

QUERIES AND COMMENTS

My main contention is for cosmopolitan vowels. Exact Speling [eclectic word-forms] will be workt out after the principl is establisht. Sudan, thru, Duma, Hindu, Rumania, bambu, kangaru [caribu, canu, shu, tabu, Kalamazu, tu, hu, chuse, pruv, Manitu, Pictu], etc., ar very important tu educate the public as tu tru use ov *u*.

Intrusiv *r* in *wash* (worf) is comon in elderly rustics in Michigan. I say hwa, wa, with a-stopt, not o-stopt unless folod by *r* or *l*: [wan d^{er}, hwat, waf, wat^{er}]; but wor, solt, tol (*war, salt, tall*). I hav herd Yankees say salt; and some Irish, war, tal. No census has included pronunciation. The easy way tu make a dictionary is tu copy! Professors in our university here say p^{er}n, also p^{et}n. Which is better? I incline tu p^{et}n, p^{et}r^{et}, næf^{en} (tho never næf^{en}, ever næf^{en}).

Some dialects hav pronunciations tu be preservd in speling (fern, term, in Scottish, e. g.). I say *air, share*, etc., with æ, not e, nor ɛ. In yur "provisional New Speling" put aer, shaer, etc.

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[See Æ in NED which says truly "æ prolongd is a comon American pronunciation ov *bear, hair, there*." In north Britain ɛ prevails. Sir I. Pitman used e in *there*, etc., and in *ale, they*, yet acknoledgd that in his district, south-west England, they wer difrent. NED givs *bear, bare*, as bæ^a, wherin æ is e (in *yet*) prolongd, ^a is our ^a or near it, ^a is reverted r, comon in sou-w. Eng. Speling shud not distinguish ^a and r. Acordingly, "bear" appears tu giv NED's pron. Otherwise we wud hav northern (Anglo-Scottish) ber, or American bæ^r, as the *Standard Dict'y* indicates. We folo NED or *St.* when they agree—see "One or Other" on p. 162-3—but when they du not agree—"aye, there's the rub." These statements ar not put forth as dogma or final, but tu sho the actual as mirord in two authorities recent, leading and selected by Dr Scott. Like Bos Tweed we ask (in face ov Plank 15) "Wel, what ar yu going tu du about it?" If American (including Canadian and the riter's) pronunciation is tu prevail, the suggestion aer, shaer, etc., seems excelent and worth trial in New Speling on Pauls' guiding principl:—"Try all, adopt the good."—EDITOR.

In provisional New Speling]

GUD AND IVIL — A BIZ CHOIS

Sed a litl wond'ring mēden
Tu a bī wið hāni lēden:

"Bī, in ol ðe flau'rz yu werk,
Yet in sām dāth poizon lerk."

"Dat ai no, mai litl mēden,"

Sed ðe bī wið hāni lēden;

"Bīt ðe poizon ai forsekk,
And ðe hāni, onle, tek."

"Cāning bī wið hāni lēden,
Ðat iz rait," replaid ðe mēden,

"So wil ai, from ol ai mīt,
Onle tek ðe gud and swit."

LABORARE EST ORARE

(tu-werk iz tu-pru)

Think not ðat ðe grēsez shumber

Hwail ai toil thruaut ðe ðe,

For ol onist werk iz wership,

And tu lebor iz tu pre.

Think not ðat ðe hevnlī blesing

From ðe werkmānz hand remuvz;

Hu dīz best hiz task apointed

Him ðe Master most apruvz.

A WUMANZ AVAUAL

Let āderz, bī ðer sīch, aspāir

Tu a rezaunding laif,

Living īfed ðe haushold fair

For hīt ov pablic straif:

Ai am content, tu chuz, ðo frī,

In no sīch pād̄z tu rōm,

And onle īherd helpmēt bī

Tu him hu gardz mai hōm.

Bīt ai can nerv him for ðe fre

Hwen deutī nīdz hiz arm,

Chring him onward ðe bai ðe

Wið hvz atendant charm.

And hwen hī mē contend no moar,

After long strenyu's yīrz,

Ai mē hiz wening strength restoar

Wið tendernes and tīrz.

Hiz clozeng ðez wil wok wið main

Daun ejez jentl slōp,

Ðe shado ov ðat dīr declain

Braitend bai length'ning hōp.

And shud hī hens ðe ferst depart,

Az, for hiz sēk, ai crēv,

Ai shal embam him in mai hart

And sanctifai hiz grēv.

—Alfred Austin.

KEY: ð e ɪ ɹ ō ū oi ai au eu
as in they see us old rule oil aisle owl few
(Marking o or u is unnecessary in open syllabls
and some other definit positions.)

Alfabet: aabcdðeəfghirjklmnoqrstuvwyz