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DO YOU KNOW YOUR LETTERS

Any man who can read would probably resent such an imputation of ignorance as this question conveys.

“ Do you know your letters ? ” is what is asked the little tot when he or she first sets foot in school. And grown up men or woman may be pardoned for believing they are speaking the truth when they answer “ yes ” to the question. The chances are, however, that they don't know their letters.

Why has “ A ” its present shape ? Stumped the first time ! Every American ought to know that. A takes its shape from a picture of an eagle. B was once the picture of an Egyptian bird. D represented a man's hand. F was the horned viper. The two upper strokes are the remains of the horns and the perpendicular line the upright body of the viper. H was once the semblance of a sieve.

We got our letters from the Phœnician alphabet, which in turn came from the hieroglyphic picture-writing of Egypt.

So don't be so sure of your knowledge next time you are asked a simple question.

The Catholic Youth
