

twelv specifications or rules prépared by Medill. This was not kept up as failing helth compeld him to liv in California and the South. For exampls of The Tribune's vigoros advocacy of improved wordforms see THE HERALD, vol. i, pages 172 and 192. This born newspaper man died at San Antonio, Texas, on March 16th.

—*Revista de Taquigrafia y Fonetismo*, or Review of Shorthand and Fonetics, is a monthly of 16 octavo pages, publisht at Leganitos 7, Madrid, Spain. It is remarkabl how ofn shorthand and fonetics mingl. Even in its title f occurs in two places where most languages require ph. This is now universal in Spanish, a reform acomplisht long ago. Its sister-tung, Portuguese, yet uzes ph and not f. So does French. Italian has no ph, always f. In Italian this is not a reform but has always prevaild; those who guided the language not having comitted the ph-for-f folly.

C O R E S P O N D E N C E .

A STORM-CENTER IN "THE WINDY CITY."

(To Dr E. B. Andrews, Sup't of scools, Chicago.)

SIR: Let me congratulate yu on having sufficient apreciation of its educational importance, and the moral curage to make a stand for simplified speling in even twelv words only. I trust that neither the cheap wit nor the labord editorial bosh of the papers, or others, wil deter yu from initiating further and more important changes for the beter as yu feel yurself strong enuf to cary yur point. Some one (or more) with ability and influence must make the stand, if the language itself, and not the rags and taters of antiquity, in which it is now disguised, is to be studid, understood and properly uzed. Many remember when musick, publick, almanack, colour, favour, endeavour, etc, wer orthodox. Is ther a singl sensibl person not glad the changes wer made? I hope yu wil feel strong enuf to giv liv, shud, wud, cud, enuf, tuf, ruf, f for ph, etc., a whak next, and thousands of helples, squirming yungsters whose tender noses yu help to hold down on the orthografic (?) grindstone wil gro up to bles yu for helping them out of this abominabl and inexcusabl nightmare—speling.

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(To the Editer of the Record, Chicago, Ill.)

SIR: Refering to yur coments on introduction of "amended" speling of a few words in our scools:

Does anyone suppose presnt speling cud be imposed on an intelligent nation of adults if calld on to lern the language? Wud ther not be rebellion from the start against such misrepresentations and monstrosities? Is not its perpetuity due almost solely to its being forced on defenses children while in their helples condition in scool, who when they gro up in this cramped and distorted fasion become so mentaly and moraly benumd that they hav no energy to thro off the incubus, tho constantly making protest by "poor" (? speling so ofn seen?

If change is mater of "evolution," and Webster felt strong enuf to drop k from publick, musick, almanack, etc., u out of colour, favour, honour, an l from traveller, etc., and not lose his reputation and influence, is it not high time some one els who feels able shud giv the wheel another turn and drop out more of the worse than useles letters which encumber words and confuse lerners?

Does not the obvios and sensibl anser determin what shud be the attitude of those who occupy responsibl positions of aiding in molding the opinions of the mature public [as editers] or directing the education of the yung?

Chicago, Ill.

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W O R D - R E G I S T E R .

[A dash (—) means, same as the preceding.]
[. means, infer from the preceding.]

OLD SPELLING REVIZED	NEW SPELLING ORTHOGRAFY	COSMOPOLITAN ORTHOEPEY
Aguinaldo		a-ʒɪ-nal'do
all	ol	ol, ol, al, aol
awl	öl	öl, öi, oul, oal
{ awed	öd
{ od,	—	od
{ ode, owed	öd	— ö:d*
canoe	canu†
Cariboo	Caribu‡
{ dough	do§
{ do	du§
{ tho	ðo§
Filipino		
Hindu	— hin-dū·§
lumber	lumber¶	ləm'ber.
lumbar	lumbar	ləm'bar.
yu	—§

**Ode, owed* (also *road, rode* and *rowed* as well as many others) dife a litl in orthoepey. When the particl or preterit in ed drops e, its place is ofn taken in distinct speech by the holder (:)—that is, the vowel or continuant immediately preceding is held a litl. Twenty years ago America was convulst by Peck's "Bad Boy." An expression in it was, "You 'd 'a dide alaughin'" (yud'ə daid ə læf'ən.). Here Peck's ear appears to appreciate our point. To sho that "died" had an unuzual pronunciation he spelt it "dide," to indicate daid or dəi:l, without vowel-holding.

†In "canu" italic u is one way of sevral by which abnormal stres may be denoted in an orthografy for scool uses only. It is almost an establisht habit (and "habit is second nature") that italics mean enfasis. A singl italic letter in a word is a natural indication of stres there. To print it canu· is another redy way; as is canu:

‡*Cæ·ri·bū·* is the expected inference. This is got by reasoning thus: the a just before l, m, n, r, and almost any other singl consonant, if such singl consonant is immediatly folod by a vowel is as in cat, not as in car. Examples: calico, Cameron, paragraf, parafrase, carrot, barrister, (noteworthy becaus derived from bar) barrel, cannel, Harris, Paris, Caledonia, capacity flannel, happy, malice, Alice, gallowes, falacy, palace, chalice, appetite, alimnt, alimony, Addison, Alison, Madison, Hamilton, rally, valley, tally. A dubl consonant counts singl becaus one is silent. The rule inculcated is a "linguistic habit." See Platform, plank 14. The u in Caribu is close u becaus final. As to stres, the rule is high stres on first sylabl; then the stres-pendulum swings lo on second sylabl; then swings to medium on the third. As stres is lo on second sylabl, it wil be cær·ə·bu· in colouquy. Wer stres abnormal in this word, its ful orthoepey wud appear in the Register as is the case with canoe, Hindu.

§O or u ending a sylabl is ö or ü. See THE HERALD for January last, p. 4.

¶The Spanish speling, with f, not ph.

¶Law-court scene:—Counsel: "Did yu say, doctor, that the man was shot in the woods?" [or lumber region.] Medical witnes: "No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region." [The seat of lumbago.] Old Speling has the merit to make lumber and lumbar distinguisht by the eye, tho colouquially the same, ləm'ber. So, too, ar cellar and seller, namely, sel'ər. New Speling shud distinguish both pairs—also all andawl.