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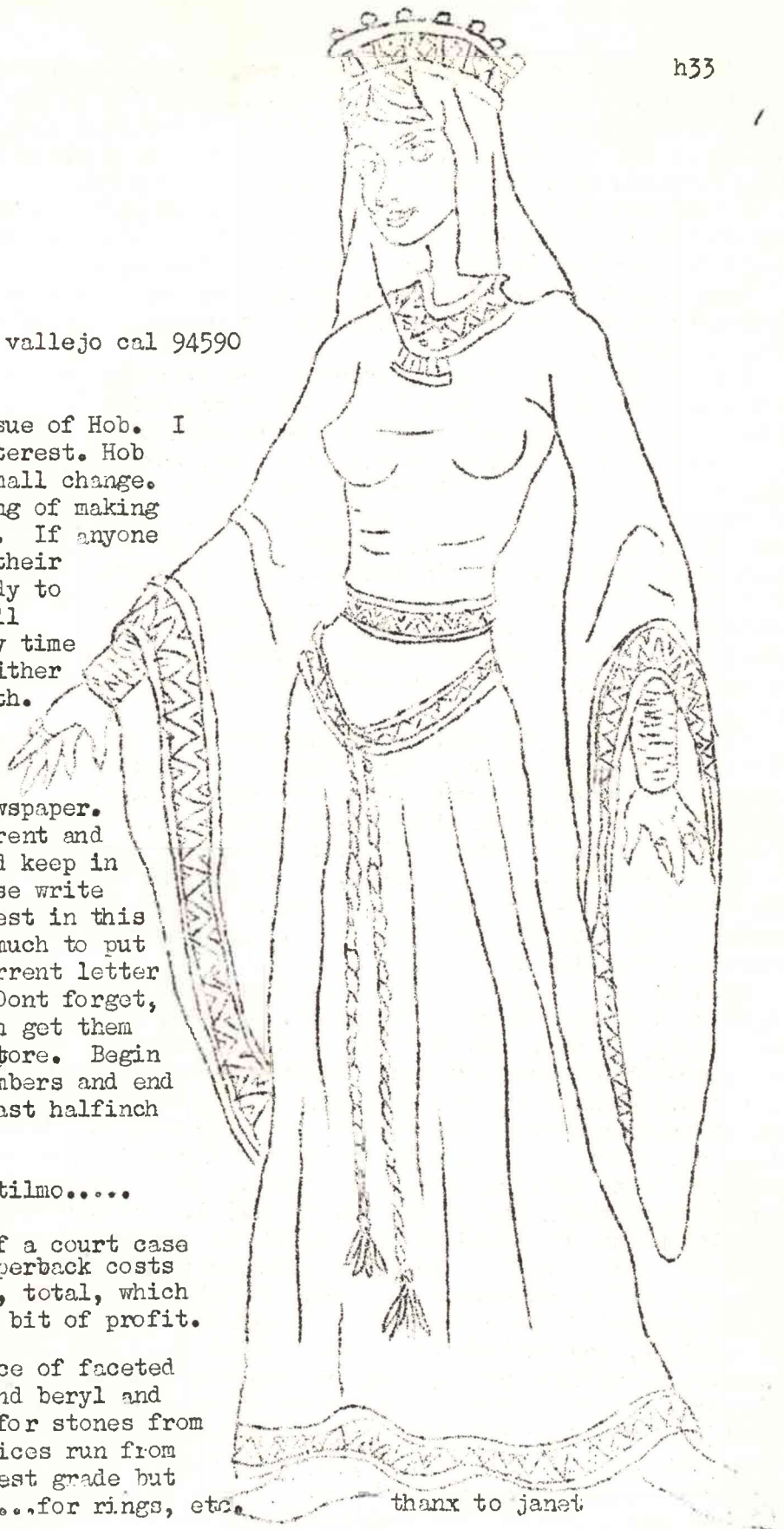
This is the third issue of Hob. I thank you for your interest. Hob may be undergoing a small change. Some of us are thinking of making Hob a real letterzine. If anyone interested will type their letter on stencil ready to go on the mimeo, I will put out an issue every time I collect 16 pages, either of mine or your or both. This means Hob might be a monthly or even a weekly. It would really be a hobbit newspaper. The news would be current and the elvish world could keep in constant touch. Please write if you have any interest in this idea at all. I have much to put in here but a real current letter zine would be fine. Dont forget, use stencils. You can get them from any stationary store. Begin typing at 7 on the numbers and end at 54 and leave at least halfinch margins.

Elen silallumenn omentilmo.....

I read the record of a court case recently. A \$1.95 paperback costs \$.17 to make and mail, total, which seems to leave a fair bit of profit.

I have found a source of faceted emerald, aquamarine and beryl and catseye chrysoberyl, for stones from 2mm to 9x11mm, the prices run from \$.1 to \$24...not the best grade but real pretty gemstones...for rings, etc.

thanx to janet



Some people enjoy creating languages. They usually are quite difficult and 223 complicated...esperanto is an example....which may be why none have ever been adopted as an international language. Esperanto is the most widely used artificial tongue, but it is still difficult. It is an adaptation of words from several european languages, combined with somewhat simplified grammar rules.

A true international tongue should be so simple it could be learned in a week or so and spoken correctly by anyone from the first attempt. The basics of such a language would be somewhat as follows. The Dorean tongue.....

Make a list of the first 6000 or so most used words and eliminate those which duplicate others or are the same word as another part of speech.. I doubt if you have 2000 remaining.

Now choose word/sounds, preferably one syllable and as short as possible, that are not likely to be mistaken for another, both orally in a noisy situation and written in a bad hand and arbitrarily assign one to each word on your basic list.

Choose several sounds, as eel, ees, een, eek, eet, eeb, eej, etc. These sounds, which will not be used in any other way are prefixes or suffixes on the basic rootword, used to change its tense, person, number, gender, part of speech, etc. The basic rootword isis noun, singular, neuter, present and is so usually used unless specific changed meaning is desired. For instance...een, as suffix makes a rootword male. As prefix, it makes it female. It need not be added to every word in a sentence but just to the desired change words. The usage of the first word in a sentence, say, could set the meanings for the sentence. Each of these -ix sounds has its own alphabet symbol as a separate letter. Thus, each rootword, plus its -ixes will equal perhaps a dozen other words, or more.

The concept of the basic root changing to, for instance, a verb may be difficult at first. Mountain, a noun, could change to mountainin...climbing mountains, or a female mountain climber, or mountainous, or mountainly, or a male mountain, mountains, or a mountain-to-be, or mountain-that-was, etc, etc. Adj and adv, perhaps, could be combined. A capitalization or extra mark could change a root into a proper, specific noun.

The rootwords may be combined, as in german, etc, to form still other words, with the appropriate -ixes used only once, as manbitlike; or underthebridgegoingaway. No double or silent letters in any word. If combining two words bring the same letters together, one will be dropped.

Each letter of the alphabet will have one...ONE....sound only, not a half dozen as in some cases now in our alphabet. This alone will simplify learning and speaking enormously, as will the dropping of silent, doubled and changing-the-pronunciation-of-other-letters-or-words type of letters and combinations which the world is stuck with now. Various letters, as c,k,s in the english language have duplicated sounds, and other combinations also duplicate these sounds. This will not happen in Dorian. Also, additional letters will be created for situations where more than one sound is applied to one letter, as a,e,i,o,u,etc.. No double meanings which can lead to confusion as the letter I and the numeral 1. Numbers would have symbols, would never be written out and would be pronounced one on one-one instead on one, eleven, first, once, etc, tho a word could be presumed, as first time, by those hung up on some other language, and so reference to a number would be obvious.

The choice of the rootword list would be especially careful to eliminate, so far as possible, any ambiguities, similarities and sound likenesses that could cause trouble, misunderstanding, etc, and since each would have one meaning only in each language, tho that meaning could have other applications, as in a thesauris, international understanding would be assured, supposedly, and people everywhere, on learning a thousand or so words and a dozen or so -ixes, could correspond easily or even speak together. Articles arent needed in a language...Polish, for instance. A written, perhaps non-asperated mark could indicate capitalization. More later.

Construction could also be standard mine timbering and shoring, or of 2x4, 4x4, or even 1x, with plywood or corrugated plastic sheets over, or wood, and plastic sheeting draped over all to seal. Or a hole could be dug, the smial built and the dirt dumped back over all. A covering of a plastic (6 mil?) sheet over all would eliminate leaks and help keep all dry inside.

The fiddler may be planked or concrete or clean gravel. Shelves, etc can be built against the sides or attached with dowells in drilled holes, power-inserted mounts or modern glues. Everything possible should be stainless, rust & rot proof, etc, as they should be in any case for durability and longlasting.

A heavily filtered pipe can lead to the inmost room or rooms, the intake in the front room and powered by a low current dc fan operated by an auto battery. This can be constantly recharged by a solar cell arrangement or an auto generator powered by a small propellor can be mounted on a pole. It must be wat rproofed and governed. Most any appliance can be worked the same way. A "line in the sky" is a dead giveaway. You can use butane lamps with a trailer tank for several months supply or use kerosene lamps. The Aladdin lamp is much better than the old fashioned lamps and Tilly, England makes a much better pressure kero lamp than the american types like Coleman. A swim tank 5' wide, 50' long and 5' deep in center can be made of concrete or even of draped plastic sheeting. Use your imagination and your muscle in place of the money you dont have. Whatever type of shoring you use, never dig under an unsupported roof. It could collapse and bury you. Use temporary, oversize saw crses and heavy plyw or 2" planks over you if nothing else, then take them apart and use in building later. Plant things above the cave to stabilize the soil. The roots will tie it together. Narrow tunnels are safer than wide. Radiation moves only in a straight line so a right angle turn and 10' of soil will stop it. A good book on mining and shoring is von Bernowitz. A heavy pipe (preferably bent in a half circle) can also be used with 3/8" plyw (1, 2 or 3 layers) or 1" board bolted to pipe and covered with plastic sheet can be used. Also cut trees could be free or scrap wood or old railroad ties sell cheap, but remember, 10' of dirt is heavy. A small, hand type pipe bended can be rented. 2 or more tiles together could store longhandle tools. Teepee style, triangular shoring could even be used to give an upsidedown V shape tunnel. Lexan, a GE plastic, glass is 250x tougher than glass, will stop a 45 bullet and would be fine for windows.

Storage can be in smaller tiles. Put saranwrap around flared end and pour 2" cement with nylon rope, wood dowell or fingerholes molded in for handle to form a lid. Turn over, fill other end 2" for bottom. Bury, fill with food in plastic bags (maybe dry ice or wet carbide for inert atmosphere), put on lid (maybe thin rubber for seal), lay plas sheet over and cover with dirt for hidden food catch...rust & rot proof and no metal to register on a metal detector....remember where you hid it.....

Use a guzzler for a water supply. This is nothing more than a sheet to gather water and an underground tank to hold it. One person probably needs a gallon or more per day for drinking, cooking, some washing, etc and two would be better (tho I advise eating everything possible uncooked for health, which is 365 gallons minimum per person per year. A cubic foot (1'x1'x1') is about 10 gallons, so a 500 gal tank would be about 8'x8'x8'. Rainfall is figures in inches so a rainfall of say 12" is one cu ft of water on each square foot of land per year. You would need an apron of 23'x23' to collect this 500g. If the rainfall were 6" you would need about 32' x 32'. Actualy doubling this would be best to allow for washing the apron, accidents, a year of de ficient rainfall, etc. The tanks should be at least 10' apart for soil support for the tank walls to prevent caving, etc.

A smial is an underground home. The word is taken from J R R Tolkien's books, THE HOBBIT and the 3 vol set THE LORD OF THE RINGS. It was a cave home used by hobbits, who were little people who ate a lot, raised gardens and were usually very jolly. The smial was usually dug into a bank. The living room would have windows and face the garden but the rest of the rooms (bedrooms, kitchens, storerooms, etc) would open off either side of a long hall which might have a back door at the end.

An underground home is warmer in winter and cooler in summer because the temperature under a few feet of ground is almost unchanging winter and summer. It can also be damp. Since the surface of the land is left clear for growing things it is more ecologically sound than scattering man and his stuff all over the surface. Greenery will clean and cool the air and deaden sound pollution and conceal.

A number of researchers say we will be living in u/g shelters, at least to sleep, eat and relax, tho we will go out for work, for more than 5 years after the last bomb has fallen because of residual radiation. The small amount at that time would probably not sicken us immediately but continued low exposure would cause leukomia and cancers (as x-ray and overexposure to the sun does now) and thru gene-damage cause mental and physical damage to our children. In addition it would materially shorten our lives. It has been proven that radiation, even the small, comparatively, amount we get now does shorten our lives. This is done, it is surmised, by knocking part (reconstruction memory) off the dna chain. This results in replacement of failing cells by less than "original quality" replacements.

In any case, one can live quite comfortably in the hottest desert land in a smial. The desert cools rapidly when the sun's direct rays are gone and will not heat up until the middle of the next morning. In the heat of the day the modern hobbit would stay in his smial. The smial, because of its construction and location, is comparatively safe against fire, flood, windstorm, fallout (it should have 10 feet of soil between it and the surface), vandalism and thieves. If found by thieves, and this is not too easy because nothing shows aboveground as in a regular house, it may be robbed but it cannot easily be burnt or torn up. It is also a less taxobvious object.

The smial may be built of many materials. Commercially built, and you wouldn't believe how popular this type of home is becoming, it could cost \$375,000 or more. It can have an u/g swimming pool and greenhouse. But a smial can be built for a few hundred, or much less if you are a good scrounger. Labor is the big thing and none of it is too technical.

The preferred material is reinforced concrete. Commercial concrete sewer pipe can be bought (damaged, it is very cheap) in diameters of 1' to 18' or more. It is generally as long as it is wide. A 4' dia x 4' length piece can be used for tunnels, storerooms or closets. A 10' can be used as a room with a wood floor part way up and the under space used as storage. Half an 18' can be a room 9' high at the center and 18' x 18'.

If you preferred to make your own, forms could be constructed of bent pipes lined with $\frac{1}{4}$ " plywood. Set a larger form over a smaller and fill the space between with stones, wirecloth, iron rods, wet it all down and pour in cement. When it sets, remove the forms. Any design could be used; 1 level, split or multi-level. Your imagination sets the only limits.

Concrete pipe can be used for tunneling by digging in 2' and placing a 4' pipe in the hole. Continue digging and by using a bar to lever the pipe further into the hole as you dig so not over a couple feet of roof are unguarded. The hole should be just slightly bigger than the o.d. of the pipe. When the first pipe is all the way into the hole, set a second, etc and keep them not more than a foot or two apart so a cave-in won't bury you. This must be done in fairly solid soil or it may cave prematurely and you'll have a problem moving your pipes. Probably the dry season is best. Earth should be packed into the spaces around the pipes as you finally fill. Pipes could also be tarred on the outside.

The faries in English Tradition; K M Briggs... The other thirteenth century tale, that of the green children: (Ralph of Coggeshall rolls, series 66, J. Stephenson) is more unusual still and has a curiously detailed and convincing air. It is an account of two children who were captured near Wolfpits in Suffolk. They were of a pale greenish color. They seemed stupified and frightened, and did not understand what was said to them. They refused all food at first, then finally did eat broad beans with eagerness. They gradually learned to eat mortal food. The boy pined and died, but the girl survived, lost her green color and learned to talk. According to her account, they lived in an underground country, where there was neither sun nor moon, but a soft light like twilight. One day they entered a cavern and heard a soft sound like distant bells, which they followed until they emerged into the full light of day. The sunlight so stupified them that they fell to the ground and were caught. Both children were baptized and the girl grew up and married a local man, but she was always rather free and wanton in her behavior. Willam of Newburg confirms the account, and adds to it that the girl called the country St. Martins Lend and said that the people in it were Christians. (Guilidini New brigensis Historia, Oxon 1719. lib1, c27), it is, perhaps only a coincidence, but broad beans are traditionally the food of the dead, and the witches imps were often called Martins, or Martinets....

Euphoric acid, discovered in the reign of Hamorabi the lawgiver, when combined with alcohol, produces euphoria and forgetfulness.

I don't think I have seen a map yet, other than mine, with the northern path through Mirkwood that Bilbo and the dwarves followed. It runs from near Carrock northwesterly, crossing the stream of Enchantment to near the Lonely Mountain.

How do you make clotted cream (Beorns favorite)?

If you ever have the opportunity, go to the Hok River country in the Olympic Mountains and leave the road and go into the lowland forest. It is so thick the greenery below five or six ft. often dies and rots right on the trees, much like a little Mirkwood.

Are other Tolkien zine publishers intrested in trading? Hobbitalia will be out quarterly, at least.

A good hobbit-hole would be easy to build:

1. Find a hill
2. Dig a hole 15x15' x depth required plus whatever setback is necessary.
3. Pour 15x15 concrete floor.
4. Set in 15' dia. Conc pipe, half lenght is also 15'.

The apron is simply a large, slightly sloped piece of (best) concrete with a low wall around it to exclude leaves, etc. It can also be made of plastic sheet (which doesn't last long in the sun but is cheap and can be taken up in the dry season), or rammed earth or bitumin (which may give the water a bad taste). The concrete need be only an inch or two thick, preferably reinforced with wire cloth.

The walls channel the water into a drain (4" tile is ok) with a filter of $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ " hardware wire cloth to prevent animals from falling in and drowning and screen to exclude insects. This should be well-fastened to resist claws, stones, etc.

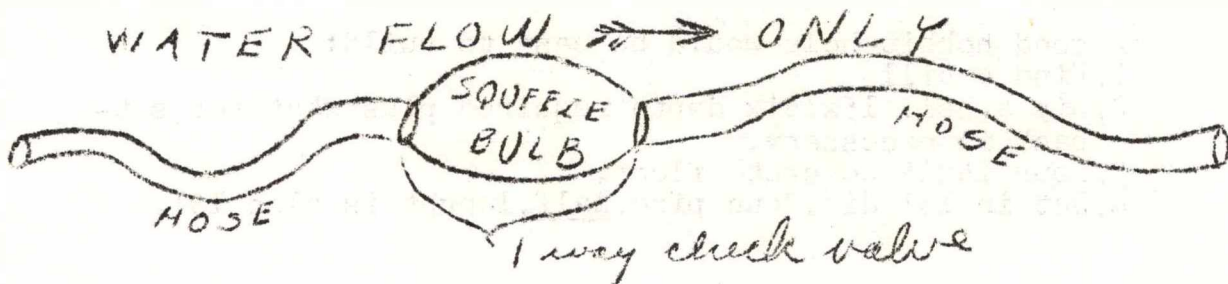
The drain leads down into the earth...about 4' underground...the 4' of earth insulates against heat evaporation. It should be more or less watertight. Time, again, will do.

The tank, preferably is of reinforced concrete and you should have two, each with its own drain (one can be plugged to direct water into the other). A man-sized man-hole, with cover, should be in the top of each to facilitate entry for cleaning, repair, etc. It will be covered with earth except when entry is desired. The tanks **MAY** be barrels, or sheet iron or even old fuel or gas tanks. I would advise painting anything u/g, incl wood, with roofing-tar type paint to protect against rot, termites, etc. It may also be constructed of wood, even scrap (2x4, 4x4, ply, even lx) with plywood walls. This could be tarred and used as is but I would use plastic sheeting inside. The heavy (6 mil?) sheet (20 to 50' wide) sold by Sears and Ward building supplies would be ok, just lapped into place or cut and heat-sealed into shape. Use 2 or 3 layers inside each other for security, each made separately and check for leaks and holes before using. Colorless would probably be best as color added weakens the material and may dissolve into water in time. Sand smooth the inner walls or pad them with corrugated cardboard. Leave plenty of slack and glue, not nail the cardboard and plas in place. Tamp soil well around the outside of the forms so they will not stretch and give and tear the plastic.

The water may be extracted by a separate pipe, but if the screen is removable, like screwed or dropped onto place, a hose can be used with a small pump. Even such a fool-proof thing as the simple squeeze-bulb water "pump" sold at aquariumfish stores for a couple bucks (also Herter) will do fine, is light weight and durable. If you build a small (u/g house) you can just tap in with a pipe and spigot at the bottom of the tank.

Depending on the soil, a dirt form with only wood top might be possible.

Transportation....considered a bicycle....you can buy a tiny motor made to attach to it. It runs a small wheel against the bike tire and gets a couple hundred miles to a gallon of gas. The tank only holds a quart or so.



The grammatical rules allowing the formation of an extensive vocabulary from a relatively few root words is indeed a unique linguistic experience and the product of an extremely advanced and intelligent people. 7

If one were permitted a purely speculative guess, it might be assumed that the ingathering came suddenly, perhaps in response to an enormous threat to survival. If numbers of friendly peoples, or, at least, not active enemies, were suddenly thrown together, a leader with sufficient ability and sufficient influence with the different peoples, could derive from the competing tongues, one language, a shortened one could almost say, which could be quickly and easily learned by great numbers of people, and so serve as a lingua franca, an intergroup forum of speech. It was evidently so, and this became the national language.

This alliance must have included men of many nations, hobbits, dwarves, Elves, and perhaps individuals of other races. Really the imagination cringes from the thought of the tribulations which must have beset any peoples to drive them so. As excavation progresses, we must expect a tale of sorrows and endings.

Finally, however, the alliance must have broken and the various races scattered. The ruins show evidence of fire and destruction. As we believe, the little people now exist only in tiny scattered groups, shy and hidden from man. What a glorious heritage we have lost!

Archivist, For Buckland Village.

Intensive study of the recently excavated materials from the Cornwall dig has thrown new light on this final form of the Cirth, which is now called the Dorian Mode or Angerthas Dor. We now know much more of the etymology of the language and are now in a position to show the grammar and usage, and compile a basic word list.

All basic words (the root form) are in a noun form, or are neutral. Many extremely shortened from the original. The noun form, tense and gender may be changed. By the addition of a simple prefix or suffix. The only exceptions are connectives, expletives, etc.

Two or more words may be combined, if together, they form new word, as animalbitelike, or similar to the bite of an animal, or a specific animal may be named.

Letters are not doubled. If the joining of two words place two identical letters together, one is dropped, as hobitalent, or talent specific to a hobbit.

Dorian Cirth has only one case. No words are capitalized.

All mainform (basic or root) words are present, masculine and singular.

5. Pour concrete front and back walls, allowing for any windows and 6' dia holes for tunnel entrances.
6. If you want another 15x15' room, use 6' dia. concrete pipe for connecting tunnels and repeat steps 2,3,4,5,7.
7. Refill remainder of hole with soil.

Following are a few facts pertinent to the Cornwall Alliance and to the form the Ennorian tongues assumed.

As the artifacts indicate, Cornwall was the scene of an ingathering and confederation of the remnants of many divergent peoples into a viable nation, the site was occupied for several centuries, the peoples rising to greatness and then falling away until the final inhabitants of the land, then a sweep of sylvan glens and river-meadows, were a tiny people who were finally ended, or dispersed by the advancing Picts (see Hobbitalia #1 for information on the first archaeological traces found). It was these discoveries of ultra small arrowheads and belted crystal balls which first drew the attention of the archaeological world to this area.

It is probable that the present day British Isles and Ireland were the final home of the little peoples as a cohesive nation. Indeed, these islands are believed by some, as deduced from the superimposition of recent maps over older, to be the original site (or quite near it) of the Shire, their homeland at that time, the events of the epic poem of the Ring. Borrowings are obvious from all Ennorian languages, and clearly show extremely diverse derivations. The relics found in this dig are the most recent traces of this group found.

These isles also have, by far, the most legends of the little people, with occasional supposed sightings being reported, even to this day.

It is not known if the final move to these islands was made before or after they became separated from the mainland. Also, it is considered quite possible that a slow subsidence of the land allowed a centuries-long migration to the higher lands as the seas crept over the lowlands.

The language, in the form assumed ~~at~~ at the height of the building, is a strange blending of several third age languages (with borrowings from the Black Orc). with several original aspects added which, when taken together, form an entirely new mode.

Many words were shortened to one or two syllables and the practice of word-building was inaugurated. This, still is practiced by the Germans, among others. It is a joining of several words to produce a new word thought. The practice of severe wordform shortening, began some time earlier, and one of the chief characteristics of this mode, made these new words less unwieldy.

a bait aloe pleasure

a bat add

a bought arm soft

a but us sofa

b but bob

ch church

d day dad

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c beet eve lady

o bit beer dear

c bet ond ent

c bert urn maker

f fill life cough

g go bog

gh ugh

gw

ghw

h hat

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i bite ice

j joke judge

k keek keep pump kook

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ks fix chicks

kw quebec quoor

ldw

l bail late lil

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m bam mom

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n bon nod non

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ts	bits tits	
u	cube use unite	
v	van love eve	
w	win low	
y	yet nyet	
z	zone rose	
zh	azure pleasure	
eel	prefix forms verb suffix forms adj/adv	these forms
een	prefix forms male suffix forms female	are not used
ees	prefix forms plural suffix forms possessive	in these positions
eek	prefix forms future tense suffix forms past	in words except
eed	prefix forms negative number	as here shown
etc		

