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et alii	et al.	and the others
anno domini	A.D.	that is to say
ante meridiem	A.M.	in the year of the Lord
Medicinae Doctor	M.D.	compare
numero	no.	after the middle of the day
Philosophiae Doctor	Ph.D.	and the rest
versus	vs.	for the sake of example
pro tempore	pro tem.	to improvise
postscriptum	P.S.	see
ibidem	ibid	in the same place
ad libitum	ad lib.	for the time being
vide	v.	Doctor of Medicine
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