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ANDREW CARNEGIE
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October 31 1913

Messrs Funk & Wagnalls Company
354 Fourth Avenue
New York City

Gentlemen:

The valued gift of your new standard dictionary is highly appreciated. I had difficulty in laying it down after taking it up, so much was found beyond a mere dictionary. Your illustrations are so numerous and so complete that one is almost led to suggest the great volume might be called "The Dictionary Encyclopedic.

I congratulate you especially upon keeping up with the times in improved spelling, which is making its way, especially in our Western States, the latest convert being the University of Wisconsin, which resolved upon its adoption. I notice that no less than five Chicago publications of the newspaper and magazine class have adopted your standard in the main. I placed the new Standard Dictionary at my side - a sure refuge in the day of trouble with our exceedingly rich but most irregular language, which however is being slowly yet surely improved.

With renewed thanks,

Very truly yours,

Your Senior Mr Funker was
our leader re spelling

Andrew Carnegie