

"CONSISTENT" SPELLING STATEMENT DISPUTED

To the Editor of The New York Times:

If Mr. Duryea thinks that German has phonetic and consistent spelling, he is mistaken.

A and u together are necessary to make the sound corresponding to our ow in "cow"; e and u together are used to rhyme with our oi; there are at least two pronunciations of ch, neither of them containing the sounds of c and h; and when s is added we get another makeshift. Nineteen of the letters of the German alphabet have two or more sounds.

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