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AUTHOR'S PREFACE

THIS work is an attempt to put the story of Our Mutual Friend into the form of standard English that has been proved most useful for foreign students anxious to improve their pronunciation.

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PHONETIC INTRODUCTION

THE notation employed in this book is that of the International Phonetic Association. All the symbols used are included in the following tables:

CONSONANTS.

Voiceless	•	p	t	k	×	pet kid
Voiced	4.	b	d	g	្ន	bed gown
Nasal	7	m	n	ŋ	7	morning
Vowel, Liquid	-	w	j	1	÷	we yield little
Roll	4	_	r	_	ä	roller
Hisses	•	f	θs	ſ	•	faith's shield
Buzzes	•	v	ðz	3	7	leave these pleasures

(Italics in the nomic column denote the sounds indicated.)

- ' denotes an accent or stress on the syllable following.
- : denotes prolongation of the preceding sound.

Symbols printed in italics may be omitted in rapid reading.

VOWELS.

i i: u u:

e 9 9: 0

e a a s

a a

Key Words.

pet paper purr pole

pat pair pun pot port

pie papa

Key Words in Phonetic Notation.

pet peipe per poul

pet pee pan pot po:t

pai pepa:

Notes on Pronunciation.

The word and is pronounced in so many forms between and and a that much must be left to personal choice. The pronunciation indicated is, in every case, the most formal permissible, and may always be modified except in the few cases where and is indicated, where the full pronunciation must be used.

h may always be dropped before w; but its insertion is never pedantic; it is, rather, a sign of careful education and ought to be encouraged.

The combination kz is often indicated as giving a better idea of the result desired than ks; but, by assimilation, the first part of the buzz will be unvoiced, and a more correct notation would be ksz.

The forms ajo and awo are used in cases where the ear ought to distinguish two syllables, the forms aio and auo denoting one syllable only.

up and permay often, but not invariably, be changed into permanent into permanent invariable, but the forms given are always preferable.

Sentence-stress is always indicated, and word-stress often. In cases where the latter is omitted all ambiguity may be avoided by remembering that any other vowel takes the stress before i or a, and that i takes the stress before a.

The pronunciation employed is generally that of an educated Southern Englishman; but, in accordance with their respective characters, Mrs. Wilfer is always pedantic, and Mr. and Mrs. Boffin are sometimes, and Mr. Wegg often, vulgar.