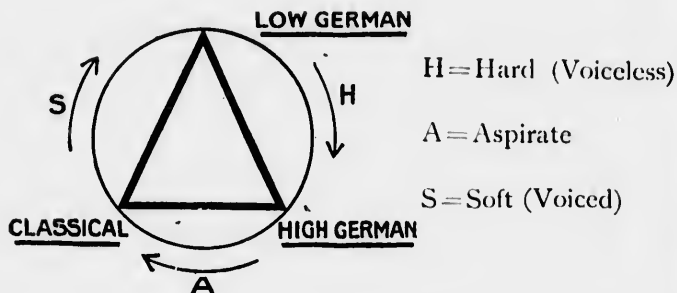


3. **Grimm's Law** relates to the **change of consonants** in languages, supposed to be derived from the same stock. The Greek, Latin [Classical]; Anglo-Saxon, English [Low German], and High German languages are related, and may be considered once to have been one language. The consonants in the words of these languages have undergone certain changes, owing to differences in climate, desire of men for easy speech, mixing of nations and other obscurer causes. Grimm formulated a law of these corresponding changes. This law may be represented by the following diagram :



This signifies that a Hard (Voiceless) Consonant in Classical corresponds to an Aspirate in Low German, a Soft in High German ; and so on, going round the circle with the letters and the names.

Examples.

<i>Greek</i>	<i>Latin</i>	<i>Anglo-Saxon</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>H. German</i>
duo	duo	twā'	two	zwei
kardia	cor	heorte	heart	herz
pater	pater	faeder	father	vater