

as A, E, I, O, U. Under certain grammatical conditions B may, or should be, pronounced as V, D as soft TH, F as P, etc. The vowels may in Hebrew be supplied by certain dots or marks, but seldom are in Jewish books, consequently difficulties will arise as between the American who claimed that *neither* should be pronounced *neether* and the Englishman who contended for *nighther*, while the Irishman who was appealed to said that *nayther* of them was right. But what especially constitutes bad Hebrew is the pronouncing of words according to the various sounds of which each letter of the word is susceptible, except the proper sound. As an example: R, in the mouth of English or Americans is often but a dull roll of the back of the palate. The Latin races and Irish roll the R strongly. The Parisians, some Germans and the Northumbrians pronounce R with a peculiar guttural sound known in philology as gh, gr, ghr, or R *grassy*. The Danes and most Germans speak an R so weak or attenuated that it might more properly be represented by a W, saying *watwood* instead of railroad.

So also the Jews, coming from various parts of the world, speak Hebrew with various accents. A word spoken wrongly now and then is 'other' for 'the other,' matters but little, but when sentences follow each other and each word is a trifle mutilated, it is hard to understand anything at all. With book in hand, however, the language of their Beni Israel compares finely. Many Sephardim (Spanish Jews) live here and next to Beni Israel speak the best Hebrew. When I revealed 'Mormon' proclivities I was immediately useless to them. I was told to be silent or speak of something useful. They are Christ-haters.

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MILES FAWCETT.

The account of the hanging of Josiah and Elizabeth Potts, at Elko, Nevada, published in the News on June 21st, brought to residents in this city information which they have been seeking for a long time, but have been unable to obtain. This information was as to the whereabouts of Miles Fawcett, who was last in Utah in 1883, having previously been to California, where he had purchased some property. Mr. Fawcett was the man murdered by Mr. and Mrs. Potts on the 1st of January, 1888, at Carlin, Nevada. He was the uncle of Robert and Miles Aveson, of this city, being their mother's brother. The dispatch regarding the execution of the Pottses merely gave the name of the victim, but the California papers give his age, occupation and sufficient of his previous history to place the matter beyond all doubt. He lived for some time in Wisconsin, where the Potts family also resided, but sold out his farm there and came west, engaging in his trade as carpenter.

Regarding his uncle, Mr. R. Aveson says: "He first visited Salt Lake City from Wisconsin in 1873, stayed six months, then went to Los Angeles. In 1875 his son was drowned in Wisconsin while crossing on some ice. A few weeks afterward, Mr. Fawcett's wife died through the shock of her son's death. For several weeks I tried to obtain information of the whereabouts of my uncle, but failed, until the spring of that year, when he wrote to me from Los Angeles. He then went to Wisconsin, sold his farm and married again, went west and then returned to Wisconsin, got a divorce from his wife, started west again, and bought several acres of land somewhere in California. He came to Salt Lake City, Nov. 9, 1883, and stayed two days. Here he saw his sister Ann, whom he had not seen since he was a boy. He went to Connecticut to his brother, Wm. F., stayed there until the spring of 1884, and then came west again. We last heard from him in New Mexico.

Following is an account of the circumstances connected with the murder:

Josiah Potts, his wife Elizabeth and two children resided in Carlin, Elko County, Nevada, two years. Potts was employed as a machinist in the Central Pacific Railroad shops at that place. Miles Fawcett, a carpenter, boarded with the family for several months, and in 1887 he purchased a ranch seven miles from Carlin, known as the Hot Springs ranch. After he removed to his ranch Mrs. Potts baked his bread and did his washing for him, which made it necessary for Fawcett to visit Carlin frequently. On January 1, 1888, Fawcett informed a friend that Potts and his wife owed him some money and he was about to visit their residence to collect it. Fawcett further stated that he knew enough of the past life of Mrs. Potts to compel her to settle with him through dread of having the unpleasant details of her former career revealed. At the time Fawcett went to collect the debt due him from the Potts family he had above \$100 in coin on his person.

Fawcett and his friend Linebarger, an Elko business man, visited the Potts residence, and Mrs. Potts invited Fawcett to spend the night at her residence. Fawcett accepted, but Linebarger departed after seeing Fawcett's horses put in the stable at the Potts residence.

This was the last time Fawcett was seen alive. His sudden and unaccountable disappearance was a subject of comment, and an attempt to fathom the mystery resulted in Josiah Potts showing a bill of sale from Fawcett of all of his effects, Potts and his wife stating that Fawcett had been suddenly called east on business. The following summer the Potts family removed to Rock Springs, Wyoming, and a family named Brewer rented the Potts residence in Carlin. On January 16, 1889, George Brewer, the head of the family, discovered in the cellar of the premises a mutilated body which was identified as Fawcett's.

Sheriff Barnard, of Elko, telegraphed to Rock Springs, Wyoming, to have Josiah and Elizabeth Potts placed under arrest, and they were brought to Elko and indicted for murder in the first degree by the grand jury. They were tried before Judge Bigelow and convicted on that charge, and sentenced to suffer the death penalty June 20, 1890. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, which affirmed the decision of the lower tribunal. Subsequently the State Board of Pardons was petitioned to commute the sentence to life imprisonment without avail.

Elizabeth Potts was a native of England, 42 years of age. She was of large physique, with a ruddy complexion, light blue eyes, and weighed probably 200 pounds. Her maiden name was Atherton. From the time of her arrest at Rock Springs, Wyoming, and during the trial for murder she maintained a stolid indifference.

At the trial she testified that she discovered Fawcett in an attempt to assault her little daughter a long time before his disappearance, and that Fawcett had threatened to kill her if she exposed his attempt. Soon afterward she said she wrote a letter to the constable at Carlin informing him of Fawcett's attempt and demanding his arrest. This letter she claims was discovered by her husband, and when Fawcett visited her residence a violent scene occurred between Fawcett and her husband, and to settle the matter Fawcett offered her husband a bill of sale of his team and ranch. This her husband refused and threatened to have Fawcett lynched, but as her husband was leaving the house to carry out his threat she said that Fawcett, in a fit of deperation, drew a pistol and shot himself dead, and, fearful of being accused of his murder, she and her husband hid Fawcett's dead body in the cellar of the premises.

The saddest feature of the affair is that children are left to bear their parents' shame. Charley, the eldest, is 17 years old, and lives in the State of Washington. The second child, a girl of 13, lives in Utah, while the youngest, Edith, only 6 years old, has been adopted by an Elko county resident.

WHEN a young man is obliged to call in an interpreter to do his courting for him he may be said to be playing in bitter luck. Yet this was what Fred Weinberger, of New Haven, was forced to do when he wanted to court the pretty Gustine Abenal. He was German, she was Italian, and neither could speak the language of the other. Of course in this case as in others "eyes looked love to eyes" that spake again, but it did not entirely fill the requirements. Fred asked a friend to step in and do a little talking for him. The affair was presently arranged to the satisfaction of all concerned and the wedding will take place in two weeks. It is presumed that the interpreter has been relieved of his delicate duties and the young people are getting along as best they can.