* (1).

C.E.S.S.I. Church of England Sunday School Institution.

Cestr. (Bishop) of Chester.

cet. par. *L. ceteris paribus*, other things being equal.

C.E.T.S. Church of England Temperance Society.

C.E.U. Christian Endeavour Union.

C.E.W.M.S. Church of England Working Men's Society.

Cey. Ceylon; Ceylonese.

C.F. Chaplain to the Forces.

(2) Corresponding Fellow (cf., e.g., the British Academy).

c.f. Carried forward. (In accounts or invoices.)

cf. Compare. The Latinized abbr. (= *confer*) that corresponds to the more English *cp.*

(2) Calf. (In book-binding.)

c.f. & i.; better *c.f.i.* Cost, freight, and insurance.

C.F.I. The official R.A.F. abbreviation for Chief Flying Instructor.

C.F.(J.). See **J.**

C.G. or **C.-G.** Consul-General.

(2) Captain-General.

(3) Centre of Gravity.

(4) Coastguard.

(5) Coldstream Guards.

(6) Captain of the Guard. (Obsol.)

(7) Commissary-General.

cg. or **c.g.** Centigramme.

C.G.A. Coast Guard Auxiliary—in U.S.A.

C.-Gen. Chaplain-General.

C.G.H. Cape of Good Hope.

C.G.I. Corrugated galvanized iron; as in "a *C.G.I.* sheet."

C.G.M. Conspicuous Gallantry Medal. A Naval decoration, awarded to all ranks.

C.G.R. Coast Guard Reserve—in U.S.A. Organized in 1939.

C.G.S. Centimetre - gramme - second. Also **c.g.s.** (In scientific measurement.)

(2) Chief of the General Staff in the field. (Contrast *C.I.G.S.*)

C.G.T. *Confédération Générale de Travail*, General Confederation of Labour.

C.H. Companion of Honour—a very distinguished decoration.

(2) Court House.

(3) Custom House.

Ch. Church.

(2) As in *B.Ch.* (*q.v.*).

(3) Chaplain.

(4) Chancery.

(5) China.

(6) Charles.

(7) Chief.

ch. Chapter (of a book); occ. **chap.**

(2) Child(ren).

chamb. Chamberlain.

Chanc. Chancellor.

chap. Chapter; occ. Chaplain.

Chap.-Gen. Chaplain-General.

Chas. Charles.

Chauc. Chaucer; Chaucerian.

Ch.B. See **B.Ch.**

Ch.Ch. Christ Church.

Ch. d'Aff. *Chargé d'Affaires*.

Chem. Chemistry; (*chem.*) chemical.

Ches. Cheshire.

Cheshire (written); **Cheshires** (oral).
The Cheshire Regiment; or a battalion thereof.

Chev. *F. Chevalier*, Knight.
chf. Chief.
Chi. Chicago.
Chin. Chinese.
Ch.J. An occasional variant of *C.J.*
Ch.M. See **M.Ch.**
chmn. See **chrmn.**
chn. See **chrmn.**
Ch. of F. Chaplain of the Fleet; cf. *C.F.*
chq. Cheque.
Chr. or Christ. Christian.
Chr.C. Christ's College, Cambridge.
chrmn. Chairman. Also **chn.** or **chmn.**
Chron. Chronicles.
chron. Chronology; chronological.
chrs. Chambers. (Legal and in postal addresses.)
C.H.U. Centigrade heat unit.
C.I. Lady of Imperial Order of the Crown of India.
 (2) Channel Islands.
 (3) Chief Inspector, in general; esp. Chief Inspector, Royal Marine Police.
 (4) Chief Instructor.
 (5) Compression Ignition Engine, e.g. the Diesel Engine.
C.I.A. Chief Inspector of Armaments.
Cic. Cicero.
Cicestr. (Bishop) of Chichester.
C.I.D. Criminal Investigation Department, often loosely referred to as Scotland Yard.
 (2) Committee of Imperial Defence.
C.I.E. Companion of the Order of Indian Empire.
c.i.f. Cost, insurance, and freight. (Cf. *c.f. & i.*)
c.i.f.c. Cost, insurance, freight, and commission.
C.I.G.S. Chief of the Imperial General Staff.
C.I.I. Chartered Insurance Institute.
C.I.M. China Inland Mission.
C.I.Mech.E. Companion of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.
C.-in-C. Commander-in-Chief, either of the entire Army or of a British Force in, e.g., the Middle East (*C.-in-C., Middle East*).

C.-in-C. H.F. Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces.
C.-in-C. U.S. Commander-in-Chief, United States Armed Forces.
C.I.O. Committee for Industrial Organizations. (In U.S.A.)
circ. *L. circiter*, about (adverb). Also, rather absurdly, for *circa*.
circe. Circumstance; pl. *circes*.
C.I.R.E.S. Chief Inspector of Royal Engineer Stores.
C.I.S.T. Chief Inspector of Supplementary Transport.
cit. Citizen.
 (2) Citation; cited.
C.I.V. City Imperial Volunteers.
civ. Civilized.
 (2) Civilian.
C.J. Chief Justice.
ck. Cask.
C.L. Commander of the Order of Leopold.
c.l. or cl. Centilitre.
Cl. Classical; belonging to the Ancient Classics.
 (2) Or *cl.*: Class or class.
 (3) Chlorine. (In Chemistry.)
cl. See **Cl.** (2).
 (2) See **c.l.**
 (3) Clause.
 (4) Cloth. (In book-binding.)
C.L.A. Central Landowners' Association.
Clar. Clarendon type.
Class. Classics; Classical.
class. or **classn.** Classification.
C.L.B. Church Lads' Brigade.
C.L.C. Cheshire Lines Committee.
 (Joint Railway owned by the L.M.S. and the L.N.E.R.)
cl'd. (Of, e.g., shipping) cleared.
 (2) Coloured.
C.L.P.A. Common Law Procedure Act.
C.L.R. City of London Rifles.
 (2) Central London Underground Railway.
c.m. or C.M. Cruiser minelayer.
 (2) Only *C.M.*: Master of Surgery (*L. Chirurgiae Magister*).
 (3) Circular measure in Music, common metre.
 (4) Corresponding Member.
 (5) Certificated Master (or Mistress).

- (6) *L. causa mortis*, by reason of death.
- cm.** Centimetre; hence *cm*², a square centimetre; *cm*³, a cubic one.
- C.A.M.S.** Clergy Mutual Assurance Society.
- C.M.B.** or **c.m.b.** Coastal motor-boat.
(2) Central Midwives Board.
- C.M.C.W.** Calvinistic Methodist Church of Wales.
- C.M.D.** Coal Mines Department.
(2) Common measure double. (In Music.)
- Cmd.** Command. Also **C.** and **Comd.**
(2) Command Paper. (Since 1919; cf. *Cd.* (2).)
- cmdg.** Commanding.
- C.M.G.** Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George.
(2) Congressional Medal for Gallantry—a very distinguished American decoration).
- cml.** Commercial.
- C.M.O.** Chief Maintenance Officer. (Air Force.)
- C.M.P.** Corps of Military Police.
- C.M.R.** Cape Mounted Rifles.
- C.M.S.** Church Missionary Society.
- C.M.Z.S.** Corresponding Member of the Zoological Society.
- Cn.** Canon (Law).
- C.N.A.S.** Chief of Naval Air Services.
- C.N.O.** Chief of Naval Operations.
- C.N.P.** Chief of Naval Personnel (who is also the Second Sea Lord).
- C.N.R.** Canadian National Railways.
(2) Civil Nursing Reserve.
- C.N.S.** Chief of the Naval Staff. (The First Sea Lord.)
- C.O.** Commanding Officer. Not only in the Army.
(2) Command Orders; e.g. *E.C.O.*, Eastern Command Orders.
(3) Colonial Office.
(4) Conscientious objector.
(5) Less general than (3): Criminal Office.
(6) Less general than (3): Crown Office.
- c.o.** Carried over; cf. *c.f.*, carried forward.
- c/o.** Care of. In addresses ("Mr J. Smith, c/o T. Jones, Esq.).
- Co.** County. Mostly applied to Ireland.
(2) Company (commercial, not military).
(3) Cobalt.
- coad.** Coadjutor.
- C.O.D.** or **c.o.d.** Cash on delivery.
(2) The Concise Oxford English Dictionary; occ. **C.O.E.D.**
(3) Central Ordnance Depot.
- C.O.E.C.D.O.** A mnemonic for personal anti-gas decontamination: Cotton waste — Ointment — Eyeshields — Clothing — Detectors—Ointment.
- C.O.E.D.** See **C.O.D.** (2).
- co-ed.** Co-educational.
- C. of E.** Church of England.
- C. of G.H.** An occasional variant of *C.G.H.*
- C. of S.** Church of Scotland, or what in England and Ireland is known as Presbyterian.
(2) Chief of Staff.
(3) Controller of Stamps.
- cog.** or **cogn.** Cognate (with). (In Philology.)
- Col.** Colonel.
(2) Colossians. (Uneconomically *Coloss.*)
(3) Colorado; better *Colo.*
(4) See **Col.-Sgt.**
(5) Colonial.
- col.** Short for and less correct than *coln.*: column in the military sense.
(2) Column on a page.
(3) College; better *Coll.*
(4) Colour; coloured.
- Coldm. Gds.** Coldstream Guards.
- Coll.** College; Collegiate (as in *Non-Coll.*).
- coll.** or **colloq.** Colloquial (speech, language, style, etc.): colloquialism.
(2) Colleague.
(3) Collector; collection.
(4) A variant of *collect*.
- collat.** Collateral; collaterally.
- collect.** Collective; collectively.
- colloq.** See **coll.**
- coln.** Column; as in *Sup. Coln.*
- Colo.** Colorado (State).
- colon.** or **Colon.** Colonial.

- Col.-Sgt.** Colour-Sergeant. (Preferable to *Col.-Sergt.*)
- Com.** Communist. But occ. Commune.
 (2) Commissioner; as in *H.Com.*
 (3) Commission (in business).
 (4) Variant of *Comm.*, Commodore.
 (5) Committee. Also **com***.
 (6) Rare for Commander.
 (7) Commissary.
 (8) Commonwealth.
- com.** Common; commonly.
 (2) Commercial; commerce, as in *B.Com.* Also **comm.** and **cml.**
 (3) Commentary. Also **comm.**
 (4) Comedy; occ. comic, comedian.
 (5) Variant of *Com.* (3).
 (6) Variant of *Com.* (5).
 (7) Communication; communications.
- comb.** Combination; combined; combining. Rarely: a combine; to combine.
- Comd.** Commanding.
 (2) Commander; also **Comdr.**
 (3) Command; e.g. "Tps in the E(astern) Comd." Also **C.** and **Comd.** A Command includes both Areas and Divisions.
- comdg.** Commanding.
- Comdr.** See **Comd.** (2).
- Comdt.** Commandant.
- C.O.M.E.** Chief Ordnance Mechanical Engineer.
- Com***. See **Com.** (5).
- Com.-in-C.** Obsolete for *C.-in-C.*
- Comm.** Commodore. (Navy and R.A.F.)
- comm.** Variant of *Com.* (3) and (5), and of *com.* (1)-(3) and (7).
- commerc.** Commercial.
- Commn., commn.** Commission: (1) as investigating body; (2) in business or the Army.
- Commnr.** Commissioner.
- commn(s).** Communication(s).
- Comp.** Composition—the art of writing.
- comp.** Comparative (occ. **compar.**); comparison; compare.
 (2) Compound.
 (3) Composer; a composition.
 (4) Compositor.
 (5) Rare (and unnecessary) for: company.
- compar.** See **comp.** (1).
- compl.** Complement; occ. complementary.
- Com.-Serj.** Common Serjeant. (Legal.)
- Com. Ver.** Common Version.
- Comy-Gen.** Commissary-General.
- Con.** Conics.
 (2) Consul.
- con.** L. *contra*, against.
 (2) Conclusion.
 (3) See **crim. con.**
 (4) L. *conjux*, consort.
- Conch.** Conchology; hence *conch.*, conchological.
- Cond.** Conditional (tense).
- Conf.** Confucius.
- conf.** Conference.
 (2) Variant of *cf.* (1).
- Cong.** Congregational (Church); Congregationalist.
 (2) Congress; Congressional.
- cong.** Congregation.
- Conj.** Conjunction (in Grammar); hence *conj.*, conjunctive.
 (2) Conjugation.
- Conn.** Connecticut.
- conn.** Connotation; connotative(ly).
 (2) Connected.
- Conn. R.** See **C.R.**
- Cons.** Conservative.
 (2) Consul.
- cons.** A consonant.
- consol.** Consolidated.
- Consols.** Consolidated Funds.
- Const.** Constitution; constitutional. (In political senses.)
- constr.** Construction, or constructed; esp. in Grammar.
- Cont.** Continent; Continental.
 (2) Contents (of book).
- cont.** Continuous; *cont. perf.*, a continuous performance.
- contd.** Continued.
- contg.** Containing.
- contn.** Continuation; also **cont.**
- contr.** Contraction; contracted.
- C.O.O.** Chief Ordnance Officer.
- Co-op.** Co-operative (Society).
- Cop.** Copernicus; Copernican.
- cop.** Copulative. (A grammatical term.)
 (2) Copper. Symbol: *Cu.*

- Copec** or **C.O.P.E.C.** Conference on politics, economics, and Christianity; or (*Pocket Oxford Dict.*) Conference on Christian politics, economics, and citizenship; or (*Authors' and Printers' Dict.*) Christian Order of Politics, Economics, and Citizenship.
- Copt.** Coptic.
- Cor.** Corinthians.
- (2) Coroner.
 - (3) Shakespeare's *Coriolanus*.
 - (4) Cornelius; Cornelia.
- cor.** Corpus.
- (2) Rare for *corr*.
- Corn.** Cornwall; Cornish.
- corol.** or **coroll.** Corollary.
- Corp.** Corporal: now gen. *Cpl*.
- (2) Variant of:—
- Corpn.** Corporation (in business).
- Corr.** Corrigena, or corrections to be made.
- (2) Correspondent; corresponding; correspondence.
- corr.** Correlative. Also **correl.**, which is preferable.
- (2) Corrected.
- corresp.** Corresponding (to).
- Corr. F.** or **Corr. Fell.** Corresponding Fellow.
- Corr. Mem.** Corresponding Member.
- corrupt.** Corruption. (Philology.)
- Cors.** Corsica; Corsican.
- C.O.S.** Charity Organisation Society.
- (2) Chief of Staff.
- cos.** Cosine. (Trigonometry.)
- cosec.** Cosecant. (Trigonometry.)
- cosmog.** Cosmography; cosmographical; cosmogony.
- coss.** (gen. italicized). L. *consules*, consuls.
- cot.** Cotangent. (Trigonometry.)
- cox.** Coxswain.
- Coy.** Company; as in "*B*" *Coy*.
- C.P.** Cape Province (of South Africa).
- (2) In India, it is the Central Provinces.
 - (3) Command Post, whence a battery's fire is controlled. An Artillery term.
 - (4) See **c.p.** (2).
 - (5) Car Post.
- (6) **C.P.** in a window or on a door indicates that Messrs Carter Paterson, the famous carriers, are to call. (English.)
 - (7) Civil Procedure; also Code of Procedure. (Legal.)
 - (8) Clerk of the Peace.
 - (9) Common Prayer.
 - (10) Common Pleas. (Legal.)
 - (11) Court of Probate. (Legal.)
 - (12) Civil Power.
 - (13) College of Preceptors.
- c.p.** Candle-power.
- (2) Also **C.P.**: chemically pure.
 - (3) Carriage paid. (Occ. **C.P.**)
- cp.** See **cf**.
- C.P.A.** Certified Public Accountant.
- C.P.C.** Clerk of the Privy Council.
- Cpl.** Corporal.
- C.P.M.** Common particular metre. (In Music.)
- C.P.O.** Chief Petty Officer. (Naval.)
- (2) Command - Post Officer; see **C.P.** (3).
- C.P.R.** Canadian Pacific Railway.
- C.P.R.E.** Council for the Preservation of Rural England.
- C. Prep.** Counter-preparation (esp. of artillery).
- C.P.S.** L. *Custos Privati Sigilli*, Keeper of the Privy Seal.
- (2) Congregational Publishing Society.
- Cpt.** An occ. Army variant of *Capt*.
- C.Q.M.S.** Company Quartermaster-Sergeant.
- C.R.** or **Conn. R.** Connaught Rangers.
- (2) Control Rating; thus *C.R.* 1, 2, or 3 is a gunnery rate for men qualified in gun control. (Naval.)
 - (3) Caledonian Railway—now the L.M.S.
 - (4) Central Railway.
 - (5) L. *Custos Rotulorum*, Keeper of the Rolls.
 - (6) *Carolus Rex*, King Charles.
 - (7) Compression Ratio.
 - (8) Community of the Resurrection. (See "*Crockford*.")
 - (9) Central Registry—for the recording of all Service correspondence. (Armed Forces.)

- Cr.** Chromium. (In Chemistry.)
 (2) Commander. (Naval.)
 (3) Crown (as in "Crown Office").
 (4) See **cr.** (4).
- cr.** Credit; creditor.
 (2) Crown; as in the format, *cr. Svo.* (Printers' and publishers'.)
 (3) Created; e.g. "*Cr. B.* in 1923."
 (4) More gen. *Cr.*: cruiser. (Naval.)
- C.R.A.** Commander, Royal Artillery.
 He commands the artillery of a Division.
- Cran.** or **Craniol.** Craniology; hence *cran.* (or *craniol.*), craniological.
- C.R.A.S.C.** Commander, Royal Army Service Corps.
- C.R.E.** Commander, Royal Engineers.
- cres.** or **cresc.** Crescendo.
- crim. con.** Criminal conversation (adulterous copulation).
- crit.** Critical; criticism; criticized.
- C.R.O.** Command Routine Order(s).
 Better *Cd. R.O.*
 (2) Corps Routine Order(s).
 (3) Criminal Records Office.
- Gr.P.** Criminal Procedure. (Legal.)
- C.R.S.** Camp Reception Station—a kind of field hospital.
- Crt.** Court.
- Crystal.** Crystallography; (*crystal.*) crystallographical.
- Ĉ.S.** Civil Service.
 (2) In certain military contexts, it= Corps of Signals.
 (3) Co-operative Society; e.g. *L.C.S.*, London Co-operative Society.
 (4) Chief Secretary.
 (5) Court of Session; also Clerk of Session.
 (6) Common Serjeant. (Legal.)
 (7) *L. Custos Sigilli*, Keeper of the Seal.
 (8) Commissary of Subsistence.
 (9) Chemical Society.
 (10) Cruiser Squadron.
- Cs.** Caesium. (In Chemistry.)
- cs.** Cases (of goods).
- C.S.A.** Confederate States Army.
 (2) Confederate States of America.
- C.S.C.** Conspicuous Service Cross.
 (2) Civil Service Commission.
 (3) Charles Stuart Calverley.
- C.S.C.A.** Civil Service Clerical Association.
- C.S.C.S.** Civil Service Co-operative Stores.
- C.S.I.** Companion of the Star of India.
 (2) Chartered Surveyors' Institution.
- C.S.M.** Company Sergeant-Major.
- C.S.M.M.G.** Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics.
- C.S.N.** Confederate States Navy.
- C.S.O.** Chief Signal Officer.
 (2) Chief Staff Officer. (Rare.)
- C.S.R.D.** Chief Superintendent, Research Department.
- C.S.S.A.** Civil Service Supply Association.
- C.S.T.** Chief of Supplies and Transport. (Naval.)
- C.T.** Communication Trench.
 (2) Certificated Teacher.
 (3) Commercial traveller.
- Ct.** Count; e.g. "Count X, b. 1873, d. 1931."
 (2) Court.
 (3) Connecticut; cf. *Conn.*, which is more usual.
- ct.** is rare for cent, for county, and for caught (at cricket).
- C.T.A.U.** Catholic Total Abstinence Union.
- C.T.C.** Cyclists' Touring Club.
 (2) Civil Technical Corps. (Instituted in 1941.)
- Cte.**; **Ctesse.** *Fr. Comte, Comtesse*: Count, Countess.
- cto.** Concerto.
- c. to c.** From centre to centre.
- C. Tps.** Corps Troops.
- cts.** Centimes; cents.
- C.T.T.B.** Central Trade Test Board. (Air Force.)
- C.U.** Cambridge University.
- Cu.** *L. cuprum*, copper. (Chemistry.)
- cu.** or **cub.** Cubic.
- C.U.A.C.** Cambridge University Athletic Club.
- C.U.A.F.C.** Cambridge University Association Football Club.
- C.U.C.C.** Cambridge University Cricket Club.
- C.U.D.S.** Cambridge University Dramatic Society.

- C.U.G.C.** Cambridge University Golf Club.
C.U.H.C. Cambridge University Hockey Club.
C.U.L.T.C. Cambridge University Lawn Tennis Club.
C.U.M. Cambridge University Mission.
cum. Cumulative.
Cumb. Cumberland.
cum d ; cum div. Cum dividend.
Cum Pref. or **cum pref.** Cumulative preference (shares).
C.U.M.S. Cambridge University Musical Society.
C.U.P. Cambridge University Press.
C.U.R.F.C. Cambridge University Rugby Football Club.
cusec. Cubic foot per second. (In irrigation practice.)
C.V. Common Version. Occ. **Com. Ver.**
c.v.d. Cash against documents.
C.V.O. Commander of the Victorian Order—a decoration.
C.W. Chemical warfare ; cf. *G.S.O.3 (C.W.)*.
 (2) Commissions and Warrants Department of the Admiralty. (For Officers' appointments, etc.)
- (3) Canada West.
C.W.A. Civil Works Administration. (U.S.A.)
C.W.D. (The department for dealing with) Civilian War Dead ; collection of bodies ; recognition ; interviewing the relatives. It discharges with exemplary tact its distasteful and difficult task.
C.W.O. Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank. (Naval.)
c.w.o. Cash with order.
C.W.P. Civil Works Program. (U.S.A.)
C.W.S. Co-operative Wholesale Society.
 (2) Chemical Welfare Service (in U.S.A.).
 (3) Central Wireless Station. (Especially in the Air Force.)
cwt. Hundredweight. As $dwt = d.$ (penny) ; $L. denarius + wt$ (weight), so $cwt = C$ ($C=100$) + wt (weight).
cyl. Cylinder ; cylindrical.
Cym. Cymric.
Cymb. Shakespeare's *Cymbeline*.
Cz. - Sl. Czech - Slovakia ; Czech - Slovakian.

D

- D.** Damn ; as in "a big, big *D.*" Also **d.**
 (2) Democrat.
 (3) Destroyer. (Naval.)
 (4) *L. Deus*, God ; also **Dominus**, the Lord.
 (5) Dom ; Don. (Titles.)
 (6) Druids. (Freemasonry.)
 (7) Duke ; Duchess.
 (8) Five hundred—in Roman figures.
d. Daughter.
 (2) *L. dele*, delete.
 (3) Penny ; pence. (*L. denarius, denarii.*)
 (4) A variant of *dep.*
 (5) Deserter ; deserted.
 (6) Died (*L. decessit*).
 (7) Dime ; but also dollar.
 (8) Discharged.
 (9) Dose (in prescriptions).
 (10) Drizzling. (Nautical.)
- D.A.** District Attorney. (In U.S.A.)
 (2) Deposit Account.
 (3) Direct action (e.g. fuse) ; especially in the Air Force.
d.a. or **d/a.** Days after acceptance.
Da. or **Dan.** Danish.
D.A.A. & Q.M.G. Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General.
D.A.A.G. Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General.
D.A. & Q.M.G. Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster-General.
D.A.C.G. Deputy Assistant Chaplain-General.
D.A.D. Deputy Assistant Director.
D.A.D.D.S. Deputy Assistant Director of Dental Services.
D.A.D.M.S. Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services.

- D.A.D.O.S.** Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Services.
- D.A.D.O.S. "E"**. Early in 1941 this term displaced *S.O.M.E.* The "E" represents Engineering.
- D.A.D.O.S. "O"**. A *Dados* concerned with Ordnance proper.
- D.A.D.R.** Deputy Assistant Director of Remounts.
- D.A.D.Tn.** Deputy Assistant Director of Transportation.
- D.A.E.** Director of Army Education.
- D.A.G.** Deputy Adjutant-General.
- dag.** Decagram.
- D.A.H.** Disordered action of the heart.
- Dak.** Dakota.
- dal.** Decalitre.
- dam.** Decametre.
- D.Am.E.** Dictionary of American English.
- D.A.M.G.O.** Deputy Assistant Master-General of the Ordnance.
- Dan.** See **Da**.
(2) Daniel (whether O.T. book or Christian name).
- D.A.P.M.** Deputy Assistant Provost-Marshal.
- D.A.P.S.** Director of Army Postal Services.
- D.A.Q.M.G.** Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General; cf. *D.A.A.G.*
- D.A.R.** Daughters of the American Revolution.
- D.A.S.** Dramatic Authors' Society.
- dat.** Dative (case : in Grammar).
- D.A.T.I.** Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction (in Ireland).
- dau.** Daughter.
- Dav.** David.
- D.B.** Domesday Book.
(2) Dive-bomber.
- d.b.** Daybook.
- D.B.E.** Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire.
- dbk.** Drawback.
- D.B.** Double bottoms. (Naval.)
- D.C.** District of Columbia (U.S.A.).
(2) Direct current (in electrical installations); cf. *A.C.* (2).
(3) Depth charge.
(4) Development Commission.
- (5) Deputy Chief. But also, Deputy Consul.
- (6) District Court.
- (7) See **d.c.** (1).
- (8) Deputy Commandant.
- (9) Decontamination.
- (10) Dairy Company, as in *E.D.C.*, the Express Dairy Company.
- d.c.** (or **D.C.**) Italian *da capo*, from the beginning. (In Music.)
(2) A variant of *D.C.* (2).
- D.C.A.** Divisional Catering Officer.
- D.C.A.S.** Deputy Chief of the Air Staff.
- D.C.B.** Distant-control boat.
- D.C.G.** Deputy Chaplain-General.
- D.C.G.S.** Deputy Chief of the General Staff in the Field. Contrast :—
- D.C.I.G.S.** Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff. (Military.)
- D.C.L.** Doctor of Civil Law.
- D.C.L.I.** Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.
- D.C.M.** Distinguished Conduct Medal; awarded to "other ranks."
(2) District Court-Martial.
- D.Cn.L.** Doctor of Canon Law.
- D.C.R.** District Chief Ranger.
- D.C.R.E.** Deputy Commandant, Royal Engineers.
- D.C.S.** Deputy-Clerk of Sessions.
(2) Deputy Chief of Staff.
- D.C.T.** Depth-charge thrower.
- D.C.V.O.** Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.
- D.D.** Doctor of Divinity.
(2) *L. dedit dono*, he (or she) gave as a gift. Also **d.d.**
(3) Discharged dead. On a Service man's papers.
- D.d. L. Deo dedit**, he (or she) gave to God.
- d.d.** Day's date.
(2) Days after date.
(3) See **D.D.** (2).
- d/d.** Dated.
- d—d.** Damned. (Euphemistic.)
- dd.** Delivered.
- D.D.D.** or **d.d.d.** *L. dat, dicat, dedicat* : He gives, devotes and dedicates.
- D.D.G.** Deputy Director-General.
- D.D.M.I.** Deputy Director of Military Intelligence.

- D.D.M.O.I.** Deputy Director of Military Operations and Intelligence.
- D.D.M.S.** Deputy Director of Medical Services.
- D.D.M.T.** Deputy Director of Military Training.
- D. Docks.** Director of Docks Service.
- D.D.S.** Doctor of Dental Surgery.
- D.D.S.T.** Deputy Director of Supply and Transport.
- deb.** Debenture.
(2) Slangily : débutante.
- Dec.** December.
(2) Decorated. (Architecture.)
- dec.** Decrescendo. (In Music.)
(2) Also **decl.** ; declension. (In Grammar.)
(3) Deceased.
- decn.** (military) ; **decontn.** Decontamination.
- D.E.D.** Director of the Education Department (of the Navy) ; cf. *D.A.E.*
- def.** Defendant ; defined ; definition (also **defn**) ; definite(ly) ; deferred (shares).
- deg.** Degree(s) of heat or on maps.
- D.E.I.** Dutch East Indies.
- D.E.L.** Defence Electric Light.
- Del.** State of Delaware in U.S.A.
- del.** Delete.
* (2) Delegate.
(3) L. *delineavit*, he has drawn (this picture). Also **delt**.
- Dem.** Democrat ; Democratic (Party).
- dem.** As in *dem. prinn*, democratic principles.
- demob.** Demobilization.
- demon.** Demonstrative. (Grammar.)
- Demosth.** Demosthenes.
- D.E.M.S.** Defensively equipped merchant ship.
- Den.** Denmark.
- den.** Denotation ; denotative(ly).
- D.Eng.** Doctor of Engineering.
- dent.** Dentistry ; dental ; dentist.
- D.E.O.** Divisional Education Officer.
He is an organizer, encourager, adviser ; he "lays on"—military for "arranges"—lectures, classes, correspondence courses, books.
- (2) Divisional Entertainments Officer, better *D. Ent.* (or *Ents.*) *O.*
- Dep.** A variant of *Dept.* (1).
- dep.** (To) depart ; departs ; (time of) departure.
(2) Deponent. (In Grammar.)
(3) Deputy.
(4) Deposed. (Encyclopaedias.)
- Dept.** Department (esp. of the Civil Service).
(2) A French *département*.
- der.** or **deriv.** Derivative ; derivation ; derived.
- Derby.** Derbyshire.
- D.E.S.** Director of Engineer Stores Service.
(2) Director of the Educational Services. (Air Force.)
- Dest.** or **dest.** Destroyer.
- Det.** Detective ; esp. in *Det.-Sgt.*, Detective-Sergeant, and *Det.-Insp(r.)*, Detective-Inspector.
- det.** Detachment.
- detn.** Detention.
- Deut.** Deuteronomy.
- Devon.** Devonshire.
- Devon** or **Devons** ; **Dev. Regt.** The Devonshire Regiment. *Devons* is the oral abbreviation.
- D.F.** or **D/F** or **d.f.** Direction-finding ; hence *D.F.Stn.* Also Direction-finder.
(2) Destroyer flotilla.
(3) Dean of Faculty.
(4) Defender of the Faith.
- D.F.C.** Distinguished Flying Cross ; awarded to R.A.F. officers and warrant officers for gallantry in the air in operations against the enemy.
- D.F.M.** Distinguished Flying Medal ; awarded to R.A.F. "other ranks." Equivalent to the *D.F.C.*
- D.F.M.S.** Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.
- D.F. Stn.** Direction-finding station.
- dft.** Draft.
(2) Defendant.
- D.F.W.** Director of Fortifications and Works.
- D.g.** or **D.G.** L. *Dei gratia*, by the grace

- of God. Also *Deo gratias*, thanks to God !, or, God be thanked !
- (2) **D.G.** only : Dragoon Guards.
- (3) **D.G.** : Degaussing (ships against magnetic mines). (Naval.)
- (4) **D.G.** : Director-General.
- dg.** Decigram.
- D.G.A.M.S.** Director-General of Army Medical Services.
- D.G.A.V.** Director-General of Armoured Vehicles.
- D.G.C.A.** Director-General of Civil Aviation.
- D.G.C.C.** Director-General of Civilian Clothing.
- D.G.M.S.** Director-General of Medical Services.
- Dgn.** Dragoon.
- D.G.P.** Director-General of Production. (Air Ministry.)
- D.G.R.** Director of Graves Registration.
- D.G.R.D.** Director-General of the Research Department.
- D.G.Tn.** Director-General of Transportation Services.
- D.G.W.I.P.** Director-General of Weapons and Instruments Production.
- D.H.** Director of Hygiene.
- (2) De Havilland.
- (3) *The Daily Herald*.
- D.Hgs.** Director of Hirings Service.
- D.Hy.** Director of Hygiene.
- D.I.** District Inspector.
- (2) Divisional Inspector.
- Di.** Didymium. (In Chemistry.)
- dia.** or **diam.** Diameter.
- dial.** Dialect ; dialectal.
- (2) Dialogue.
- D.I.C.** Diploma of the Imperial College.
- Dict.** Dictionary.
- dict.** Dictation ; dictator.
- D.I.D.** Detail Issuing Depot.
- diff.** A variant of *diff*.
- difcft.** Difficult.
- difclty.** Difficulty.
- diff.** Different (also **diff.**) ; difference (also **difce.**).
- dim.** (A) diminutive. (In Grammar.)
- (2) Diminuendo. (In Music.)
- dio.** Diocese ; diocesan.
- Dip.** Diploma.
- dipl.** Diplomat (or diplomatist) ; diplomatic.
- Dir.** Director.
- dis.** To disconnect ; disconnected.
- (2) Discount. Also **disc.**, **disct.**
- disc.** Discover ; discovered ; discoverer ; discovery.
- (2) See **dis.** (2).
- disct.** See **dis.** (2).
- disp.** Dispenser ; dispensary.
- Diss.** Dissenter.
- diss.** Dissertation.
- dist.** District.
- (2) Distant or distance.
- (3) Distinguished ; cf. :—
- disting.** Distinguished (person) ; as distinguished from.
- Dist. R.** District Railway.
- Div.** Division ; as in 22 *Div*.
- (2) Divisional ; as in 22 *Div. H.Q.*
- (3) Division (sum).
- (4) Divine.
- D.I.W.T.** Director of Inland Water Transport Service.
- D.J.A.G.** Deputy Judge Advocate-General.
- dkl.** Dekaliter. (American.)
- dkm.** Dekameter. (American.)
- D.L.** Deputy-Lieutenant.
- (2) Doctor of Law.
- dl.** Decilitre.
- D.Lab.** Director of Labour Service.
- D.L.C.** Doctor of Celtic Literature.
- D.L.I.** Durham Light Infantry.
- D.Lit.** Doctor of Literature.
- D.Litt.** Doctor of Letters.
- D.L.O.** Dead Letter Office.
- D.L.S.** Doctor of Library Science. (U.S.A.)
- D.M.** Director of Mechanization.
- (2) *The Daily Mail*.
- (3) Deputy Master.
- (4) Doctor of Medicine.
- dm.** Decimetre.
- D.M.B.** See **N.D.M.B.**
- D.M.I.** Director of Military Intelligence.
- D.M.O.** Director of Military Operations.
- D.M.O.I.** Director of Military Operations and Intelligence.
- D.M.Q.** Director of Movements and Quartering.

- D.M.R.E.** Diploma in Medical Radiology and Electrology.
- D.M.S.** Director of Medical Services.
- D.M.T.** Director of Military Training.
- D.Mus.** Doctor of Music.
- d—n.** Damn. (Euphemistic.)
- D.N.A.** Director of Naval Accounts.
- D.N.A.D.** Director of Naval Air Division.
- D.N.B.** *The Dictionary of National Biography.*
- D.N.E.** Director of Naval Equipment.
- D.N.M.S.** Director of Naval Medical Services. (In the Royal Australian Navy.)
- D.N.R.** Director of Naval Recruiting.
- D.O.** Divisional Orders.
- (2) In “*D.O.* note-paper” it=demi-official.
- (3) District Office.
- (4) Direct Order.
- (5) Doctor of Oratory. (U.S.A.)
- (6) Director of Organization.
- (7) Also **D.Offr.** : Duty Officer.
- (8) Diploma of Ophthalmology.
- (9) Dominions Office.
- (10) Doctor of Osteopathy.
- Do.** A Dornier bombing ‘plane of the Luftwaffe.
- do.** Ditto. Short for the Italian *detto*, (already) stated or said.
- Doc.** Doctor. (In university degrees.)
- doc.** Document(s).
- D.O.D.** Director of Operations Division. (Naval.)
- D.Œ.** Diploma in Economics.
- D. of A.** Director of Artillery.
- D. of E.** Director of Education.
- D. of N.** Director of Navigation. (Naval.)
- D. of P.D.** Director of Plans Division. (Naval.)
- D. of T.D.** Director of Tactical Division. (Naval.)
- D. of W.** Director of Works. (Military.)
- dol.** (pl. *dols.*) or **doll.** (pl. *dolls.*). Dollar.
- D.O.M.** L. *Deo optimo maximo*; lit. to (or for) God the best and greatest.
- (2) L. *Dominus Omnium Magister* (God the Master, or Lord, of all)—the motto of the Benedictine Order.
- Dom.** (A) Dominion.
- (2) L. *Dominus* (esp. the Lord).
- dom.** Domestic.
- D.O.M.S.** Diploma in Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery.
- D.O.O.** Directing Ordnance Officer.
- Dor.** Doric; esp. in architecture and language.
- D.O.R.A.** (colloquially *Dora*). Defence of the Realm Act, brought in during the war of 1914-18. Primly spinsterish.
- Dors.** Dorsetshire.
- Dorset** (written); **Dorsets** (spoken). The Dorsetshire Regiment.
- D.O.S.** Director of Ordnance Services.
- D.O.T.** Department of Overseas Trade. (See also **O.T.D.**)
- D.O.T.M.** Director of Naval Ordnance, Torpedoes, and Mines. (Royal Australian Navy.)
- D.O.W.B.** Director of Works and Buildings.
- doz.** Dozen or dozens.
- d.p.** (or **D.P.**) Dispersal point—e.g. of a convoy.
- (2) Delivery point; mostly an R.A.S.C. abbreviation.
- (3) Double pole.
- D.P.C.** Defence Production Chief. (U.S.A.)
- D.P.D.** Director of Plans Division. (Naval.)
- D.P.E.** For the duration of the present emergency (the war of 1939—).
- D.P.H.** Diploma in Public Health.
- (2) Department of Public Health.
- D.Ph.**; **D.Phil.** Doctor of Philosophy.
- D.P.I.** Director of Public Instruction.
- D.P.M.** Director of Production Management. (U.S.A.)
- D.P.O.** Distributing Post Office.
- Dpo.** Depot.
- D.P.P.** Director of Public Prosecutions.
- D.P.R.** Director of Public Relations.
- D.P.S.** Director of Postal Services.
- (2) Director of Personal Services. (Naval.)
- D.P.S.S.** Director of Printing and Stationery Services. (Military.)
- dpt.** A variant of *dep.* (2).
- D.P.T.S.** Director of Physical Training and Sports. (Naval.)

- D.P.W.** Director of Prisoners of War.
D.Q.M.G. Deputy Quartermaster-General.
D.R. Despatch rider. He uses motorcycle.
 (2) District Railway. (London.)
 (3) Dead reckoning. (Nautical.)
 (4) District Registry.
Dr. Debtor.
 (2) Doctor.
 (3) Driver or Drummer, as Army ranks.
dr. Dram or drachm.
 (2) Drawer (of a cheque).
dram. Dramatist; dramatic.
Dram. Pers. Dramatis personae (persons of the play).
D. Remounts. Director of Remounts.
Dr. Hy. Doctor of Hygiene.
D.R.L.S. Despatch-Rider Letter-Servicer.
D.R.O. Divisional Routine Order(s). In Air Force: Daily Routine Order.
 (2) Director of Recruiting and Organization.
D.R.P. Deutsches Reichs-Patent.
D.Ry. Director of Railways.
D.S. It. *dal segno*; i.e. repeat from the mark.
 (2) Distinguished service, as in *D.S.C.*
 (3) Directing Staff.
d.s. Days after sight.
Ds. L. *dominus*; hence *Dominus*, the Lord.
D.S.C. Distinguished Service Cross, awarded to officers of the Royal Navy. Also, an American fighting services' decoration.
D.Sc. Doctor of Science.
D.S.D. Director of Staff Duties.
D.S.I.R. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.
D.S.M. Distinguished Service Medal, awarded to petty officers and men of the Navy. It corresponds to the *D.S.C.* (q.v.).
D.S.O. Distinguished Service Order; awarded to Army Officers. Originally *C.D.S.O.*, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.
d.s.p. L. *decessit sine prole*, he (or she) died without issue.
d.s.q. Discharged to sick quarters.
D.S.Sc. Diploma in Sanitary Science.
D.S.T. Director of Supplies and Transport.
D.Svy. Director of Survey.
D.T. or **d.t.** Delirium tremens.
 (2) Only *D.T.*: *The Daily Telegraph*.
D.Th.; **D.Theol.** Doctor of Theology.
D.T.M. Dekoratie voor Trouwe Dienst. South African; it=Decoration for Faithful (or Devoted) Service.
 (2) Diploma in Tropical Medicine.
D.T.S.D. Director of Training and Staff Duties Division. (Naval.)
Du. Dutch.
dub. Dubious (etymology, origin, ascription, etc.).
Dunelm. (Bishop) of Durham.
D.Univ. Docteur de l'Université.
Dur. or **Durh.** Durhamshire.
Durh. L.I. The Durham Light Infantry. Also **Dur. L.I.** and, the most usual form, **D.L.I.**
Dut. Dutch; cf. *Du.*
D.V. (telephone).
 (2) *Deo volente*, God willing. Also **D.v.**
D.V.M. Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. (U.S.A.)
d.v.p. L. *decessit vita patris*, he (or she) died during his (or her) father's lifetime.
Dvr. Driver.
D.V.S. Director of Veterinary Services.
 (2) Doctor of Veterinary Science (or Surgery).
D.V.Sci. Doctor of Veterinary Science. (U.S.A.)
D.V.S.M. Diploma in Veterinary State Medicine.
D.W. Deck watch—a small chronometer. (Naval.)
D.W.R. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.
dwt. Pennyweight(s). See remark at **cwt.**
D.Y. Dockyard.
Dy. Dysprosium.
Dyn. Dynamics.
D.Z. Doctor of Zoology.

E

E. Earl.

- (2) East, easterly, eastern.
- (3) English.
- (4) Erbium. (Chemistry.)
- (5) Excellent.
- (6) Second-class in Lloyd's Register.

E.A. Egyptian Army.

- (2) Electrical Artificer. (Naval.)
Also Naval is **E.A.**, Engineer Rear-Admiral.
- (3) Enemy Aircraft. Also written **E/A**.

ea. Each.

E. & O.E. Errors and omissions excepted; e.g. in an invoice.

E.B. *The Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

E. b N. East by North; cf. *E. b S*.

"E" boat. A fast German torpedo-boat. (**E**=enemy.) "Several E-boats, attacking North Sea convoys, have been hit in an engagement with our light forces."
—(*News Chronicle*, March 27, 1941.)

Ebor. (Archbishop) of York. In reference to L. *Eboracum*, York.

E. b S. East by South.

E.C. Education(al) Committee; e.g. *K.E.C.*, Kent E.C.

- (2) East Central, esp. in reference to a London postal district.
- (3) Episcopal Church.
- (4) Established Church.
- (5) Eastern Command.
- (6) Engineer Captain. (Naval.)

EccI. or Eccles. Ecclesiastes.

eccI. Ecclesiastical. Also eccles.

EccIus. Ecclesiasticus.

ech. Echelon.

Ecl. Virgil's Eclogues.

Econ. Economics or Economy; (*econ.*) economical or economist.

E.C.U. English Church Union.

E.D. Efficiency Decoration.

- (2) Education Department. (Naval.)

Ed. Editor.

- (2) Also **Edin.**: Edinburgh.
- (3) Edward.

ed. Edition of a book or pamphlet; also edited, as in "Vol. II is *ed.* by Dr X."

- (2) Education(al).

Eden; Edn; Educ. Education (noun and adj.).

- (2) Educational.

E.D.D. *The English Dialect Dictionary*.

Edin. See **Ed.** (2).

edit. Edited or edition or editor.

Edm. Edmund.

E.D.S. English Dialect Society.

Educ. See **Edcn.**

E.E. Envy-Extraordinary. Properly *E.-E.*

- (2) Also **E.Eng.**: Early English.

- (3) Employment Exchange.

- (4) Electrical Engineer.

- (5) Errors excepted.

E.E.F. Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

E.E.T.S. Early English Text Society.

E.F. Expeditionary Force.

E.Fris. See **Fris.**

E.F.T.C. Elementary Flying Training School.

e.g. L. *exempli gratia*, for example.

Eg. Egypt(ian).

E.G.M. Medal of the Order of the British Empire (for gallantry); also known as the Empire Gallantry Medal. Displaced in 1940 by the George Medal.

Egy. Egypt; Egyptian.

Egyptol. Egyptology; Egyptological; Egyptologist.

E.H.C. Emergency Housing Corporation. (U.S.A.)

E.H.F.A. Electric Home and Farm Authority. (U.S.A.)

E.H.P. Electric horse-power.

E.I. East Indies; E.I. station. Also **E. Ind.** Hence East Indian.

E.I.C. East India Company.

E. in C. Engineer-in-Chief. In the Navy, Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet.

E.I.R. East Indian Railway.

E.I.S. Educational Institute of Scotland.

E.K.R. East Kent Regiment.
E.L. Engineer Lieutenant. (Naval.)
el. Electricity; electric light. Also **elec.** and **electr.**
 (2) Element.
 (3) Elected.
E. Lan. (or **Lancs.**) **R.** East Lancashire Regiment.
E.L.Cr. Engineer Lieutenant-Commander. (Naval.)
eld. Eldest.
elec. Electricity; electrical. (Also **elect.**)
elem. Elementary.
Eliz. Elizabeth; Elizabethan.
ellipt. Elliptical or elliptically.
E. long. East longitude.
Elz. Elzevir.
E.M. The Edward Medal. Instituted in 1907. Awarded chiefly to miners and quarrymen.
 (2) Engineer Manager (of a dock-yard). (Naval.)
 (3) Earl Marshal.
 (4) *L. Equitum Magister*, the Master of the Horse.
Ēm. Emmanuel (also **Emm.**); Emily or Emma.
Emb. Embassy.
 (2) Embankment.
embr. Embroidery.
Embry. Embryology; hence *embry.*, embryological.
E.M.D.P. Electromotive difference of potential.
E.M.F. or **e.m.f.** Electromotive force.
Emm. See **Em.**
E.M.O. Embarkation Medical Official.
Emp. Emperor or Empress.
 (2) Empire.
E.M.S. Emergency Medical Service.
E.M.U. Electro-magnetic unit(s).
en. Enemy; as in "*en ac*," enemy activity.
E.N.A. English Newspaper Association.
E.N. & T. Ear, Nose, and Throat (department—or specialist—in, e.g., a hospital).
Ency. Encyclopaedia; encyclopaedic.
E.N.E. East-north-east.
Eng. Engineering. Also **Engin.** Occ. Engineer.
 (2) England; English (also **Engl.**).

(3) See **Engr.** (2).
Engin. See **Eng.** (1).
Engl. See **Eng.** (2).
Engr. Engineer.
 (2) Engraver; engraving; engraved. Also **Eng.** or **eng.**
E.N.S.A. Entertainments National Service Association. Laudably active in promoting and organizing "shows" for members of H.M. Forces.
Ent. (also **Ents.**). Entertainments; as in *D.Ent(s).O.*
 (2) See **Entom.**
ent. See **ent. Sta. Hall.**
 (2) See :—
Entom. Entomology; hence *entom.*, entomological. Also **Ent.**, **ent.**
ent. Sta. Hall. Entered at Stationers' Hall.
Env. Extr. Envoy-Extraordinary.
E.O. Education Officer. (Army.)
 (2) Entertainments Officer (properly *Ent.O.* or *Ents.O.*).
 (3) Engineer Officer. (Navy and Air Force.)
E.O.M. Egyptian Order of Merit.
E.P. or **e.p.** Electro-plate.
Ep. Epistle.
E.P.A. Emergency Powers Act (passed in 1940).
E.P.D. Excess Profits Duty.
E.P.D.A. Emergency Powers Defence Act. Fuller form of *E.P.A.*
Eph. Ephesians; Ephraim.
E.P.I.C. or **EPIC.** End Poverty in California. (Upton Sinclair's campaign.)
Epict. Epictetus.
Epiph. Epiphany.
episc. Episcopal.
E.P.T. Excess Profits Tax.
E.P.U. Empire Press Union.
Eq. (The) Equator; Equatorial.
eq. Equal; see **equiv.**
eqpt. Equipment.
Eqpt O. Equipment Officer. (Air Force.)
equiv. Equivalent. (Occ. **eq.**)
E.R. East Riding (of Yorkshire).
 (2) Emergency Reserve.
 (3) *Edwardus Rex* (King Edward).
E.R.A. Engine-room artificer. (Naval.)

- erb.** Erbium. (In Chemistry.)
erron. Erroneous; erroneously.
E.R.S. Engine Repair Section. (Air Force.)
E.R.U. English Rugby Union.
E.S. Electrostatic (as in *E.S.U.*).
Eschat. Eschatology; hence *eschat.*, eschatological.
E.S.E. East south-east.
Esk. Eskimo.
E.S.O. Embarkation Staff Officer.
E.S.P. Extra-sensory perception.
Esp. Esperanto.
esp. Especial(ly); occ. *espec.*
Esq. Esquire; also *Esqre.* which is thought to be rather more formal and polite.
E.S.R. East Surrey Regiment.
Ess. Essex.
E.S.T. Eastern Standard Time. (U.S.A.)
Est. Estonia; Estonian.
 (2) Estuary.
est. Estimated.
 (2) Established.
 (3) Establishment; as in *W.E.*
estab. or **estbd.** Established.
Esth. Esther.
E.S.U. Electrostatic unit(s).
E. Surreys. The East Surrey Regiment.
E.T. English Translation.
 (2) Electric Telegraph.
 (3) Educational training.
E.T.A. Expect to arrive (at...). (Naval.)
et al. *L. et alibi*, and elsewhere; *et alii*, and other persons; *et alia*, and other things.
E.T.C. Eastern Telegraph Company.
 (2) Emergency Training Centre.
etc. *L. et cetera*, and the other things; and the rest.
Eth. Ethics; (*eth.*) ethical or ethically.
Ethn. or **Ethnol.** Ethnology; hence *ethn.* or *ethnol.* or *ethnl.*, ethnological.
et seq.; occ. **et seqqs** or **et sq.**; or **et sqq.**; the 2nd and 4th are plural. *L. et sequens*, and the following; or *et sequentia*, and the following things.
E.T.U. Electrical Trades Union.
etym. Etymology; etymological; etymologically.
E.U. Evangelical Union.
- Eu.** Europium. (In Chemistry.)
Euc. or **Eucl.** Euclid; occ. *Euclidean*.
E.U.P. English Universities Press.
euphem. Euphemistic; euphemistically; euphemism.
Eur. Europe; European (also *Europ.*).
Eurip. Euripides.
Eus. or **Euseb.** Eusebius.
E.V. Escort Vessel.
Ev. Evangelist; (*ev.*) evangelical.
E.V.A. Engineer Vice-Admiral.
evng. Evening. Also *evg.*
evy. Every.
E.W.S. Emergency Water Supply.
Ex. Exodus.
 (2) Exchange; esp. in *St.Ex.*
ex. Example.
 (2) Exercise (book; a form of lesson; a military movement or series of movements).
 (3) Examined.
 (4) Except.
exag. Exaggeration; exaggerated; exaggerative.
exam. Examination.
Exc. Excellency.
exc. Except.
 (2) Excepted.
 (3) Exception.
 (4) Excellent.
 (5) *L. exaudīt*, (he) has engraved this.
Exch. See **St. Ex.**
excl. Exclusive or exclusively or excluding or excluded.
 (2) Exclamation. (In Grammar.) Also **exclam.**
ex cp. Without coupon.
ex div. Without dividend.
exec. Execution; executed.
ex int. Without next interest.
ex-l. *Ex libris*; ex-library (books).
ex n. Not excluding the right to new shares.
Exod. Exodus (O.T. book).
ex off. *L. ex officio*, by virtue of office.
Exon. (Bishop) of Exeter.
exor. Executor; pl. **exors.**
exp. Export; exported; exportation.
 (2) Express.
expl. (To) explain; explanatory.
expr. Expression (of speech); **expressive** or **expressing**.

ex-Pres. Ex-President.

ext. Executor.

exec. Executrix.

ext. Extension; as in "Tel. No. 100,
ext. 10."

(2) External.

(3) Extinct.

exec. Executrix; examples.

E.Y.R. The East Yorkshire Regiment.
Also written **E. Yorks.** Orally
it is *East Yorks.*

Ez. Ezra.

Ezek. Ezekiel.

F

F. Auxiliary fire station. (Home
Defence.)

(2) Fahrenheit.

(3) Fair.

(4) Family; families.

(5) Father.

(6) Felon.

(7) Fiction. (In Libraries.)

(8) Fighter ('plane).

(9) Firm (of pencils).

(10) Fluorine. (Chemistry.)

(11) Fog. (Nautical.)

(12) Folio; as in *File 35, F. (or f.) 3.*

(13) Friday. Also **Fri.**

(14) From.

(15) Function. (Mathematics.)

f. Farthing.

(2) Fathom(s).

(3) Feet or foot (measure); but
also, furlong.

(4) Feminine (gender).

(5) Folly.

(6) Folio.

(7) Following.

(8) For.

(9) Forte. (In Music; often itali-
cized.)

(10) Franc(s).

F.A. Football Association.

(2) Financial Adviser.

F.A. or **sweet F.A.** Nothing at all. See
"Fanny Adams," in *Songs and
Slang of the British Soldier.*

fa. See **f.** **fa.** and **sci. fa.**

F.A.A. Fleet Air Arm.

f.a.a. Free of all average.

fac. Facsimile; occ. **facs.**

facet. Facetiae; facetious.

F.A.C.S. Fellow of the American Col-
lege of Surgeons.

facs. See **fac.**

F.A.G.S. Fellow of the American Geo-
graphical Society.

Fahr. Fahrenheit. Also **F.**

F.A.I. Fellow of the Auctioneers' Insti-
tute.

F.A.L.P.A. Fellow of the Incorporated
Society of Auctioneers and
Landed Property Agents.

F.A.M. Free and Accepted Masons.

fam. Family.

(2) Familiar (speech, style, etc.).

F.A.N.Y. First Aid Nursing Yeomanry
(instituted during the Boer
War), familiarly known as "The
Fannies"; hence, a member
thereof ("a Fanny").

F.A.O. Fleet Accountant Officer.

F.A.P. First-aid post.

(2) Occasionally, in Home Defence,
first-aid party.

far. Farad.

(2) Farthing.

(3) Farriery.

F.A.S. Fellow of the Antiquarian So-
ciety.

(2) Fellow of the Society of Arts.

(3) Fellow of the Anthropological
Society.

f.a.s. Free alongside ship.

fasc. or **Fasc.** Fascicle (of a publica-
tion).

F.A.S.E. Fellow of the Antiquarian
Society, Edinburgh.

F.A.V.O. Fleet Aviation Officer.

F.B. Fishery Board.

(2) Free Baptist.

(3) Fenian Brotherhood.

(4) Fire Brigade.

(5) Flying boat.

F.B.A. Fellow of the British Academy.

F.B.A.A. Fellow of the British Associa-

- tion of Accountants and Auditors.
- F.B.H.** Fire Brigade hydrant.
- F.B.I.** Federation of British Industries.
- (2) Federal Bureau of Investigation. The members of this American detective force are known as "G men."
- F.B.O.A.** Fellow of the British Optical Association.
- F.B.S.** Fellow of the Botanical Society.
- F.B.S.E.** Fellow of the Botanical Society, Edinburgh.
- F.B.S.I.** Fellow of Boot and Shoe Industry.
- F.C.** Football Club.
- (2) Fire Control (of guns).
- (3) Food Controller.
- (4) Federal Cabinet. (Australia.)
- (5) Free Church—of Scotland.
- (6) Ferry Command. (R.A.F.)
- F.C.A.** Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- fcap.** See **fcip**.
- F.C.C.** Federal Council of Churches.
- (2) Food Control Committee.
- (3) First Class Certificate.
- (4) Federal Communications Commission. (U.S.A.)
- F.C.C.S.** Fellow of Corporation of Certified Secretaries.
- F.C.G.I.** Fellow of the City and Guilds of London Institute.
- F.C.I.A.** Fellow of Corporation of Insurance Agents.
- F.C.I.B.** Fellow of Corporation of Insurance Brokers.
- F.C.I.I.** Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute.
- F.C.I.S.** Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.
- F.C.O.** Fleet Constructor Officer.
- (2) Fellow of the College of Organists—now *F.R.C.O.*
- f.co.** Fair copy.
- F.C.P.** Fellow of the College of Preceptors.
- fcip.** Foolscap; occ. **fcap**.
- F.C.R.A.** Fellow of the Corporation of Accountants.
- F.C.S.** Fellow of the Chemical Society.
- fc.** Frances.
- F.C.T.** Federal Capital Territory of Australia; i.e. Canberra.
- F.C.W.A.** Fellow of the Institute of Cost and Work Accountants.
- F.D.** *L. Fidei Defensor*, Defender of the Faith.
- Fd.** Field; as in *Fd. Bty.*
- fd.** See **fd ldg.**
- Fd Amb.** Field Ambulance.
- F.D.B.** Fighter dive-bomber.
- Fd Bde.** Field Brigade.
- Fd Bty.** Field Battery.
- Fd Coy.** Field Company.
- Fd Hyg. Sec.** Field Hygiene Section.
- F.D.I.C.** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. (U.S.A.)
- F.D.L.** Foremost (or forward) defended localities (or locations).
- fd ldg.** Forced landing. (Air Force.)
- F.D.O.** Fleet Dental Officer.
- Fd P.O.** Field Post Office.
- F.D.R.** Franklin Delano Roosevelt.
- F.E.** Far East; Far Eastern.
- Fe.** *L. ferrum*, iron. (In Chemistry.)
- Feb.** February. (Unnecessarily *Feby.*)
- fec.** *L. fecit* or *fecerunt*, he (or she) made, or they made; the plural is also indicated by **ff**.
- Fed.** Federalist.
- fed.** Federated or federal or federation (*fedn*).
- F.E.I.S.** Fellow of the Educational Institute of Scotland.
- fem.** Feminine.
- F.E.O.** Fleet Engineer Officer.
- F.E.R.A.** Federal Emergency Relief Administration. (In U.S.A.)
- Ferd.** Ferdinand.
- Ferm.** Fermanagh (County).
- F.E.S.** Fellow of the Entomological Society.
- (2) Fellow of the Ethnological Society.
- feud.** Feudal; feudalism. Also **feudm**.
- F.F.** Thick fog. (Nautical.)
- (2) Frontier Force; e.g. *W.A.F.F.*
- (3) Fleet fighter. (Air Force.)
- ff.** Folios.
- (2) Fortissimo. (Often italicized.)
- (3) Following pages.
- (4) See **fec**.

- F.F.A.** Fellow of Faculty of Actuaries. (In Scotland.)
- F.F.A.S.** Fellow of Faculty of Architects and Surveyors.
- F.F.I.** (A medical parade to ascertain whether personnel is) free from infection. (Armed Forces.)
- F.F.P.S.** ; **F.F.P.S.G.** Fellow of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons ; the same, Glasgow.
- F.F.R.** Fleet fighter reconnaissance.
- F.Fr.** Free French ; hence *F.Fr.H.Q.*, the Free-French Headquarters.
- ffy.** Faithfully. (In letter-endings.)
- F.G.** Fire Guards (for vulnerable areas) ; hence Fire Guardsman. This conscript body was formed in August 1941.
- (2) Foot Guards.
- f.g.a.** Free of general average.
- F.G.C.M.** Field General Court-Martial.
- F.G.O.** Fleet Gunnery Officer.
- (2) Fellow of the Guild of Organists.
- F.G.S.** Fellow of the Geological Society.
- F.H.** or **f.h.** Fire hydrant.
- F.H.A.S.** Fellow of Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland.
- F.H.S.** Fellow of the Historical Society.
- f.i.** For instance.
- F.I.A.** Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries.
- F.I.A.A.** Fellow Architect Member of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors.
- F.I.A.C.** Fellow of the Institute of Company Accountants.
- F.I.Arb.** Fellow of the Institute of Arbitrators.
- F.I.A.S.** Fellow Surveyor Member of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors.
- F.I.A.T.** It. *Fabbrica Italiana Automobile, Torino* ; the Italian Automobile Factory, at Turin.
- F.I.C.** Fellow of the Institute of Chemistry.
- F.I.C.A.** Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- F.I.C.S.** Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.
- fact.** Fiction ; fictional ; fictitious.
- F.I.D.** Fellow of the Institute of Directors.
- Fid. Def.** See **F.D.**
- fi. fa.** L. *fiere facias* (cause it to be done !), a legal writ to sheriff to carry out the punishment.
- fig.** Figurative (the opposite of literal) ; figuratively ; occ. figure (or drawing).
- F.I.H.** Fellow of the Institute of Hygiene.
- F.I.I.** or **F.I.Inst.** Fellow of the Imperial Institute.
- F.I.I.A.** Fellow of the Institute of Industrial Administration.
- F.I.J.** Better *F.J.I.*, q.v.
- F.I.M.A.** Fellow of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants.
- Fin.** Finland ; Finnish. Also **Finn.**
- fin.** Finance ; financial.
- (2) L. *finis*, end ; short for *ad fin.*
- (3) Finished.
- F.Inc.S.T.** Fellow of the Incorporated Society of Shorthand Teachers.
- Finn.** See **Fin.**
- Fin. Sec.** Financial Secretary.
- F.Inst.P.** Fellow of the Institute of Physics.
- F.I.O.** Fellow of the Institute of Ophthalmic Opticians.
- F.I.O.B.** Fellow of the Institute of Builders.
- F.I.P.I.** Fellow of the Institute of Patentees (Inc.).
- F.I.P.S.** Fellow of the Incorporated Photographic Society.
- fir.** Firkin(s).
- F.I.S.A.** Fellow of the Incorporated Secretaries Association.
- F.I.S.E.** Fellow of the Institution of Structural Engineers.
- F.I.W.T.** Fellow of the Institute of Wireless Technology.
- F.J.I.** Fellow of the Institute of Journalists.
- F.K.C.** ; **F.K.C.L.** Fellow of King's College, London.
- F.L.** Flag Lieutenant. (Naval.)
- f.l.** L. *falsa lectio*, false reading (in a text).

fl. *L. floruit*, he (or she) flourished at a given date ; e.g. "X., *fl.* 800 B.C., was a tyrant."

(2) See **Fl.** (2).

F.L.A. Fellow of the Library Association.

Fla. Florida.

F.L.A.A. Fellow of the London Association of Certified Accountants.

Flak (or **flak**). German anti-aircraft fire. From the initials of the radicals constituting the German compound word (*Flugabwehrkanone*).

F.L.A.S. Fellow of the Land Agents' Society.

Flem. Flemish.

F.L.G.A. Fellow of the Local Government Association.

flor. A variant of *fl.* (1).

F.L.S. Fellow of the Linnean Society.

F.Lt. or **F/Lt.** Flight Lieutenant (in the R.A.F.).

Flt. Flight (as part of a squadron).

Flt Comdr. Flight Commander.

Flt Lt. Flight Lieutenant.

Flt Sgt. Flight Sergeant.

F.M. Field Marshal.

(2) Foreign Mission.

(3) Flight Mechanic.

Fm. Farm.

fma. From. (In Commerce.) Cf. *f.* (14).

(2) Fathom.

F.M.D. Foot-and-mouth disease.

fmn. Formation.

F.M.O. Fleet Medical Officer.

F.M.S. Federated Malay States.

(2) Fellow of the Medical Society.

f.n. Footnote.

fund. To found ; hence *fndd*, founded, and *fn dg*, founding, and *fn dn*, foundation, and *fn dr*, founder.

F.O. Flying Officer.

(2) Foreign Office, in the *F.O.*

(3) Field Officer, i.e. a Major or higher. Less ambiguously, **F. Offr.**

(4) Flag Officer. (Naval.)

(5) Full organ. (In Music.)

fo. Folio.

f.o.b. Free on board.

fol. Folio.

(2) Following. Also :—

fol. Following (adj.).

F.O.O. Forward Observation Officer. (R.A.)

F.O.P. Forward Observation Post. (R.A.)

f.o.r. Free on rail ; cf. *f.o.b.*

for. Foreign.

For. Min. Minister for Foreign Affairs.

formn. Formation.

fort. Fortification.

f.o.s. Free on station.

found. Founded ; foundation.

F.P. Field Punishment.

(2) Often **f.p.** : fire plug.

f.p. Foot-pound.

(2) See **F.P.** (2).

fp. *Forte piano* ; loud, then soft. Usually italicized.

F.P.A. Foreign Press Association.

f.p.a. Free of particular average.

F.Phys.S. Fellow of the Physical Society.

F.P.O. Field Post Office : better **FdP.O.**

F.P.S. Fellow of the Philological Society.

(2) Fellow of the Philosophical Society.

(3) Fellow of the Philharmonic Society.

F.Q. Spenser's *Faery Queen*.

F/R. Fighter reconnaissance. (Air Force.)

F.R. Furness Railway. Now part of the L.M.S.

Fr. France ; French. The latter sense is also abbr. as **F.**

(2) Father.

(3) Francis.

(4) Friday. Also **F.** and **Fri.**

(5) Friar.

fr. Francs. Also **F.** and **fcs.**

(2) From.

(3) Fragments.

F.R.Ae.S. Fellow of the Royal nautical Society.

F.R.A.I. Fellow of the Royal Anthological Institute.

F.R.A.M. Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music.

Frank. Frankish.

- F.R.A.S.** Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.
- (2) Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society.
- F.R.B.S.** Fellow of the Royal Botanic Society.
- F.R.C.I.** Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute.
- F.R.C.M.** Fellow of the Royal College of Music.
- F.R.C.O.** Fellow of the Royal College of Organists.
- F.R.C.P.** Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.
- F.R.C.P.Ed.** Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.
- F.R.C.P.I.** Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.
- F.R.C.S.** Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. **Ed.** added=of Edinburgh; **I.**=of Ireland.
- F.R.C.V.S.** Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.
- F.R.Ec.** (or **Econ.**) **S.** (or **Soc.**). Fellow of the Royal Economic Society.
- Fred.** Frederic(k).
- freq.** Frequent, or frequently; frequentative (also **frequent.**).
- F.R.F.P.S.(G.)** Fellow of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons (of Glasgow).
- F.R.G.S.** Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.
- F.R.Hist.S.** Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.
- F.R.H.S.** Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society. Also **F.R.Hort.S.**
- Fri.** Friday; also **F.**
- F.R.I.B.A.** Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects.
- Fris.** Frisia; Frisian; as in *E.Fris.* East Frisian (language).
- Frisco.** San Francisco. (It is avoided by the educated and the cultured.)
- Frl.** Fräulein.
- frld.** Foreland. (Geographical.)
- F.R.Met.S(oc).** Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society.
- F.R.M.S.** Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society.
- F.R.N.S.A.** Fellow of the Royal Navy School of Architects.
- F.R.O.** Fleet Recreation Officer.
- F.R.P.S.** Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society.
- F.R.P.S.L.** Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.
- F.R.S.** Fellow of the Royal Society; **E.** added denotes: of Edinburgh; **C.**, of Canada.
- F.R.S.A.** Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.
- F.R.S.A.I.** Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland.
- F.R.San.I.** Fellow of the Royal Sanitary Institute; occ. **F.R.S.I.**
- F.R.S.E.** See **F.R.S.**
- F.R.S.G.S.** Fellow of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society.
- F.R.S.L.** Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.
- F.R.S.S.A.** Fellow of the Royal Scottish Society of Arts.
- F.R.S.S.I.** Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society of Ireland.
- F.R.U.I.** Fellow of the Royal University of Ireland.
- F.R.V.A.** Fellow of the Incorporated Association of Rating and Valuation Officers.
- F.S.** Field Security. The Army's detective police—a branch of Intelligence.
- (2) Field Service.
- (3) Financial Secretary.
- (4) Friendly Society.
- (5) Fleet Surgeon.
- (6) Flight Sergeant. (**R.A.F.**)
- f.s.** Foot-second.
- F.S.A.** Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries; **L.** added=of London—but rarely is it added; **Scot.** added=of Scotland.
- (2) Fellow of the Society of Arts.
- F.S.A.A.** Fellow of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.
- F.Sgt.** Flight Sergeant.
- F.S.I.** Fellow of Chartered Surveyors' Institution.
- (2) See **F.R.San.I.**
- (3) Free Sons of Israel.

- F.S.L.** First Sea Lord.
F.S.M.C. Fellow of the Spectacle-Makers' Company.
F.S.O. Field Security Officer. (Military.)
 (2) Fleet Signals Officer. (Naval.)
F.S.P. Field Security Personnel.
F.Sp. Flash-spotting.
F.S.P.B. Field Service Pocket Book.
F.S.R. Field Service Regulations.
F.S.S. Fellow of the Statistical Society (not the **F.R.S.S.**); **I.** added=of Ireland.
F.S. Sec. Field Security Section.
F.S.S.U. Federated Superannuation Scheme for Universities.
f.t. or **F.T.** Foretop. (Naval.)
Ft. Fort.
ft. Foot or feet (measure; distance, etc.).
 (2) Fortified.
F.T.B. Fleet torpedo bomber.
F.T.C.D. Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin.
F.T.C.L. Fellow of Trinity College (of Music), London.
- F.T.I.** Fellow of the Textile Institute.
F.T.O. Fleet Torpedo Officer.
F.T.S. Flying Training School.
fur. Furlong or furlongs.
furr. or **fur^r.** Further.
Fus. Fusilier(s).
fut. Future.
f.v. Folio verse.
F.W. Field worship. (Army.)
 (2) Focke-Wulf (a German fighter 'plane).
F.W.A. Factories and Workshops Act.
F.W.B. or **f.w.b.** Four-wheel brake.
 (2) Free-Will Baptists.
F.W.D. Four-wheel drive.
fwd. Forward (adjective or verb).
 E.g., "please *fwd* instructions."
fwdd. Forwarded.
F.W.O. Fleet Wireless Officer.
fxle. Forecastle. (Naval.)
F.Z.A. Fellow of the Zoological Academy. (U.S.A.)
F.Z.S. Fellow of the Zoological Society; **Scot.** added=of Scotland.

G

- G.**, as in the "*G*" side, refers to the General Staff on an Army headquarters.
 (2) George.
 (3) (Also **Ger.**). German, Germanic.
 (4) Guardian.
 (5) Guernsey.
 (6) Gulf.
g. Genitive.
 (2) Gloomy. (Nautical).
 (3) Gramme; but also—a dangerous source of confusion—a grain (weight): see *J. J. Connington's Case with Nine Solutions*, where precisely this point is made.
 (4) Guinea (coin or sum of money).
 (5) The ending *-ing*.
G.A. Garrison Adjutant.
 (2) General Assembly.
Ga. Georgia.
 (2) Gallium. (In Chemistry.)
Gael. Gaelic.
- G.A.F.** German Air Force. (Ger. *Luftwaffe*.)
Gal. Galatians.
 (2) Galen.
gal. Gallon(s).
gall. Gallon(s).
 (2) Rarely: gallery.
galv. Galvanism; but generally, galvanic.
G.A.R. Grand Army of the Republic.
G. & S.W.R. Glasgow and South-Western Railway—now part of the L.M.S.
Gaul. Gaulish.
gaz. Gazette; gazetted; gazetteer.
G.B. Great Britain.
 (2) Gunboat. (Naval.)
G.B. & I. Great Britain and Ireland.
G.B.E. Grand Cross of the British Empire, Knight or Dame of the.
G.B.S. George Bernard Shaw.
G.C. George Cross. Instituted on Sept. 3, 1940.

(2) Gun control.
 (3) Grand Chancellor.
 (4) Gentleman Cadet.
 (5) Grand Chapter.
 (6) Grand Chaplain.
 (7) Golf Club.
 (8) Variant of **Gp C.**
G., (or **Gp.**) **Capt.** Group Captain (of the R.A.F.).
G.C.B. Knight Grand Cross of the Bath.
G.C.C. Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.
g.c.d. Greatest common divisor. (American.)
G.C.F. or **g.c.f.** Greatest common factor.
G.C.H. Knight of the Grand Cross of Hanover.
G.C.I.E. Knight Grand Commander of the Indian Empire.
G.C.L.H. Knight Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.
G.C.M. or **g.c.m.** Greatest common measure.
 (2) **G.C.M.** only: General Court-Martial.
G.C.M.G. Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George.
G.C.O. Gun Control Officer. (Naval.)
G.C.R. Great Central Railway—now a part of the L.N.E.R.
G.C.S.I. Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India.
G.C.V.O. Knight Grand Cross of the Victorian Order.
G.D. Grand Duke or Grand Duchess; Grand Duchy.
 (2) General duties.
Gd. Gadolinium. (In Chemistry.)
 (2) See **Gds.**
gd. Good.
G.D.C. Governmental Defence Council (of U.S.A.).
Gdns. Gardens.
Gds. Guards. The singular is less frequent.
Gdsm. Guardsman.
G.E. Garrison Engineer; cf. *G.A.*
g.e. Gilt edges. (Book-binding.)
Ge. Germanium. (In Chemistry.)
G.E.C. General Electric Company. (U.S.A.)

Gen. General; as in *Maj.-Gen.*
 (2) Genesis (in O.T.).
gen. General(ly). Also **genl.** general, and **geny.** generally.
 (2) Genitive. (Occ. **genit.**)
 (3) Gender.
 (4) Genus; genera.
 (5) Generic.
Geneal. Genealogy; hence *geneal.* genealogical.
Gen. Hosp. General Hospital.
genit. See **gen.** (2).
genl. See **gen.**
Gent. or **gent.** Gentleman; gentlemen.
geny. See **gen.**
Geo. George.
 (2) Georgia. Better *Ga.*
Geod. Geodesy; hence *geod.*, geodetic.
Geog. Geography; hence *geog.* geographical.
Geol. Geology; hence *geol.* geological.
Geom. Geometry; hence *geom.* geometrical.
Georg. Virgil's Georgics.
G.E.R. Great Eastern Railway—now forming part of L.N.E.R.
Ger. Germany; German. (Occ. **Germ.**)
ger. Gerund; gerundial.
Germ. See **Ger.**
G.F.S. Girls' Friendly Society.
G.F.T.U. General Federation of Trade Unions.
G.G. Grenadier Guards.
g.gr. Great gross.
G. Howards. Green Howards (regiment).
G.H.Q. General Headquarters of the British armed forces, or some large portion thereof—as in "*G.H.Q. Cairo.*"
G.I. Gunner Instructor—a Naval term now obsolete. He is now a Gunner's Mate.
 (2) Government of India.
Gib. Gibraltar.
G.I.P. Great Indian Peninsula Railway.
G.J.C. Grand Junction Canal.
Gk. See **Gr.** (2).
G.L. Gun-layer.
 (2) Grand Lodge. (Masonry.)
Gl. Glucinum. (In Chemistry.)
Glam. Glamorganshire; also **Glamorg.**

Glas. Glasgow.
Glos. ; occ. **Gloucs.** Gloucestershire.
glos. or **gloss.** Glossary.
Glo'ster. Gloucester.
Glousters. (The) Gloucestershire Regiment.
Gloucs. See **Glos.**
G.M. George Medal, awarded mostly to gallant civilians but also to all ranks of the Services. (Instituted in 1940).—But also Grand Medallist (at Bisley).
 (2) Grand Master. (In Masonry.)
 (3) General Manager.
 (4) General Motors; by 1940 "the biggest manufacturing outfit in America."—(*The Reader's Digest*, July 1941.)
gm. Gramme, grammes.
G.M.B. Good merchantable brand.
 (2) Grand Master of the Bath.
G.M.C. General Medical Council. See, e.g., Warwick Deeping, *The Dark House*, 1941, p. 321.
Gmc. Germanic.
G.M.I.E. ; **G.M.K.P.** ; **G.M.M.G.** ; **G.M.S.I.** Grand Master of the Indian Empire—the Knights of St Patrick—St Michael and St George—the Star of India.
G.M.T. (or **G.m.t.**). Greenwich mean time.
G.N.R. Great Northern Railway—now part of L.N.E.R.
 (2) Great Northern Railway (of Ireland).
Gnr. Gunner. Anyone belonging to the R.A., but esp. a private soldier in the R.A.
gns. Guineas.
G.N.S.R. Great North of Scotland Railway—now part of the L.N.E.R.
G.N.T.C. Girls' Naval Training Corps.
G.O. General Officer.
 (2) General order.
G.O.C. General Officer Commanding.
G.O.C.-in-C. General Officer Commanding-in-Chief.
G.O.M. Grand old man (orig., and esp., in politics).
G.I. Short for *G.S.O.1*, q.v.
G.O.P. *The Girl's Own Paper*.

Gord.H. Gordon Highlanders. But more gen. is **Gordons**.
Goth. Gothic.
Gov. or **Govt.** Government; governmental; (only **Gov.**) governor.
Gov. Gen. Governor-General.
Gov. Pr. Off. Government Printing Office. (In U.S.A.)
Govt. See **Gov.**
G.P. General practitioner (of Medicine and Surgery).
 (2) General paralysis.
 (3) Graduate in Pharmacy.
 (4) General pause. Music: of the entire orchestra.
 (5) L. *Gloria Patri*, Glory to the Father.
 (6) General purpose. (Air Force.)
gp. Group.
Gp C. Group Captain. (Air Force.)
Gp Comdr. Group Commander. (Air Force.)
G.P.D.S.T. Girls' Public Day School Trust.
G.Ph. Graduate in Pharmacy.
G.P.I. General Paralysis of the Insane; cf. *G.P.* (2)—the shortened form.
G.P.M. Grand Past Master. (Masonry.)
G.P.O. General Post Office.
G.Q.G. Grand Quartier-Général (or the French *G.H.Q.*).
G.Qs. General Quarters (or Action Stations. (Naval.)
G.R. *Georgius Rex*; i.e. H.M. King George the Sixth.
 (2) General Reserve.
 (3) Grand Recorder.
Gr. Grade; as in *G.S.O.1* (General Staff Officer, Grade 1).
 (2) Greek or Grecian; occ. Greece.
 (3) Gunner. (Air Force.)
gr. Grammar; grammatical; grammatically.
 (2) Grain—in weight.
 (3) Gramme.
 (4) Gravity, as in *sp. gr.*
Gram. Grammar; hence *gram.*, grammatical—occ. grammarian.
G.R.C.M. Graduate of the Royal College of Music.
Gren. Gds. ; **Gr. Gds.** Grenadier Guards.

- G.R. et I.** *Georgius Rex et Imperator*, George, King and Emperor.
- Greys.** Royal Scots Greys.
- Gr. Gds.** See **Gren. Gds.**
- grm.** Gramme(s).
- G.R.O.** General Routine Order(s).
- gro.** Gross (144).
- G.R.S.M.** Graduate of the Royal School of Music.
- G.S.** General Staff. (In the Services.)
- (2) General service; e.g. of general utility, as in "*G.S. waggon*."
- (3) General Secretary; rarely, Grand Secretary.
- g.s.** Grandson.
- gs.** Guineas. Also **gns.**
- G.S. & W.R.** Great Southern and Western Railway. (Eire.)
- G.S.M.** Garrison Sergeant-Major.
- (2) Guildhall School of Music.
- G.S.N.** or **G.S.N.C.** General Steam Navigation Company.
- G.S.O.** General Staff Officer.
- G.S.O.1.** General Staff Officer, Grade 1. The head of the "*G*" staff on a Divisional (or higher-formation) Hqrs. Often shortened to *G.1.*
- G.S.O.2.** General Staff Officer, Grade II. Often shortened to *G.2.*
- G.S.O.3.** General Staff Officer, Grade III. Often shortened to *G.3.* The short form of the three ensuing entries are *G.3(C.W.)*; *G.3(I)*; and *G.3.(O)*.
- G.S.O.3(C.W.).** General Staff Officer, Grade III, specializing in Chemical Warfare.
- G.S.O.3(I).** The same for Intelligence.
- G.S.O.3(Ops).** The same for Operations.
- G.S.P.** Good-service pension. (Naval.)
- G.S.R.** Great Southern Railway. (Eire.)
- G.T.** Good Templar.
- (2) Grand Tiler. (In Masonry.)
- g.t.** Gilt top. (Book-binding.)
- Gt.** as in "*Gt. Britain*." Also **gt** ("*A gt man*").
- gt.** See **Gt.**
- (2) Gutta.
- (3) Gun turret. (Armed Forces.)
- Gt. Br.** Great Britain.
- G.2** and **G.3.** See **G.S.O.2** and **G.S.O.3.**
- gu.** Guinea.
- guar.** Guarantee; guaranteed; guarantor.
- Guat.** Guatemala; Guatemalan.
- gun.** Gunnery.
- G.W.R.** Great Western Railway.
- gym.** Gymnasium; gymnastics; gymnastic.

H

- H.** Harbour.
- (2) Hard: of pencils; hence *HB*, hard black, and *HH*, double hard, and *HHH*, treble hard.
- (3) Horizontal.
- (4) Hydrant.
- (5) Hydraulics.
- (6) Hydrogen.
- h.** Hail. (Nautical.)
- (2) Has; have.
- (3) Height; high.
- (4) Hour(s); pl., generally *hrs.*
- (5) Hundred.
- (6) Husband.
- H.A.** or **h.a.** High-angle; e.g. an **H.A.** gun, for firing at aircraft. (Naval.)
- (2) **H.A.** only: Horse Artillery.
- H.A.A.** Heavy anti-aircraft.
- H.A. & M.** Hymns Ancient and Modern.
- H.A.B.** High-altitude bombing.
- Hab.** Habakkuk (one of the books of the Bible).
- hab.** *L. habitat*, he (or she) lives.
- Hab. Corp.** (The writ of) Habeas Corpus.
- H.A.C.** Honourable Artillery Company.
- Hag.** Haggai.
- H.A.L.** *Hamburg-Amerika Linie*, the Hamburg - America Steamship Company.
- Hal.** A Halifax bombing 'plane.
- Ham.** Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.
- Hamp.** A Hampden bombing 'plane.
- Hamps.** The Hampshire Regiment.
- Han.** Hanover; Hanoverian.
- h. and c.**; gen. written **h. & c.** Hot and cold (water). (Estate agents' and hotel-keepers')

Hants. Hampshire.
Harl. MSS. Harleian Manuscripts.
HB (not H.B.). See **H.** (2).
H.B. Heavy Bomber. (Air Force.)
H.B.C. Hudson's Bay Company.
H.B.M. His (or Her) Britannic Majesty.
H.C. Home Counties.
 (2) House of Commons.
 (3) High Commissioner.
 (4) Heralds' College.
 (5) Hockey Club.
 (6) High Church.
 (7) Habitual criminal.
hcap ; hcp. Handicap.
H.C.B. A House of Commons Bill.
H.C.F. (or **h.c.f.**). Highest Common Factor.
H.C.M. His (or Her) Catholic Majesty.
H. Com. High Commissioner.
hcp. See **hcap**.
H.C.S. Home Civil Service.
H.D. Home Defence, as in "5 *H.D.* Bn. of the Blankshires." A Home Defence unit contains men over military age and younger men not of medical category *A*.
 (2) Horse-drawn.
hd. See **hhd**.
hdbk. Handbook.
hdkf or **hkf.** Handkerchief.
hdqrs. See **H.Q.**
H.E. His Excellency.
 (2, 3) More gen. **h.e.** (1) and (2).
 (4) His Eminence.
 (5) Hydraulics Engineer.
 (6) Heat Engine.
h.e. High explosive (noun and adjective).
 (2) Horizontal equivalent.
He. Heinkel ('plane). "*He*, *Me*, and *You* [*Ju*]" : three well-known types of German military 'plane.
 (2) Helium. (In Chemistry.)
Heb. Hebrew. Hence the Biblical book, Hebrews.
hectog. Hectogram.
hectol. Hectolitre.
hectom. Hectometre. Also **hm.** or **Hm.**
H.E.H. His (or Her) Exalted Highness — a term applied only to personages of British India.
H.E.I.C. Honourable East India Company.

Hellen. Hellenic ; Hellenistic.
Her. Heraldry ; hence *her.*, heraldic.
Herod. Herodotus.
Herts. Hertfordshire.
Herz. Herzegovina.
Hes. Hesiod.
Hesych. Hesychius.
H.F. Home Forces. (Military.)
 (2) Home Fleet. (Naval.)
 (3) High frequency. (Electricity.)
HF. Hard firm (of lead in pencils).
hf. Half.
hfbd. Half-bound.
hfcf. Half-calf. (In Book-binding.)
hfcl. Half-cloth.
H.F.R.A. Honorary Fellow of the Royal Academy.
H.G. High German (language, speech, etc.).
 (2) Home Guard.
 (3) Holy Ghost.
 (4) Horse Guards.
 (5) His (or Her) Grace.
h.g. or **hg.** Hectogram.
Hg. *L. hydrargyrum*, mercury. (In Chemistry.)
hg. See **h.g.**
 (2) Heliogram.
H.G.D.H. His (or Her) Grand Ducal Highness.
H.H. His (or Her) Highness.
 (2) His Holiness.
HH. See **H.** (2).
hhd. Hogshead. Less clearly *hd*.
HHH. See **H.** (2).
H.I. Hawaiian Islands.
H.I.H. His (or Her) Imperial Highness.
Hil. Hilary.
H.I.M. His (or Her) Imperial Majesty.
Hind. Hindustan ; Hindustani.
Hist. History.
hist. Historical(ly) ; historian.
H.J.S. *L. hic jacet sepultus*, here lies buried.
H.K. House of Keys. (Isle of Man.)
hkf. See **hdkf**.
H.L. House of Lords.
h.l. or **hl.** Hectolitre.
H.L.I. Highland Light Infantry.
H.M. His (or Her) Majesty.
 (2) His Majesty's, as in "*H.M. Forces*."

- (3) Home Mission.
Hm. or **hm.** Hectometre.
H.M.A. His Majesty's Airship.
(2) Head Masters' Association.
H.M.A.S. His Majesty's Australian Ship.
H.M.C. His (or Her) Majesty's Customs.
H.M.C.S. His Majesty's Canadian Ship.
H.M.F. His Majesty's Forces; more gen. **H.M. Forces.**
H.M.I. His Majesty's Inspector (esp. of Schools; occ. **H.M.I.S.**).
H.M.P. Hand-made paper.
(2) *L. hoc monumentum posuit*, erected this monument.
H.M.S. His Majesty's Ship, as in "*H.M.S. Renown*." Also His Majesty's Steamer.
(2) His Majesty's Service.
H.M.S.O. His Majesty's Stationery Office.
H.M.T. His Majesty's Trawler.
H.M.W.C. Health of Munition Workers Committee (in War of 1914-18).
H.O. Home Office.
(2) Hostilities only; applied to a man that has joined for the duration of the war. (Naval.)
Ho. House.
(2) Holmium. (In Chemistry.)
H.O.L.C. Home Owners' Loan Corporation. (U.S.A.)
Holl. Holland.
Hom. Homer; Homeric.
Hon. Honourable. (In India, as title: *Honble.*)
(2) Honorary; as in *Hon. Sec.* Honorary Secretary.
Hor. Horace.
hor. Horizon.
Horol. Horology; hence *horol.*, *horologica*.
Hort. or **hort.** Horticulture; horticultural. Also **Hortic.** or **hortic.**
Hos. Hosea.
hosp. Hospital.
how. Howitzer.
H.P. (Rarely *h.p.*). High pressure (turbines).
(2) High power (electrical circuits).
- (3) Always *H.P.*: Houses of Parliament.
(4) High Priest.
(5) House Physician.
h.p. Half pay. Cf. **hp.**
(2) and (3) See **H.P.** (1) and (2).
h.p. Horse-power; also **h.p.**
h.p.n. or **hp.n.** Horse-power nominal.
H.Q. Headquarters; civilians often write it *Hqrs*; *hdqrs* is obsolescent.
H.Q.B.A. Headquarters Base Area. (Air Force.)
H.R. Home Rule; occ. Home Ruler.
(2) House of Representatives.
(3) Highland Railway. Now part of the L.M.S.
hr. Hour.
H.R.C.A. Honorary Member of the Royal Cambrian Academy.
H.R.E. Holy Roman Empire; Holy Roman Emperor.
H.R.H. His (or Her) Royal Highness.
H.R.H.A. Honorary Member of the Royal Hibernian Academy.
H.R.I.P. *L. hic requiescit in pace*, here rests in peace.
Hrs. Hussars.
hrs. Hours; as in "*2315 hrs*" (11.15 p.m.).
H.R.S.A. Honorary Member of the Royal Scottish Academy.
H.S. Home Secretary.
(2) Hospital Ship.
(3) House Surgeon.
H.S.C. Higher School Certificate.
H.S.E. *L. hic sepultus est*, here is buried; cf. **H.J.S.**
H.S.H. His (or Her) Serene Highness; used of certain Continental princes or princesses.
H.S.M. His (or Her) Serene Majesty.
H.T. Hawaiian Territory.
(2) Horsed transport. (Military.)
h.t. High tension.
ht. wt. See **H.W.** (2).
H.U. Harvard University.
Hud. A Lockheed Hudson bombing plane.
Hung. Hungary; Hungarian.
Hunts. Huntingdonshire.

Hur. A Hurricane fighter ('plane).

Huss. Hussars.

H.V. or **h.v.** High velocity (guns).

H.W. or **h.w.** High Water.

(2) Only **h.w.**: hit wicket. Also **ht. wt.**

H.W.M. High-water mark.

Hy. Henry.

hy. Heavy.

Hyd. Hydrostatics; **hyd.**, hydrostatic.

(Less economically: *Hydrostat.*, *hydrostat.*)

Hydr. Hydraulics; hence *hydr.*, hydraulic.

hydro. Hydropathic establishment.

Hydrostat. See **Hyd.**

Hyg. Hygiene; as in *Fd Hyg. Sec.*

H.Y.M.A. Hebrew Young Men's Association.

hyp. Hypothesis; hypothetical.

I

I. Idaho. Also **Ida.**

(2) Imperial. Also *L. imperium*, empire, and *imperator*, emperor.

(3) *L. infidelis*, unbeliever, infidel.

(4) Intelligence.

(5) Iodine.

(6) Ireland; Irish.

(7) Island or isle.

(8) Italian.

(9) Jesus.

i. Intransitive; indicated.

I.A. Indian Army.

(2) Infected area.

(3) Incorporated Accountant.

(4) Imperial Airways.

Ia. Iowa.

I.A.A.A. Irish Amateur Athletic Association.

I.A.A.M. Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters.

I.A.C.S. International Annealed Copper Standard.

I.A.E. Institute of Automobile Engineers.

I.A.F. Italian Air Force (It. *Regia Aeronautica Italiana*). But from Feb. 1942 onwards, generally understood to be: Indian Air Force.

I.A.L. Irish Academy of Letters.

I.A.O.S. Irish Agricultural Organization Society.

I.A.R.O. Indian Army Reserve of Officers.

I.B. Intelligence Branch (loosely called Secret Service). See **S.S.** (8).

(2) Incendiary bomb.

ib. or **ibid.** *L. ibidem*, in the same place.

I.B.E. Institute of British Engineers.

I.B.E.N. Incendiary bomb with explosive nose.

I.C.; better *I.-C.* Indo-China.

(2) Internal Combustion Engine, e.g. the Petrol Engine.

i.c. or **i/c.** In charge of; as in "*i.c.* officers' accounts."

I.C.A. Irish Cyclists' Association.

I.C.C. International Correspondence Colleges, Ltd.

(2) Interstate Commerce Commission. (U.S.A.)

I.C.E. Institution of Civil Engineers.

Ice. or **Icel.** Iceland; Icelandic.

Ichth. or **Ichthy.** Ichthyology—that branch of Zoology which is concerned with fishes.

I.C.I. Imperial Chemical Industries.

I.C.N. *L. in Christi nomine*, in the name of Christ.

Icon; **icon.** Iconography; iconographical.

I.C.S. Indian Civil Service.

I.D. Intelligence Department.

id. *L. idem*, the same.

Ida. See **I.**

I.D.B. Illicit diamond buyer (or buying).

I.D.C. Imperial Defence College.

I.D.N. *L. in nomine Dei*, in God's name.

I.E. (Order of the) Indian Empire.

(2) Indo-European. Also **Indo-Eur.**

(3) Initial equipment. (Air Force.)

i.e. That is. (*L. id est.*)

- I.E.E.** Institution of Electrical Engineers.
- I.E.F.** Italian Expeditionary Force.
- I.F.S.** Irish Free State.
- I.F.T.U.** International Federation of Trade Unions.
- I.-G.** Inspector-General. (*Ins.-Gen.* is obsolete.)
(2) Intendant-General. (Military.)
- I.G.** Irish Guards.
(2) Indo-Germanic. Also **Indo-Ger.**
- I.G.F.** Inspector-General of Fortifications.
- ign.** *L. ignotus*, unknown.
- I.G.T.** Inspector-General to the Forces for Training.
- i.h.p.** Indicated horse-power.
- I.H.S.** Jesus. It is Greek *Iesous*, the Gr. capital *E* resembling *H*. Often assumed to=*Jesus hominum salvator* (Jesus, Saviour of Men).
- I.I.E.I.C.** International Institute Examinations Inquiry Committee.
- II.** Homer's *Iliad*.
- Ill.** Illinois; rarely *Ills.*
- ill.** Illustration; illustrated.
- illit.** Illiterate.
- I.L.O.** International Labour Office. (At Geneva.)
- i.l.o.** In lieu of.
- I.L.P.** Independent Labour Party.
- I.M.A.** Indian Military Academy.
- I.M.D.** Indian Medical Department.
- I.Mech.E.** Institute of Mechanical Engineers.
- I.Meth.**; **Ind. Meth.** Independent Methodist(s).
- imit.** Imitative; imitatively. (In Philology.)
- I.M.N.S.** Imperial Military Nursing Service.
- Imp.** Imperial.
(2) *Imperator*; *Imperatrix*.
(3) Also **Imper.**: Imperative (mood).
- imp.** impression (of a publication). But also: *imprimatur*, let it be printed.
(2) Imported or importer.
(3) Imperial—as applied to weights.
- impee.** Importance.
- Imper.** See **Imp.** (3).
(2) Imperfect (tense).
- imperf.** Imperforate. (Philately.)
(2) Imperfect (tense).
- impers.** Impersonal.
- impt.** Important.
- I.M.S.** Indian Medical Service.
- I.M.T.** Institute of the Motor Trade.
- In.** Indium. (In Chemistry.)
- in.** Inch; inches (also *ins.*).
- I.N.A.** Institution of Naval Architects.
- I.N.C.** *L. in nomine Christi*, in the name of Christ.
- Inc.** Incorporated. (American business firms.)
- inc.** Including.
- incl.** Inclusive or included or including. Less gen.: *inc.*
- incog.** Incognito.
- incor.**; **incorp.** Incorporated.
- I.N.D.** *L. in nomine Dei*, in God's name; cf. **I.D.N.**
- Ind.** Indian (of or belonging to India; rarely Red Indian).
(2) Independent.
(3) Indiana.
(4) Indicative (mood). Also **Indic.**
- ind.** Indirect; indirectly.
(2) Indicated.
(3) Index.
- indecl.** Indeclinable.
- indef.** Indefinite.
- Indic.** See **Ind.** (4).
- Ind.L.** Independent Liberal (in politics).
- Ind. Meth.** See **I.Meth.**
- Indo-Eur.**; **Indo-Ger.** See **I.E.** (2) and **I.G.** (2).
- Ind.T.**; **Ind. Terr.** Indian Territory. (U.S.A.)
- Inf.** Infantry; as in "6 *Inf. Bde.*" the 6th Infantry Brigade.
(2) Infinitive. Also **Infín.**
- inf.** *L. infra*, further on (in a book, an article, etc.).
(2) Information.
- Infín.** See **Inf.** (2).
- infl.** Influence; influenced. (Mostly in Philology.)
- infra dig.** *L. infra dignitatem*, beneath one's dignity. (Colloquial.)
- I.N.I.** *L. in nomine Jesu*, in the name of Jesus.

init. L. *initio* : see **ab init.** Also *initium* : see **ad init.**

I.N.J. L. *in nomine Jesu*, in the name of Jesus ; cf. *I.N.I.*

in loc. L. *in loco*, in its place.

in loc. cit. L. *in loco citato*, in the place (or passage) quoted.

Innis. Inniskilling.

In.O. See **I.O.** (2).

in pr. L. *in principio*, in the beginning.

I.N.R.I. L. *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum*, Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

I.N.S. International News Service. (U.S.A.)

Ins. ; Insp. Inspector.

(2) **Ins.** only : Insurance.

insc. Inscribed (stock).

insep. Inseparable.

Insp. Inspector.

Insp.-Gen. Inspector-General.

I.N.S.T. L. *in nomine Sanctae Trinitatis*, in the name of the Holy Trinity.

Inst. Institute (noun) ; Institution.

inst. Instant (of date). In the present month.

(2) Institute—generic.

(3) Variant of *instr.* (2).

Inst. Act. Institute of Actuaries.

Inst.C.E. Institution of Civil Engineers.

Inst.E.E. Institution of Electrical Engineers.

Inst.M.E. Institute of Marine Engineers.

Inst.Mech.E. Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Inst.N.A. Institution of Naval Architects.

instr. Instructor.

(2) Instrumental (case).

Instr. of M. Instructor of Musketry.

Int. Interjection. (In Grammar.) Also **Interj.**

(2) Interest. Also **int.**

(3) Interpreter.

int. See **Int.** (2).

(2) Interval ; interim.

(3) Internal or interior.

(4) International.

int. al. L. *inter alia*, among other things.

intens. Intensive.

Inter. Intermediate.

(2) Variant of *interrog.*

Intercom(n). Intercommunication.

Interj. See **Int.**

internat. International(ly).

interrog. Interrogation ; interrogative(ly).

intr. Intransitive. Also **intrans.**

(2) Introduction (of a book).

in trans. L. *in transitu*, in transit.

intrans. See **intr.**

introd. Introduction ; introducing ; introduced.

inv. L. *invenit*, he (or she) found or has found, or invented, or designed.

(2) Inventor ; invented.

(3) Invoice.

I.O. Intelligence Officer.

(2) India Office. Also **In.O.**, esp. when the—

(3) Irish Office still existed.

(4) Iowa.

I/O. Inspecting Order.

I.O.F. Independent Order of Foresters.

I. of M. See **I.O.M.**

I. of W. See **I.W.** (2).

I.O.G.T. Independent Order of Good Templars.

I.O.M., or **I. of M.** or **I.o.M.** Isle of Man. (*I. of M.* is obsolescent.)

(2) Only **I.O.M.** : Indian Order of Merit.

Ion. Ionic.

I.O.O. Inspecting Ordnance Officer.

I.O.O.F. Independent Order of Odd-fellows.

I.O.P. Institute of Painters in Oil Colours.

I.O.R. Independent Order of Rechabites.

I.O.U. as **I.O.U** is an “*I owe you.*”

I.O.W. Isle of Wight. Also **I.W.**

I.P.D. L. *in praesentia Dominorum*, in the presence of the Lords of Session.

ipecac. Ipecacuanha.

I.P. ; I.S. Input primary ; input secondary. (On a wireless—a radio-transformer.)

I.P.I. L. *in partibus infidelium*, in the

- countries (or lands or regions) of unbelievers.
- I.Q.** Intelligence quotient. (Psychologists' and teachers'.)
- i.q.** *L. idem quod*, the same as.
- I.R.** Inland Revenue.
(2) Immediate Reserve. (Air Force.)
- Ir.** Ireland; Irish.
(2) Iridium.
- I.R.A.** Irish Republican Army.
- I.R.B.** Irish Republican Brotherhood.
- I.R.C.** International Red Cross.
- Ire.** Ireland; cf. *Ir.*
- I.R.O.** Inland Revenue Office.
- iron.** Ironical; ironically.
- irreg.** Irregular; irregularly.
- i.-S.** or **I.S.** Inter-Service.
(2) **I.S.** only: Irish Society.
(3) See at **I.P.**
- Is.** Island(s); as in *Leeward Is.*
(2) Isaiah. Also **Isa.**
- I.S.C.** Indian Staff Corps (now Indian Army).
(2) Imperial Service College. At Windsor.
- Isl.** Island(s); cf. *I.* (7).
- I.S.M.** Imperial Service Medal. A Civil Service decoration to non-clerical and non-administrative grades.
- (2) Incorporated Society of Musicians.
- I.S.O.** Imperial Service Order.
- I.S.S.B.** Inter-Service Security Board, composed of members of the three Services.
- Isth.** Isthmus.
- I.T.**; officially **Ind.T.** Indian Territory. (U.S.A.)
- It.** Italy; Italian. Also **Ital.**
(2) Properly *it.* or *ital.*: italic (type).
- ital.** See **It.** (2).
- I.T.C.** Infantry Training Centre.
(2) The Imperial Tobacco Co. (of Great Britain and Ireland), Limited.
- itin.** Itinerary.
- I.W.** See **I.O.W.**
(2) Inspector of Works.
- I.W.G.C.** Imperial War Graves Commission.
- I.W.T.** Inland Water Transport; hence *I.W.T.D.*, Inland Water Transport Department.
- I.W.W.** Industrial Workers of the World. (U.S.A.)
- I.X.** *L. Iesus Christus*, Jesus Christ.
- I.Y.** Imperial Yeomanry.
- I.Z.** *I Zingari* (cricket club).

J

- J.** Jew; Jewish. The initials *C.F.(J.)* = a Jewish Chaplain of H.M. Forces.
(2) John.
- (3) Joule. (Electricity.)
- (4) Julius—in Roman nomenclature.
- (5) *L. jus*, law, or *juris*, of law.
- (6) Journal.
- J.A.** Judge-Advocate.
- J.A.G.** Judge Advocate-General; the supreme legal authority in the Army.
- Jam.** Jamaica.
(2) Epistle of St James.
- Jan.** January.
- Jap.** Japanese; occ. Japan.
- Jas.** James.
- Jav.** Javanese.
- J.B.** John Bull—typical Englishman.
- J.C.** Jesus Christ.
(2) Julius Caesar—whether person or Shakespeare's play.
- (3) Justice-Clerk. (Scottish.)
- (4) *L. jurisconsultus*, jurisconsult.
- J.C.D.** *L. Juris Civilis Doctor*, Doctor of Civil Law.
- J.C.R.** Junior Common Room. University students' general social room.
- J.D.** *L. Jurum Doctor*, Doctor of Jurisprudence.
(2) Junior Dean.
- (3) Junior Deacon.
- Jer.** Jeremiah.
- Jes.** Jesus.
- Jew.** Jewish.
- J.G.T.C.** Junior Girls' Training Corps. (Instituted in February 1942.)

J.I.C(s). Joint Industrial Council(s).

JJ. Justices.

Jn. John. Also—but wrongly—**Jno.**
(2) Junction.

Jnr. Junior. Better *Jr.*

Jo. Joel; Joseph (better *Jos.*).

joc. Jocese(ly); jocular(ly).

J. o' L. *John o' London's Weekly.*

Jon. or **Jona.** Jonathan.

Jos. Joseph; occ. Joshua.

Joseph. Josephus.

Josh. Joshua.

jour. Journal.

J.P. Justice of the Peace.

J.P.B. Joint Production Board.
(U.S.A. and Britain.)

Jr. Junior, as in "*B. Smith, Jr.*"
Also **Jun.**

J.T.C. Junior Training Corps. (Successor to *O.T.C.*—in schools.)

Ju. Junkers—a type of German bombing plane. See **He.**

J.U.D. *L. Juris utriusque Doctor*,
Doctor of Civil and Canon
Law.

Jud. Judith.

(2) A variant of **Judg.**

jud. Judicial.

Judg.; occ. **Jud.** Judges (the *O.T.*
book).

Jul. Julius or Julian.

(2) July.

(3) Julep.

Jun. See **Jr.**

(2) Junius.

(3) June.

Junc. Junction (of roads or railway
lines).

Jun. Opt. Junior Optime. (Cambridge
University.)

Junr. Rare for *Jr.*

Juss. Jussive. (In Grammar.)

Just. Justinian.

Juv. Juvenal.

K

K. Capacity. (Electricity.)

(2) Carat. See **car.**

(3) Kalends (*L. kalendae*).

(4) Kalium—i.e. potassium. (Chem-
istry.)

(5) Kilo.

(6) King; (also **Ki.**), Kings—the Old
Testament book.

(7) Knight.

k. Cumulus (cloud or clouds).

(2) A variant of **K.** (5).

K.A. King-of-Arms; as in *U.K.A.* (2).

kal. Kalends.

Kan. Kansas. Also **Kans** (the official
form) or, rarely, *Kas*.

K.A.R. King's African Rifles.

K.B. Knight of the Bath. But also
Knight Bachelor.

(2) King's Bench (of law courts).

(3) Kite balloon. (Air Force.)

K.B.E. Knight Commander of the
British Empire.

K.C. King's Counsel.

(2) Knight(s) of Columbus.

(3) King's College, London. Better
K.C.L.

kc. Kilocycle.

K.C.B. Knight Commander of the
Bath.

K.C.H. Knight Commander of Han-
over.

K.C.I.E. Knight Commander of the
Indian Empire.

K.C.L. See **K.C.** (3).

K.C.M.G. Knight Commander of the
Order of St Michael and St
George.

K.C.S.I. Knight Commander of the
Star of India.

K.C.V.O. Knight Commander of the
Royal Victorian Order.

K.D.G. The King's Dragoon Guards.

Keb. Coll. Keble College, Oxford.

Ken. Kentucky.

K.G. Knight of the Garter.

kg. Kilogramme or kilogrammes.

K.G.C. Knight of the Golden Circle.
(U.S.A.).

K.G.C.B. Knight Grand Cross of the
Bath; but usually in the
shorter form, *G.C.B.*

K.G.F. Knight of the Golden Fleece.

- K.G.V.** H.M.S. *King George the Fifth*. (Naval.)
- K.H.** Knight of Hanover.
- K.H.C.** Honorary Chaplain to the King.
- K.H.P.** Hon. Physician to the King.
- K.H.S.** Hon. Surgeon to the King.
- Ki.** See **K.** (6).
- K.i.H.** or **K.I.H.** The Kaisar-i-Hind Medal; for useful service in India.
- kil.** Kilderkin.
- kilo.** Kilogramme. Also **kilog.**
(2) Improperly: kilometre.
(3) See **kilol.**
- kilog.** See **kilo** (1).
- kilol.**; ambiguously, **kilo.** Kilolitre.
- kilom.** Kilometre. See **kilo** (2).
- King's.** The King's Regiment.
- King's Own.** See **K.O.R.R.**
- Kit.** (in slang, "Kitty"). A Curtiss Kittyhawk fighter-bomber (an American 'plane).
- K.K.K.** Ku-Klux-Klan.
- K.L.** Shakespeare's *King Lear*.
- kl.** Kilolitre or kilolitres.
- K.L.H.** Knight of the Legion of Honour.
- km.** Kilometre (five-eighths of a mile) or kilometres.
- K.Mess.** King's Messenger.
- Knt.** See **Kt.**
- k.o.** Knock-out; to knock out. (Boxing.)
- K. of C.** Knight(s) of Columbus.
- K. of L.** Knights of Labor. (An American trade union.)
- K. of P.**; **K.P.** Knights of Pythias. (A benevolent society in U.S.A.)
- K.O.R.R.** The King's Own Royal Regiment. Also **King's Own**.
- K.O.S.B.** The King's Own Scottish Borderers.
- K.O.Y.L.I.** The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.
- K.P.** Knight of the Order of St Patrick.
(2) King's Parade. (Among Cambridge men.)
(3) See **K. of P.**
- K.P.M.** The King's Police Medal. Instituted in 1909; awarded also to the Fire Brigade.
- K.R.** *The King's Regulations for the Army and the Army Reserves.* The Bible of the Officer, the god of the sergeant-major (esp. Warrant Officers, Class I), and the sure shield of the knowledgeable private.
(2) The King's Regiment.
- Kr.** Krypton. (In Chemistry.)
- kr.** Krone or kronen.
- K.R.C.** Knight of the Red Cross.
- K.R.R.** The King's Royal Rifles (a famous regiment).
- K.R.R.C.** The King's Royal Rifle Corps.
- K.S.** King's Scholar.
(2) In typography: keep type standing.
- K.S.I.** Knight of the Star of India.
- K.S.K.** Ethyl-iodo-acetate. (A gas.)
- K.S.L.I.** The King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
- K.T.** Knight of the Order of the Thistle.
(2) Knight(s) Templar.
- kt.** Knight (also **Knt**); **Kt Bach.** is Knight Bachelor.
- kv.** Kilovolt.
- kw.** Kilowatt.
- Ky.** Kentucky.

L

- L.** Fifty—in Roman numerals.
(2) Labor, Labour. Better *Lab.*, for cf. sense (8).
(3) Lake.
(4) Latin.
(5) Law.
(6) Learner. (Motoring.)
(7) Left.
(8) Liberal.
(9) Liner. (Nautical.)
(10) Lira(s).
(11) Lithium. (In Chemistry.)
(12) Lord; but also Lady.
(13) Pound(s), in *£.s.d.* (*L. libra, librae.*)
- l.** Large.
(2) Latitude.

(3) Legitimate.
 (4) Length; long.
 (5) Lightning. (Nautical.)
 (6) Link. (Measure.)
 (7) Line; pl. *ll*.
 (8) Litre.

L.A. Local Authority.
 (2) Lieutenant-at-Arms. (Naval.)
 (3) Legislative Assembly.
 (4) Literate in Arts.
 (5) Library Association.
 (6) Law Agent.

La. Louisiana.
 (2) Lanthanum. (In Chemistry.)

L.A.A. Light anti-aircraft.

Lab. Labour (Party).
 (2) Labrador.

L.A.C. London Athletic Club.
 (2) Licentiate of the Apothecaries' Company.
 (3) Or **L/A/C**: Leading Aircraftman.

L.A.D. Light Aid Detachment. Such detachments attend to the repairs—small repairs—necessary to motor - cars, motor - cycles, trucks, lorries, etc.

L.Adv. Lord Advocate.

L.A.H. Licentiate of Apothecaries' Hall, Dublin.

L.A.M. London Academy of Music.

Lam. Lamentations (of Jeremiah).

Lancs. Lancashire.

L. & I.D. London and India Docks.

L. & N.E.R. See **L.N.E.R.**

L. & N.W.R. London and North-Western Railway—now the *L.M.S.R.* Also **L. & N.W.**

L. & S.W.R. London and South-Western Railway—now the *S.R.*

L. & Y.R. Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway—now part of the *L.M.S.*

lang. Language; languages.

Lap. Lapland.

L.A.S. Land Agents' Society.
 (2) Lord-Advocate of Scotland.

Lat. or **lat.** Latitude. (In Geography.)
 (2) *Lat.* only: Latin (more gen., *L.*).
 (3) Latvia.

L.A.U.K. Library Association of the United Kingdom.

L.A.W. League of American Wheelmen.

L.B. Bachelor of Letters. (U.S.A.)
 (2) Local Board.
 (3) Light bomber. (Air Force.)

l.b. Leg-bye. (In cricket.)

lb. Pound (weight).

L.B. (& S.C.R.) London, Brighton and South - Coast Railway. Now part of the *S.R.*

L.Bdr. or **L/Bdr.** Lance-Bombardier.

l.b.w. Leg before wicket. (In cricket.)

L.C. See **L. of C.**
 (2) Lower Canada.
 (3) On maps: level crossing.
 (4) Lord Chancellor.
 (5) Lord Chamberlain.
 (6) A variant of *l.c.* (4).

l.c. *L. locus citatus*, the passage (last) quoted (from a book, etc.); or *loco citato*, at the . . .
 (2) Lower case (not a capital letter). Printers'.
 (3) Also *l/c*: letter of credit.
 (4) Also **L.C.**: left centre. (In stage directions.)

L.C. (& D.R.) London, Chatham and Dover Railway, which has become a part of the *S.R.*

L.C.B. Liquor Control Board. (In war of 1914-18.)
 (2) Lord Chief Baron.

L.C.C. London County Council; London County Councillor.

L.Ch. Licentiate in Surgery (*L. chirurgiae*); occ. **L.Chir.**

L.C.J. Lord Chief Justice.

L.C.M. or **l.c.m.** Least common multiple.

L.Corp. See **L.Cpl.**

L.C.P. Licentiate of the College of Preceptors.

L.Cpl. Lance-Corporal. Also **L.Corp.**

L.Cr. Lieutenant-Commander.

L.D. Low Dutch. (Philology.)
 (2) Doctor of Letters. (U.S.A.)
 (3) Lady Day.
 (4) *L. laus Deo*, praise be to God.

Ld. Lord.
 (2) Rarely: limited. See **Ltd.**

Ldg. Leading; as in *Ldg S.* (or *Sto.*)
 Leading Stoker. (Naval.)

- L. d'H.** Légion d'Honneur—the best known of all French decorations.
- L.Div.** Licentiate in Divinity.
- Ldp.** Lordship.
- L.D.S.** Licentiate in Dental Surgery.
(2) *L. laus Deo semper*, praise be to God for ever.
- L.D.V.** Local Defence Volunteers, now called *Home Guards*.
- L.E.**; properly **£E.** Egyptian pounds.
(2) Labour Exchange.
- L.E.A.** Local Education Authority.
- L.E.C(s).** Local Employment Committee(s).
- lect.** Lecture; lecturer.
- Leg.** Legation; as in *Sec. Leg.*
- leg.** Legal.
(2) The same as, though less gen., than :—
- legis.** or **legisl.** Legislature; legislative.
- Leicesters.** (The) Leicestershire Regiment.
- Leics.** Leicestershire.
- L. ès L.** *Licencié ès Lettres*, Licentiate in (or of) Letters.
- Lett.** Lettish.
- Lev.** Leviticus. Also (though unnecessarily) **Levit.**
- lex.** Lexicon.
- lexicog.** Lexicography; lexicographical; lexicographer ("harmless drudge").
- L.F.** The Lancashire Fusiliers.
(2) Low frequency.
- L.F.B.** London Fire Brigade.
- L.F.P.S.** Licentiate of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons.
- L.G.** Low German. Also **L.Ger.**
(2) Life Guards.
(3) The Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George.
(4) *The London Gazette*.
(5) Lewis Gun.
(6) Landing ground. (Air Force.)
- L.G.B.** Local Government Board.
- lge.** Large.
- L.Ger.** See **L.G.**
- L.G.O.C.** London General Omnibus Company. (Obsolete.)
- L.Gr.** Low Greek.
- L.G.U.** Ladies' Golf Union.
- L.H.** Left hand; on the left (hand).
(2) Legion of Honour.
(3) Light Horse.
- L.H.A.** Lord High Admiral.
- L.H.C.** Lord High Chancellor.
- L.H.T.** Lord High Treasurer.
- L.I.** Long Island.
(2) Light Infantry.
(3) Licentiate of Instruction. (U.S.A.)
- Li.** Lithium. (In Chemistry.)
(2) A Lockheed Lightning fighter 'plane.
- Lib.** Liberal (in politics).
(2) Librarian; Library. Hence *lib. cat.*, library catalogue.
(3) A Liberator bombing 'plane.
- Lib. Cong.** The Library of Congress, or Congressional Library, at Washington, D.C.
- Lic. Med.** Licentiate in Medicine.
- Lieut.** See **Lt.** The same applies to combinations.
- Lim.** County Limerick.
- lin.** Linear.
(2) Lineal.
- Lincolns.** The Lincolnshire Regiment.
- Lincs.** Lincolnshire.
- Linn.** Linnaean or Linnean; Linnaeus.
- liq.** Liquor or liquid.
- Lit.** Literature.
(2) *L. Literae*, Letters; cf. *Lit. Hum.*, q.v.
- lit.** Literary; but gen. literal or literally. Also literature.
(2) Litre.
- Lit.D.** Doctor of Literature.
- liter.** Literature; literary.
- Lith.** Lithuania(n).
- litho.** Lithograph.
- Lithog.** Lithography; *lithog.*, lithographical.
- Lit. Hum.** *L. Literae Humaniores*, i.e. polite letters (or learning): the study of the Ancient Classics.
- Litt.D.** Doctor of Letters.
- liturg.** Liturgical.
- Liv.** Livius—i.e. Livy.
- L.J.** Lord Justice; pl. **LL.JJ.**
- L.K.Q.C.P.I.** Licentiate of the King and Queen's College of Physicians, Ireland. (Now **L.R.C.P.I.**)

- L.L.** Late Latin. But also Low Latin.
 (2) Lord-Lieutenant.
 (3) Lease-Lend (Bill).
- LL.** or **LI.** Laws, or *L. legum* (of laws).
ll. Lines.
- L.L.A.** Lady Literate in Arts. (St Andrews University.)
- LL.B.** or **LI.B.** Bachelor of Laws.
LL.D. or **LI.D.** Doctor of Laws.
LL.I. Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland.
LL.JJ. or **LI. Jj.** is the plural of **L.J.**
LL.LL. Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*.
- LLL.** Licentiate in Laws. (U.S.A.)
LLM. or **LI.M.** Master of Laws.
LM. Licentiate in Midwifery. But also Licentiate in Medicine. (Both U.S.A.)
 (2) Long metre. (Music.)
 (3) Lord Mayor.
- L.M.B.C.** Lady Margaret Boat Club. (Nothing to do with *L.M.H.*; but with St John's College, Cambridge.)
- L.M.D.** Long metre double. (Music.)
L.M.G. Light machine-gun.
L.M.H. Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.
L.M.S. London, Midland and Scottish Railway. Obsolete is: *L.M.S.R.*
 (2) London Missionary Society.
- L.M.S.R.** See **L.M.S.** (1).
L.M.S.S.A. Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery, Society of Apothecaries.
- L.M.T.** Length, mass, time. (Physics.)
LNat. Liberal Nationalist (in politics).
- L.N.E.R.** London and North-Eastern Railway. (*L. & N.E.R.* is obsolete.) The *R.* should not be omitted.
- L.N.U.** League of Nations Union.
L.N.W.R. London & North-Western Railway.
- L.O.** Liaison Officer.
loc. or **locn.** Location; situation or position.
loc. cit. A variant of *l.c.*
loco. Locomotive.
loc.s. or **Loc.S.** Location statement.
- L.O.D.** *The Little Oxford Dictionary.*
L. of C.; occ. **L.C.** Line(s) of communication(s).
L. of N. League of Nations.
Log. Logic.
log. Logarithm.
Lon. or **lon.** See **Long.**
Lond. Londonderry (County).
 (2) London.
 (3) (Bishop) of London. Also **Londoin.**; short for *L. Londoinensis*.
- Long.** or **long.** Longitude. (In Geography.) Also **lon.**
loq. *L. loquitur*, he (or she) speaks, as in "Caliban loq."
- Loyals.** The Loyal Regiment (N. Lancs.).
L.P. Lord Provost.
 (2) Labour Party.
lp. Large-paper. (Adjective.)
 (2) Low pressure.
- L.P.C.** Lord President of the Council.
L.P.M. Long peculiar metre. (Music.)
L'pool. Liverpool.
L.P.S. Lord Privy Seal.
L.P.T.B. London Passenger Transport Board.
- L.R.A.M.** Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music.
L.R.B. London Rifle Brigade.
L.R.C. London—or Leander—Rowing Club.
 (2) Labour Representation Committee.
- L.R.C.M.** Licentiate of the Royal College of Music.
L.R.C.P. Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians.
L.R.C.P.E. (or **Ed.**). Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.
L.R.C.P.I. Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, Ireland.
L.R.C.S. Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons.
L.R.C.S.E. (or **Ed.**) and **L.R.C.S.I.** The same, Edinburgh; the same, Ireland.
L.R.C.V.S. Licentiate of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.
L.R.F.P.S.G. Licentiate of the Royal

Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

Lrs. Lancers.

L.S. London Scottish (regiment).

(2) Leading Seaman.

(3) Leading sea. (Naval.)

(4) *L. locus sigilli*, the place of the Seal. Also **L.s.** (Legal.)

(5) Letter Service.

(6) Linnean Society.

(7) Also **L.s.** : left side.

L.s. See **L.S.** (4) and (7).

L.S.A. Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries.

L.S.A.C. London Small Arms Company.

L.S. & G.C.M. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. (Air Force.)

L.S.B. London School Board. (The Board no longer exists.)

L.S.B.A. Leading Sick-Bay Attendant. (Naval.)

L.S.C. Lower School Certificate.

(2) London Salvage Corps.

(3) London Society of Compositors.

L.S.D. Lightermen, Stevedores, and Dockers.

L.s.d. Pounds, shillings, pence.

L.S.E. London School of Economics.

L.Sgt. or **L/Sgt.** Lance-Sergeant.

L.S.O. Labour Supply Organization.

(2) Limitation of Supplies Order. (Enacted in 1940.)

(3) London Symphony Orchestra.

L.S.W.R. London and South-Western Railway.

L.T. Properly **£T**. Turkish pounds.

(2) Also **L/T** : Line Telegraphy.

(3) Lawn Tennis; e.g., in *L.T.A.* and *L.T.C.*

(4) Or **L/T** : Leading Telegraphist.

(5) Is used by the L.P.T.B. whenever they sign in conjunction with other Railway Companies.

lt. Landed terms.

(2) Low tension.

Lt. Lieutenant. *Lt* is the correct military, *Lieut.* the usual civilian

abbreviation. Strictly, *Lt* is First Lieutenant, a Second Lieutenant being *2/Lt*.

lt. Light. Mostly an adjective.

L.T.A. Lawn Tennis Association.

(2) London Teachers' Association.

L.T. & S.R. London, Tilbury and Southend Railway. Now part of the L.M.S.

L.T.B. London Transport Board.

L.T.C. Lawn Tennis Club.

L.T.C.L. Licentiate of Trinity College of Music, London.

Lt Col. Lieutenant-Colonel.

Lt Com. (or **Comm.**). Lieutenant-Commander (in the Navy).

Ltd. Limited, as applied to companies. Of limited liability.

Lt (E.). Lieutenant with an Emergency Commission.

Lt-Gen. Lieutenant-General (the rank immediately above that of Major-General). He commands a Corps—or the equivalent of a Corps.

Lt-Gov. Lieutenant-Governor.

L.Th. Licentiate in Theology.

Lt Inf. A variant of *L.I.* (2).

L.T.M. Licentiate of Tropical Medicine.

L.T.O. Leading Torpedo Man. (Naval.)

L.U. Liberal Unionist.

Lu. Lutecium. (In Chemistry.)

Lucr. Lucretius.

L.U.E. Left upper entrance. (Theatrical.)

Luth. Lutheran.

Lux. Luxemburg.

L.V. Legal volt.

(2) Licensed Victuallers.

L.W. Long wave. (Wireless.)

L.W.L. Load-water line.

L.W.M. Low water mark.

LXX. The Septuagint.

L.Y.B. Labour Year Book.

lyr. Lyric; lyrical.

Lys. A Lysander 'plane; used mostly for reconnaissance. Familiarly known as *Liz* or *Lizzie*.

M

M. Magistrate.

- (2) Majesty ; pl. *MM*.
- (3) Maria or Mary.
- (4) Mark (coin)
- (5) Marquis.
- (6) Mass. (Physics.)
- (7) Master ; L. *magister*.
- (8) Mate (of a ship).
- (9) In hospitals, *M* (Medical) is supplementary to *S* (Surgical).
- (10) Methodist.
- (11) Minesweeper. (Naval.)
- (12) Monday.
- (13) Monsieur ; pl. *MM*.
- (14) Mother ; also L. *mater*.

m. In measurements : metre or mile. In Grammar, masculine. Of sex, male. In coinage, it is a mark. In time, a minute ; also *meridiem*. In peerage, a minor. In music, a minim, which is also a liquid measure. In cricket, a maiden over. In commerce, a memorandum. In Law, *mortis* (of death). In mechanics, mass. Nautically, mist. Topographically, mill. On calendars, moon. On forms, married.

M.A. Master of Arts.

- (2) Ministry of Agriculture (estbd. Dec. 1919). Also *M/Agric*.
- (3) Military Academy.
- (4) Medium Artillery.

ma. Milliampere. (Electricity.)

M.A.A. Master of Arms—head of a ship's police.

M.A. & F. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

M.A.B. Metropolitan Asylums Board.

- (2) Munitions Assignment Board. (Anglo-American ; instituted in 1942.)

M.A.B.Y.S. Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants.

Macb. Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

Macc. Maccabees.

M.A.C. Motor Ambulance Convoy.

Maced. Macedonia ; Macedonian.

mach. Machinery ; occ. machinist.

Mad. Madam. An invidious abbreviation.

Mad. Univ. Madison University.

M.A.F.L. Manual of Air Force Law.

mag. Magnetism ; magnetic. Also *magn*.

- (2) Magneto.

- (3) Magazine.

Magd. Magdalen College, Oxford ; Magdalene College, Cambridge.

Magn. See *mag*. (1).

M/Agric. See *M.A.* (2).

M.A.I. Member of the Anthropological Institute.

maint. Maintenance.

Maj. Major.

Maj.-Gen. Major-General. He commands a Division and thus is of lower rank than a Lieutenant-General.

Mal. Malachi.

- (2) Malayan.

M.Am.Soc.C.E. Member of the Amalgamated Society of Civil Engineers.

Man. or **Manit.** Manitoba.

- (2) Manchester ; hence *Man. Regt.*, Manchester Regiment.
- (3) A Manchester bombing 'plane.
- (4) Manila.

man. or **manuf.** Manufacture, or manufacturer, or manufactured, or manufactory.

- (2) Manual.

Manch. Manchuria—now Manchukuo.

- (2) The Manchester Regiment.

Mancun. (Bishop) of Manchester. (In Latin, Manchester is *Mancunium*.)

M. & D. Medicine and duty (i.e. full duty). Medical Officer's verdict.

M. & G.N. Midland and Great Northern Joint Railway. (Owned jointly by the L.M.S. and the L.N.E.R.)

m. & v. Meat and vegetable ration—gen. a Maconochie.

Manit. See *Man*. (1).

- M.A.N.S.** Member of the Academy of Natural Science. (U.S.A.)
manuf. See **man.** (1).
M.A.P. Ministry of Aircraft Production.
 (2) Medical aid post.
M.Ar. Master of Architecture. (U.S.A.)
Mar. March.
 (2) A Mitchell Marauder 'plane. (A medium bomber of U.S. make.)
mar. Married. Also **m.**
 (2) Maritime.
March. Marchioness.
marg. Marginal.
Marq. Marquess or Marquis.
Mart. Martial—the Roman poet.
M.A.S. Master of Applied Science.
masc. Masculine.
Mass. Massachusetts.
mat. Matins.
 (2) Matinée.
Math. or **Maths.** Mathematics. Hence *math.*, mathematical; mathematician.
Matric. Matriculation.
Matt. Matthew.
Max. Maximilian.
max. Maximum.
M.B. Bachelor of Medicine.
 (2) Also **m.b.** : motor-boat.
 (3) Ministry of Blockade (in war of 1914-18).
 (4) Medical Board.
 (5) Medium bomber. (Air Force.)
M.B.E. Member of the Order of the British Empire.
M.B.Sc. Master of Business Science. (U.S.A.)
M.B.S.I. Member of the Boot and Shoe Industry.
M.B.T.A. Metropolitan Board Teachers Association.
M.B.W. Metropolitan Board of Works (now the L.C.C.).
M.C. Military Cross, awarded to Army officers.
 (2) Master of Ceremonies.
 (3) Motor Contact ; as in *M.C.O.*
 (4) Mess Committee ; as in *P.M.C.*
 (5) Member of Congress.
 (6) Member of Council.
 (7) Master Commandant.
 (8) Movement control (of troops).
 (9) Motor cycle ; *m.c.*
 (10) Also **M/C** : Manchester. Hence *M/C G.* : *The Manchester Guardian*.
 (11) Master of Surgery (L. *Chirurgiae*). (U.S.A.)
m.c. or *m/c.* Motor cycle.
mc. Millicuries. (Radiology.)
M.C.C. Marylebone Cricket Club.
 (2) Middlesex County Council.
M.C.D. Doctor of Comparative Medicine. (U.S.A.)
M.C.E. Master of Civil Engineering. (U.S.A.)
M/C G. See **M.C.** (10).
M.Ch. Master of Surgery. Also **Ch.M.**
Mch. Rare for : March.
M.Ch.D. Master of Dental Surgery.
M.Ch.Orth. Master of Orthopaedic Surgery.
M.C.L. Master of Civil Law.
M.C.M.E.S. Member of Civil and Mechanical Engineers' Society. (U.S.A.)
M.C.O. Motor Contact Officer.
 (2) Movement Control Officer.
M.Com. Master of Commerce.
M.Comm. Master of Commerce and Administration.
M.C.P. Member of the College of Preceptors.
M.C.S. Malayan Civil Service. But also Madras Civil Service.
 (2) Military College of Science.
M.D. Doctor of Medicine (properly L. *Medicinae*).
 (2) Mess deck. (Naval.)
 (3) Medical Department. (Naval.)
 (4) Mine Depot. (Naval.)
 (5) Middle Dutch. (Philology.)
 (6) Mentally deficient.
 (7) Message-dropping. (Air Force.)
m.d. Month's date.
Md. Maryland.
Mddx. See **Mx.**
M.D.G. Medical Director-General (of the Navy).
Mdlle is less gen. than *Mlle*, the true French abbr. of *Mademoiselle*.
Mdm, Mdme, are less usual and less correct than *Mme* (Madame).

M.D.S. Master of (or in) Dental Surgery.

(2) Main Dressing Station.

mdse. Merchandise.

M.Du. Middle Dutch.

M.D.W. Military Defence Works.

M'd'x (or **Mdx**). See **Mx**.

M.E. Middle English (language : *ca.* 1150-1450 or, according to some authorities, A.D. 1200-1500).

(2) Mining Engineer; also Mechanical Engineer. But also Marine Engineer(s).

(3) Methodist Episcopal.

(4) Most Excellent. (In titles.)

(5) Middle East; Middle Eastern.

Me. Messerschmitt; a Messerschmitt 'plane occupies in the Luftwaffe (German Air Force) the same position as a Hurricane or a Spitfire occupies in the R.A.F.: that of a fast fighter. See **He**.

(2) Maine.

(3) *Maitre* (title of French advocates) : gen. written *M^c*.

meas. Measure; occ. measurable.

M.E.C. Member of (the) Executive Council.

Mech. or **Mechan.** Mechanics; *mech.* mechanical or mechanic.

(2) Mechanized.

Mech.Can. Mechanician candidate (for a Naval examination).

M.E.D. Master of Elementary Didactics. (U.S.A.)

med. Medium. Now incorrect, in the Army, for medical.

(2) Medicine. Also **Med**.

(3) Medieval; as in *Med.L.* Also **Med**.

Medical. The Medical Services. (Army.)

Medit. Mediterranean.

Med.Jur. Medical Jurisprudence.

Med.L.; **Med.Lat.** Medieval Latin.

M.E.F. Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force.

(2) Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. (War of 1939—.)

M.E.L. Master of English Literature. (U.S.A.)

Melan. Melanesia; Melanesian.

mem. Memento; i.e. *L. memento*, remember!

(2) Memorial.

(3) A variant of :—

memo. Memorandum.

M.Eng. Master of Engineering.

Mensur. Mensuration.

mer. Meridian.

(2) Usually *Mer.* : Meridional.

Messrs. The pl. of *Mr*.

Met. Meteorological Officer.

(2) See **M.Inst.Met.**

(3) See sense 3 of :—

met. Meteorological.

(2) A variant of *metaph*.

(3) Metropolitan.

(4) A variant of *Metall*.

(5) Metronome.

Metal(1). Metallurgy; *metal.*, metallurgical.

Metaph. Metaphysics; hence, *metaph.*, metaphysical; metaphysician.

metaph. Metaphor; metaphorical; metaphorically.

(2) See **Metaph**.

metath. Metathesis; metathetic. (In Philology.)

met. bor. Metropolitan borough.

Meteor. Meteorology; hence *meteor.*, meteorological.

Meth.; unnecessarily, *Method*. Methodist.

meth. Methylated.

Met.O. Meteorological Office or Officer.

meton. Metonymy.

Met.R. Metropolitan Railway.

M.E.W. Ministry of Economic Warfare (familiarily called *Mew*); also the Minister.

Mex. Mexico; Mexican.

M.F. Ministry (or Minister) of Food. Also **M. of F**.

mf. Mezzo forte (in music). Gen. italicized.

M.F.B. Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

mf'd. Manufactured.

(2) Microfarad. (Electricity.)

M.Fed. Miners' Federation.

mfg. Manufacturing.

M.F.H. Master of Foxhounds.

M.F.N. Most favoured nation.

M.F.O. Military Forwarding Officer.

M. for M. Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*.
M.Fr. Middle French.
mfr. Manufacturer.
mfs. manufactures.
M.F.W. Military Foreman of Works.
M.G. See **m.g.** (1).
 (2) Major-General.
 (3) Master-General.
 (4) As in *K.C.M.G.*
m.g. Machine-gun. Often *M.G.*
 (2) Milligramme(s). Also **mg.**
Mg. Magnesium. (In Chemistry.)
mg. See **m.g.** (2).
 (2) Morning.
M.G.B. Motor gunboat.
M.G. Corps. Machine Gun Corps; occ. *M.G.C.*
M.G.G.S. Major - General, General Staff.
M.G.M. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer cinema combine.
M.G.O. Master-General of Ordnance.
M.Goth. Meso-Gothic.
Mgr. Monsignor; pl. *Mgri.* Also Monseigneur.
 (2) Manager.
M.G.R.A. Major-General, Royal Artillery.
M.H. Ministry of Health.
 (2) Master of Horticulture. (U.S.A.)
M.H.A. Member of House of Assembly.
M.H.G. Middle High German (language, speech, etc.).
M.H.K. Member of the House of Keys (I.O.M.).
mho=the unit of electrical conductivity; it is the reciprocal of the *ohm*.
M.Hon. Most Honourable.
M.H.R. Member of the House of Representatives.
M.H.S. Ministry (or Minister) of Home Security.
M.Hy. Master of Hygiene.
M.I. Military Intelligence (Department).
 (2) Mounted Infantry.
 (3) Ministry of Information (in war 1914-18); now *M.O.I.*
 (4) Medical Inspection.

mi. Mile(s). Rare.
M.I.A.E. Member of the Institute of Automobile Engineers.
Mic. Micah.
M.I.(or Inst.)C.E. Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers.
Mich. Michigan.
 (2) Michaelmas.
M.I.Chem.E. Member of the Institution of Chemical Engineers.
micros. Microscope; microscopical; microscopy; microscopist.
Mid. Midshipman.
mid. Middle.
M.I.E.E. Member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers.
M.I.G.E.; M.Inst.Gas.E. Member of the Institution of Gas Engineers.
m.i.h. Miles in the hour; the *average* speed of a convoy, stoppages allowed for.
M.I.J. is incorrect for **M.J.I.**
mil. Military. Also **milit.**
 (2) Militia.
Mil. Att. Military Attaché.
M.I.Loco.E. Member of the Institute of Locomotive Engineers.
Milt. Milton; occ. Miltonic.
M.I.Mar.E. Member of the Institute of Marine Engineers.
M.I.M.E. See **M.I.Min.E.**
 (2) Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. More usually:—
M.I.Mech.E. Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.
M.I.Min.E. or **M.I.M.E.** Member of the Institution of Mining Engineers.
M.I.M.M. See **M.Inst.M.M.**
Min. Mineralogy; hence *min.*, mineralogical.
 (2) Minister; Ministry.
 (3) Rare for *Minn.*
min. Minute (of time).
 (2) Mining.
 (3) Minimum.
 (4) Minim.
M.I.N.A. Member of the Institution of Naval Architecture.
Minn. Minnesota.
Min. Plen.; Min. Res. Minister Plen-

- potentiary; Minister Resident-iary.
- M.Inst.C.E.** See **M.I.C.E.**
- M.Inst.Met.** Member of the Institute of Metals.
- M.Inst.M.M.** Member of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Also **M.I.M.M.**
- M.Instr.** Musketry Instructor.
- M.Inst.T.** Member of the Institute of Transport.
- M.I.O.B.** Member of the Institute of Builders.
- M.It.** Middle Italian. (In Philology.)
- M.I.W.T.** Member of the Institute of Wireless Technology.
- misc.**; occ. **msc.** Miscellany; miscellaneous.
- Miss.** Mississippi (State). *Missouri* should be *Mo.*
- (2) Mission or Missionary.
- mist.** *L. mistura*, a mixture. Doctors' prescriptions.
- M.J.I.** Member of the Institute of Journalists.
- M.J.S.** Member of the Japan Society.
- Mk.** Mark; as in *Respirator Mk IV.*
- mks.** Marks (in German currency).
- mkt.** Market.
- M.K.W.** Military Knight of Windsor.
- M.L.** Ministry of Labour. Now the *M.L.N.S.*, q.v.
- (2) Motor launch.
- * (3) Also **M/L**: mine-layer.
- (4) Licentiate in Midwifery.
- (5) Medieval Latin.
- (6) Muzzle-loading.
- ml.** Millimetre(s).
- M.L.A.** Member of the Legislative Assembly.
- (2) Modern Language Association.
- M.L.C.** Member of the Legislative Council.
- M.L.G.** or **MLG.** Middle Low German.
- Mlle.** Mademoiselle; pl. *Mlles.*
- M.L.N.S.** Ministry of Labour and National Service.
- M.L.O.** Military Landing Officer (at, e.g., a naval base).
- M.L.R.G.** Muzzle-loading rifled gun.
- M.L.S.B.** Member of the (no longer existing) London School Board.
- M.L.S.C.** Member of the London Society of Compositors.
- M.L.U.** Mobile Laundry Unit.
- M.M.** Military Medal, awarded to N.C.Os. and men in the Army.
- (2) Minister of Munitions (in war of 1914-18).
- (3) Minister of Mines.
- (4) Master Mason. (Freemasonry.)
- (5) Maelzel's metronome. (Music.)
- m.m.** *Mutatis mutandis.*
- MM.** See **M.** (2) and (13).
- mm.** Millimetre(s); as in "the French 75mm. (gun)."
- M.M.E.** Master of Mechanical Engineering. (U.S.A.)
- Mme.** Madame; pl. *Mmes.*
- M.M.P.** Military Mounted Police.
- M.M.S.** Moravian Missionary Society.
- M.Mus.** Master of Music. (U.S.A.)
- M.N.** Merchant Navy.
- Mn.** Manganese. (Chemistry.)
- M.N.A.S.** Member of the National Academy of Sciences. (U.S.A.)
- M.N.D.** Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream.*
- (2) Minister of National Defence. (Canada.)
- M.N.I.** Madras Native Infantry.
- M.N.S.** Ministry of National Service (in war of 1914-18).
- (2) Member of the Numismatic Society. (U.S.A.)
- M.O.** Medical Officer.
- (2) Money Order.
- (3) Master of Oratory. (U.S.A.)
- (4) *Modus operandi*: a criminal's method or technique. (Police.)
- (5) Manually operated.
- Mo.** Missouri.
- (2) Molybdenum.
- mo.** Month; pl. *mos.*
- mob.** Mobile; as in *Mob. Bath Unit.*
- (2) Mobilization; mobilized.
- Mob. Vet. Sec.** Mobile Veterinary Section.
- mod.** or **Mod.** Modern; as in *Mod. E.* Modern English—from ca. 1450 A.D.
- (2) Moderate (sea; or in School reports).

(3) *Moderato* (in Music).
Mods. Moderations (Examination).
M.O.F.A.P. Ministry of Fuel and Power.
M. of F. See **M.F.**
M. of V. Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.
M.O.H. Medical Officer of Health.
 (2) Occ. Ministry of Health.
 (3) Master of Otter Hounds.
Moh. or **Moham.** Mohammedan; Mohammedanism.
M.O.I. Ministry of Information.
 (2) Military Operations and Intelligence.
mol. wt. Molecular weight.
Mon. Monmouthshire.
 (2) Monitor, as type of gunboat. (Naval.)
 (3) Monday.
mon. Monetary.
 (2) Monastery.
Mong. or **Mongol.** Mongolian.
Mons. is incorrect for *M.* (11).
Monsig. is less usual than *Mgr.*
Mont. Montana.
Montgom. Montgomeryshire.
M.O.O. Money Order Office.
Mor. Morocco; Moroccan.
morn. Morning.
Morph. or **Morphol.** Morphology; hence *morph.* (or *morphol.*), morphological.
M.O.S. See **M.S.** (3).
mos. See **mo.**
mot. Motorized. Thus "3 *mot. div.*" = three motorized divisions.
M.P. Military Police; as in *C.M.P.* But also Metropolitan Police, or even Municipal Police.
 (2) Military policeman.
 (3) Member of Parliament.
 (4) Minister - Plenipotentiary; preferably *M.-P.*
 (5) Meeting Point. (Military.)
 (6) *The Morning Post*.
 (7) Master of Painting. (U.S.A.)
m.p. Melting-pot.
mp. Mezzo piano (in Music). Often italicized.
M.P.C. Member of Parliament, Canada.
 (2) Military Pioneer Corps.

M.Pen. Ministry of Pensions.
m.p.g. Miles per gallon.
m.p.h. Miles per hour.
M.Ph. Master of Philosophy. (U.S.A.)
M.P.I. or **m.p.i.** Mean point of impact. (Mostly in Air Force.)
M.P.O. Metropolitan Police Office, familiarly called "Scotland Yard" from its site at New Scotland Yard.
M.P.P. Member of Provincial Parliament.
mp. rdg. (or caps.). Map Reading.
M.P.S. Member of the Pharmaceutical Society.
 (2) Member of the Philological Society.
 (3) Member of the Physical Society.
 (4) Ministry of Public Security.
M.P.S.C. Military Provost Staff Corps.
M.P.U. Message picking-up. (Air Force.)
M.R. Minister - Residentiary (diplomacy). Properly : *M.-R.*
 (2) The Middlesex Regiment.
 (3) Master of the Rolls.
 (4) Ministry of Reconstruction (in war of 1914-18).
 (5) Map reference.
 (6) Midland Railway, now part of *L.M.S.*
 (7) Municipal Reform(er).
Mr. Mister (in addresses).
M.R.A.C. Member of the Royal Agricultural College.
M.R.Ae.S. Member of the Royal Aeronautical Society.
M.R.A.F. Marshal of the Royal Air Force.
M.R.A.S. Member of the Royal Asiatic Society.
 (2) Member of the Royal Academy of Science.
M.R.C. Medical Research (Committee, later) Council.
M.R.C.C. Member of the Royal College of Chemistry.
M.R.C.O. Member of the Royal College of Organists.
M.R.C.P. Member of the Royal College of Physicians. **E.** added: Edinburgh; **I.** added: Ireland.

- M.R.C.S.** Member of the Royal College of Surgeons. **E.** added : of Edinburgh ; **I.** added : of Ireland.
- M.R.C.V.S.** Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.
- M.R.G.S.** Member of the Royal Geographical Society.
- M.R.H.** Member of the Royal Household.
- M.R.I.** Member of the Royal Institution.
- M.R.I.A.** Member of the Royal Irish Academy.
- M.R.S.** Medical Receiving Station, (Air Force.)
- Mrs.** Mistress (married woman) : in addresses.
- M.R.San.I.** Member of the Royal Sanitary Institute.
- M.R.S.L.** Member of the Royal Society of Literature.
- M.R.S.T.** Member of the Royal Society of Teachers.
- M.R.U.S.I.** Member of the Royal United Service Institution.
- M.S.** Master of (or in) Surgery.
 (2) See **m.s.**
 (3) Ministry of Supply. Also **M.O.S.** and **M/Supp.**
 (4) Mine-sweeper.
 (5) Ministry of Shipping. Also **M/Shipping.**
 (6) Rare for **M.Sc.**
 (7) Military Secretary.
- m.s.** or **ms.** ; sometimes **M.S.** or **MS.** ; pl. **m.ss.** or **mss.**, etc. Manuscript.
 (2) Only **m.s.** : Month's sight. (Banking and commerce.)
- M.S.A.** Member of the Society of Architects or Apothecaries or Arts.
 (2) Military Service Act.
 (3) In U.S.A. : Master of Scientific Agriculture ; or, of Science and Art(s).
- M.S.C.** Medical Staff Corps.
 (2) Madras Staff Corps.
 (3) Metropolitan Special Constabulary.
- M.Sc.** Master of Science.
- msc.** See **misc.**
- M.S.D.** Master of Scientific Didactics. (U.S.A.)
- M.S.F.U.** Merchant Service Fighter Unit. (Air Force.)
- M.S.H.** Master of Staghounds.
- M/Shipping.** See **M.S.** (5).
- M.S.I.** Member of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution.
 (2) Member of the Sanitary Institute.
- m.s.l.** Mean sea level ; occ. **M.S.L.**
- M.S.M.** Meritorious Service Medal. Since 1928, it has been awarded only to recipients of the Meritorious Service Annuity.
 (2) Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway.
- mss.** (etc.) or **MSS.** See **m.s.**
- M/Supp.** See **M.S.** (3).
- M.T.** Mechanical Transport. Also Motor Transport.
 (2) Military Training.
 (3) Ministry of Transport.
 (4) Masoretic Text. (Hebrew tradition.)
 (5) On trucks, vans, railway coaches : empty. (By approximate phonetics.)
- Mt.** Mount.
- mt** is short for the ending *-ment*.
 (2) Might.
- M.T. & S.** Mechanized Transport and Supply.
- M.T.B.** Motor torpedo-boat.
- M.T.C.** Mechanical Transport Corps.
- mtd.** Mounted.
- M'ter.** Rare for : Manchester.
- mtg.** Meeting.
- mtth.** Month.
- M.T.O.** Motor (or Mechanical) Transport Officer.
- M.T.R.D.** Mechanical Transport Reserve Depot.
- Mt. Rev.** Most Reverend.
- M.U.** Mobile Unit.
 (2) Maintenance Unit. (Armed Forces.)
- mus.** Music ; musical or of music.
 (2) Museum.
- Mus.B.** L. *Musicae Baccalaureus*,

- Bachelor of Music.** Also **Mus. Bac.**
- Mus.D.** Doctor of Music. Also **Mus. Doc.**
- Mus.M.** Master of Music.
- m.v.** or **mv.** or **M.v.** or **MV.** Merchant vessel. But in the Navy, **M.V.** is generally taken to denote a motor vessel.
- Muzzle velocity (of a gun).
- Only **m.v.** : *mezza voce*, in Music.
- Only **M.V.** : *L. Medicus Veterinarius*, Veterinary Surgeon. (U.S.A.)
- M.V.O.** Member of the Victorian Order (a decoration).
- M.W.** Most Worshipful ; Most Worthy.
- M.W.A.** Munitions of War Act.
- M.W.B.** Metropolitan Water Board.
- (2) Ministry of Works and Buildings.
- M.W.C.** Minister for—or Ministry of—War Communications.
- M.W.G.M.** Most Worthy—or Worshipful—Grand Master. (Masonry.)
- M.W.I.** Ministry of War Information. It began work on July 13, 1942. (U.S.A.)
- M.W.P.** Most Worthy Patriarch.
- M.W.T.C.** Ministry of War Time Communications — the amalgamation, instituted on May 1, 1941, of the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Shipping.
- M.W.W.** Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.
- Mx.** Middlesex. Also **M^dx.**
- (2) A written abbr. for the Middlesex Regiment.
- M.Y.** Motor Yacht.
- M.Y.O.B.** Mind Your Own Business.
- myst.** Mystery ; mysteries.
- Myth.** Mythology ; hence *myth.*, mythological.

N

- N.** Nationalist. (Politics.)
- (2) Navigating. Also Navigation ; e.g. *Lt (N)* is a Lieutenant specialized in navigation.
- (3) Nero. (Rare.)
- (4) Nitrogen.
- (5) Norse. (Philology.)
- (6) North, northerly, northern.
- (7) Noun.
- n.** The ending *-ion*.
- (2) Name(s) ; or *L. nomen, nomina*.
- (3) *L. natus* or *nata*, born.
- (4) Nephew.
- (5) Neuter. In Grammar, where it also=nominative and noun.
- (6) Noon.
- N.A.** Naval Auxiliary. But also Naval Architect(s).
- (2) Naval accounts. But also Nautical Almanac.
- (3) North America ; North American.
- (4) Nursing Auxiliary (part of the C.N.R.).
- (5) National Academy ; National Academician.
- n.a.** or **n/a.** No account. (Commerce and Banking.)
- Na.** Natrium. (In Chemistry.)
- N.A.A.** National Automobile Association (of U.S.A.).
- (2) National Artillery Association.
- N.A.A.F.I.** "Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes, known to the Services as 'Naafi' [pronounced *Narfy* or *Naffy*], conducts the Canteen and Institute service for His Majesty's Forces. Registered under the Companies Acts as an Association not for profit, the Corporation exists for the exclusive benefit of the serving element of H.M. Forces, who alone are entitled to deal."—(*Whitaker's Almanack* for 1941.)
- N.A.C.** Naval aircraftman.
- N.A.C.D.** National Association for Civil Defence.
- N.A.D.** Naval Air Division.
- (2) National Academy of Design. (U.S.A.)

- Nah.** *Nanum.*
N.A.L.G.O. National Association of Local Government Officers.
N.Am. North America.
N. & Q. *Notes and Queries.*
Nap. Napoleon.
N.A.S. Nursing Auxiliary Service. Often shortened to *N.A.*, q.v.
 (2) National Academy of Science. (U.S.A.)
N.A.S.C. North America Supply Council.
N.A.S.E. National Academy of Stationary Engineers. (U.S.A.)
Nat. National.
 (2) Nationalist. In British Politics it connotes Irish, Scottish, or Welsh Nationalist.
 (3) Natural.
 (4) Nathaniel.
 (5) Natal (S. Afr.).
Nat. Abstn. National Abstentionalist (in politics).
natat. Natation.
Nat. Hist. Natural History.
Nat. Ord. Natural Order.
Nat. Phil. Natural Philosophy.
Nat. Sc.D. Doctor of Natural Science. (U.S.A.)
N.Att. Naval attaché.
Naut. Nautical.
nav. Naval; occ. navigation or navigating.
Nav. Constr. Naval Constructor.
N.B. *Nota bene*, note well!
 (2) North Britain, i.e. Scotland; occ. North British. Not much used, nor liked, by the Scottish people.
 (3) In Canada, it=New Brunswick.
n.b. No ball. (In cricket.)
Nb. Niobium.
N.B.A. North British Academy.
N.B.C. Non-Combatant Corps.
 (2) National Broadcasting Corporation. (U.S.A.)
N. b E. North by East.
N.B.G. No bloody good.
N.B.L. Not bloody likely (kind of companion to N.B.G.).
N.B.R. North British Railway. Now part of the L.N.E.R.
- N.B.S.** National Broadcasting Service (of New Zealand).
N. b W. North by West.
N.C. North Carolina.
 (2) New Church.
 (3) Northern Command.
n.c. Nitro-cellulose.
N.C.C. Northern Counties Committee (a part of the L.M.S. railway system in Northern Ireland).
N.C.C.V.D. National Council for Combating Venereal Disease.
N.C.L.C. National Council of Labour Colleges.
N.C.O. Non-commissioned officer.
N.C.U. National Cyclists' Union.
N.C.W. National Council of Women.
n.d. No date (for a printed book, etc or MS.); not dated (cheques).
Nd. Neodymium.
N.D.A. National Diploma in Agriculture. (U.S.A.)
N.Dak. North Dakota.
N.D.C. National Defence Corps.
 (2) National Defence Contribution.
N.D.D. National Diploma in Dairying.
N.D.L. Norddeutscher Lloyd (steamship company).
N.D.M.B. National Defence Mediation Board. (U.S.A.)
N.E. North-East; North-Eastern or North-Easterly.
 (2) New England.
 (3) New edition.
 (4) On cheques: no effects.
Ne. Neon. (In Chemistry.)
Neb. or **Nebr.** Nebraska.
N.E. b E.; N.E. b N. North-East by East; N.E. by North.
Nebr. See **Neb.**
N.E.D. *The New English Dictionary* cf. *O.E.D.*
 (2) Naval Equipment Department.
neg. Negation; negative (n. and adj.) negatively.
Neh. Nehemiah.
N.E.I. Netherlands East Indies.
n.e.i. *L. non est inventus*, it has not been found (or discovered).
 (2) Not elsewhere indicated.
nem. con. *L. nemine contradicente*, no body contradicting or opposing

- nem. dis.** *L. nemine dissente*ntie, nobody dissenting or disagreeing.
- N.Eng.** New England.
- neol.** Neologism.
- Nep.** Neptune.
- N.E.R.** North-Eastern Railway. Now part of the L.N.E.R.
- N.E.R.A.** National Emergency Relief Administration. (U.S.A.)
- Neth.** Netherlands.
- neut.** Neuter. (In Grammar.)
- (2) Neutral.
- Nev.** Nevada.
- N.F.** Newfoundland. Also **NF.**, **Nfd.**, **Nfld.**
- (2) The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.
- (3) Norman French.
- N.F.P.W.** National Federation of Professional Workers.
- N.F.S.** National Fire Service, including all fire brigades and the A.F.S.
- N.F.U.** National Farmers' Union.
- N.G.** New Guinea.
- (2) National Guard; also National Guardsman. (U.S.A.)
- (3) Slangily: no good. (Cf. *N.B.G.*)
- Ng.** Norwegian.
- N.Gr.** New Greek.
- N.H.** New Hampshire.
- N.Heb.** New Hebrides.
- (2) New Hebrew.
- NHG** or **N.H.G.** New High German.
- N.H.I.** National Health Insurance.
- n.h.p.** Nominal horse-power.
- N.H.R.**; **N.H. Rules.** National Hunt Rules.
- N.H.R.U.** National Home Reading Union.
- N.I.** Northern Ireland.
- (2) Naval Intelligence; cf. *M.I.*
- (3) Native Infantry.
- Ni.** Nickel. (In Chemistry.)
- Nic.** Nicaragua.
- N.I.C.A.** National Industrial Conference Board. (U.S.A.)
- N.I.D.** Naval Intelligence Division or Department; cf. *N.I.* (2).
- Nig.** Nigeria; Nigerian.
- ni. pri.** or **ni. pr.** *Nisi prius.*
- N.I.R.A.** National Industrial Recovery Act (of U.S.A.).
- N.J.** New Jersey.
- N.J.A.** National Jewellers' Association.
- N.L.** or **n.l.** North Latitude. Also **N.lat.**
- (2) **N.L.**: New Latin.
- (3) Navy League.
- (4) National Liberal.
- N.Lab.** National Labour (Party).
- N.Lancs.R.** North Lancashire Regiment.
- N.lat.** See **N.L.** (2)
- N.L.B.** National Labor Board. (U.S.A.)
- N.L.C.** National Liberal Club.
- N.L.F.** National Liberal Federation.
- N.L.I.** National Lifeboat Institution.
- N.L.R.** North London Railway—now part of the L.M.S.
- N.L.R.B.** National Labor Relations Board. (U.S.A.)
- N.M.** New Mexico. Also **N.Mex.**
- n.m.** Nautical mile (or miles).
- N.M.B.** National Marine Board (in war of 1914-18.)
- N.Mex.** See **N.M.**
- N.M.U.** National Maritime Union.
- N.N.E.** North-north-east.
- N.N.W.** North-north-west.
- N.O.** Natural Order. (Botany.)
- (2) Naval Officer.
- (3) Navigation Officer. (R.A.F.)
- (4) New Orleans.
- n.o.** Not out. (Cricket.)
- No.** or **Nº.** Number; pl. *Nos.* or, better, *N^{os.}*. This abbreviation is of French "*numéro.*"
- N.O.D.** Naval Ordnance Department.
- nol. pros.** *Nolle prosequi* (in Law).
- nom.** Nominative (case). Also **nomin.**
- Non-Coll.** Non-Collegiate.
- non-com.** Non-commissioned officer.
- Noncom.** Nonconformist.
- non pros.** *L. non prosequitur*, he (or she) does not prosecute.
- non seq.** *L. non sequitur*, it does not follow.
- n.o.p.** Not otherwise provided (for).
- Nor.** Norway; Norwegian.
- (2) Norman.
- Norf.** Norfolk.
- Norm.** Norman.
- Northampton.** A written and spoken variant of *Northants* (2).

Northants. Northamptonshire.

(2) The Northamptonshire Regiment.

Northumb. Northumberland.

Northumb. F. The Northumberland Fusiliers.

Norvic. (Bishop) of Norwich.

Norw. Norwegian; occ. Norway.

N^o. See **No.**

Notts. Nottinghamshire.

Notwg. Notwithstanding.

Nov. November.

N.P. New Providence.

(2) Notary Public.

n.p. New paragraph.

(2) No place of publication mentioned.

N.P.A. Newspaper Proprietors' Association.

N.P.C. Naval Personnel Committee.

N.P.D. North Polar Distance.

n.p. or d. No place or date.

N.P.L. National Physical Laboratory.

N.R. North Riding (of Yorkshire).

Nr. or nr. Near (in addresses).

N.R.A. National Rifle Association.

(2) National Recovery Act—or Administration (of the U.S.A.).

N.R.D. Naval Recruiting Department.

N.R.F. National Relief Fund.

N.R.S. National Rose Society.

N.S. Nova Scotia.

(2) New Style (in chronology).

(3) Not sufficient. (Also **n.s.**) Applied to funds and examination marks.

(4) New School.

(5) National Society; but also Numismatic Society.

n.s. Not specified.

(2) See **N.S.** (3).

N.S.A. National Service Acts.

(2) National Skating Association.

N.S.A.F.C. National Service Armed Forces Act.

N.S.C. National Savings Committee.

N.S.E.C. National Service Entertainments Council.

N.S.I.C. L. *Noster Salvator Iesus Christus*, Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

N.S.L. National Service League.

(2) National Sunday League.

N.S.O. Naval Staff Officer.

N.S.O.P.A. National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants.

N.S.P.C.A. National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

N.S.P.C.C. National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

N.S.R. North Staffordshire Railway—now part of the L.M.S.

N.S.S. New Shakespeare Society.

N.Staffs. The North Staffordshire Regiment.

N.S. Trip. Natural Science Tripos.

N.S.W. New South Wales.

N.T. New Testament. Hence *N.T.Gk.*, New Testament Greek

(2) New Translation.

(3) Northern Territory. (Australia.)

Nthn. is rare for: Northern.

N.T.O. Naval Transport Officer.

N.T.S. Naval Transport Service. (U.S.A.)

N.U. Northern Union. (Rugbyfootball.)

n.u. Name unknown.

N.U.D.A.W. National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers.

N.U.I. National University of Ireland.

N.U.J. National Union of Journalists.

Num. Numbers—the O.T. book. Rarely *Numb.*

num. Number; numerals.

numis. Numismatics; numismatic.

N.U.R. National Union of Railwaymen.

N.U.S.E.C. National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship.

N.U.T. National Union of Teachers.

N.U.W.S.S. National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies.

N.U.W.T. National Union of Women Teachers.

N.U.W.W. National Union of Women Workers.

N.V. New Version.

N.V.B. National Volunteer Brigade—the South African equivalent of the Home Guard.

N.V.M. Nativity of the Virgin Mary.

N.W. North-West; North-Western; North-Westerly.

(2) North Wales.

N.W. b N. ; **N.W. b W.** North-West by North ; N.W. by West.
N.W.F.P. North-West Frontier Province. (India.)
N.W.M.P. North-West Mounted Police — now the *R.C.M.P.* (Canada.)
N.W.P. or **N.W.T.** North-West Provinces (or Territories).
N.W.S.A. National Women's Suffrage Association.
N.Y. New York—properly New York State.

(2) New Year('s Day).
N.Y.C. New York City.
n.y.d. ; **n.y.p.** Not yet diagnosed ; not yet published.
N.Y.H.S. New York Historical Society.
N.Y.K. Nippon Yusen Kaisha (Japanese steamship company).
N.Y.P.L. New York Public Library.
N.Y.T. *The (New York) Times.*
N.Z. New Zealand.
N.Z.D. New Zealand Division.

O

O. Officer ; officers.
 (2) Ohio.
 (3) Operations. (Armed Forces.) *Ops* is more usual and it is certainly preferable.
 (4) Overcast. (Nautical.)
 (5) Oxygen.
O.A. Ordnance Artificer. (Naval.)
o.a. On account ; on account of.
O.A.P. Old Age Pension(s).
O.A.S. On active service.
O.B. Outside broadcast.
 (2) *O.B.* or *The O.B.* The famously eccentric historian and Cambridge don, Oscar Browning.
ob. *L. obiit*, he (or she) died.
 (2) Obolus.
 (3) Oboe.
Obad. Obadiah—O.T. book.
obb. Obligato. (Music.)
obdt. Obedient (in letter-endings) ;
 occ. **obt.**
O.B.E. Officer of the British Empire.
obj. Object ; objective (case). (In Grammar.)
objn. Objection.
obl. Oblong.
 (2) Oblique (case).
Ob. Ph. or **ob. ph.** Oblique photograph(s) ; oblique photography. (Air Force.)
Obs. *The Observer.*
obs. Obsolete. Like *obsol.*, it is applied only to words or usage.
 (2) Observatory.
 (3) Observation.
obsol. Obsolescent. (Occ. *obsolesc.*)

obs.p. ; **o.s.p.** *L. obiit sine prole*, he died without issue.
obstet. Obstetrics ; obstetrical ; obstetrician.
obt. See **obdt.**
O.B.V. Ocean Boarding Vessel.
obv. obverse.
O.C. Officer Commanding.
 (2) Observer Corps ; since about April 9, 1941, it has been the *R.O.C.*
 (3) Old Carthusian.
 (4) Old Catholic.
o.c. on centres.
 (2) *L. opere citato*, in the work quoted.
o'clock.
o/c. Overcharge.
O.C. I, II, or III, Officers' Cook of the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Class. (Naval.)
occ. Occasional(ly).
occn. Occasion.
Oceanog. Oceanography.
Oct. October.
oct. Octavo.
O.C.T.U. Officer Cadets' Training Unit.
O.D. Ordinary Seaman. (Naval.)
 (2) Also **o.d.** : outside diameter.
 (3) Operations Division. (Naval.)
 (4) Ordnance Data (or Depot). (Military.)
 (5) Old Dutch.
O/D. Overdraft.
 (2) On demand.
Od. Homer's *Odyssey.*
O.Dan. Old Danish.

- O.E.** Old English (language), i.e. before 1150 or 1200; cf. *M.E.*
- (2) Omissions excepted.
- (3) Old Etonian. This sort of thing is endless: and this is merely an instructional and monitory example.
- O.E.D.** *The Oxford English Dictionary*. It has displaced *N.E.D.*
- O.E.R.** Officers' Emergency Reserve.
- O.F.** See **O.Fr.**
- (2) Odd Fellow(s). Also **O.**
- (3) Old-face. (Typography.)
- off.** Official.
- (2) Office.
- (3) Offer; offered.
- offg.** Officiating.
- offic.** Official.
- Offr.** Officer.
- O.F.M.** Order of Friars Minor.
- O.Fr.** Old French (language). Also **O.F.**
- O.Fris.** Old Frisian (language).
- O.F.S.** Orange Free State.
- O.G.** Olympic Games.
- (2) Ogee.
- O.Gael.** Old Gaelic.
- O.H.B.M.S.** On His (or Her) Britannic Majesty's Service.
- O.H.G.** Old High German (language, speech, etc.). Also **OHG.**
- O.H.M.S.** On His Majesty's Service.
- O.H.S.** Oxford Historical Society.
- O. i/c.** (e.g. *Tps*). Officer in charge of (e.g. Troops).
- O.Ir.** Old Irish.
- O.K.** "Orl k'rect" = all correct. (So understood, though etymologically this is *not* the origin.)
- Okla.** Oklahoma.
- O.L.** Ordnance Lieutenant. (Naval.)
- (2) Old Latin.
- (3) Officer of the Order of Leopold. (Belgium.)
- Ol.** Olympiad.
- (2) Or ol.: *L. oleum*, oil.
- O.L.Cr.** Ordnance Lieutenant - Commander. (Naval.)
- O.L.G.** or **OLG.** Old Low German.
- O.M.** Order of Merit.
- o.m.** Old measurement.
- O.M.E.** Ordnance Mechanical Engineer.
- O.M.I.** Oblate of Mary Immaculate.
- O.N.** Old Norse (language, speech, grammar).
- O.N.F.** Old Northern French; but gen. Old Norman French. (In Philology.)
- onomat.** Onomatopoeia; onomatopoeic.
- O.N.R.** Official Naval Reporter.
- Ont.** Ontario.
- O.O.** or **O.Offr.** or **Ord. Offr.** Orderly Officer.
- (2) **O.O.** only: Operation Order.
- (3) **O.O.** Observation Officer. (Air Force, mostly.)
- O.O.G.** Officer of the Guard. (Naval.)
- O.O.Q.** Officer of the Quarters. (Naval.)
- O.O.W.** Officer of the Watch. (Naval.)
- O.P.** Observation Post. Also **O.Pip**, the usual form in speech.
- (2) Old Playgoers' Club. But, theatrically, also: old prices.
- (3) Order of Preachers — i.e. the Dominicans.
- (4) Out of print. Also **o.p.**
- (5) See **o.p.**
- (6) Output primary. (On wireless transformer; cf. *I.P.*)
- (7) Other people's. "What tobacco do you smoke?" — "Mostly *O.P.*"
- o.p.** Opposite prompter (in a theatre). Also **O.P.**
- (2) Overproof (of spirits).
- (3) See **O.P.** (4).
- op.** *L. opus*, published work; musical composition. Also pl. (*opera*).
- (2) Opposite.
- O.P.A.** Office of Price Administration. (U.S.A.)
- O.P.C.** Office of Petroleum Co-ordination. (U.S.A.)
- op. cit.** *L. opus citatum*, the work (e.g. book) quoted. Also *opere citato*, in the . . .
- O.pip.** See **O.P.**
- O.P.M.** Office of Production Management. (In U.S.A.)
- o.p.n.** *L. ora pro nobis*, pray for us.
- opn.** Opinion.
- opp.** Opposite to; as opposed to; opposes.
- oppy.** Opportunity.

- Ops** or **ops**. Operations ; as in *night ops* and *G.* (3) *Ops*.
- opt.** or **Opt.** Optics ; (*opt.*) optical.
- (2) Optative. (In Grammar.)
- (3) *L. optimus* or *optime*, best (adj. and adv., respectively).
- O.R.** Other ranks, i.e. ranks other than officers.
- (2) Orderly Room ; hence *O.R.C.*, Orderly Room Corporal, and *O.R.S.*, Orderly Room Sergeant.
- (3) Official Receiver.
- (4) Official Referee.
- Or.** Orient ; gen. Oriental.
- (2) Oregon. Less gen. than *Ore*.
- o^r.** Other.
- orat.** Oratory ; oratorical.
- O.R.C.** See **O.R.** (2).
- (2) Order of the Red Cross.
- (3) Orange River Colony—now the Orange Free State.
- orch.** Orchestra ; orchestral.
- Ord.** Ordnance. (The denotation in, e.g., an Army distribution list.) The form *Ordn.* is obsolescent.
- ord.** Ordinary ; ordinarily.
- (2) Order.
- (3) Ordained.
- (4) Ordinance.
- (5) Ordinal.
- Ord. Offr.** See **O.O.**
- Ore.** Oregon. (Occ. **Oreg** ; rarely **Or.**)
- org.** See **organ**. Also : organ ; organization ; organized.
- organ.** Organic. Also **org.**
- (2) Organization. Also **org.**
- orig.** Origin ; original (as applied to source) ; originally (=at first).
- Ork.** Orkney Islands.
- Ornith.** Ornithology ; *ornith.*, ornithological.
- O.R.R.** (or **o.r.r.**) Owner's risk rates (e.g., for goods sent by train).
- O.R.S.** See **O.R.** (2).
- ors.** Others.
- Orse** or **orse**. Otherwise. (A legal abbr.)
- Orth.** Orthopaedy or orthopaedic ; *orth.*, orthopaedic.
- O.S.** Old Saxon.
- (2) Ordnance Survey.
- (3) Old Style (of chronology).
- (4) Order of Servites.
- (5) Ordinary seaman.
- (6) Old side.
- (7) Old School.
- (8) Old Series.
- (9) Outside Sentinel.
- (10) Outsize. (Of clothes.)
- (11) Output secondary. (On wireless transformer ; cf. *I.S.* (3).)
- o.s.** Only son.
- o/s.** Outstanding.
- (2) Out of stock.
- Os.** Osmium. (In Chemistry.)
- O.S.A.** Order of St Augustine.
- (2) Official Secrets Act.
- O.S.B.** Order of St Benedict.
- O.S.C.** ; later, **O.S.D.** Overseas Settlement Committee (later, Department) ; in war of 1914-18.
- O.S.D.** Order of St Dominic.
- (2) Ordnance Survey Department.
- O.S.F.** Order of St Francis.
- O.Sl.** ; **O.Slav.** Old Slavonic.
- O.S.N.C.** Orient Steam Navigation Company.
- o.s.p.** See **ob.s.p.**
- O.S.R.D.** Office of Scientific Research and Development. (U.S.A.)
- o.s.t.** Ordinary spring tides.
- O.Swed.** Old Swedish.
- O.T.** Old Testament.
- ot** or **o^t.** Ought.
- O.T.C.** Officers' Training Corps.
- O.T.D.** Overseas Trade Department.
- More general is *D.O.T.*
- O.Teut.** Old Teutonic (language).
- Oth.** Shakespeare's *Othello*.
- O.T.S.** Officers' Training School.
- O.T.U.** Officers' Training Unit. (Air Force.)
- O.U.** Oxford University.
- O.U.A.** Order of United Americans.
- O.U.A.C.** Oxford University Athletic Club.
- O.U.A.F.C.** Oxford University Association Football Club.
- O.U.A.M.** Order of United American Mechanics.
- O.U.B.C.** Oxford University Boat Club.
- O.U.C.C.** Oxford University Cricket Club.
- O.U.D.S.** Oxford University Dramatic Society ("The Ouds").

O.U.G.C. Oxford University Golf Club.
O.U.H.C. Oxford University Hockey Club.
O.U.L.T.C. Oxford University Lawn Tennis Club.
O.U.P. Oxford University Press.
O.U.R.F.C. Oxford University Rugby Football Club.

Ov. Ovid.
O.W. Office of Works.
Oxf. (orally **Ox.**) & **Bucks.** (The) Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.
Oxon. Of the University of Oxford Oxfordshire; (Bishop) of Oxford.
oz. Ounce(s).

P

P. Park. Elliptical for car-park.
 (2) Passed (an examination).
 (3) Pastor.
 (4) *L. pater*, father.
 (5) Pawn. (Chess.)
 (6) Phosphorus.
 (7) Port.
 (8) Presbyterian.
 (9) Pressure. (Mechanics.)
 (10) Prince; *L. princeps*.
 (11) Proconsul.
 (12) Protestant.
p. Page (of a book, etc.); pl. *pp*.
 (2) Participle.
 (3) Passing showers. (Nautical.)
 (4) Past.
 (5) Perch or pole (the measure).
 (6) *Piano*. (In Music; often italicized.)
 (7) Pint(s).
 (8) *L. primus*, first.
P.A. Provisional allowance.
 (2) Publishers' Association. But also Press Association.
 (3) Private account.
 (4) Also **P/A.**: power of attorney.
 (5) Personal Assistant.
 (6) Post Adjutant.
p.a. Per annum.
p/a or **P/A.** (Of files, etc.) Put away.
Pa. Pennsylvania.
P.A.A. Pan-American Airways.
P.A.A.D.C. Principal Air Aide - de-Camp. A Court appointment.
p.a.c. or, incorrectly, **P.A.C.** Passed the final exam., Advanced Class, Military College of Science.
 (2) **P.A.C.**: Public Assistance Committee.
 (3) **P.A.C.**: Pan-American Congress.

Pac. Pacific (Ocean).
P.A.D. Passive Air Defence.
paint. Painting. Mostly in encyclopaedias.
Pal. Palestine.
 (2, 3) Variant of *Palaeog.* and *Palaeont.*
Palaeob. Palaeobotany; *palaeob.* palaeobotanical.
Palaeog. Palaeography; *palaeog.* palaeographical.
Palaeont. Palaeontology; *palaeont.* palaeontological.
pam. Pamphlet.
Pan. Panama.
P. & O. Peninsular and Oriental Line of ships.
P. & R.T. Physical and recreational training. (Naval.)
par. See **para.**
 (2) Parenthesis.
 (3) Parish.
 (4) Parallel.
Para. Paraguay; Paraguayan.
para. Paragraph. In advertising: *par*
Parl. Parliament; hence *parl.*, parliamentary.
Parl.S. Parliamentary Secretary.
pars. is the plural of *par.*, esp. in sense (1).
part. Particular.
 (2) Participle; participial.
P.A.S.I. Professional Associate of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution.
Pass. Passage, as a geographical term.
pass. Passive (voice: in Grammar).
pat. or **Pat.** Patrol boat.
 (2) A patent.
P.A.T.A. Proprietary Articles Trade Association.

- Pata.** Patagonia ; Patagonian.
- Path.** Pathology ; hence *path.*, pathological. Also **Pathol.**, **pathol.**
- Pat. Off.** Patent Office.
- Paym.** Rare for *Paymr.*
- Paym. (or Paymr-)** Gen. Paymaster-General.
- Paymr.** Paymaster.
- paym't or payt.** Payment.
- P.B.** Picket Boat. (Naval.)
- (2) Pocket book ; as in *F.S.P.B.*
- (3) *Pharmacopoeia Britannica* : British Pharmacopoeia.
- (4) Prayer Book.
- (5) Plymouth Brethren (or Brother) ; but also Primitive Baptists.
- Pb. L.** *plumbum*, lead. (In Chemistry.)
- P.B.I.** Poor bloody infantry (as opposed to, e.g., the *R.A.S.C.*).
- P.B.M.** Principal Beach Master. (Air Force.)
- P. boat.** Patrol boat.
- P.B.T.** President of the Board of Trade.
- P.C.** Privy Council ; the Sovereign's private counsellors.
- (2) Hence Privy Councillor.
- (3) Police Constable.
- (4) Also **P.Ch.** : Principal Chaplain.
- (5) Paymaster Captain. (Naval.)
- (6) Pioneer Corps.
- (7) Parish Council.
- (8) Perpetual Curate.
- p.c.** Per cent. (itself short for *per centum*, Latin for "per hundred").
- (2) Also **p/c** : petty cash.
- (3) Also **p/c** : prices current.
- (4) Postcard.
- P.C.C.** Prerogative Court of Canterbury.
- P.C.G.N.** Permanent Committee of Geographical Names.
- P.Ch.** See **P.C.** (4).
- P.C.M.O.** Principal Colonial Medical Officer.
- P.Cr.** Paymaster Commander. (Naval.)
- P.C.R.S.** Poor Clergy Relief Society.
- P.C.S.** Principal Clerk of Session.
- P.D.** or **p.d.** Position doubtful—on a chart. (Nautical ; esp. Naval.)
- (2) Plans Division. (Naval.)
- (3) Postal District.
- (4) Potential difference. (Electricity.)
- (5) Among printers : printer's devil.
- Pd.** Palladium. (In Chemistry.)
- (2) See **Pd.B.**
- pd.** Paid.
- P.D.A.D.** Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division.
- Pd.B.** ; **Pd.D.** ; **Pd.M.** Bachelor—Doctor—Master of Pedagogy. (U.S.A.)
- P.Det.** Port Detachment. (Air Force.)
- P.D.G.** Paymaster Director-General.
- Pd.M.** See at **Pd.B.**
- P.D.Q.** Pretty damn quick.
- pdr.** Pounder (as in "25 *pdr*"—a 25-pounder gun).
- P.E.** Protestant Episcopal.
- (2) Presiding Elder.
- (3) Edinburgh Pharmacopoeia.
- ped.** Pedal. (Music.)
- (2) Pedestrian.
- P.E.F.** Palestine Exploration Fund.
- P.E.I.** Prince Edward Island.
- Pemb.** Pembrokeshire.
- P.E.N.** More general than *P.E.N. Club*.
- Pen.**, occ. **Penin.** Peninsula.
- (2) Penitentiary. Also **Penit.**
- P.E.N. Club.** Poets, Playwrights, Essayists, Editors, and Novelists.
- Penn.** See **Pa.** (Rarely *Penna.*)
- Pent.** Pentecost.
- (2) Pentateuch.
- P.E.P.** Political and Economic Planning.
- per. or pers.** Person.
- (2) Period.
- per an.** Per annum.
- per cent. or per ct. L.** *Per centum*, per hundred ; as in "3 *per cent.* on one's money." Cf. *p.c.*, *q.v.*
- perf.** Perfect ; esp. in reference to grammatical tense.
- (2) Performance.
- (3) Perforated.
- perh.** Perhaps.
- Perm.S.** See **P.S.** (3).
- per pro. ; per proc. L.** *per procuratorem*, by proxy.
- Pers.** Persian.
- (2) Persius.

- pers.** Person(s); *L. personae*. Hence personal(ly).
- persp.** Perspective.
- pert.** Pertaining.
- Peruv.** Peruvian. Also **Peru**.
- Pet.** Peter (as N.T. book).
(2) Peterhouse.
- pet.** Petroleum (or petrol). E.g. *Pet. Coy*, Petrol Company (of *R.A.S.C.*).
- Petriburg.** (Bishop) of Peterborough.
- Petrol.** Petrology; *petrol.*, petrological.
- P.F.** Procurator-Fiscal.
- p.f.** Italian *piano forte* (in Music). Soft, then loud.
- pf.** Perfect.
(2) Preferred (shares). Also **pdf**.
- P.G.** Paying Guest. A euphemism, dulcet to delicate ears.
(2) German Pharmacopoeia.
- Pg.** Portugal; Portuguese.
- P.G.A.** Professional Golfers' Association.
- P.G.D.** Past Grand Deacon. (Masonry.)
- P.G.M.** Past Grand Master. (Masonry.)
- P.H.** Purple Heart—an American decoration for men wounded in gallant service.
- Ph.** Philosophy (properly, *L. philosophiae*, of philosophy); as in *Ph.D.*
(2) See **Ph.R.**
(3) See **Ob. Ph.**
- Phar.** or **Pharm.** Pharmacy; Pharmacology. Hence *phar(m)*., pharmacist; pharmaceutical.
(2) Pharmacopoeia.
- Pharmac.** Pharmacology; hence *pharmac.*, pharmacological.
- Ph.B.** Bachelor of Philosophy.
- Ph.C.** Pharmaceutical Chemist. (U.S.A.)
- Ph.D.** Doctor of Philosophy.
- Ph.G.** Graduate in Pharmacy. (U.S.A.)
- Phil.** Philosophy or Philological; but in *D.Phil.* it is Philosophy. Also Philosophical.
(2) Philippians.
(3) Philadelphia. Also **Phila**.
(4) Philharmonic.
- Phil. Is.** Philippine Islands.
- Philem.** Philemon (in N.T.).
- Philol.** Philology; *philol.*, philological.
- philos.** Philosopher; philosophy.
- Phil. Soc.** Philological Society. (London.)
(2) Philosophical Society. (U.S.A.)
- Phil. Trans.** *The Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London*.
- Phon.** See **Phonet**.
- 'phone** or **phone.** Telephone. Hence *phone no.*, telephone number.
- Phonet.** Phonetics; *phonet.*, phonetic. (Also **Phon.**, **phon.**)
- phot.** or **photog.** Photography; photographic.
- Ph.** (or **Phot.**) **R.** Photographic Reconnaissance.
- phr.** Phrase.
- Phren.** Phrenology.
- Phys.** Physics; hence *phys.*, physicist.
(2) Also **phys.**, physician.
(3) Physiology; (*phys.*) physiological
- Phys. Sci.** Physical Science.
- Physy.** Physiology. (Also **Physiol** With small *p*: physiological.)
- P.I.** Philippine Islands.
- pil.** *L. pilula*, a pellet or pill. (Pharmacy.)
- Pind.** Pindar; occ. Pindaric.
- pinx.**; also **pnxt** and **pxt.** *L. pinxit*, it has painted (this picture).
- pizz.** Pizzicato, i.e. by plucking the strings with the finger(s). I.e.g., playing the violin.
- P.J.** Probate Judge.
(2) Presiding Judge.
- Pk.** Park.
- pk.** Peck (measure).
- pkg(s).** Package(s).
- P.L.** Position Line, in working out, sextant, an observation of sun or stars. (Naval.)
(2) Paymaster Lieutenant. (Naval)
(3) Milton's *Paradise Lost*.
(4) London Pharmacopoeia.
(5) Poet Laureate.
(6) Primrose League.
- P/L.** Profit and Loss (account).
- (2) Plain Language. (Air Force.)
- pl.** Platoon.

(2) Plural.
 (3) Also **Pl.** Place (in city addresses).
 (4) Plate (in a book, etc.); plates.
P.L.A. Port of London Authority.
Plat. An absurd abbreviation of Plato.
 More usefully: Platonic (e.g. *Dialogues*).
Plaut. Plautus.
P.L.B. Poor Law Board.
P.L.C. Poor Law Commission (or Commissioner).
Plen. Plenipotentiary.
plf or **plff** or **pltf.** Plaintiff.
P.L.G. Poor Law Guardian.
Plin. Defensible for *L. Plinius*, but absurd for its English form, *Pliny*.
P.L.M. Paris - Lyons - Mediterranean (Coast) Railway.
pl.(-)n. Place-name.
plup. Pluperfect (tense: in Grammar).
P.M. Provost Marshal.
 (2) Among civilians: Prime Minister. Also **Pr. Min.**
 (3) Paymaster. But also Postmaster.
 (4) Peculiar metre.
 (5) Post-mortem examination, as in "He had to do a *P.M.*"
 (6) Pacific Mail.
 (7) Past Master. (Masonry).
 (8) Police Magistrate.
p.m. *Post meridiem*—after noon; between noon and midnight.
pm. Premium.
P.M. & O.A. Printers' Managers and Overseers Association.
P.M.C. President of the Mess Committee.
P.M.G. Postmaster-General.
 (2) Paymaster-General.
 (3) Obsolescent for: *The Pall Mall Gazette*.
P.M.O. Principal Medical Officer.
Pmr. Paymaster. Hence *Pmr-in-C.*, Paymaster-in-Chief.
p.n. Promissory note.
P.N.E.U. Parents' National Educational Union.
pneu. Pneumatic; pneumatics.
Pnr(s). Pioneer(s).
puxt. See **pinx.**

P.O. Pilot Officer. (Air Force.)
 (2) Post Office; as in *Fd P.O.*
 (3) Postal Order; also in form **p.o.**
 (4) Petty Officer. (Naval.)
 (5) Province of Ontario.
 (6) Power-operated; e.g. *P.O.G.T.*, power-operated gun turret.
p.o. See **P.O.** (3).
P.O.B. Post Office box.
P.O.D. Post Office Department.
 (2) *The Pocket Oxford Dictionary*.
 (3) Also **p.o.d.** Pay on delivery.
poet. Poetry; but usually poetic, poetical.
Pol. Poland; Polish.
 (2) See **Pol. Econ.**
pol. Politics; political; politically; politician. Also **polit.**
Pol. Econ. Political Economy.
Poly. Polytechnic.
Polyb. Polybius.
P.O.M.E. Principal Ordnance Mechanical Engineer.
P.O.O. or **p.o.o.** Post Office order.
P.O.P. Printing-out paper. (Photography.)
pop. Population.
 (2) Popular (speech, phrase, etc.).
P.O.R. Personnel Occurrence Report. (Air Force.)
por. Portion. (Cafés, restaurants, eating-houses.)
Port. Portugal; Portuguese.
pos. Positive (in grammatical degree).
 (2) See **posn.**
P.O.S.B. Post Office Savings Bank.
posit. A variant of *pos.* in both senses.
posn.; occ. **pos.** Position.
poss. Possessive (case). Also **possess.**
 (2) Possession.
 (3) Possible.
possess. See **poss.** (1).
posthum. Posthumous; posthumously.
pot. Potential.
 (2) Potassium.
P.O. Tel. Petty Officer Telegraphist. (Naval.)
P.O.W. Prisoner(s) of war. More usually *P.W.*
P.P. Parish Priest. But also the plural of *L. pater*, esp. in the sense: Fathers of the Church.

- (2) Petrol Point.
 (3) Past President.
 (4) *L. Pater patriae*, the father of his country.
 (5) *L. Pastor Pastorum*, one of the Pope's titles : Shepherd of the Shepherds.
- p.p.** Past participle ; passive participle.
 (2) Per pro. (q.v.).
 (3) Post paid.
- pp.** See **p.**
 (2) Pianissimo. Often italicized.
- p.p.c.** Fr. *pour prendre congé*, to take leave.
- p.p.i.** Policy [as] proof of interest.
- P.P.S.** Principal Private Secretary.
 (2) Post-postscriptum (or further postscript).
- P.P.U.** Peace Pledge Union.
- P.Q.** Province of Quebec.
 (2) Previous (or preceding) question.
- P.R.** Prize Ring.
 (2) Milton's *Paradise Regained*.
 (3) Proportional representation.
 (4) Pre-Raphaelite (noun and adj.).
 (5) Public Relations. (The publicity department of certain Services and Ministries.)
 (6) *L. populus Romanus*, the Roman people.
 (7) Porto Rico.
- Pr.** Praseodymium. (Chemistry.)
 (2) Also **pr.** : preferred stock.
 (3) Prayer.
 (4) Priest.
 (5) Primitive.
 (6) Provençal.
 (7) Prince.
- pr.** Pressure ; as in *atm. pr.*
 (2) Pounder, as in "25 pounder" (gun).
 (3) Pair ; pl. *prs.*
 (4) Pronoun.
 (5) Present (tense).
 (6) Price.
 (7) Proper.
 (8) Printer ; printed.
- P.R.A.** President of the Royal Academy.
 (2) Paymaster Rear-Admiral.
 (3) President's Re-employment Agreement. (U.S.A.)
- P.R.B.** Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.
- P.R.C.** *L. post Romam conditam*, after the founding of Rome.
- P.R.C.A.** President of the Royal Cambrian Academy.
- Preb.** Prebendary.
preb. Prebend.
prec. Preceding.
 (2) Precentor.
- pred.** Predicative(ly). (In Grammar.)
- pref.** Prefix (of a word) : occ. prefixed.
 (2) Preface (n.).
 (3) Preferred (stock) ; preference (shares).
 (4) Preferably.
- prehist.** Prehistory ; prehistorical.
- prelim.** Preliminary ; *prelims*, preliminaries ; preliminary matter.
- prem.** Premium.
- prep.** Preposition.
 (2) Preparation ; preparatory.
- Pres.** President.
 (2) Presidency ; as in "Madras *Pres.*"
 (3) Presbyter ; Presbyterian. Also **Presb.**
- pres.** Present ; e.g. *pres. p.*, present participle.
 (2) Presumptive ; especially in "heir *pres.*"
- Presb.** See **Pres.** (3).
- pres. part.** Present participle.
- pret.** Preterite.
- prev.** Previous ; previously.
- P.R.H.** Petrol Railhead.
- P.R.I.** President of a (or the) Regimental Institute.
 (2) President of the Royal Institute. (i.e. of Painters in Water-Colours.)
- Pri.** is obsolete for *Pte.*
- Prim. or prim.** Primitive.
 (2) Primary.
 (3) Primate.
- prin.** Principal(ly) ; principle(s).
- priv.** Privative. (Philology.)
 (2) Private (adj.).
- P.R.H.A.** President of the Royal Hibernian Academy.
- prm.** Premium.
- Pr. Min.** See **P.M.** (2).
- P.R.O.** Public Records Office.
 (2) Public Relations Officer.

Pro. Provost; as in *Pro. Coy*, Provost Company, and *Pro. Sqn*, Provost Squadron.

pro. Professional — a professional cricketer, footballer, golfer, etc.

Prob. Probate (Division). (Legal.)

Prob. Probable; sometimes probably or even probability.

(2) Problem.

Proc. or **proc.** Proctor.

(2) Proceedings.

Procop. Procopius.

prof. Professor. Rarely, profession.

Prol. Prologue.

Prom. Promontory.

(2) Colloquially: promenade concert.

pron. Pronoun; occ. pronominal.

(2) Pronounce or pronounced; pronunciation.

Prop. Propertius.

(2) See (3) of:—

prop. Proper; properly.

(2) Proposition.

(3) Property.—Proprietor (also **propr.**); proprietary (also **propy**). Both may be *P*—.

propr. Proprietor; proprietary.

props. Colloquial for (theatrical) properties.

pros. Prosody; prosodical.

Prot. Protestant.

pro tem. *L. pro tempore*, for the time being.

Prov. Provençal (n. and adj.); rarely, Provence.

(2) Proverbs (in O.T.).

(3) Province or provincial.

(4) Provost.

prov. Proverb; proverbial; proverbially.

(2) Province or provincial.

Provenç. is an inept variant of *Prov.* (1).

Prov.G.M. Provincial Grand Master. (Masonry.)

prox. Next month. (*L. proximo*.)

prox. acc. *L. proxime accessit*, a very close second (in exam.).

P.R.P. Petrol Refilling Point.

P.R.S. President of the Royal Society (London); *E* added=of Edinburgh.

Prs. Printers.

P.R.S.A. President of the Royal Scottish Academy.

P.R.S.E. See **P.R.S.**

Pruss. Prussia; more often Prussian. Also **Prus**.

P.S. *L. postscriptum*, written afterwards; a postscript.

(2) Private Secretary.

(3) Permanent Secretary. Also

Perm.S.

(4) See **p.s.**

(5) Privy Seal.

(6) Police Sergeant.

p.s. Prompt side (of a theatre). Also **P.S.**

(2) Passed School (of Instruction). (Military).

Ps. Psalm(s). Occ. **Psa**.

ps. Pesetas.

(2) Pieces.

P.S.A. or **p.s.a.** Passed the Royal Air Force Staff College examination and scrutiny; cf. *P.S.C.*

(2) Pleasant Sunday Afternoon(s).

Psa. See **Ps**.

P.S.C.; properly, **p.s.c.** Passed (the examination and scrutiny of the) Staff College, whether the Military Staff College or the Naval one.

P.S.D. Pay Supply Depot.

pseud. or **pseudon.** Pseudonym; pseudonymous or pseudonymously.

P.S.I. President of the Service Institute. (Air Force.)

P.S.L. Paymaster Sub - Lieutenant. (Naval.)

P.S.N.C. Pacific Steam Navigation Company.

P.S.S. Printing and Stationery Service.

P.S.T. Pacific Summer Time. (U.S.A.)

P.S.T.O. Principal Sea Transport Officer.

Psych. or **Psychol.** Psychology; hence *psych.* (or *psychol.*), psychological or psychologically.

psych. See **Psych**.

(2) Psychic; psychical.

p.t. or **P.T.** Physical Training.

(2) Pupil teacher.
 (3) Post town.
Pt. Platinum.
 (2) Port (seaport).
 (3) A variant of *pt.* (2).
pt. Point (e.g. of departure).
 (2) Part.
 (3) Pint or pints.
 (4) Payment.
Pte. Private (soldier).
ptg. Printing.
P.T.I. Physical Training Instructor.
P.T.O. Public Trustee Office.
 (2) See :—
p.t.o. Please turn over (the page).
 Also **P.T.O.**
pty. Party ; as in *C. & M. Pty.*
P.U. See **M.P.U.**
pub. Public ; occ. publican.
 (2) Colloquial for public-house.
 (3) Publisher ; publication.
 (4) Published ; occ. (to) publish.
Pub. Doc. Public Documents.
pubn ; occ. **publn.** Publication.
P.U.C. Pick-up car.
 (2) Papers under consideration.
 (3) *L. post urbem conditam*, after the founding of Rome.

pud. Pudding. (Cafés, restaurants, eating-houses.)
p.u.m.s. ; **p.u.n.s.** Permanently unfit for military—or naval—service.
P.U.O. Pyrexia of Unknown Origin ; commonly called Trench Fever.
pur. Purchase.
P.U.S. Parliamentary Under-Secretary.
 (2) Pharmacopoeia of the United States.
P.V. or **p.v.** Paravane (an anti-moored-mine device). (Naval.)
 (2) Patrol vessel.
 (3) Priest Vicar.
P.V.O. Principal Veterinary Officer.
P.W. Prisoner(s) of war.
P.W.A. Public Works Administration. (U.S.A.)
P.W.C. Pacific War Council. (Instituted early in 1942, it sits at Washington.)
P.W.D. Public Works Department.
P.W.R. Police War Reserve.
pwt. Pennyweight. (But usually *dwt.*)
P.W.V. The Prince of Wales's Volunteers.
P.X. Please exchange.
pxt. See **pinx.**

Q

Q. Coulomb. (Electricity.)
 (2) In the "*Q*" side or the "*Q*" branch or "*Q*" Dept it= Quartermaster's ; by itself, the Quartermaster's Department.
 (3) Queen.
 (4) Query or queries ; or question.
 (5) Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch.
 (6) Quintus.
q. Query.
 (2) Quintal.
 (3) Quire(s).
 (4) Squalls. (Nautical.)
Q.A.B. Queen Anne's Bounty.
Q.A.I.M.N.S. Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.
Q.A.L.A.S. Qualified Associate of the Land Agents' Society.
Q.B. Queen's Bench (in Law Courts).
 (2) Queen's Bays (the 2nd Dragoon Guards).

Q.B.D. Queen's Bench Division.
Q boat ; **Q ship.** A warship disguised as a merchant vessel or tramp steamer to decoy enemy submarines in the war of 1914-18.
Q.C. Queen's Counsel (only in a Queen's reign).
 (2) Queen's College ; Queens' College.
Q.D. or **q.d.** Quarterdeck. (Mostly Naval.)
 (2) Only **q.d.** : *L. quasi dictum*, as if said ; as though it had been said. Also *quasi dicat*, as if (or, as though) one should say.
Q.E. The *Queen Elizabeth* (ocean liner). (Nautical.)
q.e. *L. quod est*, which is.
Q.E.D. or **q.e.d.** *L. quod erat demonstrandum*, which was (the thing) to be proved.

- Queen's.** The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey).
- Q.E.F.** L. *quod erat faciendum*, which was to be made (or done). Also **q.e.f.**
- Q.E.I.** or **q.e.i.** L. *quod erat inveniendum*, which was to be found.
- Q.H.C.** ; **Q.H.P.** ; **Q.H.S.** Queen's Honorary Chaplain — Physician—Surgeon.
- Q.F.** Quick-firing ; quick-firer (gun).
- q.l.** L. *quantum libet*, as much as is desired. (In medical prescriptions.)
- Q'd.** Queensland. Also **Qld.** and the inept **Queensl.**
- Q.M.** Quartermaster.
 (2) **Q.M.** ; in full **Q.M.M.** Quartermaster, Maintenance (at a Command H.Q.).
 (3) Queen's Messenger(s). Also **Q.Mess.**
- qm.** L. *quomodo*, by what means ?
- Q.M.A.A.C.** Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps—the W.A.A.C.
- Qmr.** Quartermaster. (The military form is **Q.M.**)
- Q.M.S.** Quartermaster-Sergeant.
- qn.** Question.
- Q.O.** ; in full **Q.M.O.** Quartermaster, Operations (at a Command H.Q.).
 (2) Qualified in Ordnance ; applied to an Able Seaman. (Naval.)
- Q.O.C.H.** The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.
- q.p.** L. *quantum placet*, as much as is desired ; cf. **q.l.** (q.v.).
- Q.Q.** The Quartermaster proper at a Command H.Q.
- qq.v.** See **q.v.**
- Q.R.** *The Quarterly Review.*
- qr.** Quarter (28 lb. in weight) ; quarters.
 (2) Quire ; quires.
- Q.R.^{1, 2, 3}** Quarters Rating of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Class. A Naval abbr. applied to men actually handling the guns.
- Q.S.** Quarter Sessions.
- q.s.** L. *quantum sufficit*, as much as suffices. In medical prescriptions ; hence more generally. Also **quant. suff.**
- q.t., on the.** On the quiet. (Slang.)
- qt.** Quantity or quart(s).
- qto.** Quarto.
- qu.** L. *quasi*, as if it were ; almost.
 (2) Query (or L. *quaere*) ; question.
- quad.** Quadrangle ; quadrant ; quadruple.
- quant. suff.** See **q.s.**
- quart.** Quarterly.
- Q.U.B.** Queen's University, Belfast.
- Que.** Quebec.
- Queensl.** See **Q'd.**
- ques.** Question.
- quor.** Quorum.
- quot.** Quotation ; quoted.
- q.v.** Which see (Latin *quod vide* or *quod videate*) ; e.g. "In an A.C.I. (q.v.)." Plural : **qq.v.**
 (2) L. *quantum vis*, as much as you wish.
- Q.V.R.** Queen Victoria's Rifles.
- Qy.** or **qy.** L. *quaere*, query !

R

- R.** Rabbi.
 (2) Radical. (In Politics.)
 (3) Radius.
 (4) Réaumur, as in "9° *R.*"
 (5) Republican (in Politics) ; also L. *respublica*.
 (6) Retard ! : on clock-regulators.
 (7) L. *rex*, king ; also *regina*, queen.
 (8) Right.
 (9) River.
 (10) Robert.
- (11) Roman ; L. *Romanus*.
 (12) Rook. (In Chess.)
 (13) In Electricity : ohm, the unit of resistance.
- r.** Rain. (Nautical.)
 (2) Rare.
 (3) Recipe.
 (4) Resides (at) ; residence.
 (5) Right ; cf. *R.* (8).
 (6) Of sun or moon : rises.
 (7) Rod ; rood. (Measures.)

(8) Alternative of *R.* (3).
 (9) Run(s), at Cricket.
 (10) Rupee.
 (11) Short for ending *-ever*.
R.A. Royal Artillery.
 (2) (Member of the) Royal Academy;
 Royal Academician.
 (3) Rear-Admiral.
 (4) Right Arch. (Masonry.)
 (5) Right ascension. (Astronomy.)
 (6) Referees' Association.
 (7) Road Association.
Ra. Radium.
R.A.A. Royal Academy of Arts.
R.A.(A.) Rear-Admiral of Aircraft
 Carriers.
R.A.A.F. Royal Australian Air Force.
Rabb. Rabbinical.
R.A.C. Royal Armoured Corps;
 armoured fighting vehicles and
 tanks.
 (2) Royal Automobile Club.
 (3) Royal Agricultural College.
 (4) Royal Arch Chapter. (Masonry.)
R.A.Ch.D. Royal Army Chaplains'
 Department.
R.A.(D.) Rear-Admiral of Destroyers.
Rad. Radical. (In Politics.)
rad. Radical or root. (In Philology.)
 (2) Radix. "Ten is the radix of
 common logarithms."
R.A.D.A. Royal Academy of Dramatic
 Art.
R.A.Dks. Royal Albert Docks.
R.Adm. Rear-Admiral.
R.A.E. Royal Air Force Establishment.
R.Ae.S. Royal Aeronautical Society.
R.A.F. Royal Air Force.
 (2) Royal Aircraft Factory—the only
 sense *R.A.F.* had during the
 war of 1914-18.
R.A.F.E.S. Royal Air Force Educa-
 tional Service.
R.A.F.O. Reserve of Air Force Officers.
R.A.F.R. Royal Air Force Regiment
 (for the defence of aerodromes
 in Great Britain; instituted in
 January 1942).
R.A.F.S.C. Royal Air Force Staff Col-
 lege.
R.A.F.V.R. Royal Air Force Volunteer
 Reserve.

R.A.G.C. Royal and Ancient Golf Club.
 (St Andrews.)
rall. Rallentando. (In Music.)
R.A.M. Royal Academy of Music.
R.A.M.C. Royal Army Medical Corps.
R.A.N. Royal Australian Navy.
R. & I. See **R. et I.**
R. & J. Shakespeare's *Romeo and*
 Juliet.
R.A.O.B. Royal Antediluvian Order of
 Buffaloes.
R.A.O.C. Royal Army Ordnance
 Corps.
R.A.P. Regimental Aid Post.
R.A.P.C. Royal Army Pay Corps.
R.A.R. Royal Army Reserve.
R.A.S. Royal Astronomical Society.
 (2) Royal Agricultural Society.
 (3) Royal Asiatic Society.
R.A.S.C. Royal Army Service Corps.
R.A.V.C. Royal Army Veterinary
 Corps.
R.B. Rifle Brigade.
Rb. Rubidium. (In Chemistry.)
R.B.A. Royal Society of British Artists.
R. Berks; orally the **Berkshires** (or
Berks). The Royal Berkshire
 Regiment.
"R" boat. A fast German motor mine-
 sweeper. (The *R* = German
raumen, to clear, to sweep.)
R.B.S. Royal Society of British Sculp-
 tors.
R.C. Roman Catholic.
 (2) Reconstruction Committee (in
 war of 1914-18).
 (3) Research Committee.
 (4) Red Cross.
 (5) Regional Commissioner. But
 also Regional Committee.
 (6) Recruiting Centre; Recruits'
 Centre.
 (7) A variant of :—
r.c. Right centre. (Theatrical.)
R.C.A. Railway Clerks' Association.
 (2) Royal College of Art.
 (3) Royal Cambrian Academy (or
 Academician).
 (4) Royal Canadian Academy (or
 Academician).
R.C.A.F. Royal Canadian Air Force.
R.C.B. Rubber Control Board.

- R.C.C. or R.C.Ch.** Roman Catholic Church.
- R.C.I.** Royal Colonial Institute—now the Royal Empire Society.
- R.C.M.** Regimental Corporal-Major. In the Household Cavalry.
(2) Royal College of Music.
- R.C.M.P.** Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- R.C.N.** Royal Canadian Navy.
(2) Royal College of Nursing.
- R.C.O.** Royal College of Organists.
- R.C.P.** Royal College of Physicians.
- rcpt.** Receipt.
- R.C.S.** Royal College of Surgeons.
(2) Royal College of Science.
(3) Royal Corps of Signals.
- R.C.V.S.** Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.
- R.D.** Royal Naval Reserve Decoration.
(2) Also **R/D.** : Refer (the cheque) to drawer.
(3) Rural Dean.
(4) Reserve Depot.
(5) Royal Dragoons.
(6) Research Department.
- Rd.** Road.
- R.D.C.** Rural District Council.
(2) Royal Defence Corps.
- R.D.F.** Royal Dublin Fusiliers.
- R.D.I.** Designed for Industry of Royal Society of Arts.
- R.D.Q.** Regimental detention quarter—a sick-bay or regimental hospital (in a mild way).
- R.D.S.** Royal Dublin Society.
(2) Royal Drawing Society.
- R.D.Y.** Royal Dockyard.
- R.E.** Royal Engineers.
(2) Royal Exchange.
(3) Right Excellent.
(4) Reformed Episcopal.
(5) Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers.
- Rear-Adm.** Rear-Admiral.
- R.E.C.** Railway Executive Committee.
- Rec.** Recovery ; e.g. "No. 1 *Rec. Sec.*," No. 1 Recovery Section.
(2) Record(s) ; Recorder ; (gen. *rec.*) recorded.
- rec.** See **Rec.** (2).
- (2) Recipe.
- (3) A variant of *recd.*
- Recce.** Reconnaissance ; as in *Recce Corps*. Also (to) reconnoitre.
- recd.** Received—esp. applied to communications (letters, memos).
- recit.** Recitative. (Music.)
(2) Recitation.
- Rec. Sec.** Recording Secretary.
(2) Recovery Section. (An R.A.O.C. abbreviation.)
- rect.** Rectangle.
(2) Receipt. Also **rec't**, and occ. **rec.**
- red.** Reduced.
(2) Reducer. (Photography.)
- redup.** or **redupl.** Reduplication ; reduplicated ; reduplicative. (In Philology.)
- Ref.** (The) Reformation.
- ref.** (In) reference (to) ; the reference being—"Ref. your letter of 31.3.41, I have to report . . ."
(2) Referred.
(3) Reform or reformed or reformer.
(4) Referee.
- refash.** Refashioned.
- Ref. Ch.** Reformed Church.
- refd.** Referred.
- Refico.** Reconstruction Finance Corporation. (U.S.A.)
- refl.** or **reflex.** Reflexive. (In Grammar.)
- Reg.** L. *regina*, queen.
(2) Regent.
(3) See **reg.** (5).
(4) See **Regs.**
(5) Registrar.
(6) See **Reg. Prof.**
(7) Reginald.
- reg.** Region ; regional.
(2) Regular(ly).
(3) Regulation.
(4) Register or registry or — also **regd**—registered.
(5) Rare for *regt.*
- regd.** See **reg.** (4).
- Reg.-Gen.** Registrar-General.
- Reg. Prof.** Regius Professor.
- Regs.** Regulations ; as in "See *King's Regs.* section so-and-so."
- Regt.** Regiment.
(2) Regent.
- rel.** Relative (adj.) ; related (in Philology).

(2) A variant of :—
relig. Religion ; religious(ly).
Reliq. L. *reliquiae*, remains.
rel. pron. Relative pronoun.
R.E.M.E. The Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Instituted on June 1, 1942.
Ren. (The) Renaissance.
Rep. Republic ; Republican (noun and adjective). (In Politics.)
 (2) Representative.
rep. Report (n. and v.) ; as in *sit. rep.*, q.v.
 (2) Reporter.
 (3) Representing.
repr. Represent or represents ; representing or represented.
 (2) Reprinted.
Repub. A variant of *Rep.* (1).
R.E.S. River Emergency Service.
 (2) Royal Empire Society.
Res. Reserve of Officers ; troops in reserve (**res.**).
res. See **Res.**
 (2) Residence ; residential, resident.
 (3) Resigned.
resp. Respective ; usu., respectively.
 (2) Respondent.
ret. Retired.
retd. Returned.
 (2) A variant of *ret.*
R. et I. ; occ. **R. & I.** L. *Rex et Imperator*, King and Emperor ; also *Regina et Imperatrix*, Empress and Queen.
retnr. Retainer. (A retaining fee—esp. in law.)
rev. or Rev. Revised (text or edition) ; occ. revision.
 (2) Revolution, as in “the Fr. *Rev.* of 1789.” Also as in Mechanics.
 (3) Revelation (of St John).
 (4) Reverend ; occ. **Revd.**
 (5) Review. Also *revue*.
 (6) Revenue.
 (7) Reverse ; reversed.
Revd. See **rev.** (4).
revnry. Revolutionary.
Rev. Stat. Revised Statutes. Also **R.S.**
Rev. Ver. Revised Version (more gen. *R.V.*).

R.F. Royal Fusiliers.
 (2) Range-finder.
 (3) Representative fraction.
 (4) *République française*, the French Republic.
R.F.A. Royal Field Artillery.
R.F.C. Royal Flying Corps. The precursor of the R.A.F.
 (2) Rugby Football Club. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the Rugby Union game is understood.
 (3) Reconstruction Finance Corporation. (U.S.A.)
R.F.D. Rural Free Delivery (of letters). (In U.S.A.)
Rfn. Rifleman.
R.Fus. A variant of *R.F.* (1).
R.G.A. Royal Garrison Artillery.
R.G.B. River gunboat.
R.G.G. Royal Grenadier Guards.
R. Gps. Reconnaissance Groups (of officers). (Military.)
R.G.S. Royal Geographical Society.
Rgt. Regiment.
R.H. Royal Highness.
 (2) Royal Highlanders.
r.h. (On the) right hand (side).
Rh. Rhodium. (In Chemistry.)
R.H.A. Royal Horse Artillery.
 (2) Royal Hibernian Academy (or Academician).
Rhet. Rhetoric ; hence *rhet.*, rhetorical.
R.Hist.S. Royal Historical Society.
R.H.G. Royal Horse Guards.
R.H.M.S. Royal Hibernian Military School.
R.H.O. Regional Hospital Officer.
Rho. or Rhod. Rhodesia ; Rhodesian.
R.H.Q. Regimental Headquarters.
R.H.S. Royal Humane Society.
 (2) Royal Historical Society.
 (3) Royal Horticultural Society.
R.I. Regimental Institute.
 (2) Rhode Island. (U.S.A.)
 (3) Royal Institution.
 (4) Royal Institute of Painters in Water-Colour.
R.I.A. Royal Irish Academy.
R.I.A.M. Royal Irish Academy of Music.

- R.I.B.A.** Royal Institute of British Architects.
- R.I.C.** Royal Irish Constabulary.
- Rich.** or **Rich'd.** Richard.
- R.I.F.** Royal Irish Fusiliers.
- R.I.I.A.** Royal Institute of International Affairs.
- R.I.M.** Royal Indian Marine.
- R.I.N.** Royal Indian Navy.
- R.I.P.** *L. requiescat in pace*, may he (or she) rest in peace.
- R.Ir.R.** Royal Irish Rifles.
- rit.** ; **ritard.** *It. ritardando*, gradually slower. (Music.)
- Riv.** ; but gen. **R.** River.
- R.L.** Rugby League (football), as opposed to Rugby Union.
- R/L** or **r/l.** Radiolocation.
- R.L.F.C.** Rugby League Football Club.
- R.L.O.** Railway Liaison Officer.
(2) Returned Letter Office.
- R.L.S.** Robert Louis Stevenson.
- rly.** Railway.
- R.M.** Royal Marine(s).
• (2) Resident Magistrate.
(3) Royal Mail.
(4) Reichsmark.
- rm.** Ream.
- R.M.A.** Royal Military Academy for cadets of Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery ; frequently referred to as *Woolwich*.
(2) Royal Marine Artillery.
(3) Royal Military Asylum.
- R.M.C.** Royal Military College for Army cadets ; often referred to as *Sandhurst*.
- R.Met.S.** Royal Meteorological Society.
- R.M.F.** Royal Munster Fusiliers.
- R.M.L.I.** Royal Marine Light Infantry.
- R.M.O.** Royal Marine Office.
- r months** ; also **R months**. Good months for oysters. (Those months which have an *r* in their names—i.e. all months except May–August.) A superstition fostered by oyster-dealers, to prevent oyster-beds from becoming exhausted.
- R.M.P.** Royal Marine Police (in dock-yards).
(2) Regimental Medical Post.
- R.M.S.** Royal Mail Steamer (or Service).
(2) Royal Microscopical Society.
(3) Royal Society of Miniature Painters.
- R.M.S.M.** Royal Military School of Music.
- R.M.S.P.** Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.
- R.N.** Royal Navy.
- R.N.A.F.** Royal Naval Air Force. (Obsolete.)
- R.N.A.S.** Royal Naval Air Service. Precursor of the Fleet Air Arm.
- R.N.A.V.** Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers.
- R.N.C.** Royal Naval College for future officers ; often spoken of as *Dartmouth*.
- R.N.D.** Royal Naval Division.
- R.N.E.I.A.F.** ; **R.N.E.I.N.** Royal Netherlands East Indies Air Force ; —Navy.
- R.N.L.I.** Royal National Lifeboat Institution.
- R.N.R.** Royal Naval Reserve.
- R.N.S.C.** Royal Naval Staff College.
- R.N.V.R.** Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve.
- R.N.Z.N.** Royal New Zealand Navy. (Announcement of the “Royal,” 10 Sept. 1941.)
- R.O.** Routine Order(s).
(2) Royal Observatory.
(3) Receiving Office (or Officer). But also Receiving Order.
(4) Relieving Officer.
(5) Returning Officer.
(6) Recruiting Officer.
- Ro.** or **ro.** Recto ; i.e. on the right-hand page as you look at a book.
- (2) **ro.** Road.
- Robt.** Robert.
- R.O.C.** Royal Observer Corps ; cf. *O.C.*, q.v. A civilian body that scans the skies. Modest and selfless.
- Roffen.** (Bishop) of Rochester.
- R. of F.** Reserve of Officers.
- R.O.I.** Royal Institute of Oil Painters.
- Rom.** Romance (language). (In Philology.)
(2) Roman.
(3) Romans (N.T. book),

rom. Roman type. (In printing.)
Rom. Cath. Roman Catholic.
R.O.O. Railhead Ordnance Officer.
Roy. Royal.
Royals. Royal Dragoons.
R.P. Reformed Presbyterian.
 (2) *Regius Professor.*
 (3) Refilling Point.
 (4) Rules of procedure.
 (5) Reserve party. (In Home Defence.)
 (6) Reply paid. (Telegrams.)
 (7) Reprint.
 (8) Royal Society of Portrait Painters.
R.P.D. Regius Professor of Divinity.
 (2) *L. Rerum Politicarum Doctor*, Doctor of Political Science.
R.P.E. Reformed Protestant Episcopal.
r.p.g.p.m. Rounds per gun per minute.
RP/H ; RP/L. Repairs, heavy ; repairs, light.
r.p.m. Revolutions per minute (cf. *r.p.s.*).
R.P.O. Regulating Petty Officer. Obsolete Naval term for the P.O. i/c ship's police.
R.P.S. Royal Photographic Society.
r.p.s. Revolutions per second.
rpt. Repeat ; as in *rpt to*.
 (2) Report.
rptd. Repeated.
 (2) Reported.
R.Q.M.C. Regimental Quartermaster-Corporal. (In the Household Cavalry.)
R.Q.M.S. Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant.
R.R. or **r.r.** Railroad. (American.)
 (2) **R.R.** : Right Reverend.
Rr. Rear ; as in *Rr. Adm.*, Rear Admiral.
R.R.C. (Lady of) Royal Red Cross.
R.S. Royal Scots.
 (2) Recording Secretary.
 (3) Revised Statutes.
 (4) Royal Society.
r.s. Right side.
Rs. Rupees ; often written *rs.*
R.S.A. Royal Scottish Academy (or Academician).
 (2) Royal Society of Antiquaries.

R.S. Arts. Royal Society of Arts.
R.S.A.A.F. Royal South African Air Force.
R.S.A.F. Royal Small Arms Factories.
R.S.A.I. Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland.
R.S.C. Rules of the Supreme Court.
R. Scots. The Royal Scots (regiment).
R.S.D. Rescue Service and Demolition.
 (2) Royal Society of Dublin.
R.S.E. Royal Society of Edinburgh.
R.S.F. (The) Royal Scots Fusiliers (occ. **R.S.Fus.**).
R.S.F.S.R. Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic. (The largest of the six Soviet republics.)
R. Signals or **R.Sigs.** Royal Corps of Signals.
R.S.L. Royal Society, London. (Gen. *R.S.*)
 (2) Royal Society of Literature.
 (3) Royal Society of Medicine.
R.S.M. Regimental Sergeant-Major.
 (2) Royal School of Mines.
R.S.M.S. Rendering - safe - of - mines squad(s). (Naval.)
R.S.N.A. Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries.
R.S.O. Railway Sub-Office.
 (2) Railway Sorting Office.
R.S.P.C.A. Royal (now, National) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
R.S.S. *L. Regiae Societatis Sodalis*, Fellow of the Royal Society.
R.S.U. Recovery and Salvage Unit. (Air Force.)
R.Sup.O. Railhead Supply Officer.
R.Sussex. The Royal Sussex Regiment. Also **R.Suss.**
R.S.V.D.C. Returned Soldiers Volunteer Defence Corps. (Australia.)
R.S.V.P. *Fr. répondez, s'il vous plaît* (reply, please).
R.S.W.S. Royal Scottish Water-Colour Society.
R.T. or **R/T.** Radio telephone ; as in *R.T. Signal Procedure*.
 (2) Radio-telephony.
 (3) Only *R.T.* : received text.
R. Tank Corps. Royal Tank Corps. Also **R.T.C.** and **R. Tanks.**

- Rt. Hon.** Right Honourable.
R.T.O. Railway Transport Officer.
R.T.R. Royal Tank Regiment.
Rt. Rev. Right Reverend.
R.T.S. Religious Tract Society.
 (2) Royal Toxophilite Society.
R.T.Y.C. Royal Thames Yacht Club.
R.U. Rugby Union.
 (2) Ready use (as applied to, e.g., ammunition). (Naval.)
Ru. Ruthenium.
R.U.E. Right upper entrance. (Theatrical.)
R.U.F.C. Rugby Union Football Club.
R.U.I. Royal University of Ireland.
Rum. Rumania ; Rumanian.
R.U.Rif. Royal Ulster Rifles. Also **R.U.R.**
R.U.S.I. Royal United Service Institution.
R.U.S.Mus. Royal United Service Museum.
Russ. Russian.
Ruth. Ruthenia ; Ruthenian.
r.v. or **R.V.** (Place of) rendezvous. (Common to all three Services.)
 (2) *R.V.* only : Revised Version (of the Bible).
 (3) Rifle Volunteers.
R.V.C. The Royal Victorian Chain. Instituted in 1902, it is but rarely bestowed.
 (2) Rifle Volunteer Corps.
R.V.C.I. Royal Veterinary College of Ireland.
R.W. Royal Warrant (for pay and promotion).
 (2) Also **Rw.** : Railway.
 (3) Right Worthy ; Right Worshipful.
R.W.A. Royal West of England Academy.
R.War.Regt. Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
R.W.D.G.M. Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master. (Masonry.)
R.W.F. Royal Welch Fusiliers.
R.W.G.M. Right Worshipful Grand Master. (Masonry.)
R.W.G.S. Right Worthy Grand Secretary. (Masonry.)
R.W.G.T. ; R.W.G.W. Right Worthy Grand (1) Templar ; (2) Warden.
R.W.K. Royal West Kents. In full, The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.
R.W.S. Royal Society of Painters in Watercolours.
 (2) Royal West Surrey (Regiment).
R.W.S.G.W. Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.
Rx. Tens of rupees.
Ry or **ry.** Railway.
R.Y.S. Royal Yacht Squadron.
Ry Tel. Railway Telegraph.

S

- S.** Saint. Also **St** (male) and **Ste** (female). The pl. is **SS**.
 (2) Saturday ; more gen. *Sat*.
 (3) Saxon.
 (4) Scalar. (Mathematics.)
 (5) Scottish, Scotch.
 (6) Secretary.
 (7) *L. sepultus*, buried.
 (8) Servius or Sextus, in Roman nomenclature.
 (9) Shelter (against bombs).
 (10) Signor.
 (11) (Also **s.**) singular.
 (12) Socialist.
 (13) *L. socius* or *sodalis*, fellow.
 (14) Solo ; soprano. (Music.)
 (15) Son(s).
 (16) South, southerly, southern.
 (17) Statute(s).
 (18) Submarine. (Naval.)
 (19) (Also **s.**) succeeded (to heritage).
 (20) Sulphur.
 (21) Sun.
 (22) Sunday ; often *Sun*.
s. See **S.** (11) and (19).
 (2) Second or seconds (of time).
 (3) Shilling(s).
 (4) Snow. (Nautical ; but in meteorology it = stratus cloud.)
 (5) Suit. (Legal.)
\$ or **\$. Dollar(s).**

- S.A.** Small arms, i.e. all fire-arms other than cannon.
- (2) Salvation Army. Their rest-and-refreshment huts are easily distinguishable, for their sign is a red shield.
- (3) South Africa; not South Australia, which is *S.Aus.* Hence South African.
- (4) Supply Assistant. (Naval.)
- (5) South America; South American. (American.)
- (6) *Sturm-Abteilung*; lit. Storm Division. The Nazi Party army.
- (7) Sex-appeal. (Slang.)
- s.a.** *L. secundum artem*, according to the art.
- (2) *L. sine anno*, undated.
- Sa.** Samarium. (In Chemistry.)
- (2) Saturday.
- S.A.A.** Small-arms ammunition.
- S.A.A.A.** Scottish Amateur Athletic Association.
- S.A.A.D.** Small - arms ammunition depot.
- Sab.** Sabbath.
- S.A.C.** Scottish Automobile Club.
- S.A.D.F.** South African Defence Forces.
- S.A.E.** Society of Automobile Engineers.
- Sall.** Sallust.
- Salop.** Shropshire. From an Anglo-French corruption of the Old English name for Shrewsbury.
- S.Am.** South America.
- Sam.** Samuel. Also **Saml.**
- (2) Samaria; Samaritan.
- S. & G.** for Salmon & Gluckstein is so popular that at one time during the repeated bombing raids on Brest it came into use for *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau*.
- S. & M.** Sodor and Man. A C. of E. diocese.
- S. & T.** Supply (or Supplies) and Transport.
- S.A.N.S.** South African Naval Service.
- S.A.O.** Squadron Accountant Officer. (Naval.)
- S.A.P.** or **s.a.p.** Semi armour-piercing.
- S.A.Q.C.** Sub-Area Quartering Commandant.
- S.A.R.** South African Republic.
- (2) Sons of the American Revolution.
- Sar.** Sardinia; Sardinian.
- Sarum.** (Bishop) of Salisbury.
- S.A.S.** *Societatis Antiquariorum Socius*, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. (U.S.A.)
- Sask.** Saskatchewan.
- S.A.S.O.** Senior Air Staff Officer.
- Sat.** Saturday.
- S.A.T.B.** Soprano, alto, tenor, bass.
- S.Aus.** South Australia.
- Sax.** Saxon; Saxony.
- S.B.** Simultaneous broadcast(ing).
- (2) Bachelor in Science. (American.)
- (3) Stretcher-bearer.
- (4) Signal Boatswain.
- (5) Savings Bank.
- Sb.** Stibium. (In Chemistry.)
- S.B.A.** Sick-Bay Attendant. (Naval.) Hence *L.S.B.A.*, Leading Sick-Bay Attendant.
- S.B.C.** Signal books correct. Notation in the Deck Log.
- (2) Southern Baptist Convention.
- S. b E.** South by East.
- S.B.H.** Scottish Board of Health.
- S. b W.** South by West.
- S.C.** Staff College. (Naval or Military or Air.)
- (2) (Or **s.c.**) Small craft. (A Naval abbr.)
- (3) School Leaving Certificate.
- (4) South Carolina.
- (5) Service Certificate (a man's record). (Naval.)
- (6) Statutory Committee.
- (7) Senior Controller (of the A.T.S.).
- (8) Staff Captain.
- (9) Southern Command.
- (10) Salvage Corps.
- (11) Special Constable.
- (12) Swimming club.
- (13) Supreme Court.
- (14) Staff Corps.
- (15) *Senatus consultum*, a law of the Senate.
- (16) Same case. (Law.)
- s.c.** or **sm. caps.** Small capitals. (Printing.)

- Sc.** Scotland ; but gen. Scottish (or Scotch or Scots).
- (2) Science.
- (3) Scandium. (In Chemistry.)
- sc.** or **Sc.** *L. scite*, know! ; i.e. understand, supply (a certain word missing from the text). More gen. interpreted as *L. scilicet*, to wit.
- (2) *L. sculpsit* or *sculpsunt*, he or they made this sculpture.
- (3) Scene—in a play.
- (4) Scruple. (Weight.)
- Scan.** or **Scand.** Scandinavia ; Scandinavian.
- S.C.A.P.A.** Society for Checking the Abuses of Public Advertising.
- s. caps.** Small capital letters.
- Sc.B.** Bachelor of Science.
- Sc.C.** Scottish Command.
- Sc.D.** Doctor of Science ; cf. *D.Sc.*
- S.C.F.** (A) Senior Chaplain to the Forces.
- S.C.G.B.** Ski Club of Great Britain.
- sch.** Schooner.
- (2) School.
- (3) A variant of *schol.*
- sched.** Schedule.
- schol.** Scholar ; scholastic.
- (2) Scholiast ; scholiastic.
- Sci.** Science ; cf. *Sc.* (2).
- (2) Scientific.
- (3) See :—
- sci. fa.** *L. scire facias*, cause to know! (Legal.)
- scil.** *L. scilicet*, namely ; to wit.
- S.C.L.** Student of Civil Law.
- S.C.M.** State Certified Midwife.
- (2) Student Christian Movement.
- S.C.O.** Squadron Constructor Officer. (Naval.)
- S.Coln.** Supply Column.
- Scot.** Scotland ; Scottish, Scotch, Scots ; Scot, Scotsman.
- S.C.P.** Standing Committee on Prices (in the Profiteering Acts of the War of 1914-18).
- scr.** Scruple. (Weight.)
- Scrip.** Scripture ; scriptural. Also **Script.**, which is rather more general.
- Scrt.** Sanscrit. (Of. *skr.*)
- S.C.T.** Standing Committee on Trusts (in the Profiteering Acts of the war of 1914-18).
- S.C.U.** Scottish Cycling Union.
- sculp.** Sculpture ; sculptural ; sculptor. Also **sculpt.**
- (2) Also **sculps.** and **sculpt** : *L. sculpsit*, he has sculptured (this).
- S.D.** Staff Duties.
- (2) Also **s.d.** : sight draft. (Commerce.)
- (3) A variant of *S.Dak.*
- (4) Also **s.d.** : service dress. (Military.)
- (5) Signal Department. (Naval.)
- (6) Supply Depot.
- (7) Senior Deacon. (Masonry.)
- s.d.** *L. sine die*, without date : hence indefinitely adjourned.
- (2) Several dates.
- Sd.** Sound—as a geographical term.
- sd.** Said.
- (2) Sewed. (Book-binding.)
- s.d.a.** or **S.D.A.** Sweet damn all—precisely nothing.
- S.Dak.** South Dakota.
- S.D. & T.** Staff Duties and Training.
- S.D.F.** Sudan Defence Force.
- (2) Social Democratic Federation.
- S.D.J.R.** Somerset and Dorset Joint Railway. (Owned jointly by the L.M.S. and the S.R.)
- S.D.O.** Squadron Dental Officer. (Naval.)
- (2) Signal Distributing Office. (Naval.)
- S.D.P.** Social Democratic Party.
- S.Dpo.** Stores Depot. (Air Force.)
- S.D.R.** Special Despatch Rider.
- S.D.U.K.** Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge.
- S.E.** South-East ; South-Eastern and South-Easterly.
- (2) Also **S/E** : Stock Exchange.
- Se.** Selenium.
- Sea.H.** The Seaforth Highlanders. Also **Seaforth** (written) and **Seaforths** (spoken).
- S.E. and (or &) C.R.** South-Eastern and Chatham Railway, now a part of the Southern Railway.

S.E.b E. ; **S.E.b S.** South-East by East ; South-East by South.
S.E.C. South-Eastern Command.
 (2) Securities Exchange Commission. (U.S.A.)
Sec. Secretary ; as in *The Hon.* (Honorary) *Sec.*
sec. Section. Also **sect.**
 (2) Second (of time).
 (3) Secant.
 (4) Secretary.
Sec. Leg. Secretary of Legation.
sect. See **sec.**
secy. Secretary.
S.E.D. Scottish Education Department.
S.E.E. Signals Experimental Establishment. (Army.)
 (2) Senior Electrical Engineer—in dockyard. (Navy.)
S.E.L. Semi-Effective List. (Indian Army.)
sel. Selected ; selection.
Selw. Selwyn College, Cambridge.
Sem. Semitic.
sem. Semicolon.
 (2) Seminary.
Sen. Senior. Also **Senr.**
 (2) Senate or Senator.
 (3) Seneca.
Sen. Doc. Senate Document.
Sen. Opt. Senior Optime.
Senr. See **Sen.**
sent. Sentence. (In Grammar.)
S.E.P. *The Saturday Evening Post.*
Sep. A variant of *Sept.* (1).
sep. Separate.
Sept. September.
 (2) Septuagint.
seq. or seqq. See **et seq.**
S.E.R. South-Eastern Railway (now part of the Southern Railway).
ser. Series.
Serb. ; now rarely *Serv.* Serbian or Servian.
Serg. or **Serjt** is less usual than *Sgt.*
Serj. ; **Serjt.** Serjeant. (Law.)
Serv. See **Serb.**
 (2) Also **servt** : servant.
S.E.S.O. Senior Equipment Staff Officer. (Air Force.)
sess. Session(s).

sev. or sevl. Several.
S.F. ; better **S/F.** A Swordfish 'plane. These 'planes operate with the F.A.A.
 (2) Sinn Fein.
s.f. *L. sub finem*, towards the end (of a book, chapter, etc.).
sf. Sforzando. (In Music.) Often italicized.
S.F.A. Scottish Football Association.
S.F.P. Supplementary Fire-Party.
sfz. *It. sforzando*, with sudden emphasis. (Music.)
S.G. Seaman Gunner.
 (2) Solicitor-General.
 (3) Scots Guards.
 (4) State Guard—the U.S.A. equivalent of the Home Guard.
s.g. Specific gravity.
Sg. Surgeon.
Sg.C. Surgeon Captain. (Naval.)
s.g.d.g. *Fr. sans garantie du gouvernement*, without Government guarantee.
Sg.L.Cr. Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander.
S.G.O. Squadron Gunnery Officer. (Naval.)
Sg.R.A. Surgeon Rear-Admiral.
Sgt. Sergeant.
S.G.W. Senior Grand Warden. (Masonry.)
S.H. School House.
 (2) Staghouads.
Sh. or sh. Shilling(s).
 (2) Shipwright. (Naval.)
sh. See **Sh.** (1).
 (2) Shall.
Shak. or **Shaks.** Shakespeare.
shd. Should.
Shef. or Sheff. Sheffield.
Sher. F. Sherwood Foresters. Also *Foresters.*
Shet. Shetland Islands.
Sh.L. Shipwright Lieutenant.
S.H.P. Shaft horse-power. (Nautical ; esp. Naval.)
Shrops. Shropshire—an incorrect form. The right one is **Salop.**
Shrops. L.I. Shropshire Light Infantry.
s.h.v. L. *sub hac voce* or *sub hoc verbo*, under this word.

S.I. Sandwich Islands.
 (2) Staten Island.
 (3) Order of the Star of India, as in *K.C.S.I.*
 (4) Staff Inspector.
Si. Silicon.
Sib. Siberia ; Siberian.
S.I.C. Specific Inductive Capacity.
Sic. Sicily ; Sicilian.
sic. L. for "so written" ; as in "S't (sic) John."
Sig. Signaller or Signalman. Hence *Ldg Sig.*, Leading Signalman. (Naval.)
 (2) Signal or Signals.
 (3) Signor.
sig. Signature.
Sig.L. Signal Lieutenant.
Sigmn. Signalman (as rank).
Sig.O. Signal Officer. (Air Force.)
Sigs. Signals ; Signallers.
S.I.M. Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry.
sim. Similar ; similarly.
 (2) Simile.
sin. ; gen. italicized. *Sinistra*, left hand. (Music.)
sing. Singular (number : in Grammar).
S.I.R. Scientific and Industrial Research—Committee or Department.
sit. Situation (or tactical stage) ; hence *sit. rep.*, a situation report.
S.I.W. Self-inflicted wound.
S.J. Society of Jesus.
S.J.A.A. St John Ambulance Association.
S.J.A.B. St John Ambulance Brigade.
S.J.C. Supreme Judicial Court. (U.S.A.)
Sjt. is an unfortunate variant of *Sgt.*
 Only in Law is Sergeant spelt *Serjeant*.
Skr. ; Skrt. ; Skt. Sanskrit.
S.L. Searchlight. Also *S/L*.
 (2) Sub-Lieutenant (in the Navy).
 (3) See *Slat*.
 (4) Squadron Leader. (R.A.F.)
 (5) Solicitor-at-Law.
 (6) Serjeant-at-Law.
Sl. See *Slav*.
s.l.a.n. L. *sine loco, anno, vel nomine*, without place, year, or name.

S.lat. South Latitude. Occ. in form *S.L*.
Slav. Slavonic. Occ. *Sl*.
S.L. Bty. Searchlight Battery.
s.l.p. See *s.p.* (2).
S.L.R.(egt). South Lancashire Regiment.
S.Lt. Sub-Lieutenant (in the Navy).
S.M. Sergeant-Major. But occ. Staff Major ; also Surgeon-Major.
 (2) Sons of Malta.
 (3) Also *s.m.* : short metre. (Music.)
 (4) Senior Magistrate.
 (5) State Militia.
 (6) Silver Medallist. (At Bisley.)
Sm. Samarium. (In Chemistry.)
S.M.D. Short Metre Double.
S.M.E. School of Military Engineering.
Smith. Inst. Smithsonian Institution.
S.M.Lond.Soc. L. *Societatis Medicæ Londiniensis Socius*, Member of the London Medical Society.
S.M.M. L. *Sancta Mater Maria*, Holy Mother Mary.
S.M.O. Squadron Medical Officer. (Naval.)
 (2) Senior Medical Officer. (Military and Air Force.)
s.m.p. L. *sine mascula prole*, without male issue.
S.M.T. Scottish Motor Traction Company, the firm which monopolizes passenger road traffic all over Scotland.
S.M.T.O. Senior Mechanical Transport Officer.
s.n. L. *sine nomine*, without—esp. the printer's—name.
Sn. L. *stannum*, tin. (In Chemistry, etc.)
S.N.L.R. Services No Longer Required. (Discharges a man ashore for good.) (Naval.)
S.N.O. Senior Naval Officer.
 (2) Senior Navigation Officer (R.A.F.).
S.O. Staff Officer.
 (2) Stationery Office ; as in "*S.O.* Book 999."
 (3) Senior Officer. (Esp. Naval.)
 (4) Scottish Office.
 (5) Standing Order(s).
 (6) Sub-office.
s.o. Seller's option.

So. South.
S.O.A.D. Staff Officer, Air Defence.
S.O.C. Standard Oil Company.
Soc. Society.
 (2) Socialist.
 (3) Socrates.
Sociol. Sociology; hence *sociol.*, sociological or sociologist.
Soc. Isl. Society Islands.
S.O.E.D. *The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary*.
S. of M. School of Musketry.
S. of S. Secretary of State.
S. of Sol.; **Song of Sol.** The Song of Solomon.
S. of T. Sons of Temperance.
S.O.-in-C. Signal Officer-in-Chief.
Sol. Solomon.
sol. Solicitor.
 (2) Solution.
Sol.G. Solicitor - General. Also **Sol.-Gen.**
Som. See **Soms**.
S.O.M.E. Senior Ordnance Mechanical Engineer.
somet. Sometimes.
Som.L.I. Somerset Light Infantry.
Soms. Somersetshire. Also **Som**.
Song of Sol. See **S. of Sol**.
S.O.P. Staff Officer of Pensioners.
 (2) Sleeping - out pass. (Armed Forces.)
sop. Soprano.
Soph. Sophocles.
soph. Sophomore. (U.S.A.)
S.O.S. Strictly, a wireless code-signal indicative of extreme distress. Loosely, any urgent request for help. The three letters do not represent an abbreviation properly so called: they were chosen because they make an effective combination of wireless letters. Popularly explained as "Save our souls!"
 (2) Senior Officers' School.
sost. or **sosten.** It. *sostenuto*, sustained. (Music.)
sov. Sovereign—the coin; pl. *sovs*.
s.p. (or **S.P.**) Starting point (of, eg., a march). Starting price.
 (2) *L. sine prole*, without bodily

issue. Hence *s.l.p.* or *s.p.l.* without legitimate issue.
 (3) Signal Publication. (Naval.)
 (4) Stretcher party. (Home Defence.)
 (5) Small paper. (Printers'.)
 (6) Service Police. (Air Force.)
Sp. Spain; Spanish. Less briefly, *Span*.
sp. See **sp.gr.**
 (2) Species. Also **spec.**
 (3) Specimen. Also **spec.**
 (4) Spirit.
S.P.A.S. *Societatis Philosophiae Americanae Socius*, Fellow of the American Philosophical Society.
S.P.C. Society for the Prevention of Crime.
S.P.C.A. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. More fully, *R.S.P.C.A.*
S.P.C.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. More fully, *N.S.P.C.C.*
S.P.C.K. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.
spd. or **SPD.** Seaplane depot ship.
S.P.E. Society for Pure English. (I.e. for its promotion.)
spec. Special; specially.
 (2) See **sp.** (2) and (3).
 (3) Spectrum.
 (4) Specification.
spec. appt. Special appointment (in the Services).
spec. emp. Specially employed (in the Services).
specif. Specific; specifically; specification.
Spens. Spenser.
S.P.G. Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.
sp.gr. Specific gravity.
spirit. or **Spirit.** Spiritualism; spiritualistic.
Spit. A Spitfire fighter ('plane).
s.p.l. See **s.p.** (2).
S.P.M. Short particular metre. (Music.)
S.P.O. Stoker Petty Officer.
S.P.Q.R. *L. Senatus Populusque Romanus*, the Roman Senate and people.
 (2) Small profits—quick returns.

S.P.R. Society for Psychical Research.
Spr. Sapper. Any member of the R.E., but esp. a private soldier.
S.P.R.L. Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning.
s.p.s. L. *sine prole superstitie*, without surviving issue.
S.P.S.O. Senior Personnel Staff Officer. (Air Force.)
S.P.S.P. St Peter and St Paul. (The Papal seal.)
Spt or **spt.** Seaport.
S.P.V.D. Society for the Prevention of Venereal Disease.
Sq. or **sq.** Square.
 (2) Squadron—but mostly in combination.
 (3) The following : L. *et sequentes* or *et sequentia*. The usual abbreviation is *et seq.*
Sq. (or **Sqn**) **Ldr** ; or **S.L.** Squadron Leader (in R.A.F.).
S.Q.M.S. Staff Quartermaster-Sergeant.
sqn. Squadron, whether naval or aerial.
Sqn Ldr. Squadron Leader ; cf. *Sq. Ldr.*
Sqn Q.M.S. Squadron Quartermaster-Sergeant.
Sqn S.M. Squadron Sergeant-Major.
sqq. is a variant of *Sq.* (3).
S.R. Southern Railway.
 (2) Scottish Rifles.
 (3) Gen. **S/R** : Spotter Reconnaissance. (Air Force.)
Sr. Senior, as in "Mr J. Jones, *Sr.*"
 (2) Señor.
 (3) Strontium. (In Chemistry.)
Sra. Señora ; occ. Signora.
S.R. & O. Statutory Rules and Orders.
S.R.C. (Federal) Surplus Relief Corporation. (U.S.A.)
S.R.E. Scientific Research and Experiments Department. (Naval.)
S.Rg. or **s.rg.** Sound-ranging.
S.R.I. *Sacrum Romanum Imperium*, The Holy Roman Empire.
S.R.H. Supply Railhead.
S.R.N. State Registered Nurse.
S.R.O. Squadron Recreation Officer. (Naval.)
 (2) Senior Rescue Officer. (Home Defence.)

S.R.P. Supply Refilling Point.
S.R.R. Supplementary Reserve Regulations (of the Army).
S.R.S. L. *Societatis Regiae Socius*, Fellow of the Royal Society.
S.R.U. Scottish Rugby Union.
S.S. Storm Trooper(s) ; of the German Army. "After the Polish campaign all the existing S.S. divisions were motorized and turned into armoured formations" (*The Times*, April 18, 1941). Properly : the Nazi special guard (*Schutz-Staffel*). Literally "protective squadron," the S.S. is the élite of the S.A. (see **S.A.** (6).)
 (2) See **S.** (19). Incorrect form.
 (3) Steamship.
 (4) Secretary of State.
 (5) Secretary for Scotland.
 (6) Sunday School or Sabbath School.
 (7) Straits Settlements (in Malaya).
 (8) Secret Service. "The Intelligence Branch, vulgarly known as the Secret Service," J. M. Walsh ; "Mutton Dressed as Lamb," in A. D. Divine's *My Best Secret Service Story*, 1940.
 (9) A variant of *s.s.*
 (10) Silver Star—an American decoration.
SS. Saints, as in "SS Peter and Paul."
 (2) See **SS.D.**
S.S.A. Secretary of State for Air.
S.S.B. Social Security Board (of U.S.A.).
S.S.C. Solicitor of the Supreme Court.
S.S.D. *Sanctissimus Dominus* (Most Holy Lord)—the Pope.
S.S.E. South-south-east.
S.S.F. Single-seater fighter. (Air Force).
S.S.F.A. Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association.
S.Sgt or **S/Sgt.** Staff Sergeant.
S.S.J.E. Society of St John Evangelist.
S.S.M. Staff Sergeant-Major.
 (2) Squadron Sergeant-Major.
 (3) Society of the Sacred Mission.
S.S.O. Senior Supply Officer. (Military.)

- (2) Squadron Signals Officer. (Naval.)
- (3) Special Service Officer. (Air Force.)
- S.S.Q.** Station Sick Quarters. (Air Force.)
- S.S.R.** Socialist Soviet Republic.
- S.Staffs (R.).** The South Staffordshire Regiment.
- S.S.T.O.** Superintending Sea Transport Officer.
- S.S.U.** Sunday School Union.
- S.Sup.O.** is a variant of *S.S.O.* (1).
- S.S.W.** Secretary of State for War. (2) South-south-west.
- S.T.** Seaman Torpedoman. (2) Summer Time, in reference to daylight-saving. (3) *The Sunday Times*.
- s.t.** Short ton (2000 lbs.)
- St.** Street. Also **st.**
- (2) Saint; cf. *S.* (1), q.v.
- (3) Strait—on maps.
- (4) A Sterling bomber 'plane.
- (5) See **St.Ex.**
- st.** Stem. (In Philology.)
- (2) *L. stet*, let it stand. Applied to corrections.
- (3) Stone (in weight).
- (4) Stumped (at cricket).
- (5) Stanza; strophe.
- (6) See **St.**
- sta.** See **stn.**
- stacc.** Staccato. (Music.)
- Staffs.** Staffordshire.
- Stat.** Statics.
- (2) Statute(s).
- stat.** Statuary.
- (2) Stationary.
- S.T.B.**; **S.T.D.** Bachelor—Doctor—of Theology (lit. Sacred Theology).
- S.T.C.** Samuel Taylor Coleridge.
- S.T.D.** See **S.T.B.**
- Ste.** Saint (female); cf. *S.* (1), q.v.
- stereo.** Stereotype; stereotyped.
- sterl.**; **ster.** Variants of *stg.*
- St.Ex.** (or **Exch.**). Stock Exchange.
- stg.** Sterling. "££ *stg.*" Also **ster.** or **sterl.**
- Sthn.** Southern.
- Stip.** Stipendiary (magistrate).
- stn.** Station, whether railway or military. For the latter, **sta.** can be used.
- S.T.L.**; **S.T.M.** *L. Sacrae Theologiae Lector*, (2) *Magister*: Reader in — Master of — Sacred Theology.
- S.T.O.** Sea Transport Officer. (Naval.)
- Sto.** Stoker. (Naval.) Hence *Sto*ⁱ, ⁱⁱ, Stoker of the 1st, 2nd Class.
- S'ton.** Southampton.
- S.T.P.** *L. Sacrosanctae* (or *Sacrae*) *Theologiae Professor*, Professor of Sacred Theology.
- str.** Rare for: steamer.
- (2) Seater, as in "4 *str.*"
- (3) Stroke (oarsman in a crew).
- strat.R.**; **strat. recce.** Strategical reconnaissance.
- S.T.S.** Scottish Text Society.
- S.U.** Soviet Union (the U.S.S.R.).
- sub.** A submarine.
- (2) A subscription.
- (3) Better *subj.*, q.v.
- (4) Substitute.
- (5) Suburb; suburban.
- (6) Subaltern.
- sub-ed.** Sub-editor.
- subj.** or **Subj.** Subjunctive (mood).
- (2) Subject (of grammatical sentence); hence subjective, subjectively.
- Sub-Lt.** Sub-Lieutenant. A rank in the Navy.
- subs.**; **subst.** Substantive, adj.; as applied to rank.
- (2) Substantive (or noun); in Grammar.
- (3) Substitute; substituted.
- suc.** or **succ.** Succeeded; successor.
- Suet.** Suetonius.
- suf.** Suffix. A philological term.
- Suff.** Suffolk.
- (2) See **Suff.B.**
- suff.** A variant of *suf*.
- (2) Sufficient; *L. sufficit*, is sufficient.
- Suff.B.** Suffragan Bishop. (Also **Bp Suff.**)
- Suffolks.** (The) Suffolk Regiment. Written: *Suffolk*.
- Suffr.** A variant of *Suff.* (2).
- sug.** or **sugg.** Suggestion; suggested.

Suid. Suidas.
S.U.L. Special Unemployed List.
 (Indian Army.)
Sun. Sunday. Also **Sund.**, which is rarely used.
Sund. See preceding entry.
 (2) A Sunderland flying boat.
Sup. Supply.
 (2) Also **Supp.** Supplement.
sup. Superlative (in grammatical degree). Also **superl.**
 (2) *L. supra*, above; earlier in a book or article.
 (3) Also **super.** Superfine or superior.
 (4) Supine. (Grammar.)
Sup. Dpo. Supply Depot. (Air Force.)
Super. Superintendent.
super. See **sup.** (3).
 (2) Supernumerary.
superl. See **sup.**
Sup.O. Supply Officer.
Sup.P. Supply point.
Supp. See **Sup.** (2).
suppl. Supplement; occ. supplementary.
supr. Supreme.
Supt. Superintendent.
surg. Surgery (also **Surg.**); surgical; surgeon.
Surg.-Gen. Surgeon-General.
Surr. Surrogate.
Surreys. (The) East Surrey Regiment.
surv. Surveying (n.); surveyor.
 (2) Surviving.
Surv.-Gen. Surveyor-General.
sus. per col(l). *L. suspendatur per collum*, let him (or her) be hanged by the neck, or *suspensio per collum*, (a) hanging by the neck.

Suss. Sussex.
S.V. Sons of Veterans.
 (2) *L. Sancta Virgo*, Holy Virgin.
s.v. *L. sub voce*, under that word; as in "DESPATCH, *s.v.* Dispatch."
 (2) Sailing vessel.
Svy or **svy.** Survey.
S.W. South-West; South-Western or South-Westerly.
 (2) Shelter Warden. (Home Defence.)
 (3) Senior Warden. (Masonry.)
 (4) South Wales.
 (5) Short wave. (Wireless.)
Sw. Sweden; Swedish.
 (2) Swiss.
S.W.B. (The) South Wales Borderers.
S.W. b S.; **S.W. b W.** South-West by South; South-West by West.
S.W.C. Supreme War Council (in war of 1914-18).
Swed. Swedish.
S.W.G. Standard wire gauge.
Swit. or **Switz.** Switzerland.
S.W.O. Squadron Wireless Officer. (Naval.)
 (2) Station Warrant Officer. (Air Force.)
Sx. Sussex.
S.Y. Steam Yacht.
Sy. Supply; as in *Sy P.O.* (q.v.).
 (2) Surrey.
syl. or **syll.** Syllable.
sym. Symbol; symbolic. Also **symb.**
 (2) Symphony.
syn. Synonym; synonymous; synonymously.
Sy P.O. Supply Petty Officer. (Naval.)
Syr. Syriac; Syrian.
syrr. Syrup.
syst. System; systematic.

T

T. L. *tace* (or *tacete*), be silent!
 (2) Temperature.
 (3) Temporary: of rank. Better *t*, as in *t/Capt.*, temporary Captain.
 (4) Testament; but rare except in combination (*N.T.*+*O.T.*=The Bible).
 (5) Tiler. (Freemasonry.)

(6) Gen. italicized: *The Times*.
 (7) Titus; also Tullius. In Roman nomenclature.
 (8) Tome (of published work).
 (9) Ton(s).
 (10) Torpedo boat; Torpedoman. (Naval.)
 (11) *L. Trinitas*, the Trinity.

(12) Tuesday. Also **Tu**.
 (13) Turkish; as in **£T**—Turkish pounds.
t. *L. tempore*, in the time of.
 (2) Tenor. (In Music.)
 (3) That.
 (4) Thunder. (Nautical.)
 (5) Ton(s); also tun(s).
 (6) Town or township.
 (7) Transitive (verb).
T.A. Territorial Army.
 (2) Telegraphic address.
Ta. Tantalum. (Chemistry.)
T.A.A. Territorial Army Association.
T.A.B. Total Abstinence Brotherhood.
Tac. Tacitus.
Tac.R.; **Tac. Recce.** Tactical reconnaissance.
T.A.G. Telegraphist Air Gunner (in the Fleet Air Arm).
Tal. Talmud; Talmudic.
tal. qual. *L. talis qualis*, as they "happen along"—just as they come; i.e. without choosing.
Tam. Tamil.
tan. Tangent. (Trigonometry.)
t. & o. Taken and offered.
T.A.N.S. Territorial Army Nursing Service.
T.A.R. Territorial Army Regulations.
tar-mac. or **tarmac.** Tar macadam.
Tas. Tasmania; Tasmanian. (Also **Tasm.**)
taut. Tautology; tautological.
T.B. Torpedo boat; cf. **T.** (10). (Naval.) But in the Air Force, torpedo bomber.
 (2) Training Battalion.
 (3) See **Tb.**, the better form.
 (4) Tubercle bacillus.
Tb. Tuberculosis.
 (2) Terbium. (Chemistry.)
T.B.D. Torpedo-boat destroyer.
T.C. Training Centre; as in **I.T.C.**
 (2) Trinity College.
 (3) See **T.** (3).
 (4) Technical College.
 (5) Temporary Constable.
 (6) Town Clerk. But also Town Councillor.
 (7) Touring Club.

T.C.D. Trinity College, Dublin.
T.C.F. Touring Club de France.
T.C.P. Traffic-control post.
T.D. The Territorial Decoration. Instituted in 1908, it is awarded only to commissioned officers of twenty years' meritorious service in the *T.A.* Also known as the Efficiency Decoration.
 (2) Also **t.d.**: tractor-drawn.
 (3) Tactical Division. (Naval.)
 (4) Torpedo Depot. (Naval.)
 (5) Telegraph Department.
 (6) Telephone Department.
T.D.C. Top Dead Centre (reference to pistons).
T.E. Topographical Engineer. (U.S.A.)
Te. Tellurium. (Chemistry.)
te. or **teleg.** Telegram (also **telg.**); telegraph.
tech. Technics; technical.
techn. Technical; technology.
technol. Technology; technological; technologically.
t.e.g. Top edge(s) gilt. (Of books.)
Tel. or **tel.** Telephone.
 (2) Telegraph (in *Ry Tel.*); telegraphist (or wireless operator); telegram.
 (3) *Tel.*: Telugu.
teleg. See **te.**
teleph. Telephone; telephony.
telg. Telegram.
Tel. No. Telephone number.
tem. See **pro tem**.
Temp. Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.
temp. or **tempy**; the former, mostly military; the latter, mainly naval. Temporary; esp. as applied to rank.
 (2) Only *temp.*: temperature.
 (3) Only *temp.*: *L. tempore*, in the time of (e.g. Julius Caesar).
ten. Tenor (voice, singer).
 (2) Italicized: *It. tenuto*, sustained (Music.)
Tenn. Tennessee.
 (2) Tennyson.
Ter. Terrace. Also **Terr.**
 (2) Territory—as a political sphere Also **Terr.**
 (3) Terence.

term. Termination (of a word).

(2) Terminology.

terr. or territ. Territory ; territorial.
See also **Ter.** (2).

(2) **Terr.** (or **terr.**) only : see **Ter.** (1).

Test. Testament—the Old and the New.

test. Testator ; testamentary.

Teut. Teutonic.

T.E.W.T. ; slangily, a *tewt* or *tute*. A tactical exercise without troops.

Tex. Texas ; occ. Texan.

text. rec. *L. textus receptus*, the received (or generally accepted) text.

T.F. Territorial Force. (Military.)

t.f. or **ff.** Till forbidden.

T.G. Training Group.

t.g. Type genus.

T.G.M. Torpedo Gunner's Mate.

T.G.V. Shakespeare's *Two Gentlemen of Verona*.

T.H. Transport House.

Th. Thursday.

(2) Thorium. (In Chemistry.)

(3) Thermal.

(4) Theology (in *B.Th.*).

(5) Thomas.

theat. Theatrical.

Theo. Theodore.

Theoc. Theocritus.

Theol. or **theol.** Theology ; theological ; theologian.

Theoph. Theophilus ; Theophrastus.

theor. Theorem(s).

theoret. Theoretical ; theoretically.

Theos. or **theos.** Theosophy ; theosophical ; theosophist.

Therap. Therapeutics ; (*therap.*) therapeutic.

therm. Thermometer.

Thess. Thessalonians.

t.h.i. (Of a message) time handed in ; cf. *t.o.o.* and *t.o.r.*

Tho. See **Thos.**

tho or **tho'**. Though.

thoro or **thoro'**. Thorough.

Thos. Thomas ; occ. **Tho.**

thr. Through.

(2) Their or there.

thro or **thro'**. Through.

Thu. or **Thur.** or **Thurs.** Thursday.

Thuc. Thucydides.

Thurs. See **Thu.**

T.H.W.M. ; **T.L.W.M.** Trinity [House] High—Low—Water—Mark.

T.I. Technical Institute.

Ti. Titanium. (Chemistry.)

Tib. Tibullus.

t.i.d. *L. ter in die*, three times a day.

T.I.H. Their Imperial Highnesses.

Tim. Timothy (in *N.T.*).

tinct. Tincture.

Tit. Titus.

tit. Title ; titular.

T.L. Torpedo Lieutenant. (Naval.)

(2) **T/L.** Telegraphist Lieutenant. (Naval.)

Tl. Thallium. (Chemistry.)

tr. Trailer. (Air Force.)

T.L.S. Territorial Long Service Medal.

(2) *The Times Literary Supplement*.

T.L.W.M. See at **T.H.W.M.**

T.M. Training Memorandum.

(2) Trained Man. (Naval.)

(3) See :—

t.m. Trench mortar. Also **T.M.**

Tm. Thulium. (In Chemistry.)

T.M.D. Torpedo and Mining Department. (Naval.)

T.M.O. Telegraph money order.

T.N. Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

Tn. Transportation.

tn. Town.

T.N.T. Tri-nitro-toluene (gen. written as one word), otherwise known as trinitrotoluol, a very powerful high explosive. Also abbreviated as **trotyl**.

T.O. Transport Officer. (Military.)

(2) Torpedo Officer. (Naval.)

(3) Turn over.

(4) Trained Operator (in wireless telegraphy).

(5) Telegraph Office. But also : Telephone Office.

Tob. Tobit.

Toc H. A society that, in its numerous branches, continues comradeship of the War of 1914-18. *Toc* is signalese for *T* ; *H.* is short for House : *T.H.* is Talbot House, instituted at Ypres in memory of Gilbert Talbot.

- T.O.E.T.** Test of Elementary Training. Soldiers, once trained, have to pass it every three months.
- T. of A.** *Timon of Athens* (Shakespeare's play).
- togetr.** Together.
- Tom.** A Tomahawk fighter. An American-made 'plane.
- tonn.** Tonnage.
- t.o.o.** (Of a message) time of origin ; cf. *t.h.i.* and *t.o.r.*
- topog.** Topography ; topographical ; topographer.
- t.o.r.** (Of a message) time of reception ; cf. *t.h.i.* and *t.o.o.*
- torp.** Torpedo.
- tot.** Total.
- toxicol.** Toxicology ; toxicological ; toxicologist.
- T.P. or T/P.** Teleprinter.
(2) Teaching practice ; a *T.P.* is a practice lesson.
- tp.** Troop ; as in *tp carrying coy* ; and as in the artillery troop, which is half an artillery battery.
(2) Township.
- T.P.I.** Teeth per inch (of cog wheels). When speaking of Spur Gears the same abbreviation stands for Threads per inch.
- Tpr** (rank) or **tpr.** (generic), Trooper.
- tps.** Troops.
- tpk.** Transport.
- tptr.** Trumpeter.
- Tr.** Terbium. (Chemistry.)
(2) Trustee.
(3) Treasurer.
- tr.** Translator or translation ; translated. Also **trans.** or **transl.**
(2) Transpose or transfer.
(3) Transitive. But gen. **trans.**
(4) Transaction ; transactions.
(5) Transport ; transportation.
- trad.** Tradition ; traditional ; occ. traditionally.
- trag.** Tragedy ; tragical ; tragedian.
- trans.** Transitive. (In Grammar.)
(2-5) As for *tr.* (1-2, 4-5).
- transf.** Transferred ; esp. in "transferred sense." The gen. abbr., however, is *trsd.*
- (2) Transference.
- transl.** Translation or translator ; translated.
- translit.** Transliteration ; transliterated.
- Trav.** Travels ; a book or books of travel.
- T.R.C.** Thames Rowing Club.
(2) Tithe rent charge.
- Tre.** (The) Treasury.
- Treas.** Treasurer.
(2) Treasury.
- T.H.R.** Their Royal Highnesses.
- trib.** Tributary (of a river).
- Trig.** Trigonometry ; (*trig.*) trigonometrical.
- Trin.** Trinity College, Cambridge.
- Trip.** Tripos.
- trop.** Tropical.
- trotyl.** See **T.N.T.**
- Trs.** Trustees.
- trs.** (To) transpose ; hence *trsd*, transposed.
(2) To transfer ; *trsd*, transferred.
- Truron.** (Bishop) of Truro.
- ts. or ts. or ts** ; also **T.S.**, etc. Type-script (cf. *m.s.*).
(2) Also **ts.** ; till sale.
(3) Only **T.S.** ; training ship.
- T.S.D.S.** Two-speed destroyer sweeper. (Navy ; Air Force.)
- T.S.F.** Two-seater fighter. (Air Force.)
(2) Télégraphie sans fil (i.e. radio).
- T.S.H.** Their Serene Highnesses.
- T.S.O.** Town sub-office.
- T.S.R.** Trans-Siberian Railway.
(2) Torpedo-spotter reconnaissance. (Naval ; Air Force.)
- T.S.S.** Twin-screw steamer.
- T.T.** Tourist Trophy (a motor-cycling competition).
(2) Torpedo tube(s). (Naval.)
(3) Teetotaller. (Colloquial.)
- T.T.C.** Technical Training Command. (Air Force.)
- T.T.L.** or **t.t.l.** To take leave (Fr. *pour prendre congé*). Mostly American.
- Tu.** Tuesday.
- T.U.** Trade—or Trades—Union(s).
- T.U.C.** Trade(s) Union Congress.
(2) Trade(s) Union Council.
- Tues.** Tuesday ; cf. *Tu.*

Turk. Turkey ; Turkish.
Turkn. Turkistan.
T.V.A. Tennessee Valley Authority.
 (U.S.A.)
T.V.R. Temperature variation of resistance. (Electricity.)
T.W.U. Transport Workers' Union.
Ty. A Typhoon fighter ('plane) ; cf. *Hur.*

ty or tʻ. Truly (in letter-endings).
T.Y.C. Thames Yacht Club.
 (2) Two-Year(-Old) Course. (Horse-racing.)
typ. Typography. Also **typog.**, which also = typographical or typographer.

U

U. Universal ; for all cinema audiences.
 (2) Uranium. (Chemistry.)
 (3) Utah.
u. Ugly, or threatening, weather. (Nautical.)
 (2) Uncle.
U.A.B. Unemployment Assistance Board.
U.A.P. United Australia Party. (Cf. *U.C.P.*)
U.B. United Board ; esp. in "C.F. (*U.B.*)," a United Board Chaplain to the Forces.
U boat. A German submarine. *U* is short for German *untersee* (under-sea).
U.C. Upper Canada.
 (2) University College, London. Contrast *Univ.* (2).
u.c. Upper case (i.e. capital letters).
 (2) It. *una corda*, with one string (of, e.g., a violin) or with the soft pedal (of a piano).
U.C.C.D. United Christian Council for Democracy. A co-ordinating body of Church social-action groups.
U.C.H. University College Hospital, London.
Ū.C.L. University College, London. (Less ambiguous than *U.C.*)
U.C.P. United Country Party. (Australia ; cf. *U.A.P.*)
U.C.S. University College School.
U.D. The United Dairies (Company).
 (2) Upper Deck. (Naval.)
U.D.C. Urban District Council.
 (2) Union of Democratic Control.
U.E.I.C. United East India Company.
U.E.O. Unit Education Officer.

U.E.T. Unit equipment-table. (Air Force.)
U.F.C. United Free Church (Scotland). Often shortened to *U.F.*
U.G.S.S.S. Union of Girls' Schools for Social Service.
U.I. Unemployment Insurance.
u.i. *L. ut infra*, as below (in, e.g., a book).
U.J.D. *Utriusque Juris Doctor*, Doctor of both Laws—i.e. Canon and Civil Law.
U.K. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
U.K.A. United Kingdom Alliance.
 (2) Ulster King-of-Arms.
Ukr. Ukraine ; Ukrainian.
ult. ; occ. **ulto.** Ultimate, last ; e.g. "on the 7th *ult.*" (7th of past month).
 (2) Ultimately. (Esp. in Philology.)
u.m. Under-mentioned.
 (2) See **u.p.t.**
um. or **unm.** Unmarried.
U.M.C.A. Universities' Mission to Central Africa.
U.M.F.C. United Methodist Free Churches.
U.M.W.A. United Mine Workers of America.
unabr. Unabridged.
unan. Unanimous.
unexpl. Unexplained.
Unit. Unitarian ; Unitarianism.
Univ. University.
 (2) University College, Oxford.
 (3) Universalist.
univ. Universal ; universally ; occ. universe.
unm. See **um.**
U.P. United Provinces (of India).

- (2) United Presbyterian.
 (3) A spurious abbrev. for *up*, as in "It's all *U.P.* with him."
- u.p.** Under-proof (of spirituous liquors).
up. Upper; e.g. "the *up*. floor."
- U.P.A.** United Patternmakers' Association.
- U.P.C.** United Presbyterian Church.
- u.p.t.** Urgent postal telegram. Not a telegram. Since June 1941, known as an urgent memorandum (*u.m.*).
- Uru.** Uruguay; Uruguayan.
- U.S.** or **U.S.A.** United States of America.
 (2) *U.S.A.* only. United States Army.
 (3) *U.S.* only. Under-Secretary.
 (4) *U.S.* United Services; United Service.
- u.s.** *L. ut supra*, as above (in, e.g., a book).
- u/s** Unserviceable.
- U.S.A.C.** United States Air Corps.
- U.S.A.C.S.R.** United States Air Corps Specialist Reserve.
- U.S.A.F.B.I.** United States Army Forces in the British Isles.
- U.S.C.** United States of Colombia.
- U.S.I.** United Service Institution.
- u.s.l.** or **U.S.L.** Unemployed Supernumerary List (of the Army).
 - Also **U.S. List**.
- U.S.M.** United States Marine(s).
 (2) United States Mail.
- U.S.M.A.** United States Military Academy.
- U.S.M.C.** United States Marine Corps.
- U.S.N.** United States Navy.
- U.S.N.A.** United States Naval Academy.
- U.S. of S.** Under-Secretary of State.
- U.S.P.** or **U.S.Pharm.** United States Pharmacopoeia.
- U.S.S.** United States Senate.
 (2) United States Ship or Steamer.
- U.S.S.C.** United States Supreme Court.
- U.S.S.R.** Union of Soviet Republics.
- usu.** Usual; usually.
- U.S.V.** United States Volunteers.
- U.T.** United Territory.
 (2) Unemployed time (for officers). (Naval.)
- Ut.** Utah.
- u/t.** Untrained.
- ut dict.** *L. ut dictum*, as (has been) said; as stated.
- ut inf.** *L. ut infra*, as below.
- ut sup.** *L. ut supra*, as above or as earlier in the book or article.
- U.X.B.** Unexploded bomb.
- U.W.** or **u.w.** or **U/W.** Underwriter.
- ux.** *L. uxor*, wife.

V

- V.** Vanadium. (Chemistry.)
 (2) Also **v.**: verb.
 (3) Victoria.
 (4) Victory, as in "the *V* campaign" in Europe. It became prominent in British newspapers in July 1941.
 (5) *L. (vide or videte)*, see!
 (6) Virgin.
- v.** Vector. (Mathematics.)
 (2) Velocity. (Physics.)
 (3) Ventral. (Medicine.)
 (4) Verb.
 (5) Verse (a line of poetry); pl. *vv.*
 (6) *L. versus*, against.
- (7) Very.
 (8) *L. vice*, in place of, instead of.
 (9) *L. vide* (or *videte*), see!
 (10) Violin.
 (11) Volt, volts; voltage.
 (12) Volume. (Chiefly in Physics.)
- V.A.** Order of Victoria and Albert.
 (2) Vice-Admiral.
 (3) Victualling allowance. (Naval.)
 (4) Volunteer Artillery.
 (5) Vicar-Apostle.
- v.a.** *L. vixit annos*, he (or she) lived (so many) years.
 (2) Active verb.
- Va.** Virginia.

- V.A.D.** Voluntary Aid Detachment (of nurses and hospital assistants); as in "a *V.A.D.* hospital." Hence a member of the Detachment.
- V.(-)Adm.** Vice-Admiral.
- val.** Value; valued.
- V. & A.** Victoria and Albert Museum.
- V. & (or and) M.** Virgin and Martyr.
- V.A.O.S.** Vocabulary of Army Ordnance Stores.
- var.** Various; variation.
(2) Variant (n. and adj.).
(3) Variety (entertainment).
- var. lect.** *L. varia lectio*, variant reading. Much more often in form: *v.l.*
- Vat.** Vatican.
- vaud.** Vaudeville.
- v.aux.** Auxiliary verb.
- V.B.** Volunteer Battalion.
- vb.** Verb; cf. *V.* (2) and *v.* (4).
- vbl.** Verbal.
- V.C.** Victoria Cross. Instituted in 1856. Often written in O.E. characters.
(2) Vice-Chancellor.
(3) Vice-Chairman.
(4) Vice-Consul.
- V.C.A.S.** Vice-Chief of the Air Staff.
- V.C.I.G.S.** Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff.
- V.D.** Venereal disease.
(2) Volunteer Officers' Decoration.
- v.d.** Various dates.
- v.dep.** Deponent verb.
- V.D.H.** Valvular disease of the heart.
- V.D.M.** *Verbi Dei Minister*, Minister—or Preacher—of the Word of God. (U.S.A.).
- veh.** Vehicle.
- Ven.** Venetian. Also occ. **Venet**.
(2) Venerable.
- Venet.** See **Ven.** (1).
- Venez.** Venezuela; Venezuelan.
- Vent.** A Lockheed Ventura bombing 'plane.
- verb. sap.**; occ. **verb. sat.** *L. verbum satis sapienti*, a word to the wise (is) sufficient.
- Verg.**; **Virg.** Virgil.
- Vert.** Vertebrata.
- Very Rev.** Very Reverend.
- V.E.S.** Veterinary Evacuation Section.
- vet.** Veterinary (occ. **veter.**); veterinary surgeon.
- Vet. Surg.** Veterinary Surgeon.
- v.f.** Very fair.
- V.G.** Vicar-General.
- v.g.** Very good.
(2) *Verbi gratia*.
- V.H.S.** Honorary Surgeon to the Viceroy of India.
- v.i.** Verb intransitive.
(2) Also **V.I.**: vertical interval.
- Vic.** Victoria (esp. the Australian State).
- Vice-Adm.** Vice-Admiral.
- Vice-Pres.** Vice-President.
- Vict.** A variant of *Vic*.
- Vigorn.** See **Wigorn**.
- vil. or vill.** Village.
- vila.** Vilayet (a Turkish province or district).
- Virg.** See **Verg**.
- Vis.** See **Visc**.
- vis.** Visibility; occ. visible.
- Visc.** Viscount. Occ. **Vis.** or **Visct**.
- viz.** To wit; that is to say; namely. Short for *L. videlicet*, which=*videre licet*, which means "One may see."
- v.l.** *L. varia lectio*, i.e. a variant reading of a text. (Cf. *f.l.*)
- v/m.** Volts per metre.
- V.M.H.** Victoria Medal of Honour. (Royal Horticultural Society.)
- v.n.** Neuter verb.
- V.O.** Victorian Order. A decoration: compare *C.V.O.* and *M.V.O.*
(2) Veterinary Officer.
- Vo.** or **vo.** *L. verso*, on the left page: cf. *Ro*.
- voc.** Vocative (case).
- vocab.** Vocabulary.
- Vol.** Volume of a published work; (*vol.*) volume, in Physics.
(2) Volunteer (n.).
- v.p.** or **V.P.** A vulnerable point.
(2) Vice-President.

- V.Ph.** or **v.ph.** Vertical photograph(s); vertical photography. (Air Force.)
- V.R.** Volunteer Reserve; cf. *R.A.F.V.R.*, q.v.
- (2) Victoria Regina.
- V.R.C.** Volunteer Rifle Corps.
- v.refl.** Reflexive verb.
- V.R.** et **I.** *Victoria Regina et Imperatrix*; Victoria, Queen and Empress.
- V. Rev.** Very Reverend.
- V.S.** or **V/S** or **v.s.** or **v/s.** Visual signalling. (Navy; Air Force.)
- (2) **V.S.**: Veterinary Surgeon.
- (3) **v.s.**: *It. volti subito*, turn over quickly. (Music.)
- (4) **v.s.**: *L. vide supra*, see above.
- vs.** Versus.
- V.S.C.** Volunteer Staff Corps.
- V.T.** *Vetus Testamentum*, the Old Testament.
- v.t.** Verb transitive.
- (2) Also **V.T.** and **V/T**: visual telegraphy. (Army.)
- Vt.** Vermont.
- V.T.C.** Volunteer Training Corps.
- v.t.m.** Vehicles to the mile.
- Vulg.** Vulgate. Rarely *Vul.*
- vulg.** Vulgar; vulgarly (i.e. in low speech).
- vv.** Verses.
- vv.ii.** The plural of *v.l.*
- V.W.** Very Worshipful.
- V.Y.** Victualling Yard. (Naval.)
- v.y.** Various years. (Bibliography.)
- vy.** Very.

W

- W.** Air Raid Warden.
- (2) Wednesday.
- (3) Welch, Welsh.
- (4) Wesleyan.
- (5) West, westerly, western.
- (6) William.
- (7) *L. wolframium*, tungsten.
- w.** Water.
- (2) Short for *w.c.*, water-closet. (Colloquial.)
- (3) Week(s).
- (4) ~~Wet~~ dew. (Nautical.)
- (5) Wicket; wide. (Cricket.)
- (6) Wife.
- (7) With.
- (8) Wrong.
- W.A.** See **W.Aus.**
- (2) Western Approaches (to G.B. and Ireland). (Naval.)
- (3) West Africa.
- W.A.A.C.**; familiarly *Waac* (or *Wack*) is a member thereof. Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.
- W.A.A.E.** World Association for Adult Education.
- W.A.A.F.(S.).** Women's Auxiliary Air Force Services. The shorter is the usual form.
- W.A.A.S.C.** Women's Auxiliary Army Service Corps.
- W.A.E.C.** War Agricultural Executive Committee.
- w.a.f.** With all faults.
- W.A.F.F.** West African Frontier Force.
- W.Afr.** West Africa; West African.
- W.Afr.R.** West African Regiment.
- W.A.F.S.** Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.
- w. & s.** or **W. & S.** Whisky and soda.
- W.A.P.C.** Women's Auxiliary Police Corps.
- War.** Warwickshire. Also **Warw.**
- Wash.** (The State of) Washington.
- W.Aus.**; occ. **W.Aust.** Western Australia. More ambiguously *W.A.*
- W.A.V.E.S.** Women Appointed Volunteer Emergency Services. Hence, in slang, *Wave*, a member thereof.
- W.B.** Way-bill.
- (2) Water Board; cf. *M.W.B.*
- W.B.H.** Welsh Board of Health.
- W. b N.**; **W. b S.** West by North; West by South.
- W.C.** West Central.
- (2) War communications.
- (3) Wesleyan Chapel.
- (4) Western Command.
- (5) War Cabinet; as in *B.W.C.*

- (6) War Council ; as in *A.A.W.C.*
w.c. Water-closet.
 (2) Without charge.
W.C.A. Women's Christian Association.
 (2) Women Citizens' Association.
W.C.B. See **W.T.P.B.C.**
W. Comm. Wing-Commander (in the R.A.F.).
W.C.T.U. Women's Christian Temperance Union.
W.D. War Department ; as in *W.D. vehicles*. But also Works Department.
wd. Would.
W.D.C. War Damage Commission. But also War Damage Contribution.
Wdr L. Wardmaster Lieutenant. (Naval.)
W.E. War Establishment ; as in, "According to *W.E.*, the unit is entitled to only one such officer."
W.e. Wednesday. Less gen. than *W.* or *Wed.*
W.E.A. Workers' Educational Association.
Wed. Wednesday.
w.e.f. With effect from (a given date).
Wel. or **Well.** A Wellington bombing plane.
Welch (written) ; **the Welch** (spoken). The Welch Regiment.
Wes. Wesleyan.
w.f. Wrong fount (or set of type not of the same face nor the same size).
w.f.e. With food element. (The fighting services.)
W.F.L. Women's Freedom League.
W.G. West German(ic). Also **W.Ger.**
 (2) Welsh Guards.
 (3) W. G. Grace (d. 1915), the world's greatest cricketer, whose fame is legendary.
 (4) *The Westminster Gazette*.
w.g. Wire gauge.
Wg. Wing. (As an Air Force formation.)
Wg Comdr. Wing Commander.
- W.Ger. ; W.Gmc.** See **W.G.**
wh. which.
W.H.A. See **A.W.H.A.**
W'hampton. Wolverhampton.
whf. Wharf.
W.H.M.A. Women's Home Mission Association.
whr. Whether.
W.I. Women's Institute.
 (2) West Indies ; West Indian. But also West India.
Wigorn. (Bishop) of Worcester.
Wilts. Wiltshire.
 (2) The Wiltshire Regiment.
Wind.I. Windward Islands.
W.I.N.S. Women's Industrial and National Service Corps. Instituted in 1941.
Winton. (Bishop) of Winchester.
W.I.R. West India Regiment.
Wis. or **Wisc.** Wisconsin.
Wisd. Wisdom (of Solomon).
wk. Week(s).
 (2) Work.
W.L. or **W/L** or **w.l.** or **w/l.** Wave length. (Wireless or radio.)
W.L.A. Women's Land Army.
W.L.F. Women's Liberal Federation.
W.lon. ; W.long. West longitude.
Wm. William.
W.M.S. Wesleyan Missionary Society.
W.M.T.C. Women's Mechanized Transport Corps.
W.M.V. War Munition Volunteers (in War of 1914-18).
W.N.L.F. Women's National Liberal Federation.
W.N.W. West-north-west.
W.O. War Office.
 (2) Warrant Officer. In the Army, he is not properly an officer ; in the Navy, he is an officer.
 (3) Wireless operator.
 (4) Walk-over. (Athletics.)
W.O.A. Wharf-Owners' Association.
W.O.L. War-Office Letter (an order or an instruction).
W.O.M. Wireless Operator Mechanic. (Air Force and Fleet Air Arm.)
W.O.O. Warrant Ordnance Officer. (Naval.)

Wor. Worshipful. (In titles.)
Worc.R. (written) ; **Worcesters** (oral).
 (The) Worcestershire Regiment.
Worcs. Worcestershire.
Words. Wordsworth.
W.P. Weather permitting.
 (2) Worthy Patriarch.
Wp. Worship, as in "His Worship, —"
W.P.A. Works Progress Administration. (U.S.A.)
W.P.B. War Production Board. (U.S.A.)
 (2) Or **w.p.b.** Waste-paper basket (the Editor's friend).
W.P.C. War Pension(s) Committee.
W.R. West Riding (of Yorkshire).
 (2) Ward Room. (Naval.)
 (3) War Reserve. (Police.)
 (4) Wirral Railway (in Cheshire).
W.R.A.F. Women's Royal Air Force.
W.R.I. War Risks Insurance.
W.R.N.S. Women's Royal Naval Service. A member is familiarly called a "Wren."
W.R.U. Wesleyan Reform Union.
 (2) Welsh Rugby Union.
W.S. War-substantive ; as in "*W.S./Capt.*", Captain for the duration of the war. In Air Force : (w.).
 (2) War Scale ; e.g. "Officers' allowances, *W.S.*"
 (3) Writer to the Signet.
 (4) West Saxon.
 (5) (This person has) satisfactorily completed a short war-course at the R.A.F. Staff College.

W.S.P.U. Women's Social and Political Union.
W.S.W. West-south-west.
W.T. Wireless telegraphy ; wireless telephony. Also **W/T**.
 (2) Wireless Technology.
 (3) See **w.t.**
 (4) Warrant Telegraphist. (Naval.)
 (5) Shakespeare's *Winter Tale*.
w.t. ; occ. **W.T.** Watertight. (Naval.)
wt. Weight.
 (2) Without.
W.T.D. War Trade Department (in War of 1914-18).
W.T.P.B.C. often shortened to *W.C.B.* Wool Textiles Production Board of Control (in the War of 1914-1918).
Wtr. Writer ; hence *Ldg Wtr*, Leading Writer ; **P.O.Wtr**, Petty Officer Writer.
W.T.S. Women's Transport Service.
W.U.S.L. Women's United Service League.
W.Va. West Virginia.
W.V.S. Women's Voluntary Services.
W.W. Warrant Writer. (Naval.)
W.W.A.C. Women's War Agricultural Committee.
W.W.C.P. Walking Wounded Collecting Post.
W.Wdr. Warrant Wardmaster. (Naval.)
W.W.O. Wing Warrant Officer. (Air Force.)
Wy. or **Wyo.** Wyoming.
W.Y.R. The West Yorkshire Regiment. Also **W.Yorks** (written) and **West Yorks** (oral).

X

X or **x**. An unknown quantity or (only *X*) person. From Algebra.
 (2) **X** or **Xe**. Xenon. (In Chemistry.)
 (3) Christ. From the initial letter in the Greek spelling.
 (4) Cross.
x.cp. Not including right to coupon. Here, $x = ex = \text{except}$.

x.d. Not including right to dividend cf. *x.i.* Also **xd** and **x.div**.
Xe. Xenon ; cf. *X* (2).
x.i. or **x.int**. Not including right to next interest ; cf. *x.d.*
Xmas. Christmas. Rarely *Xm*.
x.n. Not including right to new shares cf. *x.cp.*, *x.d.*, *x.i.*

Xn. Christian.
Xnty. Christianity.
X (or **X.**) **roads.** Cross roads.
Xt. or **Xtian.** Christian. Here, *X*=
 Greek letter *khi* (hard *ch*).

(2) **Xt.** Christ.
xtry. Extraordinary.
XX and **XXX.** (Ales of) double and
 triple strength.

Y

Y. Yen (the Japanese monetary unit).
 (2) Ytterbium. (In Chemistry.)
y. Yard (measure).
 (2) Year.
 (3) You.
Y. & L. or **Y. & L.R.** The York and
 Lancaster Regiment.
Y.B. Year Book.
yb. Ytterbium. (In Chemistry.)
Y.C.L. Youth Communist League.
yd. Yard (3 feet); yards.
y'day or **yesty.** Yesterday.
ye. The (cf. *yt*). The *y* is a corrupt
 survival of the O.E. letter
 "thorn," which=*th*.
Yeo.; **Yeom.** Yeomanry.
yesty. See *y'day*.
Yks. See **Yorks.**
Y.L.I. The Yorkshire Light Infantry.
"Y" **List.** The "Y" list is of Army
 officers that, having been away
 from their unit or their forma-
 tion for more than 21 days, may
 be posted elsewhere.
Y.M.C.A. Young Men's Christian As-
 sociation. Often further short-
 ened to *Y.M.*

Y.M.Cath.A. Young Men's Catholic
 Association.
Y.M.C.U. Young Men's Christian Union.
Y.M.F.S. Young Men's Friendly
 Society.
yn. Then. The *y* represents *th*, as it
 does in the better-known *ye*
 (the).
Yorks. Yorkshire. Occ. **Yks.**
Y.P.S.C.E. Young People's Society for
 Christian Endeavour.
yr. Year.
 (2) Their; cf. *yt*. But also: your.
 (3) Rarely younger.
Y.R.A. Yacht Racing Association.
Yr.B. A variant of *Y.B.*
yrs. Yours; *yrs ty*, yours truly.
 (2) Years.
Y.S. Young soldier(s).
ys. This; cf. *ye*.
Yt. That; cf. *ye*.
yt. Yttrium. (Chemistry.)
Y.W.C.A. Young Women's Christian
 Association.
Y.W.C.T.U. Young Women's Christian
 Temperance Union.
Y.W.S. Young Wales Society.

Z

Z. Zero.
Zach. Zachary.
Zéch. Zechariah (in O.T.).
Zeph. Zephaniah (in O.T.).
Z.G. Zoological Gardens—esp. those
 of London.
Z. hour. Zero hour—the hour at which
 a move or a raid or a battle or a
 bombardment commences.

Zn. Zinc.
Zoochem.; **Zoogeog.** Zoochemistry;
 Zoogeography. Hence, with
 lower-case initial letters, zoo-
 chemical; zoogeographical.
Zool. Zoology; hence *zool.*, zoological,
 zoologist.
Zr. Zirconium. (In Chemistry.)
Z.S. Zoological Society.

