To the Editor of the Monthly Magazine.

SIR,

AGREEABLY to the invitation which appeared in your Magazine for February last, I send you the following vocabulary of the Essex dialect. As most of the words which compose it have no fixed orthography, I have endeavoured, as far as practicable, to write them so as to express their pronunciation.

*Arguefy*, to prove, or make appear.

*Banjy*, dull, gloomy; as, a banjy day.

*Bed-stettle*, bed-stead.

*Brack*, a flaw or fault in any thing. (This word is derived from the Saxon, *Brecan*, to break.)

*Bobbery*, noise, uproar.

*Bumby*, a receptacle for filth and rubbish.

*Blay*, a blaze.

*Bonx*, to beat up batter for puddings.

*Busk*, to lie idly in the sun.

*Cop*, to throw.

*Chice*, a small portion.
Commence, an awkward event.

Culsh, rubbish.

Cuther, a word denoting surprise, frequently used in familiar conversation.

Crock, to blacken with soot.

Crake, to boast. Used by Spenser.

Dilvered, drowsy

Doke, a bruise.

Dolouring, a mournful noise.

Dogs, the dew.

Dole, a part or pittance. so, to distribute (of dæl, Sax.)

Doles, or Dools, slips of pasture.

Eke, to divide sparingly. (of eak, Sax. Or, og. Dan.)

Flabbergasted, astonished. Gasted, affrighted, is used by Shakespeare. (From A and Gast, Sax. a spectre.)

Furnitude, furniture.

Fleck, the soft hair of a rabbit.

Grift, slate pencil.

Galls, the hands. ( Of galdr, from geardan, Saxon. to wield. They have a sort of namby-pamby verse, which is addressed to children as follows:

- Warm gools, warm;
- Boys are gone to plough;
- If you want to warm golls,
- Warm golls now.

Gole, prominent.

Gubey, a silly fellow.

Hainish, unpleasant; as hainish weather.

Jink, to try money by ringing it.

Limp, limber, supple.

Lithe, supple, pliant. (Of liċ, Sax.)

Lā-ri, an eclamation denoting surprise.

Lie by the wall, if any one is dead in a house, he or she is said to lie by the wall.

Mawther, an awkward girl.
Mawks, a dirty slut.

Mort, a great number

Neckum, Sinkum, Swankum, the three draughts into which a jug of beer is divided.

Nonce, purposely.

Nippet, a small quantity.

Noteless, stupified.

Nigg, a small piece.

Nuzzle, the nose of bellows.

Piggatory, great trouble. (Evidently a corruption of purgatory.)

Perk, lively.

Puggle, to stir the fire.

Pulk, a hole full of standing water.

Pervaisance, understanding.

Quackle, to suffocate.

Rap and Ran. Ran is a very old word, used in the laws of Canute, signifying robbery or rapine; hece the expression, “he snatches all he can rap and ran.”

Rimpled or Rumpled, puckered.

Scatchpawed, left-handed.

Spalt, brittle. (Of spalten, Teut.)

Sprunny, a sweetheart.

Swabble, to quarrel, dispute noisily.

Squolsh, the sound produced by the fall of soft heavy bodies.

Squolk, a draught of beer, or other liquor.

Seal, time, season. (Of Sæl, Sax.)

Spank, to strike with the open hand. (Of ryan, Sax.)

Scranch, a mark or scratch.

Sliver, a splinter of wood. (Of Slapan, Sax.)

Slump, to slip or fall into the dirt.

Slud, mire.

Slull, a luncheon; a great piece of bread.

Simpson, the herb groundsel.

Trape, to go idly up and down. (Of trapen, Teut.)
Trapes, a slattern.

Truck, worthless commodities.

Tottle, to walk unsteadily.

Thrap, to crowd; a place is said to be Thrapy full when excessively crowded.

Tew, to be actively employed. (of rapian, Sax.)

Tackes, to mend apparel.

Wape, pale from fatigue or illness.

Wem, a blemish in cloth. (of Wam, Sax.)

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