THE FIVE THOUSAND DICTIONARY

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FOREWORD TO THE AMERICAN EDITION

In response to the urgent need of a handy pocket dictionary to aid the growing number of students in elementary Chinese in this country, the Department of Far Eastern Languages of Harvard University has undertaken to reprint this little dictionary by Dr. C. H. Fenn and Mr. Chin Hsien-tseng. Thanks are due to Dr. W. B Pettus for giving prompt permission for the undertaking and for furnishing his own precious copies of the book in first-class condition for the reproduction. The necessary funds for this publication were furnished by the Rockefeller Foundation.

The urgency of the task has made it impossible to go into any extensive revisions or additions, aside from some corrections and the introduction of a few new terms which have recently come into general use. The chief features in this edition are (1) the rewriting of the pages on standards and styles of pronunciation and the exposition on tones, and (2) the marking of the neutral tone with dots and circles, making this the first Chinese-English dictionary in which such information is given. Mr. Min-yuan Wang was responsible for a part of the revision of the entries and the mechanical details in preparation for the reproduction, and Dr. Y. R. Chao was responsible for revising the introduction and furnishing the data on the neutral tones.

Cambridge, Mass. October, 1942.

FORE WORD

The compiler of this little book finds a very special satisfaction in the fact that he is giving to the public a thing the lack of which he has personally felt keenly for the more than thirty years of his sojourn in "The Land of Sinim". Of making of dictionaries there is no end, and there are already many pocket dictionaries upon the market; but the compiler of this latest of them all has never found one specially adapted to be the pocket companion, from his first day to his last, of the foreigner who comes to China, either for business or for missions; furnishing on the instant 9 1-100 of all the information he requires as to Chinese printed or written characters, or speech for every day use. The vocabularies have always been too large or too small the translations too few or too many, the common combinations too numerous or lacking altogether, the information given as to the composition of characters and as to their relative frequency too meager, or hidden in out-of-the way places. The compiler of the book now before you believes that he has fairly overcome all these difficulties, and that all students and speakers of Chinese, except those wishing to acquire a strictly technical vocabulary in certain professional lines and those planning profound study of Chinese classical literature, will find in this little book all the requisites for ordinary conversation and reading.

The book was primarily intended as an Index to the Five Thousand Character Cards prepared by the compiler for the North China Union Language School for the use of its own students and any others who may feel the need of this great auxiliary to language study. After selecting and preparing for the press these 5000 character cards, with their abundance of convenient information as to the characters earliest met and most frequently used in the Chinese language, the compiler began on an Index. But why not make this a supplement, as well as a complement, to the Character Cards? The individual characters are not the thing which the student most frequently desires to use in speech and in ordinary reading. The Chinese may be a monosyllabic language, but Chinese speech is largely dissyllabic, and the clustering of the most common combinations of characters in connection with them adds many fold to the usefulness of an Index. Therefore this Index, without adding greatly to its bulk, has become a most convenient pocket Dictionary. The cutting out of the second 5000 infrequently used characters found in most pocket dictionaries makes room for these useful combinations and saves many a long search.

The first column on each page gives, of course, the character, with the various forms in which they may be encountered, also the Peking tone of each. The arrangement of the whole is that of the Wade Romanization, not because it is ideal, but simply because its recognition is most nearly universal. The second column gives the Radical, the third, the Phonetic, with its number in Soothill's Dictionary. The fourth column gives the usual translations, common combinations, and indications as to whether the character when thus read is colloquial (%) or literary (X), and whether it is used as a "Classifier", or Numerator' (C), or as a Surname (S). The fifth column gives other readings of the same character, under which further information may be sought. The

sixth column indicates the group to which the character has been assigned in reference to the earliness of its occurrence in the Lessons of the Language School. The School's Character Cards are arranged in ten groups of 500 each, lettered from A to K. Groups A and B differ slightly from the others in that they include a few characters which would not occur in a list of the 1000 most frequently used characters, but which do occur in the Language School Lessons of the first year. Group P includes the Phoneties which are not used as characters.

Unless unconscious omissions have been made, this Dictionary Index includes all characters which occur in any of the Language School Lessons, Baller's Primer, Mateer's Mandarin Lessons, Kuan Hua Chih Nan, The Old and New Testaments, and the Blodget-Goodrich Hymnal.

A Radical Index and List of Radicals will be found at the end of the book, which is sent forth in the hope that, with others'as well as the compiler, it may "meet a long-felt want."

Courtenay H. Fenn

Peking, June, 1926,

INTRODUCTION TO THE THIRD EDITION

The continued demand for Dr. Fenn's 5000 Dictionary proves that he and Mr. Chin have done their work well. The 5000 characters which form the basis for the dictionary have been selected in a scientific way. An actual count of the material studied and used by foreign students of Chinese during their early years in China has been made. The work is a "phrase dictionary", the most commonly used phrases with their English equivalents have been selected and are given under each character. The radical of each principal character is shown, thus assisting students in learning to 'spell' Chinese characters according to their form, which is one of the most helpful ways of fixing them in the memory. This dictionary forms an index to Dr. Fenn's Character Slips, of which 5000 have been printed, classfied according to the order of frequency so that the most important may be learned first.

Experience shows that this dictionary meets most of the needs of students of spoken Chinese during the first years of their work on the language. No absolutely ideal vocabulary can be presented, because individual needs differ, but the basis of selection used in this dictionary has produced a time-saving compromise Unabridged dictionaries are necessary for research students and all students must secure technical vocabularies if their work deals with science, philosophy, politics, or religion. It is true that by the end of the second year, or in the third year, the students should begin to use the large standard Chinese dictionaries, such as the "Tz'u Yuan" (教育), or "K'ang Hsi Tzu Tien" (唐漢字具), but these are not used until the

student has completed some such work as Brandt's Introduction to Literary Chinese and has plunged into the vast sea of Chinese literature, which offers to the Western student more of new and unexplored terri'ory than does any European language he can learn, and which amply repays the years of effort required to secure a working knowledge of Chinese.

W. B. Pettus

California College in China Peking. January 12, 1932.

PREFACE TO THE FOURTH EDITION.

Experience has proved that the 5000 words which Dr. Fenn has included in his dictionary have been well chosen and well compiled. An increasing demand has necessitated a new edition. Dr. C. H. Fenn, ably assisted by Mr. Chin Hsien Tseng, has not only provided students with the most common words classified according to frequency, but has also made an excellent selection of the terms and phrases that are still in current use.

This small dictionary is now rated as one of the most acceptable for beginners. While unabridged and technical dictionaries are always required by advanced students, it has been found that a dictionary of this size and nature is most useful at the early stage of acquiring the language. The errata of previous editions have been carefully revised. One may rely upon this edition for the pronunciation of Peking Mandarin now coming into general use.

J. D. Hayes

College of Chinese Studies Peking, China April, 1936

PREFACE TO THE FIFTH EDITION

Those who have used this dictionary in the past may care to know how this present fifth edition has been changed from those of the past. Mr. Chin Hsien-tseng, has been engaged in the compilation and revisions of the book from its very inception with Dr. Fenn. He had been inserting the numbers under the radicals in the second columns of the text, and doing other mechanical work connected with a reprinting, when the writer arrived last April with leisure to assist.

In our collaboration on the work at the beginning we did not plan changes radical enough for us to call the reprinting a revision. But by request we inserted 150 phrases selected by the teachers in the College from the newer teaching material; we also deleted a few of the obsolete phrases, and corrected some errors copied from other dictionaries or revealed by recent discoveries and studies in things Chinese. We have occasionally rearranged the definitions of the basic 5,000 characters so as to bring root meanings first, and from page 101 onward we have put illustrative Chinese phrases immediately after the English meaning they illustrate, rather than leave them at the end of the list where the student not familiar with them would be at a loss from not knowing to which of several meanings in the definition they belong. We have also tried to make the book still more useful by adding General Information, giving the usual means for determining dates, and places, etc., met in general reading. In addition we have listed all of the 438 surnames in Po Chia Hsing not found in our text, and also have compiled two more unusual tables,

One of these, the "Chinese Ordinals", shows the many ways of indicating series numbers from one to 1000 by the use of well-known groups of characters and classic quotations; the other table gives the "Standard Methods of Showing Pronunciations, (including tones)". much like our diacritical marks, since Kang Hsi in 1716 A.D. These tables are unique so far as we know, and the latter is useful as a key to tone marks in the Bible, William's Dictionary, etc. We have inserted a list not only of the radicals but also of the phonetics with the numbers used in the text, after Soothill, calling it the "Phonetic Index". In this Index the letters under each character refer it to some one of the eight groups (A. a, B. b, b, C. c. D) arranged in order of importance as to number and certitude of derivatives, by J. F. Corta, S. J. and J. A. Colinas. S. J. in their recent Latin brochure "Phonetical Series P. Wieger". In consideration of these efforts we have been emboldened to add our names on the title page as revisers in this present edition.

College of Chinese Studies Peking, April, 1940 Chin Hsien Tseng George D. Wilder

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. هر سورا			A		
啊	阜170	可 699	An exclamation; an interrogative final	a ²³⁴ o ¹	С
腌ι	内130	奄	Filthy 髒 a ¹ tsa ¹ 俗	ang ¹	С
$ \sqrt{m} \int_{0}^{2}$	阜 170	∄ 699	Interrogative exclamation	a ¹³⁴ 0 ¹	C
[阿3			Exclamation of surprise, or doubt	a ¹³⁴ o ¹	c
क्षित्र ⁴	阜 170		Initial particle; prefix 新 Manchu brother 彌陀佛 Amida Buddha 媽 a nurse-maid	a ^{ls3} ol	С
ļ		;	Ai		
哎14	30	<u>火</u> 528	Aiyal alas! dear me! 啰		A
挨¹	手	矣	To trust to; next to; in order 近 close to 次 in order	ai ⁹	В
唉 ^¹ 欸	30	矣	Exclamation of disgust or regret	ai³	F
衮	30 11	衣 867	To grieve, pity; alas! 求 to entreat, implore 熟 號 loud lamentation 告 report sadly 哭 weep, lament 哉 alas!		С
默 ¹² 呆 ¹²	太	岩 732	Silly, idiotic	tail	F
噯	30	愛加	Tone of disapproval excl. of surprise	41ì ⁸⁴	G

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埃12	土	矣	Dust, dirt <u>E</u>		D
挟²	32 手	矣 477	To suffer anything 冷 suffer cold 属 receive abuse	ail	В
矮 ³ 躷 ³	失	委 512	打 to be beaten Low, short of stature 子 a dwarf 人 小 low, short, stunted		В
唉 ³	30	矣 477	Excl. of doubt	ai ¹	F
噯3	[] 30	愛	Exclam, of surprise	ai ¹⁴	G
愛*	心 61	爱!!			A
噯4	30	411	Dear me!	ai ¹³	G
导'	寸 41	导794	Obstacle		P
碍'	石112	导 794	To obstruct, hinder, to concern 難 difficult, inconvenient 不着 cannot concern 坊 hindrance 不 ! 事 no matter		D
艾'	肿 140	<u>义</u> 528	Mugwort, artemisia, over 50 years S 核 moxa punk		E
隆4	阜 170	<u>益</u>	A defile, contracted		K

睚⁴	100	 	To stare at fixedly 目	iai ²	K
	-	ļ	An	ŀ	
		١.			1_
安	**	安 555	Quiet, rest; still; where? to pacify;	i	\mathbf{B}
_	40	555	to place; contented. S.		
	1		一置 place, establish		
			崎 peace, quiet 居 live tranquilly 居樂業		
	1		放 put in safe place		ł
	1		·分 contented with lot	1	
			息. quiet rest 数		
	1	1	息 H Sabbath		
	1	1	with intent; quiet		i
			·徽 Anhui		
	ĺ	•	然 quietly, tranquilly	į	
			R pacify the people		
	1		·∰ arrange, set in order		
			定 at rest, settled		
	1	ļ	意 comfort, soothe, console		
	1	ì	•穩 steady, firm, sound	ļ	1
	1	!	營 to encamp		
₩ 3-1	-94-		本 peace Saddle ·子		_
牧	革	安 555	Saddle [-]-		D
ts:	人	奄	I, myself		F
俺28	 	810	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		F
腌1	• -	老	To gobble up	nan²	K
187 3	30	510			1.5
庵1	حّم ا	奄	Buchhist monastery; small temple,		E
/ 46 2	53	810	cottage		-
			尼姑 Buddhist nunnery 堂		İ
		ا مو ا	III summer retreat	ĺ	1
趋	鳥	奄	Quail ·轉		F
	196	810			1
籍1	青	見	Skilled in; to recite		G
J-2-	[[49	90	智 well versed in 棟	1	1

	. — . —				
按	手	安 555	ing to	en4	В
案'	木 75	安555	持 according to 照 法 according to law 例 本分 according to duty A table, judge's desk; law-case 子 件 a case, an affair 公 情 circumstances of case 命 case of murder or homicide		D
旧4	H 72	音级	審 to hear or try a case Dark, invisible, secret 無 中 in secret, by stealth] 的 訪 inquire secretly 號 private signal		С
岸 ⁴	∰ 46	于 32	昧 gloomy, dark, obscure 地 dark place, underhand Shore, bank; goal 路 riverside road, bund 撤 draw close to shore 上 go ashore		c
			Ang		
腌 ¹ 骯¹	内	奄 810	Filthy, dirty 【髒 dirty 俗	a ^t	С
$\hat{\Pi}_{\mathbf{J}^2}$	Π	[]]	Great, high; I		K
昂 ²		508	Rise high, raise, pompous 首 carry the head high 價 rising price 貴 high in price		E
			Ao		
熬12	火 86	敖	To boil, simmer; endure, watch [粥 beit congee, porridge] give it a boil 【欄子』 cooked thoroughly		С

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熬12			湯 boil soup. ! 樂 decoct 夜 to watch at night		С
敖³	支	敖	Pleased, proud S.		I
厫2	56 -	敖	遊 to saunter, travel Granary 倉		K
鰲2	魚	敖	Huge sea-fish 魚		K
襖3	衣	與	Outer coat		E
	145	519	棉 wadded coat 皮 fur-lined coat	•	
F 193 54		ret	大 great eoat		l_
協34	女	806	Old woman 老	wen*	I
傲⁴	人。	敖	Proud, arrogant, rude 慢 haughty, uncivil 購 proud	_	С
整4	金.	敖			K
奥4	167	264	Obscure, profound 深 [E
	37	519	of mysterious		<u> </u>
懊⁴	小 61	奥 519	To regret, angry 悶 悔 to repent. 根 hate		Ð
澳4	水 85	奥 519	僧 irritated, vexed A cove, bay, dock 門 Macao 洲 Australia 船 a dock		F
鄂4	邑	咢	Surname	o ⁴	н
2) 1	163	243	Cha	"	
扎1	手	217	To pierce; pull up 蘇 acupuncture in surgery	cha ²	С
			猛子 to dive 彼 prick a hole in 透了 傷 to stab	:	
禁	糸 120	乙 207	To bind, tie up, wind 綁	tsa ^t	G

Cha

			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		_
喳 ¹	П	, , , , ,	To lisp, twitter	ch'al	G
	30	793	answer call. Yes, sir		E
渣¹	水	日 793	Dregs, sediment, refuse 棒 grounds, dregs		نظر ا
楂1	木	日	A sour red fruit jelly [I]		K
蹅1	57	793 <u>日</u>	Walk in mud 雨. 泥	ch'aª	K
挓¹	手	793	Open, expand 搜		K
蜡描	64 虫 142	374 告 799	Imperial thanks-giving for crops (蜡 also short for 蠟 la. wax)	la ⁴	K
扎 2	手	2	摔 make effort, strain	cha ¹	C
	64	297	A tablet, letter, superior's		н
札²	木 75	Z ₂₉₇	instruction 文, 大		
-1-1 12			簡 writing tablet A small cicada		K
蚻2	虫	297	熙 grasshopper	İ	
$/E^2$	火	乍	To fry in oil, scald in hot water	cha ³⁴	D
煤 ²	86	150	粒 cake fried in oil 肉丸 fry meat balls		
$\mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{L}^2}$	減		Myd mout pans		
, 同 ²	門	甲	A water-gate, lock, 🖈 ; barrier		G
14.7	169	825	板 a lock, sill-board 門 上水 to dam water	•	
劄 ²	竹	合	To instruct, order . 7-		G
<u>1</u> 11	118	708	write out, agree		
			聞 a contract for goods 貨 住 stationed at	İ	
44 2	金	質	To cut, chop fine 将		I
(20代) (20代) ²	167	第848	刀 fodder knife		Ì
丹以					1

牐 ²	片组	7	【板 Front boards	:	K
炸。	火	24 乍	Fine coal 煤 兒	cha ²⁴	D
	86	150	Cicada, locust		G
蚱3	<u>中</u> 142	150	i de dible locust	cha4	С
群3	音班	乍 150	塞點 V Degrife to confession		E
眨3	B	Z	To wink, blink 小巴眼兒 俗	chan ^s]_
挥3	109	300 乍	A span, to span —	che ² she ²	I
折3	64	150	measure by apariting		_
作4]	乍 150	For the first time, suddenly 然		D
	_		猛的 suddenly 聽 on first hearing.		
哗	П	乍	Loud, coarse noise III		K
炸⁴	火	150	To burst, explode 仮	cha ³³	D
痄4	86	150	19年 a. Domb, snell		K
	104	150	1	}	
祚4	音 149	乍 150	說 artful, deceitful 說 to cheat, extort	cha ^z	C
榨	木		Press to extract oil, sugar, wine, to		ŀ
P # 1	75	150	express 局 house for such press		
棚⁴	木 75	册 565			D
			Ch'a		
差	Ţ	差	To err, differ; unlike; 相 discrepancy	ch'a4	A
,	48	178	二數之 remainder	ch'ail tz'ul	

Ch'a

					
擦	手	祭	To rub, brush, clean 俗	ts'al	A
叉 ^I	又	515	Fold hands in bowing 手		A
扠¹	李	538 义	·子a fork To fork up, pitch out ·出·去		H
	64	538	腰 stand arms akimbo To insert, stick in, meddle		E
插	手 64	- F	₩ bolt a door		
喳 ¹	口	H.	嘴 interrupt, intermeddle To whisper together 喉咙 俗	cha ¹	G
	30	793	Describation assessed		K
截¹	皮107	H 7933	Rough skin; rough		
査 ²	木 75	且793	To investigate, examine 訪 S see also 察		B
餷2	缶	793	找 見 Find fault	ch'a4	K
茶2	艸	木	Tea, 葉 tea leaves		A
	手	484	靈 tea-pot 碗 tea-cup To smear, paint, to rub on 粉		H
搽2	64	484	,		
察2	~*	祭	Officially examine, investigate	1	C
4 2	40	515	出 discover 考 examine closely 看, 閱 問 investigate	<u> </u>	
A£ 2	金	T-	A spade; large pin		G
鍤 2	167	24	・子 a pointed bar	İ	1
岔 ³	46	分355	「氣了 A stitch in the side	ch'a4	D
疏 ³	足157	11 793	Walk in mud ##	cha [‡]	K
差4	Τ.	X	見 A mistake	ch al	A
	48	178	一點 not quite right 不多 almost, nearly correct	ch'ail tz'u ^t	
宿4	111 46	分 395	Fork of road 道. 路 11	ch'a³	D
	1	1	1		ļ

					
詫4	言	宅	To brag, boast		D
枚⁴	木	374 V	/ j·異 be amazed, Fork of a tree 枝		G
7.	75	538			-
汉"	水 85		Fork of stream 港	!	11;
衩'	衣	538 X	 例: Outside pants, opening in		H
•	145	538			Н
利	刀	利	Pagoda top, Buddhist monastery		l"
锸4	缶	51[「上(visit a temple Potsherd	ch'a²	K
州日	µ.u 121	793	1	C.1 L	
			Chai		
摘	手	高	To pick fruit; select, take off / 俗	tse*	A
4F-3	64	590	果·子 pick fruit	1	
			帽子 take off hat 指 criticize		
-2dc 1	膏	窩	; in Citalize . To reproach; fault 俗	tse ⁴	K
謫	149	590	in the second se	ise	11
側	人	則	Side, at the side 歪 格	ts'e4	F
-	9	858			1
쬵	嘶	齊	To abstain, fast; a shop; refinemen	t	F
斋	- -	421 	吃 abstain from meat		
1111	减				1
齊'				İ	c
擇2	手	睪	 To select, pick out		
7辛	64	- ≃ 160	To select, pick out	tse ¹⁴	D
蹇2	水	爨	Moist, slippery &	tse ³⁴	\mathbf{F}
		160	恩 kindness	l cac	F
責	其 154	83	Reprove, punish 係	tse?4	D
宅2	,	3	A house, residence	1	1
- 1	40	374	# residence		E
FE.	40	374			

翟2	77	翟	A surname	ti ⁹	K
窄。	穴 116		Narrow, strait, mean, contracted; bigoted 小 narrow, confined 狭	tse ⁴	A
仄"	<u>人</u>	人 429	Oblique tone 46	che ⁴	G
債*	· 人。 	51 £ 14 83	A debt. 久 be in debt 主 a creditor		С
案"	40	判 100	Stronghold, castle, corral, camp, military outpost, 核 barracks		F
豸4	考 153	 	Fabulous monster		K
虒⁴	虎	虒	Une¥en, rugged		P
			Ch'ai		
差	T.	差138	To send officially, a legate 遺 to send, depute 役 official servant, runner ·使 official employment	ch'a 14	A
拆 [']	手品	斥 214	To break open, pull down, destroy 信 open a letter 壌 break to pieces 毀 pull down, demolish 開 break or tear open	ts'e ⁴	В
儕"	人	齊	Sign of plural, company, class		F
釵 ¹	金		Hair-pin, womankind		I
37	167	509	1	ነ	1