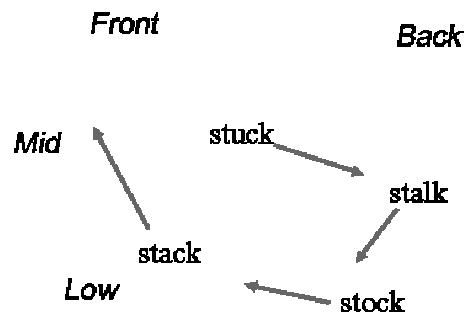


Week 13. General American (cont.)

(Read *Accents of English*, vol. 3, ch. 6; esp. pages 467-490)

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| 1. the vowel of NURSE
and that of lettER | [ɜː]
[ɚ] | <i>first, third, occur</i>
<i>gather, standard</i> |
| 2. the THOUGHT vowel | /ɔ/ | |
| 2.1 quality | (often [ɒ:] or even [ɑ:]) | <i>thought, law, long,</i>
<i>cloth, cross, cough</i> |
| 2.2 ongoing merger with /ɑ/ | | <i>caught/cot, stalk/stock</i> |
| 2.3 lexical | /ɔ/ or /ɑ/? | <i>on, fog, sorry, wash</i> |
| 3. The TRAP-BATH vowel | /æ/ | |
| 3.1 raising/tensing | [ɛ: ~ eə] | <i>bad man, jazz/has</i> |

The Northern Cities Shift:



See Labov, W., *Principles of Linguistic Change*, Blackwell, 1994 : 184 ff.;
<http://www.ic.arizona.edu/~lsp/Northeast/ncshift/ncshift.html>

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| 4. Consonants | | |
| 4.1 wh- | /(h)w/ | <i>whine/wine</i> |
| 4.2 yod dropping | /t(j), d(j), n(j)/ | <i>tune, duke, new</i>
<i>cf. suit, enthusiasm</i> |
| 4.3 t tapping/voicing | t → ɾ (r, d) | <i>city, atom/Adam</i>
<i>shutter/shudder</i> |

See http://www.ling.upenn.edu/phono_atlas/