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DEVOTED TO PRONUNCIATION AND AMENDED SPELING.

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A FOUNDATION UNDERSTOOD

On the red cover of our Annual apears a concise summary of fundamental posi-tions. These shud be understood by all readers tu prevent misconceptions.

Many statements wud hav tu be repeated in these pages tu make some points clear. Lak of space forbids this. Acordingly, tu save repetition, most points of such nature ar givn succinctly in the red cover mentiond.

Readers hu do not understand or find fault ignorantly now no where they can get light.

A cover of two pages was publisht 1897. This, avowedly incomplete, awaited later development. This came in our issue of April, 1910, when the two pages of 1897 wer revized and enlarged tu four pages. Such revizion stil apears on the red cover. It has three parts:—(1) A Fundamental Declaration of elementary principls; (2) The Notation of speech uzed herein; (3) A Platform of 33 planks.

SETLMENT

History of a district's setlment give a key tu the pronunciation prevalent there. On p. 201 we gave a summary of Nova Scotian setlment; and on p. 214, of Prince Edward Iland's. We need a like summary for evry State, older Provinces, and even districts of British Iles. Such wud thro great light intu dark corners.

For Upper Canada (now suthern Ontario) we await a new edition of Cannif's Setlment of Upper Canada. Hu wil send brief acounts of the setlment of other districts? or shal we hav tu wait for a Ger-

man tu come and do it?

We keep our eyes on the remarkabl movements of population in America.

"PENSYLVANIA DUTCH"

Three districts of Ontario wer setld by imigrants from German Pensylvania in the first decade of the 19th century. They took up a region (1) west of Niagara river; (2) in York co.; (3) in Waterloo co. and parts of sevn adjoining ones. Within

the century the Waterloo region receivd accesions direct from Germany.

The speech of the districts shud be studid. As a help we hav Haldeman's work isued forty years ago with virtual colaboration of A. J. Ellis hu put it thru the pres and rote its preface. Haldeman, an ernest advocat of beter speling til deth, a nativ of the region, tels us:-

"The dialect of German known as Pen. Dutch [as they hu spoke it calld themselvs Deutsch] presents variations due tu the limited intercours presents variations due to the limited intercours of a widely scatterd agricultural population, and to the several dialects bro't from abro'd, chiefly from the region of the Upper Rhine and the Neckar, the latter furnishing the *Swabian or Rhenish Bavarian element. The language is therfore South German, as bro't in by emigrants from Rhenish Bavaria, Baden, Alsace, Wuertemberg German Swisserland and Darmstadt. Ther berg, German Swisserland, and Darmstadt. Ther wer also native from other regions, with certnern Neutrals deported from Nova Scotia tuvarios parts of the U.S., including the county (Lancaster) where materials for this essay hav been colected."—Page 1.

"Pen, German does not ocur in counties along the northern borders of the state. but it has extended intu Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, and farther west, western New York and Canada.—P.2

"Several thousand Germans had enterd Penbefore 1689, when a stedy stream of emigration set in. Their number is stated as 100,000 in 1742, and 280,000 in 1763. They ocupied a region which has located the Pen dialect chiefly south-east of the Alleghenies excluding several counties near Philad's. Germantown, near there, has lost its German caracter tho setld by them. The language is uzed by a large part of the cuntry population, and may be constantly herd in the country towns of Easton on the Delaware, Re(a)ding on the Schuylkil, Allentown on the Lehigh, Harrisburg (state capital) on the Susquehanna, York, Lancaster and Lebanon."—Page 2. "Several thousand Germans had enterd Pen.

This German-English mixture is analogos tu that of French-English after the Norman Conquest. It is like the French-Eng. one in Kebek in a belt twenty miles bro'd between sections of pure French and English. There two persons speak tu one another in difrent tungs; yet each understands the other. The speaker uzes the tung more convenient: so in Pen .:-

'Many speak both languages vernacularly with the pure sounds of each. . . . Children, even if very yung, may speak English with parents, and German with grand-parents, and of two house-painters (father and son) the father always speaks

1PENSYLVANIA DUTCH: a Dialect of South German with an Infusion of English, by S.S.Hal-EXPLANATION: OMIT useles letters; deman, A. M., prof. of Comparativ Filology in the CHANGE (if sounded so) d tu t, and ph or gh tu f. Univ. of Pa. 69 pages 8vo, cloth, Truebner, 1872. G., the son E., whether speaking tugether or tu others. The males of a family being more abro'd than the females, lern English more redily, and while father, mother, dauters and servants may speak German, father and son may speak English naturaly, not tu hav two languages, as in Russia. Foren Germans hu go intu the interior uzualy fall intu the local dialect in a year.—Page 5.

Their vowel-system is: 1, i, e, e, æ, 1, 2 (in fall, orb, awe), ō, u, ū. Of them, 1, e, o, ū, and ai, may be nasalized.

This nasality replaces lost n (not lost m), and does not pervert the vowel or difthong as in French un, vin, as compared with une, vinaigre. Nor does it afect all vowels folod by n, for most remain pure.-Page 10.

æ, ə, and ō, ocur brief and prolongd. Tru 'a' in arm is wanting except approximatly in au, ai. ä and ö of regular German become e of met, and ü is i in fit.

"The Germanism [and Amerindianism] of confusing p, b; t, d; k, g, is present and ar pronounced flat, that is, with more of the surface of the organs in contact than in English—a caracteristic distinguishing German from languages of the Dutch and Lo-Saxon (Platdeutsh) type.

The consonants ar : b, ch, d, f, g, gh, h, k, l, m, n, n, p, trild r, s, f, t, bilabial v, y. Ch and ch become f and front-y respectivly when ajacent tu a tung-front vowel, and Land bak-y (y) with a bak one.

NOTES ON "PEN. DUTCH

[In the articls preceding and foloing, o is uzed In the articis preceding and folding, o is used pro tem. for open o in 'Pen. Dutch' becaus we are not sure the sound is the same as our o in for, prolongd in fought, awe. Such o may differ from our o in for in being (1) free from labial influence; (2) much more open than o in for, even more so than a in far; (3) of higher or loer tension. These points need farther observation—can experimental fonetics giv help?

Of ten vowels, six (11, ve, ūu) ar tru pairs: that is, each two forms a cupl of different, the alied, quality; the others (2, æ, 1, 0) ar unmated and differ in quantity: that is, tho differt in duration, in volume, or stres, they strike one's ear, the arbiter in such case, as of the same

"Tru a in arm" is a natural mate for 1 in a language like Pen. Dutch or English that laks ā, tense ('naro') Italian a, such language being apt tu evolv 1 in We neglect the relic of 'a' herd in the two difthongs. Counting in this 'a', 1a make another cupl or tru pair.

As in English, a ocurs in stopt sylabls This refers tu its ful form in a strong or midling-strong sylabl, or isolated monosylabl; its weak form (*) may ocur anywhere in a sylabl.

The sounds b, d, w, z, ar absent. Nasalization is a feature in Swabian, and prevails in regular French, tho not at all in regular or receive German. is no surprise then that nasalized vowels ar found among peple from north of Normandy, the district specified.

Again, a is not in receive German, hus "open o" has similar quality, but a good deal closer. French "open-o" is virtualy the same as the German or Italian one (o aperto) and that of continental Europ generaly. Yet in French Canada o prevails: witnes Drummond's speling Canadaw (conedo, Canada), "Arkansaw" with a long Canadian river nearby, and Henri Bourassa (būrosso), the aspiring Nationalist leader. A sprinkling of their ancestors came from all over France, but mainly from Normandy thru its port St Malo. This o, pure and nasalized (0, 0'), is apt tu supersede receivd French a, pure and nasalized (a, a'), in both Kebek and Normandy.

The Scotch-Irish came in swarms tu the same district at the same time as these Germans, end of 17th and during 18th c. They spred farther afield, especialy south and west (see Roosevelt's Winning of the West, notably part i, ch. v). Setlment coincidences may help tu explain the great similarity of their vowels. Did the Germans adopt the others' vowels? Wer they so similar at first as tu make coalesence easy? Sheridan, a good fonetician and observer, recorded, in his Dictionary in 1780, Sc.-I. vowels. He described nine: (11, ve, æ, 1, 2, ō, ū) and says

"o in hot is only the short [brief?] of a in hall . . u in bush is only the short of u in noose." a statement stil tru of Scotland, Ulster(?) and northern England, where u in bush is brief u in stopt sylabls. In Scotland and Ulster this brief u has shifted tu 2. The absence "of tru a in arm" in Sheridan is conspicuos.

From 1877 til the erlier '80s the American Sp. Reform Asoci'n (not the English one, which pursued its own course from organization in 1879) was dominated by Haldeman (1813 tu 1880) and Dr Francis A. March. The personal equation in both shud be considerd. March, born in Masachusets 1825, livd in Virginia 1852-5, then til now at Easton, Pa., in the Pen. Dutch district. The Sp. R. As'n vowels ar those of the district with "tru a in arm" aded. March deplored its shift tu æ or o, and helpt (in Standard dict'y) tu restore it.

A HAF-WAY CLIMB-DOWN

In a considerabl part of England from and around Winchester (the capital until 1154), London and north tu some extent lies a district wherin 1, 2, ō, ū, ar scarce (Ellis tu the contrary) say Sweet and his foloers. In sted, they say, ar i or iy, ei, ou, uu or uw, wherin e is between e and e, o between o and Q. Old London speech, recorded by Walker, Smart and others, is much alterd since 1850. See our p. 196.

Beside this old London speech Cokny and coster lingo hav sprung up, much as the Bowery dialect develops and spreds thru Greater New York. With poor success Belgravia tries tu draw a line between Cokny and what they call their "standard English." Special pleaders asert Belgravian or West-End speech tu be "standard English," bles yu! Skeat, on the contrary, in a book just from the pres, says:—

The East Midland dialect surely but gradualy rose tu pre-eminence, and has now become the speech of the empire.—Dialects of English from the Eighth Century, page vi.

the East Midland finaly prevaild over the rest and was at last accepted as a standard, thus rising from the position of a dialect tu be the language of the Empire.—*Ibid.*, page 66.

Tu lose four prime vowels wud cripl a language (no 1! no v! no ō! no ū!) becaus divorced therby from the great family of modern tungs that retain them, German, French, Italian, etc. Hip dislocation not reduced is a calamity. The special pleaders call their speech "suthern English," conveniently forgeting that from western Hampshir tu Lands End, with Somerset and north of it, that is a misnomer! Again, they shud not claim the speech down the eastern coast from Norfolk tu Kent and Ile of Wight.

Of late some do not insist on 1, \bar{u} , being difthongs. Thanks for this haf-way bak-down. Lately a cartoonist had Asquith pointing a rifle at Lansdown up a tree, hu cries "Don't shoot! I'l come down!" (haf

way, or all if he must!)

Thruout the English-speaking world e^i or ey, \bar{o}^u or $\bar{o}w$, ar comon before a paus or in drawling speech; ei, ou, ar almost unherd in native of America, and imported uzers of them soon drop them here. Skeat in Cambridge uzes e^i , \bar{o}^u . Sweet admits (Sounds of Eng., pp. 71, 72, 73) that r, e, \bar{u} , "do not sound dialectic but rather refined in contrast with the bro'der vulgar pron. which makes lady intu lydy;" tho thinking " \bar{o} distinctly dialectal or foren."

Ellis (Pron. for Singers, pp. 113-4) says that e and ō hav no i- or u-vanish. Each "must continue tu be the same sound from begining tu end." Ellis givs a specimen of coloquial London speech in Chambers' Encyclopedia (Phonetics), and of a real (not "suthern") Standard English in his English Dialects—their Sounds and Homes.

LITERATÚRE

THE TECHNIQUE OF SPEECH, a Guide to the Study of Diction acording to the Principls of Resonance, by Dora Duty Jones. 331 pages 12mo, cloth. Harpers, \$1.25 net.

This book by a trainer of vocalists treats the voice from the singer's stand-point at first, as tu pronunciation secondarily. It recalls Madam Seiler's Singing Voice, El-

lis' Pron. for Singers and Speech in Song and Mills' (prof. of fysiology in McGill Col., Montreal) Voice Production (Lipincot, 1906, \$2). Singers, Jones says, need clear enunciation, for

In certn Italian operas, where the music is merely "emotional speech" suplemented by dramatic action, imperfect diction may pas; but no singer hu mumbls or garbls words in real music drama, as Wagner's operas, in oratorio, church music, or concert singing, can rank as an artist, however faultles in tone or finisht in vocal tecnique.—Page 24.

Ellis, as great a master in theory as Garcia in didactic practice, is barely named by Jones, not by Mills. A folder at p. 157 givs a comparativ vowel table of the four principal languages, very interesting for comparison with Ellis hu goes over the same ground far more fully. The doctrin, right we think, is taut that one may sing a foren tung thru dril, tho barely understanding the words without speaking the language. Difthongs ar calld "mixt;" labialized vowels ar "coverd"—a departure from customary terms that is questionably better. e is ei (ei aparently): ther is no e pure; ō is pure in open sylabls, as no, but folod by an u vanish in closed one (sole is soul, not Sweet's "soul" either, as his ei is not Jones' singer's ei). The pronunciations "tejus, edjucate, immejitly, Chewsday," for tedious, educate, immediately, Tuesday, ar tabu'd on p. 257. Reriting the book after ten years farther observation digestion and comparison with works of the masters wud improve it greatly.

NEWS-NOTES AND COMENTS

—A girl aged eight in Oberlin, Ohio, is trubld how tu spel *lilac*. "I'm not sure whether it is lieluck or lylock. Isn't ther a gh in it?"

—"A Survival of Elizabethan Speech" (7 pages by Dr J. J. Walsh in Harper's Magazine, July, 1911) tels that Shakspearian speech was bro't tu Ireland by setld policy in the 'setlments' by Elizabeth and James and, litl changed in main caracteristics, survives as Irish brogue. Til then Erse (Ersh or Irish, a variety of Keltic) prevaild there, even desendants of speakers of English adopting it. "This change of speech, resented and resisted, was nevertheles acomplisht all over the iland, except in the west, in the haf century before 1626."

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SCOTISH DEVOSIONAL BUKS

De Baibl balks so larj in Scotish analz dat de tersentenari ov de O'thoraizd Version co'zd waid-spred interest. Meni lernd wid serpraiz dat no transleter cem from north ov de Twid. Strenj tu se, lnglish influens predomineted in ader devosional manyualz long considerd Scotish. Ov 125 divainz hu dru ap de Confesion ov Feth and de Shorter Catecizm onli 4 wer Scots. De metric version ov de samz adopted bai de Jeneral Asembli in 1650, and stil de standard version, woz

compaild bai a Cornish Raundhed, Fransis Raus (Rous). Beför ðat ðe version prepeard bai Sternhöld and Hopkinz, tū lnglishmen, woz yuzd in ol cherchez. Hau grotesk wer ðe ölder metric samz me bi jidjd from Sternhöld'z lainz (az adrest tu Driti):—

"Why dost thou draw thy hand aback
And hide it in thy lap?
Oh, pluck it forth and be not slack
To give thy foes a rap!"
—Toronto Globe, 8 April, 1911.

YUSEZ OV FONETICS

Fonetics iz de saiens ov sprtch saundz and art ov promnsiesion; in its waidest sens de "saiens ov vois," drling not onli wið artikyulet bit olso wið inartikyulet saundz ov animalz az wel az men. De term, oridjinali sinonimos, "fonoloji, iz nau restrikted tu ŏe histori and throri ov saund-chenjez. Its mõst obvios praktical aplicesion iz tu acwizision ov foren langwejez. Its aplicesionz tu netiv-langwej stadi ar not les important: onli bai its help iz it posibl tu dıl efektivli wið vilgarizmz and provinsializmz ov pronansiesion, and tu seciur yuniformiti ov spitch; onli on a fonetic besis can de def-dim bi tot artikyulet spitch. From a mor theoretic viu-point fonetics iz de saiens ov lingwistic obzervesion: widaut fonetic trening daialectolojists and misionariz confrinted wið a langwej hiðertu ınritn can niðer obzerv fulli nor record akyuratli ŏe fenomena wið hwitch de hav tu dil. Diz investigesionz hav gretli waidend de scop ov de saiens ov langwej. Modern filolojists no longer despaiz colokwial and illiterat formz ov spitch. On de contrari de consider dat in ðem ðe laif and grōth ov langwej iz sın mör clırli ðan in ded literari langwejez on huz stidi comparativ filoloji woz ecsclusivli bilt at ferst. Not til filolojists began tu ask hwot wer ðe mal fakts inderlaiing de comparison ov ritn werdz in Sanscrit, Grik, Latin and ider Indo-Yuropian langwejez embodid in sitsh jeneralizesionz az Grim'z Lo, dat "leter saiens" developt intu "saund-saiens" (fonoloji). De raiz and dece ov infleksionz and de development ov gramatic formz jenerali ar, from de formal viu-point, menli fonetic problemz; and fonetics enterz mor or les intu evri department ov historic and comparativ gramar.— Encyclopedia Britan., 11th ed., vol. xxi, p. 458,

MASHIN FONETICS

De clemz ov instrumental fonetics hav bin bro't forward so prominentli ov let dat de can bi ignord no longer bai ivn de most conservativ. Bit it iz posibl tu go tū far de ider we. Sim sim tu think

Instrumental methodz hav supersided natyural winz as Arabic supersided Roman niumeralz. Dis asimpsion haz had dizastros rezilts. It can not bit u often repited dat instrumental fonetics iz, striktli spiking, not fonetics at ol. It iz onli a help; it onli siplaiz matirial yusles til tested and acsepted from de lingwistic fonetisian'z viu-point. De fainal arbiter in ol fonetic cwestionz iz detrend it ov a praktical fonetisian: diffensez not persivd mist—at list me—bi ignord; hwot contradicts de trend it can not bi acsepted.—Ency. Brit., vol. xxi, p. 459.

[A Latin gramerian, Martial Victor, long ago proclemd a fundamental truth: "A saund iz subject tu de judjment ov de Irz. (Sonus aurium arbitrio subjectus est.)"—ED.]

LERN TU ABSTRAKT SAUNDZ

Ol wr hav tu du in drling wið netiv saundz iz tu develop de inconsios and acūstic sens intu a consios and analitic wan. Ferst, isolet itsh saund; tu pronauns it, az far az posibl, apart from its contecst; and tu prezerv it anchenjd thru evri veriesion ov length and fors, and in evri combinesion ov saundz. Ðe nekst step iz tu analaiz its formesion. Let de stiudent for instans compear de tū consonants in 'faiv' (five) bai isoleting and lengthening ðem til hi can both hir and fil de vois vaibresion in de sekond. In de sem we let him lern tu fil chenjez ov pozision ov tang and lips in pasing from wan vauel tu anaðer. Hwen netiv saundz hav bin thiroli stidid in dis we, ðe lerner wil prosid tu foren saundz, dediusing itsh niu saund from ðöz olredi familiar.—Ency. Brit., vol. xxi, p. 458-9.

Let 1s du de praktical thing: Tek dis alfabet az a provizional besis, and prosid tu get de best alfabet wi can bai impruving diz leterz or selekting beter.

VOWEL-GAMUT OF ORTHOEPY

KEY: Ö v I 1 Ö Ü oi ai au iu as in they see us old rule oil aisle owl few (Marking o or u is unnecesary in open sylabls and some other definit positions.)

Alfabet: anbcdőezfghirjklmnoprstuvwyz

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