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Introduction

The purpose of this thesis is to survey the semantic development of some of the more important words for clothing in the principal Indo-European languages. Several of the minor languages, as Armenian and Albanian and the modern Indian and Iranian dialects, have been excluded, except by way of occasional mention for reasons of comparison.

Each article, that is each group of synonyms, is introduced by a tabular survey. In the discussion following, large cognate groups, where there are such, are considered first. Otherwise the arrangement is by language groups, namely Greek, Italic, Celtic, Germanic, Baltic, Slavic, Indo-Iranian, in this order. An arrangement following a semantic classification, often involving doubtful decisions, has been judged less practicable. But important parallelisms in semantic source have been indicated either by summary statement or by cross references.

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