

## JOINT RULES FOR AMENDED SPELINGS.

1. e.—Drop silent *e* when fonetically useless, as in *live, vineyard, believe, bronze, single, engine, granite, eaten, rained, etc.*
2. ea.—Drop *a* from *ea* having the sound of *e* as in *feather, leather, jealous, etc.*  
Drop *e* from *ea* having the sound of *a*, as in *heart, harken, etc.*
3. eau.—For *beauty* use the old *beuty*.
4. eo.—Drop *o* from *eo* having the sound of *e* as in *jeopardy, leopard.*  
For *yeoman* write *yoman*.
5. i.—Drop *i* of *parliament*.
6. o.—For *o* having the sound of *u* in *but* write *u* in *above (abuv), dozen, some (sum), tongue (tung), and the like.*  
For *women* restore *wimen*.
7. ou.—Drop *o* from *ou* having the sound of *u*, as in *journal, nourish, trouble, rough (ruf), tough (tuf), and the like.*
8. u.—Drop silent *u* after *g* before *a*, and in nativ English words, as *guarantee, guard, guess, guest, guild, guilt, etc.*
9. ue.—Drop final *ue* in *apologue, catalogue, etc.; demagogue, pedagogue, etc.; league, colleague, harangue, tongue (tung), etc.*
10. y.—Spel *rhyme* rime
11. D.oi consonants may be simplified: FINAL *b, d, g, n, r, t, f, l, z*, as in *ebb, add, egg, inn, purr, butt, bailiff, dull, buzz, etc.* [not *all, hall*].  
MEDIAL before another consonant, as *battle, ripple, written (writn), etc.*  
INITIAL unaccented prefixes, and other unaccented syllabls, as in *abbreviate, accuse, affair, etc., curvetting, traveler, etc.*
12. b.—Drop silent *b* in *bomb, crumb, debt, doubt, dumb, lamb, limb, numb, plumb, subtle, succumb, thumb.*
13. c.—Change *c* back to *s* in *cinder, expence, fierce, hence, once, pence, scarce, since, source, thence, tierce, whence.*
14. ch.—Drop *h* of *ch* in *chamomile, cholera, cholera, melancholy, school, stomach.*  
Change to *k* in *ache (ake), anchor (anker).*
15. d.—Change *d* and *ed* final to *t* when so pronounced, as in *crossed (crost), looked (lookt), etc.*, unless *e* affects preceeding sound as *chafed, chanced.*
16. g.—Drop *g* in *feign, foreign, sovereign.*
17. gh.—Drop *h* in *aghost, burgh, ghost.*  
Drop *gh* in *haughty, though (tho), through (thru).*  
Change *gh* to *f* where so sounded, as *cough, enough, laugh, tough, etc.*
18. l.—Drop *l* in *could.*
19. p.—Drop *p* in *receipt.*
20. s.—Drop *s* in *aisle, demesne, island.*  
Changes to *z* in distinetiv words, as *abuse verb, house verb, rise verb, etc.*
21. sc.—Drop *c* in *scent, scythe (sitbe).*
22. tch.—Drop *t* as in *catch, pitch, witch, etc.*
23. w.—Drop *w* in *whole.*
24. ph.—Write *f* for *ph* in *philosophy, sphere, etc.*

The JOINT RULES are so called because the English Filologic Soc. and the Am. Filologic Assoc'n have joined to recommend these spelings for immediate adoption as better than those in common use—better from every stand point, including the etymologic. How these Rules were reached we have already briefly explained p. 21 *et seq.* The list of words given by the Fil. Soc. is not readily remembered. They are in a form far more portable mentally than given as the 24 Rules. Knowledge may be divided into (i) That kept recorded for reference; (ii) That mentally incorporated and ever ready for prompt use. The list is for reference: in the equivalent 24 Rules, the form is still rather cumbersome. We propose the following rules as being almost tantamount to the 24, fulfilling their spirit and yet being in a form mentally applicable with great readiness:

A.—OMIT every letter [fonetically] useless.

B.—CHANGE *d* to *t*, *ph* to *f*, *gh* to *f*, if so sounded.