

CORRESPONDENCE

"SPELING MAID EEZY"

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SÚR,—Gud speling iz dhat whic asainz tu evri leter or difthong an inveiriabl saund, and dhús aspensez widh a prounausing dikshonari. Dhi fainer nuansez mei not bi shown, and aolsou for historikal rízonz wí mei retein *g* and *x* (= *ks* not *gz*). Tu bí gud; an alfabet múst bí miutyuali konsistent. *e*, or *i* múst reprezent dhi seim saund whedher dhei bí faund aloun, or in kombineishon—in daigrafs. It iz imposibl widh ounli 26 leterz, tu asain a singl leter tu íc saund. Dhis wud teik about 40 leterz. A solyushon iz faund ounli in niu leterz, aksents, or daigrafs; and ov dhi thri, evidentli daigrafs iz múc dhi íziest plan. It iz aolsou dhi plan larjli in aktyual yus, az in *poultry*, *oil*. If wí selekt daigrafs az aur solyushon, wí múst meik wun postyuleit; that dhei shal bí yuuzd az founetikali az posibl, and az ai sed abúv bí miutyuali konsistent. Wí dhen hav a gud alfabet widhin dhi limits ov aur aveilabl leterz.

Next whot aidía shal wí folou in aur selekshon ov valyuz? Aur langweij iz kompozud moustli ov latin and anglo-saxon elements, and dhíz tuu akord in giving tu vauelz dhi seim valyu; dhi valyu in Italian *do re mi fa u*.

If wí aksept dhis—and it múst bí aksepted if wí prais biuti, konsistensi and súkses—wí ar feis tu feis widh dhi problem ov *u* in *mud*, and *i* in *machine*. Dhíz kud bí exprest bai daigrafs: *does field*. And dhei wud bí pasabl. But in wúrdz laik *krieit* and *bieing*, a singl leter givz múc beter rezúlt—*krieit*, bíing. Az *i* egzists and wí múst dot it, ai yutilaiz dhis fakt and bai mínz ov a dash insted ov a dot expres its tuu saundz. For *u* in *gun*, it wud bí wúrdh a niu leter. Diuring 20 yírz a niu leter similar tu *v* haz bín yuuzd in founetik buks. It iz beter dhan Pitman'z sain for dhis saund.

Ai nau giv dhi alfabet dhat dhíz konsidereishonz wud yíld.

a aa ai (aisle) **ao** (awl) **au** (Faust) **b c** (=ch) **d dh** (dhús) **e** **ei** (eight) **f g h i í** (police) **iu j k l m n ng o oi** (oil) **ou** (soul) **p q r s sh t th ú u uu v w wh x y z zh**. **Y** iz a konsounant and okúrz ounli at beginning ov silabz.

Araizez dhi question: If aa uu, whai not ee ii oo? Dhi anser iz dhat ee ii oo ar sertanli exelent, bút ei í ou ar íven beter in aktyual praktis—rein drím (drüm) koul (kool). *Au* (Faust kaunti) iz adopted bekaoz ov its korekt elements. *C*=ch, macez its kogneit *j*—*óiz jus*. *Wh* iz adopted bekaoz naidher saund iz herd fúrst. Dheirfor *wh* iz az korekt az *hw*. *X* iz reteind. It iz an ould frend, and its ditou dúz not vaioleit aur prinsiplz.

Ai hav shoun dhat aur 26 leterz kan giv ús a gud alfabet, and dhat widh 28 leterz wí kan get aol wí wont.

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P.S.—It iz ounli a mater ov díteil whedher wún yuzez for dhi *gün* vauel *oe*, *œ*, *ú*, or a niu leter laik kapital U.

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