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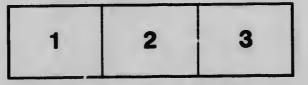
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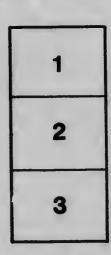
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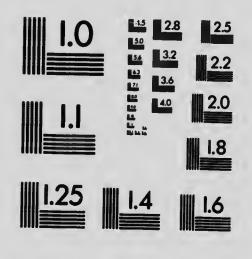


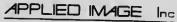


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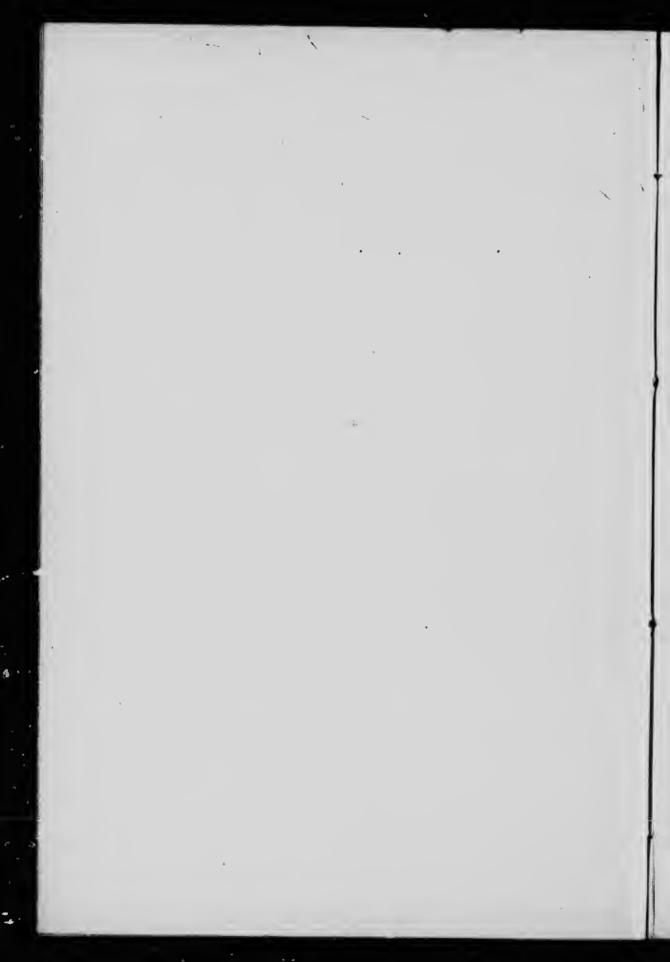
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great many books dealing in one way or another with the art and practice of shorthand have been written and published. But the majority, indeed we might with equal justice say all of them, have been limited in circulation, and in a sense limited also in utility, because only the shorthand expert was able to read and use them understandingly. This has not been the fault of the authors of these works. Many of these shorthand treatises have been admirable both in conception and execution. The difficulty has, rather, lain at the very root of their subject, at the cumbersome complexity of the systems they essayed to analyse and explain; at the insuperable obstacles interposed by the very nature of these systems to any attempt to translate their intricacies into easily understandable formulas. There are some things which baffle the skill of the most adept. The most able shorthand authortties in the world have tried time and again to set down the rules of their art in such form that the novice might gain therefrom practical proficiency in shorthand writing without the necessity of other instruction, and have always failed. And in such a task men would be obliged to go on heaping up failure after failure until the end of time. For the old shorthand systems absolutely cannot be mastered without personal instruction. Occasionally cases may be noted where some learner of abnormal pluck, diligence and stick-to-it-tiveness has managed to learn some one of the old systems after a manner without oral lessons. But it is almost invariably the fact that these phenomenally persistent students never become really expert shorthand writers. They are never able to quite overcome their original handicap. This serves to confirm our previous statement that under the old shorthand systems, treatises on the art were neither comprehensive nor practically

valuable to the very persons whose interests in such works would naturally be greatest, namely, would-be learners of shorthand, except of course, as an auxiliary to class room instruction.

It is therefore with a feeling of profound gratification that the writer of these lines presents the present work to the public, a gratification which he feels he can justifiably allude to here, in as much as his part in the preparation of this work has been that of publisher only. It might be added, a publisher who is a zealous believer in, and writer of the system herein treated. This book is a treatise on shorthand, but it treats of a new kind of shorthand.

The Syllabic System of Shorthand is based on principles radically different from those of any other shorthand system ever hitherto devised. Those principles, however, are so simple, so natural, so seeningly obvious in their possibilities, that it seems utterly inexplicable why they have not long since been seized upon by seekers after simplification and improvement in shorthand methods. We cannot, in other words, understand how it is that the syllabic principle should not have been previously thought of by shorthand investigators. Possibly it had been thought of, but its possibilities and advantages not fully perceived. This is not a point, however, which we need follow further here. The most important fact for us now is that the Syllabic principle has become the keystone of a system which is revolutionizing shorthand writing, and will ultimately replace all other systems at present used.

As its name would suggest, the Syllabic System is a mode of writing by characters that represent syllables, rather than by single letters, as in longhand, or by characters representing consonants and consonant combinations, as in other shorthand systems. The natural division of all language, either spoken or written, is in words, and of all words into syllables. If words are to be subdivided into their component

parts, as must of necessity be done for the purposes of shorthand writing, it is not only advantageous to make the syllable the unit of separation, but also logical and natural. Shorthand systems founded upon the subdividing of words according to vowel and consonant combinations, are doing homage to artificial and unnatural distinctions. It has been assumed and maintained by the most eminent theorists on phonographic principles, since phonography is, in effect, a sort of sign writing according to an alphabet of sounds, instead of an alphabet of letters, that the various vowel and consonant sounds supplied the most rational basis for shorthand systems. This, however, is a most erroneous view, based upon a misconception of the relations of shorthand to spoken language. The end of a syllable is the only resting place in either spoken word or written line. A syllable is, in itself, a complete thing. It does not have the full significance of a word, but it does give an integral significance of its own. Letters have to be combined into syllables before they assume any distinct entity, either of sound or of sense. The syllable, therefore, furnishes the logical basis for shorthand writing.

The first thought that will in this connection suggest itself to persons unfamiliar with the Syllabic System is that it will require the use of a very large number of different characters. The letters of the alphabet can be combined into almost numberless syllables. But—and here is the kernel of the whole matter—only a small number of syllables are actually used in either speech or writing. The vast majority of the syllables that could be formed from the letters of the alphabet are, in reality, practically never used, because they are not needed. The live working syllables of the English language are just 112 in number. And even among these there are a good many that do not often make their appearance in common speech. This, to anyone who has never studied the matter, may seem almost incredible. But it is an absolute fact as will be readily seen when you have delved further into this book. And it is this

which makes possible the wonderful simplicity of the Syllabic System, in which simplicity lies its basic superiority over other shorthand systems. By an extremely ingenious and yet easily understandable method, a few simple characters are made to do exactly the same work that in other systems requires a most elaborate and complicated code.

Think of the stupendously tedious toil faced by the student of the old systems; think of the innumerable rules and characters whose significance he had to learn and whose use he had to master; think of the months and months of unremitting application and ceaseless drudgery before he could acquire anything like the proficiency required in actual work, and then ask yourself if the Syllabic System—the average student of which is able in four weeks' time to take dictation at the rate of from 100 to 125 words a minute, and read his notes as readily as longhand—is not indeed as wonderful an invention, and one of as great importance to the commercial world as even wireless telegraphy.

It may be permissable to say, in this connection, that the writer does not speak from hearsay, or from the theoretical standpoint, but from a most intimate and familiar knowledge of the possibilities of the Syllabic Shorthand in its every phrase. On these points we do not theorize ; we know. The Syllabic System is not an untried experiment. It is being taught in a large number of Syllabic Shorthand Colleges throughout the British Empire and the United States. Hundreds of competent and thoroughly practical stenographers are being graduated from these colleges every mont' at thousands of other ambitious young men and women are taking courses in the Syllabic Shorthand by the correspondence method. And it is a fact which no living man can gainsay that the graduates of these schools are as proficient in their profession and as competent to handle any class of commercial dictation with the highest possible speed and accuracy, as those students who learn shorthand by the old systems which

take five times as long to learn and cost, in most cases, at least five times as much for tuition. He who has mastered the Syllabic System possesses the best equipment possible for shorthand writing. The writer of these lines has been able to test this point hundreds of times. He has had scores of graduates from his college tell him how absolutely their knowledge of Syllabic Shorthand covered every phonographic requirement in the positions they had been able to secure and hold through its agency. He has had many employers of these graduates tell him how admirable an equipment for their work these students seemed to possess and what splendid satisfaction their work was giving. And he believes as firmly as he believes in his own existence, that fifty years from now (perhaps much sooner) Syllabic Shorthand will be in practically universal use, to the absolute displacement of all other shorthand systems.

The Syllabic System has been developed and perfected just at the time when the creation of such a system is of vast importance to the business world. Good shorthand writers are in constantly increasing demand, owing to the immense and growing amount of correspondence entailed in the conduct of all classes of modern business—the yearly increase in which may be easily verified from postal records—and the supply of shorthand writers falls far short of equalling the demand. There can be no question that this demand will go on growing year after year. Shorthand is becoming an indispensable factor in every business house where any large amount of correspondence is handled. And as the commerce of this continent daily widens, so must the need for qualified shorthand writers broaden also.

Under the Syllabic System this need can and will be filled. This system opens the shorthand field to anyone of average mental capacity and ordinary application who desires to take it up. And this brings us to a still more important point in the Syllabic System, namely, the inestimable advantages it offers to would-be learners of shorthand.

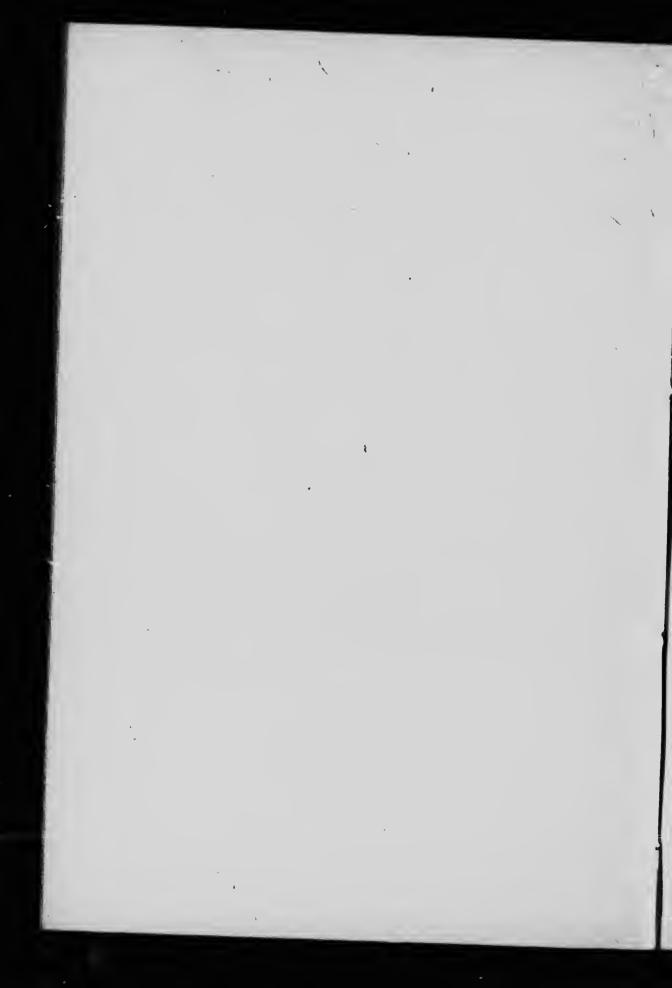
Few things which a man or woman can learn will add more to their earning capacity than a practical knowledge of shorthand. A workable knowledge of shorthand not only affords a chance for those already employed in subordinate and ill-paid positions to vastly improve their prospects, but equips young people who have had no business experience whatsoever with a fitness for a very important class of work. The stenographer's chances for advancement are infinitely greater than those of the clerk, the book-keeper, the salesmain or any minor employee; for the reason that the stenographer is in constant touch with the head of the firm or its principal managers and gains an insight into its management and methods. The clerk knows nothing of the business beyond his or her own counter.

The stenographer, through whose hands the concern's most important correspondence passes, naturally becomes familiar with the inner details of business management, with business procedure and policy, with the conduct of large affairs, and above all, with the executive affairs of that particular firm; and is obviously, much more likely to ultimately attain a managerial position than the man or woman who spends all day waiting on customers or adding up a column of figures. There are hundreds and hundreds of bright young people who recognize these facts and have often thought of studying shorthand, but the heavy cost and the months and months of wearisome study before one can obtain a fair speed in actual work has deterred them from doing so. To all such, and to all ill-paid persons who are vitally interested in increasing their earning. capacity, the Syllabic System offers a short route .o complete shorthand proficiency.

WILLIAM T. MOON.

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INTRODUCTION.

The nineteenth century will ever be memorable for its strides of development along the lines of soientific discovery. The forces of nature have become, to a large extent, the servant of man and not his master. In the mechanical world the substitution of machinery in many cases has eliminated the operations of the hand. Great upheavals have taken place in the field of discovery and invention, but a little reflection will show how narrow the scope has been, and that in many phases the desired goal has stood far set.

The art of writing, from a universal standpoint, has undergone no appreciable change by way of speed or legibility through the course of its history from its earliest records. The twenty-six characters known as the alphabet in our language had their origin in the ancient Hebrew or Semitic language, which was made up of characters resembling shapes of various objects in nature. In those ancient days when thought was recorded upon skins of animals, papyrus, barks of trees, and blocks of wood or stone, when commerce had necessitated no extensive correspondence, brevity in writing was a small consideration. Present conditions, dependent upon a highly developed commerce, have produced new demands in chirography, and our slow and irritating process of committing thought to paper suggests modification.

Characters which are formed in imitation of crude shapes of animals and processes of driving them, are still used to-day with little modification, and from a practical standpoint we still perform the operation of swinging the oxgoad, and riding the double-humped camel with sated complacency. In the art of

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writing we have been patronizing the stage coach, as a means of transportation, when we might have had a parlor car at cheaper rates.

In many words of very frequent occurrence the writing which obtains to-day is wonderfully crude. For example, the words "the" and "with," monosyllabic in sound, and each pronounced with one effort of the vocal chords, are long in formation and are not in harmony with the processes of the mind. For the last two hundred years repeated attempts have been made to shorten our system of writing, but the mechanical operations devised are not satisfactory, as the writing is indistinct and so laborious to learn that only the few, after many months of memorization of hundreds of disconnected rules, are capable of recording the words of a speaker with a partial degree of accuracy.

The consonants in our language, which alone the old systems represent in shorthand, are not sounds but mere articulations, and consequently the name "phonetic," as applied to the old systems of shorthand, is a misnomer. The name might appropriately be applied in the old systems if the vowels were represented with the consonants, but if this were done, the so-called shorthand would be longer than the longhand. The name "phonetic," according to the scientific principles of acoustics, can only be applied to a distinct, individualized sound as represented in syllables.

The title "Syllabic Shorthand" has been applied for many years to systems based entirely on the letter, and differs in no particular from so-called phonetic systems. The reason why this name should have been used is difficult to find. The only explanation appears to be that the systems have no system, that the representations of sounds are in accordance with no sound, that there is no beginning, middle or end, and that it matters not what name may be given to it.

The word "syllabic" is derived from two Greek words; the first means "with" or "together with," and the second means

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"to take " or "to place," so that the word is applicable to the union of two or more letters in one sound. Our words, for the purpose of clearness in spelling or pronunciation, are divided into syllables. The old notion obtained that the number of syllables in our ianguage was very great, even tens of thousands; but this belief is a mistake. It is possible to form tens of thousands of syllables from the alphabet, but many of these syllables are difficult to pronounce and very unpleasing to the ear. The natural instincts of the human race chose only the most euphonious, and these are 112 in number, and of this number about fifty are rarely used.

The proposal to employ characters to represent syllables at first suggests the thought that this involves the use of a vast number of characters; but nine different characters, arranged in different positions, with three rules, are su^{ρ} cient to obtain the differentiation of each syllable. This er ains how in one month the average student may attain a sj ed of 100 words per minute, and this speed, by subsequent practice, can be extended to 200 words per minute, and the writing is read as easily as longhand.

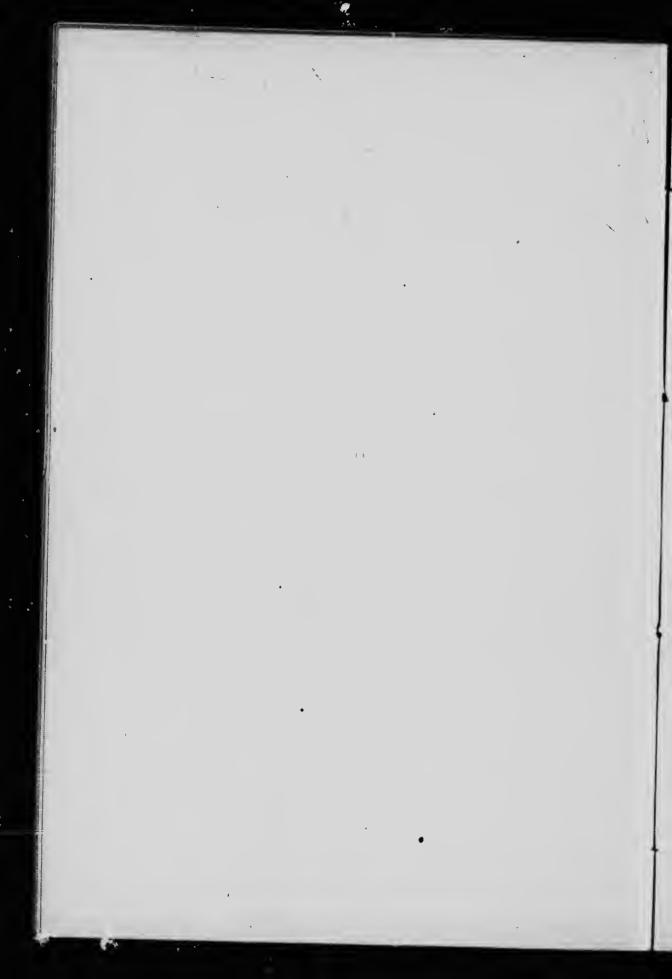
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The voice is given by nature. Its elements are pure, brief, and admit of little alteration. The characters which represent voice sounds are purely human, and are subjected to change and improvement. The movements of the hand in writing may be made to correspond to the movements of the vocal organs in speech. This book sets forth the principles upon which these operations are practical.

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PART I.



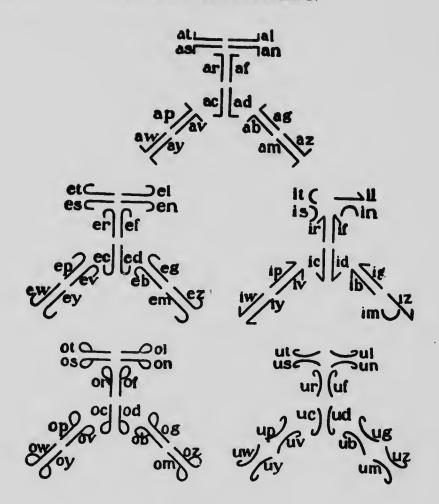
THE CHARACTERS.

I.

THE characters used in the Syllabic System of Shorthand are nine in number, as shown in the accompanying design. The student's first step is to fasten these firmly in mind and then practice for at least an hour in making them. Practice until you can make them without any variation. Be exact. Learn to make the characters twice—a thousand times—alike. Once you have acquired the skill of making each character just so, your notes will never present the least difficulty when you are ready to read them.

Plate I shows the sixteen varied positions which each of the first five characters assumes. Note that character 1 represents all syllables in a; character 2 all syllables in e; character 3 all syllables in i; character 4 all syllables in o; character 5 all syllables in u.

Note that character 1 assumes sixteen different positions four horizontal, four vertical, four right oblique and four left oblique. The same arrangement holds for all of the first five characters (with the exception of the *i* character, in which four variations—*it*, *is*, *in* and *im*—are made for the sake of simpler characters).





Note that in each of the five groups characters representing t, s, l, and n are horizontal; e.g., al, el, il, ol, and ul are horizontal. Characters representing r, c, f, and d are vertical; e.g., ar, er, ir, or, and ur are vertical. Characters representing p, w, v, and y are oblique, and are made with an upward movement at an angle of forty-five degrees. Characters representing b, m, g, and z are oblique, and are made with a downward movement at an angle of forty-five degrees. 1

Note that each character assumes sixteen different positions. Fix firmly in mind the fact that :

t, s, l, n, characters are horizontal;

r, c, f, d, characters are vertical;

p, w, v, y, characters are oblique (upward movement);

b, m, g, z, characters are oblique (downward movement).

When you have learned the sixteen positions for one vowel you know them for five, hence you know the positions of eighty syllables.

REVIEW.

1. How many groups are formed from the first five syllables?

2. How many syllables has each group, and are their positions the same?

3. How many different and distinct syllables are formed by the first five characters?

4. Is there any way by which you may learn 80 syllables by learning 16?

5. How many exceptions are there to the fourth question?

EXERCISES.

1. Write out all of these characters in a row, then close the book and under each character write the letters for which it stands.

2. With the book closed write the a, e, i, o and u groups as they are written in Plate I.

3. Practise these exercises until you are perfectly familiar with every character, whether it is in the group or standing alone. No progress can be made until you have mastered these elements.

¹The syllables iw, iy and nw do not occur in ordinary English. They appear in the Plate to complete the group.

The consonants j, h, q, k, and x will be considered in a subsequent lesson, together with double consonants and special characters introduced for the sake of speed.

RULE I

JOINING SYLLABLES.

In this system of shorthand each word is a complete line, regardless of the number of syllables. The pen should not be raised in forming any word. Each character is added to the right of the preceding one, and the movement tends to the right, upward or downward, as convenience permits.

Note how the syllables are joined in the following exercise :----

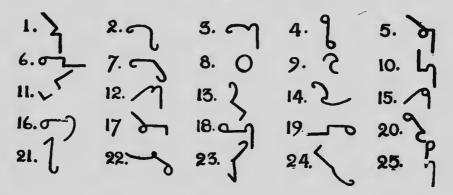
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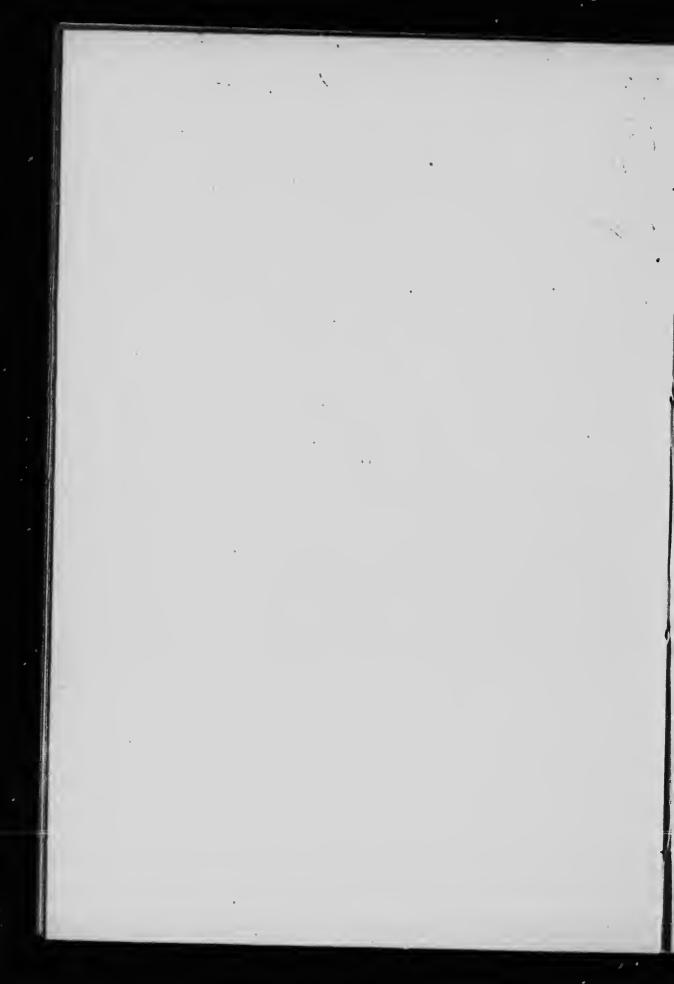
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Write the shorthand for the following (write the words with their numbers and opposite each write the proper character):—

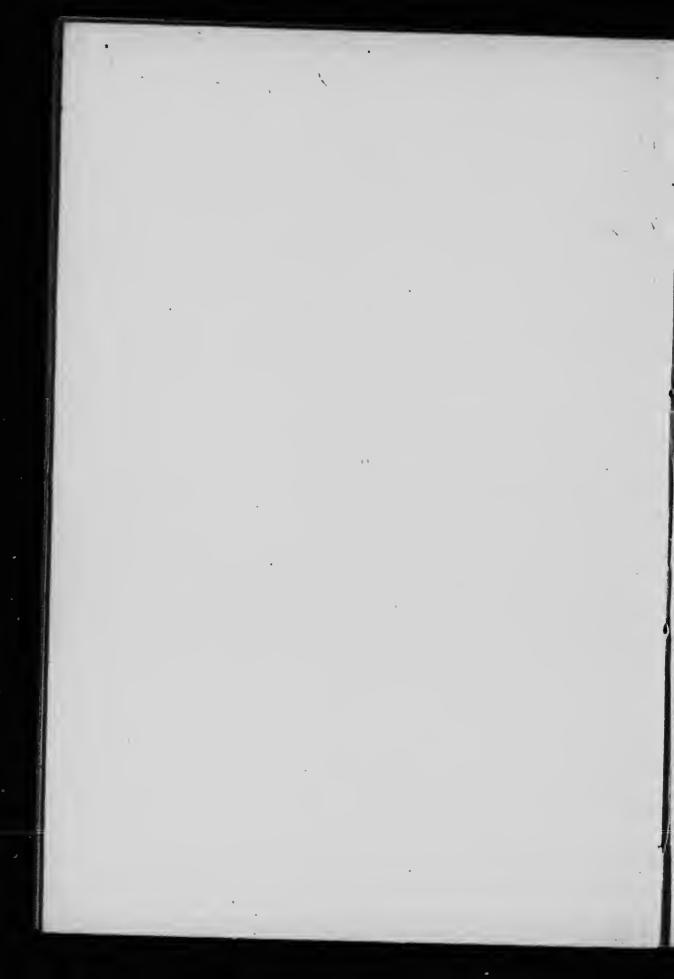
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16. oran	17. oval	18. opal	19. ober	20. over
21. upas	22. utaw	23. oral	24. user	25. unit

Write the following characters with their numbers and opposite each write the word which it represents :---





PART II.



CONSONANTS.

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PART I. took up the various characters used in the Syllabic System of Shorthand in the five vowel groups. The student is now ready to take up the subject of consonants. Of the five characters used in the five vowel groups, the second character, or e syllable, is the most easily written, therefore the e syllable is taken as a basis of the character for the consonants.

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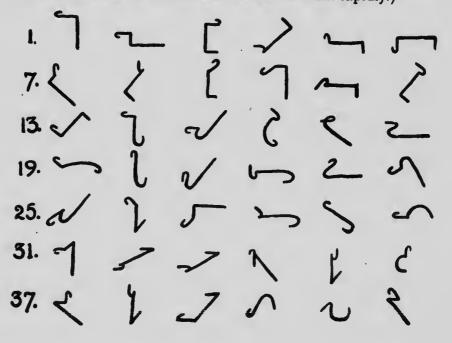
To write any one of the sixteen consonants use the e syllable one-half the size that it is written in the e vowel group. For example, t is written one-half the size of et; l is written one half the size of el; and so on for all of the sixteen consonants; thus, to write the word ten, write t one-half the size of et and add the syllable for en.

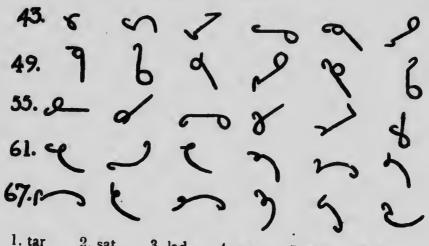
As the student becomes more practiced the initial consonant of many words may be discarded, as there is no possible chance for confusion. Similarly, consonants beginning a syllable in the middle of a word (medial consonants) may be d. carded, as also may final consonants except in making delicate discriminations.

EXERCISES.

1. Write the character for each of the following sixteen consonants: t, s, l, n, r, c, f, d, p, w, v, y, b, m, g, z. The characters for these consonants need not necessarily be onehalf the size of the corresponding e syllable, but may be written as small as possible. The only consideration is that they be distinct. In beginning it will be to the student's advantage to write them one-half size. After practice they may be reduced in size and finally, as suggested above, in many cases they may be totally discarded.

2. The following words show how the initial consonants are joined to vowel syllables. (Practice these until you are perfectly familiar with them and can write them rapidly.)





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Write in shorthand the following (write the words with their numbers, and opposite each write the proper character).

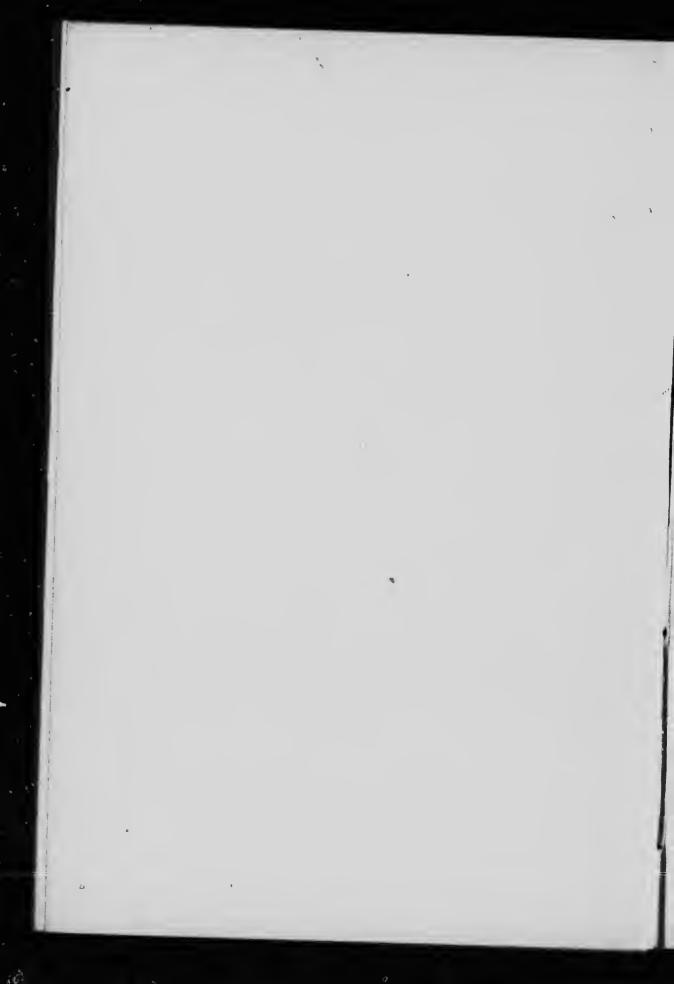
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7. fag	8. dan	9. pal	10. wag	11. can	12. yam
13. bar	14. mat	15. gas	16. zag	17. ten	18. set
19. led	20. new	21. red	22. fed	23. dew	24. peg
25. wet	26. yet	27. bed	28. met	29. get	30. tip
31. sit	32. lip	33. nil	34. rip	35. fig	36. dip
37. pin 43. toy 49. fog 55. boy 61. nut 67. fun	38. wit 44. sot 50. don 56. mot 62. rub 68. bun	39. vis 45. log 51. pot 57. God 63. cup 69. nub	40. bid 46. not 52. won 58. tub 64. fur 70. gut	41. gib 47. rod 53. bon 59. sun 65. dug	42. zip 48. cow 54. yon 60. lug 66. pup

Write the following characters with their numbers, and the words which they represent :---

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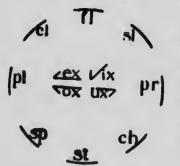
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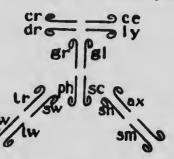


CHARACTERS NUMBER 5, 7, 8 AND 9.

IN PARTS I. and II. only the first five of the nine characters of this system have been used. After a thorough mastery of these characters the student is ready for the remaining four, which are more or less arbitrary, though quite as simple and as easily learned as the others.

Notice that character 6 falls into a group similar to the vowel groups, and is used in writing the following :-cr, dr, ce, ly, gr, ph, gl, sc, tr, dw, sw, tw, sn, sm, ax. (There is no syllable for the character at dw the lower right hand corner.)





The use of character 7 may be shown, as in the accompanying design, by a broken circle. The eight different positions which it assumes determine the following double consonants :- pl, cl, fl, sl, pr, ch, st, sp.

Four other characters are shown in this design, namely, ex, ox, ix, and ux. These characters must not be confused with the character for the *i* syllable of which they would form a part but for the simpler characters used in that group to take their place.

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Character 8 is used in four different positions, as shown in the accompanying design, લો છે namely, to represent bl, fr, re, br. tre

Character 9, the simple straight line, is used to represent the four double consonants shown in the accompanying design - to, th. sh, wh. sh/wh

The student now has before him all the characters of this system in all the different positions which they assume, with the exception of several convenient characters, speed forms, and phrases, which will be considered in PART IV.

RULE III.

It is necessary to explain that all monosyllables beginning with a consonant, other than those shown in the preceding designs, are represented by the corresponding e syllable written in the regular way.

For example, my equals em and is written with the em character.

The following are all the monosyllables beginning with a consonant which are represented by the corresponding e syllable written in the regular way.

be, by or bye.	pa or pie.
do, die or dye.	so, see or sea.
go.	via.
lo, lee or lea.	we.
me, my or may.	you or ye.
no.	

NOTE.—Thus be and by are both written with the eb character, but the context will readily show which of the two words the character represents.

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Until the student becomes well practiced in the use of the characters it will be well to write the words in full. For example, the final d should be added to en to make end in order to distinguish it from no which is written with the en

EXERCISES.

Write in shorthand the following words, using the characters above.

1. crab2. dray5. grower6. Philip9. draw10. swim13. snow14. smut17. oxalic18. luxury21. stab22. spit25. flap26. slit29. the30. when33. from34. read	3. once 7. scow 11. dwindle 15. axel 19. prow 23. plan 27. prod 31. shad 35. bribe	4. gladly 8. tremble 12. twelve 16. explore 20. chew 24. plod 28. to 32. blow
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Write the following sentences in shorthand :

1. Time and tide wait for no man.

2. With the surrender of Cornwallis, the Revolution practically ended.

3. Never reveal the business dealings of your employer.

4. Trusting to receive an early reply.

5. We are in receipt of your favor of.

6. There is no excellence without great labor.



PART IV.



SPEED FORMS, PHRASES, WORDS AND LETTERS.

PARTS I., II., and III. contain all the shorthand characters used in this system, except the characters for the vowels a, e, i and o, when these letters alone form a syllable; the consonants h, j, k and q; speed forms and phrases. These features of the system have been withheld from the student to avoid any possible confusion. As the regular forms have been fully explained in the preceding parts, the student, if he has fully mastered them, is ready to go on with the work presented in Part IV., the last.

No special punctuation marks are required. The regular punctuation marks are not similar to any characters of the system and their use cannot possibly lead to confusion.

SINGLE VOWELS, a, e, i, o.

To represent a, e, i, and o when standing alone use the following signs and letters: a = c; e unchanged; i = 2; o =unchanged.

CONSONANTS, h, j, k, q.

The letter λ is silent except as an initial letter, and in case it is necessary to make a delicate discrimination the letter may be represented by a tick placed before a character. The same tick after a character represents final y or ty, as shown on page 42.

The letter j has no separate character. The sound may be represented by the letter g. The letter j may be represented by the character for i. No confusion can arise from this substitution.

The letters k and q are represented by the character for c; qu is represented by the sign for ux.

SPEED FORMS.

The following abbreviations and special characters are of extreme import-ance. Fast writing demands their use. Practice them until you are perfectly familiar with them. Write several short sentences in which the speed forms occur. It is upon the student's mastery of these forms that the degree of success depends. ay=a= e

 $been = b = \gamma$ can or came = c = Jdid or done=d= lhe=longhand (e) for = f = rget got getting or gotton=g= \$ a tick thus (>) placed before a character represents (h) after a character (y) or (ly)j===> k=q=c=) lay laid or lain=l=make made or making=m=> now or new=n= the longhand (o) is used in some words thus-(or oath) and (O- ought.) pul=p= > qu = ux = -are=r= 1 say said or same=s= ~ lake look or taken=1=with=w=~ your=y= e when why who whose or whom=wh= what or which= 1/2 wh= shall she or wish=sh = / should=1/2 sh = each such much or check=ch= / would == b

could=ud= (the though or thee=th= they them or think = 1/2 th = that=double th = -CO! COM OT LJME = V ent or $ant = \wedge$ ing=in=~ some=om = something = > home=om & tick before= 3 any=an & lick after= --anything= fill or fell=fl= street = st = call = cl = csell=sl=> from=fr=> able or able to=bl= ~ have or favor=av= / A loop thus () represents the letter (s) and is chiefly used with the syllables of the large and small carcle place=pl & loop (s)= 6 price=pr & loop (s)=) tion or sion=1/2 sh= trans or across= x circum= le=el=se=selves=ce= _9 x=ex= 4_ wr=r= 1

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PHRASES.

The Boyd Syllabic System affords special facility and clearness '1 phrasing for speed. In the selection of syllables opportunity is given for the exercise of individual judgment and taste. In long words generally the first or first two syllables are sufficient. Affixes are known from the context.

The following phrases are so frequently used in correspondence that it will be to the student's advantage to learn them as they are written here :

1. Jy 2. g) 3. 2 4. 0 5. 1 6. L. 7. L 8. > 9. ~ 10. 9 11. < 12 13. ~ 410 15. 0016. / 17. J 18. 919. 22. 021. 1. Dear Sir: 2. Yours truly. 3. Yours respectfully. 4. It is. 5. We may be able to. 6. In regard to. Referring to. Concerning the matter. 7. In reply to your letter. 8. More than. Greater than. 9. We shall be pleased to. 10. We hope. 11. Smaller than. 12. For example. Less than. 13. By and by. 14. As soon as. 15. One by one. 16. We are in receipt of your 17. On account of. letter. 18. We enclose herewith. 19. In our last letter to you. 20. At once. 21. We have.

LIST OF GENERAL BUSINESS PHRASES. We shall have This is { We shall be pleased to hear from you by return mail 6 To say that -To say that we are unable to her I shall have much pleasure > He is \mathcal{N} In regard to the matter I am in receipt of your telegram -e We might be able to This is the first we have heard of this I shall be unable to > In reference to ~ We would say that we are doing To be able to make h I shall be obliged As far as possible In consideration thereof ~ Bill of lading m As soon as possible Yours very truly, 3 Dear Madam, 1 As far as we may be able to do so

I hope we shall be able to re I know that you will give this your best attention. We will be pleased to hear from you. Would say that. We would say that this is the first we have heard of this. We hope Would be able to w That we That you shall be able to -----That price -We beg to say that We are in receipt of your esteemed favor 6 Do not insist To call on the first 🗸 I will I will have We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor. Of course L Should think So that It is impossible O That such _ As soon as received

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LIST OF GENERAL BUSINESS WORDS

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communicate vo instructor ~ correspondence legibility department y straightened -1 satisfactory support 2 manufacture 3 reasonable v considerable 7 confidence J following irregular consumate 5 presume 2 neighborhood 7 success & addressed of practical) insolvency ----

transit xC circumstance college 🔨 different h vessel speech persist L expression surrounding 2. representative). substitution **N** similar ----reimburse ~ vicinity m recent 🗸 consequence phrasing T recite Y subject) sincerely m rectify 5.

LIST OF GENERAL BUSINESS WORDS.

investment ~ invoice ~ merchandise V method >7 miscellaneous negotiate V parcel 2 partner L persuade lo petition _ possession 2 preparation } application L proposition) appraise) proposal] purchase L rebate ~ recommend V remittance 😪

remuneration 5 respectfully \ specialty 🔪 especial 1 responsible secretary J salary . deduction 5 scheme le stipulate surety 2. swindler m testimonial ---valuable ~~ transaction xJ transubstantiation . ecclesiastical celestial ~ transformation * V

BUSINESS LETTERS.

In the following letter note the characters used for such phrases as "your favor," "at hand," "in reply," "would say that," "must be," "we think," "you will," "we might be able to," "we have," "in reference," "we would," "to hear," "you soon," "we are," and "very truly yours." Practice writing this letter and the letters that follow until you can write them at an average speed of 100 to 150 words per minute.

Chicage, Ill., June 10th, 1903 ---b John Jones, Meq., 34 -Chioago : 1 Dear Sir:-4 Your favor of the 9th inst. at hand, and in reply - 2 P- -~ ~ would say that the store and basement 152 Vine Street, must - 7 - ~~ 2 \sim be rented together. We think that if you will make us an -1- 1n 4 5 affer of \$2200 on a lease of two or threa years, we might be - - P 2 9 5 9 M 5 1 able to accure the store and bacemant for you, and in case 9 - 7 - r C - - 6 you had no use for the basement. we should have no difficulty $A \rightarrow f - f \rightarrow f$ in ecouring you a tenant for it. n d 6. cmrc We have savaral perties talking in reference to the 5 ~). 2 3 rental of this stora, and we would urge prompt action should n p- 7 - 6 2 5 you deatre to ascure it Hoping to hear from you ason, (714 26 (/ 5 WA ATE. 5 Very truly yours,

J. W Cross, Esq. . --Toronto, Ont 2 Dear Sir:-

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 18th, 1903. 2, 5

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We are in receipt of your letter of the 15th, inst and in raply would asy that we shall have in all 7 1 probability a new proposition to make you in regard to . . 6 the store on King Street by the first of the month. We 2 -~ N -٢ ~ -~ know of no location so suitable to your line of business 1 - 1 - ~ 1 5 es the site above mentioned, end think it would be impos-200 τ. sible for you to secure a better store at the rate 3 ¢ 3 9 specified in our last letter. We regret to say that this 1_ is the best offar we can make, and as to further terms we ~ { ~ 2 ---3 ~ will meet you as far as possible. - 6 2

Hoping to have a fevorable reply, we are, -. ~

Very truly yours,

J. V. White, Esq., Chicago, Ill. Joear Sir:-

Montreal, Jan. 13, 1903.

In reply to yours of the 10th inst., we would say 1 · P - - - 1-2 that the goode you ordered were cent to your town on the same 4 6 2 9 4 1 6 - 0 - - day that the invoice was cent to you. If these goods have • - - ~ ~ ~ . < 1-8not as yet reached you, kindly let us know by return mail, --- J / r 2 - - - - - - 2 and we will find out from the Canadian Express Co., what the -- - - -1 -5 ĸ . cause of the delay ie, and take the necessary steps to have + P - H) - - - 7 J / / them delivered to you.

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Thanking you for past favors, and hoping that the delay

Very truly yours,

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Montreal, Aug. 11, 1903.

F. D. Lyons, Esq., Montreal, Que. Dear Siri-2

If you will kindly eend us a copy of the wording you 1 ~ 1 -111-6 desire for the Passes, we will sub_it to you an original 1 6 - 2 design, and should the rame not suit you, you are under no obligation to us. When submitting the design to you, we will 3 7 1-1.3 - h 1600 enclose our price list, from which you will be able to get ~ ~ ~ ~ our lowest rates on any quantity you desire. Should you not 5 require the original design we will only enclose our price 1 6 -- - 1 h ~ -. ~ list, as it would be useless to forward same, if not desired. 2 -

Yours very truly,

EXERCISES.

• 1. Write the tollowing sentences for practice in the use of single vowels and consonants k, j, k, and q:

1. He came as quickly as possible.

2. I took the oath of office to-day.

3. O, see the sun.

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4. Always make your notes just as clear as possible.

5. How is this word written?

6. Do not be satisfied with inferior results.

2. Write the following sentences using the speed forms where they should be:

1. It is apparent that he will be successful.

2. Where can I go for water?

3. Twenty men went with him.

4. Would you believe what he said?

5. Always examine your work carefully.

6. Take time to be thorough. Haste makes waste.

Write the following sentences in shorthand :

 The day is cold, and dark and dreary; It rains and the wind is never weary; The vine still clings to the mouldering wall, But at every gust the dead leaves fall, And the day is dark and dreary.

2. A knowledge of drawing is the foundation of all pictorial expression.

3. My very chains and I grow friends, So much a long communication tends To make us what we are.

4. Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting.

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Geo. M. Jones & Co.,

Chicago, 111.

Gentlemen :--

In reply to your favor of the 27th ultimo we beg leave to say that on account of sickness our Mr. Jones will be unable to leave the city for ten days or two weeks.

Yours respectfully,

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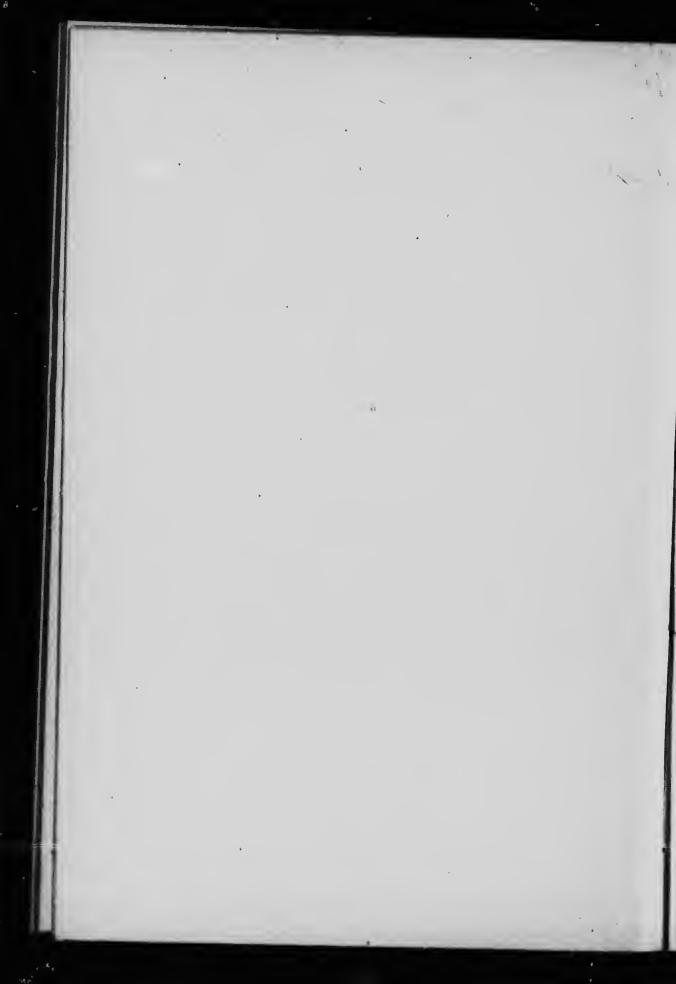
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Mr. S. T. Colder, New York.

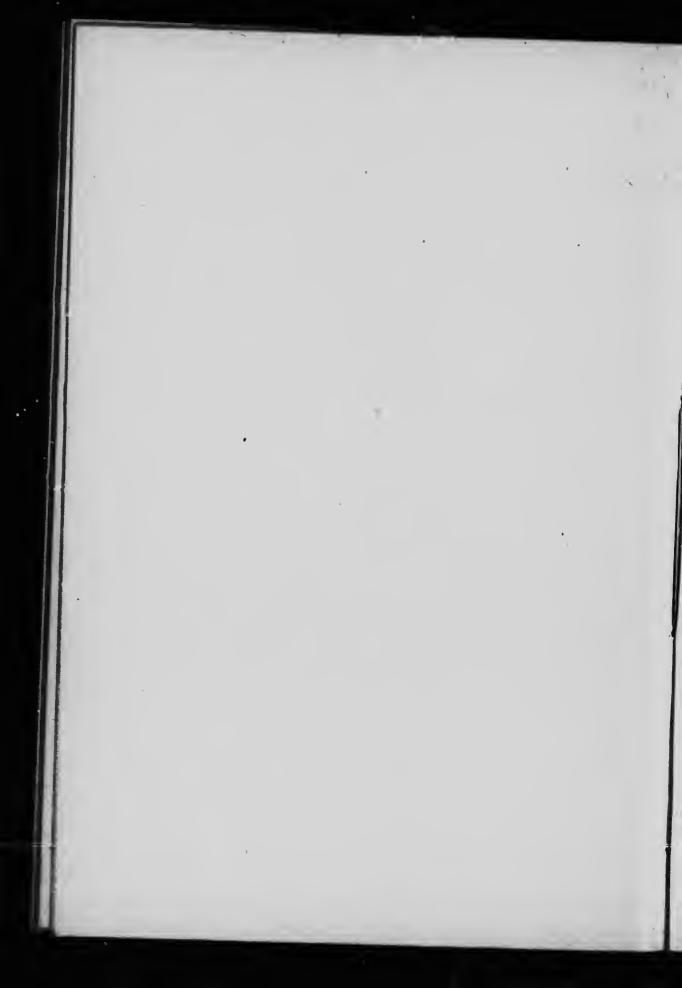
Dear Sir :---

We enclose herewith estimate for doing the work specified in your favor of the fifth inst. We may be able to complete the work in thirty days less time than your specification calls for. At any rate we will be pleased to give your work our best attention, and feel confident that it will meet with your approval.

Yours truly,



PART V.



BOYD'S SYLLABIC SHORTHAND DICTIONARY.

V.

THE purpose of this Dictionary is to show how the several characters are joined in forming words. Since a certain number of syllables, with initial, medial and final consonants, form all words in the language, it follows that words in shorthand can only be formed by a union of the characters representing these syllables.

Frequently there are more than one way of joining characters, but as a general rule there is one way which is the best for speed and clearness. In the following pages great care has been taken to show the characters joined in the most convenient way.

A large number of possible combinations are not used, but this dictionary shows all the combinations ordinarily used in forming any word in the English language. For example, in the word *explanation*, the tabulated combinations will show how *ex* is bined to *pl*; how *pl* is joined to *an*; how *an* is joined to *at*; and how *at* is joined to *on*.

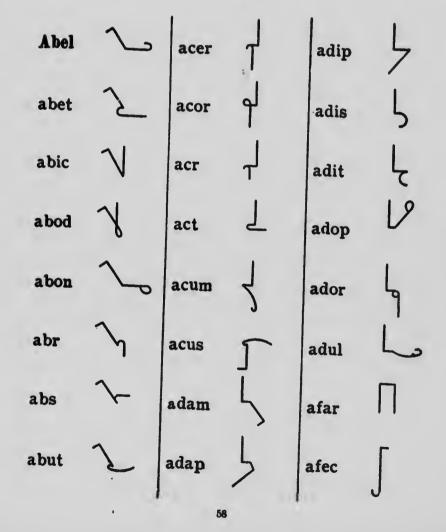
All silent letters are omitted. There is no doubling of letters. Words which have a peculiar spelling in English are spelled in shorthand according to sound.

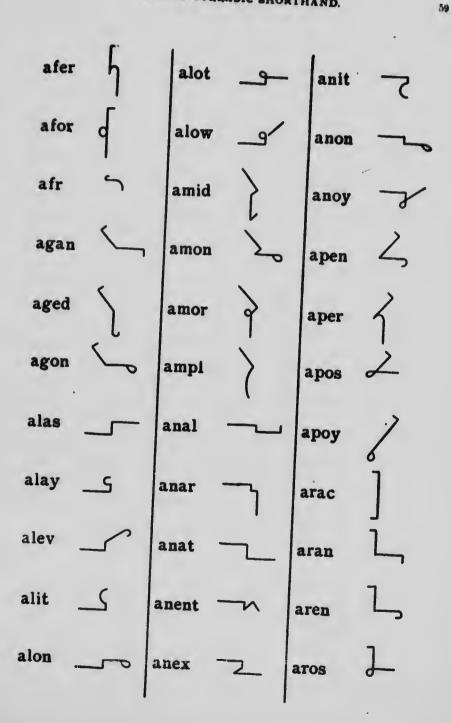
For example, walk is spelled woc; thought, that; beech, bch; bath, bth; cash, csh; cast or cost, cst; city, cty; dust, dst; death, dth; each, ech; east, est; past, pst; reach, rech; speech, spch; teeth, tth; etc., etc., etc.

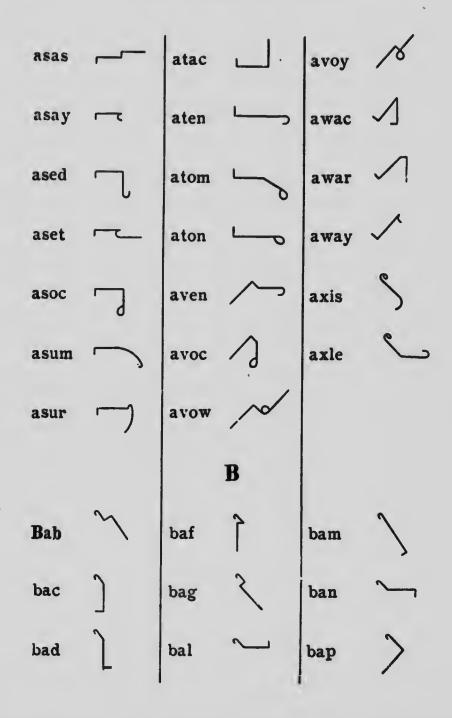
All combinations have been arranged in alphabetic order.

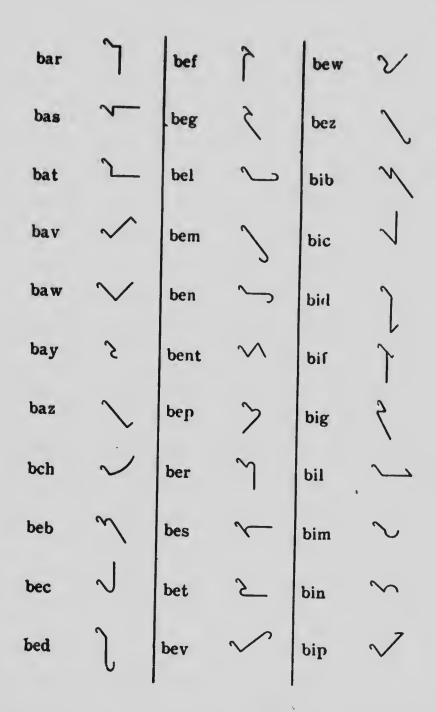
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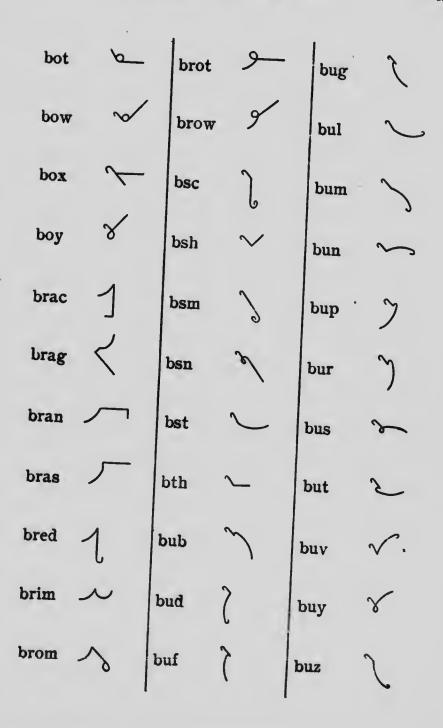


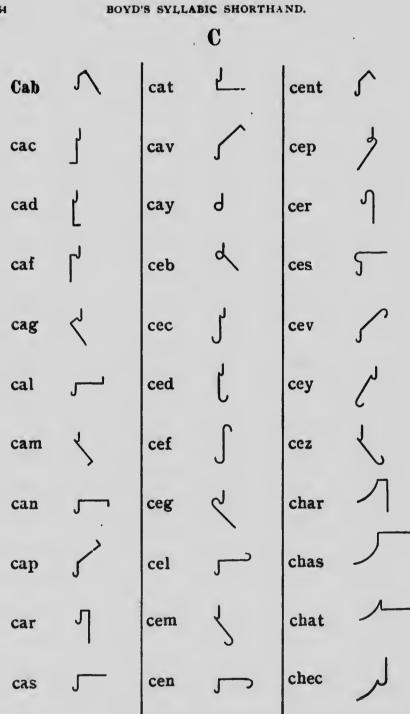


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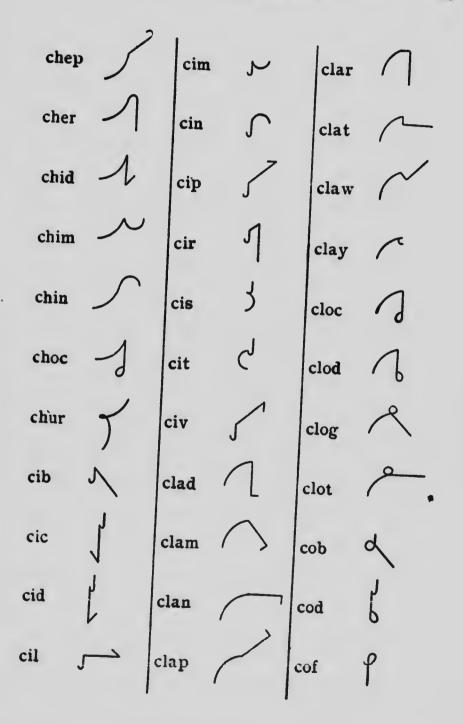
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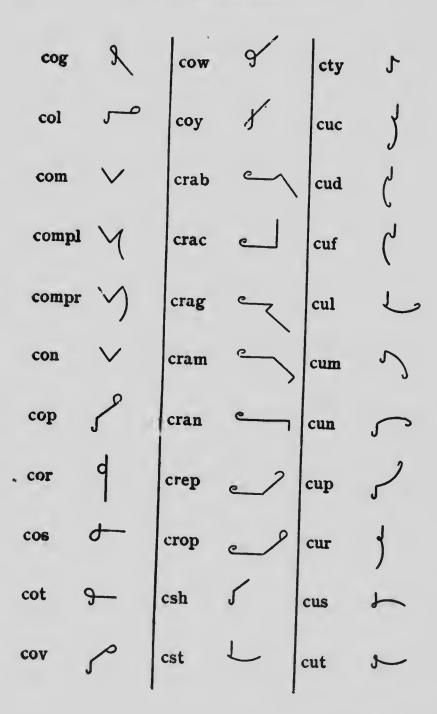
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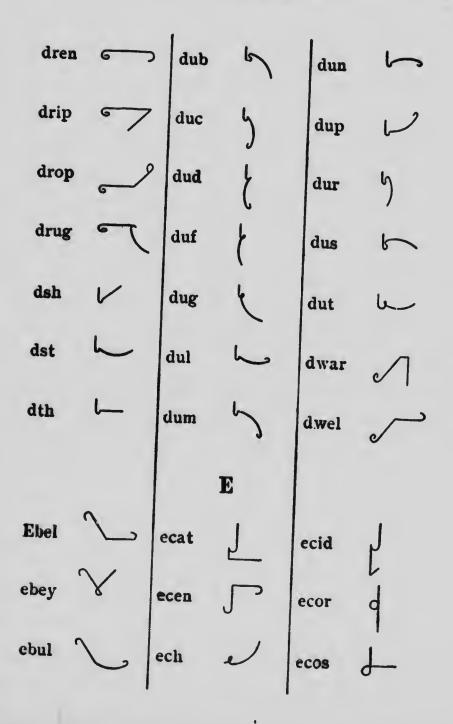


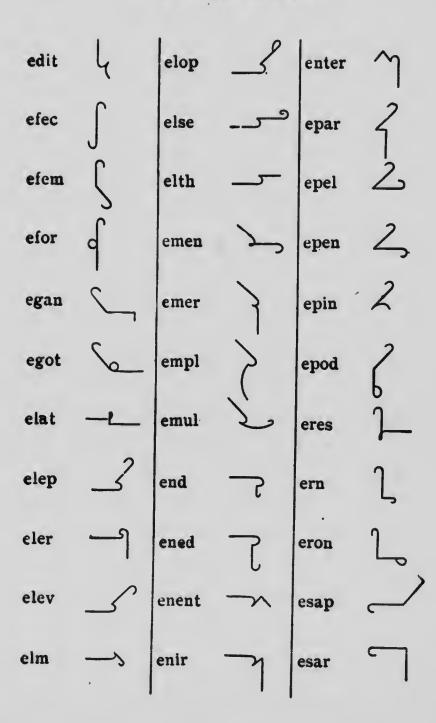
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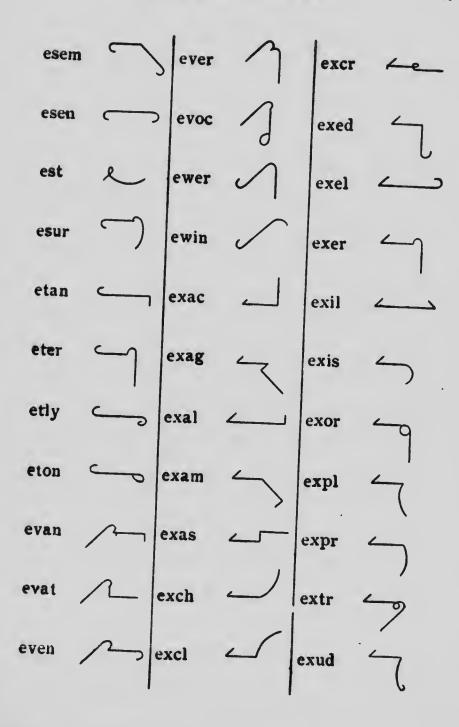
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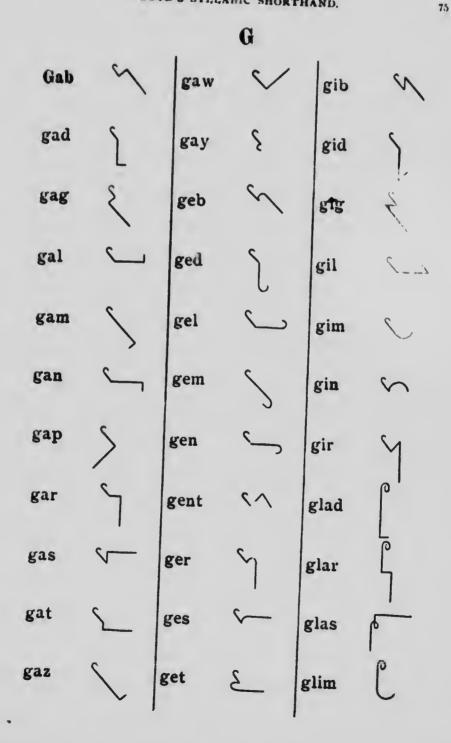
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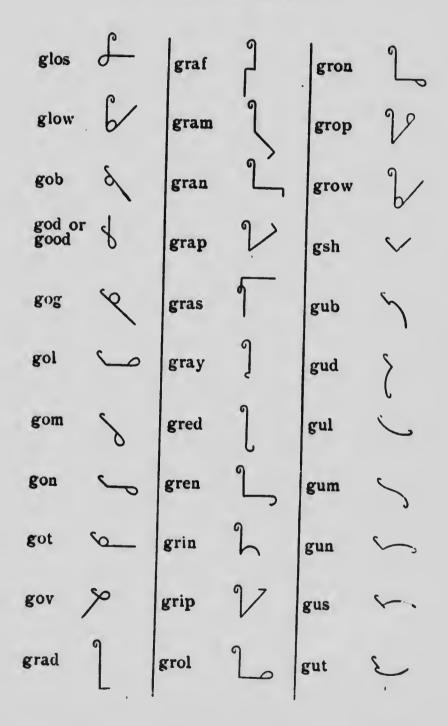
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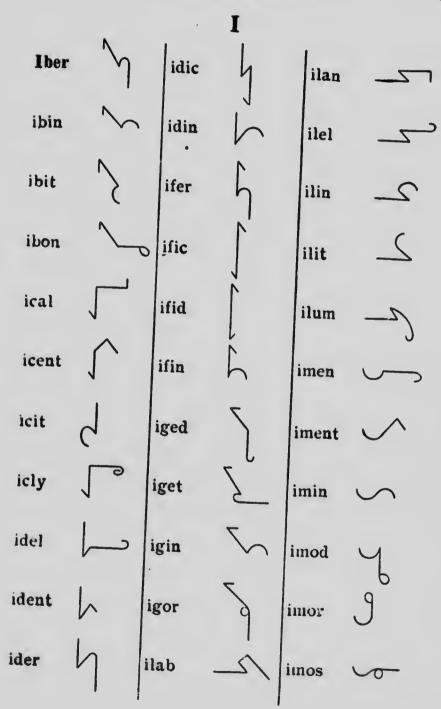
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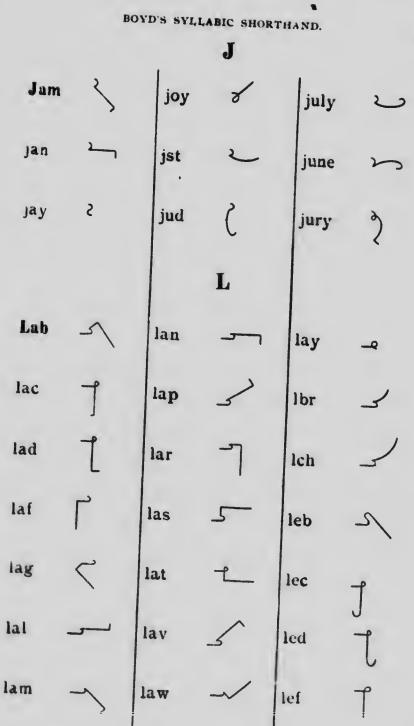
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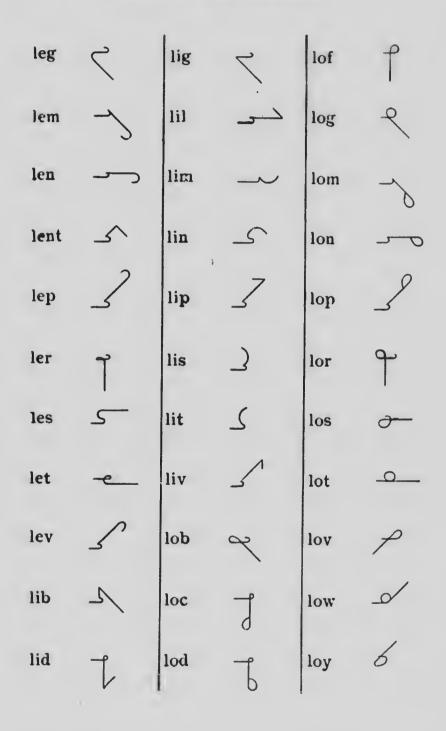


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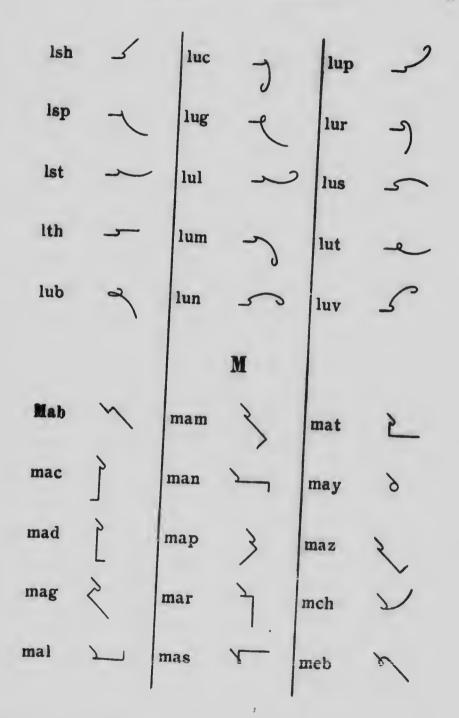
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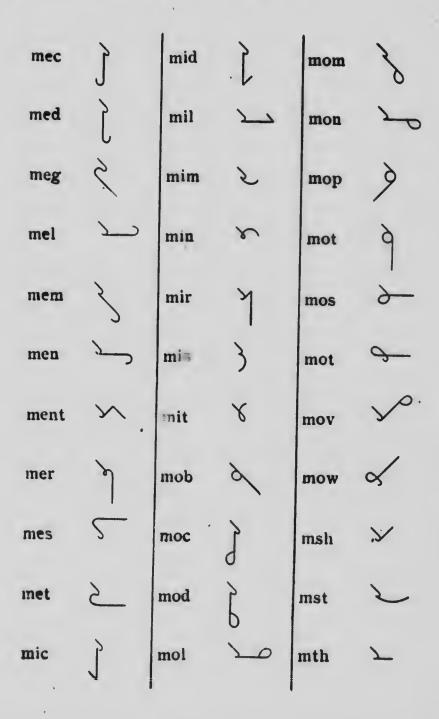
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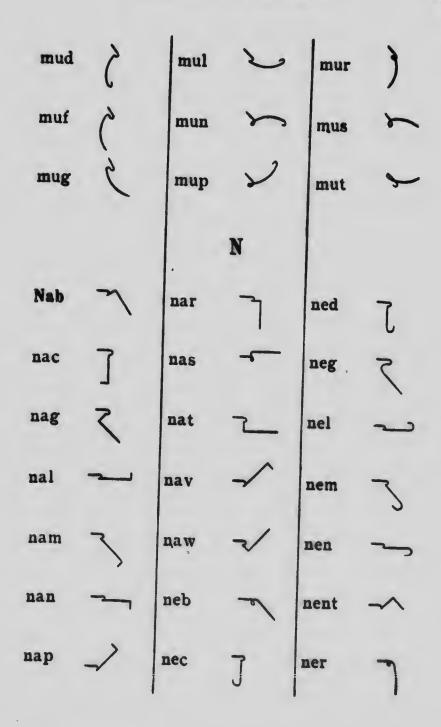


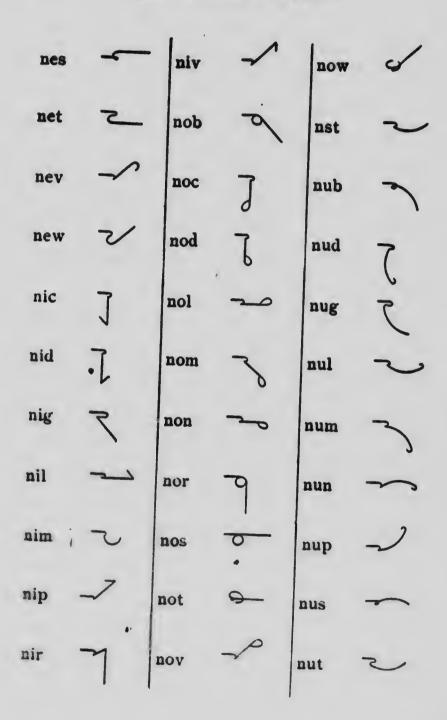


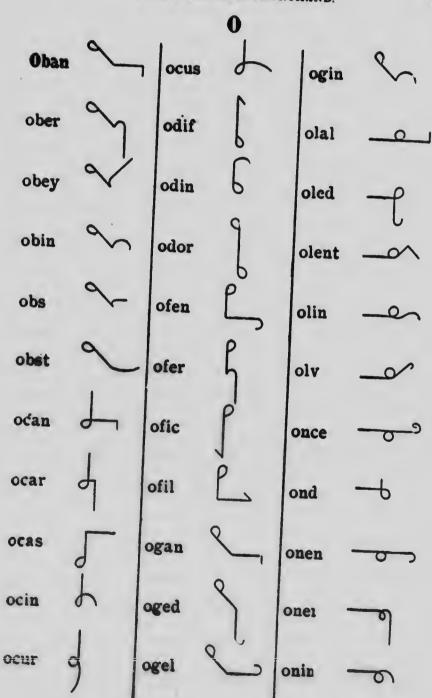
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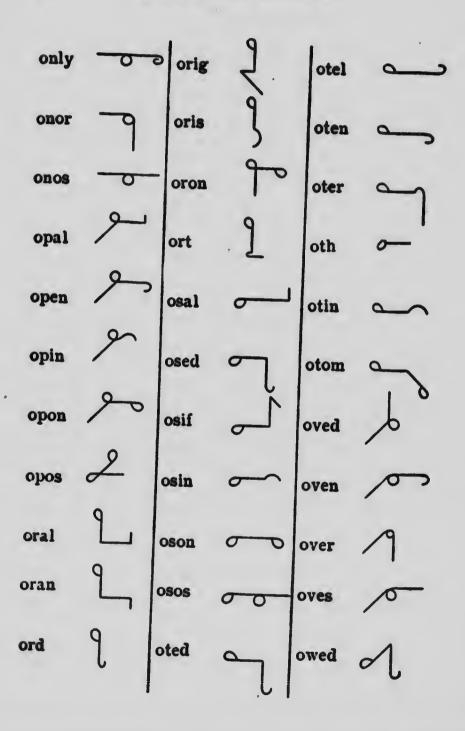


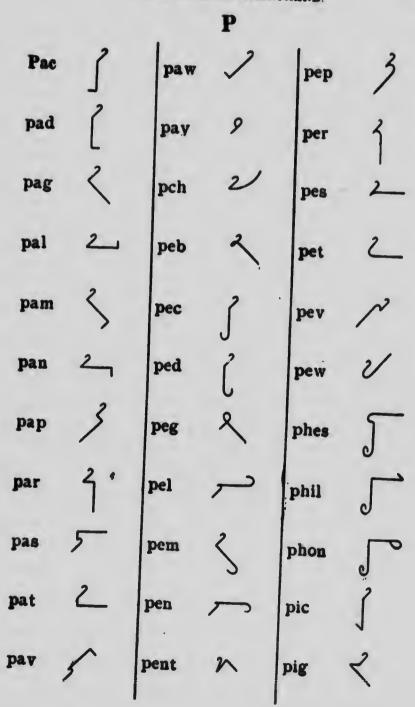


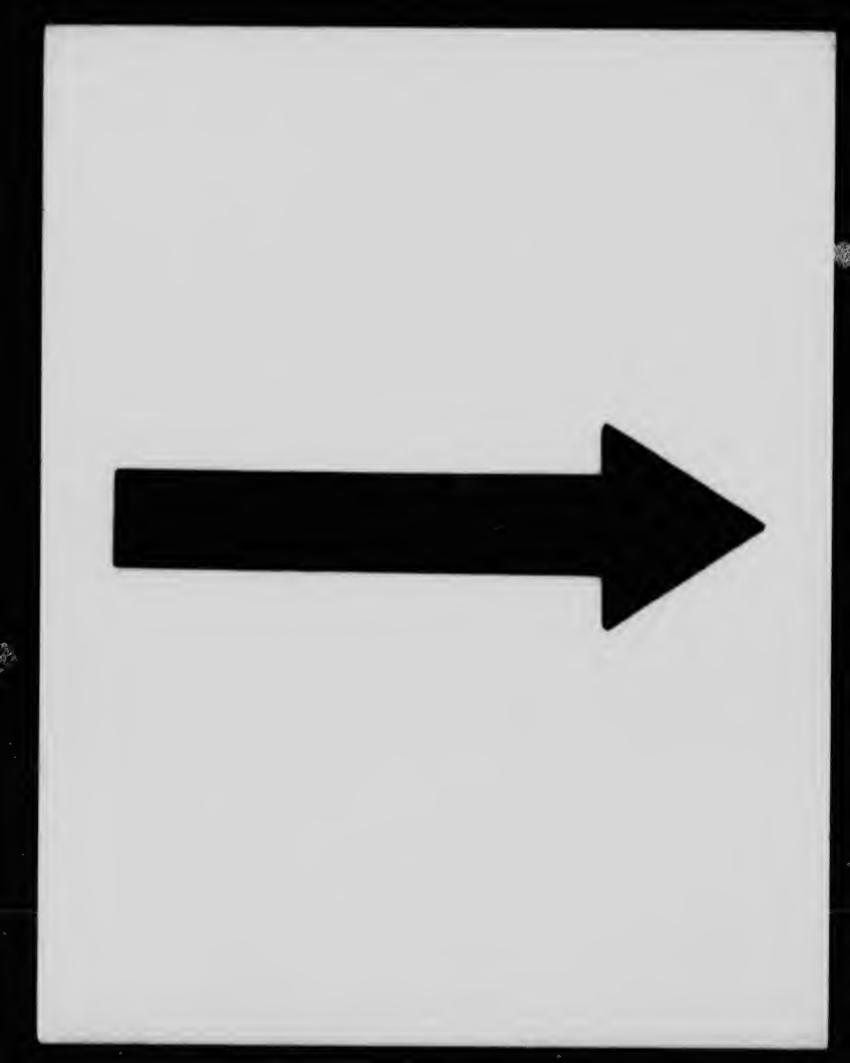


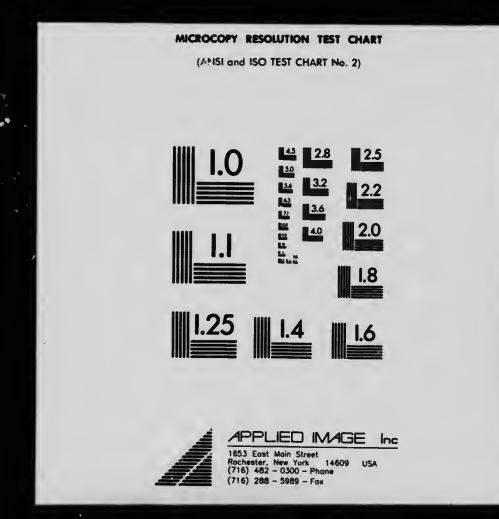


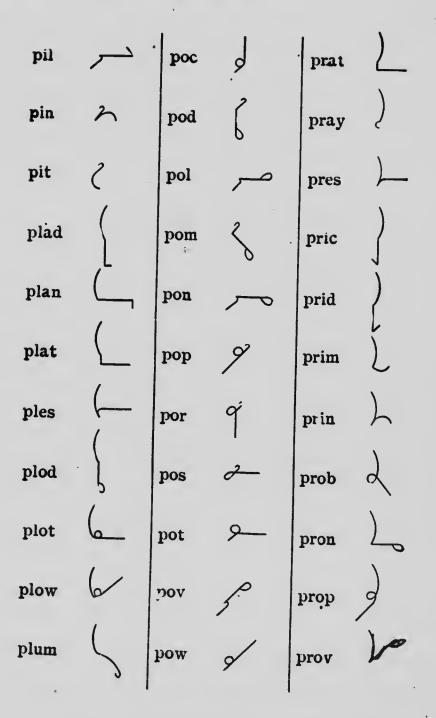












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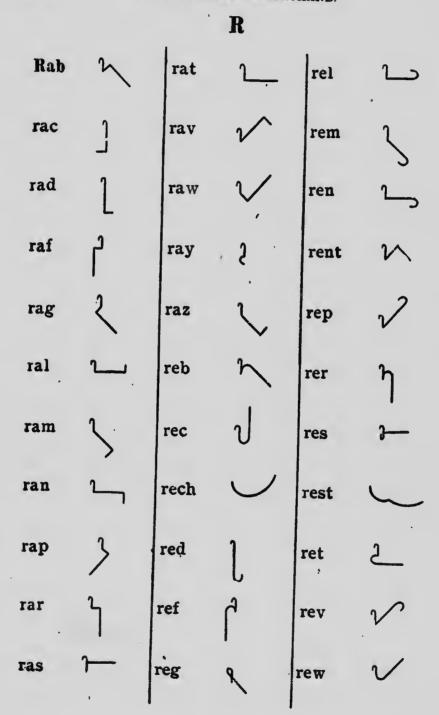
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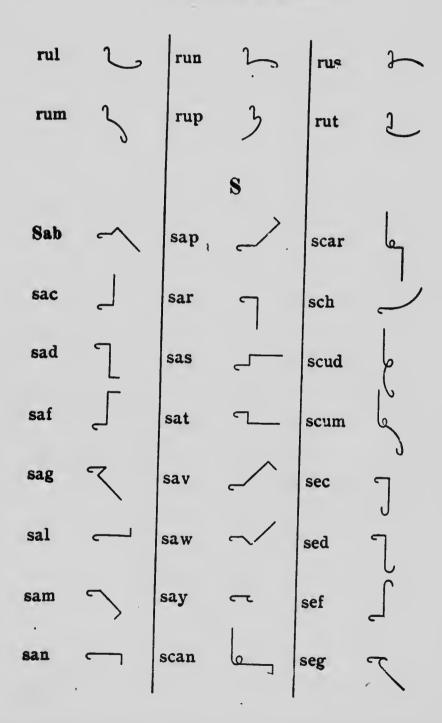
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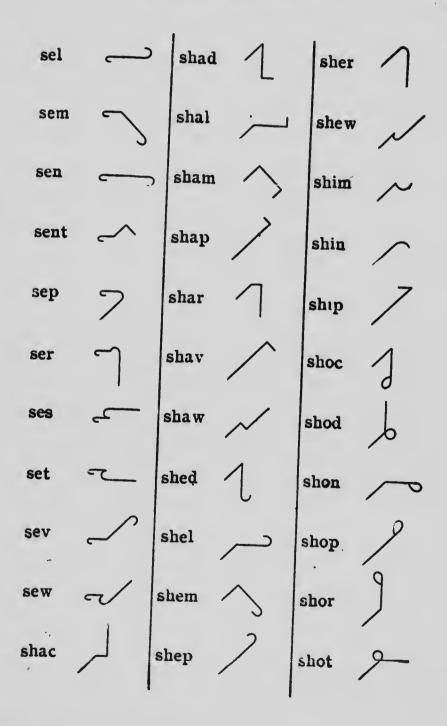
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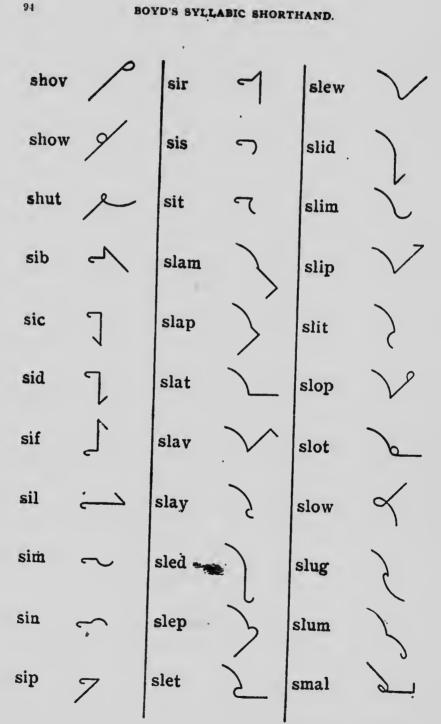
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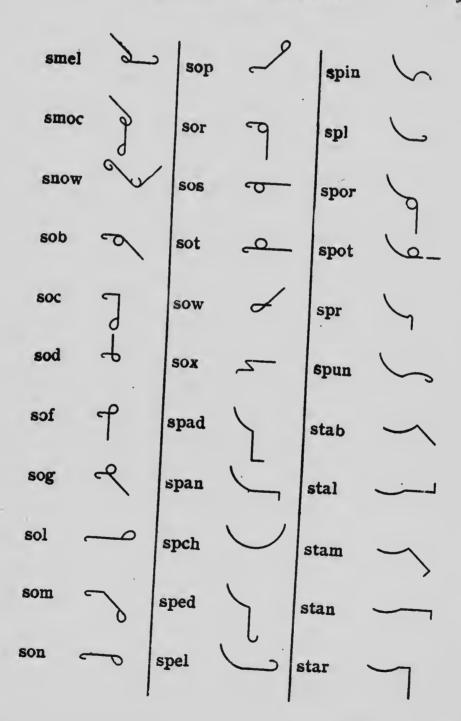
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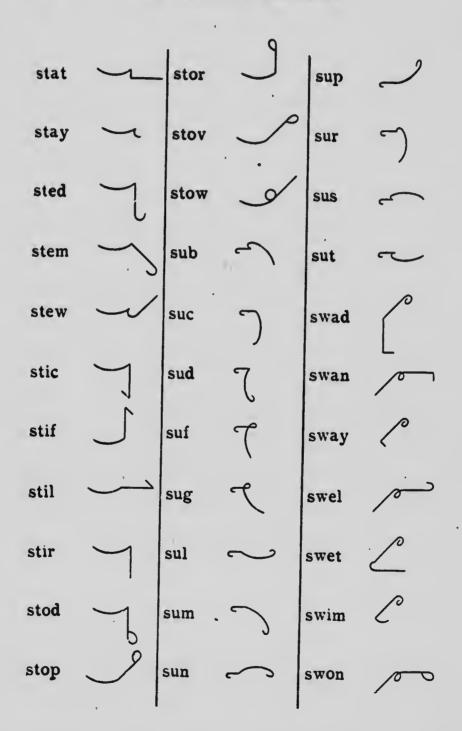
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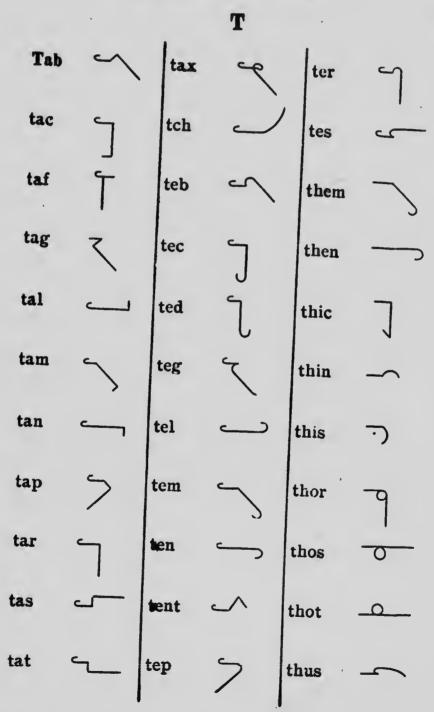


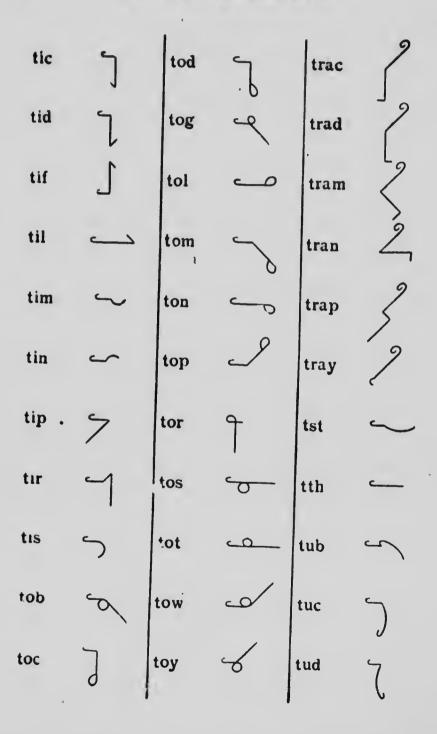


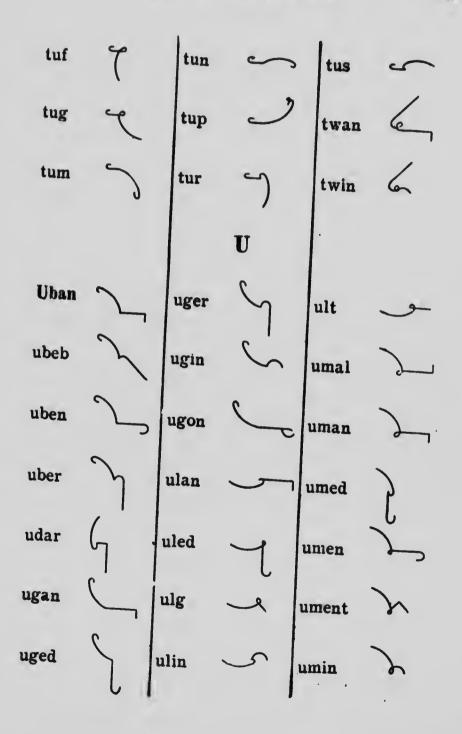


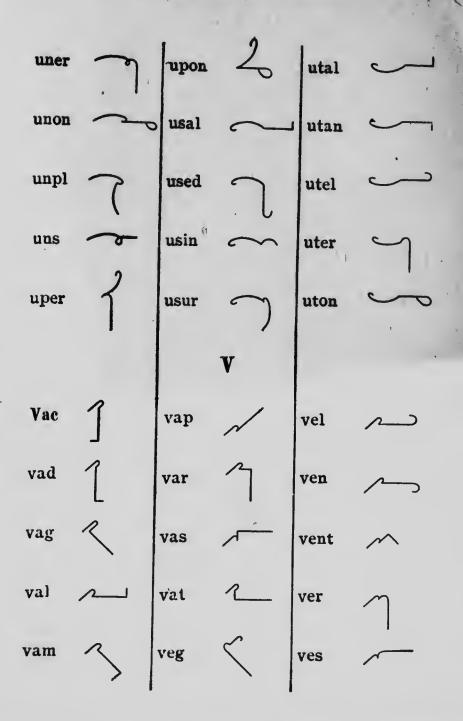












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