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A LEAF IN THE WIND

A leaf in the wind and a life in the blast,
 The life and the leaf, how they flutter apart
 A leaf in the wind—where it comes, whither goes,
 Who cares and who asks and who feels and who knows?
 A life in the wind, everywhere that it moves,
 Around it a shadow that cares and that loves!
 Every inch, every ell that it travels each day
 A tender, sweet rose for its sake by the way,
 And the leaf is a lesson as well as the life,
 For the part that it plays is a part of the strife,
 And it shows that the smaller the need of the thing,
 The lesser the care of the infinite wing,
 Which hovers and hides in the fold of its arm
 The life that is needed from loss and from harm.

—Baltimore Sun.

THE ENIGMA OF CIVILIZATION.

For the past month the sheepmen of Oregon have been conducting a coyote-killing campaign, for the purpose of ridding the state of this pest which is so destructive of flocks; today, says the East Oregonian, we received a forcible communication from a farmer living in the interior of Oregon, protesting against the slaughter of coyotes for the reason that they kill squirrels and rabbits and thus protect the farmer's crops.

The timber corporations want to be allowed to use the forests on the mountains to make profits for their lumbering industries; **THE FARMER WANTS TO SAVE THE FORESTS FOR FUTURE USE.**

THE WATER POWER CORPORATION WANTS TO BE ALLOWED TO LOCATE UPON AND MONOPOLIZE ALL THE AVAILABLE WATER POWER FOR SPECULATIVE PURPOSES; THE IRRIGATOR WANTS THE WATER SOURCES OF THE STATE SAVED FOR FUTURE USES IN DEVELOPING THE ARID LANDS.

The railroad company wants to block the opening of rivers because this will diminish the traffic of the railroads; the farmer wants the rivers opened to reduce freight rates.

The bonanza farmer wants to handle 2000 acres of wheat land; the country demands that a farmer be located upon every half section at least, to insure more bona fide homes, keep schools alive and insure the prosperity of the towns and surrounding country.

The farmer and stockman demand high prices for cattle, wheat and wool, to insure them just profits from their industries and those employed otherwise want more moderate expenses in maintaining a home.

And so on down the list of vital questions.

These enigmas of civilization have always existed and will always exist, perhaps.

ALL OF THESE VARIOUS CONTENDING FACTORS ARE NECESSARY PARTS OF CIVILIZATION.

THEIR INTERESTS DIFFER AND YET THEIR CO-OPERATION IS IRREVOCABLE.

The must meet and mingle and join hands in the forward march. In the continuous warfare in which the king, Self, rules supreme, these enigmas, these puzzling issues will always be "bones of contention" in the "doubtful balance of rights and wrongs."

MYSTIFIED SPELLING

Only a short time ago the simplified spelling board was reported to have decided that it would remodel the English language gradually, so that none save the most tightly stuck-in-the-rut would resist the gentle, even pressure of phonetic reform.

But, alas! the board now appears to be going the way of other revolutionists who find a large, unwilling public thwarting their ideals; it is chafing under the restraint of popular opinion, and, consumed with the desire to see great strides taken toward "perfect orthography, resorts to bomb throwing and terrorism generally.

Its second list of revised words has just appeared, and **AMONG THE SEVENTY-FIVE NOVELTIES WHICH IT HURLS AT THE HEAD OF THE INNOCENT PUBLIC THERE ARE SEVERAL INFERNAL MACHINES EXPRESSLY CALCULATED TO BLAST OUT A DEEP CHASM BETWEEN ENGLISH LITERATURE AND ENGLISH DICTIONARIES.**

The chief purpose of phonetic spelling being to assist the feeble minded and the ignorant, we should like to regard the movement as a charitable one, kindred to the war against the sweating system, and as such beyond the reach of criticism, according to literary canons.

Nevertheless, here, as in other notable instances, gross cruelties are committed in the name of mercy.

"Ake," which displaces "ache," is truly painful, as perhaps an ache should be.

It reduces Dr. Aked to a past participle, thus doing grave injustice to the distinguished pastor and his native tongue at one blow.

The simplifiers divide New York city into "boros" which are decidedly unphonetic boroughs; but who could expect that simplified spelling would be absolutely consistent in its strivings toward ideal phoneticism?

Is not the most highly simplified style of spelling that which is complicated and restrained by no rules?

We should like to know who "ed" the board on to transform an egg into an "eg."

Doubtless and "eg" with only one "g" will smell as sweet, ceteris paribus, but as a bitter-sweet it seems to have lost one of its three component parts, yolk, white or shell.

Many persons may approve heartily of the change from "debt" to "det"; for in these hard times it is a kindly act on the part of a richly endowed board to reduce the debt of all English speaking people.

This benevolent deed, it is probably hoped, will soon make English the universal language and rob "foren" of all meaning.

Until that day comes, however, "foren" will remain a happy substitute for "foreign," expressing in its alien spelling the meaning of the word.

THE RUDE SHOCK CAUSED BY THE DISPLACEMENT OF "LIMB" BY "LIM," "NUMB" BY "NUM" AND "TONGUE" BY "TUNG" IS PARTLY ABSORBED BY THE THOUGHT THAT IN CHANGING "GHOST" TO "GOST" THE BOARD HAS BORDED SPOOKS OF ALL THEIR TERROR.

A "gost" is no more awesome than a goaling.

Thus does reason triumph over superstition.

As we contemplate the seventy-five revisions in conjunction with the announcement that 20,000 (and) odd writers of English have sworn fealty to the board's mystified spelling fear and horror are diluted with cautious speculations over the possibility of witnessing in the near future a confusion of pens more disastrous than the mythical confusions of tongues.

X-RAYS.

Thaw escaped the electric chair and his sister got free from the marital bonds that tied her to the Earl of Yarmouth. The sister was really the more fortunate of the two.

John Hays Hammond has had his vermiform appendix removed, a job Oom Paul should have attended to in South Africa. However, so long as the big "four-fusher" alleged mining expert doesn't lose his gail he is all right.

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Not There for His Health.

The Officeholder—But why should I not work in the city hall?

The Citizen—I am told that it is in an unsanitary condition and it will ruin your health.

The Officeholder—Well, where did you get the idea that I was in the city hall for my health?—Cleveland Leader.

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Fixed.

One of the local officials of Chicago tells of a plumber's apprentice who, on his way to work one morning, called at the office of the health authorities and made known his wish to register his father's death. When the clerk asked the date of the demise the son replied:

"He ain't dead yet; but he will be before night. I thought it would save me another journey if you put it down now."

"That won't do at all!" said the clerk. "Perhaps your father will live for a long while yet."

"Well, I don't know," responded the apprentice, doubtfully. "The doctor says he won't, and he knows what he has given him."—Harper's Weekly.

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"Aw," growled a man in a back seat, "why don't these legal vaudevillians git some new gags?"—Washington Herald.

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"The Virginian."

It has been argued that actors who play one line of parts for any length of time unconsciously carry into their private life some of the feelings engendered by the interpretation of these roles on the stage. In some cases this may be true, but usually the player leaves the character at the theater, as is illustrated in the case of W. S. Hart and Frank Camerling, in "The Virginian," who appear as deadly enemies in this play of the west. These two young actors have played opposite each other for a number of years, one as the hero and the other as the villain, to all intents and purposes filled with undying hatred of each other, while in reality during all this time they have been bosom friends. This splendid play will be seen in Salem in the near future.

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Paper Changes Hands.

The West Side Enterprise has changed ownership, E. Ralston retiring and W. T. Fogle and Chas. E. Hicks taking control, the former as editor and the latter as business manager.



Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Told Him What to Do.

A native of Bombay, India, was continually soliciting commenced one of his letters these words: "Be it known to honor that I am a bubble on ocean," to which the official laconic reply, "Bust!"—London T. O.

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In Quest of Proof.

"Charity beginn at home," red Titewad to the beggar.

"That so?" replied the mendicant.

"Sposen you ask me up to house' for dinner, then?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

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