

Easy Lessons in Phonography.

LESSON X.

Making an Ar-hook into a small circle prefixes *S*; into a large circle prefixes *SS*; thus,



spray. sober. cider. sister.

The Steh-loop is prefixed to an Ar-hook sign by making the hook into a small loop; thus,



stupor. stager.

THE HOOK FOR IN, UN, OR EN.

The syllable *in*, *en*, or *un* may be expressed by a back hook; thus,



inscribe. enslave. unscrew.

REPORTING LER AND REL HOOKS.

The reporter occasionally enlarges the small El or Ar hook to add to an El-hook sign the sound of *R*; to an Ar-hook sign the sound of *L*; thus,



bl. blr. pr. prl. secular. corporal.

HOOKS FOR F, V, AND N.

F, *V*, or *N* may be added to any straight line by a small final hook; written for *F* or *V* on the right side, and for *N* on the left side; thus,



Heave.
Strewn.
Strive.
Stimn.
Stuff.
Brain.
Bluff.
Puff.

N may be added to curve signs by a small final hook on the concave side; thus,



flown. frown. main.

S or *Z* may be added to an Ef-hook sign by a small circle written within the hook; thus,



proves. strives. scoffs.

Making the En-hook on a straight line:

1. Into a small circle adds *S*;
2. Into a large circle adds *SS*;
3. Into a small loop adds *ST*;
4. Into a large loop adds *STR*.

Example.

chance. punster.

chances. chanceed.

S or *Z* may be added to an En-hook or a curve by a small circle written distinctly within the hook; thus,



means.

The Ef and En hooks, when more convenient than a stroke, are occasionally used in the middle of a word; thus,



define. provoke. finish.

Why is a shorthand writer like a thief? Because he does his *hooking* in a hurry.

Why is phonographic reporting, as a money-making profession, like a venerable cheese? Because there are millions in it.

A few days ago we read a marriage notice which stated that Miss Kay had given her hand to Mr. Gay—phonographically, they were very well mated.

What's the difference between "Golden Elixer" and Scovill's stenography? One is said to be good for everything and the other is known to be good for nothing.

Josh Billings sez that the speling reformers ot to introdus a speshel rule to admit ov the wurdz lawyer and liar being spelt the sam way for tha men wun and the sam thing.

The following is about the best phonographic maxim that we know of: "To save time is to lengthen life;" but we fail to see how it can be properly applied to the law-reporter who, with quickly flying dots and dashes, snatches the words as they fall from the lips of the witness whose testimony, against the prisoner charged with murder, fastens the guilt upon him, and is instrumental in having him led to the (shutter many days earlier than would have been the case had the evidence been taken down by a long-hand writer.