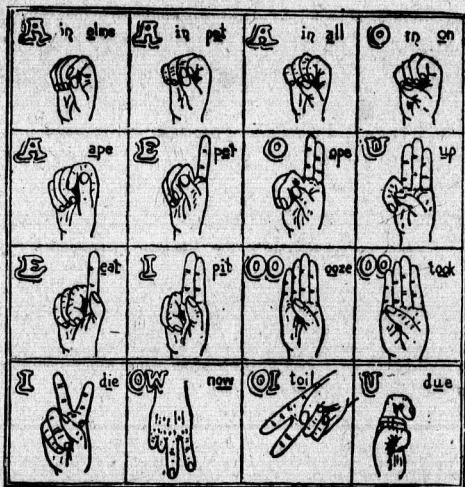


THE VOWELS.

As seen by the Observer.



There are twelve vowels, six long or heavy, six short or light. The long vowels are: (1) A as in *alms*; (2) A as in *ale*; (3) E as in *eel*; (4) A as in *all*; (5) O as in *ope*; (6) OO as in *food*. The names of the preceding are: Ah, Eh, Ee, Aw, Oh, OO. The first three are made by pressing the tip of the thumb against the top, middle or base of the first finger, according to the vowel required, the last three by pressing the third finger in like manner.

The short vowels are: (1) a as in *at*; (2) e as in *ell*; (3) i as in *ill*; (4) o as in *on*; (5) u as in *up*; (6) oo as in *foot*. These are made by employing the second and fourth fingers in the same way as with the long vowels. The short vowels' names are: a, e, i, o, u, oo.

For the sake of convenience four diphthongs are introduced: (1) I as in *ice*; (2) OW as in *owl*; (3) OI as in *oil*; (4) U as in *due*. These are known as eye, ow, oy, you.