In the main, the key alphabet conforms to international usage. For the pupil who decome accustomed to it the task of should become accustomed to it the task of learning to pronounce Latin and German and most other European languages would be considered to the forand most other European languages would be a comparatively small matter. eigner among us would find great help in a re-spelling of our words in this alphabet, would furnish the primary too heart would furnish the primary teacher who wishes to use the phonetic method in teaching beginners to read, an authorized and complete beginners to read, an authorized and complete alphabet, simple and easy for the children to learn to use, a tool never furnished to have a tool never furni

In order to have this key find its way into general use, there must, of course, be a for it. Publishers must discover that the target of the course of the target of the course of the target of the course of the c Publishers must discover that the teachers of the country, those who come by in contact with the children of the country, those who come the country is the country of the country. most directly in contact with the children, and who realize most fully the embarrassments and difficulty attending the use of the realize most fully the embarrassments and difficulty attending the use of the realize most fully the embarrassments. ments and difficulty attending the use of the present diverse and complicated systems of key notation, desire and would appreciate the state of the present diverse and complicated key systems. of key notation, desire and would appreciate the adoption of a simple uniform key system in all our books, and especially in our solvelle all the system in all our books, and especially in our solvelle all the system in all our books, and especially in our solvelle all the system is a simple uniform. tem in all our books, and especially in our schoolbooks. Publishers cannot be expected introduce such an improvement without fooling over the the introduce such an improvement without feeling sure that there is a demand for itsufficient to justify the expense and risk involved in adaptive is a demand for itsufficient to justify the expense and risk involved in adaptive is a demand for itsufficient to justify the expense and risk involved in adaptive is a demand for itsufficient to justify the expense and risk involved in adaptive in the control of the to justify the expense and risk involved in adopting it. It is for the teachers of the country to say whether such a call for a uniform transfer of the teachers and the such a call for a uniform transfer of the teachers. country to say whether such a call for a uniform key alphabet shall be clearly heard, and whether the royal seal of the National Education whether the royal seal of the National Education Association shall be clearly heard, the alphabet here recommended so that it shall always appeared to perfectly alphabet here recommended so that it shall always remain common property, perfectly open and free for use by all who will and leaving remain common property, alousy to open and free for use by all who will, and leaving no ground for business jealousy to make changes in it or refuse to adopt it on the claim the ground for business by earlier make changes in it or refuse to adopt it on the claim that some rival publisher by earlier use has preempted it and thus put his private stamp.

Any request for information in regard to this alphabet or its use, and any suggestion may add to the value and helpfulness of our first lines, and any suggestion may add to the value and helpfulness of our first lines. that may add to the value and helpfulness of our forthcoming final report will be well-comed and carefully considered. The capitals and script forms will appear in that report.

It is understood, of course, that the name of a vowel is its sound uttered distinctly systematic name of an explosive consenant and of the standard followed The systematic name of an explosive consonant and of h, y, and w is its sound followed by t; of any other consonants, its cound preceded by e. In the case of five consonants however, the common names are submitted as onlined because of the present advantage they are however, the common names are submitted as optional because of the present advantage they may be in teaching beginners. Particularly like the phonest tage they may be in teaching beginners, particularly adults, to read by the phonetic method (in phonetic print) when they come to make the property adults, to read by the phonetic method (in phonetic print) when they come to make the tage. method (in phonetic print) when they come to make the transition to common print.

A GREAT REVIEW ON ENGLISH SPELLING.

The North American Review, in review of Prof. Lounsbury's essays on "English ling and Spelling Reform" thus wrote: Spelling and Spelling Reform" thus wrote:

"The whole book is so delightful it so abounds with the friendliest humor, the most teous instruction; its erudition is so well manufactured for bearing." courteous instruction; its erudition is so well mannered, its wisdom is so forbearing yet so persausive that we wish it could be in the beauty of the sound and child in the court yet so persausive that we wish it could be in the hands of every man, woman and could be in the country. It is, perhaps, too mad to have that it. in the country. It is, perhaps, too mad to hope that the week or month will ever come when it shall be quoted among the best-selling books by the 'literary' and for a lar' periodicals; but if that week or month ever came it would be a bright omen for a lar' guage now large it. periodicals; but if that week or month ever came, it would be of bright omen for a language now languishing under the vilest wrongs of the periodicals. guage now languishing under the vilest wrongs ever inflicted upon an innocent speech. We seek in vain among the customs of savage or inflicted upon an innocent speech. guage now languishing under the vilest wrongs ever inflicted upon an innocent sof the We seek in vain among the customs of savage or barbarous people for a parallel of grotesque misusage of English orthography. Nose-rings, foot-binding, trazor pointed shoes, tattooing, all these are emblematic of an advance in civilization for beyond that marked by our long-established often discatablished never re-established spalling." far beyond that marked by our long-established, often disestablished, never recetablished, spelling."

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