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SLAMMED is got from *slam* by ading *ed*, making *slamed*. As this wud lead to the pronunciation slamd, it became necessary to tinker it a bit. So *m* was dubl. It appears not to hav ocured to our grandfathers that had they left out silent and wors than useles—positivly mischivus—*e*, the second *m* cud hav been dispenst with, giving 'slamd,' all suficient. So *whipped* was tinkerd out of *whip* and shud be superseded by *whipt*, along with *crept*, *slept*, and *wept*.

PSISH!—*Harper's Bazar* givs this as a fact: "A wel drest woman on a Sound steamer last sumer saw the *Psyche* approaching and put on a pair of stylish eyeglasses to assist her in deciphering its name. 'The Physic' she red, speaking so loud as to be herd distinctly by all. 'O, no' caching herself, and blushing violently at her mistake, 'how absurdly I red that name! I see now it's the Psish'"

WHY hav *deign* and *disdain* such diferent speling? They hav exactly the same derivation. Why the silent *g* in one, and not in the other? Why *ei* in one. *ai* in the other? Wil stiklers for etymology explain?

Mr F. A. Fernald in *Popular Science Monthly*: "No child lerns English speling without geting the pernicious notion that cram is betr than thinking, and that comon sens is a trecherus guide."

To PUBLISHERS who giv a notice of *HERALD*, or of the Revision of Speling now in progres, as per pages 21 and 22, and send us a copy, we shal send our paper during 1886.

Mrs E. B. Burnz rites from N. York: "The general disposition is to reduce the vowel scale to the 12 sounds most prominent and not trubl with shade vowels. The contest wil be upon Roman or English values for the vowel lets *a e i o u*. I think the latr wil hav to be the base for the present, tho ther wil be a change toard the former as pronunciation changes—in 100 years or more."

## PRONUNSIASHUN.

Apiary	ep'i a ri
apiarian	ep'i a'ri an
apiarist	ep'i a rist
<i>Pell Mall Gazette</i>	Pel Mel Ga zet'
<i>gazelle</i>	ga zel'

We hav seen the doctrin taut that a (as in *al*) never ends a sylabl. Words above do not bear this out. Syllabication coresponds with Worcester. We believ the division of *gazet* and *gazel* unquestionabl if division of the three preceding words shud be questiond.

A paralel doctrin that o never ends a sylabl appears tenabl and important, as project (noun) project' (v.)  
prod'uct                      produc'shun  
spaz' m                      spaz mod'ic

Observ that the obscure vowel inserted in *spasm* to render it pronounceabl is unnesecary when ther is a folowing sylabl, and is oमित even in a cognate word. Notice too that present speling allows two consonants to come together and leavs our sens of eufony to suply the needed obscure vowel. We may ad

priz'm	priz mat'ic
bat'l	bat'ling
sen't'r	sen trip'etal
sof'n	sof'ning or -in

giving exampls with *l*, *m*, *n* and *r*.

DELIVR US FROM EVIL.—Intolerant bigotri wil not du; nor wil arbitrari dogmatizm. WE must be olwaz redi tu giv a satisfactori explaneshun ov the truth as it iz in us. The poet telz us ov

"Filosoferz, lu find  
A fav'rii sistem tu ther mind,  
In evri part tu mak it fit  
Wil fors ol natur tu submit."

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