

kontradiktionz. Some boyant spirits doutles rize above their troubelz, and in the playground or in the biznes ov after-life edukate themselvz, in spite of their teacherz. But how many fail entirely to acquire that taste for reading which iz the only objekt aimed at in our kommon skool edukation? In other wordz, how many fail to gain, not simply instruksion, but the very instruments ov acquiring noledj for themselvz? Sup-pozing one-third ov the skool-life—a very moderate estimate—to be spent in realizing the enormity ov bad spelling and in a jenerally hopeles endeavor to korrékt it, we hav set before us a magnifiscent prize to be won by the overthrow ov the jiant Spelling, and such a viktory need not, akording to some ov the best authoritiz, be a very diffikult achievement. The ranks ov the spelling reformerz now inklude filologists such az Max Müller, Latham, Richard Morris, J. H. Murray, W. W. Skeat, A. H. Sayce and W. D. Whitney, statesmen such az Gladstone, Sherbrooke and Trevelyan, and edukationists like Bain, Meiklejohn and Morell. It must not be understood that all theze namez ar subskribed to any definit plan ov reform. Their testimony at prezent iz that “something must be done.” When we hav to faze the question what that something must be, the British love ov kompromize wil immediately manifest itself. But it iz probably to be dezired rather that the matter be postponed than that any kompromize be aksepted. If a chanje must be made—and this, akording to Max Müller, “iz no longer a matter for argument”—a kompromize would probably be almost az difikult az a kompletely rational setelment. After the foolz hav rusht in (once more to quote Max Müller), “the track becomez beaten, and even anjelz ar no longer afraid.” The problem iz a very simpel one, and the chief obstakel in the way ov its solution is mere *vis inertiae*. Let this once be over-kum, let the need for innovation be rekognized, and the battle iz half won. Our alfabet, with only twenty-three real letterz (for *c*, *q* and *x* ar useles), haz to represent thirty-six soundz. Let us, therefore, hav thirteen new letterz, so that every sound may hav its korresponding sign; and if this rekonstruktéd