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— The first part of Prof. Viotor's new brochure is redy. Its scope is indicated by its title: *Phonetische Studien*.

— The *Jurnal of American Orthoëpy*, Ringos, N. J., offers a prize in books for the best "History of Sp. Reforma in America." Essays ar to be sent to editor by 1st Oct.

— That indefatigabl worker, Rev. C. W. Knudsen, of S. Norwalk, Conn., is out with a *Primer*, in which but 5 modifications of the Roman letrs ar used. Being for scool use, it shud be, and is, adapted to the Educational stage. We shal examin its merits at an erly day.

— In the Toronto *Globe* we see the statement that, during the holidays, ther wil be held a Scool of Music in the Education Department Bldings, Toronto, in which a cours in Vocal Fysiology wil be a part of the program. It appears to be under auspices of the Bureau of Education.

— Ot critics shud recolect that many of the distinguishing letf-forms used herein ar imperfect make-shifts—they fall considerably short of the *ideal*. Perfecting the ideal is mere mater of detail, partly theoretical, partly mecanical detail. Critics can assist in remedying these mecanical defects by sending moderat subscriptions specialy to the "Type Fund."

— A correspondent points out that the *Varsity* canot spel *pronunciation* which is misspeld *pronunciation*, and that not once (which might be alowed to pas as a misprint) but thruout an issue!! *BIS ERRARE NON LICET*. How 's this, Mr. *Varsity*? How can we now distinguish a "culchawd" chap from any other comon felo, "his lims stifnd with toil?" Yur artificial, conventional, orthographic distinction has broken down.

— W. C. Albro rites to *Jur. Amer. Orthoëpy* that where he livers, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., ther is very great diversity in the way they spel the name of the place, as judged by the great variety of ways in which letrs ar adresd there. Ther is some variation as to its orthoëpy too. He says that "Pokepsi" prevails. The word is said to be derived from Indian Apokepsink, meaning Pleasant Harbor. Who had such presumption as to start such an outlandish way to spel it as Poughkeepsie! Was it the same felo that got up *phthisic*? We wonder that anybody shud keep on spelling it that way. In fact, most do rebel and cut it short to Po'keepsie; betr, Pokepsi. Ther is no erthly reason why names from nativ Indian words shud folo anything but a simpl spelling. Who started to spel *canoe* like *shoe*? when 'canu' is the way it shud be speld in accord with cosmopolitan use of letrs.

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(*Bis dat qui cito dat.*)

In respons to our appeal last issue we hav receivd the foloing subscriptions:

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We wud hed the list ourselvs if the caus had a self-supporting Periodical establishit That wud require 1000 paying subscribers at 25 cents per year each. Any income above that, as from advertisements, etc. wud be devoted to an activ propaganda.

## SPEECH IN LARGE CITIS,

Ther seems no room to dout that the *h* diseas had its origin in London. Walker speaks of it as specialy prevalent in London in his day, and even now it is more comon in the pure cokny dialect (the most hateful form of the English language in existence) than anywhere in England. Moreover, its prevalence in other places than London is greater or les acording as such places ar nearer to or farther from the metropolis. We find no trace of it in Cornwall or Wales; very litl in Cumberland, Northumberland, and Yorkshire. In the midland countis it is les comon than in the suthern. It is at its maximum in the hart of London. In this respect it is like the *v*-and-*w* malady, which, even when at its highit (it has now nearly died out), was never so badly felt in the provinces as in the metropolis; tho of course like all metropolitan defects, it spred in greater or les degree over the hole cuntry.

This being the case, we ar justified in asuming that the diseas had at first that form which is characteristic of faults of language found at great centrs of population, and especialy in the chief city of the nation. If yu wish to hear French clipt and slurd yu shu l go to Paris, and German sufers like treatment in Viena and Berlin. It is the same with English in London. In a great and busy city men shortn their words and sentences as much as possibl, being asured that what they say wil be understood, becaus all speak the same language and adopt the same convenient abreviations. Thus, just as in Paris *cette femme* becomes *c'te f'me*, and *Voilà ce que c'est* becomes *V'la c' q' c'est*, so in London *City Bank* becomes *C'ty B'ak*; *halfpenny* is abridged first to *ha'penny*, and then to *hapny* or *'apny*; *omnibus* is shortnd into *'bus*; evry one in it adreses the *conductor* as *'ductor*; the conductor shortns the cry of *all right* into *ry*, announces the three-peny fare as *thripns*, and so forth. In fact it may be laid down as a general proposition that, altho a language becomes modified in provincial places and in colonis, it is only in busy citis, and chiefly in capital citis, that a language is modified by clipping and sluring. —PROCTOR, the astronomer, in *Atlantic Monthly*.