

CORRESPONDENCE.

USELES LETERS IN NAMES.

SIR,—I hav a grievance: while yu devote a colum in yur last issue to shoing that the objections of Mesrs. Bengough and Douglass ar not valid, when urged to set a good exampl by omiting useles leters from their names, yet yu send each issue adrest "Susan M. Phillips" insted of Suzan M. Fillips, as I rite my name. The duty of evry consistent advocat of Amended Speling is to spel his or her name in the shortest and simplest way possibl. Where such change is made it is almost invariably done with reluctance and after much deliberation. I hope Mesers B. and D. wil hav curage enuf to omit superfluous leters and let us hav their authority to put Bengof or Bengo and Duglas.

Pittstown, N. J. SUZAN M. FILLIPS.

INDIAN NAMES.

SIR.—Yur issue before last givs ocasion to draw attention to changes in pronunciation bro't about by pedagogic conceit. 'Arkansas' or 'Arcansaw' of Lewis's Map, givs the old pronunciation, 'Chipaway' of Lewis's Map givs tru pronunciation of 'Chipewa,' 'Ojibwa' is the same word and is pronounst 'ojibway.' The pronunciation of Kansas is not changed. It is givn as 'Kansas' in Lewis's Map, and 'Canzes' in map of Louisiana by De L'Isle, 18th cent. 'Iowa' has suferd much from pedagogs. The polite pronunciation now is 'I-o-wah,' with accent on first or secnd sylabl. The old pronunciation was 'I-o-way,' accent on last sylabl. In Lewis's map the word is 'Ayuawais;' in De L'Isle's map, as 'Aiaouez' or 'Yoways.' 'Euisconsin' (Wisconsin) has fortunatly remaind unchanged; so has 'Pani,' now speld 'Pawnee.'

I once met an Indian who calld himself a 'Taw-wah,' accent on first sylabl. Unable to recall a tribe of that name, I had him repeat the word several times, and at length discovered a vowel almost silent before T. It is Ottawa. I am not sure whether this man pronounst his tribal name correctly, for he had livd long among whites, and had gon to scool. I find that tribe's name in Jefery's Map of Luisiana and Canada, 1762, givn as 'Outawais,' where the final sylabl is 'way.'—*Science*.

Chicago.

J. D. WILSON.

"TRAIN UP A CHILD, ETC."

SIR,—Ther's a long lul in Sp. Reform in Eng. beyond Mr. Pitman's circi. I feel that I shud use more effort to make non my Short-hand for Kindergarten—the best way I no of to familiarize teachers and scolars with princpls of speech-analysis. But my official time coincides with scool time.

London, Eng.

J. B. RUNDEL.

APPROVAL & CRITICISM.

SIR.—I find much in yur later issues to approve. I hope yu wil not depart in the least from striving to reach a complete alfabet. Our Branch of Amended Sp. Assoc'n ar a unit in demanding such. "Amended Speling" simply cannot be introdusd in scool. Vicroy faithfuly reacht a ful alfabet but some of his characters ar very awkward and disturbt the scolar. Yur idea of diferentiating the old for all new modifications required solvs the problem. I congratulate yu on having no awkward characters. I think yu hav nearly reacht the goal. When a satisfactory alfabet is secured ther wil be litl difficulty in publishing a few small books for scool use. Don't leav vowel out of the ending "tion:" it is plainly herd when pronounst as it shud be. For \$1 enclosed send literature for distribution at meeting of California State Insti ite, I am going to sho teachers what progres has been made.

Oakland, Cal. [Mrs.] T. VARNY.

G. H.

No dout yu'd raiz a meri *laugh*
If I'd indit it thus in *laugh*;
Yu'd be alwiz an I—a *caugh*.

If yu wil hav me thus rit *slough*,
Wud yu me senshur wer I *nough*
To pil the leters thus in *hough*?

Uneven things yu paint thus: *rough*;
But if I'd spel lit-yelo *bough*.
No dout my ears'd feel a *cough*.

Now, if we'r purchast, we say *bought*;
But du we pen it thus in *lought*?
Why *nought*?—Whought *rought*!

Belvil, Ont.

CHARLZ R. MAKKULA.

A QUEER LOVE SPELL.

In search of knowledge
He went to knowledge,
And there was so busy
He often grow dusy;
His time was spent wholly
On deep studies wsofly;
He wouldn't touch liquor
And never would sniquor;
He did his own sewing
And wouldn't go rowing;
He spent little money
And never was foney
His heart was like gneiss
Until, one day, a gmeiss,
Attractive and puisne,
Just made him go luisue;
His love was as great
As a bird for its meat.
One morning he said
"Sweet angel, let's vaid."
And she told him, "Your
Lovesickness I'll cyour;
Your heart mustn't acho
Any more for my sache;
So, as you may guess,
My ansver is 'Yuess'."

H. C. Dodge.