

and clasification, ar fully givn. He makes 18 distinctions in the vowels, viz. the 16 exemplified on p 17, that (17th) herd in *dog, orange*, etc. (which we hold to be but a short form of that in *fork*;) and lastly that in *earth*—twelve distinct vowels and six explicitly call'd *shave*. Pronunciation is indicated by diacritical marks which ar Websterian, but W. is advanst on in indicating the quality of the vowels in unaccented syllab's which W. leaves unmarkt in altogether do as you please way. Worcester, on the other hand marks about everything unaccented as "obscure -- positively bad as favoring a mumbling, indistinct, muttering obscure or very slovenly pronunciation which is to be deprecated and shund as an American sin. We prefer Webster's non commital way to this; but Phyfe commits himself, in most cases rightly, but often questionably. The determination of the quality of the vowels in unaccented syllab's is one of the problems now demanding a satisfactory solution. Before 1900, let us hope, the Newton of Orthoepy wil come and put this and much els to rights. He givs the pronunciation, according to both Web. and Wor., of over a thousand words often mispronounced. The *O* in the large clas of words of which *catot, sorry, soften* serv as exampls is givn as the vowel in *dog* and *orange*; and this we consider a great advance. They ar commonly givn with the *O* in *ox, not, bottle*, etc. Nearly all who use new letters take the latter, being driven thereto, in violence to prevailing good orthoepy, by having chosen a bad shape as *o*, for the vowel in *nor*, then, to avoid this shape, thus confessedly ugly to themselves altho parents ar known to be partial to their

off-spring, they put the vowel in *oe* in this clas of words for which vowel they hav commonly a more shapely letter. Pitman is the most notabl sinner in this respect: but he is not alone. *War, horse*, etc., is spelt *wor, hors*, etc., altho *wor, hors* etc alone consists with his alfabet. With Phyfe, we believ that the vowel is more akin to that in *fork* than to that in *oe*. His statement at p. 179 is both true and important: 'l, r, m, or n may, like a vowel, form the basis of a syllab, as in *table paper, spasm, often*.' The publishers name is sufficient guarantee of excellence in the make up of the volume. It shud be studied by every one interested in the progres of Orthoepy.

EXPERIMENTATION.—“Fonetic spelling is yet in a tentativ stage - not becauz it is not certain what sounds enter into the composition of a word; but becauz ther has not been enough experimenting with letters of different shapes to enable us to say just which ones ar easiest to the eye and of the most historic value. Nor can this be done at once. Many thousand trials, that hav not yet been made, alone can lead us to a knowledge as to which characters ar of the most economic value.”—*Jur. Am. Orthoepy*.

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THE TEN RULES.

1. Omit *a* from the digraf *ea* when pronounst as *e* short, as hed, helth, spred.
 2. Omit silent *e* after a short vowel, as in hav, giv, liv, definit, hostil, simpl.
 3. Write *f* for *ph* in such words as alfabet fantom, camfor, filosofy, telegraf.
 4. When a word ends with a dubl consonant, omit the last, as in shal, clif, eg.
 5. Change *ed* final to *t* where it has the sound of *t* as in lasht, imprest, fist.
 6. Drop silent *e* when fonetically useless, as in leav, griev, seemd, vinyard tild.
 7. Write *f* for *gh* when so sounded, as in tuf, enuf, ruf, sluf.
 8. Drop one of dubl consonants when useles, as in appar, skind, kist, whipt.
 9. Drop *u* and *uc* when fonetically useles, and change *o* and *ou* into *u* when so sounded, as gard, cat, log, leag, harang, tung, ruf, yu, yuth.
 10. Change *s* to *z* in distinctiv words, as use (noun), uze (verb), houze, (verb.)
- [The 8th rule is but an extension of the 4th and so includes it.]