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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 Gaelic-speaking 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.
adv.	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.
pl.	plural.
prep.	preposition.
pres.	present
pron.	pronoun.
sing.	singular.
t.	transitive.
v.	verb

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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 the 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 some what 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:

G III	
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
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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)
o	hot, fond, lost
oa	road, go (goa), roll (roal)
oi or oy	oil, boy, moist
00	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 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 THE 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 z for s, zh for sh, v for f, dh for th, b for p, g for k, d for t.

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PRONUNTIATION*

Examples — z for s:

English	ı	New Forest	English		New Forest
Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
sea	see	zay	salt	sault	zault
say	say	zay	sell	sell	zell
see	see	zee	same	saim	zaaeem
so	soa	Z00	side	siid	zoid
sun	sun	zun	slow	sloa	zloo
sit	sit	zit	scythe	siith	zoiv
set	set	zet	seek	seek	zaik
sow, n.	sow	zow	sold	soald	zooud



sow, v.	soa	zoa	certain	sertin	zertin
six	six	zix	silver	silver	zilvur
seven	sevn	zevn	saucer	sauser	zaasur
south	south	zouth	cider	siider	zoidur
sing	sing	zing	see-saw	see-saw	zee-zaw
said	sed	zed	summer	summer	zummur
such	such	zich	scissors	sizurz	zizurz
sight	siit	zeit	spider	spider	zbeidur
some	sum	zum	Sunday	Sunday	Zunday
something	sumthing	zummit	Saturday	Saturday	Zaturday

buskin buzgin (gaiter)

v for f:

E. N.F. E. N.F

Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
fire	fiir	veier	fat	fat	vat
four	foar	vouer	fly	flii	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	fiin	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	fìfti	viftay
for	for	vur	faggot	faggot	vaagit
fork	fork	vaark	father	faadher	vaidhur



widhee

folk	foak	voag	fortnight	fortniit	vaartneit
fish	fish	veesh	farthing	faardhing	vaardin
fog	fog	vog			
		0 0			

sofa soafa zoavur

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dh for th:

E.		N.F.		E.		N.F.
Written	Spoken			Written	Spoken	
think	think	dhink		thousand	thousand	dhouzun
thatch	thach	dhetzh		thirteen	thirteen	dhirteen
thing	thing	dhing		Thursday	Thurzday	Dhurzday
thumb	thum	dhum		thirty	thirti	dhirtay
thick	thik	dhik		thimble	thimbul	dhimbul
thin	thin	dheen		thief	theef	d haiuf
thought	thaut	dhaut				
	wit	hout w	ithout	idhou		

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

with thee

E.		N.F.	E.		N.F.
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 voiceless one. Examples:

E		N.F.	Change of consonant
Written	Spoken		
kettle	kettul	kiddil	d for t
might	miit	mid	d for t
spider	spider	zbeidur	b for p
buskin	buskin	buzgin (gaite	er) g for k
seythe	siith	zoiv	v for th



athwart	athwart	adhurt (across)	dh for th	
		avert (across)	v for th	
cuckoo	cookoo	gookoo	g for k	

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:

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	E.		N.F.	Scotch
	Written	Spoken		
	thinking	thinking	dhinkin	thinkin 6
	saying	saying	zayin	sayin
	blessing	blessing	blessin	blessin
	living	living	livin	livin
	hiding	hiiding	heidin	heidin
Exai	mples of non-parti	ciples:		
	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
0.1	1 0.1			

Other changes of the consonantal sounds:

E. N.F. Change of the Consonant



Written	Spoken		
chimney	chimnay	chimnlay	1 for n
		chimblay	1 for n
tremendous	tremendus	tremenjus	j for d

DROPING 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	loot	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 h of English nearly so often as in the Cockney

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dialect, though there is some tendency in that direction. I have noticed the following instances:

E.		N.F.	E.		N.F.
Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
have	hav	av	head	hed	id
had	had	ad	horse	hors	oss
home	hoam	oam	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 hiler eier
heard herd eerd perhaps perhaps praps

holly holli ollay

Examples:

N.F E.

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

Oi'm az hungri 'z a houn. 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:

N.F.

E.

Written Spoken

kept kept kep must must must

art (thou) aart s (for ist)

insect insekt insek

and all auxiliary verbs in the second person singular followed by *not*:

E. N.F.

Written Spoken

wast not wost not woz'n

canst not canst not caas'n

wouldst not 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 shaalt not shaat'n

didst not didst not dis'n



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

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E.		N.F.	E.		N.F.
Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
isn't	iznt	id'n	mightn't	miitnt	mid'n
hadn't	hadnt	ad'n	wouldn't	woodnt	wood'n
mustn't	musnt	muss'n	shouldn't	shoodnt	shood'n
			n		

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

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

r is often dropped, especially before s or z. Examples:

E.		N.F.	Е.		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	wurst	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	oold: compare Sc. oo .



woollen	woolen	oolen
woman	woomun	oomun
one	wun	un
without	widhout	idhout

Other consonants are sometimes dropped. Examples:

E.		N.F.	E.	N	l.F.
Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
	L			${f L}$	
cold	coald	cooud	old	oald	wooud
told	toald	tooud	shalt	shalt	shaat
sold	soald	zooud	wilt	wilt	wit
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E.		N.F.	E.		N.F.
Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
	K			N	
ask	aask	aess	acorn	aicorn	yaeker
	Dh			V	
	Dii			V	
them	dhem	em	of	ov	oa
with	widh	wi	give	giv	gi
			haven't	havnt	haant

ADDITION OF THE 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:

N.F.		E.	N.F.		E.
	Spoken	Written		Spoken	Written
yaiprun	aiprun	apron	woak	oak	oak
yaeker	aicorn	acorn	woald	oald	old
			wooud		
yeer	eer	ear	wuts	oats	oats



April Aipril Yaipril here heer yeer

r is generally added at the end of a word ending in the vowel-sound **a**, **oa**, or **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	aarkurd	barrow	baaroa	baarur
daughter	dautur	daartur	meadow	meddoa	meddur
fellow	felloa	vellur	bellow	belloa	bellur
yellow	yelloa	yaalur	to-morrow	toomorroa	tomoorrur_
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:

E. N.F. Written Spoken great grait girt wasp wosp wops children childern children chillern hundred hundred hunderd



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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 man back hand rabbit	Spoken man bak hand rabbit	maan baak haand raabit
English short a sometimes be	ecomes short e. Exam	-
	C 1	N.F.
<i>Written</i> thatch	Spoken thach	dhetzh
thank	thank	dhenk
sat	sat	zet
Sometimes it becomes ai. Ex	camples:	
E.		N.F.
Written	Spoken	
bad	bad	baid
glad	glad	glaid
bladder	bladder	blaidur
extra	extra	extray
contrary	contrary	contrairay
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Aa long.

Long aa in standard English often becomes e. Examples:

E.	N.F.		E.		N.F.
Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
half	haaf	hef	hard	haard	herd
can't	caant	ken't	far	faar	ver
ass	aas	ess	hearth	haarth	herth
glass	glaas	gless	larch	laarch	lerch



grass	graas	gress	martin	maartin	mertin
ask	aask	aess	smart	smaart	smert
basket	baaskit	beskit	Charlie	chaarly	cherlay
nasty	naasty	nestay	harvest	haarvist	hervist
arm	aarm	erm			

Sometimes long aa becomes ai. Examples:

E. N.F.

Written Spoken
master maaster maistur
father faadher 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.		N.F.
Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
may	may	maaee	cake	caik	caaeek
hay	hay	haaee	same	saim	zaaeem
maid	maid	maaeed	hail	hail	haaeel
make	maik	maaeek	snail	snail	snaaeel
eight	ait	aaeet	lady	laidy	laaeedee
rain	rain	raaeen	away	away	awaaee
train	train	traaeen	ale	ail	aaeel
rake	raik	raaeek	take	taik	taaeek
air	air	aaeer	gate	gait	gaaeet
pair	pair	paaeer	weight	wait	waaeet
way	way	waaee	tail	tail	taaeel
drain	drain	draaeen	afraid	afraid	afraaeed
paint	paint	paaeent	nation	naishun	naaeeshun
play	play	plaaee	station	staishun	staaeeshun
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Sometimes the English **ai** becomes **e**, short or long, or a sound between the English **e** and **ii**, which I spell **ae**. Examples: —



bed

bed

baid

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

NOTE. Plague (plaig) is pronounced plag.

Ε.

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

E. 7		N.F.	E.		N.F.
Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
hen	hen	hin	hemp	hemp	himp
head	hed	hid	kettle	kettul	k <mark>id</mark> dil
then	dhen	dhin	bellows	be <mark>ll</mark> oaz	b <mark>illis</mark>
hedge	hej	hij	cellar	sellur	sillir
get	get	git	engine	enjin	injin
lead	led	lid	memory	memory	mimray
went	went	wint			
Other wor	ds have a o	aa for English sho	rt e. Examples:		
E.		N.F.	E.		N.F.
Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
egg	eg	agg	web	web	wab
beg	beg	bagg	twelve	twelve	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
Sometime	s it becomes	s ai. Examples:			
E.		N.F.	E.		N.F.
Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	

bread

bred

braid



dead	ded	daid	leg	leg	laig
edge	ej	aij	chestnut	chesnut	chaisnut
nest	nest	naist			

NOTE. Very is pronounced vurray.

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Ee.

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

E.		N.F.	E.		N.F.
Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
tea	tee	tay	cheek	cheek	chaik
eat	eet	ait 7	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	see	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
believe	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** becomes **e** or **i**. Examples:

E. N.F.



Written	Spoken	
heath	heeth	heth
heat	heet	het
been	been	bin
week	week	wik

I.

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

	E.		N.F.	Vowel substituted for i
	Written	Spoken		
	hitch	hich	haach	aa
	if	if	eef	ee
	fish	fish	feesh	ee
	kiss	kiss	kees	ee
	birch	birch	burch	u
	ditch	dich	deich	ei ei
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			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:

W C 1	
Written Spoken Written Spoken	
I Ii Ei time tiim teim	
five fiv veiv right rit reit	
fire fiir veier wirte wir weir	
try <i>trii</i> trei iron <i>iirun</i> eiru r	1
dry <i>drii</i> drei squire <i>squiir</i> sqeiu	r
tight tiit teit spire spiir speiu	ır
nine <i>niin</i> nein quiet <i>quiiet</i> queit	ıt
knife <i>niif</i> neif alive <i>aliiv</i> aleiv	
mile <i>miil</i> meil Friday <i>Friiday</i> Vreic	day



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	flii	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 **r** is generally a long **oa**. Examples:

E.		N.F.	E.		N.F.
Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
dog	dog	daag	sauce	saus	zaas
off	off	aaf	yonder	yonder	<mark>y</mark> aandur
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	pokit	paakit	watch	woch	waach
Scotch	Scoch	Scaach	long	long	laang
caught	caut	caat	daughter	dautur	daartur
clock	clok	claak	corn	corn	caarn
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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



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according	according	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	forniit	vaartneit

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

E.		N.F. Vowel substituted fo	r o or au
Written	Spoken		
straw	straw	stray	
donkey	donkay	dunkee u	

Oa.

The English oa is sometimes changed into oo. Examples:

6	N.F		E. /
		Spoken	Written
1	goo	goa	go
	too	toa	toe
	Z00	soa	so
0	ago	agoa	ago
)	zloc	sloa	slow

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

E.		N.F.	E.		N.F.
Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
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 pronounce vouer, and oats, wuts.

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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 oo
Written Spok	en	
ewe yoo	yoa	oa
ewe yoo boot boot	but	u
put poot	put	Au O
put poot roof	ruff	u
could cood	cud	u

u.

U.

In some words the English u is changed. Examples:

E.		N.F.	Vowel substituted for
Written	Spoken		
just	just	jist	i
such	such	zich	i
cover	cuvver	kivvur	i
cousin	cuzn	cozn	0
undo	undoo	ondoo	0
once	wuns	woons	00

NOTE. Before an **r**, followed by another consonant, a short vowel if 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	Spoken	
word	wurd	wuird
work	work	wuirk
earth	erth	uirth
bird	bird	buird



fern fern vuirn

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NOUNS

The following plurals are peculiar:

E. N.F.

Singular Plural

house hous houzin or houzinz

furze vuz vuzin

deer deer deerz

child cheild childern or chillern

foot veet veet veet or veets

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

E. N.F.

six months zix munth

twenty years twenty yeer

NUMERALS

The numerals are as follows:

E. N.F. E. N.F.

Written	Spoken		Written	Spoken	
one	wun	wun	sixteen	sixteen	zixteen
two	too	too	seventeen	sevn <mark>t</mark> een	zevnteen
three	three	dree	eighteen	aiteen	aaeeteen
four	foar	vouer	nineteen	niinteen	neinteen
five	fiiv	veiv	twenty	twenty	twentay
six	six	zix	thirty	thirty	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. [23]

PRONOUNS

PERSONAL PRONOUNS.

	First	Person	Second Pers	son
	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
Nom.	Ei, Oi	wee	dhee, ee	yoo, yee, ee
Poss.	mei, mě	our	dhee, ee	yoor
Obj.	mee	us	dhee, ee	yoo, yee, ee
		Third Person		
	Singu	lar	Plur	al
	Masc.	Fem.	Neut.	All genders.
Nom.	hee	shee	it, 't	dhay
Poss.	hiz	hur	its	dhur
Obj.	him, un, en,	hur, ur	it, 't	dhem, dhum,
	in, 'n			'em, 'um

NOTE. The pronunciation **Ei** for **I** is more common than **Oi**. **Mei** (*my*) is slurred into mě; e.g. Ei'v hurt mězelf (I've hurt myself).

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

Gi'ss wun. Give me one.

Gi'z (or gee uz) dree on em.

Let's av mei speks.

Give me three of them.

Let me have my spectacles.

Laiv us aloan. Leave me alone.

Bist gwein wee uz? 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. I tell you (thee).



Bist dhee cooud? Are you cold?

Bist dhee gwein too see un? Are you going to see him?

How'z dhee mudhur? How's your mother?

Doant dhee goo. Don't go.

Dhee mus'n goo.You mustn't go.Caas'n dhee goo?Can't you go?Dhee woald zow.Your old sow.

Ei tell dhee. I tell you.

Good marnin too ee. Good morning to you (thee).

Ei'll gi dhee a clout 'n dhe yeer. I'll give you a cuff on the ear.

Wen shaal Ei zee dhee agen? When shall I see you again?

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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? How are you (art thou)?

Caas'n goo? (Canst thou not go?)

Dust meind? Do you (dost thou) remember?

'Snoa? Do you (dost thou) know?

Dist eer oi? Did you (didst thou) hear me?

See other examples under the verbs.

Sometimes other pronouns are omitted. Examples:

Doan dhink much oa dhay, nun oa um. I don't think much of any of them.

Baint much goof, not wair hee iz. He isn't much good, where he is.

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. I asked him his name.

Ei zin in yesterday. I saw him yesterday.

Ei het 'n on dhe laig. I hit him on the leg.

Get hoald on un. Get hold of him.

Ei doant dhink much oa un. I don't think much of him.



Hee'z got too on um (or oa um). He has two of them.

Hee laivz dhum yeer. He leaves them here.

You could hear them thrashing.

Nun oa um (or on em). None of them.

Wee em. With them.

The neuter third personal pronoun it is often slurred into before a vowel or w. Examples:

'Tiz—'twoz—'tiddin. It is—it was— it isn't.

Ei spoaz 'tiz. I suppose it is.

Ei dhaut 'twoz. I thought it was.

'Tiddin fair. 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, wagon, 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.

Have you seen him (the moon) yet?

Hee'll wair yoo out, spaid wull. He'll wear you out, the spade will.

Ei jumpt oavur ur. I jumped over her (a ditch).

Teim shee woz claind out. It's time she (a ditch) was cleaned out.

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. He hit me.

Dist eer oi? Did you hear me?

A voar hee—on shee. Before him—on her.

Hee swairz at shee, un shee swairz at

hee. He swears at her, and she swears at him.



Ei woz gwein too lend hee wun. I was going to lend him one.

Wee woz dher, woz'n us? We were there, weren't we?

Wee'll goo, shaant us? We'll go, shan't we?

Wee doo, doant us? We do, don't we?

Wair did ur cum vrom? Where did she come from?

Dhay'll goo too, woant um? They'll go too, won't they?

Wair wood um doo it now? Where would they do it now?

Diddin um? Didn't they?

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

Yoo'll aul bee yeer too-mor-rur,

woant dhee? You'll all be here to-morrow, won't you?

Hee zung verray well, diddin ur? 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,

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this is done by inserting the adverb **yeer** (*here*) or **dhair** (*there*), generally slurred into air. Examples:

Singular

N.F E.

Dhik un. This one.Dhik air haas. That horse.

Look at dhik dhink dhairLook at that thing.

Ei doant noa dhik fellurI don't know that fellow.

Dhik wooud baich. That old beech.

Dhik's hard wuirk. This is hard work.

Dhik air mair can goo. That mare can go.



N.F.

Ε.

Dhay books. These books.

Ei doant want nun oa dhay. I don't want any of those.

Wee doant yooz dhay. We don't use those.

Look at dhay daagz out dhair. Look at those dogs.

Yeer'z moar oa dhay cowz. Here are more of those cows.

Ei cood'n ait dhay. I couldn't eat those.

In dhem baugz. In those bogs.

Dher woz a big veier oa dhem ricks. There was a big fire of those stacks.

Dhem air drei zummurz dreiz up dhe

daid hoalz. Those dry summers dry up the pools.

Dhem'z stroyd. 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? Who dost thou call him?

What do you call him?

Hoo'z caul dhair vellur gooin long? 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. A man who works in the forest.

Voag wot caamps in vaarist. People who camp in the forest.

A buird wot bildz in dhe treez. A bird that builds in the trees.

Dhe haas wot yoost too wuirk. The horse that used to work.

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REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS.

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



N.F. E. myself (miiself)
dheezelf thyself (dhiiself)
hizzelf himself

hizzelf himself
hurzelf herself
ourzelvz ourselves
yoorzelvz yourselves
dhurzelvz themselves

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 \mathbf{s} or \mathbf{z} , or (after a sibilant) \mathbf{iz} , to the root of the verb in both numbers and in all persons except the second person singular, in which the termination is \mathbf{st} . Examples:

Singular			Plural		
Pers.	N.F.	Е.	N.F.	E.	
1.	Ei caulz	I call (caul)	We caulz	We call	
2.	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 like to hear them.

Ei vorgits. —**Ei trots out.** I forget. — I trot out.

Ei nivvur eerz dhat. I never hear that.

Ei yooziz dhem now. I use them now.

Ei zaimz a bit leeray. I seem a little empty (hungry).

Oa how leeray Ei feelz. Oh how empty I feel!

Caanst goo? Canst thou go?



Wee moastly caulz it 'Maaee'. We usually call it 'May'.

Wee caulz im 'haarts'. We call them 'hearts'.

You cut this turf. You cut this turf.

Dhe vust doour yoo cumz too. The first door you come to.

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N.F. E.

Zum caulz dhem— Some call them.

Wot dhay caulz 'turfin'. What they call 'turfing'.

Dhay treiz haard. They try hard.

Dhay maaeeks wein. They make wine.

Dhay gits about aul reit. They get about all right.

Dhay lets dhem out. They let them out.

Dhay tellz mee. They tell me.

Dhay noaz too well.They know too well.

Vyoo peepul burnz it nou. Few people burn it now.

A vyoo dhingz cumz acraas mee. A few things come across me (occur

to me).

Dhay keeps dhem too. They keep them too.

Ei dunnoa wair dhay gooz 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. E.

		Spe	Spoken		Written	
Root	Past	Root	Past	Root	Past	
eer	eerd	heer	herd	hear	heard	
noa	noad	noa	nyoo	know	knew	
goo	wint	goa	went	go	went	
cum	cum	cum	caim	come	came	
keep	kep	keep	kept	keep	kept	



gi	gev	giv	gaiv	give	gave
bee	WOZ	bee	woz	be	was
heid	haad	hiid	hid	hide	hid
aess	aess	aask	aaskt	ask	asked
hit	het	hit	hit	hit	hit
beid	bid			stay	stayed
zit	zet	sit	sat	sit	sat
bust	bust	burst	burst	burst	burst

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

did do did doo dun doo zee zeen,zin see saw see

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

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N.F.

laast yeer.

Ei zeen in. — Ei zid en.

Dhik's dhe zaaeem poanay Ei zeed

Ei aess in hiz naaeem.

Ei zeen wun oa yoor winshiz.

Dhik man cum th' our plaes.

Hee kep on taakin.

saw

E.

I saw him.

That's the same pony I saw last year.

I asked him his name.

I saw one of your girls.

That man came to our house.

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 PARTICIPLE.



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. E.

Wair bist gwein? Where art thou going?

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

N.F. E.

Ei woz jist a-zayin. I was just saying.

Win French woz a-cumin. When the French were coming.

Dhay keeps a-shiftin. They keep changing.

Bist a-gwein too shoa? Are you going to the show?

Hee woz a-waakin awaaee. 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: [30]

N.F. E.

		Spoken		Written	
Root	Past Participle	Root	P.p	Root	P.p
noa	noad	noa	noan	know	known
zee	zeed	see	seen	see	seen
gi	gev	giv	givn	give	given
heid	haad	hiid	hiddn	hide	hidden
reit	ritt	riit	rittn	write	written
droa	droad	throa	throan	throw	thrown
taaeek	took,tuk	taik	taikn	take	taken
braaeek	broak	braik	broakn	break	broken



wair	woar	wair	woarn	wear	worn
keep	kep	keep	kept	keep	kept
goo	gon	goa	gon	go	gone
bee	bin, ben	bee	been	be	been
aess	aess	aask	aaskt	ask	asked

N.F. E.

Ei'v nivvur noad un. I've never known him.

Ei'v noad dhee vor yeerz. I've known you for years.

Haant a-zeed dhee vor dhis yeer. I haven't seen you for a year.

AUXILIARY VERBS.

Bee.

Present

Plural

Singular
Pers. N.F.

E.

N.F.

E.

1. Ei bee

I am

Wee bee

We are

2. **Dhee bist, best,**

Thou art

Yoo bee

You are

's, 'z

3. **Hee iz, 'z 's**

He is (iz)

Dhay bee

They are

Shee'z

She's

Tiz

It's

Present Negative

	Singular		Plural	
Pers.	N.F.	E.	N.F.	E.
1.	Ei baint	I'm not	Wee baint	We aren't
2.	Dhee bis'n	Thou'rt not	Yoo baint	You aren't
3.	Hee idd'n	He isn't	Dhay baint	They aren't
	Shee idd'n	She isn't		
	Tidd'n	It isn't		



N.F.

Ei bee cooud. I'm cold

Ei bee plaizd. I'm glad (pleased).

Ei bee reit shramd wee dhe cooud. I'm quite benumbed with the cold.

How bist or best? How are you (art thou)?

Bist dhee cooud? Are you (art thou) cold?

Bist dhee gwein too? Are you going too?

Yaas, tiz. Yes, it is.

Hou'z getting on, yoo? How are you (art thou) getting on?

Wair bist gwein? Where are you (art thou) going?

How are you (art thou) talking to?

Wee bee gwein too. We are going too.

Wot bist aitin? What are you eating?

Bee yoo gwein? Are you going?

Bee yoo cooud? Are you cold?

Bee ee cumin ooum? Are you coming home?

Wot haas bee yee gwein too reid? What horse are you going to ride?

Dhay bee gon. They've gone.

Bee dhay good poanayz? Are these good ponies?

Dher bee laats moar braanshiz. There are plenty more branches.

Ei baint gwein.I'm not going.Tidd'n wuth it.It isn't worth it.Ei noa tidd'n.I know it isn't.

Shee idd'n at ooum. She's not at home.

NOTE. Sometimes the **iz** of the third person singular is used in the third person plural.

Examples:

N.F. E.

Mei veet iz cooud. My feet are cold.

Dher'z renz about eer.There are wrens about here

Dhat's zum fein poanayz dher. Those are fine ponies.



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

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N.F E.

Ei wer dher. I was there.

Ee wer. He was.

Dhik vuz wer aul burnt. That furze was all burnt.

Wee woz at Ringood. We were at Ringwood.

You were right.

Hiz iiz woz baid. His eyes were bad.

Dhay woz ill. They were ill.

Dhay woz dhair, woz'n dhum? They were there, weren't they?

Dhee wost dher, woz'n?You were (thou wast) there, weren't you?

You boys were there, weren't you?

Dher woz a good mennay.There were a good many.

Boouth yeerz woz cut off. 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. E.

Wit dhee goo laang oa mee? Will you go along with me?

Oi, Ei'll goo. Yes, I'll go.



Noa, Ei shaant goo. No, I shan't go.

Shaal Ei goo widhee? Shall I go with you?

Shaat dhee bee at ooum too-morrur? Shal you be at home to-morrow?

Ei, Ei shaal. Yes, I shall

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OTHER AUXILIARY VERBS.

	N.F.		E.	
	Affirmative	Negative	Affirmative	Negative
Person				
	shood	shood'n	should	shouldn't
	N JAN 7		(shood)	(shoodnt)
	wood, 'd	wood'n	would (wood)	wouldn't (woodnt)
and ·	TXTA			(6)
2 nd sing.	woots	woos'n	wouldst	wouldst not
	caan	caint	can	can't
2^{nd} sing.	caanst	caas'n	canst	canst not
	cood, cud	cood'n	could (cood)	couldn't
2 nd sing.	coodst	coos'n	couldst	couldst not
	mid	mid'n	might (miit)	mightn't
	muss	muss'n	must	must not
	hev, aav, 'v, a	haant, aant	have (hav)	haven't
2^{nd} sing.	haast, 'st, 's	haas'n	hast	hast not
	haad, 'd	haad'n	had	hadn't
	doo	doant, doan	do (doo)	don't (doant)
2^{nd} sing.	dust, 's, 'z	dus'n	dost (dust)	dost not
3^{rd} sing.	dooz		does (duz)	
	did	did'n	did	didn't
2^{nd} sing.	dist	dis'n	didst	didst not

Examples

N.F. E.

Hoo'd a dhaut it? Who would have thought it?



Wee'd better. We had better.

Hev yee found ur? Have you found her?

Caanst cum wee us? Canst thou come with me?

Caas'n goo too-morrur? Canst thou not go to-morrow?

Dhee'z mid goo. Thou mightest go.

Ei dunnoa.—**Ei doan noa.** I don't know.

Ei doan noa wot it doo meen. I don't know what it means.

Dhay doan doo zich a dhing nou. They don't do such a thing now.

Dist eer oi? Didst thou hear me?

Doaunt dhee goo. Don't go.

Doaunt dhee maaeek a naaeez Don't make a noise.

Hoo'z caul hee? What do you call him?

Wot's dhink on it? What do you think of it?

Wair'st bin too? Where have you (hast thou) been?

Dust meind? Do you remember?

'Snoa? Do you (dost thou) know?

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N.F. E.

Have you (hast thou) a knife?

Wot's caat dhair? What have you (hast thou) caught there?

Woots goo eef dhee coodst? Would you go if you could?

Haas'n dhee got it? Haven't you got it?

Woos'n goo? Wouldn't you go?

Haas'n dhee sin mei woald cow bout? Haven't you seen my old cow about?

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

N F E

Ei bin too staaeeshn. I've been to the station.

Ei got cleen up dhaat air deich. I've got to clean up that ditch.

Hee bin taarbul baid. He has been very ill.



Dhay got doo it.

They've got to do it.

NOTE. With an intransitive verb **bee** is sometimes used instead of *have* in English. Examples.

N.F. E.

Auld he squirrlz bee gon. All the squirrels have gone.

Gookooz bee got taarbul scairs. Cuckoos have become very scarce.

Ee'z bin gon awaaee. He has gone away.

ADVERBS

	15X 7T		
N.F.	E.	N.F.	E.
yeer, eer	here	to-morrur	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 1	just	neer haand	near
zaaeem	just	zooner	rather
teit	all right	a-baid	abed
zumwair			
zumwayz	somewhere	bee hef a veier	b <mark>y</mark> half 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	Z00	SO
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N.F.	E.	N.F.	E.
agoo	ago (agoa)	nivvur	never
woons	once (wuns)	er	ever
awaaee	away	ner	never



dhin then **coors** of course

avoarhaandbefore the eventoffin teimzoftenneernearlyteimz un agenoften

mooustly adv. generally

Examples:

N.F. E.

Ei bee reit shramd. I am quite benumbed.

Ei bee moust shramd.

Zaaeem az dhay doo now. Just as they do now.

Ei zaimz a bit leeray. I feel a little hungry.

Dhay'd zoonur bee up in vaarist. They'd rather be up in the forest.

Ei got wun teit. I have one all right.

Our chimbley got a-veier. Our chimney caught on fire.

Dhe kiddil'z on dhe veier-plaes unThe kettle's on the fire-place and the pot

dhe pot out-oa-doour. out-of-doors.

Hoo'z hee gwein long? Who's that going past?

Ei tooud ee zoo. I told you so.

Ei cud wair out neer ennay maan aitin I could wear out nearly any man in eating

un drinkin. and drinking.

Cum eer—look eer—look yeer. Come here—look here.

Ee beidz zumwayz up eer. He lives somewhere up here.

An adjective is often used as an adverb without the termination *ly* usually added in English.

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

N.F. E.

Ei bee taarbul teird. I'm awfully tired.

Taak proper. Speak properly.

It burnz byootiful. It burns beautifully.



Mei veet swellz temenjus. My feet swell prodigiously.

Hee bin taarbul baid. 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:

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N.F. E.

Haast got er a neif bout dhee? Have you got any knife at all on you (any

sort of a knife)?

Hassin got ner a neif bout dhee? Haven't you got any knife at all on you?

(Have you no sort of a knife?)

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

N.F.

Haast got ar loud oa dung too sell mee? Do you happen to have a load of dung to

E.

sell me?

Haas'n dhee got nar littul woald mair? Haven't you got any little old mare?

NOTE. A double negative is common. Examples:

N.F.

E.

Ei nivvur aits noa braid. I never eat bread.

Tidd'n hardly fair. It's hardly fair.

You don't hear any of the young people

zay zoo. say so.

Ei doant dhink ivvur ee ad'n enny moar. I don't think he ever had any more.

Ei doant talk noa noatis on't. I take no notices of it.

Dhay doant waant a platform oanlyThey want a platform only for the

for the auctioneer. auctioneer.

Ei wood'n gee naut vur un. I wouldn't give anything for him.

Ei nivvur killd noa voxiz. I never killed any foxes.



NOTE. To the New Forester, as well as to most educated English-men, 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 'No'—a Scotchman will begin his with 'Yes'.

PREPOSITIONS

a slurred fo	or at, on	bee	by
oa	of	acraass	across
on agin bout	against about	avert, adhirt afoar, avoar	(athwart), across before
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addur	after	vrom	from
long oa too	along with till	vur too	to, in order to
toordz	towards	wee,wi	with
droo	through	weeout	without
vur	for	in	into
Examples:			
N.F.		E.	

Keep dhe daag a heel. Keep the dog at heel.

A cuppul oa bob. A couple of shillings.

A bit oa mait. A bit of meat.

A good lot ao appulz. A good lot of apples.

Too on um. Two of them.

Git hoald on um. Get hold of them.



Ei bee glad on it. I am glad of it.

Zum on em laarnz too much. Some of them learn too much.

You may stop too Maarch. You may stay till March.

Wee un—wee um. With him—with them.

Bist gwein wee uz. Are you going with me?

Dhat iddin vur dhee. That's not for you.

Zummit vur too maik wingz. Something to make wings.

Ei bee gwein in zillur. I'm going into the cellar.

T'woz maaeed a purpus. It was made for the purpose (on purpose).

Ei lookt a un. I looked at him (i.e. a spade).

Out of England.

Wot'z dhink on it? What dost thou think of it?

CONJUNCTIONS

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. E.

Him an Ei woz dhair. He and I were there.

Shee zung better 'n t'odher wun did. She sang better than the other one did.

Moar'n zevntay. More than seventy.

Widhout yoo meet. Unless you meet.



Eef's bee yoo woz gwein.

E.

If you were going.

E.

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N.F.

INTERJECTIONS

N.F.

Oi, yaas, ees. Yes Dus noa? Dost thou

Noo. No (noa). 'snoa? know?

See, see yee. D'ye see. Beid still. Stand still—Loo see. Look ye. be quiet.

Look yeer. Look here. Haih? Eh?—what?

Cum eer. Come here. Thankee. Thank you.

Cum on yeer Come on here. Good maarning. Good morning.

Ei sez. Said I. Good evening. Good evening.

Ei tell ee. I tell you. I 'low. I allow—I

Bload mee, Ei Blow me, I dare say.

zav. Oa maaee! O my!

zay. say. Oa maaee! O my!

Mee deer. My dear. Ei tell ee wot I'll tell you.

Mum. Maam. tiz. what it is.

Yaas'm. Yes, maam. Ei dunnoa. I don't know.

Waal. Well. Luk (used as an expletive at

Dee noa? Do you know? 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. E.

Well, you, how bist? Well, you, how art (thou)?



How bist, you?

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How are you (art thou)?

(How are you?)

How'z getting on, yoo?

Yoo! noa. —Noa, yoo.

How'z dhee faivur, yoo?

Wii, yoo?

Well, yoo?

How are you (art thou) getting on?

No.

How's your fever?

Why?

Well?

'Snoa, yoo? (Dost thou know?) Do you know?

I'll goo vur dhee, yoo.

I'll go for you.

I dunnoa, yoo.

I don't know.

Got dhee taitayz up eet, yoo?

Have you got your potatoes up yet?

Lissin, yoo.

Listen.

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CALLS TO ANIMALS

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

Commands to a horse:

Cry. Meaning.

Kum idhur. Go to the left.

Woag, woag ee, woag aaf. Go to the right.

Steddee now. Steady.

Git baak sti. Go back.

Jee, jee-up. Go faster.

Way, way dher. Stop.



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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. E.

In winter teim. In the winter time.

Dhay wot wuirks in vaarist.Those who work in the forest.

Out in groun. Out in the fields.

Tell in haat. A Count into the hat.

Bist gwein too staaeeshn? Are you going to the station?

In neit. In the night.

Hee'll wair you out, spaid will.

The spade will wear you out.

Win French woz a-cumin. When the French were coming.

In French waar. In the French war.

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

N.F. E.

Hee yoozd cum offin teimz. He used to come often.

Ei yoozd kill taarbul lot oa deerz. 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. E.

A neis girt maaeed. A fine big girl.

A aaf a duzn. Half a dozen.

Eer'z taakin. Here's talking.

Ei'v aird taak. I've heard say.

Ei nivvur woz laarnd dhat. I was never taught that.

Dhay keep sukkin doun. They'd go on being sucked down.

Oi, Ei gottun wun, 'z wantin? Yes, I've got one, art wanting it?

In dhe vurdher paart oa Burlay. At the other side of Burley.

Dhik's woald-faashn taak. That's old-world speech.

Dhe weif. My wife.

Dhis twintay yeer. These twenty years.

Dhay did'n yoos too goo. They used not to go.

Ei got a job too doo it. I had some difficulty in doing it.

Dhay bee keind oa leik ovenz. They're something like ovens.

Ei doan noa dhat ivvur Ei heerd on un. I don't know that I ever heard of him.

Bist gwein on too baid? Are you going to bed?

[NP]



baird, n. beard (beerd)

VOCABULARY

a, slurred for at before a gerund. **baid,** adj. bad.

a, slurred for on. **baid,** n. bed.

baif, *n.* beef.

bain, *n*. bean (been).

aaeet, num. eight (ait). **baint**, v. be not, am not, aren't, isn't.

aaeetay, num. eighty.

aaeeteen, *num*. eighteen. **bair**, *n*. beer.

aaf, prep. off.

aan't, v. aux. haven't baist, n. beast (beest).

aarchurd, *n.* orchard. **bait,** *v.t.* beat (*beet*)

aardinury, adj. ordinary. baitul, n. beetle.

barrow-pig, n. castrated pig.

baug, *n.* bog.

aarkurd, adj, awkward. **bêbee,** bibee, n. baby (baiby)

abaid, adv. abed. **bee,** v. am, are, be.

accaardin, *prep*. according. **bee**, *prep*. by.

acraass, prep. across. beid, v.t. stay; p. bid.

ad, v. had. belaiv, v.t. believe (beleev).

addur, *adv*. and *prep*. after. **bellur**, *v.i.* bellow.

adhurt, *prep.* across. **beskit,** *n.* basket.

ad'n, v. had not. bettermost, a. best.

aess, v.t. ask; p. aess, asked. bid, v., p. of beid, stayed.

afoar, *prep*. before; seldom **avoar**. **billis**, *n*. bellows.



afraaeed, a. afraid. **bin**, v. p.p. been.

agen, adv. again. **bisn,** or **bissint,** v. aux, be-est not, art not.

agg, n. egg.

agin, prep. against. **bist**, v. 2nd pers. sing. art, art thou.

agoo, adv. ago (agoa) **blaakay**, n. blackbird.

aij, n. edge (ej). blaid, n. shaft of a cart.

aist, n. east (eest). blaidur, n. bladder.

ait, v.t. eat (eet). blair, v.i. bellow.

aleiv, a. alive (aliiv). blakdhaarn, n. sloe bush.

an, conj. and. blessin, p.p. blessing.

aul, a. all. bload me, interj. blow me.

av, v. have (hav) bob, n. shilling.

avert, prep. (athwart) across. bobbeen, robin.

avoarhaand, *adv.* before the event. **bond,** *n.* band.

awaaee, adv. away. **booay**, n. boy.

baak, *n*. and *adv*. back. **boouth**, *a*. both.

baakay, *n.* tobacco. **bottom,** *n.* hollow, low-lying land.

boourd, *n*. board

baarn, *v.p.p.* born. **bout**, *prep.* about.

baarur, *n.* barrow. **braaeek,** *v.* break.

baavin, *n.* bundle of small boughs, **braid,** *n.* bread (*bred*).

larger than a faggot. **brichin,** *n.* strap round horse's quarters.

baecun, *n.* bacon (baicon).

bagg, *v.i.* beg **broak**, *p.p.* of **braaeek**, broken.

baggur, *n*. beggar. **buird**, *n*. bird.



baich, *n*. beech. **burch,** *n*. birch.

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bust, v.i. and t. burst; p. and p.p. **bust. dhaarn,** a. thorn.

dhaier, adv. there (dhair).

but, n. boot. **dhaiuf,** n. thief (theef)

buttur, *n*. butter. **dhaut**, *v.i.*, *p*. of **dhink**, thought (*thaut*)

buzgin, *n.* buskin, gaiter. **dhay,** *pron.* they, those, these.

dhee, *pron*. thou, thy, thee (*dhee*).

caaeek, n. cake. — dheen, a. thin.

caan, v. can. dheezelf, pron. thyself.

caanst, v. canst. **dhem**, pron. them, those.

caark, n. cork. dhenk, v.i. think.

caarn, n. corn, wheat. dhetzh, n. thatch.

caarner, n. corner. dhik, a. thick.

caas'n, or caasint, v. canst not? dhik, dem. this, that.

caat, v., p. of kech, caught (caut). dhill-haars, n. the horse in the shafts.

caint, v. can't

chaik, *n.* cheek. **dhimbul,** *n.* thimble.

chaisnut, *n*. chestnut. **dhin**, *adv*. then.

Cherlay, *n.* Charley. **dhing,** *n.* thing.

chiffay, *n.* chaffinch. **dhink,** *v.i.* think; *p.* **dhaut.**

childaag, *n.* chilblain. **dhinkin,** *p.p.* thinking.

childern; **dhirteen**, *num*. thirteen.

chillern, *n. pl.* children. **dhirtay,** *num.* thirty.

chimblay, chimlay, *n.* chimney. **dhouzun,** *num.* thousand.



chinkay, *n*. chaffinch.

dhum, *n*. thumb (*thum*).

chock, *n*. block of wood.

Dhurzday, *n*. Thursday.

chukkul, v.i. cluck (of a hen).

dhurzelvz, *pron*. themselves.

claak, n. clock.

diddee,

clain, v.t. clean (cleen)

diddeecay, n. gipsy.

clim, *v.i.* climb (*cliim*).

did'n, v. didn't

clot, *n*. a turf.

dishwosher, n. wagtail.

clout, *n*. *a* cuff, a bang.

dis'n, v. didst not.

clum, v.t. handle clumsily.

dist, v. aux. didst.

contrairay, a. contrary.

doaant, doaan, v. don't (doant)

cooud, a. cold (coald)

doour, n. door (doar)

coors, adv. of course.

draeen, n. drain.

coos'n, or cossint, v. couldst not.

draap, n. drop.

coout, n. coat.

draash, v. thrash, thresh.

corral, *n*. to hang a kettle on.

draashul, n. flail.

cowshed,

dree, num. three.

drei, a. dry.

coz, conj. because.

cowpen, *n*. byre.

driin, v. drain.

cozn, *n*. cousin (*cuzn*)

droa, v.t. throw; p. **droad.**

craim, *n*. cream (*creem*).

droat, *n*. throat.

craip, v. creep.

droo, *prep*. through (*throo*).

craitur, *n.* creature (*creetyoor*).

drov, *p.p.* driven

cud, v. could (cood).

drush, or **trush,** *n*. thrush.

cum, *v., pres.* and *p.* of come.

dunkee, *n*. donkey.

cuttay, n. wren.

dunnoa, v. don't know.



dus'n or dussint, v. dost not (dustnt).

ee, *pron*. **(1)** he (*hee*), **(2)** slurred for

daag, n. dog.

Daarset, *n*. Dorset

daartur, *n.* daughter (*dauter*).

daid, a. dead (ded).

dhee, thee.

deerz, *n. pl.* of deer.

eef, conj. if.

deich, *n*. ditch.

eef's bee, conj. (if so be) if.

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eer, v. hear (heer); p. eerd, also heerd.

haach, v.t. hitch.

haaee, n. hay.

eerd, v. heard (herd), also heerd.

haaeel, *n*.hail.

ees, interj. yes.

haalur, n. hollow

eet, adv. yet.

haand, *n*. hand.

eevnin, n. evening.

haankee, n. handkerchief.

Ei, pron. I.

haant, v.haven't.

eier, a. higher (hiier).

haarn, *n*. horn.

eirun, n. iron.

haars, haas, n. horse, pony.

elth, *n*. health (*helth*).

haas'n, or haassint, v. aux. hast not.

em, pron. him.

haat, *n*. hat.

enny wen, adv. (any when) at any time.

haih! eh! what!

haud, v., p. of heid, hid.

er, adv. ever.

heer, v.t. hear (heer); p. heerd.

erm, *n*. arm.

heerd, v., p.p. of **heer**, heard (herd).

ess, *n*. ass.

hef, a. half (haaf).

extray, a. extra.

hei, *a.* high (*hii*).



heid, v.t. hide (hiid); p. haad, hid.

faarist, *n*. forest.

faivur, n. fever (feevur).

Febouray, *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.

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.



glaid, a. glad.

gless, *n*. glass

goo, *v.i.* go (*goa*).

gookoo, *n*. cuckoo.

grammer, *n*. grandmother.

granfer, *n*. grandfather.

gress, *n*. grass.

ground, *n*. the fields.

grudeirn, *n*. gridiron.

grunt, v.i. grumble.

guvnur, *n*. husband.

gwein, pres. part. going (goaing).

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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 (*child*).

kiddil, *n*. kettle.

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.

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, adv. very.

moour, a. more.

mooust, *a.* most.



kit candulstiks, *n.* will o' the wisp. **mooustly,** *adv.* generally.

mum, *n*. ma'am.

kivvur, *v.t.*cover (*cuver*). **mump**, *v.i.* stroll, wander.

koit, *n*. kite (*kiit*). **muss**, *a*. *aux*. must.

kwaaits, *n.* quoits (*koits*). **muss'n,** *v.* must not.

laaeedee, n. lady. n, slurred for in, him.

laaf, v. and n. laugh. n, slurred for dhan.

laang, a. long. naaeel, n.nail.

laarn, v. teach, learn. name. name.

laat, n. lot. naaeeshun, n. nation (naishun).

laeun, n. lane (lain). naaeez, n. noise.

laif, v. and n. laugh. naamit, n. snack of food, luncheon.

laif, n. leaf. naarth, n. north.

laig, n. leg. nail, v.i. kneel.

laiv, v.t. leave. naist, n. nest.

leeray, a. empty. **naut**, n. nought, nothing.

leik, *conj.* such as. neerhaand, *adv.* near.

lerch-vur, *n*. larch. **neif,** *n*. knife (*niif*).

levn, num. eleven. **nein,** num. nine (niin).

lid, n. lead (led). ner, adv. never.

livin, *n*. living. **nestay**, *adj*. nasty.

livin, *p.p.* living. **nivvur**, *adv*. never.

long, adv. along. **noad,** p. and p.p. of **noa**, knew, known.

long, *prep.* along with.



loo see, *interj.* look ye. **nog,** *n.* chunk of wood.

looud, *n*. load. **noo,** *a*. and *interj*. no.

low, *v.t.* allow, think, dare say. **noobody**, *pron*. nobody.

lug, *n.* pole or perch (*measure of area*). **nudhin,** *n.* nothing.

numshon, *n*. luncheon.

nus, n. nurse.

Maaee, n. May.

maaeed, *n.* girl. **oa,** *prep.* of.

maaeek, v. make. oam, n. home.

maan, n. man. oap, n. and v. hope.

maarnin, *n*. morning. **offin**, *adv*. often.

maast, *n*. beech-nuts and acorns. **Oi,** *pron*. I (*Ii*).

maistur, n. master. oi, interj. yes.

mait, n. meat (meet). ollay, n. holly.

mauz, *n*. heap of corn in the straw. **ondoo**, *v.t.* undo (*undoo*).

me, slurred for my. **ood,** n. wood.

meddur, *n.* meadow. **ool,** *n.* wool.

meedlinish, *a.* middling. **oolln,** *a.* woollen.

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oomun, *n.* woman. **s,** *slurred for* **ist,** art.

oss, *n*. horse. s, slurred for us, me.

oun, *n*. hound. **saart,** *n*. sort.

ourn, a. ours. **saas,** n. sauce.

ous, *n.* house. **saasur,** *n.* saucer.

sais, v.i. cease (sees).

paaeent, *n*. and *v*. paint. **sait**, *n*. seat (*seet*)



paaeer, n. pear.

paakit, n. pocket.

paepur, n. paper (paiper).

pag, n. peg.

paipul, n. people (peepul).

pais, n. piece (pess).

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, a. 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.

pyooiy, *n*. lapwing.

qwair, a. queer.

qweiut, a. quiet.

qwid, n. cud.

raabit, n. rabbit.

raaeek, n. rake (raik).

saium, a. same.

Scaach, n. Scotch.

scraich, *n*. and *v*. screech.

scugee 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, a. benumbed.

sillir, n. cellar.

smert, a. 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*).



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.

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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 (*tii*).

tell, v.t. count.

thaarn, *n*. thorn.

tiddee, n. potato.

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, a. sweet.

sucker, n. young colt.

taablish, a. fairly well.

taaeek, v. take.

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.



'tiddin, 'tiddn't, slurred for it isn't

(it iznt).

veesh, a. fish.

'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, *adv.* 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 (tuff).

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*).

unbrellur,

umbergingum, *n*. umbrella.

un, num. one (wun).

veeoo, a. few.

veet,

veets, n. pl. feet.

veier, *n*. fire (*fiir*).

veilit, *n*. violet.

vein, *a*. fine.

veind, v. find (*fiind*); p. **vound**, found

veiv, num. five.

vellur, *n*. fellow.

ver, a. and adv. far (faar).

verray, a. very.

viftay, num. fifty.

vifteen, num. fifteen.

vinggur, *n*. finger.

vloi, n. fly (flii).

voag, *n*. folk (*foak*).

voal, *n*. foal.

voar, adv. afore, before.

voarteen, num, fourteen.

vog, n. fog.

vool, *a.* full (*fool*).

voot, *n*. foot; *pl*. **veet.**

vorgit, v. forget.

vouer, *n*. four.

voul, *n*. fowl.

vound, *v.*, *p.* found

voz, *n*. fox.

Vreiday, *n*. Friday.

vrog, *n*. frog.

vrom, *prep.* from.



un, pron. him.

vuirn, n. fern.

ur, *pron*. her, them.

vur, *prep.* for.

ur, conj. or.

vur, *n*. fir.

vurdher, *a.* farther off.

vurdhist, *a.* farthest.

vurray, adv. very.

vurrur, *n*. furrow.

vust, a. first.

vaach, n. vetch.

vaagit, *n*. faggot.

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vuz, *n*. furze; *pl*. vuzin.

vyoo, a. few.

wuth, a. worth (wurth).

wuts, n. pl. oats.

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

yaalur, a. yellow.

yaandur, adv. 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.

youngin, *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*).



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, adv. 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. one (wun).

wus, a. worse (wurs).

wust, a. worst (wurst).

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, sin,

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, a. certain.

zet, v.i. sat, p. of sit.

zet, *v*.*t*. set.

zevn, *num*. seven.

zevnteen, num. seventeen.

seventy, 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*).



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zoiv, *n*. scythe (*siith*).

zoo, *adv.* so (*soa*).

zooner, *adv*. rather.

zoud, *v.p.* of **zell**, sold (*soald*).

zouth, *n*. south.

zow, *n*. sow (*sou*).

zum, a. some (sum).

zummit, *n*. something.

zummur, *n*. summer.

zumwayz,

zumwair, *adv*. somewhere.

zun, *n*. sun.

Zunday, *n*. Sunday.

zwaalur, *n*. and *v*. swallow (*swolloa*).

