

The fall following the general election, London newspapers have found themselves somewhat at a loss for interesting material of discussion. They have seized, therefore, on a suggestion made by a correspondent of the Times that the nasal defect, once if not still observable in the speech of New Englanders, may be explained upon the theory that many of the first settlers of New England came from Cornwall, where the same peculiarity of utterance is encountered at the present day. The objection to this hypothesis is that there is no proof that any considerable fraction of the founders of the Plymouth colony, or of Massachusetts Bay, were natives of Cornwall. It is certain, on the other hand, that many of them came from Devonshire and Lincolnshire. Now, it is a fact that a nasal inflection still characterizes the dialects spoken by the humbler people not only in Devonshire, but in Lincolnshire and other eastern counties. Moreover, it is precisely in these districts that other traces of linguistic inheritance are found in the form of local idioms, which have been usually but erroneously classified as Americanisms.

Admitting that the so-called Yankee twang was carried to New England by colonists from Devonshire, Lincolnshire, and other parts of the mother country where it is still met with, we pass to the further inquiry how this nasal inflection arose. Was it due to a pathological cause, the outcome of the physical environment, or was it deliberately adopted as a sort of shibboleth to distinguish God's people from the ungodly? Lord Arobibald Campbell, who, as we scarcely need point out, is a descendant of the greatest house among the Covenanting lords in Scotland, contends, in a letter on the subject, that the Yankee twang originated in the mode of speech affected by the English Puritans to mark them off from the Cavaliers. There is no doubt that the English literature of the seventeenth century is full of allusions to the cultivation by the rigid Puritans of distinctions from their worldly opponents, in their manner of utterance as well as in the tenor of their talk, the fashion of their clothes, and the style of wearing their hair. The maintenance of such distinctions would naturally be inculcated in the New World, as long, at least, as the principal New England colonies remained theocracies, and thus certain peculiarities of inflection, deportment, and garb would become habitual with the whole community and characterize the training of succeeding generations.

This attempt to account for Yankee twang on historical grounds is repudiated by Dr. Symons Eccles, who maintains that the nasal inflection is the outcome of physical surroundings. That new England was not largely settled by Cornishmen he concedes, but he finds significance in the fact that a large proportion of existing Cornishmen suffer from "nasal, post-nasal, and pharyngeal catarrh." The same disease was formerly, and we believe is still extremely common in New England. Under the circumstances it seems plausible to attribute the nasal twang noticeable in the speech of New Englanders and Cornishmen to the same pathological cause, namely, a chronic cold in the head. One would like to know, however, whether catarrh is also prevalent in Lincolnshire and the other Eastern counties, where a nasal mode of speech still characterizes the over classes. If so, it is evident that catarrhal complaints must flourish under conditions the most diverse as regards humidity of climate.

And a Loud One.

Have you seen Yorkis with his four-in-hand?
Horses?
No-tie.

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One principal reason why men are so often useless is, that they divide and shift their attention amongst a multiplicity of objects and pursuits.—Emmons.

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Reggy—Me.

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