

be expected tu empløi it in riting, unles preferd. Both must exist sid bī sid at furst. It iz enuf tu be abl tu red it. For that, 5 minuts' studi ov the ke and examplz iz sufishent.

Possibly, and very probably, betr shapes than thoz given can be found, but that iz matr ov detail; the principl iz the same. Diferent shapes mean a diferent solution ov the same problem; the efect iz the same. *The best solution az regards the vowels iz, at the prezent time, the grand desideratum.* Thus, many prefer the shape *e* insted ov *ɛ* for long *e*. In most, espeshaly the Romance tungz, the sound iz represented by *i*. It seems betr, tharfore, tu hav an *i*-shape, with or without the dot, that being matr for international option. A les stif and finisht shape than *ɛ* iz dezirabl; that iz mere matr ov geting a new letr cast. So, insted ov the shapes for long *i*, we may uze ꝥ, i, or li, the latr being got from li by tailing tu the right az Jj waz got, about 1650, by tailing tu the left. The shape (i) az chozen becauz it iz derived from *e*, thus: *e e, e, a*. The sound long *a*, az in *ale*, iz mostly represented in other European languages by *e* with some expedient tu sho its length az diferent from *e* in *ell*, or short *e*, (exampl: German, *mehr*, more, pronounst *mar*; French, *reve*, dream, pr. *rav*; Italian, *tema*, theme, pr. *tama*; Spanish, *pesos*, dollars, pronounst *pazos*.) The problem iz tharfore cosmopolitan, certainly international.

Six new letrz hav been already introdust intu our alfabet, viz., J, K, U, W, Y, Z. K and Z wer adapted and adopted from the Greek. K was given its place in Greek, between I and L. Z was placed at the end altho it haz sixth place in Greek. All alfabetz hav an oriental origin thru mythical Cadmus. Cadmus introdust 16 letrz. The sprighly Greek, finding hiz alfabet defectiv, az we do ours now, aded 8, making 24, 4 ov the 8 being aded, by statute, at Athens, B. C. 403. We hav the Roman alfabet. The Romans aded 4 tu the the Cadmean letrz, making 20, which we adopted, and since hav aded the 6 already specified, making our present 26. Jj was got by tailing li and introdust in Cromwel's time, being before K, already in, and after li from which it aroz. I and J ar tu this day often mixt in indexes and dictionaries, az ar also U and V. U was got from V by making the latr round at botm, at first uzed az a second form ov the same letr, after 1630, az a new letr. Tu our day, U and J ar out ov their order among the capitals in the printer's case, proving their recent introduction. W was got by puting two V's together, thus: VV, and so uzed for generations, until a separet type, W, was cast. Hence our od name, dubl-yu, for W, V being formerly calld yu. It iz a question whether Y was got by tailing V or from the equivalent Greek capital.

In the past we hav enlarjd our alfabet by, 1, introducing new shapes when needed: let us agen do likewise. 2, we hav modified old shapes tu make new ones; let us continyu the proces. Having got new shapes, let us assign each some definit fonological valyu and stik tu it, uzing that letr for no other sound. Thus, and thus only, can we cure our miserabl orthografy. The plan propozd iz but a continyuatiun ov that found efectual in the past.

Mr. Scarlet, Inspector ov schools for Northumberland Co., moved a vote ov thanks, seconded by Mr. D. C. McHenry, M. A., Principal ov the Collegiate Institute, Coburg, who stated that he had for years been ov the opinion that that propozd or sum such system ov speling must supersede the prezent way, or reched lak ov system. Its unavoidable introduction could only be a question ov length ov time. True, we would hav tu sacrifice sum good etymology, but he supozd that would hav tu go tu secure the great and manifest advantges ov the *sound* system. In accepting the vote ov thanks, the authority ov Dr. Murray and Prof. Max Mueller, the highest living authorities on langwej, was givn that speling by sound was the betr indicator ov etymology and the word *parliament* uzed az an illustration. Its derivation, French *parler*, u speak, was much betr indicated by the speling 'parlement.'