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# HIGH ENGLISH.

### Correct Pronunciation, as a Rule, Obtains in the West.

The west has fewer mannerisms. lewer provincialisms, than any other section of the country. The westmner, making no pretensions to great culture, can visit any section If the land and cause little remark for divagations from the standard let by the most cultivated people of the section he visits. That which the rest of the country accepts as the standard of correct pronunciation, though seldom attaining it, characterizes the speech of the majority of the people of the west.

The west is the only section that does not badly misuse R. It is perhaps incorrect to say that the east and south misuse R; they hardly ose it at all. In the east and many parts of the south R is, in effect, an auxiliary vowel except at the beginning of words. It merely lengthans the preceding vowel. Occasionally it receives a distinct vowel sound, that of Italian A. In many parts of the south it is not heard at all. While the Georgian says, "befoah," his Alabama neighbors say "befo'," deposing R from its position as a vowel or vowel modifier. In the west R is sounded with an approximation of correctness. Yet even the westerners do not give it its full value, as do the Irish and Scotch. Their strong enunciation of the letter sounds harsh to us, yet the letter is intended to be pronounced, and its use differentiates words liable to be confused by the 287.

The Anglo-Saxon seems to be doing his best to depose R. Were it not for the influence of the Irish and Scotch (and the influence of these Celts speaking an alien tongue is pretty powerful, though you do not often realize it), R would now be little more than a written letter, as silent as initial H in Spanish .----Leslie's Weekly.

### Malice of Old Sarah Churchill.

An electioneering squib written in the reign of William III. describes the scenes of the hustings in Guildhall when the platform was crowded by "all the folks in furs, from sables, ermines and the skins of curs." Swift has mentioned a "Ballad Full of Puns," which was produced during the Westminster election of 1710. But we have more precise records of the deeply designed stroke of electioncering pol-

icy ascribed to old Sarah, duchess of Marlborough, who, wishing to annoy George Grimstone, who was opposing the success of her nominees, had a fresh edition printed of a very stupid comedy called "Love In a Hollow Tree," which had been writ-

ten by Lord Grimstone and which. being heartily ashamed of it, he had suppressed. The implacable Sarah reprinted the silly play and affixed to it an engraving representing an elephant dancing on a tight rope .--London Telegraph.

### Exonerated.

The judgment that was pronounced on the manuscript which a playwright had in his possession during the time of King William III. could be applied with equal propriety to the works of some modern writers which find presentation on the stage. Having been arrested and brought before the Earl of Nottingham on the charge of owning treasonable papers, he denied at great length all knowledge of the affair, saying that he was a poet and that the papers in question were only a roughly sketched play. The earl, however, examined them carefully, and finally, having settled the thing in his own mind, turned to the prisoner and said:

"I have heard your statement and read your manuscript, and as I fail to see any traces of a plot in either you may go."-Philadelphia Ledger.

### Tricks of Memory.

It is not unusual to find a memory retentive on some subjects and extremely defective on others. A lady of the writer's acquaintance could tell the number of stairs contained in each flight in the houses in which she had lived and the various residences visited, yet it seemed almost impossible for her to retain for any length of time a remembrance of things more important.

An actor once performing in a play which had had a long run all at once forgot entirely the speech he was to make. When he got behind the scenes he said:

"How could I be expected to remember it forever? Have I not repeated it every night for the last 200 nights?"

### Her Late Husband.

A gentleman recently came home in the "wee sma' hours ayont the twal'" and was surprised to find his wife clad in black.

"Why are you wearing these mourning garments?" he said some-

what unsteadily.

"For my late husband," was the significant reply. He has been in the house at 10

ever since.-London Standard.

THE DOMESTIC JAPS.

### Even the Highest Class Women Are Taught to Work,

Even the highest class Japanese women, and no matter how rich their family may be, are brought up to be able to sew, cook and attend to their homes.

In Japan the highest class of women never go to market. The market comes to them-that is, the selves up to represent the different dealers call and offer their wares for sale at their customers' doors. The fish merchant brings his stock and, if any is sold, prepares it for cooking. The greengrocer, the cake dealer and, nowadays, the mest man, all go to their patrons' houses.

Nearly all Japanese women make their own clothes-st all events even the very richest embroider their garments themselves. Dinner is served at or a little before dusk the year round. A small table about one foot square and eight inches high is set before each person. On this is a lacquer tray, with space for four or five dishes, each four or five inches in diameter.

There are definite places for each little bowl and dish. The rice bowl is on the left, the soup bowl in the middle. One's appetite is measured according to the number of bowls of rice one eats. A maid is at hand with a large box of rice to replenish the bowls. If a few grains are left in the botton of the bowl she is aware that those eating have had sufficient, but should one empty his bowl she would once more fill it .--Table Talk.

# Large Rats, Small Bottles. Lord Albemarle told Mrs. Beech-

er Stowe when she was in England a really witty and amusing story about the Duke of Wellington, which was in fact a squib of his own reflecting on the high handed autocracy of the duke in the later days of his command of the army. Sifting next a lady at dinner who had a smelling bottle containing musk, the duke is alleged to have said to her, "In India ladies put muskrats into their smelling bottles." "They must be very small rats then," the lady observed.

"Not at all-about the size of English rats." "Then their smell-ing bottles must be very large." "Not at all-no bigger than yours."

When the gentleman entered the an sure some one knows," the drawing room, Lord Fitzroy Somer- mid after a moment's pane set whispered to the lady: "You "Olaire, can't you tall na ?"

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now see the sort of difficulties we "Of course I can, Miss Moore." have at the Horse guards. We are said pretty Claire, "but it seems unrequired to put very large rate into necessary for the book to ask week very small bottles." To hear the simple quations. He haved the narrator mimic the Iron Dukes English because they had made him manner when he told this was "as live and die alone on the rock of St. good as a play." Helena."

Use of Maska Among the Indiana. Savage tribes very commonly

The Influences That Made the Of Man's Pignet Fischere. make use of masks. Among the Zunis at the ceremony of the "Kokko" various individuals get themactor becomes not only the repre-sentative of the god, but is endowed with some of the functions and pow-ers of the divinity. Among other things he is given the "breath" of the god. By the Makah Indiana masks representing the head of the thunderbird are worn, the nose of the wearer being covered by a long beak.

In the "bear dances" practiced by many tribes the heads of those who participate are covered with masks taken from the heads of bears, and taken from the heads of bears, and likewise it used to be in the "buffale dances." The medicine man while increase it is the source of \$1,000 an acre. I is the source of the laughed at him, and he went away, soes the country for source it. performing his magical rites commonly covers his head with a bear's mask. Many Indian masks are made to counterfeit the heads of different kinds of birds.

# His Substitute,

Frederic I. Crowset in his volume. "Musicians' Wit. Humor and Anecdote," says that when the famous Strauss first visited America musical women went wild over him and toward the end of the sesson the "king of waltz music" was showered with applications for hair. In due course of time the locks were distributed-many hundred of them, too, each one accompanied by the compliments of the composer. Sufficient hair was sent out to make Strauss look as though he had been sandpapered, yet when he left this country his locks were as abundant as ever. But when his beautiful black retriever (Strauss was a great dog fancier) took its departure the animal looked like a shorn poodle.

### Posthumous Aversion,

"Why did Napoleon hate the English?" asked the patient history teacher, with her tone full of the perennial hopefulness that distinguished her attitude toward her

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"As to dreams and dream books,"

\$2,000 an acre?' I queried.

"How did that happen?"

"I'm calculatin' I will?

down to \$50.

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T want what my land is worth and head for business and no more I will consult a dream Little Georges To was book and see you later." "Two or three days after he called or me and said the dream book told mister, for in the summer. nem that there was a large lake of Teamy Paw. Seeting of under his land and that he must rive a dedation of a patric him that there was a large lake of saying he would consult a fortune not just sure which. teller and lot the result be known. When he returned, his price was \$1,500 an acre. He had been told that the supply of oil was inexhaust ible. I sent him off, and it was a week later when he turned up for the third time and said: "Well, colonel, I've come to make a dickar with you shout that teller and let the result be known.

make a dicker with you about that land.' "Have you raised your figures to \$2,000 on some 2'L queried' BEDINE TRAVID A. ROBERS

"No, sir, My figures have gone seindiz. Apple 2011 I DATE FOR "Well, I consulted the dream the asy meteral combook, and it told me to ask \$1,000. For family will get be i went to a fortune teller, and she told me to ask \$1,500. Then I went to my old woman, and she said to be to my old woman, and she said to me, says she: "Jacob, ef.there's sny man fool 'nough to think he kin find a pint of Urula Rectaining to think he kin find a pint of Urula Rectaining to the Urula Rectaining

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