



## iDigBio & Zooniverse CITSCribe Hackathon

# Purposeful gaming and BHL: engaging the public in improving and enhancing access to digital texts

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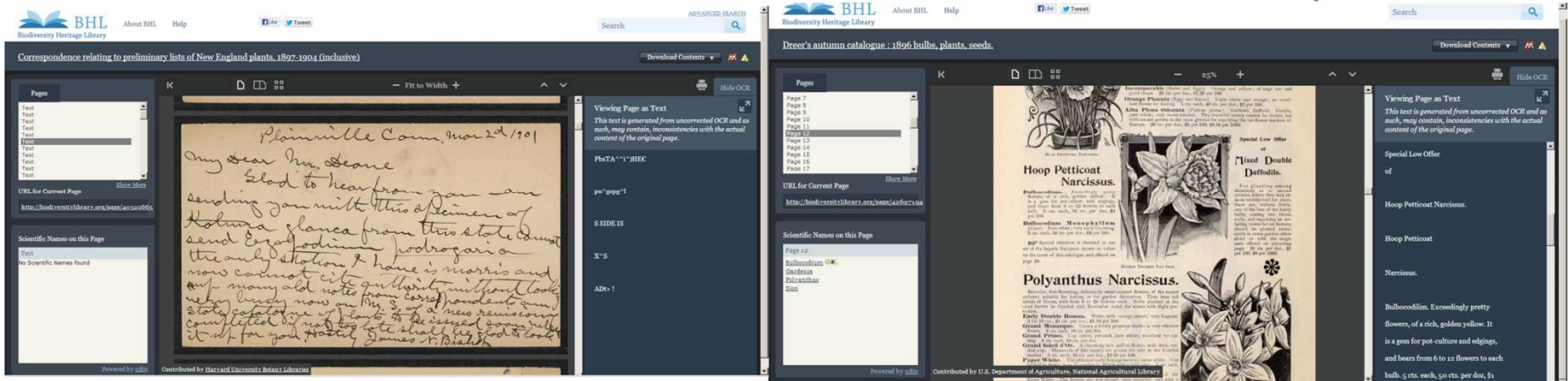


# Project objectives and benefits

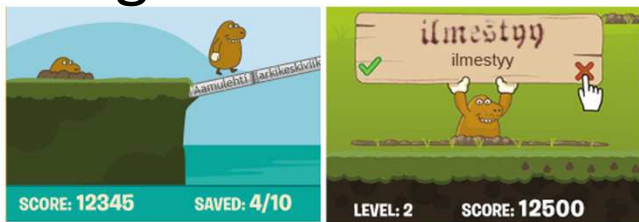
- Test new means of crowdsourcing to support the enhancement of content in BHL
- Demonstrate if digital games are an effective tool for analyzing and improving digital outputs from OCR and transcription
- Benefits of gaming include:
  - improved access to content by providing richer and more accurate data;
  - an extension of limited staff resources; and
  - exposure of library content to communities who may not know about the collections otherwise.



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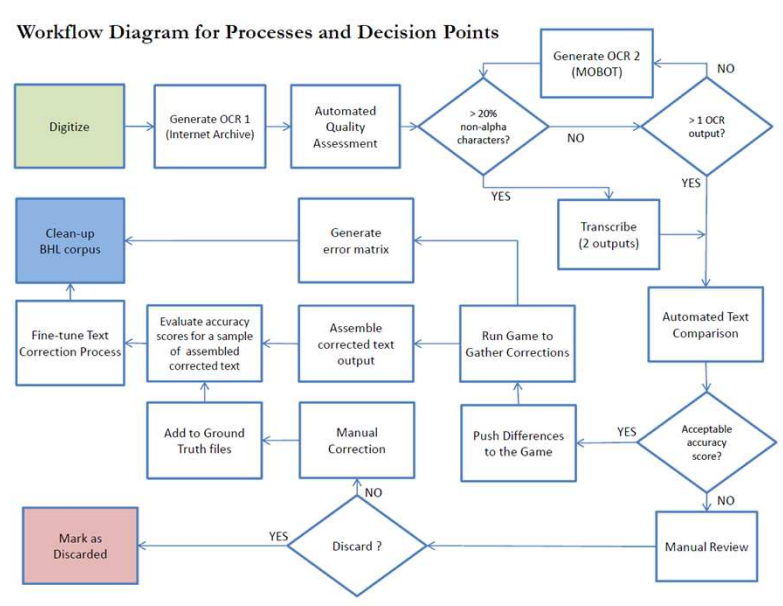


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My dear Mr. Seane

Blad to hear from you - am sending you with this specimen of *Kalmia glauca* from this state cannot send *Erythronium podrogaric* the only station I have is Morris and now cannot cite authority without looking up many old notes from correspondents am very busy now on the S. of a new revisionary state catalogue of plants to be issued soon will be completed if not too late shall be glad to look it up for you. Hastily James N. Bishop



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**Hoop Petticoat Narcissus.**

*Bulbocodium.* Exceedingly pretty flowers, of a rich, golden yellow. It is a gem for pot-culture and edgings, and bears from 6 to 12 flowers to each bulb. 5 cts. each, 50 cts. per doz., \$4 per 100.

*Bulbocodium Monophyllum* (Glow). Pure white; very early blooming. 5 cts. each, 50 cts. per doz., \$4 per 100.

**Polyanthus Narcissus.**

Beautiful, free-flowering, deliciously sweet-scented flowers, of the earliest culture; suitable for forcing or for garden decoration. They bear tall spikes of bloom, with from 6 to 20 flowers each. Bulbs planted in the open border in October and November stand the winter with slight protection.


**Early Double Roman.** White, with orange center; very fragrant. 3 for 10 cts., 25 cts. per doz., \$1.50 per 100.

**Grand Monarque.** Crown a lovely prismatic shade; a very effective flower. 8 cts. each, 50 cts. per doz.


**Grand Prims.** Cup crimson, perianth pure white; excellent for cutting. 8 cts. each, 50 cts. per doz.

**Grand Soleil d'Or.** A charming rich yellow flower, with deep, red-dish cup. Thousands of this variety are grown for sale in the London market. 5 cts. each, 35 cts. per doz., \$2.50 per 100.


**Paper White.** The principal early forcing variety; snow-white. Can be sold in bunches from November to March, when the flowers are 5 cts. each, 50 cts. per doz., \$4 per 100.



HOOP PETTICOAT NARCISSUS.



DONATE TAYLOR VAN SOEST.



**Special Low Offer of Mixed Double Daffodils.**

For planting among shrubbery or in mixed borders, where they may remain undisturbed for years, these are, without doubt, one of the best of the hardy bulbs, coming into bloom early, and supplying an un-fading source for cut flowers, should be planted extensively in every garden either alone or with the single sorts offered on preceding page. 20 cts. per doz., \$1 per 100, \$8 per 1000.

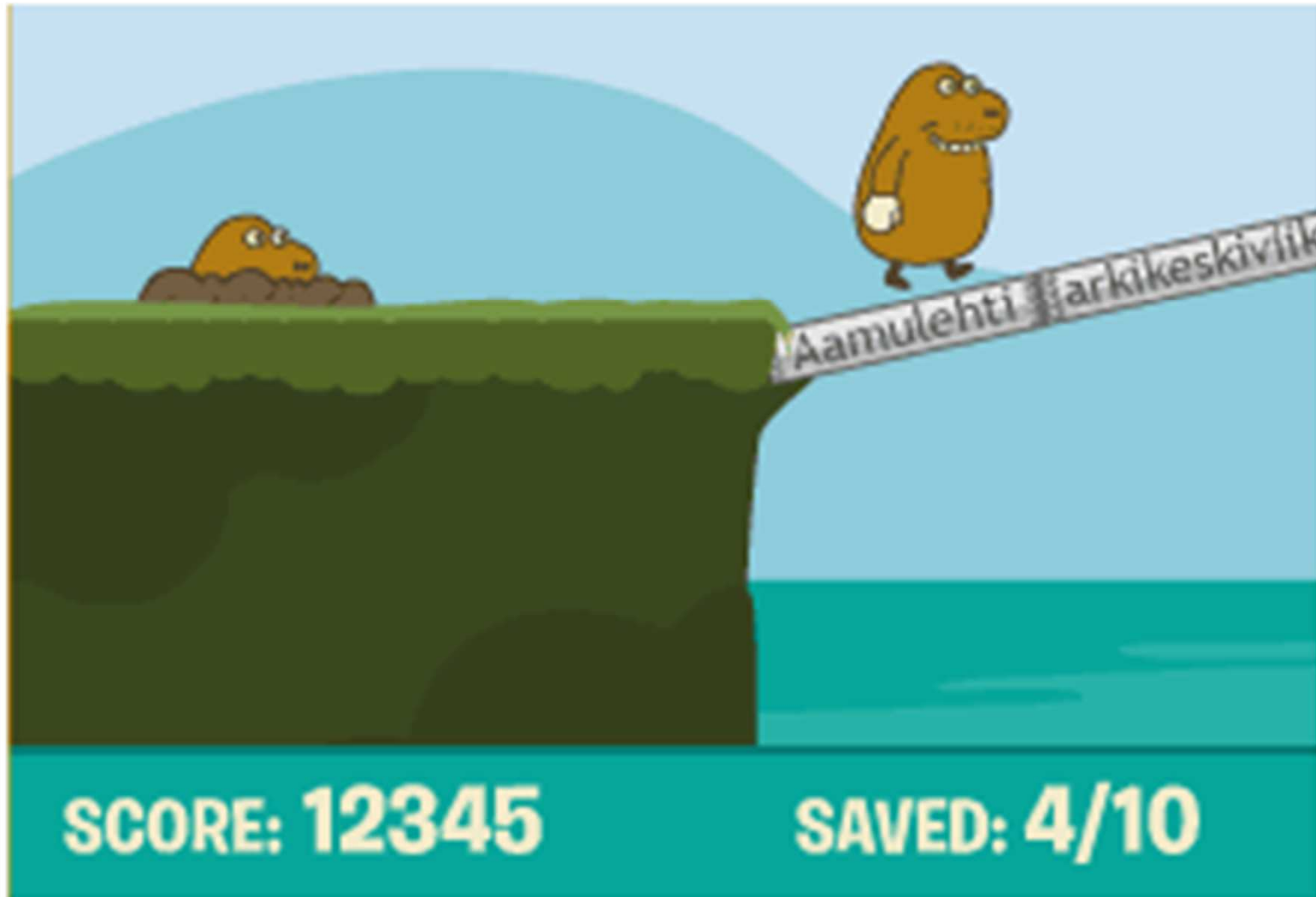
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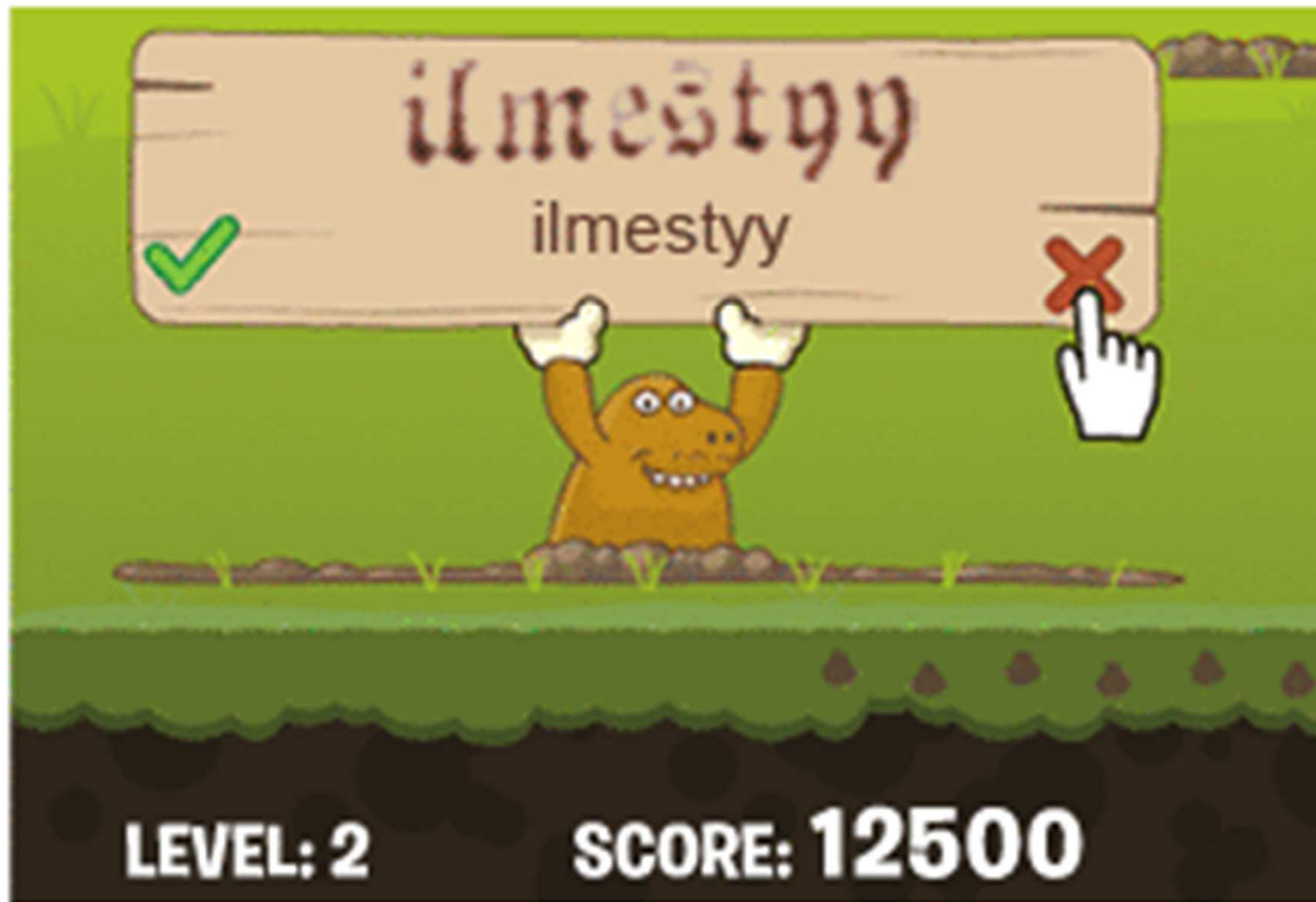


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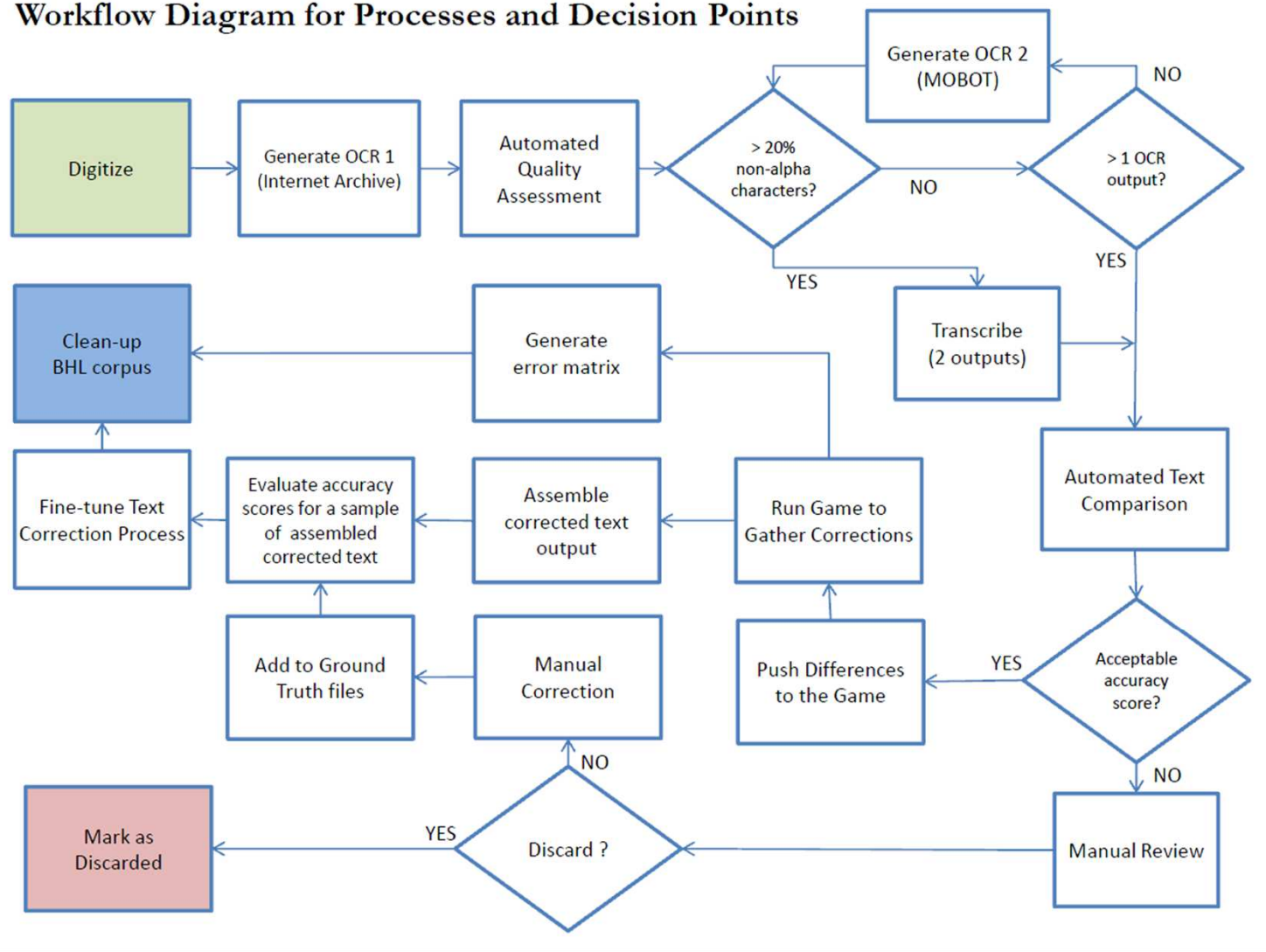


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# OCR Improvements

The screenshot shows the Biodiversity Heritage Library website interface. At the top left is the BHL logo and navigation links for 'About BHL' and 'Help'. On the right is an 'ADVANCED SEARCH' box with a search input field and a magnifying glass icon. Below the navigation is a dark header bar containing the document title 'Sämtliche Giftgewächse Deutschlands : naturgetren dargestellt und allgemein fasslich beschrieben / von...' and buttons for 'Download Contents' and 'Report an Error'. The main content area features a document viewer with a dark toolbar showing navigation icons, a zoom level of '200%', and a 'Hide OCR' button. The document text is displayed in a large, black, serif font. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the right side of the document, containing the following text: 'Viewing Page as Text', 'This text is generated from uncorrected OCR and as such, may contain inconsistencies with the actual content of the original page.', and a line of garbled text: 'unb auf ben Â@elnrgen be6 fublic{)en Â'. The original document text visible in the background includes 'und auf den Gebirgen des südlicher' and 'herz in früheren Zeiten mo man'.

German text interpreted by the OCR process as:

“unb auf ben Â@elnrgen be6 fublic{)en”

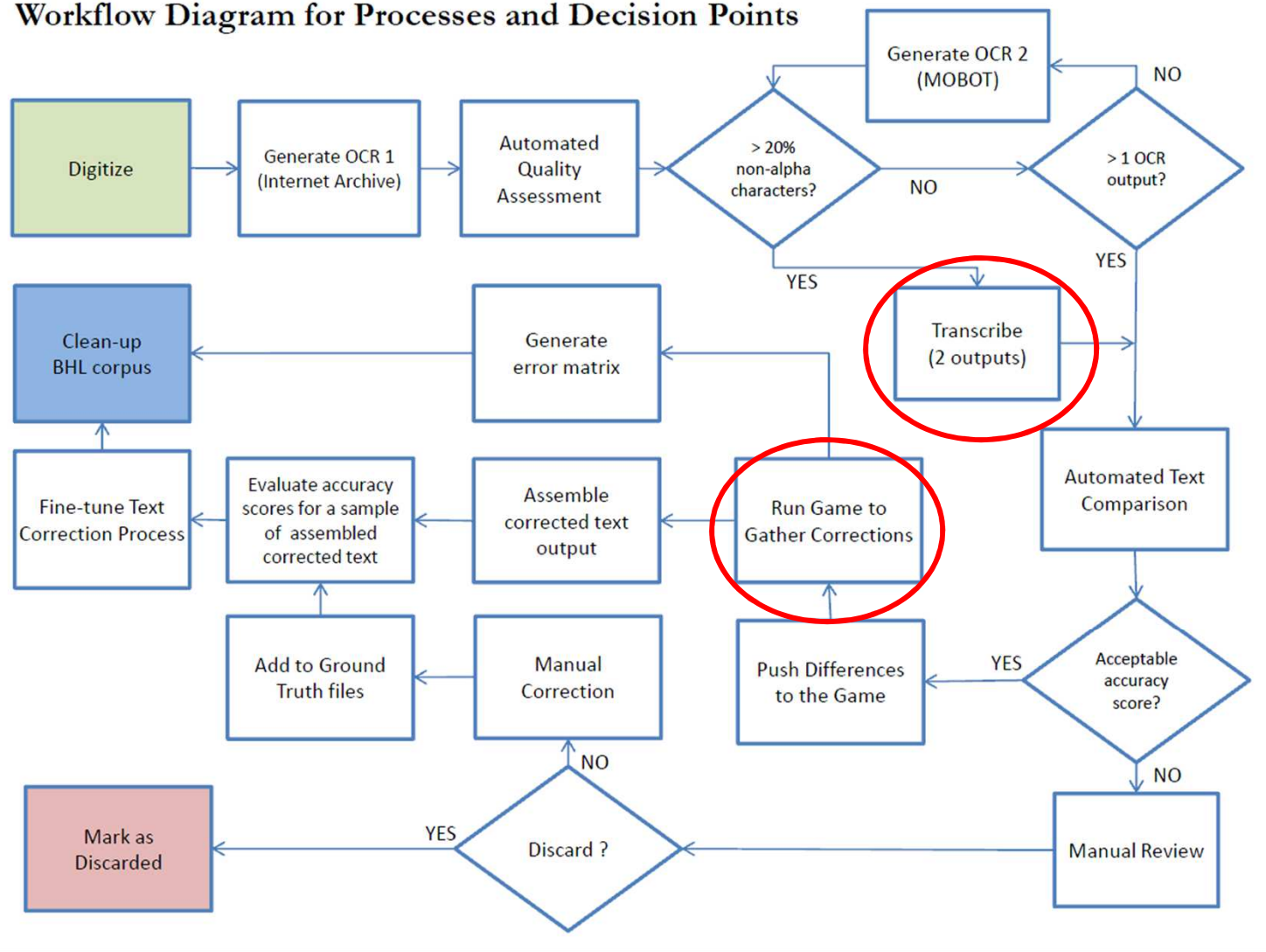
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Different resulting texts from parsing the phrase:  
**“und auf den Gebirgen des südlichen Deutschlands”**  
 (“and on the mountains of southern Germany”)

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Thank you

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