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## INTRODUCTION

During two short visits to Burley, a quiet country village in the New Forest in Hampshire, I made some notes of the dialect, as spoken by the older residents, who had spent all their lives in the village. I have now put them together, in order to give some idea of the differences between that dialect and standard spoken English, in pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary, and idiom. They are by no means exhaustive, but, so far as they go, I have tried to make them accurately represent the actual language still used by the present generation, the words and phrases having been noted down from the mouths of the people, not taken from books. In giving illustrative sentences (printed in bold type) I have written every word of the sentence as I understand an old resident of Burley would pronounce it, if he were speaking unthinkingly in his own mother-tongue.
I presume that the dialect of Burley may be taken as fairly typical of the speech of the New Forest, and as representing what remains of the language of the West Saxons. It has been interesting to me to compare it with my own native dialect, that of Perthshire, on the farthest-north boundary of English speech, where it has for centuries bordered on the Gaelicspeaking country north-west of the Grampians. That is a pure English dialect, descended no doubt from the language of our Angle ancestors. I hope soon to publish a more complete account of the Perthshire dialect, which will show that, where it differs from standard spoken English, the differences are often in an opposite direction from those noticeable in the dialect of the New Forest.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

| a. | adjective. |
| :--- | :--- |
| $a d v$. | adverb. |
| aux. | auxiliary. |
| conj. | conjunction. |
| dem. | demonstrative. |
| E. | Standard English. |
| i. | intransitive. |
| interj. | interjection. |
| $n$. | noun. |
| N.F. | New Forest. |
| num. | numeral. |
| $p$. | past. |
| p.p. | past participle. |
| $p l$. | plural. |
| prep. | preposition. |
| pres. | present. |
| pron. | pronoun. |
| sing. | singular. |
| $t$. | transitive. |
| $v$. | verb. |

## DIALECT OF THE NEW FOREST

## SPELLING

The system of spelling the sounds which I have adopted is based on two principles: (1) that the same sound should always be represented by the same letter or letters, and (2) that the letters employed should be those which will most readily suggest the different sounds to the reader of ordinary English.

## CONSONANTS

The consonants have all the same sound as they most commonly have in English, but I have distinguished the two sounds which are both written th in English, by using th for the voiceless sound, as in thin, thick, month, breath, and dh for the voiced sound, as in this, they, breathe, father (dhis, dhay, breedh, faadhur). As in English, a doubled consonant has the same sound as a single consonant.

## VOWELS

In representing vowel-sounds, I have thought it, on the whole, less confusing to the ordinary English reader to adopt the somewhat clumsy expedient of using combinations of vowels to represent different vowel-sounds, instead of using diacritical marks. In such cases it must be remembered that, as in English, two or more letters often represent a single simple vowel-sound. The spelling employed is as follows :

| Spelling | Sound as in the E. word |
| :--- | :--- |
| a | man, hat |
| aa | far, faar), last (laast), father (faadhur) |
| ae | A lengthened sound of e below. |
| ai or ay | maid, sail, day, may |
| au or aw | haul, awe (aw), paw |
| e | hen, pet, best |


| Spelling | Sound as in the E. word |
| :---: | :---: |
| ee | feet, deed, see, me (mee) |
| ei | Not found in English: like the Dutch ei o ij. Common in the pronunciation by a Scotchman of such English words as mine, night, tile (mein, neit, teil). |
| i | pin, mist, mill |
| ii | I (ii), eye (ii), my (mii), die (dii), mine (miin) |
| 0 | hot, fond, lost |
| oa | road, go (goa), roll (roal) |
| oi or oy | oil, boy, moist |
| oo | food, cool, would (wood) |
| ou or ow | our, house, how, cow |
| u. | sun, but, must |
| ui | Not found in English: similar to the French eu, or German ö. |

Note. In order to show more clearly the sounds indicated by the spelling, and the difference between the New Forest dialect and standard English as spoken, I have in many cases given, along with the written word, the standard pronunciation spelled in italics according to the system I have adopted.

## PRONUNCIATION

Note. For convenience sake, I sometimes use such expressions as that the English vowel is 'changed into' some other, or that a consonant is 'added to' or 'dropped from' an English word. I do not, of course, mean to imply that the New Forest dialect is derived from standard English, but merely that it differs from it in these respects.

## CONSONANTS

## Change of Consonantal Sounds.

As compared with standard English, one of the most marked characteristics of the New Forest dialect is its tendency to substitute voiced consonants for voiceless ones, especially at the beginning of $a$ word, as $\mathbf{z}$ for $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{zh}$ for $\mathrm{sh}, \mathrm{v}$ for $\mathrm{f}, \mathrm{dh}$ for $\mathrm{th}, \mathrm{b}$ for $\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{g}$ for $\mathbf{k}$, $d$ for $t$.

Examples-z for s:

| English |  | New Forest |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  |
| sea | see | zay |
| say | say | zay |
| see | see | zee |
| so | soa | zoo |
| sun | sun | zun |
| sit | sit | zit |
| set | set | zet |
| sow, $n$. | sow | zow |
| sow, $v$. | soa | zoa |
| six | six | zix |
| seven | sevn | zevn |
| south | south | zouth |
| sing | sing | zing |
| said | sed | zed |
| such | such | zich |
| sight | siit | zeit |
| some | sum | zum |
| something | sumthing | zummit |
|  | buskin |  |
|  |  |  |


| English |  | New Forest |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  |
| salt | sault | zault |
| sell | sell | zell |
| same | saim | zaaeem |
| side | siid | zoid |
| slow | sloa | zloo |
| scythe | siith | zoiv |
| seek | seek | zaik |
| sold | soald | zooud |
| certain | sertin | zertin |
| silver | silver | zilvur |
| saucer | sauser | zaasur |
| cider | siider | zoidur |
| see-saw | see-saw | zee-zaw |
| summer | summer | zummur |
| scissors | sizurz | zizurz |
| spider | spiider | zbeidur |
| Sunday | Sunday | Zunday |
| Saturday | Saturday | Zaturday |
| buzgin | (gaiter) |  |

$\nabla$ for f :

| E. |  |  | N. F. | E. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| fire | fiir | veier | fat | fat | vat |
| four | foar | vouer | fly | fii | vloi |
| five | fiiv | veiv | fall | faul | vaul |
| furze | furz | vuz | fell | fell | vell |
| fern | fern | vuirn | find | fiind | veind |
| few | fyoo | vyoo | found | found | vound |
| fine | fion | vein | feast | feest | vaist |
| far | faar | ver | frog | frog | vrog |
| field | feeld | veeld | full | fool | vool |
| foal | foal | voal | fox | fox | vox |
| fir | fir | vur | Friday | Friiday | Vreiday |
| foot | foot | voot | fourteen | foarteen | voarteen |
| feet | feet | veet | forty | forti | vaartay |
| from | from | vrom | fifteen | fifteen | vifteen |
| first | furst | vust | fifty | fifti | viftay |
| for | for | vur | faggot | faggot | vaagit |
| fork | fork | vaark | father | faadher | vaidhur |
| folk | foak | voag | fortnight | fortniit | vaartneit |
| fish | fish | veesh | farthing | faardhing | vaardin |
| fog | fog | vog |  |  |  |

dh for th :

| E. |  | N. F. | E. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | N. F.


| without | without | idhout |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| with thee | with dhee | widhee |

When followed by $\mathbf{r}$, th becomes d :

| E. |  |  | N. F. | E. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| three | three | dree | throw | throa | droa |
| throat | throat | droat | thresh | thrash | draash |
| through | throo | droo | thrush | thrush | drush |

Other instances of a voiced consonant taking the place of a voiceless one. Examples :

| E. |  | N. F. | Change of Consonant |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Written | Spoken |  |  |
| kettle | kettul | kiddil | d for t |
| might | miit | mid | d for $t$ |
| spider | spiider | zbeidur | b for p |
| buskin | buskin | buzgin (gaiter) | g for $\mathbf{k}$ |
| scythe | siith | zoiv | $\checkmark$ for th |
| athwart | athwort | (adhurt (across) | dh for th |
| cuckoo | cookoo | lavert (across) | $v$ for th |

Other instances of change of consonantal sounds :
One of the commonest changes is that the nasalized guttural sound at the end of words, represented in English by the spelling ng , is, except in the case of monosyllables, changed in the New Forest into a simple n. A similar change takes place in Lowland Scotch and in most English dialects. Thus all present participles, which in English end in ing, end in in both in the New Forest and in most Scotch dialects. Examples:
E. N. F. Scotch

| Written Spoken  <br> thinking thinking dhinkin | thinkin |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| saying | saying | zayin | sayin |
| blessing | blessing | blessin | blessin |
| living | living | livin | livin |
| hiding | hiding | heidin | heidin |

Examples of non-participles:

|  | E. | N. F. | Scotch |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  |  |
| shilling | shilling | shillin | shullin |
| gelding | gelding | geldin | geldin |
| morning | morning | maarnin | moarnin |
| starling | staarling | staarlin | sturlin |
| pudding | pooding | poodin | puddin |
| stocking | stocking | stockin | stoakin |
| nothing | nuthing | nudhin | naithing |

Other changes of consonantal sounds :
E.

| Written | Spoken |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| chimney | chimnay | chimlay 1 for $\mathbf{n}$ <br> chimblay 1 for $n$ <br> tremendous  |
| tremendus |  |  |$\quad$| tremenjus |
| :---: |
| $\mathbf{j}$ for d |

Dropping of Consonantal Sounds.

## H.

In Perthshire Scotch the pronunciation or non-pronunciation of an aspirate $h$ at the beginning of a word is, with hardly a single exception, the same as in standard English. Words spelled with wh are pronounced with a distinct aspirate before the w sound, and should be written hw. In the New Forest dialect the h sound in such words is omitted. Examples :
E. N. F. Perthshire Scotch

| Written | Spoken |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| when | wen | wen | hwaan |
| what | wot | wot | hwaat |
| where | wair | wair | hwaur |

The New Forest does not, like the Cockney dialect, put an h before a word which begins with a vowel-sound in English, and does not drop the $\mathbf{h}$ of English nearly so often as in the Cockney
dialect, though there is some tendency in that direction. I have noticed the following instances :

| E. Written ${ }^{\text {E. Spoken }}$ |  | N. F. | E. |  | N. F. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| have | hav |  | av | head | hed | id |
| had | had | ad | horse | hors | oss |
| home | hoam | osm | he | hee | ee |
| half | haaf | aaf | hardly | haardli | aardlay |
| hope | hoap | oap | hound | hound | oun |
| house | hous | ous | health | helth | elth |
| hear | heer | eer | higher | hiier | eier |
| heard | herd | eerd | perhaps | perhaps | praps |
| holly | holli | ollay |  |  |  |
| Examples: |  |  |  |  |  |
| N. F. |  |  | E. |  |  |
| $E e^{\prime} \mathrm{z}$ not at oam. |  |  | He's not at home. |  |  |
| Wee zez' a dhetzhd ous'. |  |  | We say 'a thatched house'. |  |  |

In some of these words, however, the $h$ is often heard. Examples:

Oi'm az hungri ' z a haas. Oi'm az hungri 'z a houn.

I'm as hungry as a horse.
I'm as hungry as a hound.

## T.

There is a tendency to drop $t$ where it comes after another consonant at the end of a word. Examples:
E.

> N. F.

| Written | Spoken |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| kept | kept | kep |
| must | must | muss |
| art (thou) | aart | s (for ist) |
| insect | insekt | insek |

and all auxiliary verbs in the second person singular followed by not :
E.
N. F.

| $\quad$Written Spoken <br> wast not wost not <br> canst not canst not | woz'n |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| wouldst not | caas'n |  |
| woodst not | woos'n |  |
| dost not | dust not | dus'n |
| couldst not | coodst not | coos'n |
| hast not | haast not | haas'n |
| art not | aart not | bis'n (for bist not) |
| shalt not | shault not | shaat'n |
| didst not | didst not | dis'n |

Also when the word not follows other persons of the auxiliary verb. Examples:

| E. |  | N. F. |  |  | N. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| isn't | iznt | id'n | mightn't | miitnt | mid'n |
| isn't | hadnt | ad'n | wouldn't | woodnt | wood'n |
| hadn't | wadn't | musnt | muss'n | shouldn't | shoodnt |
| mhood'n |  |  |  |  |  |

D.
d is sometimes dropped, especially when it follows an $n$ at the end of a word. Examples:

| E. | N. F. |  | Written |  | Spoken |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Written | Spoken | N. |  |  |  |
| and | and | an | wouldst | woodst | woots |
| hound | hound | oun | Wednesday | Wednzday Wenzday |  |
| ground | ground | groun | thousand | thouzand dhouzun |  |
| husband | huzbund | huzbun |  |  |  |

## R.

$\mathbf{r}$ is often dropped, especially before $\mathbf{s}$ or $\mathbf{z}$. Examples :

| E. |  | N.F. | E. |  | N. F. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| burst | burst | bust | horse | hors | haas |
| first | furst | vust | furze | furz | vuz |
| purse | purs | puss | worth | wurth | wuth |
| worse | wurs | wuss | girl | girl | gel |
| worst | wurrst | wust | February | Febroouri | Feboouray |
| nurse | nurs | nuss |  |  |  |

w.

There is a tendency to drop an initial w, especially when followed by oo. Examples :
E.
N. F.

| Written | Spoken |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| wood | wood | ood |
| wool | wool | ool : compare Sc. oo. |
| woollen | woolen | oolen |
| woman | woomun | oomun |
| one | wurn | un |
| without | widhout | idhout |

Other consonants are sometimes dropped. Examples :

| E. |  | N. F. | E. |  | N. F. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| L |  | L |  |  |  |
| cold | coald | cooud | old | oald | wooud |
| told | toald | tooud | shalt | shalt | shaat |
| sold | soald | zooud | wilt | wilt | wit |


|  |  | N. F. | E. |  | N. F. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Writte | Spoke |  | Written | poken |  |
|  | K |  |  | N |  |
| ask | aask | aess | acorn | aicorn | yaeker |
|  |  |  |  | V |  |
|  | Dh |  | of | ov | oa |
| them | dhem | em | give | giv | gi |
| with | widh | wi | haven't | havnt | haant |

## Addition of Consonantal Sounds.

w is sometimes prefixed to a word beginning in English with oa, and $y$ to a word beginning with ai or ee. Examples:

| E. |  | N. F. | E. | N. F. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Written | Spoken |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| oak | oak | woak | apron | aiprun | yaiprun |
| old | oald | 吕oald | acorn | aicorn | yaeker |
| oats | oats | wats | ear | eer | yeer |
| April | Aipril | Yaipril | here | heer | yeer |

$\mathbf{r}$ is generally added at the end of a word ending in the vowelsound a, oa, or $\mathbf{u}$; and sometimes inside a word. Examples :

| E. |  | N. F. | E | . | N. F. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Written | Spoken |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| sofa | soafa | zoavur | pillow | pilloa | pillur |
| umbrella | umbrella | umbrellur | hollow | holloa | haalur |
| value | valyoo | vaalur | furrow | furroa | vurrur |
| awkward | awkwurd | aarkur | barrow | baaroa | baarur |
| daughter | dautur | aartur | meadow | meddoa | eddu |
| fellow | felloa | vellur | bellow | belloa | bellur |
| yellow | yelloa | yaalur | to-morrow | toomorroa | toomorrur |
| window | windoa | windur |  |  |  |

Examples of other consonants added are:
E. N. F. Consonant added

| Written | Spoken |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| cud | cud | qwid (quid) | w |
| notch | noch | snoch | s |

## Transposition of Consonants.

In a few words the consonants are transposed. Examples :

| Written | E. | N. F. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| great | Spoken <br> grait | girt |  |
| wasp |  | wosp | wops <br> childern <br> chillern |
| children |  | children | hunderd |

## VOWELS

Change of Vowel Sounds.
A short.
The short a sound, so common in standard English, is generally lengthened into a sound like that of the a in far, father, fast (not quite so long as the long aa in Scotch). Examples:

| E. |  | N. F. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  |
| man | man | maan |
| back | bak | baak |
| hand | hand | haand |
| rabbit | rabbit | raabit |

English short a sometimes becomes short e. Examples:

| E. |  | N. F. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  |
| thatch | thach | dhetzh |
| thank | thank | dhenk |
| sat | sat | zet |

Sometimes it becomes ai. Examples :
E. N. F.

| Written | Spoken |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| bad | bad | baid |
| glad | glad | glaid |
| bladder | bladder | blaidur |
| extra | extra | extray |
| contrary | contrary | contrairay |

## Aa long.

Long aa in standard English often becomes e. Examples :

| E. |  | N. F. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spooken |  |
| half | haaf | hef |
| can't | caant | ken't |
| ass | aas | ess |
| glass | glaas | gless |
| grass | graas | gress |
| ask | aask | aess |
| basket | baaskit | beskit |
| nasty | naasty | nestay |
| arm | aarm | erm |


| E. |  | N. F. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  |
| hard | haard | herd |
| far | faar | ver |
| hearth | haarth | herth |
| larch | laarch | lerch |
| martin | maarrtin | mertin |
| smart | smaurt | smert |
| Charlie | chaarly | cherlay |
| harvest | haarvist | hervist |

Sometimes long aa becomes ai. Examples:

| E. |  | N. F. |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Written <br> master <br> father | Spoken <br> maaster <br> faadher | maistur <br> vaidhur |

## Ai.

ai in English generally becomes a long diphthong, like a drawled ii (as in eye), best represented by aa-ee. It resembles the Cockney ii in similar words, but is longer and more of a diphthong. Examples:

| E. |  | N. F. | E. |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  | N. F. |  |
| may | may | maaee | Frten | Spoken |

Sometimes the English ai becomes e, short or long, or a sound between the English e and ii, which I spell ae. Examples :-

| E. |  | N. F. | E. |  | N. F. |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| place | plais | plaes | table | taibul | taebul |
| gape | gaip | geap | bacon | baicun | baecun |
| paper | paiper | peepur | shade | shaid | shaed |
| face | fais | vaes or | lane | lain | laeun |
|  |  | vaaees | acorn | aicorn | yaeker |

Note. Plague (plaig) is pronounced plag.

## E.

For the short e in English a number of words have i. Examples:

| Written | E. Spoken | N. F. | E. |  | N. F. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| hen | hen | hin | hemp | hemp | himp |
| head | hed | hid | kettle | kettul | kiddil |
| then | dhen | dhin | bellows | belloaz | billis |
| hedge | hej | hij | cellar | sellur | sillir |
| get | get | git | engine | enjin | injin |
| lead | led | lid | memory | memory | mimray |

Other words have a or aa for English short e. Examples :

| E. |  | N. F. | E |  | N. F. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Written | Spoken |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| egg | eg | agg | web | web | wab |
| beg | beg | bagg | twelve | twelv | twaalv |
| beggar | begur | baggur | well | well | waal |
| peg | peg | pag | yes | yes | yaas |
| vetch | vech | vaach | yellow | yelloa | yaalur |
| stretch | strech | straach | terrible | terribil | taarbul |

Sometimes it becomes ai. Examples:

| E. |  | N. F. | E. | N. F. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| bed | bed | baid | bread | bred | braid |
| dead | ded | daid | leg | leg | laig |
| edge | ej | aij | chestnut | chesnut | chaisnut |
| nest | nest | naist |  |  |  |

Note. Very is pronounced vurray.

Ee.
In a large number of common words, ee of standard English becomes ai. Examples:

| E. |  | N.F. | E. |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  | N. F. |  |  |
| tea | tee | tay | Written | Spoken |  |
| cheek | cheeek | chaik |  |  |  |
| eat | eet | ait | feast | feest | vaist |
| east | eest | aist | beast | beest | baist |
| seat | seet | sait | key | kee | kay |
| meat | meet | mait | beard | beerd | baird |
| wheat | weet | wait | teach | teech | taich |
| pea | pee | pai | cream | creem | craim |
| sea | se | zay | swede | sweed | swaid |
| seek | seek | zaik | leaf | leef | laif |
| reap | reep | raip | sweet | sweet | swait |
| beer | beer | bair | speak | speek | spaik |
| beat | beet | bait | bean | been | bain |
| beef | beef | baif | seem | seem | zaim |
| leave | leev | laiv | beetle | beetul | baitul |
| beliese | beleev | belaiv | queer | queer | quair |
| please | pleez | plaiz | creature | creetyur | craitur |
| peat | peet | pait | sheet | sheet | shait |
| beech | beech | baich | piece | pees | pais |
| kneel | neel | nail |  |  |  |

Note. A similar change of vowel from ee to ai is common in Scotch, but not always in the same words as in the New Forest dialect.

In a few words ee becomese or i. Examples :

| E. |  | N. F. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Written | Spoken | heth |
| heath | heeth | het |
| heat | heet | bin |
| been | been | wik |
| week | week |  |

## I.

In a few words some other vowel takes the place of short i in standard English. Examples:
E.

Written Spoken

| hitch | hich | haach | aa |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| if | if | eef | ee |
| fish | fish | feesh | ee |
| kiss | Fiss | kees | ee |
| birch | birch | burch | u |
| ditch | dich | deich | ei |

## Ii.

The ii sound, common in standard English, and still more common in Cockney English, is, in many words in the New Forest (as well as in Scotch), pronounced more like the Dutch ei or ij. Examples:

| E. |  | N. F. | E. |  | N. F. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| I | Ii | Ei | time | tiim | teim |
| five | fiiv | veiv | right | riit | reit |
| fire | fir | veier | wire | wiir | weir |
| try | trii | trei | iron | iirun | eirun |
| dry | drii | drei | squire | squiir | sqeiur |
| tight | tiit | teit | spire | spiir | speiur |
| nine | niin | nein | quiiet | quiiet | queiut |
| knife | niif | neif | alive | aliiv | aleiv |
| mile | miil | meil | Friday | Friiday | Vreiday |
| high | hii | hei | sight | siit | zeit |

There is a tendency for this sound to become oi. Examples:

| E. |  | N. F. | E. |  | N. F. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| I | Ii | Oi | kite | kiit | koit |
| fly | fii | vloi | shine | shiin | zhoin |
| cider | siidur | zoidur | scythe | siith | zoiv |
| ay (yes) | ii | oi | side | siid | zoid |

Note. The preposition by (bii) becomes bee, climb (cliim) becomes clim.
O (short) or au (long).

One of the commonest changes of vowel-sounds is the substitution of a long aa for the English o or au, especially when followed by an r. In Perthshire Scotch the corresponding vowel-sound before an $\mathbf{r}$ is generally a long oa. Examples:

| E. |  | N. F. | E. |  | N. F. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  | Spoken |  |  |
| dog | dog | daag | sauce | saus | zaas |
| off | off | aaf | yonder | yonder | yaandur |
| lot | lot | laat | Saucer | sausur | zaasur |
| talk | tauk | taak | hollow | holloa | haalur |
| walk | wauk | waak | drop | drop | draap |
| across | across | acraas | awkward aukwurd | aarkurd |  |
| pocket | pokitit | paakit | watch | woch | waach |
| Scotch | Scoch | Scaach | long | long | laang |
| caught | caut | caat | daughter dautur | daartur |  |
| clock | clok | claak | corn | corn | caarn |
|  |  |  | B2 |  |  |


| E. |  | N. F. |  | E. | N: F. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  | Written | Spoken |  |
| north | north | naarth | born | born | baarn |
| thorn | thorn | dhaarn | George | Jorj | Jaarj |
| short | short | shaart | fork | fork | vaark |
| sort | sort | saart | order | order | aardur |
| accordingaccording | accaardin | storm | storm | staarm |  |
| orchard orchard | aarchurd | horn | horn | haarn |  |
| ordinary ordinuray aardinuray | forest | forest | vaarist |  |  |
| horse | hors | haars, haas | torment torment | taarmint |  |
| morning morning | maarnin | forty | forty | vaartay |  |
| cork | cork | caark | war | waur | waar |
| Dorset | Dorset | Daarset | fortnight fortniit | vaartneit |  |

In a few words a different vowel is substituted. Examples :

| E. | N. F. | Vowel substituted for |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Written | Spoken | or au. |
| straw | straw |  |
| donkey | stray | donkay |
|  | dunkee | ay |

Oa.
The English oa is sometimes changed into oo. Examples :

| E. |  | N. F. |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Written | Spoken |  |
| go | goa | goo |
| toe | toa | too |
| so | soa | zoo |
| ago | agoa | agoo |
| slow | sloa | zloo |

The English oa is often lengthened into a double vowel-sound, which is more like oou than oau. Examples:

| E. |  | N. F. |  | E. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spoken | N. F. |  |  |  |
| Written | Spoken |  | Spor |  |  |
| door | doar | doour | sold | soald | zooud |
| more | moar | moour | cold | coald | cooud |
| both | boath | boouth | home | hoam | hooum |
| load | load | looud | coat | coat | coout |
| toad | toad | tooud | stone | stoan | stooun |
| most | moast | mooust | board | board | boourd |
| old | oald | wooud |  |  |  |

Note. Four (foar) is pronounced vouer, and oats, wuts.

## Oi.

Boy (boi) is lengthened into boa-ay, and noise (noiz) is pronounced naaeez.

## Oo.

In some words the English oo undergoes a change. Examples :
E. N. F. Vowel substituted for 00.

| Written | Spoken |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ewe | yoo | yoa | oa |
| boot | boot | but | u |
| put | poot | put | $\mathbf{u}$ |
| roof | roof | ruff | $\mathbf{u}$ |
| could | cood | cud | $\mathbf{u}$ |

## U.

In some words the English $\mathbf{u}$ is changed. Examples:

| E. |  | N.F. Vowel substituted for u. |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Written | Spolien |  | i |
| just | just | jist | i |
| such | such | zich | i |
| cover | cuvver | kivvur | i |
| cousin | cuzn | cozn | o |
| undo | undoo | ondoo | o |
| once | wuns | woons | oo |

Note. Before an r, followed by another consonant, a short vowel is often given a long sound like a modified oo, approaching the sound of eu in French. I write it ui. Examples :
E.
N. F.
Written
word
work
earth
bird
fern

Spoken
wurd
wurk
erth
bird
fern

## GRAMMAR

## NOUNS

The following plurals are peculiar :

| E. | N. F. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| house | Singular <br> hous | houzin or houzinz |
| furze | vuz | vuzin |
| deer | deer | deerz |
| child | cheild | childern or chillern |
| foot | veet | veet or veets |

After a numeral nouns of time do not take the $s$ or $z$ of the plural. Examples:

## E.

six months twenty years
N. F.
zix munth
twenty yeer

## NUMERALS

The numerals are as follows:
E.
N. F.
E.
N. F.

| Written | Spoken |  | Written |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| one | Spoken |  |  |  |  |
| one | wun | wun | sixten | sixteen | zixteen |
| two | too | too | seventeen | sevnteen | zevnteen |
| three | three | dree | eighteen | aiteen | aaeeteen |
| four | foar | vouer | nineteen | niinteen | neinteen |
| five | fiv | veiv | twenty | twenti | twentay |
| six | six | zix | thirty | thirti | dhirtay |
| seven | sevn | zevn | forty | forti | vaartay |
| eight | ait | aaeet | fifty | fifti | viftay |
| nine | niin | nein | sixty | sixti | zixtay |
| ten | ten | ten | seventy | sevnti | zevntay |
| eleven | elevn | levn | eighty | aiti | aaeetay |
| twelve | twelv | twalv | ninety | niinti | neintay |
| thirteen | thirteen | dhirteen | hundred | hundred | hunderd |
| fourteen | foarteen | voarteen | thousand | thouzand | dhouzun |
| fifteen | fifteen | vifteen |  |  |  |

Note. Reckoning by scores is more common than in English ; e.g. 65 is dree scoar veiv.

Wun (one) is slurred into in or un ; e. g. good in, yung in, little in, for good one, \&c.

## PRONOUNS

Personal Pronouns.

|  | First Person |  | Second Person |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Singular | Plural | Singular | Plural |
| Nom. | Ei, Oi | wee | dhee, ee | yoo, yee, ee |
| Poss. | mei, mer | our | dhee, ee | yoor |
| Obj. | mee | us | dhee, ee | yoo, yee, ee |

Third Person

|  | Singular |  | Plural |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Masc. |  | Fem. | Neut. | All genders.

Note. The pronunciation Ei for I is more common than Oi. Mei ( $m y$ ) is slurred into mĕ; e. g. Ei'v hurt mĕzelf (I've hurt myself).

Us, slurred into 's or ' $z$, is often used in short phrases for mee. Examples:

Gi'ss wun.
Gi'z (or gee uz) dree on em.
Let's av mei speks.
Laiv us aloan.
Bist gwein wee uz?

Give me one.
Give me three of them.
Let me have my spectacles.
Leave me alone.
Are you going with me?

In the second person singular dhee is used in all cases (dhou and dhy are not used), and is often slurred into ee. Examples:

Ei tell ee.
Bist dhee cooud?
Bist dhee gwein too see un?
How'z dhee mudhur ?
Doant dhee goo.
Dhee mus'n goo.
Caas'n dhee goo?
Dhee woald zow.
Ei tell dhee.
Good maarnin too ee.
Ei'll gi dhee a clout'n dhe yeer.
Wen shaal Ei zee dhee agen?

I tell you (thee).
Are you cold?
Are you going to see him?
How's your mother?
Don't go.
You mustn't go.
Can't you go ?
Your old sow.
I tell you.
Good morning to you (thee).
I'll give you a cuff on the ear.
When shall I see you again?

The second personal pronoun dhee is often omitted when the termination of the verb shows that the second person singular is meant. Examples :
N. F.

How bist?
Caas'n goo?
Dust meind?
'Snoa?
Dist eer oi?
E.

How are you (art thou)?
Can't you go? (Canst thou not go ?)
Do you (dost thou) remember?
Do you (dost thou) know ?
Did you (didst thou) hear me?

See other examples under the verbs.
Sometimes other pronouns are omitted. Examples:
Doan dhink much oa dhay, I don't think much of any of nun oa um.
Baint much good, not wair He isn't much good, where he is. hee iz.

In the third person singular the slurred forms, un, en, in or 'n for him, ur for hur, and em or um for dhem are very common. Examples:

Ei aess un hiz naaeem.
Ei zin in yesterday.
Ei het ' $n$ on dhe laig.
Get hoald on un.
Ei doant dhink much oa un.
Hee'z got too on um (or oa um).
Hee laivz dhum yeer.
Yoo cood heer em a-draashin.
Nun oa um (or on em). Wee em.

I asked him his name.
I saw him yesterday.
I hit him on the leg.
Get hold of him.
I don't think much of him.
He has two of them.
He leaves them here.
You could hear them thrashing.
None of them.
With them.

The neuter third personal pronoun it is often slurred into 't before a vowel or w. Examples:
'Tiz-'twoz-'tiddin.
Ei spoaz 'tiz.
Ei dhaut 'twoz.
${ }^{9}$ Tiddin fair.

It is-it was-it isn't.
I suppose it is.
I thought it was.
It isn't fair.

It is much more common than in ordinary English to personify an inanimate object and, when speaking of such an object, to use the masculine or feminine personal pronoun instead of the neuter. I have noticed the masculine hee, hiz, un used of the sun, the
moon, a tree, house, waggon, spade, knife, cigar, book, and poem ; and the feminine shee, hur, ur of a ship, train, motor-car, bicycle, kite, and ditch. Examples:

| Hee nivvur feilz. | He (the moon) never fails. <br> Haast zin un yet? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Have you seen him (the moon) |  |
| yee'll wair yoo out, spaid |  |$\quad$| He'll wear you out, the spade |
| :--- |
| will. |

The nominative form of a pronoun is often used for the objective, and (except at the beginning of a sentence) the objective form is used for the nominative. Examples:

Hee het oi.
Dist eer oi?
Avoar hee-on shee.
Hee swairz at shee, un shee swairz at hee.
Ei woz gwein too lend hee wun.
Wee woz dher, woz'n us?
Wee'll goo, shaant us?
Wee doo, doant us?
Wair did ur cum vrom?
Dhay'll goo too, woant um ?
Wair wood um doo it now?
Diddin um?

He hit me.
Did you hear me?
Before him-on her.
He swears at her, and she swears at him.
I was going to lend him one.
We were there, weren't we?
We'll go, shan't we ?
We do, don't we ?
Where did she come from?
They'll go too, won't they?
Where would they do it now?
Didn't they?

Still more curious mixtures of pronouns are sometimes heard. Examples:

Yoo'll aul bee yeer too-morrur, woant dhee?
Hee zung verray well, diddin ur?

You'll all be here to-morrow, won't you?
He sang very well, didn't he?

## Demonstrative Pronouns.

The demonstrative pronoun is in the singular dhik, which stands for either this (dhis) or that (dhat), and in the plural dhay or dhem, which stand for either these (dheez) or those (dhoaz). If it is necessary to distinguish between a near and a distant object,
this is done by inserting the adverb yeer (here) or dhair (there), generally slurred into air. Examples:

Singular
N. F.

Dhik un. Dhik air haas.
Look at dhik dhing dhair.
Ei doant noa dhik fellur.
Dhik wooud baich.
Dhik's hard wuirk.
Dhik air mair can goo.
E.

This one.
That horse.
Look at that thing.
I don't know that fellow.
That old beech.
This is hard work.
That mare can go.

Plural

## N. F.

Dhay books.
Ei doant want nun oa dhay.
Wee doant yooz dhay.
Look at dhay daagz out dhair.
Yeer'z moar oa dhay cowz.
Ei cood'n ait dhay.
In dhem baugz.
Dher woz a big veier oa dhem ricks.
Dhem air drei zummurz dreiz up dhe daid hoalz.
Dhem'z stroyd.
E.

These books.
I don't want any of those.
We don't use those.
Look at those dogs.
Here are more of those cows.
I couldn't eat those.
In those bogs.
There was a big fire of those stacks.
Those dry summers dry up the pools.
Those are killed off (destroyed).

Interrogative Pronouns.
As in English, the interrogative pronoun is in the masculine and feminine hoo (who) and in the neuter wot (what). Examples:

Hoo'z caul hee ?
Hoo'z caul dhair vellur gooin long?

Who dost thou call him? What do you call him?
Who dost thou call (what do you call) that fellow going past?

## Relative Pronoun.

The relative pronoun, both singular and plural, masculine and feminine, is wot, which stands for who, which, or that. Examples :

A man wot wuirks in vaarist. Voag wot caamps in vaarist. A buird wot bildz in dhe treez. Dhe haas wot yoost too wuirk.

A man who works in the forest. People who camp in the forest. A bird that builds in the trees. The horse that used to work.

## Reflexive Pronouns.

In the reflexive pronoun the possessive form of the pronoun is used throughout. Examples:

| N. F. | $\begin{array}{c}\text { E. } \\ \text { mezelf } \\ \text { dheezelf }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| hizzelf | myself (miiself) |
| thyself (dhiself) |  |$)$

## VERBS

As in standard English, the imperative consists simply of the root of the verb, and the infinitive is expressed by the root preceded by the preposition to (too) ; most other verbal meanings are expressed by means of auxiliary verbs followed either by the root of the verb or by its present or past participle. The only exceptions are the indefinite present and past of the indicative.

## Present Indicative.

The present indicative adds $s$ or $z$, or (after a sibilant) $i z$, to the root of the verb in both numbers and in all persons except the second person singular, in which the termination is st. Examples:

| Singular |  |  | Plural |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pers. | N. F. | E. | N. F. | E. |
|  | Ei caulz | I call (caul) | We caulz | We call |
|  | Dhee caulst | Thou callest | Yoo caulz | You call |
| 3. | Hee caulz | He calls (caulz) | ) Dhay caulz | They call |
| N. F. |  |  | E. |  |
| Ei leiks too eer em. I |  |  | I like to hear them. |  |
| Ei vorgits.-Ei trots out. I |  |  | I forget.-I trot out. |  |
|  |  |  | I never hear that. |  |
| Ei yooziz dhem now. I |  |  | I use them now. |  |
| Ei zaimz a bit leeray. I |  |  | I seem a little empty (hungry). Oh how empty I feel! |  |
| Caanst goo? |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Canst thou go ? |  |
| Wee moastly caulz it 'Maaee'. Wee caulz im 'haarts'. |  |  | We usually call it 'May'. We call them 'hearts'. |  |
| Yoo cuts dhis turf. Y |  |  | You cut this turf. <br> The first door you come to. |  |
| Dhe | vust doour yoo | cumz too. Th |  |  |

N. F.

Zum caulz dhem-
Wot dhay caulz 'turfin'.
Dhay treiz haard.
Dhay maaeeks wein.
Dhay gits about aul reit.
Dhay lets dhem out.
Dhay tellz mee.
Dhay noaz too well.
Vyoo peepul burnz it nou.
A vyoo dhingz cumz acraas mee.
Dhay keeps dhem too.
Ei dunnoa wair dhay gooz too.
E.

Some call them.
What they call 'turfing'.
They try hard.
They make wine.
They get about all right.
They let them out.
They tell me.
They know too well.
Few people burn it now.
A few things come across me (occur to me).
They keep them too.
I don't know where they go to.

## Past Indicative.

As in English, the past tense is generally formed by adding ed, $d$, or $t$ to the root, and the only inflection it takes is the addition of st or ist in the second person singular. Some peculiar pasts are :
N. F.

|  |  | Spoken |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Root | Past | Root | Past |
| eer | eerd | heer | herd |
| noa | noad | noa | nyoo |
| goo | wint | goa | went |
| cum | cum | cum | caim |
| keep | kep | keep | lept |
| gi | gev | giv | gaiv |
| bee | woz | bee | woz |
| heid | haad | hiid | hid |
| aess | aess | aask | aaskt |
| hit | het | hit | hit |
| beid | bid |  |  |
| zit | zet | sit | sat |
| bust | bust | burst | burst |

E.

| Written |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Root | Past |
| hear | heard |
| know | knew |
| go | went |
| come | came |
| keep | kept |
| give | gave |
| be | was |
| hide | hid |
| ask | asked |
| hit | hit |
| stay | stayed |
| sit | sat |
| burst | burst |

Some verbs use a past participle form for the past indicative :

| doo | dun | doo | did | do | did |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| zee | zeen, zin | see | saw | see | saw |

But zee has also in the past indicative zeed or zid, or simply zee. Examples:

| N. F. | E. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Ei zeen in.-Ei zid en. | I saw him. |
| Dhik's dhe zaaeem poanay | That's the same pony I saw |
| Ei zeed laast yeer. | last year. |
| Ei aess in hiz naaeem. | I asked him his name. |
| Ei zeen wun oa yoor winshiz. | I saw one of your girls. |
| Dhik man cum th' our plaes. | That man came to our house. |
| Hee kep on taakin. | He kept on talking. |

Note. In narration the present of the verb zay (say) is used for the past. Examples:
N. F. E.

Ei zez-hee zez.
Said I-said he.

## Present Partictple.

The present participle is formed by adding in to the root, as zay (say), zayin ; dii (die), dii-in; taak (talk), taakin. The present participle of goo, English go (goa), is gwein, English going (goaing). Example:
N. F.

Wair bist gwein?
E.

Where art thou going?

Note. The syllable a is often prefixed to the present participle. Examples:

## N. F.

Ei woz jist a-zayin. Win French woz a-cumin. Dhay keeps a-shiftin. Bist a-gwein too shoa? Hee woz a-waakin awaaee. Yoo cood heer em a-draashin.

## E.

I was just saying.
When the French were coming.
They keep changing.
Are you going to the show?
He was walking away.
You could hear them thrashing.

## Past Participle.

The past participle is generally formed, as in English, by adding ed, d , or t to the root. There are many exceptions to this rule. Some verbs, which in English have an irregular past participle, form it regularly in the New Forest dialect, and there is a tendency to use the past as a past participle where in English the latter has a form of its own. Examples:
N. F.

|  |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Root | Past Participle |
| noa | noad |
| zee | zeed |
| gi | gev |
| heid | haad |
| reit | ritt |
| droa | droad |
| taaeek | took, tuk |
| braaeek | broak |
| wair | woar |
| keep | kep |
| goo | gon |
| bee | bin, ben |
| aess | aess |

## N. F.

Ei'v nivvur noad un.
Ei'v noad dhee vor yeerz.
Haant a-zeed dhee vor dhis yeer.
E.

Written
Spoken

| Root | P.p. |
| :--- | :--- |
| noa | noan |
| see | seen |
| giv | givn |

hiid hiddn
riit rittn
throa throan
taik taikn
braik broakn
wair woarn
keep kept
goa
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { bee } & \text { been } \\ \text { aask } & \text { aaskt }\end{array}$

| Root | P.p. |
| :--- | :--- |
| know | known |
| see | seen |
| give | given |
| hide | hidden |
| write | written |
| throw | thrown |
| take | taken |
| break | broken |
| wear | worn |
| keap | kept |
| go | gone |
| be | been |
| ask | asked |

E.

I've never known him.
I've known you for years.
I haven't seen you for a year.

Auxiliary Verbs.
Bee.
Present
Singular
Pers. N. F.

1. Ei bee 's, 'z
2. Hee iz, ' z , 's

Shee'z
Tiz

> E. I am Thou art

He is (iz) She's It's

Plural

## N. F.

Ei bee cooud.
Ei bee plaizd.
Ei bee reit shramd wee dhe cooud.

How bist or best?
Bist dhee cooud?
Bist dhee gwein too?
Yaas, tiz.
Hou'z gettin on, yoo?
Wair bist gwein?
Hoo bist taakin too?
Wee bee gwein too.
Wot bist aitin?
Bee yoo gwein?
Bee yoo cooud?
Bee ee cumin ooum?
Wot haas bee yee gwein too reid?

Dhay bee gon.
Bee dhay good poanayz?
Dher bee laats moar braanshiz.

Ei baint gwein.
Tidd'n wuth it.
Ei noa tidd'n.
Shee idd'n at ooum.
E.

I'm cold.
I'm glad (pleased).
I'm quite benumbed with the cold.

How are you (art thou)?
Are you (art thou) cold?
Are you going too?
Yes, it is.
How are you (art thou) getting on?
Where are you (art thou)going?
Who are you (art thou) talking to?
We are going too.
What are you eating?
Are you going?
Are you cold?
Are you coming home?
What horse are you going to ride?

They've gone.
Are these good ponies?
There are plenty more branches.
I'm not going.
It isn't worth it.
I know it isn't.
She's not at home.

Note. Sometimes the iz of the third person singular is used in the third person plural. Examples:

> N. F.

Mei veet iz cooud
Dher'z renz about eer.
Dhat's zum fein poanayz dher.

## E.

My feet are cold.
There are wrens about here.
Those are fine ponies.

## Past

Both woz and wer are used indiscriminately for both numbers and all persons except the second person singular, which is wost. The negative form is woz'n (wasn't). Examples:

## N. F.

Ei wer dher.
Ee wer.
Dhik vuz wer aul burnt.
Wee woz at Ringood.
Yoo woz reit.
Hiz iiz woz baid.
Dhay woz ill.
Dhay woz dhair, woz'n dhum?
Dhee wost dher, woz'n?
Yoo boyz woz dher, woz'n dhee?
Dher woz a good mennay.
Boouth yeerz woz cut off.

## E.

I was there.
He was.
That furze was all burnt.
We were at Ringwood.
You were right.
His eyes were bad.
They were ill.
They were there, weren't they?
You were (thou wast) there, weren't you?
You boys were there, weren't you?
There were a good many.
Both ears were cut off.

## Future

The future present is formed by the use of shaal and will (sometimes slurred into 'll) in much the same way as in English. The negative form is shaant and woant, as in English. The second person singular is as follows:

| N. F. |  |  | E. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Affirmative | Negative | Affirmative | Negative |
| Shaat | Shaat'n | Shalt | Shan't |
| Wit | Wit'n | Wilt | Won't |

Examples:

> N. F.

Wit dhee goo laang oa mee? Oi, Ei'll goo.
Noa, Ei shaant goo.
Shaal Ei goo widhee?
Shat dhee bee at ooum toomorrur?
Ei, Ei shaal.
E.

Will you go along with me?
Yes, I'll go.
No, I shan't go.
Shall I go with you?
Shall you be at home to-morrow?
Yes, I shall.

# Other Auxiliary Verbs. 

|  | N. F. |  |  | E. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Person | Affirmative | Negative | Affirmative | Negative |

## Examples

> N. F.

Hoo'd a dhaut it?
Wee'd better.
Hev yee found ur?
Caanst cum wee us?
Caas'n goo too-morrur ?
Dhee'z mid goo.
Ei dunnoa.-Ei doan noa.
Ei doan noa wot it doo meen.
Dhay doan doo zich a dhing nou.
Dist eer oi?
Doaunt dhee goo.
Doaunt dheemaaeek anaaeez.
Hoo'z caul hee?
Wot's dhink on it?
Wair'st bin too?
Dust meind?
'Snoa?
E.

Who would have thought it?
We had better.
Have you found her?
Canst thou come with me?
Canst thou not go to-morrow?
Thou mightest go.
I don't know.
I don't know what it means.
They don't do such a thing now.
Didst thou hear me?
Don't go.
Don't make a noise.
What do you call him?
What do you think of it?
Where have you (hast thou) been?
Do you remember?
Do you (dost thou) know?
N. F.

Haast got a neif?
Wot's caat dhair P
Woots goo eef dhee coodst?
Haas'n dhee got it?
Woos'n goo?
Haas'n dhee sin mei woald cow bout?

## E.

Have you (hast thou) a knife?
What have you (hast thou) caught there?
Would you go if you could?
Haven't you got it?
Wouldn't you go ?
Haven't you seen my old cow about?

Note. The auxiliary verb hev (have) is sometimes omitted. Examples:

## N. F.

Ei bin too staaeeshn.
Ei got cleen up dhaat air deich.
Hee bin taarbul baid.
Dhay got doo it.
E.

I've been to the station. I've got to clean up that ditch.

He has been very ill.
They've got to do it.

Note. With an intransitive verb bee is sometimes used instead of have in English. Examples :
N. F.

Aul dhe squirrlz bee gon. Gookooz bee got taarbul scairs. Ee'z bin gon awaree.
E.

All the squirrels have gone.
Cuckoos have become very scarce.
He has gone away.

ADVERBS

| N. F. | E. | N. F. | E. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| yeer, eer | here | to-morrux | to-morrow |
| reit | very, quite, thoroughly | wun day'z teim | formerly (one day's time) |
| ver | far | a bit | a little |
| mooust | quite, very | vurray | very |
| jist | just | neer haand | near |
| zaaeem | just | zooner | rather |
| teit | all right | a-baid | abed |
| zumwair | somewhere | bee hef | by half |
| zumwayz | somewhere | a veier | on fire |
| ennay wair | anywhere | yaandur | yonder |
| enny wen | at any time | agen | again |
| praps | perhaps | un dhaat | and so on |
| long, laang | along, past | out-oa-doour | out of doors |
| at ooum | at home | zoo | so |


| N. F. | E. | N. F. | E. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| agoo | ago (agoa) | nivvur | never |
| woons | once (wuns) |  | ever |
| awaaee | away | ner | ver |
| dhin | then | coors | of course |
| avoarhaand | before the | offin teimz | often |
|  | event | teimz un agen | often |
| neer | nearly |  |  |

Examples:

## N. F.

Ei bee reit shramd.
Ei bee mooust shramd.)
Zaaeem az dhay doo now.
Ei zaimz a bit leeray.
Dhay'd zoonur bee up in vaarist.
Ei got wun teit.
Our chimblay got a-veier.
Dhe kiddil'z on dhe veierplaes un dhe pot out-oadoour.
Hoo'z hee gwein long?
Ei tooud ee zoo.
Ei cud wair out neer ennay maan aitin un drinkin.
Cum eer-look eer-look yeer.
Ee beidz zumwayz up eer.
E.

I am quite benumbed.
Just as they do now.
I feel a little hungry.
They'd rather be up in the forest.
I have one all right.
Our chimney caught on fire.
The kettle's on the fire-place and the pot out-of-doors.

Who's that going past?
I told you so.
I could wear out nearly any man in eating and drinking. Come here-look here.

He lives somewhere up here.

An adjective is often used as an adverb without the termination $l y$ usually added in English.

Taarbul (terribly) is often heard where 'awfully' would be used in English. Examples :

## N. F.

Ei bee taarbul teird.
Taak proper.
It burnz byootiful.
Mei veet swellz tremenjus.
Hee bin taarbul baid.
E.

I'm awfully tired. Speak properly. It burns beautifully. My feet swell prodigiously. He has been dreadfully ill (bad).

Er (slurred for ivvur), and ner (slurred for nivvur) are used with the article a in the sense of 'any at all', 'none at all'. Examples:

| N. F. | E. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Haast got er a neif bout <br> dhee? | Have you got any knife at all <br> on you (any sort of a knife)? |
| Hassin got ner a neif bout <br> dhee? | Haven't you got any knife at <br> all on you? (Have you no <br> sort of a knife? ? |

Perhaps in the following sentences ar stands for er a and nar for ner a.

## N. F.

Haast got ar looud oa dung too sell mee?
Haas'n dhee got nar littul woald mair?
E.

Do you happen to have a load of dung to sell me?
Haven't you got any little old mare?

Note. A double negative is common. Examples:

> N. F.

Ei nivvur aits noa braid.
Tidd'n herdly fair.
Yoo doant eer nun oa dhe yung unz zay zoo.
Ei doant dhink ivvur ee ad'n enny moar.
Ei doant taik noa noatis on't.
Dhay doant waant a platform oanly for the auctioneer.
Ei wood'n gee naut vur un.
Ei nivvur killd noa voxiz.
E.

I never eat bread.
It's hardly fair.
You don't hear any of the young people say so.
I don't think he ever had any more.
I take no notice of it.
They want a platform only for the auctioneer.
I wouldn't give anything for him.
I never killed any foxes.

Note. To the New Forester; as well as to most educated Englishmen, the adverbs 'seldom', 'only', and 'hardly' are negatives. To the Scotchman, educated or uneducated, they are affirmatives. If you say a sentence containing one of those three adverbs, an Englishman, meaning to agree with you, will begin his answer with ' $N o$ '-a Scotchman will begin his with 'Yes'.

## PREPOSITIONS

$\left.\begin{array}{ll|ll}\text { a } & \text { slurred for at, on } & \text { bee } & \text { by } \\ \text { oa } \\ \text { on }\end{array}\right\}$

| addur | after | vrom | from |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| long oa | along with | vur too | to, in order <br> too |
| to | till |  | to |
| toordz | towards | wee, wi | with |
| droo | through | weeout | without |
| vur | for | in | into |

Examples:
N. F.

Keep dhe daag a heel.
A cuppul oa bob.
A bit oa mait.
A good lot oa appulz.
Too on um.
Git hoald on um.
Ei bee glad on it.
Zum on em laarnz too much.
Yoo may stop too Maarch.
Wee un-wee um.
Bist gwein wee uz.
Dhat iddin vur dhee.
Zummit vur too maik wingz.
Ei bee gwein in zillur.
'T'woz maaeed a purpus.
Ei lookt a un.
Out oa Ingland.
Wot's dhink on it?
from
to, in order
to
with without into
E.

Keep the dog at heel.
A couple of shillings.
A bit of meat.
A good lot of apples.
Two of them.
Get hold of them.
I am glad of it.
Some of them learn too much.
You may stay till March.
With him-with them.
Are you going with me?
That's not for you.
Something to make wings.
I'm going into the cellar.
It was made for the purpose (on purpose).
I looked at him (i. e. a spade).
Out of England.
What dost thou think of it?

CON.JUNCTIONS

| N. F. | E. | N. F. | E. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| an, un | and | leik | such as |
| ur | or | widhout | unless |
| 'n | than | eef's bee | if (if so be) |
| coz | because |  |  |

Examples:

> N. F.

Him an Ei woz dhair.
Shee zung better 'n t'odher wun did.
Moar'n zevntay.
Widhout yoo meet.
Eef's bee yoo woz gwein.
E.

He and I were there.
She sang better than the other one did.
More than seventy.
Unless you meet.
If you were going.

## INTERJECTIONS

N. F. E.

Oi, yaas, ees. Yes.
No. No (noa).
See, see yee. D'ye see.
Loo see. Look ye.
Look yeer. Look here.
Cum eer. Come here.
Cum on yeer. Come on here.
Ei sez.
Ei tell ee. I tell you.
Bload mee, Ei Blow me, I zay.
Mee deer.
Mum.
Yaas'm.
Waal.
Dee noa?
say.
My dear. Maam.
Yes, maam.
Well.
Do you know?
N. F.

Dus noa?
'snoa?
Beid still.
Haih ?
Thankee.
Good maarnin. Good morning.
Good eevnin. Good evening.
I 'low. I allow - I dare say,
Oa maaee! O my!
Ei tell ee wot I'll tell you tiz. what it is.
Ei dunnoa. I don't know.
Luk (used as an expletive at the end of a sentence).

Example:
'Snoa wair Ei woz yesterday?

Dost thou know where I was yesterday?

Yoo is often used as a vocative, even to a single person, who is addressed in the singular of the verb. Examples :

> N. F.

Well, yoo, how bist?
How bist, you?
How'z getting on, yoo?
Yoo! noa.-Noa, yoo.
How'z dhee faivur, yoo?
Wii, yoo?
Well, yoo?
'Snoa, yoo?
I'll goo vur dhee, yoo.
I dunnoa, yoo.
Got dhee taitayz up eet, yoo?
Lissin, yoo.
E.

Well, you, how art (thou)? (How are you?)
How are you (art thou)?
How are you (art thou) getting on?
No.
How's your fever?
Why?
Well?
(Dost thou know?) Do you know?
I'll go for you.
I don't know.
Have you got your potatoes up yet?
Listen.

## CALLS TO ANIMALS

Pigs are summoned by the call, choog, choog; cows, woaee, woaee; ponies by kip, kip.

Commands to a horse :

Cry.
Kum idhur.
Woag, woag ee, woag aaf. Steddee now.
Git baak sti.
Jee, jee-up.
Way, way dher.

Meaning.
Go to the left.
Go to the right. Steady.
Go back.
Go faster.
Stop.

## CHILDREN'S RHYME

Henray oaray itturay aan, Stoar dhe vinegar in dhe paan; Oarum stoarum poopshee loarum, O-u-t spellz 'out'.

## OMISSION OF WORDS AND SLURRING OF PRONUNCIATION

There is a stronger tendency than in standard spoken English to omit short words and to slur their pronunciation.

The definite article dhe is often omitted. Examples:

## N. F.

In winter teim.
Dhay wot wuirks in vaarist.
Out in groun.
Tell in haat.
Bist gwein too staaeeshn? In neit.
Hee'll wair you out, spaid will.
Win French woz a-cumin. In French waar.
E.

In the winter time.
Those who work in the forest. Out in the fields.
Count into the hat. Are you going to the station? In the night.
The spade will wear you out.
When the French were coming. In the French war.

The preposition too is sometimes omitted before an infinitive. Examples:

## N. F.

Hee yoozd cum offin teimz. Ei yoozd kill taarbul lot oa deerz.
Hee'z got help kich dhe udherz.
E.

He used to come often. I used to kill a great many deer.

He's got to help to catch the others.

Slurred Words.

| N. F. | E. | N. F. | E. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| bout | about | spek | expect |
| voar | afore | stroy | destroy |
| t'day | to-day | praps | perhaps |
| on't | on it | spoaz | suppose |
| haant | haven't |  |  |

## SOME IDIOMS

## N. F.

A neis girt maaeed.
A aaf a duzn.
Eer'z taakin.
Ei'v aird taak.
Ei nivvur woz laarnd dhat.
Dhay'd keep sukkin doun.
Oi, Ei gottun wun, 'z wantin?
In dhe vurdher paart oa Burlay.
Dhik's woald-faashn taak.
Dhe weif.
Dhis twintay yeer.
Dhay did'n yoos too goo.
Ei got a job too doo it.
Dhay bee keind oa leik ovenz.
Ei doan noa dhat ivvur Ei heerd on un.
Bist gwein on too baid?
E.

A fine big girl.
Half a dozen.
Here's talking.
I've heard say.
I was never taught that.
They'd go on being sucked down.
Yes, I've got one, art wanting it?
At the other side of Burley.
That's old-world speech.
My wife.
These twenty years.
They used not to go.
I had some difficulty in doing it.
They're something like ovens.
I don't know that I ever heard of him.
Are you going to bed?

## VOCABULARY

a, slurred for at before a gerund.
a, slurred for on.
aaeel, $n$. ale (ail).
aaeer, $n$. air.
aaeet, num. eight (ait).
aaeetay, num. eighty.
aaeeteen, num. eighteen.
aaf, prep. off.
aan't, v. aux. haven't.
aarchurd, $n$. orchard.
aardinury, adj. ordinary.
aardlay, adv. hardly.
aardur, $n$. order.
aarkurd, adj. awkward.
abaid, adv. abed.
accaardin, prep. according.
acraass, prep. across.
ad, $v$. had.
addur, $a d v$. and prep. after.
adhurt, prep. across.
ad'n, $v$. had not.
aess, v.t. ask ; p. aess, asked.
afoar, prep. before; seldom avoar.
afraaeed, $a$. afraid.
agen, adv. again.
agg, n. egg.
agin, prep. against.
agoo, adv. ago (agoa).
$\mathrm{aij}^{\mathrm{ij},} n$. edge (ej).
aist, $n$. east (eest).
ait, v.t. eat (eet).
aleiv, $a$. alive (aliiv).
an, conj. and.
aul, $a$. all.
$a v, v$. have (hav).
avert, prep. (athwart) across.
avoarhaand, $a d v$. before the event.
awaaee, adv. away.
baak, $n$. and $a d v$. back.
baakay, $n$. tobacco.
baarn, v.p.p. born.
baarur, $n$. barrow.
baavin, $n$. bundle of small boughs, larger than a faggot.
baecun, $n$. bacon (baicon).
bagg, v.i. beg.
baggur, $n$. beggar.
baich, $n$. beech.
baid, adj. bad.
baid, $n$. bed.
baif, $n$. beef.
bain, $n$. bean (been).
baint, $v$. be not, am not, aren't, isn't.
bair, $n$. beer.
baird, $n$. beard (beerd).
baist, $n$. beast (beest).
bait, v.t. beat (beet).
baitul, $n$. beetle.
barrow-pig, $n$. castrated pig.
baug, $n$. bog.
bêbee, bibee, $n$. baby (baiby).
bee, $v$. am, are, be.
bee, prep. by.
beid, v.t. stay; p. bid.
belaiv, v.t. believe (beleev).
bellur, v.i. bellow.
beskit, $n$. basket.
bettermost, $\alpha$. best.
bid, $v$., $p$. of beid, stayed.
billis, $n$. bellows.
bin, v. p.p. been.
bisn, or bissint, v. aux. be-est not, art not.
bist, v. 2nd pers. sing. art, art thou.
blaakay, $n$. blackbird.
blaid, $n$. shaft of a cart.
blaidur, $n$. bladder.
blair, v.i. bellow.
blakdhaarn, $n$. sloe bush.
blessin, p.p. blessing.
bload me, interj. blow me.
bob, $n$. shilling.
bobbeen, robin.
bond, $n$. band.
booay, $n$. boy.
boourd, $n$. board.
boouth, $a$. both.
bottom, $n$. hollow, low-lying land.
bout, prep. about.
braaeek, $v$. break.
braid, $n$. bread (bred).
brichin, n. strap round horse's quarters.
broak, $p . p$. of braaeek, broken.
buird, $n$. bird.
burch, $n$. birch.
bust, v.i. and $t$. burst ; p. and p.p. bust.
but, $n$. boot.
buttur, $n$. butter.
butturvloi, $n$. butterfly.
buzgin, $n$. buskin, gaiter.
caaeek, $n$. cake.
caan, $v$. can.
caanst, $v$. canst.
caark, n. cork.
caarn, $n$. corn, wheat.
caarner, $n$. corner.
caas'n, or cassint, $v$. canst not?
caat, $v ., p$. of kech, caught (caut).
caint, $v$. can't.
chaik, $n$. cheek.
chaisnut, $n$. chestnut.
Cherlay, $n$. Charley.
chiffay, $n$. chaffinch.
childaag, $n$. chilblain.
childern, $\}$ n. pl. children.
chimblay, chimlay, $n$. chimney. chinkay, $n$. chaffinch.
chock, $n$. block of wood. chukkul, vi. cluck (of a hen).
claak, $n$. clock.
clain, v.t. clean (cleen).
clim, v.i. climb (cliim).
clot, $n$. a turf.
clout, $n$. a cuff, a bang.
clum, v.t. handle clumsily.
contrairay, a. contrary.
cooud, $a$. cold (coald).
coors, $a d v$. of course.
coos'n, or coosint, $v$. couldst not. coout, $n$. coat.
corral, $n$. to hang a kettle on.
cowshed,
cowpen, ${ }^{n}$. byre.
coz, conj. because.
cozn, n. cousin (cuzn).
craim, $n$. cream (creem).
craip, $v$. creep.
craitur, $n$. creature (creetyoor).
cud, $v$. could (cood).
cum, $v$., pres. and $p$. of come.
cuttay, $n$. wren.
daag, $n$. dog.
Daarset, $n$. Dorset.
daartur, $n$. daughter (dauter).
daid, a. dead (ded).
deerz, n. pl. of deer.
deich, $n$. ditch.
dhaarn, $n$. thorn.
dhaier, adv. there (dhair).
dhaiuf, $n$. thief (theef).
dhaut, v.i., $p$. of dhink, thought (thaut).
dhay, pron. they, those, these.
dhee, pron. thou, thy, thee (dhee).
dheen, $a$. thin.
dheezelf, pron. thyself.
dhem, pron. them, those.
dhenk, v.i. think.
dhetzh, $n$. thatch.
dhik, $a$. thick.
dhik, dem. this, that.
dhill-haars, $n$. the horse in the shafts.
dhimbul, $n$. thimble.
dhin, adv. then.
dhing, $n$. thing.
dhink, $v . i$. think ; $p$. dhaut.
dhinkin, p.p. thinking.
dhirteen, num. thirteen.
dhirtay, num. thirty.
dhouzun, num. thousand.
dhum, $n$. thumb (thum).
Dhurzday, $n$. Thursday.
dhurzelvz, pron. themselves.
diddee,
diddeecay, ${ }^{n .}$ gipsy.
did' $\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{v}$. didn't.
dishwosher, $n$. wagtail.
dis'n, $v$. didst not.
dist, $v . a u x$. didst.
doaant, doaan, v. don't (doant).
doour, $n$. door (doar).
draeen, $n$. drain.
draap, $n$. drop.
draash, $v$. thrash, thresh.
draashul, $n$. flail.
dree, num. three.
drei, $a$. dry.
driin, $v$. drain.
droa, v.t. throw ; p. droad.
droat, $n$. throat.
droo, prep. through (throo).
drov, p.p. driven.
drush, or trush, $n$. thrush.
dunkee, $n$. donkey.
dunnoa, $v$. don't know.
dus'n or dussint, $v$. dost not (dustnt).
ee, pron. (1) he (hee), (2) slurred for dhee, thee.
eef, conj. if.
eef's bee, conj. (if so be) if.
eer, v. hear (heer); p. eerd, also heerd.
eerd, $v_{0}$ heard (herd), also heerd.
ees, interj. yes.
eet, $a d v$. yet.
eevnin, $n$. evening.
Ei, pron. I.
eier, $a$, higher (hiier).
eirun, $n$. iron.
elth, $n$. health (helth).
em, pron. them.
emmet, $n$. ant.
en, pron. him.
enny wen, $a d v$. (any when) at any time.
er, $a d v$. ever.
erm, $n$. arm.
ess, $n$. ass.
extray, $a$. extra.
faarist, $n$. forest.
faivur, $n$. fever (feevur).
Feboouray, $n$. February.
feesh, $n$. fish.
feil, v.i. fail.
foar, prep. before.
foar-haars, $n$. leading horse in a team.
foaray, $n$. pinafore.
fousty, $a$. fusty.
fust, $a$. first.
gaaeet, $n$. gate.
gaalay-baagur, $n$. scarecrow.
gaep, v.i. gape, look.
gaffer, $n$. grandfather.
gaun, $n$. frock, gown (goun).
gee, gi, v.t. give ; $p$. and p.p. gev.
gel, $n$. girl.
geldin, $n$. gelding.
gerdin, $n$. garden.
gev, $p . p$. given.
gi, v.t. give (giv).
girt, $a$. great, big, large.
git, v.t. get.
glaid, a. glad.
gless, $n$. glass.
goo, v.i. go (goa).
gookoo, $n$. cuckoo.
grammer, $n$. grandmother.
granfer, $n$. grandfather.
gress, $n$. grass.
groun, $n$. the fields.
grudeirn, $n$. gridiron.
grunt, v.i. grumble.
guvnur, $n$. husband.
gwein, pres. part. going (goaing).
haach, v.t. hitch.
haaee, $n$. hay.
haaeel, $n$. hail.
haalur, $n$. hollow.
haand, $n$. hand.
haankee, $n$. handkerchief.
haant, $v$. haven't.
haarn, $n$. horn.
haars, haas, $n$. horse, pony.
haas'n, or haassint, v. aux. hast not.
haast, v.a. hast.
haat, $n$. hat.
haih! eh! what!
haud, $v ., p$. of heid, hid.
heer, v.t. hear (heer) ; p. heerd.
heerd, v., p.p. of heer, heard (herd).
hef, $a$. half (haaf).
hei, a. high (hii).
heid, v.t. hide (hiid) ; p. haad, hid.
heidee-hoop, $n$. hide-and-seek (hide-and-whoop).
heidin, $n$. hiding, thrashing.
heidin, $p . p$. hiding.
heil, $n$. shock of wheat.
herd, $a$. hard (haard).
herdly, adv. hardly.
herth, $n$. hearth (haarth).
hervist, $n$. harvest.
het, $n$. heat (heet).
het, v.t., $p$. hit.
heth, $n$. heath (heeth).
hid, $n$. head (hed).
hij, $n$. hedge (hej).
himp, $n$. hemp.
hin, $n$. hen.
hizzelf, pron. himself.
hob, $n$. potato-pit.
hooum, $n$. home.
hoss, haas, $n$. horse.
hous, $n$. house.
houzinz, pl. houses (houziz).
hunderd, num. hundred.
huzbun, $n$. husband.
id, $n$. head.
idhout, prep. without.
idhur, adv, hither (hidher).
id'n, $v$. isn't.
in, pron. him.
in, slurred for one.
injin, $n$. engine.
insek, $n$. insect.
Jaarj, $n$. George.
jigger, interj.
jillay staak, $n$. gilly flower. jist, adv. just.
joaay, $n$. a threepenny-bit.
job, $n$. difficulty.
kay, $n$. key.
kees, $n$. kiss.
kent, v. can't (caant).
kep, v. p.p. kept.
kich, v.t. catch ; $p$. caat.
kid, $n$. child (chiild).
kiddil, $n$. kettle.
kit candulstiks, $n$. will $o^{\prime}$ the wisp.
kivrur, v.t. cover (cuver).
koit, $n$. kite (kiit).
kwaaits, $n$. quoits (koits).
laaeedee, $n$. lady.
laaf, $v$, and $n$. laugh.
laang, $a$. long.
laarn, $v$. teach, learn.
laat, $n$. lot.
laeun, $n$. lane (lain).
laif, $v$. and $n$. laugh.
laif, $n$. leaf.
laig, $n$. leg.
laiv, v.t. leave.
leeray, a. empty.
leik, conj. such as.
lerch-vur, $n$. larch.
levn, num. eleven.
lid, $n$. lead (led).
livin, $n$. living.
livin, p.p. living.
long, $a d v$. along.
long, prep. along with.
loo see, interj. look ye.
looud, $n$. load.
low, v.t. allow, think, dare say.
lug, $n$. pole or perch (measure of area).

Maaee, $n$. May.
maaeed, $n$. girl.
maaeek, v. make.
maan, $n$. man.
maarnin, $n$. morning.
maast, $n$. beech-nuts and acorns.
maistur, $n$. master.
mait, $n$. meat (meet).
mauz, $n$. heap of corn in the straw.
me, slurred for my.
meddur, $n$. meadow.
meedlinish, $a$. middling.
mei, pron. my (mii).
meil, $n$. mile (miil.)
meind, $v$, remember.
mertin, $n$. martin.
mezelf, pron. myself.
mid, $v$. might.
mid'n, $v$. might not.
mimray, $n$. memory.
moak, $n$. donkey.
moast, $\alpha d v$. very.
moour, a. more.
mooust, $a$. most.
mooustly, $a d v$. generally.
mum, $n$. ma'am.
mump, v.i. stroll, wander.
muss, v. aux. must.
muss'n, v. must not.
n , slurred for in , him.
n, slurred for dhan.
naaeel, $n$. nail.
naaeem, $n$. name.
naaeeshun, n. nation (naishun).
naaeez, $n$. noise.
naamit, $n$. snack of food, luncheon.
naarth, $n$. north.
nail, v.i. kneel.
naist, $n$. nest.
naut, $n$. nought, nothing.
neerhaand, $a d v$. near.
neif, $n$. knife ( $n i i f$ ).
nein, num. nine (niin).
ner, adv. never.
nestay, adj. nasty.
nivvur, adv. never.
noad, $p$. and p.p. of noa, knew, known.
nog, $n$. chunk of wood.
noo, a. and interj. no.
noobody, pron. nobody.
nudhin, $n$. nothing.
numshon, $n$. luncheon.
nus, $n$. nurse.
oa, prep. of.
oam, $n$. home.
oap, $n$. and $v$. hope.
offin, $a d v$. often.
Oi, pron. I (Ii).
oi, interj. yes.
ollay, $n$. holly.
ondoo, v.t. undo (undoo).
ood, $n$. wood.
ool, $n$. wool.
oolln, $\alpha$. woollen.
oomun, $n$. woman.
oss, $n$. horse.
oun, $n$. hound.
ourn, $a$. ours.
ous, $n$. house.
paaeent, n. and v. paint. paaeer, $n$. pear.
paakit, $n$. pocket.
paepur, n. paper (paiper).
pag, $n$. peg.
paipul, $n$. people (реepul).
pais, $n$. piece (pees).
pait, $n$. peat (peet).
pay, $n$. pea (pee).
perch, $n$. pole, a measure of area.
pillur, n. pillow.
pinnee, $n$. pinafore.
plaaee, $n$. and $v$. play.
plaen, $\alpha$. plain.
plaes, $n$. place (plais).
plaet, $n$. plate.
plag, n. plague.
plaiz, v.t. please (pleez).
poodin, $n$. pudding.
pook, $n$. heap of hay.
praps, adv. perhaps.
pus, $n$. purse.
putt, v.t. put (poot) ; p.p. putt, put
down, cultivate.
pyooit, $n$. lapwing.
qwair, $a$. queer.
qweiut, $a$. quiet.
qwid, $n$. cud.
raabit, $n$. rabbit,
raaeek, $n$. rake (raik).
raaeel, $n$. rail.
raaeen, $n$. rain.
rail, $a$. real (raial).
raip, v.t. reap (reep).
raiv, $n$. horizontal projection on side of waggon.
reit, $a$. right (riit) ; adv. (right) thoroughly, quite.
reit, v.t. write (riit) ; p.p. ritt.
rick, $n$. stack.
roaup, $n$. rope.
rooster, $n$. cock.
ruchtee, $n$. saddle-chain for a cart.
ruff, $n$. roof.
run, $v ., p$. of run, ran.
s, slurred for ist, art,
s, slurred for us, me.
saart, $n$. sort.
saas, $n$. sauce.
saasur, $n$. saucer.
sais, v. $i$. cease (sees).
sait, $n$. seat (seet).
saium, $a$. same.
Scaach, $n$. Scotch.
scraich, $n$. and $v$. screech.
scuggee mugginz, $n$. squirrel.
seed, v., p.p. seen.
shaart, $n$. short.
shaat, v. shalt.
shaat' $n, v$, shalt not.
shaed, $n$. shade (shaid).
shait, $n$. sheet.
shillin, $n$. shilling.
shood'n, $v$. should not.
shramd, $\alpha$. benumbed.
sillir, $n$. cellar.
smert, $\alpha$. smart.
smuvreenz, n.pl. smithereens (smidhereenz).
snaaeel, $n$. snail.
snag, $n$. sloe.
'snoa, slurred for dost know, do you know.
snoch, $n$. notch.
soavur, $n$. sofa.
souf, $n$. south; more often zouth.
spaid, $n$. spade.
spaik, $v$. speak (speek).
spay, v.t. castrate a sow-pig.
speiur, $n$. spire.
spek, v.i. expect.
spoaz, v.i. suppose.
spud, $n$. potato.
squeiur, $n$. squire.
staaeeshun, $n$. station (staishun).
staarlin, $n$. starling.
staarm, $n$. storm.
stag, $n$. entire animal, e.g. boar stag.
stockin, $n$. stocking.
stooun, $n$. stone.
straach, $v$. stretch.
stray, $n$. straw.
stroy, v.t. destroy, kill off.
swaid, $n$. swede (sweed).
swait, $\alpha$. sweet.
sucker, $n$. young colt.
taablish, $a$. fairly well.
taaeek, $v$. take.
taaeel, $n$. tail.
taak, v. i. talk (tauk).
taanur, $n$. a sixpence.
taarbul, adv. terribly.
taarmint, $n$. torment.
taebul, $n$. table (taibul).
taich, v.t. teach.
taichur, $n$. teacher.
taitay, $n$. potato.
tay, $n$. tea.
teim, n. time.
teird, $a$. tired.
teit, a. tight ( tiit).
tell, v.t. count.
thaarn, $n$. thorn.
tiddee, $n$. potato.
'tiddin, 'tiddn't, slurred for it isn't (it iznt).
'tiz, slurred for it is (it iz).
toad, v.p. told (toald).
t'odher, pron. the other.
too, $n$. toe (toa).
too, prep. to (too), till.
too-morrur, $a d v$. to-morrow.
toordz, prep. towards (toaurdz).
tooud, $n$. toad.
tooud, v.p. told (toald).
traaeen, $n$. train.
trait, $n$. treat (treet).
trei, v.i. try (trii).
tremenjus, $a$. tremendous.
trevet, $v$. tripod of iron for holding cooking vessels by the fire.
trush, $n$. thrush.
tuffish, $a$. tough ( $t u f f$ ).
tugz, n.pl. hames, on horses' collars.
turmit, $n$. turnip.
twaal, twaalv, num. twelve.
twinty, num. twenty.
twoald, p.p. of tell, told (toald).
uirth, $n$. earth (erth).
umbrellur, $\} n$. umbrella.
un, num. one (wun).
un, pron. him.
ur, pron. her, them.
ur, conj. or.
vaach, $n$. vetch.
vaagit, $n$. faggot.
vaalur, $n$. value.
vaardin, $n$. farthing.
vaarist, $n$. forest.
vaark, $n$. fork.
vaarm, $a$. warm.
vaarmur, a comp. warmer.
vaartneit, $n$. fortnight.
vaartay, num. forty.
vaes, vaaees, $n$. face (fais).
vaidhur, $n$. father.
vaist, $n$. feast.
van, $n$. fan.
vat, $a$. fat.
vaul, v.i. fall (faul); p. vell, fell.
veeld, $n$. field.
veeoo, $a$. few.
veesh, $a$. fish.
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { veet, } \\ \text { veets, }\end{array}\right\} n . p l$. feet.
veier, $n$. fire ( fir ).
veilit, $n$. violet.
vein, $a$. fine.
veind, v. find (find) ; p. vound, found.
veiv, num. five.
vellur, $n$. fellow.
ver, $a$. and $a d v$. far ( $f a a r$ ).
verray, $a$. very.
viftay, num. fifty.
vifteen, num. fifteen.
vinggur, $n$. finger.
vloi, $n$. fly ( $f$ fii).
voag, $n$. folk (foak).
voal, $n$. foal.
voar, $a d v$. afore, before.
voarteen, num. fourteen.
vog, $n$. fog.
vool, a. full (fool).
voot, $n$. foot ; $p l$. veet.
vorgit, $v$. forget.
vouer, $n$. four,
voul, $n$. fowl.
vound, $v ., p$. found.
vox, $n$.fox.
Vreiday, n. Friday.
vrog, $n$. frog.
vrom, prep. from.
vuirn, $n$. fern.
vur, prep. for.
vur, $n$. fir.
vurdher, a. farther off.
vurdhist, $a$. farthest.
vurray, adv. very.
vurrur, $n$. furrow.
vust, $a$. first.
vuz, $n$. furze ; pl. vuzin. vyoo, $a$. few.
waach, v.t. watch (woch).
waaee, $n$. way.
waaeet, $n$. weight (wait).
waak, $v$. walk (wauk).
waal, interj. well.
waar, $n$. war (waur).
waark, $n$. work (wurk).
waarm, $n$. worm (wurm).
wab, $n$. web.
wair, $a$. where.
wait, $n$. wheat (weet). wedher, $n$. castrated ram.
weeout, prep. without.
weid, $a$. wide.
weir, $n$. wire (wiir).
wen, $a$. when.
Wenzday, $n$. Wednesday.
wer, v., p. was, were.
wet, $n$. weight (wait).
wi, wee, prep. with.
widhee, $n$. willow.
wii, conj. why.
wik, $n$. week.
wikkur, $v$. neigh.
windur, $n$. window.
winker, $n$. the boy who seeks in heidee-hoop.
winsh, $n$. wench, girl.
wint, $v$. went.
wippin, $n$. swingle-tree of plough.
wippul-tree, $n$. master-tree of plough.
wit, $v$. wilt.
wit'n, $v$. wilt not.
woak, $n$. oak.
woald, $a$. old (oald).
woald-faashun, $a$. old-fashioned.
woar, p.p. worn.
wood'n, $v$. would not.
woons, $a d v$. once (wuns).
woos'n, or woosint, wouldst not.
woots, $v$. wouldst (woodst).
wooud, a. old (oald).
wops, $n$. wasp (wosp).
wot, rel. pron. who, which, what, that.
woz'n, or wozzint, $v$. wast not.
wuird, $n$. word (wurd).
wuirk, $n$. and $v$. work.
wun, num. cne (wun).
wus, $a$. worse (wurs).
wust, $a$. worst (wurst).
wuth, $a$. worth (vurth).
wuts, n.pl. oats.
yaalur, $a$. yellow.
yaandur, $a d v$. yonder.
yaaprun, $n$. apron.
yaas, interj. yes.
yaeker, $n$. acorn.
Yaipril, $n$. (Aipril).
yeer, adv. here (heer).
yeer, $n$. ear (eer).
yoa, $n$. ewe (yoo).
yoo, interj. you (yoo).
yoorn, a. yours.
yungin, $n$. young one, youngster.
zaaeem, $a$. same.
zaasur, $n$. saucer.
zaik, v.t. seek.
zaim, v.i. seem.
Zaturday, $n$. Saturday.
zault, $n$. salt (sault).
zay, $n$. sea (see).
zay, v.t. say.
zayin, p.p. saying.
zbeidur, $n$. spider.
zed, v.t., pres. and p.p. said.
zee, v.t. see ; $p$. and $p . p$. zeen, zin, zid, zeed, saw, seen.
zee-zaw, $n$. see-saw.
zeid, $n$. side (siid).
zeit, $n$. sight (siit).
zelf, pron. self.
zell, v.t. sell.
zertin, $\alpha$. certain.
zet, v.i. sat, $p$. of sit.
zet, v.t. set.
zevn, num. seven.
zevnteen, num. seventeen.
zeventy, num. seventy.
zhoin, $v$. shine (shiin).
zich, $a$. such.
zillur, $n$. cellar.
zilvur, $n$. silver.
zing, $v i$. sing.
zit, v.i. sit ; p. zet.
zix, num. six.
zixteen, num. sixteen.
zixty, num. sixty.
zizurz, n. pl. scissors (sizzurs).
zloo, a. slow (sloa).
zoa, v. sow (soa).
zoavur, $n$. sofa.
zoid, $n$. side (siid).
zoidur, $n$. cider (siidur).
zoiv, $n$. scythe (siith).
zoo, adv. so (8oa).
zooner, adv. rather.
zooud, v.p. of zell, sold (soald). zouth, $n$. south.
zow, $n$. sow (sou).
zum, $a$. some (sum).
zummit, $n$. something.
zummur, $n$. summer.
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { zumwayz, } \\ \text { zumwair, }\end{array}\right\} a d v$. somewhere.
zun, $n$. sun.
Zunday, $n$. Sunday.
zwaalur, $n$. and $v$. swallow (swolloa).

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