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Radio Improving Use of Language Declares Magazine After Survey

That the spread of broadcasting is bringing a new uniformity in the pronunciation and use of the English language, is indicated by a study made for the Woman's Home Companion. Owing to the popularity of the radio in America, there are today fewer sharp differences in dialect than ever before. Moreover, America, even with its far greater size than little England, has fewer differences than Britain. Americans, in contrast to Britishers, can make themselves easily understood to fellow citizens hailing from the most distant points.

Some of the most cultivated Britishers, it is shown, "snip" their words so extravagantly that they can be comprehended only by those who went to the same college or belong to the same social set.

George Arliss, who recently received a gold medal from the American Academy of Arts and Letters for good diction, comments that "the chief fault with speech in America is sloppiness, and the outstanding defect in England is snippiness."

Americans, he says, are so anxious to be unaffected that they speak carelessly. If the purpose of language is to convey thought, or to conceal the absence of thought, it is admitted that Americans get along fairly well for all their sloppiness.

It is predicted that "English as she is spoke" will become a livelier subject from now on, with millions listening nightly to strange voices on the radio and in the talkies. Standards will evolve from hearing scores of announcers do their stuff so meticulously and so differently, and from being assailed by the extraordinary words that boom across the movie theatres.

Fruit Growers in State Interested in Modern Packing Methods, Report

Modern methods of packing, grading and marketing perishable farm products are attracting interest from producers in the leading fruit and vegetable counties of Illinois, according to Director Stuart E. Pierson, of the state department of agriculture. This observation is based on requests for and results of educational meetings conducted jointly by the marketing division in his department and the University of Illinois, in Adams, Pike, Calhoun, Jackson, Union, Jefferson, Johnson and Cook counties.

Corn Crop on Illinois Institution Farms Large

The 1930 corn crop on state institution farms, in spite of drought, exceeded the yields of 1929 by about 5,000 bushels. In a report at the completion of corn gathering, Director Rodney H. Brandon, of the department of public welfare, is informed that the convicts at Chester harvested 13,144 bushels. Vandalia farm produced about the same amount, and has shipped as surplus, one car each to feed the stock at Alton and Anna hospitals and the school at Geneva.

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