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*Bullokars Booke at large, for the Amend-
ment of Orthographie for English speech: wherein,
a most perfect supplie is made, for the wantes and double
sounde of letters in the olde Orthographie, with Examples for the
same, with the easie conference and vse of both Orthographies,
to sue expences in Bookes for a time, vntill this amendment grow to a generall use, for
the easie, speedie, and perfect reading and writing of English, (the speech not
changed, as some vntily and maliciously, or at the least ignorantly blowe
abroade) by the which amendment the same Author hath also framed
a ruled Grammar, to be imprinted hecreafter, for the same speech, to no
small commoditie of the English Nation, not only to come to easie, speedie, and
perfect vse of our owne language, but also to their easie, speedie, and readie
entrance into the secretes of other Languages, and easie and speedie
pathway to all Straungers, to vse our Language, hecretofore very
hard vnto them, to no small profitte and credite to this our
Nation, and stay therevnto in the weightiest causes.*

There is also imprinted with this Orthographie
a short Pamphlet for all Learners, and a
Primer agreeing to the same, and as
learners shall go forward there-
in, other necessarie Bookes
shall spedily be prouided
with the same
Orthographie.

Hearevnto are also ioyned written Copies with
the same Orthographie.

Give God the praise, that teacheth alwaies.

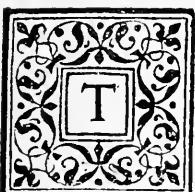
When truth trieth, errour flieth.

Seene and allowed according to order.

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1580.

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His Treatise of mine, I did meane to put in Print aboue two yeares past, had I not then vnderstanding by a friende of mine that the like was already handled, and in Print, by Sir Tho. mas Smith, and Mai- ster Che-
ters works
unknowne
to this au-
thour.
Sir Thomas Smith, and Maister Chester, of whose works (nor the like done by any other)

I neuer vnderstood vntill then : if it had pleased God that they had bin liuing, I would haue offered to them my seruice in this point for Ortography , and I trust it will be no offence to their friends to see their workes confirmed, though not in the same order, yet to the effect of their meaning, which is nothing contrary to their willes, as may appeare by their Bookes of the same, in which they declare, that time will bring truth, and correct errors, which, at the first, are thought impossible, and vnmeete to be reformed. Whose workes after I had pver-
sed, I rejoyced that men of such calling, learning, and experie-
nce, had trauelled in the like purpose.

And in perusing the same, I found our arguments to one ef-
fect, touching the great abuses in writing and printing of Eng-
lish speach , and therefore I leaue out of this Treatise many of
my arguments, which I had purposed to enlarge, for the sati-
sfying of euery mans doubts and obiections : but now, turning
such as are not satisfied with my persuasions , to peruse their
workes, whereof many of the learned sort are not ignorant ,
and fully resolued , that a perfect amendment were right ne-
cessary for many causes.

My doings did, and doth differ from theirs, only in the a- Wherein
their workes
differ.
mendment of those abuses. For Sir Thomas Smith, and May-
ster Chester, left out of their amendment diuers of the letters
now in vse, and also brought in diuers of new figure and fash-
ion, hauing no part in figure or fashion of the old, for whose
soundes they were changed in figure, or newly deuised, strange
to the eye, and thereby more studie to the memory: seeing the
vse of both Ortographies must be had during one age, and af-
terwards

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terwards (by reason of records, evidences, and such like, not to be altered by Printing) the olde must not be much strange, but in easie vte, bycause necessitie alloweth such evidences, &c. with the same letters as they now are, which is one of the chiefest pointes to be regarded in any amendment of Orthographie, whereof M. Chester greatly fayled, as appeareth by his workes printed with his Orthography.

And (I doubt) if Sir T. Smith had written or printed matter in sentence, as he shewed it only by single word, (as touching any thing that euer came to my sight) to shew his Orthography it would haue bin of the like effect to M. Chesters : excepting this point only, that is, for easie conference of the old and new togither, (and partly, for that they had not prouided seuerall letters ynochough for euery seuerall decision of the voyce vsed in English speech) I had left off mine owne enterprise, and altogether, to the vttermost of my power, aduanced one of their doings, for that (by too much experience) I found the lacke of the like, by handling of learners, whose memories and diligence I found very apt, but brought into a Labyrinthus, (in respect of the playne and perfect way to reade and write English speach,) though I vsed all meanes to instruct them most easily, by giuing warning to them of this turning and of that turning, of this blocke and of that slough, of this bypath, and that narrow bridge, of this marke, and of that bound, I meane by giuing to double and treble sounded letters, their double and treble names, agreeing to their soundes in words: also, what letters were superfluous in some words, and where some were misplaced, with some helpe of rules to deuide sil'ables, and such like meanes, which did greatly comfort and further them in learning, with more speede and pleasure, than any learner could doe by any ordinarie teaching, or as I my selfe was taught.

But yet I haue founde by handling of mine owne chil-dren (whome I haue vsed to mine owne liking in teaching them true Orthography written, for lacke of the printed) that reading

*Helper in
the old, but
not suffi-
cient.*

*Experi-
ence per-
suadeth
consent in
the eye,
wryce, and
eare.*

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reading and writing may be had perfectly, in the time that my helpe before vsed could be perfectly conceyued and halfe followed, by reason that in true Orthography, both the eye, the voyce, and the eare consent most perfectly, without any let, doubt, or maze. Which want of concord in the eye, voice, and eare, I did perceyue almost thirtie yeares past, by the very voyce of children, who guided by the eye with the letter, and giuing voyce according to the name thereof, as they were taught to name letters, yeelded to the eare of the hearer a cleane contrary sound to the word looked for.

Heereby grewe quarels in the teacher, and lothsomnesse in
the learner, and great payne to both : and the conclusion was,
that both teacher & learner must go by rote, for no rule could
be followed, when of xxxvii. partes, xxxi. kept no square, nor
^{of xxxvij.}
true ioint. For xiii. parts greatly needfull, lacked altogether, or
^{partis want}
were furnished with the other xxiiii. partes, by peicing and
^{six perfect.}
contrary hewing of which xxiiii. (if they be well viewed) they
are so mangled, that there are but sixe partes in perfect vse :
whereof (as occasion hath offered) I haue complayned to di-
uers of the art of learning, wherenvto some haue yeelded,
some not conceyued of it, some loth to graunt it, and some
old customaries could not abide to heare of any spedie way to
knowledge, were it neuer so good.

Thus being left alone (though Sir T. Smith, &c M. Chester, *The Au-*
made the like complaint, but unknown to me as I said before) *hours in a*
well alone.
I did many times lament the same, wishing that God would
fende me some time of leysure, to shew some remedie. In the
end, about seuen yeares past, perceyuing more and more the
great want of amendment, I determined with my selfe to lay
my priuat doings aside, which my abilitie was iable to beare,
to prouide some remedie in a thing so needfull in my Countrey:
since which time, I haue endeuored to finish mine enter-
prise, thinking at the first, to haue refreyned mine owne busi-
nesse for half a yeaere, or such like time. But when I had entred
into the secretes thereof, I found that I had taken a weightier:

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thing in hand, and being entred therinto, could not give ouer, vntill I had finished the worke herein shewed.

I must confess, I receyued commoditie in one pointe by Sir Thomas Smith, and Maister Chesters woorke. For though my chiefe regard (from the beginning) was, to follow the figures of the old letters, and the vse of them (bycause of conference in time to come) as much as possible might be bringing my purpose to passe (that is, to make true Ortogra-phy) yet surely I had not bin so carefull and painefull therein, if I had not knowne the like already in print by other: whose worke being not received in vse (the chiefe cause whereof, I thinke, was their differing so farre from the old) I should haue done more hurt than good, in shuffeling in a third, if it were not throughly perfected, to continue for euer, and thereby to give some that will carffe against it, the more aduantage, or rather delighting affections, to reprove the same, which were not easie for all good mindes, taking some care to peruse my doings, to defend in answering therevnto. So that the singular gift from God, for the better instruction of man, might by mans vnthankefulnesse haue repulse from time to time, and the pretious iewell of true vnderstanding, which must begin to take roote in youth, be greatly hindered, and this singular fartherer of the same, I meane true Ortography, so dashed out of countenance, that hardly any man would attempt the like againe, which were the enemies triumph.

For what thing is, was, or euer shall be, that will like all men? yea, though it be to their great profit, so greatly preuaileth the ancient enemie of truth, that is, the Diuell himself, who delighted with mans ignorance, seeketh alwayes to delude him with his illusions, which are many, and of diuers coloured goodlike persuasions: but in the ende, truth washeth all away, and maketh euery thing appeare plaine as it is.

It is now a yeaer past and more, since this Booke was signed and allowed to be imprinted, wherin I haue bin willing to take some leisure for two causes: one, that I would haue it go forward

*A furthe-
rance to this
Authour by
Sir Thomas
Smith and
M.Chester.*

*The hindre-
rance of Sir
T.Smith, and
M.Chesters
worke.*

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ward in such sort, that if any woulde shew cause of better amendment, I would gladly haue accepted it, and ioined with the same, and to that ende haue bin willing not onely to heare other mens iudgments that are able to giue iudgement herin, but also haue published a Pamphlet heereof in diuers places into the hands of men of vnderstanding, who well conceiu of the same, and most of them confessing it a thing very necessarie and profitable, wisheth good successe thereof.

In which trying of other mens iudgements, I haue found *A hindrance to this Author by Sir Thomas Smith and M. Chesters workers.* that Sir T. Smith, and M. Chesters, but chiefly Sir Thomas Smithes former works, do rather hinder than further my doings herin, bicause it sinketh into many mens minds, that seeing they, being of such great learning, calling, experience, and credit, could not preuaile heerein, that it is not like, that any other shoulde preuaile in the like meaning: but this doubt is foone answered, and resolved by common experience.

For in all ages and times, things are brought to passe, not as men thinke, but as it pleaseth God, who maketh his instruments (oftentimes of the most vnlikely), that we might be thankfull vnto him for working our profite, and not to impute the same vnto any mortall man, of what countenance soeuer he be, in the eye of the world. Yet that creature, by whome God ministreth his goodness toward vs, deserueth to be wished well vnto, not onely for our profites sake, but also that it hath pleased God to worke in him things profitable for vs: yea, the vertue of the simplest in wordlings eyes being despised, is not only a wrong to the partie, but a manifest vnthankfulness to the giuer of those giftes.

Neither ought we to forget the manifolde blessings of Gods works maruellous in this age. God shewed to this our Nation in this last age, which contrarie to the expectation of man (yea before it came to passe, thought impossible and vnmeete) he hath mercifully poured vpon vs, among which, this change is not of the least importance, though it seeime a tripe in some mens iudgements.

So that I trust (all things considered) the learned wil content them-

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themselves to thinke well heereof, and giue cause to the vnlerned, to make their entrie into learning heereby: wherein is such concord of the eye, voyce, and eare, that it will yelde to the mind a most pleasant harmonie, and guide the same to the place of eternall felicitie, which is, and shoulde be the end of all exercisces and estates in the life of man. And what may be cōpared to knowledge, the guide of all these, when ignorance runneth headlong into the pit, yea at the nooneday?

And for that I would gladly haue contented ali men (which is a thing impossible) or at the least vnderstanding the commoneſt opinion of the greater number, I did in August last set vp in this Citie of London in the moſt publike places therēof, a briefe shew of my intent, readie to haue shewed good prooſe of the ſame, if men would ſo haue accepted of my good will, but chiefly, that by occation offered therby, I might either go forward with my intent, or ſtay for a time, or for reaſonable cauſe to giue ouer the ſame.

And in conſidering of theſe points, though the multitude (through light ouerpaffing thereof) are of leaſt iudgement, & no cauſe to bring me into deſpair: ſo is not the ſubtiltie of the peruerſe enemys to knowledge, nor their ſoundings in mens eares ſo fearfull to me, but that through the good hope that I haue in the Magistrate (vnto whose eares ſome of theſe notes no doubt haue ſounded) bearing indifferently with my doings vpon further trial, I haue not ſlacked my trauell nor charges, to go forward in ſo neceſſary & common cauſe, deſiring every mans furtherance, as the equitie of the cauſe requireth: and that every man viewing the ſame, will conſider that the chiefe point to vnderſtand this worke is, to haue perfectly the names of the ſingle letters: according to their names in the Table, fol. 21. and alſo before the written hands:

without which, they can not iudge of the
ortography, nor vnderſtand the
cauſe of this worke.

W. B.

The Prologue.

C^hisenst at the beginning wrought by Gods gift in mankinde,

C^hman & woman first create, by speech shew their minde :

And first of all, by speech to shew, to ech other, how haue
delighted is, when they consent, and to his will agree :

And by consent to give all praise, to him that them so made,
and not as brutish beastes or wormes, whose memorie doth vade,

Without regard of the time past, of time to come much lesse,
and of their present state they haue, a small and feble gesse.

And when their life doth passe away, they are mere dirt and earth :
remembrance of them doth decay, as it were but a breseth.

But man changing this mortall life, by picture leaues in minde,
the speciall gifts of God most high, to them that hide behinde.

So y^e time past, seemes present now, things yet to com man knowz :
such is Gods will, giue thanks therfore, and giue no ouerthowz,

To letters, whiche for picture true, of speech, were first deuized,
in all times guiding man aright, when speech is halfe dilgizd.

Fox letters once in perfect vse, may so continue still,
to teach, and put all men in minde, the woldes end vntill :

From whence we came, wherto we shal, what is our present case,
to God and man, both high and lowe, to liue vnder Gods grace.

And that all woldly things do change, & turne as doth the winde,
now hie, now low, now rich, now pore, now friendly, now vnkinde.

As by report in letters made, of many dead and gonne,
who left the same for others vse, a glasse to looke vpon :

Thereby to teach other to come, their duties how to knowe :
for ignorance errors doth breede, to truth it is a fo :

And maketh many one to misse, the marke, whereat he shot :
which should be onely at the but, that to ill guideth not.

Sith letters be cheare stay of all, in ech time, in these points,
let perfectnesse, in singles be, and concord in their joints.

Of which default, complaine we may, in the old A.B.C :
wherein be letters twentie fower, whereof but sixe agree,

In perfect vse, of name, and sound, besides misplacing some,
other are written unsounded, wherein concord is none.

But he that will in Inglyssh knowe, diuisions in vosome,
shall finde therein softe and fower, without any moze chese.

Whereof are Consonants twentie sixe, of vowels eight there be,
and diphthongs seuen, and likewise, halfe vowels there be thre :

The Prologue.

Of severall sounds, and perfect vse : and letters for the same,
are now prouided in this wozke, and none hath double name.

So that a childe of tender age, by this, shall learne more,
in one halfe yere, than he well might, in thise the time before.

All strangers that before haue bene, in great dispaire to learne,
our Inglyssh spæch, before patcht vp, come now, & serue your turne.

In all Europe, I dare well say, (for true ortography)
no nation hath so plaine a way, to write their spæch truly :

Whiche being vised in this land, at my hands shall not lacke,
a ruled Grammer for Inglyssh, and then dare vndertake,

All nations will confess more fault, in letters, that haue bene,
then in our spæch so much abusd, as by this may be seene.

Yet doth not this new wozk of mine, make strange yold to know,
but that the same conserd may be, to sauue charge that might grow.

For no new letter is brought in, nor any old left out,
the double sounded haue a strike, to put you out of doubt.

The aspiration (h) ioined, after consonants fwe,
is now included, but as one : their names and sounds be riuie.

And as consent in spæch was cause, to make a perfect sound,
in voice, wherby menings are known, wherof letters take ground,

The like consent, must be in these, to make a picture plaine,
for every voice, which ioind with mo, all wozds true may remaine :

For euer (henceforth) time to come, and now in present vse,
which in time past, hath bene patcht vp, no man can it excuse.

A like consent in Dictionary, (to Grammer ioind hereto,)
will cause that Inglyssh spæch shall be, the perfectest I knowe :

For perfect letter, perfect word, and perfect sentence too,
through perfect art, and perfect vse, great gaine for high and lowe :

For why, the pore at seuen yeres, may his native language,
well reade, and write, his dutie learne, before his strength of age,

Be apt for other exercise, the minde now well enclinde,
will forstifie the body much, the parents shall it finde :

For that obedience due doth grow, in youth thus brought vp wel,
and will haue smatch thereof in age, experience doth vs tell,

How sauage, rude, and barbarous, are those people we see,
that haue aide, but of eie, and eare, from them that sauage be.

The like, and more gaine is for those, that be rich, and in welth,
whose childrens wanton life did passe, away their yeres by stelth :

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That little gaine, (or none at all) was got, in this darke maze :
for tender friends, and wanton youth, býde it, but as a gaze :

And most of them, did lose their time : who better (I say) might,
haue bene, to run in message wtse, or wait in parents sight :

Wherē god example for the eie, and for the eare also,
is showd, for among idle youth, there is no such I knowe,

In scholes, wherē sire or seuen yéeres, doth not the turne suffice,
to read and w̄rite, at twelue yéeres age : such scéme, but be not wise.

But wheras plaine, and perfect rules, are taught, & learnd plainly,
the teacher takth thereby delight, the scholler gainth thereby.

And as this true ortography is ground, to buildings great,
so it sufficth the pōre mans turne, to kēpe him from the heat,

Of furious rage, and cold desire, from deepe dispaire also,
as doth his cottage him defend, from heat, cold, and deepe snowe.

Who so in greater buildings will, proced (as some must nēdes) :
must take this ground, for perfectnesse, and concord, in such dēedes :

Both for his spēde in workmanship, for strength, and fairer shōw,
without prop, shōre, dog, wedge, or key, with suer ground below.

God grant we all may build vp̄right, in conscience, with god will,
that God be pleased with our works, and we continue still,

In one household (of diuers sorts) ech one in his degréé,
without grudge, in the lower sorte, without disdaine in high.

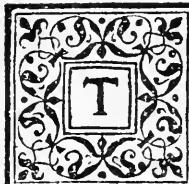
Then shall we habitations, celestiall, suer finde :
wherē ioy, and true felicitie, shall never haue an ende :

Unto the wtch, that we may come, let vs all frame, and then,
let God be praised, for his gifteſ, hereto say all Amen.



The first Chapter,
shewing the old A. B. C. and cause of
amendment, and that both may be
used for a time.

The old A. B. C.



Here are in the olde A. B. C. (soz so I call the ortography vsed before this amendment.) xxvij. letters, of xxvij. severall names, which are these following.

A. b. c. d. e. f. g. h. i. k. l. m. n. o. p. q. r. s. t. u. w.
x. y. z. with their paters.

Fower &
twentie
letters be
not suffi-
cient to pic-
ture Ing-
lish speech.

Our spech
cōdemned
of stran-
gers as
barbarous
and bree-
ly vuper-
test.

Objection
resolved
following.

Easie con-
ferring of
the olde
with the
new.

which fower and twentie letters, are not sufficient to picture English spech: For in English spech, are no distinctions and diuisions in voice, then these fower and twentie letters can severally signifie, and give right sound vnto: By reason whereof, we were diuen, to vse to some letters, two soundes, to some, three soundes, having in them no difference, or marke, in figure or fashion, to shewe how the same double, or treble sounded letters, should be sounded, when they were ioined with other letters in wordes: which was very tedious to the learner (though he coulde speake and understand perfectly English spech by nature and continuall vse) much more tedious was it, to them of another nation not aided by such vse: When our writing and printing, nothing agreed, in the severall names of our letters, vnto the sounding of them in our wordes: whereby our spech was condemned of those strangers, as without order, or sensibilitie: whereas the fault was in the picture, (I meane the letters) and not in the spech: which fault, the strangers did not perceiue, much lesse could they remedie it: when we our selues, some contented with a custome, thought it could be no better, some perceiving some fault, knew not the remedie, some knowing somer remedie (as touching their owne iudgement and contentation) thought it hard to be altered, because that the great volumes alreadie in print, should be moxe than halfe lost, if they could not be vsed, by such, as learned first the amended writing and printing: and som are so envious that nothing is well, but their owne doings: and some are so ambitious, they would haue no knowledge but in themselves, and haue deminion ouer vertue, not vsing vertuous waies themselves, but hindering the vertue of others.

Against this last sort of ambitious and envious, I call to my assistance (in this point of ortography) sir Thomas Smith, and Maister Cheser, soz their painfull seeking remedy herein: yet complaining greatly of enimies that hindered their god meanings: which might much discourage me, (being of simpler calling, knowledge, and experiance) had not my great paines, (in the like point touching ortography) brought to passe (as I thinke) an indifferent perfect worke: not onlie for true ortography for English spech, but also framing the same, so neare the old ortography, that the want and abuses in the old, are not only hereby plainly set forth, but also, that the same old writing, and printing,

The amendment of ortography.

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ting, may be in vse for a time, to saue expences, as were the witten volumes Speedie
in times past, after printing first began; which art of printing began in Ger- (though
many, and found out by a Knight, in the yere of our Lord. 1457, as Chro- imperfect)
nicles testifie: which is sixe score and threé yere agone, or there about: and at printing
this day, the witten volumes are in fewe places to be seene, but almost in no put aside
place in vse, through the fairenesse of the printed volumes, and more perfect- writing:
nesse therein: yet is not the same so perfect, (for lacke of true ortography) but to speedy
that diverse men write, and also print, diversely: and not one, truly as Ing- learning
lish spech requireth, (if ye will haue a true, perfect, and plaine picture thereof) shoud put
as shall plainly appere in this treatise following. aside old
abuses.

So that so lacke of true ortography our writing in English hath altered
in every age, yea since printing began, (though printing be the best helpe to
say the same, in one order) as may appere by the antiquities: and is now be a
time of the most perfect vse of the same, which must be confessed for the great
learning dispersed in this land at this day (in respect of any time past to the
knowledge of man) thinkie it the great gift of God, if a perfectnesse be now
surely planted, not to be rooted out as long as letters endure.

¶ The seconde Chapter,
*shewing that Latine wordes with new ortography, is not
to change ortography for Latine, (or other language)
but for examples sake, and that meere English
wordes, are to be most accepted of vs
English, in English speech.*



And though I write Latine with my ortography, it is onely, to shew how we English pronounce the same at this day, and may pronounce the same in time to come, not changing the ortography therof, vsed generally of many nations: yet some single letters in the Latine are diversely sounded of any nation, and one nation differeth from another in pronouncing Latine nations. But if we wander with them in their languages, we shall sooner perceiue their faultes, and (by perceiving) helpe our selues the better in vsing their languages, through the perfect order of our owne language: In which I doe mend not so much regard to write wordes borrowed from other languages, in such order, that such borrowing or derivation may appere, as I doe wish. We had kept our owne language still in the same signification or meaning: which being a primitive and simple (that is to say, neither derivative nor declinative) the lan- guages be ruled with the art of Grammer, than those borrowed wordes, as will plain- ly appere by matter written with my ortography, and handling of the rules and notes, in the Grammer for English, yet I will not turne such borrowed wordes.

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wordes out of the doxes, that haue so long continued with vs, that they are accepted for English: But where a mo^re English word appelleth to my memorie, (though he haue bene kept out of possession many yeres) the stranger (for deriuations sake only) shall never prescrive against him, by my iudgement. Neuerthelesse, I wil not (willingly) receiue into my band any olde and wozne out figure many yeres forgotten, and in no vse since the most vse of printing hath bene, being sufficienly prouided otherwise for every seuerall sound in the voice, with easie conference with printings and writinges at this day in vse: Least, while I sought to stay our spech by amendment of ortography, I shold dimme the same with mingled figures, that is with new, olde, and too olde. But we cannot rightly call the letters now in vse, olde, because of their fresh vse, & the continuing vse of them in their due sounds, neither call my amended letters, newe, because they, or the mo^re part of the figure of every of them, is and hath bene in vse, in most woztinges and printinges in this land. But such as are wozne out of vse, and knowne but to a few in corners, are too olde to be mingled with this common vse. Also in sentences following, given for example, of the names and sounds of letters, the right vse of the names and sounds, of those letters, is to be accepted, and not the matter in such sentence, which I haue vsed with common and plaine wordes, for the ease of the multitude, and ne offence to the mo^re ciuill sort, and as touching abbreviations, I allowe them in their due places, as shall appere hereafter in this Treatise, where I handle the same.

¶ The thirde Chapter, sheweth the wants, abuses, and vnperfectnesse, of the olde ortography for Inglyssh speech, at this day in vse, and how it is amended by perfect letter, of perfect name, perfectly agreeing to the sounde in voice.



I. m. n. r.
ȝ. ymper-
fect.
p. ymper-
fect.
But sixe
letters
perfectly
perfect. a.
b. d. f. k. x.

First note wel, that of those xxiiij. letters before written, there be but tenne of them whose names, (being single without any other letter) and whose sounds, (being ioined with other letters in wozne) did rightly agree, without any other sounde vsed to the same letter at another time: whiche tenne letters be these: a. b. d. f. k. l. m. n. r. x. which I call perfect letters, of perfect name and sound agreeing: excepting that l. m. n. r. being to be vsed for halfe vowels (as they be often, and must be vsed in deede) are not to be accounted perfectly perfect, because l. m. n. haue either of them as it were two differing sounds, yet haue no perfect signe, nor mark, to shew wh^t they be mere consonants, and when they be halfe vowels (as is also this letter ȝ or figure: ȝ: oftentimes sounded for es, and sometime for s. alone. Also we give to :ph: coming togither (in one sillable) the sound of :f: so are there but sixe letters, perfectly perfect, whiche are these: a. b. d. f. k. x.

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And in the examples following to shew how letters are double or treble sounded, the abuses in sounding those letters are to be noted & not the phrase or matter in the sentences put for example, and where I vse the Latine with my ortography, it is onely to shew example how we English sound the same at this day, not minding to alter the ortography for Latine, for many causes, though in Latine c. g. i. s. t. b. y. be double sounded: as may appere by examples following.

I call these. c. e. g. i. o. s. t. b. y. vnperfect letters of name and sound: because every of them haue but one name, and some of them haue two soundes, and some haue thre soundes: also :p: ioined in sillable before h, haing the sound of f: as is before shewed.

C. hath two soundes, and consonants both: for it hath alway the sound of k, except :c: or :i: followe it in the same sillable. But before :c: or :i: in the same sillable, it hath alway the sound agreeing to the sound of his oide name (see) nere agreeing to the sounde of :f: sauing it hath of it selfe, a longer sounde than :l: because the vowel of the name of :c: (which is :c: or ee after the writing of some of late time) is sounded after :c: and the vowel of the name of :l: (which is e: flat and short) is sounded before :l:. For no consonant can be named, without ioining a vowel unto it, in the sounde of his name: which are :c: sharpe or :a: sounded after the consonant: as be, ee, de, ka, &c. or :e: flat sounded before the consonant: as :el, el, em, &c.

C. vsed for :k: thus: Come call the crabbe, out of the creke, to climbe the cliffe, to cut the curbe, for crafty clownes reiect colde causes. which I write thus: Com cal the crab out-of the crek, to clym the clif, to cut the curb, for crafty clownz reiect cold cauzez.

C. vsed with the sound of his old name thus: except splices be sufficently sacrefed, it forceneth mace to be of price, in great peaces, which I write thus: except spyces be sufficently sacrefed, it forceneth māc to be of pyc in grāt pecez.

We English vse C. in two sounds, in the Latine also at this day thus: Ci-
cero rethorica singulos vicit, coruus non voce cucullum: and after my ortogra-
phy thus: Cicero rethorica singulōz vīcīt, corvūs non voce cucullum, in Latine.

E. hath also two soundes, and vowels both, the one flat, agreeing to his old and continued name: and the other sounde more sharpe betwene the old sound of the old name of :ea: and the name of :i: for such difference the best writers did vse :ea: for :e: flat and long: & ea, ee, ie, eo, for :e: sharpe: but the commonest vsing of :e: was uncertainte, thus: The heauenly fathur seing the to be disobedient in earth, deliuereþ the into the handes of wicked people, and into the friendlesse field, to regenerate & renew the, as he best likith to be most necessarie for thy degre, giuing the his grace, when he seyth neede: which I write thus: the heauenly fathur seing the to be dis-obedient in erth, deliuereþ the into the hande of wicked pepl, and into the fren-les feld, to re-generat and renew the, as he best lykith, to be most-necessary for thy degre, giuing the his grāc, when he seyth ned.

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We Inglissh vse : E: in the Latine in the onely sounde of : e: flat.

G. hath also two soundes, and consonants both : the commonest sounde is as the sound of the Greke letter (Gamma) : and never had the sounde agreeing to his olde name, but only where : e: or : i: followed it in the same sillable : yea there also, where : e: or : i: followed it in the same sillable, it was moze often vsed in the sound of (Gamma).

G. sounded as (Gamma) thus : Geppc goodman Gilberd, with your go:den girdle, ye get nothing by your gaping, ye forget your great gelding. Which I write, thus : Gep ḡod-nian gilberd, with your goldn girdl, ye get nothing by your gaping, ye forget your græt gelding.

G. is not sounded after his old name (gē), but in certaine wordes, where : e: or : i: follow it in the same sillable : as in these wordes and certaine other : A gentle iudge, doth not reuenge, when aged gyles degeneratech to the gibbet : which I write, thus : A gentl iudg h̄oth not reueng when aged gylz degeneratch to the gibbet.

We vse G. in two soundes in the Latine also, thus : Georgius gigas & Gilbertus gerunt gladium, ad extingendum gibbum germinantem in gula . Which after my ortography may be written thus :

georgius gigas & gilbertus gerunt gladium ad extingendum gibbum germinantem in gula.

J. hath also two soundes, the one agreeing to his olde and continued name, and is then a bowell, the other sounde agreeing to the olde name of g, and of my G, and then is a consonant : and is alwayes vsed for a consonant, when it beginneth a sillable, and a bowell next after it in the same sillable.

J. a bowell and sounded according to his olde name, thus : I lie in my s̄ister's kitchen with a pillow beside her petticoat and thy white pition: which I write, thus : I ly in my sisterz kitchen with a pillow besyd her peticot and thy whyt pition.

J. a consonant, and sounded as the olde name of g, (ȝ of my G) thus: James iest not with inglers who ioy to iangle, and reiect subiection: which I write, thus : Jamz iest not with iugloz, who ioy to iangl, and reiect subiection.

We Inglissh vse at this day J. in the like soundes, and in the like places, in the Latine also, thus : In iustus ieiunat iactuose, non iuxta iuramentum lohanis: and may be written by my ortography, thus :

In-justus ieiunat iactuoze non iuxta iuramentum johannis.

y. hath also two soundes, neither of them agreeing to his olde name, as this sillable (wy) the one sounde is a bowell, agreeing to the name of : i: the other sound a consonant, agreeing to the sound of this sillable (yē): yē is alway a consonant when it beginneth a sillable, and a bowell followeth next after it in the same sillable. Which olde name of yē did moze properly belong to : w: if we doe change the vowel of the old name of yē (which is : i:) into this vowel: e: sharpe, which is as this sillable wē, and very late in reading an old charter granted by

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by king Edgar I found : y: written in Latine for the sound of, w, and in Scedde of, w: and signed by most part of the Bishops of the realme : namely, the Bishops of Winchester, and of Wilton (since that time translated to Halsbury) the wordes written thus, Yntonensis, Yltonensis, and hereby appeareth that at those daies : y: was written and sounded for : w: which argueth, that I haue done rightly, to name : w: as this sillable, we, agreeing to his sounde.

y. vled for a consonant, thus : yea, the young youth vled you yesterday for y. Con- your yellowe parne, yet ye were not yoked, nor yeldeid to such a yeman: which I write, thus : ye, the yng yuth vld yu yesterday for your yellow parne yet ye war not yoked nor yeldeid to such a yeman. For which consonant sounded in y, I vse the same, y, turning backward the crooked forte thereof, like a wrythe as ye see : and where it is a vowel, I vse the accustomed figure, in all printings and wrtinges, not changed.

y. is vled in all other places with the sound of, i. as ye may perceiue every y. vowel. Where in the olde wrting and printing, except in some auncient wrtinges where it is vled for, w, as also eslaide in King Edgarz time.

o. hath also thre soundes, and all of them vowels : the one sound agreeing to his olde and continued name, another sound, betwene the accustomed name soundes, of, o, and the old name of, b, and the same sound long, for which, the better learned write w. (as I do also, but giuing it a proper name, according to the sound thereof) the thirde sounde is as, b, flat and shroft, that is to say, as this sillable ou, shroft sounded : for which some of the better learned, did many times vse, w, and, b, according to their soundes, but most times with superfluous letters.

o. of thre soundes vled in these wordes, and such like, thus : my sonne looked vpon the sonne beames, and toke his boke out of his bosome as lone as I was come out of our cozne close, in which wrting, the first written (sonne) meaneth & signifieth him, that I am fater unto : the seconde written (sonne) meaneth and signifieth the greatest light in the firmament : the thirde written (sonne) meaneth and signifieth the time when he toke the boke out of his bosome. For the which I write the first (sonne) thus : son : in Latine filius : in French, syl. The seconde thus : syn : in Latine Sol : in French soleil. The thirde thus : son : in Latine circ : in French rois. The whole sentence I write, thus : my son looked vpon the syn-bæmz, and took hiz boke out of his bosom, as soon as he waz com out-of our cozne-clœ. The Latine in Latine, hath the sounde of his olde name onely.

s.hath also (most times) the sound of : z : when : s: commeth betwene two vowels, or diphthongs, thus: miserable idlowys hath no measure, but dealeth merchandise after desire, not vsing wise prouision or exercise : which I write thus : miserabl yelo*si* hath no mezur, but deuizeth merchandyz after dezyer not vzing wy*z* p:ouizion or exercyz.

which S. is vled in the sounde of : z: in the Latine also (in the same place) S. sounded of vs Inglysh thus: Inuisus miser non delestatur placidis musis: by my ortogra- in Latine. phy, thus: Inuius mizer non delestatur placidis muzis.

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T.sounded T. is most commonly vsed in the sound of: c : or s : when : i : is next after as : e : it in one sillable, & another vowel beginning the next sillable in the same word, thus: the vicioſos liu in contention, & refuze correſtione: which I write, thus: the vicioſos liu in contention, and refuze correſtione, and so in many other wordes derined from the Latine: but in meere English, it keepeſt his true ſounde of name, as: boyſtios, hartier, witieſt.

T.sounded in Latine We English doe ſounde, ti, as: cl : in the Latine also, in the like place, thus: vitioſi iuditium fugiunt ob punitionem ſtūticiæ ſuæ: after my ortography thus: viciozi iudicium fugiunt ob punitionem ſtūticiæ ſuæ.

W of three ſoundes. W. also hath thre ſoundes: one of them a meere conſonant, the other two ſoundes, are both vowels: the one of theſe vowels hath a ſharpe ſound, agreeing to his olde and continued name: the other is of flat ſound, agreeing to the olde and continued ſound of the diphthong: ou: but alwaies of ſhort ſounde.

W. Conſonant. W. is alwaies vsed for a conſonant, when it beginneth a ſillable, and a vowel next after it, in the ſame ſillable: and alſo in the ende of a ſillable, having a vowel next before it, and having alſo: e : or : es : next after it, in the ſame ſillable, thus: vaine vitious varlats inuent to reuenge with voice, being voide of vertue, giuing their wiues, ouer crauing the loue of ſlaues aboue grauenneſſe: which I write, thus: vain vicioſos verlatz inuent to reueng with voice, being void of vertu, geiuing their wyuz ouer crauing the loue of ſlauez aboue grauennes.

W. Sharpe. W. sharpe, agreeing to the ſound of his olde and continued name, is ſo ſounde, when it is a ſillable by it ſelfe, or when it is the laſt letter in a ſillable, or when it commeth before one conſonant, and: e : ending next after that conſonant in one ſillable, thus: vniuity, vniuersally procureth vſe to be occupied, and leiuſe allureth the vnruly to the lute: which I write, thus: vniuity vniuersally procureth vſe to be occupied and leiuſe allureth, the vni-rulij to the lut.

W.flat. W. flat is vsed alwaies after: a : e : or o : in diphthong, or next before a ſingle conſonant in one ſillable, having no: e : after that conſonant, or before a double conſonant, or two conſonants next after it: though: e : followe that double conſonant, or two conſonants all in one of diuerſe ſillables, thus: the vniuſt are vnlucky, not worth a button or rush, vnuſtly, vpholding trumpery at their full lust: which I write, thus: the vni-uſt ar vni-lukij, not worth a bytñ or ryȝ, vp-holding trumpery at their ful lust.

W. ſounde in Latine. We English vſe all theſe thre ſoundes in: v: according to the places aſoreſaid, in the Latine also, thus: vnuſ vestrūm cumulauit hunc acerūm: after my ortography, thus: vnuſ vestrūm cumulauit hunc acerūm. And for deuiding of ſillables, marke rules for ſpelling following.

H,q,w,z. p,m,thas med. Moreover, I account: h : q : w : z : (also: y: as I ſaide before, fol. 5.) to be vnrightly named for English ſpeech, because: h:q:w:y: had no ſounde agreeing to their olde names.

For: q: being named as this ſillable: ku: if we change the howell of his name

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name (which is : v :) into : a : what other name or sound can it haue, but as the : k : which name and sounde, might cause sir Thomas Smith to thinke : q : superfluous for English speech, as appeareth in his booke for ortography. fo. 29. Also it mighte by occasion that Maister Chester abolished : q : quite out of his ortography. But I imbracc : q : in my ortography, not onely for conference in the olde printing, but also because it hath a sounde in English speech of it selfe, (without : v : added vnto it) that no other letter or letters can perfectly expresse : therefore I give it a name accordingly (as this sillable : que) and being so named, the : v : vsed to be set after : q : in the olde printing is superfluous, as in these wordes : A quarterne of quinces wil quickly quench a quill in a quarne : which I write, thus : A qartern of quince, wil quikly quench a qil in a qarne.

In Latine : v : is alwaies vsed after : q : and sounded of vs English, as we doe sounde them in English speech, but the French in their owne language sounde : qu : as : k : sounding : qua, que, qui, quo, quiu, as we English sounde : ka, ke, ki, ko, ku : and we English sounde quo as, ko : and quiu, we sounde flat and shrot, as my kij.

v. I account also misnamed, to call it double : v : for then shoulde we sounde it : v : v : but his sounde agreeth to the olde name of : y : (which is wƿ) and if we change the vowel of the name of : y : (which was : i :) into : e : sharpe, and vowel to the names of all other consonants, whose vowel of their name is sounded after them, (except that : k : hath : a : sounded for the vowel of his name) then is : w : named as the sounde of this sillable, wƿ, which sounde is not in the Latine, neither the sounde of : y : consonant. And it is like that sir Thomas Smith, and Maister Chester, accepted not these, as letters in their ortography, because their names and soundes agreed not, neither could they finde fit names agreeing to their soundes, which names being new prouided, both : w : and : y : are necessary for English speech, and make the easier conference with the olde printing where they be much vsed.

y. misnamed as appeereth, fol. 5.

Y. is also misnamed to be called as this sillable, ache, (or rather ach, after my ortography) for it is no consonant: because the sound of it is not in the vise of the division of the toungh, nor lippes, neither is it a vowel: because of it selfe it maketh no division of note or sounde, flat, sharpe, or meane, as other vowels doe: and therfore is not called a letter of some men, but a signe or marke of aspiration or breath, for which breseth or aspiration added before a vowel, or after the letter : r : the Greeke hath a pricke or note ouer the vowel or : r : aspirid, but such aspiration following the sounde of their letter, κ, χ, Φ, θ, Α, which they name, cappa, they incluse both soundes in one letter, thus: γ, which Greeke, we English name as this sillable, khi, but sounde it as. k, also the Greeke, Τ, Κ, Θ, Η, which we name as this sillable, fy, is in sound to the Greeke, as the letter: θ, Ing- in the Latine or English: but in wordes derived from the Greeke, the Latine wh. (as we English from the Latine) bsc, ph, for the same sound of: f: where, p, hath lost his owne sounde: therefore it is better to make one figure for the same, thus: ph, and giue it the name of this sillable, phæ, according to his sound. Also the

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the Greeks haue this letter, θ , which we name, thus: theta, & in mine, thus: th, naming it as this sillable, thel, (t, being vnsounded.) And if we Inglysh name rightly the Greekke letter, Λ , thus: theta, sounded, as in that, these, this, those, thus: then doth the Greekke example confirme exprely ny, ph, th, th, and allow by example ny, ch, by their, x, and so of the other two, h, and wh. For in the sound of, th, i, hath lost his proper sounde, as shall appere by examples in, th, following, where, h, hath no part of the sounde of his olde name,ache, (oz as I print rather, ach, but because, h, is a perfect figure vsed in the olde printing, I retaine it still before and after bowels, giuing it a name as this sillable, he, but I will never vse it after any consonant in one sillable, as, ch, ph, sh(th, of double sounde) nor wh, but include the olde vsing of them in one letter, as shall appere in the Table for their names: giuing to every such figure or letter a right name, agreeing to the sound thereof in Inglysh speech.

Ch. hath a sound in Inglysh, in the whiche none of the soundes of, c, (when it is without, h, after it) is sounded: for if the sound of, k, were in it, it were then to be sounded as this sillable, khē, and if the sound of, s, were in it, it were then to be sounded as this sillable, shē, which sounde (of, shē,) for, ch, the French doth rightly give as it were, sh, but we Inglysh haue a thirde sounde for, ch, vsed in the old printing, and now is figured, thus: ch: as may appere by these wordes: I changed cheeze and chicken for cheries and artichokes, and chopt such for a churie: which I wryte, thus: I changed chēz and diken for chērz and artichokē and chopt such for a chyrl. Which sounde for, ch, is common and easie to vs Inglysh, but hard to some straungers (except the Italianas) as are the soundes of, th, and, wh. And no way so perfect and easie for straungers, and our owne nation also, as to haue those soundes included in one letter, with a right name, (agreeing to the sounde thereof) giuen to every of them: which being perfect when they be singles are easily sounded with other letters in wordes.

Ch. vsed in Latine also, and (of the last age past) sounded as it is now sounded in Inglysh speech, (but of late) sounded as, kh, (a sometime, k) according to the Greekke letter, χ , from whome wordes so written are borrowed, as in, charra, chelidonia: chirotheca: charitas: Whose Inglysh (charity) is sounded according to the Inglysh sounding aboue saide, and written by my ortography, charity: as are all mere Inglysh wordes (having, ch, in the olde printing) to be sounded: except wordes borrowed from the Greekke, and written of vs Inglysh with, ch, as, Christ our Sauour, choler, one of the fower humours in the complexion of man, and such like not mere Inglysh, which I wryte with, ch, in my ortography, sounding there the, ch, as, k, alone, & not as I sound my, ch, and then deuide them into two letters, as is here shewd.

Ph. hath the sounde in Inglysh as, f, for which I make this figure, Φ , giuing it the name of the sounde of this sillable, phē, or feē, which name is agreeing to his sound in wordes, as in these wordes: Phillip the Philosopher goeth to phisike for the phensy, which I use, thus: philip the philosopher goeth

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too phizk for the phrenzy, which, ph, is onely vsed in wordes borrowed of the Greeke.

Ph, is never in Latine, but in wordes borrowed from the Greeke, and then Ph. sound-
is sounded, as: f: of which sound, is onely, P, in the Greeke.

Th, hath two soundes in Inglyssh, not much noted of many men: yet so soundes.
soundes of most, or all southsaxons: sauing, that the common people unclear-
red, in the east part of Hullesx and Kent, doe speake wordes written with :th:
as though in the same place, d, were written, as for, this, that, those, thumbe,
thorne: they say, dis, dat, dose, dumbe, dorze. For which I vse: this, that,
thoz, thumbe, thorni. The first theē wordes, (this, that, thoz) differing some-
what in sound, from the two latter, (thumbe, thorni,) and therefore I make a
comma, vnder the latter, or other turned difference. Wherefore I give to, th, th, diffe-
a name of this sillable, ther, the accusatiue case of, thou: as in these wordes: reth from
Bothe thy father and thy mother lothe thee, for this thy breathing on them: th.
which I write, thus: boþ thy fader, and thy mother loþ the, for this
thy breathing on them.

I give to, th, a name of the sound of this sillable, theē: (the sound of, f, being
left out) in the same name, the rest (thee) being fully sounded: as in those
wordes: A thousand are loþ to haue the tenth thistle or thorne, that thou hast
in thy thumbe: yet thou thinkest, to blowe them through thicke and thinne,
with a breath in thine anger. Which I write, thus: A thoſand ar loþ tw
hau the tenth thistl or thorni, that thy haſt in thy thumbe: yet thy thin-
kest, to blowe them throug̃ thik, and thin, in thy anger, with a bretch.

It appereþ by sir Thomas Smiþer, and Maister Cheslers, booke of ortogra-
phy, that there hath bene vsed of old time, two letters seruynge to these two
soundes, and figured, thus: p, ð, naming the last, the, thorne, d, which haþ
the strike thorough the head thereof, might well have bene named as my, th,
and by negligence of the writer, the strike not made, or a straunger teaching
the same, (and could not sounde it rightly) vsed the sounde, that we and stran-
gers gine at this day to, d, whereby the sounde of, dis, dat, dose, dumbe, dorze,
also zelaid, in some places grew in vse. The like abuse of the writer, may w
well gesse in the figure, p, who is nere the likenesse of this figure, p, that quicke
writing with a turned forte, by vse in time, made one figure (that is, p,) serue
the turne of boþe the soundes: as may appere by abbreviations, figured by, p;
and certayne vowels, sillables, and notes, set ouer it, which yealdno part of the
sounde of the olde name of, p, (which is, wy) nor other sounde of, p, whether it
were vowel or consonant, but yeilded a perfect sounde of my, th, and of the olde
figure, p, as may appere by these wordes: p y thinkē p of p, p y man is p of p..
Whome p seckest, agreeing by no reason to be written with, p, might very new,
well be written or printed with, y, thus: p y dinke p of p, p y man is p of p.
Whome p seckest: for here is that oldest letter, p, for which, th, is vsed in the
olde, and I vse, th,) sounded rightly, end, p, might be abused in this place by this.
stran-

Letters of
olde, p, ð.
and now
new, th, th

Every na-
tion hath
som speci-
all sounds

in voice,

not vsed

of other

nations.

Oldest, p

y Dinke

p of p.

Did, p y

thinkē p

stran-

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strangers, who thought little or no difference, betwene the figures of, y, and þ, and betwene, d, and ð, specially because those two soundes, of, y, and, ð, were hard to be sounded, or utterly left out by them: as we may see (by experience) among straungers at this day, who cannot sounde those letters, though they liue among vs (hearing vs sounde them dailye) many yeres, but are now greatly holpen by true ortography.

We Inglyssh vse the sounde of, th, in Latine, as the sounde of my, th, onely, as in these wordes: Thraso, thales, thessalia, and such like borowed frō the Greeke, and vſed in Greke, with the Greeke letter, θ, vſed by my ortography, thus: thrazo, thales, thellalia: in which wordes my, th, and the Greeke, θ, agree in sounde: abused of latter time with, th, nothing agreeing therewerto, consideringe the severall old names, of, t, and, h, yeeld no such sound.

Th. sounde in Latine.

Sh. now
h.

Regard of
printing
and wri-
ting deri-
vatiues
and com-
poundes
for the
perfecte
etimologie
of wordes.
Trisles
changed
may be
borowit
for oder-
ing of
weightier
thinges.

Wh. now

Easse con-
ference.

An vnoz-
derly sup-
ply.

Sh. hath a sounde, neere the names of both these letters, sh, (if ye name, h, as this sillable, hæ,) but I vse them in one letter, giuing it a name, as this sillable, shœ, agreeing to his sounde: as in these wordes: he shall not shew, such shamefull shifles, in washyn gtrash trash rashly: which I vse, thus: he hal not hew, lych hāmshil histz, in washyn gtrash trash rashly. Condemne not my printing or writing of the Participle of the present tense, and nounes verbals, and other derivatiues, with a single consonant in the middle of a word, though the sounde of our spech, may wel allow a double consonant, in such places: for I vse it so, for helpe to finde out the perfecte verbe, and other primitives, from whom those participes and verbals, &c. be derived: as shal appere herafter, in the rules for Grammer: wherin is great helpe for strangers (by etimologie) to finde out the one, by the other: neither condemne any other part of my printing or writing: for where I seeme to digresse in trisles, I doe it wittingly, to bring weightier things, into the better order.

The Latine hath not the sounde of, sh, in any word: the French vse the sounde of, sh, vnder the figures of, ch.

Wh. is not sounded, any thing neere the olde names of any of these letters, w, or, h, but sounded neere the names, gien to them severally by me: but, because they are much vſed, in the olde printing, and may very well be included in one letter, also: I make one perfect figure for bothe, thus: wh: giuing it a name, as the sounde of this sillable, whœ, agreeing to the sound therof, as in these wordes. What whel ouerwhelmed the whelp, whome the wheriman found on the whalte, while the wheatman whistled, with the whores whistle, which I write, thus: what whel ouerwhelmed the whelp, whom the whery-man found on the whalte, whyl the whet-man whistld with the thwoz whissle. The Latine hath not this sounde.

By the examples before shewed, ye may perceiue, that for lacke of sufficient letters, of name and sounde agreeing to Inglyssh spech, an vnozderly supply therof was made, by adding, h, to one of the consonantes aforesaid: and now remedied (as ye see) according to the perfect sound of our spech, (yea and some of those figures, necessary for other languages also, if those nations are contented to accept perfect ortography) and easie to be conserued with the olde printing and

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and writing, seeing the figure of one or bothe those letters remaineth perfect.

I retaine, h, still, for the figure of aspiration, or breath, vsed before and after vowels, as may agree with our speech, without ioining it in one sillable, after any consonant, in mere English wordes.

This is somewhat misnamed, (to adde, d, to the ende of his name) contrary to the name of all other consonants, whose vowel of their name is set last, as, b, c, d, &c. named, he, e, de, &c. and not named, bed, ded; therefore I giue it the name of the sound of this sillable, zee : agreeing to his sound in wordes, adding to every consonant, onely one vowel, to giue his name, which vowel being unsounded, when any consonant is ioined in wordes with any other vowel, what other sounde can be giuen vnto it, but of the consonant it selfe onely, and that truly. And (I suppose) we tooke the name of : z : from the French, who name it : zedde : turning the : t : in Zeta, (the Greek name) into : d: and vsing e : for : a : which : e : the French sound nerer : a : than we English doe, and we (taking the name thereof from the French) name it : zed : for we English seldomne sounde : e : at the ende of such wordes or sillables. By these reasons, I commend better of our English naming of letters, to adde no more to any consonant, than one vowel. But in the name of most of the Greek letters, are two or threé sillables : in which must nedes be the sounds, of diuerse vowels, and consonants, which must nedes be troublesome, to one (that never learned the name of letter, in shortter order) to giue the single and perfect sound of letters.

L : m : n : r : s : or rather : z : are accounted of diuers learned, to be halfe vowels : which I will graunt vnto, in respect of English speech: but hitherto there hath not bene vsed of the learned, any mark or difference to any of them, to shew when they are mere consonantes, or when they are to be sounded as halfe vowels: but alwaies, when they were to be vsed as halfe vowels, one or other superfluous vowel (of vncertaine sounde) was ioined, sometime before them, and sometime after them : which greatly deceived the learner : for remedy whereof, I will shew (by examples of every of them) the olde abuses, and the new amchdment: and though the vowel sounded in them was vncertaine, (through the halfe sounding of that vowel, and the halfe sounding of every of those) except : r: yet I will take the vowel, which is neatest, and comonest, to the sonnde in every of them, as followeth.

L : being a halfe vowel, is to be named as the short sound of this sillable : yl: *yl, cl, vi,* and to haue a turne neare the top of it, thus : l: and the unperfect vowel, he- le, now soze time ioined before or after it, to be abolished : es in these wordes : The l, carle hath a bable in the stable, made of appletree or maple, and a bundell of mantles, or whittles, in the cradle. Which I vse thus : the carl hath a bable in the stabl, mad of apl- tre or mapl, and a bundl of mantl^z, or whitl^z in the cradl. yet ye must note, that when : l: commeth betwéene : c: at the ende of a sillable, and another vowel next before : l: that : c: is superfluous, and such : l: (commonly) remaineth a consonant, and no halfe vowel, as in these wordes : The vile sole did fel the sole, with a file, and a stule, which he stole, without rule. which I write, thus : the vyl sol, did fel the sol, with

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a syl, and a stol, whch he stol, without rul: the voice it selfe wil guide you.

*We now
m.*

M., being a halfe bowell, is to be named, as the short sound of this sillable: *hm*: hauing a strike ouer the middle thereof, thus: *ni*: and the vnperfect bowell: *e*: before time vsed after: *m*: abolished: as in these wordes: Come warne your brōme, and get you home, with your holme, and make vs rōme, to sing a psalme, the winde is calme: whch I w̄rite, thus: com warm̄ your brōme, and get you hom̄, with your holm̄, and mak̄ ys rōm̄ to sing a salm̄, the wynd is calm̄. But this halfe bowell is seldomē vsed, after any letter, save: *l*: *o*: *r*. in other wordes: *e*: is superfluous.

*Eu, on, bn,
ne, now
n.*

N., being a halfe bowell, is to be named as the short sound of this sillable: *hn*: hauing a strike ouer the middle of it, thus: *ii*: and the vnperfect bowell, before time vsed, to be abolished: as in these wordes. They burne burdens of capons and bacon, in the garden, bur warne, to keepe coyne in the barne, and a fat bāren in the waren: whch I w̄rite, thus: they b̄rn̄ b̄rdn̄ of cāpn̄ and bācn̄ in the gārdn̄; but wārn̄ tō kēp cōrn̄ in the bārn̄, and a fat bāren in the warren. Yet sometime in the olde ortography, the bowell before *n*: is full sounded, and the sooner, if a double consonant were next before that bowell, but: *e*: after: *n*: at the ende, maketh: *n*: a halfe bowell.

*re, now,
r, or else:
r: with an
accene
pricke o-
uer the
bowell
next be-
fore it.*

R., being a halfe bowell, hath rather the name of the sounde of this sillable: *er*: than of: *yr*: for that *e*: set after: *r*: at the ende of a sillable, is most times full sounded, as though: *e*: were set before: *r*: except another bowell come next before: *r*: for then: *e*: is not sounded, but causeth the bowell next before *r*: to be of a longer sounde: whch long sonnde, being increased by one of the accent pricks, in my ortography, or double bowell hereafter set forth, such: *e*: is superfluous: but for conference with the olde printing, (whre the: *e*: is misplaced after: *r*: that is sounded before: *r*:) I will allow: *r*: with an accent, thus: *r̄*: for a halfe bowell, of the full sounde of: *er*: but in my new ortography, I will rather w̄rite: *er*: for the same sounde, except it be for the helpe of equiuoces, or other speciaill causes: as, in these wordes: ye suffer your buttre, to gutter in the fire, wherofe remembre hereafter to consider my care, laboure and desire. whch I w̄rite, thus: ye suffer your buttter tō gut-
ter in the fyre, h̄er̄ soz remember h̄er̄-after tō consider my car, la-
bor and dezyer.

*E. super-
fluous.*

S., or rather: *ȝ*: vsed in time past, sometime for: *es*: at the end of wordes were then to be called a halfe bowell, because it included the sound of the bowell: *e*: and the sounde of: *s*: vnder one figure, and sometime though: *e*: were written before: *s*: yet: *e*: was not sounded: as in these wordes: car̄s, lab̄s, las-
bources, watchinges, and vnguentnes, make wery bones, weake mindes, fee-
S. and ȝ. ble membris, and shozie lices, whch I vse, thus: car̄z, lab̄z, watchingz, and vnguentnes, mak̄ wary bonz, wāk myndz, febl̄ membrisz, and hōst lyūz. Note likewise that: *s*: and: *ȝ*: are vsed at the ende of olde w̄ritten wordes in the sounde of: *z*: sometime as well as: *s*: is sometime sounded so, in the middle of wordes, as is shewed before, fol. 6, whch shall not be so vsed in

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in my ortography, as shall appere in the vsing of them hereafter, for : 3 : one= by shal be vsed after : l : m : n : r : being halfe vowels, or conso= nants, and after vowels and diphthongs (hauing his de= clinative strike) at the end of a declinatiue.

The fourth Chapter,
sheweth that but sixe letters are perfectly perfect in the
olde ortography, and perswadeth change for rea-
sonable and great causes.



These abuses above shewed, ye may perceiue plainly that there are in the olde, A, B, C, onely sixe letters, that are perfectly perfect, of perfect name, agreeing to one perfect sounde onely, in English spech : which sixe are these, a, b, d, f, k, x, wheras there are in English spech, xxvij. seuerall diuisions in voice, besides the seuerall sounds of thre halfe vowels, l, m, n, for, t, h, halfe vowel is sounded as, et) which make the number of xxvij. seueral and distinct soundes in voice, for English spech, besides the soundes of diphthongs : as shall plainly appere, by my new, A, B, C, for the profe thereof. Hath not then our olde writing and printing neede of amendment ? When of xxvij. partes, only sixe partes are perfectly perfect : besides the disorder of misplaced and vn= sounded letters, and some letters not written, and yet sounded in wordes. How can it be otherwise, but that a learner must (of necessity) requier fower or fve times the time to reade, and write, this deformed old vse ? that might be learned in a quarter of the time, or lesse, when the same is in due forme, true, and perfect vse, easie, spedle, comfortable, and most profitable. Let vs English not be ashamed, to wipe away, the dirt, filth, and dust, negligently suffered long time on the picture of our spech, nor be afraid to correct the vnskillfull linea= ments, coulers, and shadowes, laied thereon by straungers, who never conide thereto. Enter into the perfect diuisions of the soundes of our spech, and much lesse make perfect figures, and letters for the same : by which negligence of our selues, or vnskillfulness of straungers, or both, this deformite either began, or hath crept in. Thinke no time too soone to amend faults or erors, nor that any time, is to late, to doe any god thing. The commodity of this amendment will appere in a little time, being put in vse, whereof I haue great experiance by triall in mine owne childdren, whome (I thinke) I may instruct after mine owne likinge, in handling of whome I haue founde such oddes in the vsing of both waies, that I call God to witnesse, if it were not lawfull to vse the best meaneas, I knowe the worse so ill, that though I loue my childdren dearely, and wish in them as much knowledge (whiche I account the fruite growing from the graffe of learning) as any man can wish in his childdren : rather than I should traine them in the trade of that blinde maze of learning to reade and write English (after the olde ortography,) which among our nation must be the foundation to such as desire farther learning, for that our owne language scrueh every mans turne in every estate and dealing) I woulde traine them

G. j.

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for thirty
seven di-
visions in
voice, are
sixe onely
letters in
perfect
vse.

English
defaced by
the olde
picture.

No time
to late, or
to soone to
doe good.

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In other exercise, for diverse speciall causes, (though I must and will confess, that no way to knowledge shoulde be so hard and painfull, but that we shoulde endeavour to come to the end therof, and to spare no time, cost and paine on the same) so much, I haue lamented the rough passage theributo, seeing the aptnesse of youth, and pittied the god natures and wilful mindes of parents, that holding the lette of their furderances, the more I looke on it, the more I lothe the same, and chiefly for conscience sake, haue taken vpon me this enterprise of amendment. And I trust that the picture of our speach will haue

Sir Thomas Smith, and Master Chester's ortography were hard to be conserued with the olde.

(by this my amendment) such lausz & bewtie therin, that wheras (before this time) diuinely beholding sir Thomas Smithes, and Master Chesters workes, in this point of ortography, & conserering it with the olde (yea, many of our owne nation) haue ben contented with deforrmities, seeing no perfect amendment in such wise, but that the accepting of their new, tolke away greatly the vse of booke in the olde printing: for that in the same new amending devised by sir Thomas Smith, and Master Chester, were many strange letters brought in, & som of the olde left out, and though some supply was made in wordes, yet it much differed from the olde: whereby the harder conference would be in time to come, and therby the charges of the olde booke more than halfe lost: now every man will confesse easie conference, because I haue brought in no new letter: but where any letter was double or treble sounded, I gue a little strike therewinto, for true and perfect difference, neither haue I left any of the old out of vse, nor altered the placing of them: but, where it is more perfect thereby, leauing out superfluous letters, in wordes patched vp for lacke of true ortography.

Easie conference of this newe with the olde.

So that, by this my new amendment, easie conference may be made, and the olde in vse still, vntill men may at their ease, prouide the new printed. Promised alwaies, that all learners vse the new, vntill they be throughly perfect therin, whiche requireth a very small time, in respect of the olde troden maze, and afterwarde may (in very little more time) reade the olde printing, for sauing of charges in booke of great pice: and bothe these may be done in the thirde part of the time of lesse, that the olde could haue bene learned in time past, without the new: so time will bring the new onely in vse, and if the olde come in handes tenne generations hence, yet may the same be understood, by the conference of this worke, so perfect and plaine, that not onely our owne nation, but straungers may delight to acquaint themselves therewith, to their great ease and profit.

¶ The fist Chapter,

Sheweth the superfluous letters not sounded, the misplaced, and some sounded not written, and how abbreviations are allowed.

Another hinderance to leave letters: letters misplaced, superfluous, or sounded and not written.

 Haue * shewed you before, the misnaming, the double & treble sounding, and the want of letters in the olde, A, B, C, and the amendment theresh, and now will shew you how some were misplaced, when they were ioined with other letters in wordz; and some were written,

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written, and yet not sounded, and some were sounded, and yet not written.

At the ende of wordes (and of other sillables in derivatiuies or compoſi-
tions) set after this consonant: r : is sometime misplaced, that is to say, ought
to haue bene set before: r : (but after other consonants : c : is most times su-
perfluous, that is to say, not sounded at all) as in these wordes: I am sure
there are more then fourteyn bare pothangeres ouer the fire, or tenne pew-
ter spones vpon the shelle in the chambre: which I write, thus:
I am sure ther ar mo: then fourteyn bat pot-hangerz ouer the fier,
or ten pewter sponz vpon the hels in the chamber. And for heipe of e= E. mispla-
ced, or su-
perfluous.
quiuoces, I vse: x: halfe bowell, and: er: (where bothe are fully sounded) Differenc-
es for equi-
voce.
indifferent.

To touching superfluous letters, I finde, that : a : next after : e: in one sil-
lable is unsounded, and that : e: is onely sounded there, and is most times of Ea, now
long sound: in stede of which: ea: of long sound, I vse: æ: diphthong: as æ long, or
in these wordes: Heauen: in Latine, Cælum, Italian, Cielo, in French, Le a: abolis-
ciel: earth, in Latine, Terra, Italian, Terra, in French, La terre: a beane, in La-hed: e: be-
tine, Faba, Italian, Fava, in French, une feue: leane, in Latine, Maer, Itali-ing of
an, Magro, in French, Maigre: meane, in Latine, Mediocris, Italian Medi-hore
ocre, in French, Indifferent. All which I write, thus: heuij, erth, bæn, læn,
mæll.

Also: o: after: e: or: i: bowell before: e: in one sillable, are unsounded in Eo, ie, ee,
certaine wordes, and written to yeilde to: e: a sounde betwene the soundes now: ē: now: ē:
of: e: and: i: for whiche sounde I vse: ē: as in these wordes: people, in La- for that
tine, Populus, Italian, Popolo, in French, Vn peuple: fiedle, in Latine, Campus, Harpe tine, som-
Italian, Campo, in French, Vn Champ: priest, in Latine, Presbiter, Italian, time: e:
Prete, in French, Prestre: which I write, thus: pēpl, feld, prest. Also: e: is Ee, vncer-
often doubled, thus: ee: most times for the like sounde of: ē: yet many times taine, som-
it is written and printed for the sounde of single: e: and of short and flat time: e:
sounde, vntill of late moxe vsed for the sounde of: ē: onely. sometime ē.

Also: u: (of harpe sound) is seldom sounded in diphthong comming be-
fore another bowell in the same sillable, as in these wordes derived of the U. seldom
French: to guide, in Latine, Ducere, Italian, Condurre, in French, Guider: beginneth
guise, in Latine, Modus, Italian, Modo, in French, Guise. which I write,
thus: gyd, gyz. Thoough we Inglishe sounde: v: in the wordes guise, signifi-
ing and meaning a duke having that title or name in Fraunce, as we sounde
the same: v: (rather: y:) in these wordes following borrowed of the French,
that is to say: language, in Latine, Idioma, Italian, Idioma, in French, Lan-
guage: anguish (of minde) in Latine, Angor, Italian, Doglia, in French, An-
goisse: to languish, in Latine, Languere, Italian, Langüere, in French, Lan-
guir: so that in very few mere Inglishe wordes: v: beginneth any diphthong,
but is rather superfluous, and unsounded, except in these and few other: ince,
in Latine, Succus, Italian, Succo, in French Suc: and miste, the timber wher-
on the boords of a loft are nailed: which I write, thus: langyag, anguish,
languish, iute, iyst.

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B. l, g, su- Also as touching other superfluous letters, I finde, that : b : in doubt, l : in
perious. louder, and that : g : generally before : h : (except : a : follow : h : and a con-
sonant set before : g : for then : h: is unsounded) in one syllable, and also : g: be-
fore : n: in one syllable, are unsounded: as in these words: in the eight tenth yere
of the Queenes raigne, I thought I might, see by myght, a signe of raine, before
daylight, through a boough, that grew vp right: which I write, thus:

Except meas names & towneas as Bys- ham. In the eightenth yere of the Denz reyn, I thought I myght, se by myght, a
syn of raine, befor day-light, throug a boogh, that grew vp-right. Neither
are raigne or signe to be desyred well, written In English, to shew they are
borowed from the Latine wordes, Regnum, Italian, Regno, French, Regne and
Signum, Italian Segno, French, Signe: for difference of equinotes with raine, in
Latine, Pluvia, Italian, Pioggia, in French, Pluye, & with sin, in Latine Pe-
ccatum, Italian, Peccato, in French, Peche. when there may be better differen-
ces for their significatioues, by apt letters and paiers, or halfe paiers in letters,
bowels & diphthongs, as reyn and syn: more easie to be perceived by perfect
and expresse figure before the eie, than by rule, to be learned without helpe of
picture, may rather altogether by rote, without picture or rule: which requi-
reth long time for the young Imp that learneth, and much longer time for the
strangers, not accustomed to our speech: who the more diligent they are to
followe the sounde of the picture, the fader of they be from the true sounde of
the wordes, which haue not the perfect sounde of the letters contained in them,
when they be singule, and therfore though they spell with letters, yet they must
pronounce by rote, and of this last the stranger is helpelesse.

**Deriuati-
ons from
strangers
gue no
caus to
vary from
theire wri-
ting, of
Inglishe.** Also we vse double consonants very often, whereof the one is superfluous,
and unsounded, when bothe stand in one syllable: which is much vled, to make
the sound of the bowell next before them, to be of short sounde: the same dou-
ble consonant hath also many times adde unto them the letter : e: which is
also superfluous, and unsounded in that place: as in these wordes: I shotte at
a butte & hitte the pinne, and fel flatte vpon the bottome of a tubbe. which I
write, thus: I hot at a but, and hit the pii, and fel flat vpon the bo-
tym of a tub.

**Double
consonant
not to be
written,
where but
one is
sounded.** We vse (saing a few of late, much resisted by olde customaries) to sound : n:
(vnwritten) before : g: when : g before : n: are bothe written together in one
word, but deuided in syllable, and a bowell comming before : g: as in these
wordes (borowed from the Latine.) The ignorant mangis the ignominious:
in Latine, thus: Ignorantes magnificat ignominiosos: in mere Ing-
lish phraske spoken thus: The vnskillfull make much of such, as haue an ill
name. But because no lessis written in Latine, (in other wordes) than is
sounded, I will rather confess that we Inglyssh yeld a wrong sound, in soun-
ding another : n: before : g: (as though it were written: The ingnorant
mangis the ignominious) than if we did sounde it without the same : n:

**Abbrevia-
tions alo-
wable, etc
cept in
booke for
learners.** agreeing to the writing of bothe languages Latine and Inglyssh: for the La-
tine hath no letter misplaced, nor left unsounded, nor unwritten if it be soun-
ded: except in vsing Abbreviations, for the proper names of men, countries,
and crities, and matters written in lawe: which come not to such handes, but
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those that haue quick capacity, and haue thorooughly past the writing thereof at large : and for such, generall and common abbreviations may be allowed, and also private abbreviations for a mans owne study. And because this treatise is cheifly, that a true picture of English spech be made, agreeing in all points with the severall and distinct soundes, in the voice of the same spech: I will leaue the accustomed abbreviations, as they alreadie are: not disallowing other necessarie, so that they be vsed as little as may be, in volumes, pamphlets, and works, necessary for learners: for a small sticke, stone, or other lette, hurteh and discourageth one that learneth to go: who, in time, is able to leape ouer great blocks, dikes, and hedges, yea, to climbe or make plaine the walles of bulwarkes, towers, and castles. But I bterly disallow the accustomed strike (ouer bowels) figured for: m: and sometime for: n: thus: -: and such like, in whom is such vncertainty: therefore I allow now only this: -: ppo= per to: n: only.

Here is to be noted, that I doe not hereby affirme, that the aspiration(h) following any of the consonants: c: p: s: t: w: in the olde ortography, shoulde alway be sounded together, as one letter, vnder the names before shewed, but that: ch: in words borrowed of the Greeke, be sounded as: k: and that sometime: h: is deuided in sillable, from: p: s: t: w: specially when: h: may begin a sillable, in a word of perfect signification in it selfe, without ioyning unto it any letter going before: h: as in, Ham, which, I take, to be an ancient and generall name of a parish, &c. as, Waltham, Bolham, Mountham, Clapham, and in, Hurst, which (in some countries) signifieth a rising ground, not to the height of a hill, as Bellinhurst, Bzokhurst, Wenthurst, and in hall: as in olde Mothall, winterhal, and such like, being the proper names of men, countries, parishes, lands, &c. in which: h: is (for the most part) deuided in sillable from the consonant going before it, or else not sounded at all, and where it ought to be deuided in sillable in the olde ortography, it shall be deuided in letter in this new amendment, and thereby deuided in sillable, and, by this meanes, it is easie for any of indifferent judgement, to correct any olde printing, for the case of them that shall learne the same hereafter, giuing the learner to vnderstande, that where: h: followeth any of the consonants before shewed, they be to be sounded together as one letter, by the meanes afore shewed, and where they ought to be deuided (as in such proper names before shewed) to drawe a little strike, as in composition of words, which seldom differeth from the right signification thereof, when it was without a composite strike: and if there be also added to double and treble sounded letters, the strikes and turnes vsed in this new amendment, and some note giuen of superfluous letters, or that such superfluous letters haue a little strike with a pen, a very childe may reade the olde ortography, after very little exercise. In like maner, after a Grammer for English shall be published, such as are skilfull in the same Grammer, may (after any of the old printed ortography is thus corrected) vse the strikes, prickes, and notes, vsed in the new for Grammer rules, which strikes, prickes, and notes for Grammer, touch in no part the name of the letter, nor sounde of the

voice, but helpe our nation greatly to learne the Latine and other

Lingvages, and as greatly helpestrangers to
cane to easie understanding of English.

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P The sixt Chapter,
sheweth the vse of the old in time to come, and that other nations are not onely throughly holpen in Inglyssh speech, but partly aided in their owne language by this amendment, shewing the names of the new letters, deuiding the vowels, and diuershong, and how difference in letters, may make difference of signification in equiuoces.

The abuses being great, amendment must be provided.

Easie conference of both, while the olde hath any being.

No new letter brought in, because of conference.



Trust I haue shewed you sufficienctly (before) the vse (yea rather the abuses) of the olde ortography, at this day in vse, and that ye are fully perswaded in them, hauing now will to proceede to the perfect amendment thereof, and that ye also perceue, that easie conference of both may be made, so that the olde may be vsed, to saue expences in bookes of value, vntill the new supply the same: for whiche cause of conference, I wrote the abuses, and wantis in euery seuerall letter, and examples for the same, not onely for the p[ro]fe of thet[er]e, and the oder of the new amendment, but also that this my booke might be a guide to the reading of the olde, little regarding eloquence, or ciuill instructions, to be giuen by the sentences for those examples, but wholy applied to that ende, that vpon a doubt of true sounding of any worde, any man may resort to the doubtfull letter tenne generations hence, and there finde the vse, both of the olde, and cause of the change for Inglyssh speech, and for the Latine also, as we Inglyssh speake the same at this day. And now foloweth my amendment of the ortography in the A, B, C, hauing in the same xxxvij. seuerall and distinct letters, in figure, or marke, hauing xxxvij. seuerall & distinct names, agreeing to xxvj. seuerall and distinct sounds of voice, vsed in them for Inglyssh speech, with their payers, among whome no new nor vnaccustomed letter (not vsed in the olde) shall be brought in: but the whole supply made by adding a little strike or turning, to, or neare one of the olde letters, (most agreeing for conference with the olde printing.)

And against the obiections that some (peraduenture) will make. (That though I vse the olde figures with addition in my amendment, yet that addition maketh a letter not vsed of any other nation) I answere, that in the double sounded letters, some of them haue double soundes, as well as we, and sometime the same soundes, and where we haue any soundes in voice not vsed by them, they haue the moxe neede of a differing figure for that straung sounde, to guide their voice thereby, for if they will vse our spech, they must vse the distincions of the voice vsed therein, and they shall be better guided by perfect figure thereof in it selfe, than if it were patched vp with diuershle letters, whose single names, and soundes in wordes, nothing agre to the sounde that such patchery serueth for: and to be tied to a generaltie, with other nations, when every nation vseth a speciality in voice, moxe or lesse, is contrarie to all rule and reason, therfore it is lawfull for every nation to haue his proper letters, where the

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the letters comon with other nations doe not suffice, and that withoutt blame, soz it is certame that the diuers diuisions of soundes in voice, caused diuerse letters to be made, & he that first deuised them, was as willing to furnish one deuision, as an other, and it is like it was so done, for the language proper to the inuentors of letters, though not sufficient and meete in all points for other languages, and if some of our speciall figures or letters, may be vset also of any nation, in the same sound, (soz which they haue now some patchery) they neede not to be ashamed, to thinkie this our amendment ready for them to vse, as we where we agree with them in sounde, as where we haue some speciall sound in voice, which they haue not. The single letters be these next following: and in the squares of the Table, vnder the shott strike in every square after follow=ing, their names appere, by the letter or sillable set ouer that shott strike, lea=ning out, f, in the wozde these, and turning, a, into, e, in the sillable, ga, for the name of my, g, the single letters are these.

a. b. c. c. ch. d. e. e. f. g. g. h. i. l. l. m. n. n. o. o. p. q. r. s. h. t. th. The new
th. b. y. v. w. y. x. y. z. A.B,C,
single fig=ured.

Note farder that these two letters :k: and :ph: encrease the number of let=ters and names, but encrease not the number of soundes: soz :k: hath the mere sounde of :c: and :ph: hath the sounde of :f: with a little difference of k,ph,& t, length in sound. Also :x: is sounded as :cr: as is saide before, and as shall be more plainly shewed hereafter: and in respect of their names, these three shall be figured and named in the squares, among the other xxxvij. and make the number of forty single figures, as followeth. Vnder one of which letters or figures, is every the least diuision of voice, vset in Inglyssh speech, suffici=ently and plainly set forth, by giuing right and perfect name to every of those letters, agreeing to the right sounde of them, when they be ioined together in wordes, and little differing from the letters of the olde ortography: soz to the letters of the old ortography, of singule name (and yet of double or treble sound, when they are ioined with other letters in wordes) I adde onely a little strike or turning, to shew those severall soundes: and whereas the aspiration, h, is ioined after any consonant in one sillable, to patch vp speciaill diuisions of the voice, (vset most properly in Inglyssh, and some of them vset in few, or no other language) & thereby two letters for one sounde, (which two letters being singule, haue (for the most part) no part of such sound as is in the wozde) I haue now reteined the figures of both those letters, and ioined them close as one letter, that easie conference with the olde, and this amendment may easily be made, the voice and speech not chaunged, but, by this amendment most surely staied, and hereafter most perfectly continued: and the more this Table see=meth to you straunge at the first sight, so much the more will appere vnto you the deformity and vntruth in the olde, (for Inglyssh speech) if ye aduisedly consider of bothe, and let your owne voice be your iudge, when ye shaltry bothe in your wordes: but first be perfect of the names of the single letters: soz in vaine, and feliſhly, he ioineth or compoundeth any thing, which hath not knowledge in the singles and simples, which he would ioine or compound together.

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The names of the letters next before shewed, appear
in this Table following.

xxviij. se-
uerall let-
ters of
xxviij. se-
uerall
names &
soundes,
k, ph, & t:
added: in
all forry.

a	b	cē	kē	chē	d	e; ea	ē
f	gē	ga	hē	i	k	l	yl
		turn a into e.	h	i	k	l	y
m	vn	n	vn	o	betwen	p	phē
	m	n	n	o	o: t: v	p	ph
quē	r	er	t	shē	t	thē	thēf
q	r	r	t	h	t	th	thf
v	ou	vē	wē	whē	r	yē	zē
v	o	v	w	h	r	y	z

Unto which letters before shewed, are other letters or figures, agreeing to one or other of these letters before written, in name and sounde: all which agreeing in one name and sounde, are written together, as followeth, betwene the double piske.

A a: B b: C c: Cc: Ch ch: D d: E e: Ee: F f: G g: Gg:
H h: I i: K k: L l: Ll: M m: Mm: N n: O o: Oo: P p:
Ph ph: Q q: R r: S s: H h: T t: Th th: Th th: V v: U u:
U y u o w: W v u: W w: W h: X r: Y y: Z z.

Note that there is in the first printed Pamphlets and Printers, another figure for th, thus, h, and another for, th, thus, h, also, ph, paier to, f, wanteth in the same first printings.

Of the forty letters aforesaid, xxviij. are called consonants, because they yield no sound in word or syllable, nor can be named without a vowel sounded with them: and are these with their paier: b, c, c, ch, d, f, g, g, h, k, l, m, n, p, ph, q, r, s, h, t, th, v, w, y, x, y, z.

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And other eight : a, e, ē, i, o, u, y, are called vowels, because every of vñj. bow= them yeldeþ sound or voice of themselves, and cause sound to be immed with els. the consonants : adde herevnto their paters.

Lastly remaine thēe : *P, M, N*, called halfe vowels, because in their sounde is iiii. halfe included both a vowel and a consonant : but either of them so shōrt touched, that bothe yelde but the tyme of a long bowell : to these adde, *t, r*, with his pat-
er, as is before saide : this, *t, r*, is of no great necessity, but for conference with
the olde : *re* : at the ende of a sillable, and helpe in equinocep.

Note that these vowels : a, e, i, y, o, u, ɔ, ə, ʊ; are always of short sound in speech, except an accent point be set over: a, e, i, y, or o, thus, á, á, ɔ̄, ɔ̄; and that: a, e, or y, be doubled thus: aa, ee, ii, yy; and then is their sound longer, which differences may be tried of one sound and time, for helpe in equiuocall calling: á:a, with single accent: á̄:a, with double accent: and: á̄:a:, with forked accent: and calling: aa: double, a: and so of other vowels so figured.

And these : e, o, v, and u, are euer of long sound in spech : as are also the halfe vowels, and, x, called, x, diphthong. And when two vowels of diuers sounds com together in one sillable, they make a diphthong, that is to say, they are both touched short in sound together: but the sound of them is longer than the sound of a single bowell: and are these : ai : ay : ah : au : aw : ah : ai : ei : ey : eh : eu : oa : oi : oy : oh : ou : ow : olw : on : oy : elw, of the sounde of, v : ow : I vse : w : as in diphthong after : a : e : e : o : g : q : because of his olde vse in the olde ortography, not disagreeing now to his name giuen by me : also the difference of diphthongs of one sounde, may helpe much in equiuocay, for their differing signification. Note that : i, y, b, y, never begin diphthong : and that : v : u : seldom begin diphthong, except in wordes derived of the French, and few other : also : e : seldom beginneth diphthong, except for necessitie in equiuocay, as in these wordes: to heat : in Lateine, Audire, Italian, Vdir, in French, Onir, hært (of man or beast) in Lateine, Crinis, Italian, Cini, in French, Poil, her : in Latin, Hic, Italian, Qui, in French, Icy.

And I gesse, if our country continue in quietnes many yéeres without fo-
reine trouble, (for which all true English will pray) that our language will
come to most perfectnes. And therfore if I be of councell, in making any dicti-
onary herafter to be printed for English, there shold be meanes for difference
in equiuoces, though men did not at the first regarde the vse thereof in their
writing: and this I may truly say, that perfect writing and printting keepeth
every language in continuance of perfect vse, and perfect sence and significati-
on: And though the common sorte doe neglect it, yet it may be the touchstone
for the wise and learned, to be aided thereby in matters of great waight.

A man may deeme (I am not ashamed of our olde wordes (déme) and such like, more perfect and plaine in speech and signification, than a great many of vs can rightly understande the reason thereof) that our accustomed strike through : l: and the strikes and tittles ouer : m: and : n: and ouer vowels, did in olde time, yeld some note of halfe vowels, in those letters : l m : n : oz of the wite and learned, to be aucte therin matters of great weight. at yere or the oldest vse of : &c. for in : oz n but now abolished.

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long sounde in the ~~v~~ well before them : and not to be notes to yeld the sounde of : m : ox : n : so doubtfully as we vse them now a daies : for which doubtfullnesse I bterly refuse their vncerteine abbeuation in my new writing, excepting that : - : may be figured for : n : and make all plaine, as ye see before, and hereafter shall perceiue, and as touching the paters of letters to be increased for helpe in equiuocay, I leaue the liking therof to euery mans iudgement, vntill time bring farder liking in our nation , to growe to full perfectnesse in these things, but those accents are necessary to be vscd in equiuoces presently.

Here followeth in square s the bowels and diphthonges, (with sillables for the sound of diphthonges, wherein is any halfe bowell,) which agree in sound : and for their time, remember what bowels are long, & who are shor in sound, as I shewed before : and that no diphthong is of so shor sounde as any shor bowell, and that as well shor bowells, as diphthonges ending a sillable, are of meane time, that is, betwene shor and long , their time before shewed notwithstanding.

Dowels
and diph-
thonges
of one
sounde.

ai ay	ay ay	ei ey	ey ey	oo oa	oi oy	ow	oh oo ow owo y y o w w
oi oy	ea eæ e	eb ey b u ew	al apl	am am	an abn	on obn	ip seldom in vse.

That there be eight bowels of differing sounds in Inglyssh speach : may appere by these wordes following , wherein are eight notes in voice, differing one from another, as divers notes in musicks :

A proofof
of eight
bowels.

two lak : in Latine, Carece, Italian, Essere senza, French, Avoir faulte d'aucune chose.

two lek : in Latine, Perflucre, Italian, Gocciare, French, Suintre.

a lek : in Latine, Porrum, Italian, Porro, French, Vnporreau.

two lyk : in Latine, Lambere, Italtun, Leccare, French, Licher.

a lok : in Latine, Sera, Italian, Serratura, French, Serrure.

two look : in Latine, Aspiccre, Italian, Guardare, French, Regarder.

lyk ox fortun : in Latine, Fortuna, Italian Aduentura, French, Heur.

luk, a mans name : in Latine, Lucas, Italian, Luca, French, Luc.

And that there be seuen diphthonges of severall notes in voice, and differing from the notes of every of the eight bowels aforesaid, may appere by these wordes following.

A proofof
of seuen

a hav, or net : in Latine, Plaga, Italian, Rete da pigliar animali salvati-
chi, French, Bourrees a chasser.

hey :

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hey : in Latine, Fœnum, Italian, Fieno, French, Du foin.

a boy : in Latine, Puer, Italian, Garzone, French, Garson.

a booy, that is fastened to an anker with a rope to weigh the anker : in Italian, Amoinare.

a hay, in the eie : in Latine, Vnguis, French, Paillé.

to hey smalier : in Latine, Concidere, Italian, Tagliare minutamente, French, Hacher menu.

a bow : in Latine, Arcus, Italian, Arco da saettare, French, Arc.

Adde to these : up : seldom in diphthong, as is aforesaid.

I vse : w : in diphthong after a bowell, both for the olde vse of him, his sound, and new name agreeing therewith, as appereth before in the Table of diphthongs (though he be numbered among the consonants.)

Other diphthongs not shewed before in the squares, are paiers to one of these last before shewed, or paier to some one of the eight vowels : among whome, note that when : w : is in diphthong with any bowell before it, then is the bowell perfectly sounded, and : w : is lightly touched, except in : ew : where bothe are like sounded.

So may be said, that in English speech, are fiftene severall notes in the sound of the voice, (adding hereunto the thre halfe vowels : i, ii, u,) vnder one of the whiche, all sillables in wordes must be sounded : so are there in the whole, xiij. divisions in voice for English speech : whereof, xxv. are consonants : viij. are vowels : viij. are diphthongs : and, viij. are halfe vowels : wherevnto adde : up : a diphthong seldom in vse.

diph= thongs
differing from the sound of al vowels.

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Sheweth example of wordes, with this amended ortography, for the helpe of the straunger, and right vse of the vowels, halfe vowel, and diphthongs.



¶ The better vsing of the vowels, and diphthonges before them, shewed, and their paiers, and the due tyme of their soundes, I will set forth wordes for examples thereof: adding herevnto English, the Latine, French, and Italian, wordes of the same signification, wherein I crave pardon, when I fail of mete and apt wordes, agreeing in all these languages, for that my ability doth not suffice, to my god will, herafter (God willing) those languages shall accord in perfect order, which now I haue hastily vled for helpe in equiuoces, and difference of neare agreeing sounds, and for the better helpe in equiuoces, I will vse some of them in composition (an excellent, easie, and common rule for English speech, as shall appere in the Grammer for the same) at the ende of these examples. Wherein note well, that seldom any triphthong is to be vsed in English: for it is not in vse in the olde printing, in mete English wordes, and diphthong in many other wordes derived of other languages: as in this word, beauty: thongs.

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in Latin, Forma, in French, Beaulte: for which I write: beuty, excepting that ð, ðñ, may make a triphthong with another vowel before them, as in: calññ: in Latine, Tranquillus, in French, Calme: elññ-tré, in Latin, Vlmus, in French Orme: hólmñ, in Latine, llex, in French, Yense: but the voice doth rather yield, i: in, elññ-tré, and in, hólmñ, with accent ouer: o.

Trutina.	a bál of wód, or other merchañdiz.	baal, sał's god of the assirians.
a ballancé.		Baal.
Yne balance.	Vne bale.	Balsamum.
vna bilancia.	Bala.	balkñ: ointment.
Pila.	Vadimonium.	Du baulme.
a bał.	bail, or mainpriz.	Balfamo.
Yne pile, ou etanf.	Cauion. (guidicio.	Balius, badius, cæsius.
Pila.	Obligo di comparire in	bay of coloz.
Apiastrum.	Caluus.	Baxe.
baulñ : erb.	bałd on the hed.	Baio.
Melisse.	Chaulie.	Nudus.
Melissa, cedronella.	Caluo.	bár, or naked.
Laurus.	Pessulum.	Nyud.
bay-tré:	bar of a dór.	Nudo, e scalzo.
Laurier,	Vne bare, ou verroni.	Horreum.
Alloro.	Stanga.	a bárñ, for cárñ.
Macer.	Vrsus.	Vn Grenier.
bár, or læn.	a bár, a bæſt.	Granaio.
Maigre.	Vn ours.	a Waron, in degre, be-
Magro.	Barone.	twen a Lord and a war.
Sterilis.	Monere.	(vicount. Guerre.
barren.	çø wárn.	Guerra.
Sterile.	Admoneſter.	Cunicularium.
Merx, cis.	Ammonire.	a warren of coniz.
Wár.	Vocare.	Vne garenne (nigli.
La marchandisa.	Omentum.	Luogo campestre per co-
Mercantia.	çawl about the boſw.	Tranquillus.
Meretricula.	La coiffe.	cálini.
a callet, or pong qæn.	Appeler.	calme.
Vne purain.	Chiamare.	Bonaccia.
Puttanella.'	Omentum.	Causa.
Reticulum.	caſw about the boſw.	cayz.
caſl, for the hed.	La coiffe.	La cause.
Vne coiffe de foje.	Stuffia.	Cagione.
Reticella.		

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Semita constructa.	Cauillari.	Ruptura.
a catwy t <small>w</small> go on.	t <small>w</small> cauil, or iest.	a brak.
Vne chaufée.	Barater.	Vne breche.
La stregata.	Cauillare.	Rottura.
Balista.	Filix, cis.	Linifrangibulum.
a brák, or cros-bow.	a brák, or ferú-tuf.	a braak, or hemp.
Vne Arbalette.	Feuchiere.	
Balestra.	Filice.	
Pistomis.	Poples, tis.	a hám, the w <small>o</small> d clíp- ing about a hozl- coller.
a brák, or harp snaff for a hozs.	the ham of the leg. Le iarrer.	
Vn mors.	Garletto.	
Pabulum de pisis.	Orcus.	Sanare.
háni, or fodder.	hel.	t <small>w</small> hel, or mak thol.
Fourrage.	Enfer.	Guair.
Pascolo.	Inferno.	Sanare.
Calcaneus.	Vlmus.	Ardea.
a hel, of the foot.	an elní-tre.	a hærñ.
Le talon.	Orme.	Heron.
Calcagno.	Olmo.	Hierone.
Ovis matrix.	Vos.	Cortex pomi.
an t <small>w</small> -slep.	ye, or you.	the psł of an apl.
Vne genissé.	Vous.	Polure de pome.
Diripere, populari.	Voi.	Scorza di pomo.
t <small>w</small> pill, or spoil.	Collistrigium.	Strues.
Piller, ou gaffer.	a pilloz.	a pyl, or hæp,
Sacchaggiare.	Le pilory.	Vne pile.
Hemorrhoides, dis.	Berlina.	Stiua.
a pyl in the fundmēt.	Palus.	Acicula.
Hemorrhoides.	a pyl, or græt sták.	a pin.
Hemorrhoides.	Vn piloris.	Epinglie.
Languére.	Palo.	Spilla.
t <small>w</small> pyn.	Exilis, gracilis.	Tuus.
Languir.	thñ, slender.	thýn.
Languire.	Delio.	Tien.
Lucrari.	Sottile.	Tuo.
t <small>w</small> wín, or get.	Vinum.	Ventus.
Gaigner.	wýn.	wýnd.
Gaudagnare.	Du vin.	Vent.
Glomerare.	Vino.	Vento.
	Intorquére.	Ventosus.

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to wýnd in botomz.	to wýnd in.	wýndi.
Deducider.	Entortiller.	Venceus.
Aggomitolare.	Torcere.	Ventoso.
Fenestra.	Glomerator.	
a wýndor, to geu Tenestre. (liht.)	a wýndor, that wýnd- Deduceur. (çth.)	a wýnder, or wind, or instrument to wýnd upon.
Finestra.	Aggomitolante.	
Trochlea.	Digitus pedis.	Ad.
a wýndolas, or pyl.	a to of the fot. Le orteil du pied.	to, a preposition.
Vne pylie.	Dito del pie.	A.
Carrucula.	Lentus.	A.
Duo.	toþ.	
two, in number.	Souple.	to, a syn of the Insti- nitiū mod.
Deux.		
Due.		
Stuppa.		Etiam.
two.	to, in compositio with	to, aduerb, cōiunctiu-
Eſcoupe.	an adiectiu: az : to-	ly, az being myn to.
Mantelum.	gōd, to-long.	Auf.
a toþel, to wýp with.	Illicere.	Vectigal.
Touaille a mains.		toþ, or tallag.
Touaglia.	Allicher.	Peage.
Instrumentum.	Laborare.	Datio, o gabella.
a toþ, to wýk with.	to twil, or laboþ hard.	Vermina,um.
Ouïl.	Travailier.	botz, in a hoþ.
Stromento.	Affaticar si grandemente.	Trenches.
Phæſelus.	Ocrea.	Circa.
a bæt, to row in.	a boþ.	about, prepozicion.
Nefille.	Bottes.	Aupres.
Bergantine.	Stiuale.	Intorno.
Superne.	Arcus.	Curuare.
abou, not benæth.	a bow, to hæt with.	to boþ, or bend.
Inhault.	Vn arc.	Courber.
Su, non giu.	Arco.	Piegare.
Ramus.	Emptus, & venditus.	Papilio.
a boþ of a tre.	boþt and sowld.	a boþt, or tent.
Rameau,	Achaté & vendu,	Papillon.
Ramo.	Comtato, e, venduto,	Padiglione.
Sed.	Meta.	Arietare.
byt, a coniuracion.	a byt, to hæt at.	to boþt, az a heþ.
Mais.	Vn bus a quoi ont tire.	Hurter.

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Mâ.	Bersaglio.	Cozzare.
Dolum.	Crater.	Globus.
a bot, or vell for wýn, a bowl, for drýnk.	a bouyl, to cast in play.	Vne boule.
Vn Poynson.	Vn honzp.	Borella.
Botta.	Napo.	Saccarum.
Viscus,ris.	Taurus.	sugar.
a boþwel, or gut.	a byl, a bæſt.	Sucré.
La freſſire.	Torreau.	Succhero.
Vſcere.	Toro.	Certo.
Excusare.	Fides,dis.	suer, or out-of doyt.
þo excuz.	a lut þo play on,	Seur.
Excuser.	Vn luc.	Cerro.
Eclusare.	Liuto.	Actor.
Acidus,acerbus.	Seminator.	a suor.
þower, or harp.	a sowþ, of sedz.	Demandeur.
Sur, aigret.	Vn ſemour.	Sudor,ris.
Acerbo.	Seminatore.	Swet, of the body.
Emissarium.	Omentum.	Sueur.
a lewer, or fluc.	suct, or hard fat.	Sudore.
Catarætes, ou eſluſe.	Suif, ou graiſſe.	Adurere crines.
Suauiſ.	Tumére.	þo swæl, or þyrmis-of
ſwet.	þo ſwel.	Griller. (har.
Doulx.	Être enflé.	Casura.
Suaue.	Enfiariſ.	a fal.
Iurare.	Culpa.	Cheute.
þo ſwær, or tâk oþy.	a falſt.	Fallo.
Iurer.	Faulte.	Fornicare.
Giutare.	Colpa.	þo vayſt, or māk vayſt.
Fallius,non verus.	Inſilire equo.	Vouſter.
fals,not tru.	þo vault, on a hoſſ.	Locus.
Faulx.	Voltiger.	a rom, or plác.
Falso, non vero.	Voltigare.	Lieu.
Verinis.	Tepidus.	Luogo.
a wo:ni.	warni,not cold.	Scopa.
Vn ver.	Chault.	þo rowm, or wander.
Verme.	Tepido.	a þrom, þo ſweþ with.
Roma.	Vagari.	Vn bolay, ou ramon.
rwiñ, a city.	Andar vagabundo.	Scoppa.
Rome.	I'excis.	Sporta.
Roma.		
Gubernaculum..		

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a helmí, or sterí of a	hólñ, or holly-tré.	a maní, or basket.
Le gouernail.	(hip). Teuse.	Vne corbeille.
Timone della naue.		Sporta.
Andela.	Lebes,tis.	Hortus.
an aïdýñ, or bround-	a caudorí.	a gárdñ.
Vn Landier.	Chaudron.	Jardin.
	Lauezo.	Horto.
Granuin.	Lugére.	Pes fulicæ.
cózñ.	tzò mizozñ, or lament.	a frot, of a cot.
Grash.	Lamenter.	Vn pied d'un foulque.
Grano.	Piangere.	Piede della folica.
Tunica.	Goslipium.	Natus.
a cót.	cotí.	bózñ, by natur.
Vnsaye.	Du cotten.	Né.
Sayo.	Cottone.	Nato.
Aillatus,gestatus.	Ardére.	Riuulus.
bozñ, or caried.	tzò bürñ.	a bozñ, or smal riuier.
Porté.	Brusler.	Ruffeau.
Portato.	Ardere.	Ruccello.
Subniger.	Onus,ris.	Capo,onis.
bzowñ,of coler.	a bürñ.	a cápn.
Noirastre.	Fardeau.	Chapon.
	Incarco.	Cappone.
Lardum.	Fibula.	Ligneus.
bácn.	a bütñ, for a cót.	wodñ, or of wod,
Lard.	Vng boutton.	De bois.
Lardo.	Fibbia.	Di legno.
Spina alba.	Clipeus.	Acer.
a hau-thózñ-tré.	a bucler.	a mápl-tré.
Aubespine.	Bouclier.	Erable.
Spina bianca.	Pauelco.	Acero.
Pomum.	Ephippium.	Stabulmu.
an apl.	a sadl, tzò rydon.	a stábl, for a hors.
Vne pomme.	Selle.	Estable.
Pomo.	Sella.	Stalla.
Paruus.	Querneus.	Subsaltare.
litl.	ókñ, or of ók.	tzò hop.
Petit.	De chesne.	Sauveter.
Picciolo.	Di quercia.	
Sperare.	Vciére.	Vocare clamore.
tzò hóp.	tzò hóp.	tzò thóp, or cal aloyd.
Efferer.	Relier tonneaux.	Hucker.
Sperar.		There

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There may be great helpe vsed in English spech, for severall signification in equiuoces by vling wordes in composition with a composite strike (set betwéene two wordes) and that, of severall sorts and formes, according as the former shall shew the substance, vse, or quality, &c. of the later, as by Grammer rule may be done, but for such as haue not the vse of Grammer, this common composite strike (-) may serue generally in all compositions, without the whiche (if there be no speciall addition to an equiuoce) we are aided onely by the circumstance of the matter in the sentence, and occasion of the persons, speakeing, or spoken vnto : the common composition may be vsed, thus : a ferni-bzák : a hemip-bzaak : or by addition, thus : a bzák for a hɔ:s, and where such composition or addition is vsed, there nedeth no differing accent for equiuoces.

Note alwaies that where any consonant is doubled, the bowell or double bowell going next before, is alway of short sound : and to this end chiefly (and for helpe in equiuoces) a consonant is doubled, yet sounded as single : as : of the verbe, tƿ hyd : hydd, or hyddin : of : tƿ flyd : flydd, or flyddin : of : tƿ bȝt : bȝtt, or bȝttin : And if ea, e, or æ, be next bowell or diphthong before such double consonant, then is : ea : e : or æ : sounded flat and short of the sounde and time of : e : as in, heardd : rædd : spedd : felst : mett : mænnt : of the verbes, tƿ hear : tƿ ræd : tƿ sped : tƿ fel : tƿ met : tƿ mæn : and sounded as herd; red; sped; fel; met; ment : and when, o, is ioined in sillable before a double consonant, it is sounded short as the bowell, ƿ, as: down : the participle of the verbe, tƿ dw : which doubling of a consonant in this wise, doth not onely give some helpe in equiuoces, but aideth greatly the rules of Grammer for derigation.

As touching the true sounde of euery consonant, I thinke it be sufficiently set forth, by the sillables set ouer them in the squares before shewed, to give them names according to their soundes, and by the examples given, how they were before in the olde vse of them, and the new remedy thereof, therewith adiouned, for the more plaineesse therof, and conference of the olde and new amendment. And who so doubteth of any of them, may looke vpon any of them particularly, and for the helpe of strangers some speciall examples shall be givuen, fol. 36.

The true sounding of consonants ap-

proximate in their names,

and in the examples for them..

The eight Chapter, sheweth the paiers, halfe paiers, and as halfe paiers, and the placing of paiers, with their additions in name.



And for the placing of paiers, and halfe bowels, I will gine you some examples thereof as followeth : noting that those letters whose soundes and names doe perfectly agree, are called paiers : and those whose sounds agree, but vary in name, are called halfe paiers, and some are as halfe paiers, but differ a little in sounde and name.

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First

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First note, that : c : s : z : be as halfe paters, because they hane all hissing sounds, yet differ in name, as is shewed before, and differ in sounde, as appereþ.

	Alinus.	Sicut.
an ac: the laſt ſum or number in a dy.	an as.	az, an aduerb.
Vn as en dez.	Aſne.	Comme,
Gratia.	Aſino.	Come.
grac or lauqz.	gras.	Paſcere, pabulari.
Grace.	Touſe forte de herbe.	ꝝ graz, or ſed az cat-
Faore, gratia.	Gramegna.	Paſtre. (tel ꝝ.
Sceptrum.	Maſla.	Paſcere.
a mac, or ſcepter aliás Vne maſſue.	a mas, or lymپ. (ſeptꝫ.	Labyrinthus.
Sceptro.	Maſla ouero baſtone.	a maz.
Aroma,tis.	Vrina.	Vne labirinte.
ſp̄c.	pis.	Speculatores.
Deſ eſpices.	Vrine, piſſat.	ſp̄z.
Specie dell'e ſpeciarie.	Orina.	Eſpions.
Locus.	Paſſer, riſ, piſcis.	Speculatori.
a pláç, or rōm.	a plaſt, a fiſh.	Ludi.
Lieu.	Vne plie, vne poiſſon.	plaſt, or paſtymz.
Luogo.		Ieuſ.
		Giuochi.

But before : e : or : i : in one ſyllable : c : and : s : be of one ſound, but : c : is never to be ſet before other vowel than : e : or : i : and : s : is uſed indifferently before all vowels & conſonants, c: at the end of a ſyllable, paſdeth longer time than : s : of his owne nature.

C. and k: be halfe paters, agreeing in ſounde, but not in name : K: is alwaies to be uſed before : e : & : e : i : (and : n :) when it beginneth a ſyllable, before any of them, and at the end of all wordes, and in the middle of wordes, at the ende of any ſingle or primitive, when a wordē is compounded or deriuēd, whose ſingle or primitive did ende in : k: and also after : s: for moze diſference from : t: next after : s: in which place : c: being written, did not ſo plainly diſfer from : t: as will : k. And in all other places of like ſound : c: is alwaies uſed, except (peraduenture) for helpe in equiuoces (in a perfect diſctionary (the one may be hereafter uſed in the place of the other, and (peraduenture) doubled, thus : ck.

Pectere.	Cuſtodire.	Rex.	Nebulo.
ꝝ kemb, or comb.	ꝝ kep.	a king.	a knau.
Peignier.	Garder.	Roy.	Pendant.
Petuiare.	Conſeruare.	Re.	Bontione grossolano, Genu.

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Genu.	Necter e,nodus.	Miles,tis.
a knē.	tō knit,a knot.	a kniht.
Genouil.	Ngaér,vn naud.	Cheualier.
Ginocchio.	Annodare,vn gropo.	Caualliere.
Ictus.	Articulus.	Sera.
a knok,or blow.	a knyct,or ioint.	a lok,for a dor.
Vn coup.	Ioincture.	Serrure.
Colpo.	Giuntura.	Chiauatura.
Inclusura.	Tomentum.	Catarracta.
a lok,or pin-fold.	a loc,of wyl.	a lock,or flyd-gat.
Entraues.	Bourdeon,de laine.	Cataracte.
Rinchidumento.	Scoppaci.	
Aspicere.	Tepidus.	Facula.
tō lok,or behold.	leuk-warif.	a linc,or littl torch.
Venir.	Tiide.	Vne torche.
Afflare.	Tepido.	Facella.
Singula pars catenæ.	Negligenter agere.	a lind,or stép syd of a
a lynt,of a thain.	tō linck,or loiter.	hil,also a lei-bound.
Chennon.	Truander.	Pente de montagne,
		Collinetta.

I haue giuen som examples of equiuoces, and equiuocals, to shew how they and the like may be vised with diuers accents, and paies of letters and diphthonges, for difference: which time may cause to be followed for perfect writing, though for a tyme it may be neglected, as in tyme past it hath bene little or nothing regarded.

Also : f: and : ph: be halfe paies agreeing in sound, but not in name :ph: F & ph, and :f: are meirly paies of name and sound: ph: called :ph: Gréke: and: f: halfe paies called :f: English: this last is vised in the singular number, when the plurall number, and Genitive proprietarie in both numbers, change :f: into: ü: : the vse of as: my wýf and gther wýll: went to my wýlf mother, ü:.

Insitium.	Rupcs,is.	Capillare.	
a graf,plur.grafz.	a clif,plur.clifz.	a coif,plur. coifz.	f.
Vne ente.	Precipice.	Vne coeffe.	
Inestato.	Precipicio.	Cuffia.	
Radulphus.	Ioseph.	Philippus.	
Káph,genitiu.Káph:	Iozeph,genit.Iozephz philip,genist.philipz a ph.	manž nám:	
a manž nám.	a manž nám.	manž nám:	
Raphaél.	Ioseph.	Philippe.	
Vitulus,vituli.	self, sing.in compoz:	Egomet.	
a calf,plur.calfuz.	cion,plur.celuz.	I-my-self.	f.
Vn veau,veaux.	Mesme.	Moy mesme.	
Vn vitello,vitelli.	Medesimo.	Io stesso.	
		Nosmet.	

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Nosmet.	Vxor, vxores.	Folium, folia.
We-our-self.	Wyf, plur. wyf.	a laef, plur. laef.
Nousmesmes.	Femme mariee.	Une fveille.
Noi medesimi.	Moglie.	Fronde.

Difference vi. can in no wise be paire, or halfe pater to : f: (as Maister Chester woulde
betweene haue it) as may appere by these wordes following.

V: vnd:f.	Vanus.	tō be fain, or wilng	Vena.
	vain.	by necessity.	a vein, in the body.
	Vain.	Etre constraint.	Veine.
	Vano.	Esser constretto.	Vena.
	Fingere.	Super, subterque.	Offerre.
	tō fein, or counterfet.	ouer, and vnder.	tō offer.
	Faindre.	Dessus, & dessous.	Offrir.
	Fingere.	Su & sotto.	Offerire.

G, and : i: G: and : i: are mere paiers of name and sounde : i: to be alwaies placed
paieres,
their place before all vowels, except : i: be the next letter in the same sillable : but g:
ces, & ad- placed alwaies in the ende of sillables and wordes, and in the beginning before
ditions in name.

J, and y: J, and : y: are mērly paieres of name and sound, to be vsed indifferently, ex-
paieres,
their place- cepting that : y: is to be most placed at the end of wordes, and next : m: and :
cess, & ad- n: and spcially among mixtums : y: to be called crooked : i: and : i: to be cal-
ditions in deri- led shroet : y: also that : i: onely be vsed in the first letter of additions in deri-
vatiues, and not : y: to be vsed there. And : y: with an accent onely to be vsed
for their long sound.

Difference R: may be called by eight:r: and : r: may be called round:r: because it is placed
of additio- after : o: and other rounde letters.

s. g. z: s. g. z: are mērly paieres of name and sound : s: called long:s: alwaies placed
in name, in the beginning & middle of wordes, and : s: called round : s: to be vsed
of : r. only at the ende of wordes : z: called z, declinative : to be placed only at the
ende of wordes in the plurale number, and in the genitue proprietary in both
numbers, as is allowed by the Grammer.

Z, as hal f Z, is as halfe pater to : s:s: z: because of his hissing sound, and placed every
paier to where indifferently, according to his owne sounde, and also supplieth the like
these place- places of : z: (in declinatives) alwaies at the ende of wordes, after all vowels,
s: as hal f diphthongs, and halfe vowels, and after these consonants, l: m: n: r: and
placed indif- most agreeing to his scunde, after such, as appereþ by the Grammer, z,
ferently. being onely vsed for the declinative ending of the verbe, in the ende of it : as in
this worde, it appereþ, or it apperet z, & so of other verbes in the like place.

th: & th: th: & th: are as halfe paieres, because of their neare soundes and neare
names : th: having in it selfe at the beginning of a sillable, a shroter sounde,
as halfe paieres. and at the end of a worde a longer sounde : and contrarily : th: having in it
selfe at the beginning of a sillable a longer sound, & at the end a shroter sound :

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as followeth.

Aſſula.	Horreum.	Spiritus.
a lath, or tyl þpon.	a láth, or grang.	a bret, or wýnd.
Vne late.	Grange.	Soufflement.
Aſſella.	Granaio.	Anſcio.
Spirare.	Abhorrére.	Illubens.
to bræth, or tak bræth.	to loth, or abhoz.	loth, or wi-wling.
Souffler.	Auoir en horreur.	
Anſciare.	Abortire.	
Obſequi sermoni.	Meridian? nō borealis.	Hoc, non illud.
to loth, or conſent in	ſouth, not noth.	this, not that.
Agreeer a ancon. (talk.	Meridional non ſeptentrion.	Cefnici, non cefnula.
Agradire.	Mezo giorno.	Coſtui, non colui.
Carduus.	Tu, non ego, nec ille.	Mille.
a thift, paking wed.	thy, not I, nor he.	a thgand, in number.
Vn chardon.	Tu, non moy, ne tuy,	Mille.
Cardo.	Tu, non io, ne colui,	Mille..
Licet.	Sollicitudo, nis.	Tuus, non meus.
thoth, a coniunction.	thoth, or car.	thy, not my.
Iaſoit.	Cure.	Tien, non mien.
Ben che.	Cura.	Tuo, non mio.
Exilis, non crassus.	Te.	Valere, non ditescere.
thīn, not thīſt.	the, the accusatiū cas	to thé, not to thy.
Delie, non eſper.	Te.	(of thy. Se porter bien, non proſperer.
Sortile, non groſſo.	Te.	

U. and ,u, are mērly paterſ, in name and ſounde, indifferently to be placed : v. and u: ſauing in printing, v, is to be uſed alway at the beginning of wordes, and in paterſ, ſwiting next, m, n, and other minums, to be moſt uſed of meane writers. U, their place and to be called, fore, u: and,u, to be called, minum or middle, v.

U, y, q, w, ſ, are mērly paterſ in name and ſound, which , q, and, w: in name. I make paterſ to, y, and, y, for helpe in equiuoc; but cheeſly because, o, and, w, U, q, ſ, are double ſounded in the old printing, ſometime with ſounde agreeing to one of w, ſ: their names, and ſometime with the ſounde of, y, in which ſounde, the comma paterſ, pricke may be ſet vnder, o, and, w, (if any olde printing be coorrected) to giue their place and them a right ſound: y, to be called, fore, y: and y, to be called minum, y: and, g, ſ, to be called, y, rounde: and, w, to be called, y, coupled: and, w, to be called, y, in name. deriuatiue, because it hath the deriuatiue pricke, and ſerveth oncliy for deriuatiues, in the firſt letter of their addition in that ſounde, as : of, zæl, zælws.

v. and, y, are mērly paterſ in name and ſound: y, to be called, fore, y: and, y, v, ſ, ſ: to be called, minum, y, bothe of them placed as is before ſhewed of, v, and, u. paterſ,

e. and : æ : are mērly paterſ in name and ſound, but not in time : e: to be their place and called ſhort: e: and, æ: to be called long, æ, or, æ, diphthong.

Note farder, that capitall or great letters, are to be placed oncliy at the beginnirg in name.

W j. ginnir g

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The pro-
per places
of capitall
or great
letters.
ginning of words, that begin a full, perfect, and seuerall sentence : or in the be-
ginning of words, that signify great countries, nations, sects, & proper names
of men, Cities, Castles, Sheres, Villages, Hills, Rivers, and other proper
names which be specially notorious.

And I would wish, that the surnames of men, and proper names of sheres,
townes, hills, riuers, landes, tenements, &c, (merre English) were vsed with
my ortography, though such names were vsed in sentence of Latine, or other
language, for it is rather credite than shame, & may serue for diuers good pur-
poses, and may haue the value of, alias script. shewed fol. 44.

¶ The ninth Chapter, speaketh of rules for spelling, and sheweth wordes for example of compositiues, deriuatiues, and declina- tines, whereby that part of Grammer called Etimologie, is greatly opened.



Meere
English
wordes
be most
of them
of one si-
llable.

What is a
sillable.

Order of
spelling
helpeth
private
studie
much in
a learener.

Dw ye haue in picture al the diuisions in voice, vsed in Eng-
lish spech, whiche are in number, xxviij, and as many figures
called letters, hauing names agreeing to euery diuision in
voice, and the true soundes therref, and also vij. diphthongs,
who may be well said to make other seuen diuisions in voice,
and examples of these ioined together in wordes : it is not a=
misse, but a thing very necessary, for the easie and spedee of all learners, (that
they may be able after small time and exercise, to study alone to their confort
and profit) that there be rules giuen also for the diuisions (called sillables) in
wordes, that are of mo sillables than one : Wherein note, that the most part of
merre English wordes are of one sillable, except it be compounded, deriu'd, or
declined.

Wherein note, that a sillable is a sound in a word, which sound consisteth of
two, three, or mo letters. whereof one is a bowell, halfe bowell, or diphthong, or
that a bowell, halfe bowell, or diphthong be sounded by it selfe: which sillables
being put together, giueth a perfect word, yelding signification or meaning :
for deriuing of which sillables, and wordes, for examples bothe of compounds,
deriuatiues, declinatiues, and other, marke the rules folowing in verdes, in the
ancended ortography, by whiche, those rules are made, for in the old ortography,
rules for spelling cannot be devised, vnder any perfect order, because of the vna-
perfetnesse of the ortography it selfe.

But by this meanes, a learener knowing his letters, and the perfect names
of them, and knowing the bowels from the consonants, and hauing the true
sound and tyme of the bowels, halfe bowels, and diphthongs, may (after little
teaching) study by himselfe, with much delight, and profit moe in one moneth,
than he could after the olde maner of writing and printing in one whole yere.

And for that, no man seeing my ortography, should be in any doubt of the
true sounding of my letters according to the names giuen them in the Table,
let him note wel, the letters that haue any strike or turning, because they were
double

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double sounded in the olde ortography, and also the accents for the long time of vowels : and where any other stroke or prickē is, such changeth no sounde of the letter, but helpeth greatly etimologie in wordes, which is a great helpe by Grammer rule, to finde out divers wordes, by the sight of one word, the cheſe notes and markes be these (-) called the compositiue stroke. (.) called the derivative prickē : and (') called the declinatiue stroke : and as the sight of these neede not offend the unlearned in Grammer, to give right sounde to every letter, so needeth not such to vſe these Grammer notes in their writing, but if the learned vſe these notes for Grammer, he hurteth not himselfe, but may profit other much, and bring our language into great credit : and therfore ſome examples ſhall be giuen of theſe now (& heraftre moze in the Grammer) as followeth.

Sculpere.	Sculpo.	Sculpis.
ꝝ grāū.	ꝝ grāū.	ꝝ grāūſſt.
Grauer.	Ie grāte.	Tu grānes.
Scolpere.	Io intaglio.	Tu intagli.
Sculpit.	Sculpens.	Sculptor.
he grāūſſt.	grāūing, particip.	a grāūoꝝ.
Il graue.	Grauant.	Grauer.
Colui intaglia.	Scolpendo.	Scoltore.
a grāuer, an instru- menꝝ ꝝ grāū with.	Sculptus.	Cælatura.
Instrument à grauer.	grāūen.	grāūing, the art.
Sculpebam.	Grāte.	Graueire.
ꝝ grāūed.	Scolpito.	Scoltora.
Ie grauoir.	Sculpebas.	Sculpebat.
Io scolpias.	ꝝ grāūedſſt.	he grāūedſſt.
Purgare.	Purgo.	Il grauoir.
ꝝ try, or makclan.	ꝝ try, or ꝝ try.	Colui scolpiua.
Purger.	Ie purge.	Purgas.
Mondare.	Io mondo.	ꝝ triſſt, or ꝝ dōſſt try.
Purgat.	Purgabam.	Tu purges.
he triſſt, or ꝝ dōſſt try.	I tried, or did try.	Tu monda.
Il purge.	Ie purgeois.	Purgabas.
Coluy purga.	Io mondaua.	ꝝ triſſdſſt, or ꝝ dōſſdſſt try.
Purgabat.	Purgans.	Tu purgeois.
he triſſdſſt, or ꝝ dōſſdſſt try.	trying, a particip.	Tu mondaui.
Il purgeois.	Purgeant.	Purgatura.
Colui mondaua.	Mondatore.	trying, the exerciſe.
Purgatus.	Purgator.	Purgement.
tried.	a triꝝ, the persū.	a trier, the instrument that triſſt.
		Purgé.

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<i>Purgé.</i>	<i>Qui purge.</i>	
Purgato.	Purgauisti.	Purgauit.
I hau tricd.	T hy hast tricd.	he hath tricd.
<i>I</i> ay purgé.	<i>T</i> u as purgé.	<i>Il</i> a purgé.
Io ho mondato.	Tu hai mondato.	Colui ha mondato.
Purgaueram.	Purgaueras.	Purgabo.
I had tricd.	T hy hadst tricd.	I hat, or wyl try.
<i>I</i> auois purgé.	<i>T</i> u auoist purgé.	<i>le</i> purgeray.
Io haueuo mondato.	Tu haueui mondato.	Io mondaro.
Purgabis.	Purget.	Leuamen.
T hy hale, or wylt try.	L et him try.	a z, dis- a z, the cōtrary.
<i>T</i> u purgeras.	<i>Qu</i> il purge.	<i>Soulagement.</i>
Tu mondaraat.	monda colui.	Alleuiamento.
Facilis.	Facilitas.	Faciliter.
a xi, to be dōnn.	a xines, or a z.	a xily.
<i>A</i> ise.	<i>A</i> sance.	<i>A</i> isement.
Ageuole.	Ageuolezza.	Ageuolmente.
Difficilis.	Difficiliter.	Honestas.
v n- a xi.	v n- a xily.	o nest.
Difficile.	Malaisement.	<i>Honefle.</i>
Dificile.	Dificalmente.	<i>Honesto.</i>
Honestas.	Inhonestus.	In honestas.
o nesti.	v n- o nest, or dis- o nest.	dis- o nesti.
<i>Honefletē.</i>	<i>D</i> ehoneste.	<i>D</i> ishonestetē.
Honestade.	Dishonesto.	Dishonestā.
Inhoneste.	Potens.	In contemptū ducere.
v n- o nestly.	a bl, or of misht.	t o dis- a bl, or dis- p ratz.
<i>Deshonestement.</i>	<i>P</i> uissant.	<i>D</i> éspriſer.
Deshonestamente.	Valente, potente.	<i>D</i> ishonorare.
Impotens.	Impotentia.	Lapis, dis.
v n- á bl.	v n- á blies.	a ſtón.
<i>Impuissant.</i>	<i>I</i> mpuissance.	<i>V</i> ne pierre.
Non potente.	Impotenza.	<i>V</i> na pietra.
Lapideus.	Lapidosus.	
st ónen, or of st ón.	st óni, or ful of st ónz.	st ón-lyk, or lyk st ón.
<i>De pierre.</i>	<i>P</i> ierreux.	<i>Comme pierre.</i>
Di pietra.	Sassoso, petroſo.	Come pietra.
Sapiens, tis.	Sapientior.	Sapientissimus.
w yž.	w yžer, or móz- w yž.	w yžest, or móz- w yž.
<i>Sage.</i>	<i>P</i> lus sage.	<i>T</i> ref sage.
Saggio	Piu ſauio.	Sapientissimo.
		Sapientia.

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Sapientia.	Sapienter.	Insipienter.
Wýzdom.	Wýzly.	vn-wýzly.
Sageſſe.	Sagement.	Folement.
Sagacita.	Sogacemente.	Scioccamente.
Inſipientiſſime.	Per totum.	Quare.
vn-wýzlyſt.	thi:g:k:-oyst.	Whær-for, or for that
Tref-folement.	Par tout.	Pourquoy.
	Per tutto.	Per che.
Words of the hardest sounds in English speech, to shew unto strangers the use of such letters as are vsed of few, or none, but of the English nation, be- cause English hath sounds in voice, vsed of few or no other nation, whiche be- ing knownen by ſingle letters, are the easilier sounded in words.		
Castigare.	Stalprum.	Excantare.
t̄w chaffir.	a chēz'l.	t̄w charin.
Chaffier.	Cifeau.	Enchanter.
Castigare.	Scalpello.	Stregare.
Foucre.	Puerilitas.	Obiurgatus.
t̄w cherifh.	chýldishnes.	chýdon.
Nourrir.	Puerilité.	Tanſe.
Accarezzare..	Puerilità, fanciullezza.	Ripreſo, gridato.
Electus.	Mutabilis.	Illiberalis.
chózii.	chaingabl.	a churk.
Eſcu, ou choiſe.	Mutable, variable.	Chiche.
Eletto.	Mobile, variabile..	Ghietto..
Mifer.	Puella.	
a wzech.	a wench.	t̄w hysl, or t̄w hýd on thing upon an other.
Malheureux.	Fillette, garce.	Entaffer.
Da poco, ſimplice..	Vna giouanc..	Stryx, gis.
Pala.	Canorus.	a hýd-owl.
a houſt.	ſzil.	Chueſche.
Pelle.	Reſonnant.	Striga.
Pala.	Acuto.	Areator.
Carduus.	Digitale.	a threſhor.
a thiftl.	a thimbl.	Battent de blé.
Chardon.	Vn doigtier vn dé.	Colui che netta la biada.
Cárdo.	Dedale, detaſt.	Millesimus.
Tertiusdecimus.	Tricesimus.	thozandth.
thirtenth.	thirtith.	Millicme.
Trezieme.	Trenieme.	Millesimo.
Decimo terzo.	Trentesimo.	Crus,ris.
Vicesimus.	a twizl, or fork-in a boȝt of a tre.	a thiȝ.
twentith.		

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<i>Vingtième.</i>		<i>La cuisse.</i>
<i>Vigesimo, Ventesimo.</i>		<i>La coscia.</i>
<i>Quanquam.</i>	Solicitudo.	Inspicare.
<i>þoth, or alþoth.</i>	þotht.	þo ðythil with a knýf.
<i>Combienque.</i>	Souley.	Aguifer.
<i>Benché, Ancor che.</i>	Pensiero, cura.	Radere.
<i>Minari.</i>	(ing.)	Fastidire.
<i>þo þretñ.</i>	þo be loþ, or þn-wil-	þo loþ.
<i>Menacer.</i>	Non voler volontieri.	Avoir en horreur.
<i>Minacciare.</i>		Scifare.
<i>Luctari.</i>	Viuificare.	Extinguere.
<i>þo wæstl.</i>	þo qikñ,	þo qendh.
<i>Luicter.</i>	Viuifier.	Èsteindre.
<i>Lottare.</i>	Viuificare.	Extinguere, spegnere.
<i>Mola trusatilis.</i>	Ingenium.	Cum.
<i>a qáriñ.</i>	Wit.	With.
<i>Moulin a main.</i>	Entendement.	Auec.
<i>Mola da mano.</i>	Ingegno.	Con.
<i>Salix, cis.</i>	Albus.	Quo.
<i>a wifth.</i>	Wht.	Wither.
<i>Saulx.</i>	Blanc.	Ou.
<i>Salice.</i>	Bianco.	Doue.
<i>Saga.</i>	Quis.	Optare.
<i>a witch.</i>	Witch, or ȝhw.	þo wish.
<i>Sorciere.</i>	Lequel, ou qui.	Souhaiter.
<i>Strega.</i>	Il quale, o chi.	Bramare.
<i>Per.</i>	Iacere.	Triticeus.
<i>þowow, or þroþh.</i>	þo thow.	þætñ.
<i>Parmi.</i>	Ieder.	De frument.
<i>Per, pe.</i>	Gettare.	Di formento.
<i>Verticillum.</i>	Transuersus.	Fabricatus.
<i>a wherl.</i>	oier-thwart.	wzotht.
<i>Vertoil.</i>	Trauersi.	Forgé.
<i>Filatore del fuso.</i>	Di trauerso.	Lauorato.
<i>Iratus.</i>	Valere.	Vortex aquæ.
<i>þwodh.</i>	þo be wyrth.	a whirl-pwl in the wa-
<i>Courroucé.</i>	Valoir.	Eau tournoyant. (ter.)
<i>Adirato, Sdegnato.</i>	Valere.	
<i>Terebellum.</i>	Tergiuersator.	Filum.
<i>a wimbl.</i>	a wraengþor.	þáriñ.
<i>Vnforee,</i>	Vnbarateus.	Filet.
<i>Triuello.</i>	Cauilio.	Filo.
		Iuuentus.

Iuuentus.	D edere.	V ester.
youth.	to yeld.	your.
Inueſſe.	S erendre.	Offer.
Giouenezza, Giouentu.	R endersi.	V ostro.

The tenth Chapter,

sheweth the commodity of letters, the foundation of right knowing of our selues, gotten the sooner by the right vse of this amendment, wherein is easie conference of the same with recordes, euidences, &c. with alias Script.equall or superior to alias, Dict.



He Welch and strength of our country, is cheſly maintained by god letters, excepting that Gods wrath be pacified when he ſhall threaten punishment for our offences: which offences are the moze auoyded, when we are taught our dutties both to God and man, ſhewed by his owne word, recheareſed by ſenſible lawes, continued from generation to generation, dayly exercised by vertuous mindes, and of none ſo well receyued and followed, as of ſuch as are diligent to behold that beautifull dutie in minde, conceyued at the firſt from other by the vſe of the eare, but much moze perfected by the vſe of the eye (that is by reading) When quiet delight beholderth the happy estate of the vertuous, the miserie of the wicked, and the course of mans life from perfect time to time many yeareſ past, as though those persons were now in that preſent estate: which examples can not be had and continued without letters, which may continue in one certaintie, when wordes are changed, and paſſe away as the breath of man, to be altered as it pleaſeth the ſpeaker: yea the yeld true vſe ſpeach vſed well in one man, hath not long continuance in the mouthes of other, but being in writing may ſpread farke, and be recouered againe after the oppreſſion of the wicked: foꝝ which cauſes, and many other, if neceſſity of chluſing of the one only (that is, of ſpeech or writing) were forced by God vnto man, that is, to haue in choice either the onely vſe of ſpeach, or the onely vſe of writing, (if the vſe of writing could be without the vſe of ſpeach) the vſe of writing were to be preſferred, foꝝ that it may longest continue in his perfeſſion, and vſed both in abſence and preſence: which vſe, ſpeach (of it ſelue) can in no wife haue, without the helpe of letters: therefore thanks be giuen vnto God, foꝝ the excellent gifts of both, and he that continueth in abusing any of them hindereth other, but is moſt hurtfull to himſelfe in the ende.

And touching true ortography, ye plaineſly perceiue the wants and abuses in the olde writing and printing, and the perfect remedienг of the ſame by this new amendment: whereby one that hath learned the olde may eaſily vſe the new for the perfectiſſone thereof, for no newe letter is brought in, but a little ſtrike or turning added, to the olde that was double or treble ſounded, and a true name giuen to ſome letteres, before miſnamed (for English ſpeach) by ſome new.

at

Example
of other
Letters
contine
when
Speech
changeth.
Letters
are vſed
to the li-
uing.

Letters
recouer
great
loſt.

Compari-
ſon be-
tweene
Speech &
writing.

Letters
are vſed
in abſence,

and in pre-
ſence with
ſilence.

Earle con-
ſeſſion of
the olde
with the
new.

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at whose handes we received them : who not finding the true diuisions in
voice soundes in English speach, patched the same vp as well as they could, or
at the least, as w^tll as they would : and the olde vse of h, misnamed, was shif-
ted in also, (through the like want) after divers consonants, and now reme-
died otherwise, by perfect figure of name and sound agreeing: and all superfluous
letters abolished, neither is any misplaced, or sounded being not written.

Learne
the new
first, the
olde will
besoone
learned.

Yet the vse of the olde printed booke^s, is rist to be offered to any learner, be-
fore he be perfect in the new. (howsteuer ye w^tll correet the olde for his ease)
but after he hath learned the new perfectly, some will be of that capacity, that
giuing them to understand, that h, after those consonants before shewed is to
be sounded together with that consonant, according to the single figure that he
hath alreadylearned, and shewing him what letters are double or treble sound-
ed, or superfluous, as is before shewed at large, or by the short verses thereto
in the Pamphlet, for introduction of this amendment. The native English
will lerne conceiuue and vse booke^s of the olde printing, to laine expences for a
time: but the lesse he is troubled with the olde, the perfecter he wil write the
new, and that truely, for the speach and names of letters, printed for the same,
agree in sounde, without any difference or change: but he that will new print
the olde, must correet the same thorowly, least he fall into some fault, contrary
to the meaning of this amendment: for where perfectnesse may be in a thing
so necessary, let care be taken thereof accordingly.

Newly to
be printed
must be
perfectly
correced.

Also the writings, evidences, and recordes already past, may remaine as
they be, because they are not prouided for common vse: and so may Latine e-
vidences, and recordes, in time to come, keepe the accustomed letters and ab-
breviations for that none haue the vse nor interpretation of them, but such as
are now, and hereafter shall be learned, and shall be able to vse them, though
they write English otherwise: and that by the helpe of the conference made
in the beginning of this Treatise, in euery particular letter, plaine and easie
to euery one that hath any learning: yet I wish that y^e names of men, heres,
honors, castles, manors, townes, vilages, lands, tenements, &c. should hereaf-
ter be written in all evidences and writings, according to this new amend-
ment, that the writing and speach may agree. The dates wherof will shewe
the cause of chaunge, and may well be conferred with the olde, by the remedie
first prouided in the particular letters, (and never the worse by alias Script.)
easie to be conferred of any that can reade and write English, much easier to
them that haue farder learning. And let not the losing of a superfluous letter,
or a little strike or turne added to a letter in such proper names, be a coulour to
make argument to hinder this perfectnesse in time to come, so necessarie and
profitable to all men.

The dates
shew cause
of change.

Seine not
to stumble
at a straw,
and leape
out a
blocke.

The olde
imperfec-
tions caused
get chāge
in wordo.

Alias Dic^t.

Alias Scrip^r.

And it is w^tll knowone, that the olde unperfectedesse did cause the change
of the most part of those proper names, in divers letters and whole sillables,
and in some of them very often: so that the conference of evidences in some
other places and points, made arguments that such divers writings signified
but one proper and selfe thing, and of late most holpen by, alias Dic^t. which be-
ing now written plainly and perfectly with this newe amendment, as the
same is sounded and called at this daye, with adding therunto, alias Script.
Thus, or thus, is as faire a salve for perfect continuance for ever, of which
new

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new writing and printing(being once in vse) the commodity will be so manifest to all men, that where now a twined thred can stay a thousande from the vse of it: hereafter a tyme of xvi will scant plucke one to the olde corrupted and vnperfect vse againe.

The i i. Chapter, sheweth a briefe collection of the whole with the amended ortography.

The sum and effect of the former Tractiz, is, that ther ar in english spech,xxxvij. severall diuisionz in voice, or sound of spech: for whiche ar necessary, xxxvij. severall letterz or figurz, hauyng, xxxvij. severall namiz agreeing to thos, xxxvij. severall diuisionz of soundz in voice: and thos so doyleth ther-of, or hath any other doyt in consering the wantz and ab-ucez of the old, A, B, C, and this new together, let him resort to the former part of this Tractie: Her-by he may be fully satisfied in al doytz, and exereciz of the old and new. In the old is present sauing of som charg (too such as hau bookz alredy) without byng of the new. And in the new is sauing of græt tym, whic h is mor-precious than the smal pyc of bookz, beynd the græt charg that encræcth in tym spent by ym, and the ouer-thow of many god witz, whos faling into dispair at the first, ar hindered ther-by, and many tymz vtterly cast of, from many god and profitabl exercizez. For this I am abl to say (by too-much experiance) that ym loitering vnder coler of lerning, is afterward the mor-yn-wiling and yn-toward to other exercizez, to the græt dis-comfort of ther frendz, the græt hinderanc, and to-lat repentanc in them-selvz, and the litl profit and quiet estat of the comon welth, often-tymz ther-by.

The singl letterz be thæz folowing.

a. b. c. e. d. e. f. g. g. h. i. l. l. m. n. n. o. o. p. q. r. s. h. t. th.
th. b. y. v. w. wh. r. x. y. z. unto thæz ar aded: k: of the sound of: c: and also: þ: of the sound of: f: and: t: of the sound of: ex.

Whiche xxvij. letterz haue paierz to euery of them, (that is to say) other letterz or figurz, whos agreeing in nam and sound to euery of them, do appert between the doble pyc folowing: and for their namz se besor, sol.21.

Paterz of letterz. A a: B b: C c: C c: Th d: D d: E e: F f: G I i g:
Gg: H h: I i y: K k: L l: Ll: M m: N n: O o: O o: P p:

W ph k: Q q: R r: T t: S s: H h: T t: Th th: U u: Uu:
Y y: W w: Wh: X x: P y: Z z: ad to thæz, t.

rrbisij. co. sonantz. Of the rl. letterz besor hewed, rrbisij. of them, and therz paterz
with theiz ar calēd consonantz, whch ar thæz: b. c. c. ch. d. f. g. g. h. k. l. m. n.
paierz. p. ph. q. r. s. h. t. th. th. v. w. th. r. g. z.

vlii, vglw. Other, viij. a. e. c. i. o. w. b. y. ar calēd vowlz, with therz paterz.
elz. Other, ty. L. m. n. ar calēd half vowlz: ad to thæz: r: and soum-
sij. halē dēd az this sillabl: er: and so nāmed also.

vowlz. Thæz vowlz: a. e. i. y. o. y. Ȑ. Ȕ. ȕ: ar alway of hort sound:
r. thæt- except: a. e. i. be doble thus: aa. ee. iy. yi: or that on of thæz accent
vnto ad- pointz: : : : be sett ouer: a: e: y: o: for then be thæz of longer
ed. scund, wrytthys: a: a: a: and so of the rest, for help in equiocy.

vowlz. I cal the first, a: a, with accent: the second, a: a, with dobl accent:
of hort the third, a: a, with sozbed accent: and so of other vowlz so noted,
sound, ex- bicauz it may help much in equiocy.

cept, &c. And thæz, e. o. b. u. ar alway of long sound, ad to thæz, e, and also
The nāmz the half vowlz, L. m. n. r. ar of longer sound, then any vowl of hort
of thæz sound.

accentz. When two vowlz (or half vowlz) com together in on sillabl, they
vowlz ar calēd a diphthong, hæt-of ther be in number, viij. si. ay. ei. ey. os.
of long sound. o. w. oy: ading hæt-vnto: ui: seldom in vc.

vij. diph- So ading thæz leuit mit soundz (calēd diphthongz) besor wrytis,
thongz. ther ar in englis spēch, xliij. seueral soundz in voic, vnder whicn al
xliij. diui- english wordz and sillablz ar sounded and spokn: ading hæt-vnto
zionz in the rar diphthong: uy.

voic, for Thæz diphthongz hau paterz in sound, and ther be also other diph-
english thongz, but they hau the sound of on of the vowlz besor said, al-
spēch, but the hæt be wrytis together in squarz next vnder: but for the tym in
al thæz, not that every diphthong iz of a long tym or longer, then
any long vowl: ad hæt-vnto that half vowlz may mak a diph-
thong after, a, or o, r ar paierz to the sillablz in their squarz folowing.

And hæt-in iz to be noted, that for lar nōz, ther iz a hal be a Pam-
phlet imprinted, conteining bresly the effect of this book, seruynge also
for conferenc with the old ortography her- after.

Diph-

Diphthongz and vowlēz of on sound.

ai ay	aþ aȝ	eɪ ey	eþ eȝ	ə əa	oɪ oy	əw	ɔþ oþ ow ȝw v u ȝ ȝ w
əi oy	ea eæ	eþ eȝ	əl	ən	ən	ən	uy seldom in vse.

I boȝow, w, tō mak diphthong after vowlēz, both for his old nám and ve, and for that his new nám is soundēd thar-in, and may help in equiocy.

Not that, i, y, v, u, and any of the half vowlēz neuer begin diphthong. Also, v, u, seldom begin any diphthong. Also, e, seldom or neuer beginneth diphthong, except for the help in equiocy.

Not that ther is no triphthong in met englysh wordz, thar-for when thre vowlēz com togeþer, deuyd on of them, and mak the other two a diphthong: thær-in not wel that vowlēz begin no diphthong (tō spel and sound wordz the better) excepting that two half vowlēz coming togeþer, and, a, o, or, o, next besor them may mak a triphthong (that is) sounded togeþer in on sillabl: az in calm, holm.

Now resteth to know how to deuyd wordz into sillablz: for the whiche, first know your consonantz from the vowlēz, and half vowlēz and the diphthongz asor-said, and then mark the rulz folowing: thar-in not, that eury vowl and half vowl sayz a sillabl: except they be in diphthong, and then that diphthong sayzeth a sillabl: also a vowl and a half vowl coming togeþer mak a diphthong. And a half vowl coming next after, r, z, is most tymz in sillabl with the vowl next besor, r, az in thez wo:rdz, harm, worn, bár, byrn, dýrl, märk, but most tymz every hal vowl is speled by it-self, and yet dependeth so upon the consonant next besor it in our spech, that it semeth to be joined in sillabl with that consonant.

Not farder that wordz whiche ar met englysh ar most of them of on sillabl: except it be a deryuatui or declynatiui, or compounded: whiche ar of on compozitiui, deryuatui, or declynatiui, ar axil deuyded in spelling sillabl: except it be initiu

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compoun mistiu and wiþ the simpl of euery word, ⁊ with the compoſitionȝ al-
 ded, derȝ, so : but a lærñor knoweth not the mæning of derȝiung, declyning,
 uȝd, or de- and compounding of wordȝ, þuȝt he haue lærned som part of tho
 clyned grammar (which by Godz grâc, and my ability being furnisched, (as I
 from an haue god hóp) I am fylly purpozed to set syr ih in print, ⁊ that speoi-
 other ly): yet may the teahor son acqaint him ther-with, hewiung him the
 word. þrik and stryk vȝd for them, az in the exampȝ, ⁊ caȝt him to deuyd
 Perfect euery compoun, primitiu, ⁊ simpl, az he lærned to ræd, according
 ortogra- to the rulȝ for spelïng folowing. But without tru ortography, no
 phy aideþ perfect grammar may be, ⁊ ther-for I frám rulȝ of deuyding sillia-
 Gram- blȝ in wordȝ, in such order, that the on may aid ⁊ confirm the oþer:
 mar and ther-þpon a perfect diccionary mad accordingly, wil stey both
 mych. to gether az a third coniunction, so suer agreing together, that ther
 Ortogra- befor-thym english spech waz patched and peced, and vȝd somtym
 phy, gram this way, and somtym that way, it may (at the length) com to a per-
 mar, and seft, plain, and æzi ve: to the græt confort, æz, and profit of oyr own
 dicciona- nacion, and the deliht of other, befor amazd, and wary at the first
 ry aid on sicht. Which rulȝ for spelïng (thoþt they sem at the first sicht not to be
 the oþer. so perfect and plain az oyr spech reqüreþ) (ye hal understand) I vȝt it
 Wordȝ in this wȝz for a móz az and commodity in the grammar, bicaus I
 formèd ⁊ wil auoid many excepcionȝ ther-by in the grammar rulȝ: Which oþer
 speld som therwȝz of necessitȝ I myst vȝ, to the græter pain of lærñorȝ: az hal
 that other appet móz plainly to the lærned. And for the help of the yn-lærned,
 wȝz then I wil vȝ this stryk, - : betwen euery compoyned word, and for
 oyr spech every adicion in a declynatiuȝ this stryk, ' , and of derȝiatiuȝ this
 miht barþ prik, . : and also vnder every letter in oþer wordȝ that beginneth a
 for æz in sillabl, contrary to the rulȝ and excepcionȝ her-in genȝ for spelïng,
 Gram- this stryk, : which þrik and stryk, wil not only be a helpe in lærñ-
 mar. ing to ræd, but also a græt liht to a lærñor of the grammar, to
 know derȝiued, declyned, and compoyned wordȝ, and the etimolog
 of them the better: and not hurtful nor painful to a wȝþtor or prin-
 tor, if the sam prik and stryk be vȝd in plâce nedful for the caȝes
 afor-said. And now too my purpoz for spelïng, the rulȝ ther-of I
 wȝt in english mett for the bresnes and æzi remembraunce ther-of,
 az foloweth.

Not vȝowelȝ, halfe vȝowelȝ, and diphthongȝ also,
 in euery word, sillablȝ to know,

- 2 For euery of thær̄ eneræc sillabl̄z,
among whic, not diphthongz, and halē vogwelz,
- 3 For al halē vogwelz ar spel̄ most alon :
except they folow a vogwel in on.
- 4 If that vogwelz two or thre stand along,
let not : i : noz : v begin a diphthong.
- 5 And in lyk̄ maner, I say : e : and : o :
seld begin diphthong, if ye spel̄ it tru.
- 6 And triphthong seld in english iz vzed,
except in wordz from strangerz deryued.
- 7 Consonant twirt vogwelz join to the last :
except : r : joind to the vowel besor :
So most tymiz : w : in diphthong set ye myself,
yaldest that : be : besor it, stand in stoz.
- 8 If consonantz two in midst of wordz be,
deuyd them apart, then spel̄ ye truly.
- 9 If consonantz thre in midst of wordz stand,
deuyd the first on, ley two in on band.

C̄ceptionz.

- 10 Pet in thær̄, without, within, and, upon :
in, out, and on, ar speled tru alon.
- 11 r, after consonant, with it iz joind,
and so lyk-wyz, l, most tymiz we do synd.
- 12 If diuerz sillabl̄z be in a word,
let sillabl̄, be, with non elc accord.
- 13 Wordz compoynded, formed, or deryued,
in their several sortz myself be deuyded.
- 14 Compoundz hau this mark (-) declynatiuz this (‘)
deryuationz this mark (.) to hew that each iz.
- 15 Pet declynatiuz, deryuationz too,
ar soyned in voic, az tulz besor go.

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- 16 If any half vowlēl, þo folow: r,
þyr spech serueth wel, to spel them together.
- 17 And this stryk (,) is excepcion general,
to spel wordz truly, when thær rulz fail al.
- 18 Not wel, ther is never trusillabl,
Without vowlēl, diphthong, or half vowlēl.
- 19 And though halfe vowlēl be spelē best alon,
yet the next consonant it dependeth on.
- 20 By eȝ, or ȝ, the plurāl þo ges,
Wher̄ simplȝ genitiȝ, end eȝ, or ȝ.

The 12. Chapter,
*sheweth the use of this amendment, by matter in
 prose with the same ortography, conteining
 arguments for the premisses.*

An exer-
 ciz for
 example.



Er-in is hewed an exerciz of the amended ortogra-
 phy befor hewed, and the ve of the pribz, strykis, and
 notz, for deuyding of sillablz according to the rulz
 befor hewed. War-in is to be noted, that no art, exer-
 ciz, mixtur, scienc, or occupacion, what-soever, is in-
 cluded in on thing only: but hath in it several distinctionz, elementz,
 principlz, or deuizionz, by the whiche the sam cometh to his perfect ve.
 And bicaus the singl deuizion for englis spech, ar at this day so un-
 perfectly pictured, by the elementz (whiche we call letterz) prouyded for
 the sam, (as may apper plainly in this former tracte) I haue set syrth
 this work for the amendment of the sam: whiche I hope wil be takyn
 in god part according to my māning: for that, that it haue char-
 ges in the elder sort, & sau grāt tym in the yong, to the grāt comodi-
 ty of al estat, wher̄ it is necessary, that ther be a knowledg of
 their duty, þur̄ God chesly, and then their duty on to an other: in
 knowing of which duty, consisteth the hapie estat of manȝ lyf: for ig-
 zeth manȝ norane causeth many to go out-of the way, and that of al estat, in
 ny too fal whorn ignoranc dooth rest: wher-by God is grātly dis-pleased, the
 offend. comon quietnes of men hindered: grāt comon welchȝ deuyded, ma-
 gistratz

Of pro-
 fit the
 grātest
 is to be
 choȝ.

Igno-
 ranc cau-
 se.

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gistrat^t dis-obeyed, and inferio^r despized: priuat gain and æ^t sooth,
and thær-by a comon wo woorth.

And az the iudgement of the comon welsh and wo , dooth not ly in
priuat personz, (and specially of the inferior sooth) yet owt ther to be
in every on a car of h^tz dut^t, that hiz priuat lyk be not contrary to the
comon quietnes, and welsh of al men generally, (and specially of the
wel minded sooth, tho^t to be bort withal in som respect^t for their
ignoranc^t, when it reacheth not to the geying occasiōn of lyk offene in
għer : for who can wāħi hiz hand^t clæn of al salt^t ?

And surely (in my opinion) az salt^t haū their beginniung of the first Ignor-
fal of Adam, so is the sam encraeed by ignoranc^t: tho^t som wouold ranc say-
terni it to be the migher of godlines: for if men war not ignorant, zeth of-
but did know wher-in tru felicity did consist, they wouold not fal in- fence^t,
to so many eror^t, to disquiet their mynd^t, and endanger their bo-
dyz, for transitory thingz, and som-tymz for very trifl^t. But som
wil say, al thingz in his wo^tld ar transitory, which I wil confess, az
touching al creatur^t and exercize^t in the sam.

Pet the gift of spech and wryting, is lykliest to continu with the
last, az long az ther iz any being of man: and soz that, it iz the special Letter^t
gift of God, wher-by we be instructed of our duti^t from tym to tym, must be
woch now, haū ben, and hal be az long az ther iz any being of man, let perset
vs by the sam in the perfectest ve, for æz, profit, and continuanc^t: which both for
this amendment wil persorn in english spech, and hindereth not the æz, profit,
reading and wryting of other langag^t: for I haū left out no letter and con-
befor in ve. And tho^t we do som-what vary from other nacion^t in tunanc^t,
the naming of som letter^t, (specially wher we haū differing soundz) This new
in viaie pet ther iz no salt in it, az long az we bz nām^t agreeing to our amend-
own langag^t: and in other langag^t, let vs bz nām^t according to ment him,
the sound of the sam langag^t, that we wouold lern^t, if they be prouy- dereth
ded of sufficient letter^t: and if the ortography for their langag^t be not the ve
perfecc^t, tho^t ned to be offend^t, if we (for spedi lernāng) bz si^t of other
gur^t and nām^t of letter^t, acceding to the seynd^t of their spech. langa-
gus:

The Latin may remain az it dooth, becauz it iz vzed in so many ge^t,
contryz, and that book^t printed in England may be vzed in other Letter^t
contriz, and lyk-wyz the printing in other contriz, may be vzed her: dobl^t or
but is a teacher (for the æz of a yong english lernor of the Latin) do treble
ad the scriþa to, e.g. i. v. becauz of their divers several soundz, + nām sound^t
th, az it war byt on letter, az th; and say that: u; after: q; iz super- in Latin.
slugs:

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flus : and chaig : z : for : s: so sounded between two vowelz, whos could iustly synd salt with al : when the Latin is so sounded by vs englisch : whch vnpersetnes myst be moe plain by on way or other too a lerning, and myst be done, either by perfet figur of perfet nam agreing to his sound in a word, or by dobl naming of letterz doble soundes : otherwyz, the latynor myst of necessity lernit by ret, ges, and long vc : az our nation waz drullen to do in lerning of english spech, whch waz harder to be lerned, (thch he had the sound and vc ther-of from his infancy) than the Latin, wher-of he vnderstod never a word, nor shant hearded any word wher-of, soundes in al his lyk bes for: the reyn haer-of waz, becauz the letterz in vc for Latin, did almoest furnishe euery seueral diuision in the sam spech : excepting the doble soundes letterz as for said : whch doble and treble sounding (no doyt) grew by corruptyng the sam from tym to tym, by other nacionz, or tym.

Whylatin waz easier to be lerned than englis besor-

A ges for the abu-
cez in Latin.

the Italian doth not at this day make it: a consonant, besor any vowel, and gen hale it the sound of : g: az we englisch do alwaiz in that plac: but make it a sillabl of it self, az in this word: iacob: of thre sillablz, in Latin: iacobus of towr sillablz: az we englisch say, iacob: of two sillablz, iacobys of thre sillablz: and in met englisch: Jamz: of on sillabl: the Italian also for the sound of opr: g: w: ytech: gl: whch is not vzed in the Latin, but: g: only for thoſ two soundz c, g, and, g: or, i, besor, a, o, u, and sounthm besor, e, in Latin: by whch we may also ges, that, e, in Latin at the begining had the sound of, k, only, for that, that the Latin hath the sound of: k: and no other letter yelded that sound, but, e, only in the Latin: except: qu: supplied the room som tym: for the Latin receiu not, k, into the number of their soundes letterz. And for the hissing sound of, c, (whch rather to be crept in for, z, by lithand littly) the Latin waz sufficently prouyded by their letter, s,

The frēch whos sound we englisch do most tymiz in the Latin, and in our old or v, b, in tography, v; in the sound of, z, when, s, cometh betwen two vowelz: ii. soundz whch, z, is thought to be no Latin letter: and therfor it may be thought only, and that the Latin rithly soundes did not yeid so groning a sound in for the ii. their hissing sound of: s.

sound, v: And for our the soundz vzed in, v, the French do at this day vzed by two vnto it: that is, the sound agreing to his old and continued diphthong nam, and the sound of the consonant, v, wherby we may also ges, ou, that the Latin at the begining vzed, v, for the sound of the consonant and

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and vied: u: for the sound of the vowel.

But how-soever dobl or trebl sounding of letterz cam in: thy iz it not lawful to encreas letterz and figurz, when soundz in spech ar encreased? for spech was caus of letterz: the whiche thow-socier first invented, he had a regard to the diuisionz that myt be mad in the voie, and was wiling to prouyd for euery of them, az wel as for on, or som of them: and if (sinc that tym) the soundz in voie haue ben seynd to be many mo and diuerz, among som other peppl, thy shold not letterz be accepted, to furnishe that langag whiche is proper to a godly and ciuil nacion of continual government, az this our nation is: and the better is, and euer hal be if lernynge (with Godz grace) shoyrish in the sam: the ground of whiche lernynge, and the ve and continuanc ther-of is letterz, the yn-perfetnes wher-of ouer-threw many godly wortz at their begining, and was caus of long tym lost in them that spedd best.

The Latin was most axij to vs english to be lerned first, biscauz of Wy Lxx. letterz, rih, or rhi. war perfectly perfet, agreeing in nam and tin was sound, and no letter misplaced, superfluous, or soundes, and not axij to be writyn, except in abreviacionz, and except by mis-ue (az I tak it) we radz, english sounded, ignarus, az, ingnarus: magnus, az mangnus. Also lignum, az lingnum, and so of other wordz, wher a vogwel cam next besor: g: in on sillabl, and: n: began an other sillabl folowing; also the yn-perfet letterz of dobl or trebl sound in Latin, had on of thoz soundz, agreeing to the nam of them, so ther wanted but sii or si figurz or letterz to furnishe euery seueral diuision of the voie in the Latin, az we english sound the sam: whiche be thaz, c g. i. y. v. (to be The La supposed rather ab-uzed by chang of tym, than so yn-certein at the tin hath begining) besyde this, the Latin hath the aspýacion or letter (h) ve- not ri. ry seldom after any consonant in on sillabl, and that after: t: in the soundz sound of: th: only and after: c: in the sound of: k: only, and after: vied in r: in the sound of: r: only, in a few wordz derived from the grek: english neither hath the Latin the sound of, ch. e. o. h. g. w. th. y. (nor the sound spech) of the the half vogwelz, l. m. n. in the perfet sound of english spech) neither in singl letter, sillabl, nor sound in word: al whiche ar very patched.

War-for the Latin tachoz, with Latin ortography, did not (nor vp in wþey coylde) sufficently furnish english spech with letterz, but patched it vp tyme and az wel as they coylde (or at the last, az wel as they woyld) but nothing printinge.

D. f.

perfet

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perset for englysh spech : as appereth by the former tracte, so that of, only six letterz perfectly perset: a. b. d. f. k. r. wær perfectly perset, and ther-by trrei. diuisionz in voic vnderfetly furnisched: wher-of som ar vitterly wanting, som dobl or trebl soundes, and som mis-named, besyd som mis-placed, som writyn, and not soundes, and som soundes, that ar not writyn. Which vn-perfetnes mad the nativ english too spend long tym in lernynge to red and wryt the sam (and that chesly by rot) holpi by continual exerciz before had in his aerz, by hearing other, and by his oowne vce of speching, whih he waz fain to lan mor unto, than to the gyding of the old ortography, so far vn-perset for englysh spech: which help of exerciz before helwed in the nativ english, the stranger waz vitterly void of, besyd som strang diuisionz of soundes in voic in englysh spech, among strangers, vitterly vn-tred: which causyd them at the first sicht, not only to cast the book away, but also to think and say, that our spech waz so rud and barbaros, that it waz not to be lerned, by writyng or printyn: which dispair, many of our own nacion (wiling to lern) did fal into: for the mor-willing he waz to follow the raign of the letter, the fader-of he waz, from the tru sound of the word: and acyng her-vnto an vn-pacient and vn-discret techer, many god wit wær euer-thrown in the beginyng, who (otherwyse mihi hau gon forward, not only in reading and writyng their nativ langag, but also (by the abilitie of their frendz) proceeded in grater doyngz, to their own profit, and stey in the comon welch also: of whih sovt, wær the ynglyf of nobl blyd, and such az had parentz of grater ability: whos parentz (the whiche tender lou) could not hardly enforc them to traed that painful maner: and the ynglyf synding it hard, and ther-by had no deliht ther-in, took any the leste occasion to be occupied otherwyse: wher-by knowledg waz lakieng in such, in whom the comon welch (for their ability and credit) reqyred most, and such az by al razun nught be liht to gyded by other therre far-inferiorz: who (for necessitey or other occasion) many tynys ab-us doyngz priuat, and somtym pertaining to the comon welch, which is chesly maintained by lernynge (Godz gracie besy al thingz preferred): which lernynge in the inferiorz, causeth du obedienc toward the superiorz, and being in the superiorz techereth du government, and finally techereth al estat to liu in on vnyt of the estat of the comon welch, every estat in their degré and rating, not witho

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out the particular profit, quietnes, and saf-gard of euery estat: Hær-ynto if I haue aded any thyng by this my amendment of ortography, for the bec and profit of lernorȝ, and the sam accepted accordingly, I wil not only spedily imp̄tnt the Grammar, but also put my help-ing hand ynto a necessary Diccionary, agreeing to the sam, if God lend me lyf, and that I may be æzed in the byrdn, that duty by nature compelēth me specially to tak car of.

¶ The 13. Chapter, *sheweth the use of this amendment, by matter in verse with the same ortography.*

AL grætest thingz depend of sinal, the yongest thingz il bredd: Aþ he wintyn, that doþ besak, th:gh salt? tw-lat espyd.

Az tymz and sezñz haue their courc, and may not be removit:

so euery thing, az tym wil seru, must haue his courc and lot.

The harboym red sed, in erthly bed, in winter skar c apperȝ:

the spring begun, it stretcheth furth, and groweth tw encræc.

The sonier corn, it he weth plain, his natur and his kynd:

and sprædeth furth, after his sort, æch thing az ye may synd.

Then autum or the ryding tym, wh: n æch thing profit yeldȝ:

doþ bid the haruest hy him salt, tw rid thoȝ frutful feldȝ.

And az they be, ye must them tak, contented with their kynd:

the tym is past, ye may not look, for oþer than ye synd.

The negligent, of the tym past, can not requiord be:

how grately then, estem we oþt, æch tym, we plainly se,

The wed, intw godcōrn then, in no wþz may be tyrnd:

that in tym past, wel wedded miht, haue ben, and also byrisd.

That after ward, no sed ther-of, miht fal intw the groud:

and ouercom the puer grain, that chokid cle iz founid.

This sed I men cranspl is, ther-of som māk like forc:

which ranklēth wos, than did the wed, wh: it had most his courc:

And som wed ar, so yk god grain, hardly to be discernid:

þntil they fract the corn away, the wylis for is couched.

¶ No cranspl is of manȝ natur, which doþ much-mor digres:

from his tru hāp, with reȝn holp, than doþ the brutish best.

Or yet the gras, erb, bush, or tre, which labo: of manȝ hand:

doþ chang intw a better be, the best that may be founid.

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Pet at thaz must be vzd in tym : the wylde best not so tam
wil be, when he iz handlo ol'd, az when he lykz his dain.

The gras hath tymne succord to be : soz best erbz sedz ar sowyn :
the crooked crab-tre iz mad strait, by grafting ther-ypon.

Pet yeldeþ not it the lyk frut, az most tymz doþ the tre :
that boþ the stok, and graf iz knowny, of long tym god to be.
What better graf, can be in man, than God hath graft him-self ;
which iz his reñabyl sowyl, to gyd ther-by his lyk.

This graf, exceilch at other, the boþ ther-of far frech :
the fair branchez of the sam, on al the erth doþ rach.

Woz twigz (I say) that smalest be, doz oft tymz leil the smart :
besor the branchez of the boþ, doz fel what iz their hurt.

At length al lynd, I know riht wel, the fracting cancerd worm :
from twig to branch, from branch to boþ, ye to the stem doþ
Wær-by infected is this tre, græt pity to behold : (syn.)
until the graþor send som salu, this cancerd worm to mold.

The laris her-of be of smal force, and wan az doþ the wýnd :
yet bewitify, and hadow æk, al that iz clad with rýnd.

And if thaz laris, in any part, the caterpiller byt :

doþ not the twigz, and branchez whidh, ar narëst tak a blith ?

The bydæ her-of, when they be smal, then sonest they tak harm :
by emot, moyc, and smal birdz bil, ther-of is god to warn.
And oft the blossom being blowyn, most lyk a plæzant flower :
iz by the frost, and noþest wýnd, consumed in on oþer.

So that until the sam be rýp, how iz the sam lybiet ?
to mych mis-hap, if God do not, æch tym her-in direct.
This tre ther-for lycodz must be, bicayz it iz of priyc ?
for God him-self did graf the sam, to grow in paradyce.

And az memberz in diuerz partz, for ne cestary be :
and other thingz for comelines, of body aded iz.

And æch part hath his proper gift, and seuer al working :
and æch on other do depend, without any scuring.

So let vs al contented be, without grudg or disdain :
for no cestat of God iz mad, az thoþ it waer in vain.
And let vs al of what cestat, souuer that we be :
set helping hand, and willing step, to þy-hold this goodly tre.
æch man amending first him-self, to other wiþ no il :
not on I mis, I spek to al, to liu in erth that wil.

The amendment of ortography.

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Neglect not dut̄y in yoyr lis, I say, by on and on:
al ar includēd, mark it wel, whō can then liu alon?
What emperorz, king, or princ̄ iż ther, whōz gouernmēt can mis
a pepl, that he gouern may, to hew that hiz power iż.
And yet thow he, next God sett be, on erthly thīnḡ to rein;
how can he se, except he hau, mo lyz than at his own:
And ærz also, with fet, and handz, and mythes that hau skil:
to spy, to hear, to go, to ryn, to execut hiz wil.
A pep̄l can a rulor lak, no mor; than heþ a herd:
Whō lakīng, they scatterd mylt be, their spoil mylt nedz then b̄ed.
The wulf, the for, the gray also, and oþer, weþ ful bold:
the heþ-hard being at hiz rest, if no dog keþ the fold,
And bark, then that they do approch, and so the heþ-hard warñ:
that he awāk, may from hiz rest, to sau hiz heþ from harmi.
So that the heþ bereft be not, of the yung tender lamb:
nor yet the lamb mād dezelat, of hiz natural dam.
Wær-by græt lamentacion, within the fold may ryz:
such az hau pety wil then sh, to hear the wofyl note.
God grant oyr Den within hit relini, so gouern may and rul:
that long he may remain with ys, and we hit subject̄ tru.
And that æch on with other may, so leað a godly lis:
that perfet lou, and frendship boþ, may dzuui away al stryf.
Then hal this yl of græt Britaine, be thric̄ bless at Godz hand:
with hiz grāc, welth, and quietnes, and lou, of thaꝝ the band.

F I N I S.

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TA Table declaring the contents and speciall
points of this amendment of ortography.

THe first Chapter, fol. 1. sheweth the olde, A, V, C, and cause of amendment of the ortography, and that both may be vscd for a time, and easily conserred any time hereafter.

The 2. Chap. fol. 2. sheweth that Latine wordes vsed in this worke, with new ortography, is not to change ortography for Latine (or other language) but for examples sake, how we English sounde the same, and that mere English wordes, are to be most accepted of us English, easiest to be ruled by Grammar for English.

The 3. Chap. fol. 3. sheweth the wants, abuses, and vnperfectnes of the olde ortography for English speach, at this day in vse, and how it is amended by perfect letter, of perfect name, perfectly agreeing to the sound in voice, and that by examples given vpon every letter particularly, and how we English sounde those letters in Latine at this day.

The 4. Chap. fol. 14. sheweth that but sixe letters are perfectly perfect in the olde ortography, that is to say, all the other are either double sounded or misnamed, and per swadeth change for reasonable and great causes, and that learners of this amendment may vse the olde, through the easie conserrence of both ne're agreeing.

The 5. Chap. fol. 15. sheweth the superfluous letters not sounded : the misplaced, some sounded and not written, and how abreviations are to be allowed : and that, b, is some tyme sever'd from the consonant set before it, and sometime unsounded, in the olde ortography.

The 6. Chap. fol. 19. sheweth how the old ortography may be vse in time to come, with helpe to straungers, also sheweth the A. V. C. of this amendment, with their names, and which are consonants, and which are vowels, and sheweth of diphthongs, & that difference of paters of letters, may make difference in figure for writing or printing equiuoces, with examples for the p;rose of eight vowels in English speach.

The 7. Chap. fol. 24. sheweth examples of wordes with this amended ortography, and the right vse of the vowels, halfe vowels, and diphthongs, both by equiuoces, wordes of ne're sounde, and other : a great ease to the straunger that would learne English.

The 8. Chap. fol. 30. sheweth the paters, halfe paters, and as halfe paters of letters, and the placing of paters, with their additions in name,

The Table.

name, and wordes for examples of every of them particularly.

The 9. Chap. fol. 35. speaketh of rules for spelling, following, fol. 46. ¶ Sheweth wordes for example of compositives, derivatives, and declinatives, with the notes in figure for the same: wherby that part of the Grammar called Etimologie, is greatly opened for English speach, with examples of wordes of the hardest soundes to strangers vsed in English speach.

The 10. Chap. fol. 40. sheweth the commodity of letters, and the easie conference of this amendment with the olde ortography, and that records, evidences, &c. may remaine as they be, and so continued still in vse: a comparison betwene speach and writing: and how the olde and new shoulde be taught in learning of them.

The 11. Chap. fol. 42. is all printed with this amendment, and sheweth a brefe collection of the whole worke: that is the A. B. C. and for their names looke in the table before, fol. 21. concluding that all resteth in the true naming of the letters, and to know the vowels, halfe vowels, and diphthongs, with their times in sound of the voice: with rules for spelling: and that ortography, grammar, and dictionary, be thre strong coniunctions: whereof, ortography must be first, the grammar already promised by this autho^r, with his aide to a dictionary.

The 12. Chap. fol. 47. sheweth the vse of this amendment in prose, with the amended ortography, with the vse of notes and prickes necessary in grammar, wherein are contained arguments for the premisses, and that no other language is hindered or chaunged in vse hereby: and the cause why Latine was easier to learne than English: and that in English are xi. soundes in voice, not vsed in the Latine, and that speach was the cause of letters, and therfore letters must followe the speach, and not contrarily.

Finally, the 13. Chap. fol. 52. sheweth the vse of this amended ortography by verse, printed with the same ortography. And therevnto is ioined examples of writing
of the same ortography.

The names of the letters according to this amendment of ortography,
appere in this Table, by the which ye may name the
letters in the written Copies following.

a	b	cæ	hæ	chæ	d	e:ea	æ
a	b	c	c	dh	d	e:æ	e
f	gæ	ga	hee	i	k	l	vl
f	g	tvrn a intw e.	h	i	k	l	v
m	ym	n	yn	o	betwen	p	phæ
m	m	n	n	o	o:z:v	p	ph
quæ	r	er	ſ	chæ	t	thæ	thæſ
q	r	r	ſ	h	t	th	th
v	ou	væ	wæ	whæ	r	yæ	zæ
v	u	v	w	w	r	y	z

H^Ere haue ye, gentle Reader, the vse of this amended ortography, in the Romaine, Italian, Chauncerie, and Secretarie handes, by the examples of which, any other hande may easily be framed with this ortography: assuring you that the same handes, being written with the pen, doe excell these printed. Which written handes, and the Court hand also, you may at any time hereafter see, at the house of the Printer of this worke, who (as also the Author of this worke) desireth to be boorne withall for a time, if any figure or letter be not in his perfectnesse, for the charge is not small, that bringeth all thinges to perfectnes in such cases. Hereafter (by the grace of God and your god accepting of this) greater char- ges shall not want to the full per- fecting hereof

a.b.c.č.čh.d.če.če.čt.čg.čg.čh.či.čk.čl.čl.čm.čm.čn.čn.čo.čč.
p.čph.čq.čr.čr.čf.čsh.čt.čth.čt̪.čv.čy.čv.čw.čwh.čx.čy.čz.čv̪.čv̫.

A.a:B.b:C.c:C.c:H.h:D.d:E.e:Æ:É:É:F.f:G.g:G.g:
I.i:H.h:I.i:y:K.k:L.l:Í:M.m:Í:N.n:Í:O.o:Ó:P.p:
Þ:Þ:f:Q.q:R.r:Í:S.s:Í:SH:SH:T.t:H.th:TH:TH:TH:
V.v.u:V.v.u:Ó:Ó:Ó:Ó:V.v.u:W.w:WH:wh:Xx:Y.y:z.z:

He lýk adic̄ionz ár vzēd, in this new amendment,
With lýk stryk̄, priky, & nót̄ also, with lýk ve of accent,
In wryt̄n hād, as in the print̄ no-thing want̄h, but cōsent.

a.b.c.c.ø.d.e.e:efgg.h.i.k.l.l:m.m.n.n.o.ø.p.ø.
g.r.r.S.f.t.th.v.v.v.w.wh.x.y.z.v.v.v.v.v.v.

A.a:B.b:C.c:C.c:H.h:D.d:E.e:e:E.e:F.f:G.g:g.G.g:
 J.j:H.h:I.i:y:K.k:L.l:l:M.m:m:N.n:n:O.o:o:P.p:
 P.h:f:Q.q:R.r:r:S.s:s:Y.y:h:T.t:H.th:H.th:th:U.u:
 u:U.v:v:u:u:W.w:W.H.w:W.X.x:Y.y:Z.z:z:V.v:

How þaz figurz vnto your sicht at first sem too be straing.
Ye may soon fynd by litt led, they do no far way rang
From the old vzd ortography græt gayn iz in the chang.

He yn-lærned sort may be excuzed,
Not wrýting the notz in grammar vzed.

॥. a: ḥ. b: ḡ. c: ḡ. t: ḫ. ḫ: ḫ. s: ḡ. e. ee: ḡ. e: ff. f. fi: ḡ. g.
ḡ. g: q. i: ḫ. q. i. y: ḫ: l: ḫ. u: u: ḫ. u: u: ḫ. o: oo: p. p: ḫ.
f: ḫ. q: ḫ. l: ḫ: ḫ. ḫ: ḫ. ḫ: ḫ. ḫ: ḫ. ḫ: ḫ. ḫ: ḫ: ḫ:
ḡ. u: ḫ. ḫ: ḫ:

The plynnes nor he swytes yet, will so theri ait defend
Unt hat som signes her in erd, they myghten tym too meyn
And if som worder in quantity doo mislyk som man myng
The bliter godes hys paynes tyl a Dictionay end
They sonthe then no dont god will his arayntwo yd esel

a. B. c. e. h. d: e. ee: e. f. g. g. h. i. f. l. f. m. m. n. n. o. oo. p. ph.
q. x. x. P. ff. t. th. th. n. n.

Δ. α: Β. β: Κ. ρ: Κ. τ: Κ. θ: Θ. δ: Δ. ε. ω: Ε. ε: ff. f. f: Σ. γ
Γ. γ: Ι. ι: Η. η: Ι. i. γ: Ζ. f: Ζ. l: f. M. m: μ. ν. ν: Ν. ο: ο:
Φ. φ: Φ. φ: φ: Ω. q: Ω. x: x: Ε. Ε. ε: Ε. θ: Τ. f: Τ. θ: Τ. θ:
Λ. ν. u: Λ. ν. u. ο. ο: Λ. ν. u: Λ. ν. u:

The shap of h, that her dooth shew, will consonant thereto joined,
On letterz sound it onsy xide, before in ore devyded,
The accent or the tuncyd strok, ore comma sete belowe,
Tatheth you playn the doct sound of letterz old too know,
But ther shew me /-/-/ doo myz no sound, for grammar-
(wul they grow?)



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