Australian Aboriginal Words in English
Their Origin and Meaning
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This is an index of some of the more important terms from Chapter 6, of the names of Australian Aboriginal languages (or dialects), and of loan words from Australian languages (including some words of uncertain origin and some, like picaninny, wrongly thought of as Aboriginal in origin). Variant spellings are indexed either in their alphabetical place or in parentheses after the most usual spelling. References given in bold type are to the main discussion of a loan word or language.
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