

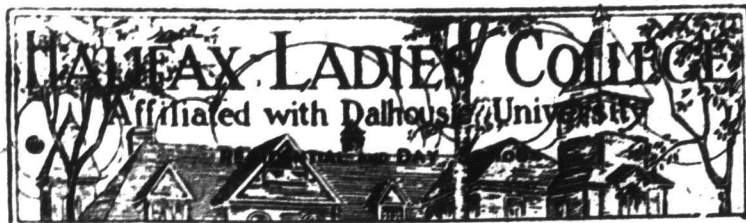
DEVICES FOR SPELLING.

Have you ever invented any devices to help you to spell correctly? How do you remember about "ie" and "ei," about "ary" and "ery," and where to use two "s's" or two "e's?" D. E. Yocum, of the University of Pennsylvania, and his post-graduate students have been questioning teachers about this, and have collected answers showing devices used by about two hundred persons. The answers are published by the *Teacher* of Philadelphia. We give a few of them.

1. "Familiar" lost its trouble for me when I noticed the "liar" in it.
2. I remember "stationary" by the "a" in "stand;" stationery" by the "e" in "pen;" "beach," a shore, and "beech tree" are remembered by the "ea" in "sea" and the "ee" in "tree."
4. "Principal" and "principle" are distinguished by associating the latter with its synonym "rule."
5. Philippine." Spell "Philip," then "pine."
6. "Grammar" has a rhyme:
"Two a's, two m's, two r's, one g,
Put them together and spell it for me."
7. "Separate." Remember that the first and second vowels are not alike.
8. Three persons spell "business" correctly by remembering that it has "sin" in the middle of it.
9. Four say that "niece" comes to them correctly when they think of "nice niece."
10. The confusing "ie" and "ei" in words like "believe" and "receive" are simplified for fourteen teachers by the "li" and "ce" in the word "Alice."

The writer used to stumble at "oratorio" until she heard of the child who called it "o-rat-o-ri-o" with stress on the second and fourth syllables.

The best mnemonics are those we invent for ourselves, but simple ones like the foregoing may be successfully borrowed. Give one spelling period early in the year to find out what devices your pupils use in spelling, and stimulate them to find new ones for difficult words.



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CURRENT EVENTS.

In German East Africa, while the British forces from the north have reached the central railway at several points, the Belgians have driven the Germans out of the northwest part of the territory and have taken Ujiji and the lake port near that place which is the western terminus of the railway. All that remains in German hands is a strip across the country from lake to sea, difficult of access and comparatively worthless; and they will probably not be left in possession of that much longer.

Gorizia, the Austrian town which has been taken by the Italians after a battle lasting three days, was thought to be the most strongly fortified place in any of the European war zones. Its fall opens up the way for the Italian armies to march upon Trieste.

The Turks have retaken from the Russians the town of Bitlis, near Lake Van, which is an unexpected show of strength in that region.

The number of men enlisted in Canada for service overseas is now over three hundred and fifty thousand.

Holland has refused the request of the German government that she would permit boats to carry munitions from German to Belgian territory through the Dutch canals.

The death of Sir Pierre A. Landry, Chief Justice of the King's Bench Division of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick.