

## New Spelling Is an Aid to Carelessness

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SERIOUSLY doubt the practicability of the phonetic system of spelling. It is not a step forward, and even the impetuous President Roosevelt has given can hardly make it a fact to be desired.

The phonetic spelling if used even in moderation will be one of the best aids to the natural carelessness of children that could be manufactured, and it's great for the lazy child.

My experience has been that there are a hundred children with a natural genius for figures to one with the genius for spelling, and there is nothing aside from vulgar construction that stamps a lack of education as a deficiency in spelling.

When a child has learned to master the stumbling and barrier-like words of aurora borealis and asafetida it has begun to get a grasp on its dominant brain and the child brain that works over the victory of putting the proper amount of s's in Mississippi has made a stand on an upper plane and will in itself strive for other victims in other directions.

So far as the spelling itself is concerned, we might just as well spell asafetida asafetida, or aurora borealis arora boyrialis, but then when it comes to the phonetic system, who's going to stop us from going as far as we like, and where are we going to have any reward for being right? As a socialistic proposition it is a sublime victory for free thinkers, for it makes us all equal in that respect at least.

When it comes to the deep question of training for a child's mind I do not see how any one can sanction the thing to any greater extent than to get out a new standard of spelling that we must all take up again, and those of us who learned to spell once and have had to use that learning to go out and make a living with, it's no idle thing to spring an entirely new list of words on us.

## Four Advantages of Arctic Research

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and they add to the world's wealth. An expedition into an unknown region beset with dangers cultivates that rugged determination to overcome difficulties which is one of the most valuable assets of a nation. It trains the citizens of the nation to understand and to appreciate that the human body and mind have the power to meet and overcome great hardships and to achieve much in the face of difficulties. In this respect it rivals, if it does not exceed, the racing of yachts in New York harbor or the racing of men at Marathon, for both of which thousands of dollars are gladly contributed every year by the lovers of virile sports and undertakings.

Polar expeditions encourage invention, as do most difficult undertakings. Nansen invented a boat with a rounded bottom, which when nipped by great ice floes was lifted instead of crushed. This device is now at the service of all whose duty or business takes them into the regions of floating ice. Wellman, in his present effort to float across the ice fields in a dirigible balloon, is making experiments which will doubtless add much to the art of navigating the air.

Almost every effort to reach the pole results in an increased knowledge of the geography of our earth. An island is discovered here, the outlines of a continent there and an ocean at another spot.

But fortunately for many of us who love to measure achievements in dollars and cents, polar research has also returned its reward in this way. Some one, Prof. Todd, of Amherst, I think, has looked into this matter and has found that the return from minerals and furs and other materials of wealth discovered in the Arctic region has been many times the cost of every expedition yet sent north. Vast quantities of gold are now being sent down from the fringe of the Arctic circle in Alaska. Who knows how many millions of undiscovered gold, or other minerals, still lie hidden beneath the great ice-cap surrounding the pole?

The reaching of the pole itself will add much to the knowledge of geography and science, while the traversing of the polar basin in the search for the pole will add even more.

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## Publish Names of Campaign Contributors

By EX-CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH H. O'NEIL.

that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been collected for use in a few states.

The public, however, has been kept in ignorance of the identity of those contributors to such enormous funds who were so deeply interested in the outcome of elections as to be willing to spend so many thousands of dollars.

We discovered last year that insurance companies, whose policy holders certainly were not all to be found enrolled in one political party, had contributed large sums to one political organization to aid in the election of its candidates. This could not have happened if the principle of publicity had been applied to the collection of campaign funds.

There are many heavy contributors to campaign funds, in each national election, at least, who under no circumstances would permit their names to be published, and the party which is the beneficiary of the generosity of these persons would not dare to publish their names.

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## WHO PAID FOR THE DRINKS?

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"Several years ago American silver coin in Mexico was on the same basis as Mexican silver was at that time and still is in the states; it passed at half its face value. Drinks in El Paso and in Juarez, the Mexican town across the line, were a bit spicier or 12½ cents, as you easterners would say.

"In those palmy days a citizen of El Paso could go into a drinking emporium and buy a drink, paying for it with an American quarter. The bartender would hand him back a Mexican quarter, which was, of course, worth 12½ cents in Texas.

"The with this Mexican quarter in his hand the citizen could cross the bridge to Juarez and there buy another drink, laying his Mexican quarter on the bar.

"If the greater barkeep should give him in change an American quarter worth 12½ cents in Mexico the joyous citizen could return to Uncle Sam's back yard and repeat the process.

"Now, the question is: Who paid for those drinks?"—N. Y. Sun.

## Bird Breeding Islands.

During the last year the Audubon Society of Louisiana has rented some 17 bird breeding islands, located in the waters of the Gulf. Last year the islands were visited by two wardens, whose wages were paid by the national committee of Audubon societies, and although they were not wholly able to prevent trespassing and egg stealing nevertheless the results attained were well-nigh marvelous. On their own and the neighboring islands of Breton reservation, owned by the federal government, there were preventive measures, there were hatched and raised all of 40,000 birds, composed of the following species: Common terns, forsters, terns, royal terns, laughing gulls, blue skimmers.—Country Life in America.

Aunt Mary's "Quiet" Funeral. A dear old New England spinster, the embodiment of the timid and shrinking, passed away at Carlsbad, where she had gone for her health.

Her next kinsman, a nephew, ordered the body sent back to be buried—as was her last wish—in the quiet little country churchyard. His surprise can be imagined, when, on opening the casket, he beheld instead of the placid features of his Aunt Mary, the majestic port of an English general in full regiments, whom he remembered has chanced to die at the same time and place as his aunt. At once he called to the general's heirs, explaining the situation and requesting instructions. They came back as follows: "Give the general a quiet funeral. Aunt Mary interred to-day with full military honors, six brass bands, saluting guns."

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## Drinking Customs.

Society is soaked in drink. The customs of European in India are all anti-teetotal. It is even regarded as unpatriotic to be a total abstainer, because the government has a direct interest in the sale of drink. It is a fact that when Indians become Christians it is necessary to have a temperance society, which as heathens or Mohammedans they did not require. This is due to British drinking customs.—World's Women's Temperance Bulletin.

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