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Principles and praxis of Lexicography by the example of Rhenish dictionary Mathias Zender

Through help of the "Rhenish dictionary", the author explains problems of terminology gathering, its relation to the actual vocabulary and how the dictionary helps the research. This text points out the difference between standard German and the Rhenish German; it also explains how this dictionary can be used for research.

The Rhinland is a vast territory of 300 km² with different variations of the Rhenish dialect, which proves to be a challenge for the Rhenish dictionary. This is but one reason why the dictionary is incomplete, although no dictionary is ever complete.

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