WONDERS OF LAST 20 YEARS; AUTOMOBILE, WIRELESS, AIRSHIP

Wonders of the Camera-Women Have Their Own Bank-Possibilities of the Future Newspaper.

If a man could wake up from a Rip less pictures may be, the flying malook over the newspapers and the il- ful wonder of the world, and all the lustrated magazines, he would have pictures which show man flying like good cause to believe he had died and a bird are so startling that we almost gone to another world. Science and think we are dreaming when we see our grandmothers would have been industry are moving at such a rate them for the hundredth or the thouthat the aspect of the world changes sandth time. It really is an epochalmost from year to year, but we do making event in the history of the York. It is open day and night, so not realize it, because the camera re- world that man has learned to fly-a that actresses and newspaper women dren in the backwoods know how an Within the year or two the developaeroplane looks as it flies through the ment of the heavier than air machine nished but there is a reading and writatmosphere.

in the world?

"Houseboat on Land" Heads Advance. Another new thing in the line of automobiles is the "houseboat on land," built by Baron de Sennevoye. It is furnished and fitted up, in which the baron and his friends can travel about the country with all the comforts of home. There are cooking facilities, a place to sleep, and warmth and shelter from the rigors of the weather. If you had such a car you could tour the continent almost as cheaply as you

could live in your own house. Motor cars are also made waterproof now, and they can ford streams even if the working parts of the machinery are submerged. The automobile balloon ascension, in which a full size car serves as a basket, is more curious than useful, perhaps, and yet It shows how great has been the development both in ballooning and motor-

In the dramatic rescue of the pas sengers of the liner Republic a short time ago the world received its most thrilling realization of wireless telegraphy. It was Jan. 23 that the Florida smashed into the Republic during a heavy fog a hundred miles at two ships was known not only on the degree of luxury. coast but to other ships in the ocean. and there was an immediate rush to rescue. Save for three people killed in the collision every soul was

visible to the human eye.

worth, Who Duped Bank-

ers and Brokers-How

She Was Discovered.

Another woman adventurer with an

extraordinary career has stepped into

death, planned in a most sensational

Her list of victims includes bankers,

stock brokers, jewelers, automobile

dreds of thousands of dollars, although

the exact amount will never be

standing that they were not to be pre-

Presently she accumulated a sister,

time, too, she dropped the Gordon from

deemed personally.

and dramatic manner,

to the Methodist church.

matic climax.

Winkle sleep this morning and chine is the newest and most wonder-

has progressed so rapidly that nothing ing-room, and six dressing-rooms for There were automobiles a decade astonishes us, and we are prepared to ago, of course, but who would have believe that within a few years we all thought of the motor car that goes will be flying. The scientists tell us two miles a minute - literally the that they doubt if the aeroplane will fastest thing on wheels or on wings be a practical or commercial possibility, within the coming generation, if cautions taken to prevent loss by ever. But who that remembers what burglary. The doors at the two enthe Wright brothers have done will listen to the logic of the scientists? They formerly told us that men could not fly, but our eyes have seen, and really a motor car cottage, luxuriously now we expect further to astonish bolts which lock them weigh 100 of freight and passenger craft skimthe heavens with a X-ray machines were impossibilities.

> Exposition Marked the First Epoch. night. The first exhibition of aeroplanes

or hope to fly. The exposition marked the first epoch in aviation, and in to outdo them all. The private car the future the aeroplane show will be come as common as the automobile it may not be another decade before the auto will be an out-of-date institution, as little to be regarded as last year's bonnet or the stage coach of pioneer days.

The flying machines of the type built by the Wright brothers are mere models and rough suggestions of what sea east of New York. Both boats be. The essential point now is that the finished airship of the future will were disabled and the Republic was they do their work—they fly. The slowly sinking. A few years ago the time for polished brass and upholstchances were that one, or perhaps ered mahogany finish is yet to come. both, would have been lost with all on board. But the wireless apparatus of the Republic was put in operation and within a few minutes the plight of the "heavier than air" machine with some "heavier than air" machine with some

comfortable means of transportation, writes: of course it will carry women and brought to shore alive and without especial discomfort.

Compared Fig. Fig. 1. panied Wilbur Wright in his machine, tenary celebrations on Jan. 19-except the other way. He would Almost as wonderful as wireless and declared that "it was simply de- for its bearing on that question of have drunk less if he had contracted

With her "sister" and Albert Watts,

women in red cloaks.

It is twenty-five years ago since the which eventually cleared up the tangle

charming Violet made her debut in the Miss Violet had always been an en-

world in the town of Stafford. Her thusiast over Scotland and things

Tather was an industrious mechanic, Scotch. She had adopted a Scotch

who was secretary of his local union, name and history and had loved to

and her mother came from the same dress herself as a bonnie Highland rank in life with no particular char- lassie and bemoan the unhappy fate

acteristic save a pronounced devotion of the romantic house of Stuart. The

she disappeared from her home and to hide herself in and he picked up a

started on the meteoric career which decided clew in a small north of Eng-

has amazed all Europe with the dis-land town where he found that a scarlet

When she was about 20 years of age be the place she would be most likely

London Reporter Clears the Tangle,

reporter decided that Scotland would

At last a London reporter hit a trail

WOMAN WHO AMAZED EUROPE

development leads to the big machines, room. then, of course, they will be run by professional pilots and engineers like the ocean liners of today. All the the craft. Women Now Have Own Bank. In the old days, when women were not even permitted to own property,

astounded at the idea of a bank for women only. There is one in New the ordinary banking facilities fur-

the use of customers.

The safety deposit vault is a comparatively new institution, and the one in New York which bears Andrew Carnegie's name is wonderful for the prethem by the sight of navies and fleets pounds apiece, and there are fortyeight of them in all. All the most precious things in the world might be New York went on strike for a fort-

Within a few years it has become and airships, held at Paris in the latter the custom to build for railroad kings which is almost already with us, will part of December, showed a multitude and financial magnates private cars be a genuine work of art, for it will of machines in which men have flown that are models of luxury, but it has be life itself. But it will not be solely remained for a real royal personage in the pictorial department of tomor-

all be obliged to learn to fly, for the machines of the Wright type are difficult to manipulate. It is as hard to completed for King Edward is a veritable to manipulate. It is as hard to complete the completed for King Edward is a veritable palace on wheels. It is sixtylearn how to use one as it is to learn seven feet long, nine feet wide, and to skate, or to ride a bicycle, and the about thirteen feet high. It has an "school of aviation" will be one of entrance balcony, a smoking-room, a the possibilities of the future. If the day saloon, a bedroom and attendants'

Possibilitles Exceed Wildest Imagery. There will be wonderful developpassenger need do will be to pay his perhaps many things which we are fare, get aboard and ride—or fly—to now unable to see and do not know unable to see and do not know unable to see and do not know the second of the responsibilities of the responsibilities and the responsibilities are not seen and the responsibilities and the responsibilities are not seen and the respon his destination, leaving all the responsibility upon the crew and officers of the craft. photographed, one might venture to guess, and the camera artist will obtain results in his work which now

seem impossible. And what about the newspapers decades in the merely mechanical pro- of Mr. Dearness: duction of a daily journal, the promise!

show in all their natural colors. to the spectator. In the same way gave an average difference of 22 per stand out from the pages of the jour- one-fifth may be considered not far shame. The wireless, too, and the and be safe from a whole world of nainting may be considered not far and be safe from a whole world of nainting and the land be safe from a whole world of nainting and the nainting and the safe from a whole world of nainting and the nainting and the nainting and the nainting and the safe from a whole world of nainting and the n burglars, even if the police force of painting and in a manner far more would tabulate and summarize the box vork went on strike for a fort.

Possibilities of the Future Newspaper. A newspaper picture in this day, (Continued on Page Seventeen.)

show or the electrical show. Indeed, it may not be another decade before Some Illustrious Victims

Poe, Sheridan, Porson and Theodore Hook, Slaves of a Bad Habit. Which Had No True Relation to Their Essential Faculty - Worn Out Before Middle Age - Stories of Their Debauches.

How Edgar Poe lived for some part that Poe would probably have been a children, the same as railroad trains of his life and how he died need hard-greater poet if he had lived longer in telegraph itself is the fact that the camera reveals the Hertzian waves by means of which the messages are divided upon the question as to hoped that we shall hear nothing now transmitted through space. The effects whether the machine of the future will of his mastery by one of the vilest of be a small one or two man affair, or all temptations as something in the a huge craft that will hold many pas- nature of things. To the last Poe was sters, of this kind of depravity when tellectual conception. In fact, the sics there were many and glaring in- enough so that we can see the eyest Fait strange as automobile and wire- sengers. In the former case we would intemperate rather than a confirmed the nineteenth century was young. English language can rightfully be consistencies. So we have "proceed" behind the mask his face becomes as twice his load have gone to their Scandal" was acting, and asked for measure than heretofore, to rule in been partly the mischance of an evil he said, "that acted the old fellow, Sir and adaptability, no one of all the heredity, but probably it was far more Peter—what d'ye call him?" "Matother living languages can be placed Miss Violet Gordon Charles- to try to get out of her difficulties by an effect of environment, His youth—thews, sir." "Never let him play again; at its side, not even our own German and he barely attained to middle life he looks like an old pastry cook." On language." a chauffeur, she left London on an drinking age. When Poe was young author was found helplessly drunk in who declared in effect that the conautomobile trip through North Wales. most men, geniuses or the others, the street and taken to the watchtook to their cups as a relief from the house. We know how it ended—writs gratulate themselves that the English ing that town one bright moonlight fatigue of labor or the strain of anx- and bailiffs and all the rest of it, and have not discovered that a whimsica the chauffeur and Miss Lillian were truly were the days of the two-bottle Rogers, and no doubt on many an
the chauffeur and miss Lillian were truly were the days of the two-bottle Rogers, and no doubt on many an
the world-spread of their language. disabled and with an automobile most laid down their lives for their failing. "I find things settled so that £150 decidedly so. They had a terrible tale Porson stands at the head of a list will remove all difficulty. I am absothe limelight with a series of exploits to tell. It appeared that the automothat might be spun out to any length, lutely undone and broken-hearted. I which entitle her to rank with the fascinating Mme. Humbert and the captivating Cassie Chadwick. This The unfortunate Violet had been the captivating to tell. It appeared that the automobile, dashing along a cliff road, had swerved and plunged into the wall. The unfortunate Violet had been the captivating cassie Chadwick. This the course of a week, when the course of the course time the scene is laid in England and thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the Farebrother to get back the guarantee to g the heroine of the comedy is Miss thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the factor of the comedy is Miss thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the factor of the comedy is Miss thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the factor of the comedy is Miss thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the factor of the comedy is Miss thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the factor of the comedy is Miss thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the factor of the comedy is Miss thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the factor of the comedy is Miss thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the factor of the comedy is Miss thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the factor of the comedy is Miss thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the factor of the comedy is Miss thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the factor of the comedy is Miss thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the factor of the comedy is Miss thrown through the glass window in the common everyday sense of the factor of the common everyday sense of the factor of the factor of the common everyday sense of the factor o alias Miss Gordon, alias heaven knows Lillian escaped with severe shock and his fate to be tremulously alive to impressions and to register them for the me—for God's sake, let me see you! It was a beautiful and tragic story benefit of the quiet man by the fire-French and American rivals. Miss and at first all England wished to weep, side. The height of his occasional fits Violet is young, extremely fascinating, and has so far escaped the arm history of the lost Violet caused doubts was the measure of the depth of his it was past midnight when this came to be carried by the concept and at first all England wished to weep. Side. The height of his occasional his of elation and sense of the joy of life be feared, as easily as he wrote plays. Was the measure of the depth of his it was past midnight when this came the concept and t to arise. Watts, the chauffeur, under fall into the opposite mood when the to hand, but Rogers and Tom Moore rigid examination, began to falter in time came for that. He took to the walked from St. James' Place to

Richard Whiting, author of that for good luck, and they drank for bad.

When the aeroplane is a safe and great novel "No. 5 John Street," Thomas Hardy, in a letter published on the recent celebration, suggested

They were giants, not to say monim, and many who could have carried Drury Lane when the "School for destined in the future in yet greater twice his load have gone to that the name of the piece. Wroughton all the ends of the earth. When we gravely told him. "And who was it," consider its richness, intellectuality -was passed in what was still a the first night of his comedy the

his tale and allow discrepancies to ap- bottle by the mere force of example, Savile Row together to assure thempear. Finally rumors began to grow simply because they all did it. In selves that the threatened arrest had that Miss Violet had been seen at dif- the present age the sufferer would try not yet been made. A servant spoke ferent places through England and a walking tour or a round of golf, and to them out of the area, and manufacturers, and, in fact, every Scotland subsequent to her supposed we should hear no more of the mat- that all was safe for the night, but class of mankind who generally are redeath, and that if she was a ghost she ter. They were simply the slaves of that sale bills would be posted on the puted to be the most difficult to dupe was a substantial one. A bright red a false association of ideas which exhouse next day. Early next morning and with the widest experience of cloak was the great clew, and newstended to every mood. They drank Moore was the bearer of Mr. Rogers' they were said and they drank draft for £150 to Savile Row. He swindlers, both fair and otherwise. The paper reporters, policemen and amateur because they were sad, and they drank draft for £150 to Savile Row. (Continued on Page Sixteen. (Continued on Page Sixteen.)

SKETCH OF CHARLES DARWIN: A FAILURE AT COLLEGE

But He Became the Foremost Scientist of the Nineteenth Century — Greatness Allied With Gentleness — A Character Even Nobler Than His Intellect.

closures which came at its melodra- cloaked woman had stopped for a day in order to have the telltale garment dyed. The scent grew hotter and fin-Cuts a Wide Swath in London.

As soon as she reached London she

At a hotel he discovered Miss Violet 12, Charles Darwin was by C. Darwin, Esq.'" at Shrewsbury, England. His had commenced to speculate on the or her double. The woman declared stock exchange. In an inexplicable her name was Margaret Cameron Mcfather was a successful doctor, his mother was the daughter of the famous potter, manner she appeared to have an intim-Leod, and with the utmost indignation ate knowledge of the vagaries of stocks disclaimed any knowledge or connecand made a specialty of dealing in tion with the missing Charlesworth. American railways. She astounded her She even went so far as to write a stockbrokers with the shrewd business letter to the London papers complainsense which she displayed, and at first ing that she was being persecuted and fact record of those early years which Just at this period he was informed that was uniformly successful. She made threatening to put the matter in the large sums of money with which she hands of her lawyers if she suffered indulged her taste for motor cars, say further molestation. It was a both to his father and to his school-maturalist who would volunteer to go bluff, but it failed to work. Miss masters he seemed to be of very common with him without pay. Charles Darwin masters he seemed to be of very common with him without pay. ible gullibility of her victims is shown Lillian was brought up from England clay. "You care for nothing," Dr. Dar-In the fact that her stock brokers, one to identify the indignant person, but win once observed to him, "but shoot-exceedingly sceptical about the project."

markable, still Miss McLeod was not "CAPTURED BY C. DARWIN, ESQ." sented to the bank, but would be re- Miss Charlesworth. At Edinburgh University Charles Dar-The persistent reporter, however, refused to give up. A sudden friendship who was introduced to the world as sprang up in an extraordinary manner Miss Lillian Charlesworth. About this between Miss McLeod and Miss Lilbecome a successful doctor. Finding, her name, or, rather, transposed it, for the Charlesworth home. The relian, and the pair finally started south for occasionally she would sign her-porter went, too, and his patience and self Miss Violet Gordon Charlesworth. persistence was rewarded, for the bat-At last her flowery path began to tery of questions and cross-examina-be beset by thorns. Bills poured in At last her flowery path began to be beset by thorns. Bills poured in upon her in a flood. Almost every prominent automobile agent in London and she finally surrendered at discretion and admitted that she was the veloped a passion for collecting beeties. complete, but Darwin heard alterwards veloped a passion for collecting beeties. 'I was very successful in collecting.' he from Fitz-Roy, who was a zealous disciple of Lavater, that he had very nearly been rejected because of the shape of his winter moss off old trees and place it in lose. "The voyage of the 'Beagle,'"

ness was remarkable, really most re- family.

also other thousands due to accom- No move as yet has been made to modating jewelers who, however, were take legal action against this extra-

THE CAPTAIN'S OFFER.

This kind of enthusiasm did not tend Josiah Wedgewood, and a long series of staunch yeomen ancestors led up to the win, who had been a failure at school, stincts of truth." Pages might be man of genius who was to be buried be- a failure in the study of medicine, a filled with similar objurgations. Suffice win, as all the world knows, has given in seemed likely to be a failure as a student prefaced his long absorption in his writ- a certain Captain Fitz-Roy would share appealed eagerly to his father, who was of the largest and most reputable firms to identify the indignant person, but win once observed to min, but shoot of the largest and most reputable firms after a conference between the two ing, dogs, and rat-catching, and you will of common sense who advises you than in England, were accustomed to cash she declared that, although the like- be a disgrace to yourself and all your of common sense who advises you to go, I will give my consent." Charles forthwith wrote to refuse the offer of the morning, fortunately for the whole world, win studied the profession of his father, went off to his uncle's place for some who thought that he would eventually shooting. Josiah Wedgwood thought very however, that his son was not whole- the captain's offer, and as he was cona large bag, and likewise to collect the writes Darwin, "has been by far the most rubbish at the bottom of the barges in important event in my life, and has de-which reeds are brought from the fens, termined my whole career; yet it delosing patience. The simple-minded ordinary young woman and all Eng-stockbrokers were moving restlessly in land is now asking the question: What their fatuous chairs and poor Violet is to become of Miss Violet . Charles-was at her wits' end. She determined worth Gordon Trevor?

Which reeds are brought from the fens, and thus I got some very rare species. Pended on so small a cricumstance as my uncle offering to drive me thirty miles ing his first poem published than I did at to Shrewsbury, which few uncles would seeing in Stephens' 'llustrations of Brit-.(Continued on Page Seventeen.)

hundred years ago on Feb- ish Insects,' the magic words, 'Captured

side Newton in Westminster Abbey. Dar- failure in the pursuit of humanities, it to say that a list of eminent British captain of the "Beagle," but the next ons and many others. The editors-indifferently from Dr. Darwin in regard to izations. hearted about medicine, he sent him to captain's offer, and as ne was conhearted about medicine, he sent him to captain's offer, and as ne was conhearted about medicine, he sent him to captain's offer, and as ne was conhearted by his brother-in-law to be "one of the most sensible men in the world," to this Darwin's chief enthusiasm had captain to the captain's offer, and as ne was conhearted by his brother-in-law to be "one of the most sensible men in the world," to this Darwin's chief enthusiasm had captain to the captain's offer, and as ne was conhearted about medicine, he sent him to captain's offer, and as ne was conhearted about medicine, he sent him to captain's offer, and as ne was conhearted about medicine, he sent him to captain's offer, and as ne was conhearted about medicine, he sent him to captain so offer, and as ne was conhearted about medicine, he sent him to captain so offer, and as ne was conhearted about medicine, he sent him to captain so offer, and as ne was conhearted about medicine, he sent him to captain so offer about the captain so o been shooting, but at Cambridge he developed a passion for collecting beetles.

The arrangements were soon complete, but Darwin heard afterwards or sympathize with it. What is usual-

principal of the Normal School, at the represented by its appropriate letter, silent and to them useless letters? last meeting of the Baconian Club, and every letter is the sign for only Those who are interested in the history themselves Marvelous as has been the and which elicited an interesting dis- one sound. Such a system would en- of words, and the history is really transformation wrought in the last few cussion, largely favorable to the views able a learner to read, at least mechanicelly as soon as he learned his let-

produces all the wonders that are and thing he has dreamed of ever since he produces all the wonders that are and thing he has dreamed of ever since he plish about one-fifth more work in the benefits of a bank. Not only are The gayly-colored supplements of the plish about one-nith more work in Sunday papers of today involve an intricate and expensive process, which it enough to have had a phonetic alphabet and bet and wise enough to use it phonetic alphabet and bet and wise enough to use it phonetic. The Unabridged Standard attaches the smallest importance to a daily enterprise. Inventions which cally. By taking a little trouble any-are already being perfected will, how-one can verify this statement. For ever, reduce this process to so simple example, I find that in the ten used in correct English speech. a stage that it will soon be possible stanzes of the well-known poem, Cas-to give the public every morning a abianca, the printer has used 993 of only 26 letters, 3 of which are duplipaper in which the illustrations will letters. To write the same poem in cates. And while this fact puts strictly Pitman's system, recording every phonetic spelling out of the range of The papers of tomorrow will not vowel and consonant sounded, and practicability it ought clearly to intrances are massive pieces of steel, so heavy that they have to be opened and closed by electric motors. There are four time locks on each door, and the bolts which lock them weigh 100

The papers of tomorrow will not vowel and consonant sounded, and practicability it ought clearly to inthat without any contractions, recrease the consistency and regularity with which we select the letters and the number has to be increased more than the necessary combinations of letters bolts which lock them weigh 100 cheme of color which it actually offers pieces of prose, similarly examined, with an alphabet which suffers from leanness we have a spelling that is exphotographs of prominent persons will cent, hence the estimated saving of cessively corpulent? The History of Our Present Spelling.

> printers and telegraphers, it would be easy to estimate the gain that would result from the introduction of an ideal system of spelling. Then, too, were a strictly phonetic they began to speak and write the time of all who have to write or print system of spelling in practice the time language of the peasantry, but with a our noble language. and tears laid by childhood on the French twist. The first English books altar of the present system would be were printed in Germany, and the almost wholly saved, because learning early printing presses set up in Engto read would be learning to spell land were manned by foreigners, who, so enormously exploited in dramatic A German Philosopher's Opinion.

Jacob Grimm was in his recent day easily the prince of the world's gram-marian-philologists. No one else has ever had a view at once more extenslve and intensive of the numerous streams that have formed and are yet forming the languages of Europe German patriot as he was, and ardent admirer of his mother tongue, yet it was of English that he said:

hours spent by the armies of writers

of Proposed Changes.

"No other modern language, direct-

And yet it was this same savant

Our Whimsical Spelling. Whimsical is the appropriate adject tive to apply to the conventional pelling of many of our words. The child who has learned to spell "go" net helped thereby to spell "toe," no spell the name of unbaked bread which must not be spelled "d-o," 'd-o-e," but "d-o-u-g-h." His sister's lover is not her "b-o," or her 'b-o-e," or her "b-o-w," not even her 'b-o-u-g-h," but her "b-e-a-u." One writer has given examples of twenty-"a" in "cake," and twenty-four in which the sound of "ee" in feet, are represented in English words. A child not only the hundreds of ways representing ounds, but must also learn in which words to employ each of the multi-

The Best Scholars Favor Reform.

Some people appear to think it kind of sacrilege to propose or prac tise a change in the conventional spellng of a word. Many of the greatest ence for the spelling in vogue. The largest organization of teachers in ne German States Governments were Or like the snowfalls in the river, spelling, passed resolutions declaring Or like the borealis race, desirable and calling upon the British Or like the rainbow's lovely form Government to appoint a commission Evanishing amid the storm." to investigate the matter. Bishor Thirlwall, the illustrious author of the History of Greece, said: "I look upon the established system of spelling, if newed we reach the next line: an accidental custom may be so called as a mass of anomalies, the growth of ignorance, equally repugnant to good taste and common sense." It was Lord Lytton who declared that "Our accursed system of spelling . . a lying, roundabout, puzzle-headed descholars who have voiced the need of spelling reform, have proposed means of accomplishing it, or have expressed ympathy with the movement, would include the names of William E. Gladstone, Dr. Morrell, Professor Max Muller, Otto Trevelyan, Professor W. W. Skeat, Sir James Murray, Professor R. Latham, Dean Bradley, James Bryce, Dr. Frederick Furnivall, Richard Morris, Dr. Meiklejohn, Sir William Ramsay, Professor Stanley Jevchief of the six leading dictionaries in Britain and the United States, are offi-Apparently the more

cers of the simplified spelling organabout the science of English spelling the more pronounced he is in favor of ly called English orthography might be more appropriately called English cacography. The collection of irregularities gathered together in the ordinary spelling-book makes it a lazaretto of verbal deformities, chronic sufferers with dropsy, goitre and various other swellings and malformations.

Our Limited Alphabet.

Mr. John Dearness Ably States the Case for Reform-Absurdceit", "repair" but "prepare", etc. The stems of these pairs of words ities of English Orthography and How They Came About coming as they do from the same cot, should be spelled in the same -Great Scholars Who Favor Simplification-Advantages way. Some people profess to be willing to write 'ugh" at the ends of several words to be reminded that the

The history of English spelling is an

interesting story, but too lengthy to enter on here. As the Norman nobility in England were severed from their French connection by the events of the ong war between the two countries, knowing little of either the spelling or literature, sacred and otherwise, is pronunciation of English, are said to said to be almost without existence in have eked out short lines by insert- sickness. Most patients have lost it ing "e's." There has never been any completely by the time they become entral authority corresponding to the seriously ill. French Academy to which the English- Death and sleep are both painless, speaking peoples could refer disputed according to Dr. Woods Hutchinson literary matters. Until the middle of and cause neither fear nor anxiety by the eighteenth century there was not their approach. It is one of the most even a great individual authority to merciful things in nature that the give weight to any particular form. overwhelming majority of the poisons When Dr. Johnson's dictionary was which destroy life, whether they are published in 1755 it became at once those of infectious diseases or those ly by the renunciation of the old the standard for English spelling, and which are elaborated from the body's ly by the renunciation of the old the standard for English spenning, and sounds and the loss of almost all the inflections. has acquired a greater with but very slight modifications has acquired a greater remained the standard to this day. Dr. and abolish consciousness long before force and vigor than the English; and Johnson, although an able literary the end comes,

force and vigor than the English; and critic, lacked the philological knowledge and the unteachable, yet learnable, critic, lacked the philological knowledge and the phonetic skill necessary to the fulness of its free middle tones has determination of the best outberraphiflowed a substantial power of pression such as perhaps never yet cal representation of English words.

Apple Sayon and the other Taxtonia of instances not only not painful but stood at the command of any Anglo-Saxon and the other Teutonic welcome. Pain-racked and feverlanguage. Its entire structure and languages were little studied in his scorched patients long for death as the completeness, at once wholly intel- day, therefore it is not much wonder weariest toiler longs for sleep. completeness, at once wholly interthat such errors were standardized as While many of the processes which lectual and wonderfully perfected, has proceeded from an astonishing union between the two noblest language streams of modern Europe—the Germanic and the Romanic. It is well-known how they are related in Eng-known how they are related in Eng-kn

comparative" but "comparison", "com- sleep.—American Magazine. ROBERT BURNS, THE REALIST: THE WORLD GREATLY IN HIS DEBT

An Appreciation of His Poetry-Wrote English as a Foreign Language, But in His Native Element in Scotch-His Work the Beginning of Modern English Literature -What He Gained From His Low Estate and Intimacy

from his chair and protest that it was the nearer Burns came to writing like impossible, because Burns was a Scot. an Englishman the less of a poet he We are quite aware that Burns was a was. to become a perfect speller, must learn | Scot. It is only as a Scot that he | And yet we find in him for the first our half-a-hundred English he dropped his distinction, and of our modern English literature. There poets, he wrote English as a foreign and to report them without the embellanguage, always moving stiffly in it. lishments of tender or poetic convenas one unaware of the intimate value tion. In Collins' "Ode to Evening," of its words, so that his English verses and even in the spirit of Gray's bum. Take his English at its very best, of the revolt against the frigid tradilines from "Tam o' Shanter":

With Nature.

0,000 members, about the time that You seize the flow'r, its bloom is shed; working on the reforming of German A moment white—then melts for ever; to Burns: the reform of English spelling to be That flit ere you can point their place;

It is all very pretty, but with what relief, with what sense of power re-

opening lines: When chapman billies leave the And drouthy neebors, neebors meet, As market-days are wearing late, An' folk begin to tak' the gate; While we sit bousing at the nappy, An' getting fou and unco happy, We think na on the lang Scot miles, The mosses, waters, slaps and styles, That lie between us and our hame. Where sits our sulky, sullen dame,

storm. Nursing her wrath to keep it warm."

After comparing these two passages vithin a few lines of each other in he same poem, no one could doubt that the Burns who counts-the Burns of poetry-is the born Scot and not the sham Englishman. If one had to make timate touch with outside reality in he wrote in English. We may be told surpassed even by Wordsworth, Somethis would cut out the admired lines. times, it is true, our weak English "To Mary in Heaven." Let them go, throats have to gulp his words like then; they are not the true Burns, burnt porridge, and when in the fate They do not compare in passion or ex-pression with "The Banks o' Doon," or line "And dash the gumlle jaups up to even with "Highland Mary." The poet the pouring skies," we look round for is working in a material of which he the burbling Jabberwock to come whifis not master, and he is hampered by fling past. But if we could drop out exactly those traditions and well-worn the three words borrowed from chilly. An ideal method of spelling requires uses which it was his distinction to

parents of such words were pronounced a thousand years ago, with a kind of Appended is the text of an address an ideal alphabet; that is, one in one who never learned the history of delivered by Mr. John Dearness, vice- which every sound in the language is the "ugh" and the hundreds of other cough or grunt. What of the ten to ically, as soon as he learned his let- in the literature of philology. Profes-Our letterwriters, typewriters, telegraphers and printers, could accomas he learned to read. By such a system of Cambridge University.

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The fitter iterature of pinfology. Professor Skeat, of Cambridge University. ing. Indeed, our present spelling conceals, or what is worse, misrepresents. the history of many English words. The movement on foot in Great Britain and the United States to simlify English spelling and by degrees ioneticize it as far as practical deserves our study and sympathy. The oposed changes bid fair in the end: 1. To make it easier for foreigners learn to read and write the English inguage; 2. To make it easier for our own, nildren to learn to read and spell; 3. To improve and standardize prounciation-good pronunciation is not ess desirable than good spelling; 4. To save the children much time ow spent on spelling which can be

pete" but "repeat", "receipt" but "de-

utilized in more educative work, and

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"height" for of life without fear, without But without regret, save for those debauchee of drink. A little upset Sheridan one night went tipsy to called a world-language, and seems but "precede", "succeed" but "secede", welcome as that of his "twin brother,"

> It was a hundred and fifty years break through or throw aside. Let it his week since the birth of Burns, and be granted that Burns was, before all if we were to say that we could mark things, a Scots poet. No Scotsman the beginning of modern English lit- could outdo us on that article of faith erature with that event, every Scots- though he preached it through a week one different ways in which the sound man in the Lowlands would spring of Sabbaths. We will even say that

> counts. The moment he tried to be time some of the most distinctive notes ceased to be a writer of much signifi- is in him the clinging to reality, the cance. Like so many of the Irish determination to see things as they are, seldom rose above the level of the al- "Elegy," we may trace the beginnings English scholars have had no rever- Take the famous and often quoted tion of the classic school. It is a revolt that we specially connect Great Britain, with an enrollment of "But pleasures are like poppies spread, oped in such opposite writers as Wil-Wordsworth's name, and it was develliam Blake and Crabbe; but Words. worth himself always owned his debt

> > Whose light I hailed when first it And showed my youth How verse may build a princely throne On humble truth."

Burns seldom reached the depths of passionate emotion. He never touchea "The hour approaches Tam maun such strings as "A slumber did my ride!" spirit seal," or "I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree," and a few Or what a change from the sickly, other poems that since his time have stuffy atmosphere of drawing-room become part of our common inheritverse it is to go back to the free air ance. The nearest he came to passion of gutter and tavern in the poem's was in the "Banks o' Doon," and the nearest he came to magic was in the haunting and exquisite lines:

> "The pale moon is setting beyond the white wave. And Time is setting wi' me, O!"

Certainly he has many charming and tender lovesongs—"Of a' the airts the wind can blaw," "O, my love's like a red, red rose," and "Mary Morison," which he ends with the very rare achievement of an epigrammatic form Gathering her brows like gathering that does not spoil the beauty:

'If love for love thou wiltna gie, At least be pity to me shown: thought ungentle canna be The thought o' Mary Morison."

But it was not in depth of passion that he was greatest. It was in his inselection from Burns, the surest way man, beast, and nature that he was the to begin would be to cut out everything first of our poets, and has remained un-(Continued on Page Sixteen.)