

THE BØI AND THE NUTS. ——— A FGBL.

A bøi wuns had a jar hwich woz nerli ful ov nuts; so he went and put in hiz hand tu tak sum out. He tuk up az meni nuts az hiz hand cud holl; but he cud not pul them out for the jor had a narø nek.

"Let go haf the nuts, mī bøi," sed a man hɪ stud ner. "and then trī."

The bøi did so, and then found he cud pul out hiz hand with ez.

~~Do~~ DU NOT GRASP AT TU MUCH, ØR YU MØ LUZ ØL.

[During a proløngl discushun on the Amendment ov Speling in a Toronto paper, in 1883, a cørespondent, over the signatur "Only an Old Føgey," gav counsel: "If speling refermrz wer content tu em at les, the mit accomplish mor." The slo progres ov a reformd speling in the past haz ben oing tu the public being natarali tenashus ov cur rent fernz, on the wun hand, and, on the uthar, tu the fact that its advocats: 1. Began at the røng end, trīing tu enter the larj end ov the wej furst; 2. The had bad alfabets — alfabets not in harmoni with the existing Roman letrz, nør with non lingwistic and fonolojicål truth; 3. The went tu far.]

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PETERBORO.—Mr. J. H. Long, B. A., LL. B., recently red a paper on Speling Réform before the Teachers' Institute, Co. Peterboro. Its arguments ar drawn chiefly from the history and structure of the language, explaining how we hav an alfabet so defectiv. It has been publisht in iul in the Toronto *Educational Weekly*, and so is accessible to our readers. Comparing Spanish or thograpy (rectified in the last century) with ours, he says: "The dark-eyed Spanish lad, as with his pen he fashions the stately forms of old Castile, laughs to scorn the idea of a speling book.—The English boy, on the contrary, looks forward with quaking hart to the speling ordeal."

RISE OF ETYMOLOGY.—Hon. J. D. Cox sez: "It iz almost wholly within our own day that real progres haz been made in the study ov the origin and growth ov English. It may be sed that

until Dr. Mahn's revision ov Webster, in the last edition ov that work, ther was not a respectabl etymological dictionary ov the English langwej. The older editions ov Webster, and all editions ov Johnson, Richardson, and the rest abound in the most fanciful and absurd derivation ov words.—*Bibliotheca Sacra*, Oct. '84, p. 711.

H.—Proctor, the astronomer, contributes an interesting article on the "Mis-used H of England" to the *Atlantic Monthly* for May.

N. Y. CITY.—A Branch S. R. A. was recently formd in N. Y. Sp. Ref. Leags ar likely to be formed both there and in Chicago. The latter ar composed of those pl-dged to uze a specified minimum of amendment on all reasonable occasions.

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