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PREFACE.

THE Work of Dr. Meredith on "Errors of Speech," which is here revised and corrected, won a large share of popularity in America, where it was first published, and its many merits and its undoubted usefulness were immediately recognised. The present Editor has in some cases added to Dr. Meredith's work: in other cases he has made omissions and alterations, not merely with a view to correct inaccuracies and supply deficiencies, but with a view to render the work more serviceable to all who naturally look to England as a superior court of appeal, and as the country where the purest English is spoken and pronounced. In doubtful cases the Editor has given all admissible forms of pronunciation. In many cases it has been found impossible to make any combination of English vowels and consonants do the work of the speaking tongue in the pronunciation

of words, and an approximation only has been, effected; but in all cases an attempt has been made to guard the reader against the most common errors not merely of English pronunciation, but of English etymology and syntax.

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KEY TO THE PRONUNCIATION OF THE RESPELLING.

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The long sounds of a, e, i, o, u, are represented by a, e, i, o, u.
The short sounds of a, e, i, o, u,
                                                   " ă, ĕ, ĭ, ŏ, ŭ.
a, as in air, pair, is represented by â.
a,
         far, arm,
                                       " ä or ah.
                            ,,
        all, haul,
a
                                         aw.
         what, squat,
a.
                                         ŏ
         ere, where,
e,
                                         ê.
         obey, weight,
е,
                                         ā.
         her, term,
                                         ë.
e,
i,
         machine.
                                         ē or ee.
     99
                           99
         dirk, whirl,
                                         ï.
i,
                           ,,
         done, son,
                                         ŭ.
0,
     ,,
         woman,
                                        ŏŏ.
0,
         do, move,
                                        ōō.
0,
         for, storm,
                                        ô or aw.
0,
00,
         soon, moon,
                                         ōō
         foot, good,
                                        ŏŏ.
00,
         rude, rule,
                                        ōō.
u,
         push, pull,
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u,
     • •
         burn, turn,
u,
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" oi.

oi.

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oil, toy,

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as in found, owl, is represented by ow.
            city, cite,
                                           s or ç.
c,
                                           k.
            can, cut,
c,
           child, much,
                                           ch.
ch.
                                          sh.
           machine,
ch.
           chorus,
                                          k.
ch,
                            ,,
                                          j.
           ginger,
g,
           think, uncle,
                                          n.
n,
           require,
                                          kw.
qu,
           these, ease,
8,
                                          z.
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Obscure vowel sounds, or those which are glided over in a word without any noticeable accent, are unmarked. In those cases where the pronunciation is so evident that mistakes seem improbable, the marks are also omitted.

EVERY DAY

ERRORS OF SPEECH.

A.

Abacus—ab'a-kŭs, not a-băk'ŭs.

Abdomen-ab-dō'men, not ab'do-men.

Acacia—a-kā'shi'a, not a-kăsh'ya.

Acclimate—ak-klī'māte, not ak'kli-māte.

Acclimated is also accented on the second syllable.

Acclimatization-ak-kli-mat-i-zā'shun, not ak-klī'-ma-ti-zā-shun.

Accompanist-ak-kum'pa-nist, not ak-kum'pa-ny-ist.

Acumen-a-kū'men, not āk'u-men.

Addenda—ad-den'da, plural of Addendum. (Something to be added.)

Adult-a-dult', not ad'ult.

Adverse-ad'-verse, not ad-verse'.

Aerated—ā'er-ā-ted, not ā'-rē-ā-ted. "Areated bread" is a mistake that is frequently made.

Albumen-al-bū'men, not al'bu-men.

Alder-awl'der, not al'der; it is the name of a tree.

Alike. It is sufficient to say that two persons or things are alike, not both alike. The word both associated with alike is just as unnecessary as it is with resemble and equal in the following sentences: "These two men both resemble each other." "These two sums are both equal."

Allopathy-al-lop'a-thy, not al lo-path-y.

Allopathist is similarly accented.

Alpaca-al-păk'a, not al-păk'er.

Altercate-awl'ter-kate, not al ter-kate.

Amenable-a-më'na-ble, not a-mën a-ble.

Among. A thing is divided among many, but between two.

Amour-a-moor', not am -more nor a'moor.

Angry. Say angry with a person and at a thing.

Animalcula is the plural of animalculum; there is no such word as animalculæ; wherever used it is a barbarism. Animalcule (singular) and animalcules (plural), are proper words; the former is pronounced an-i-mal'-kūle and the latter an-i-mal'-kūlz.

Antarctic—ant-ärk'tik, not ant-är'tik. Arctic—ärk'tik, not är'tik.

Antepenult—an-te-pe-nult', not an-te-pē'nult.

Apex-a'pex, not ap'ex.

Apparatus-ap-pa-rā'tus, not ap-pa-rāt'us.

Aquaria, not aquariums, is the plural of aquarium.

Arabic-ăr'a-bik, not a-răb'-ik, a-rā'bīk, nor ăr'a-băk; which

are very common errors, especially in the compound word gum-arabic.

Arbitrary is often incorrectly pronounced as if spelled ar-bi-ta-ry.

Archangel-ärk-ān'jel, not ärch-ăn'jel.

Archbishop-arch-bish'op, not ark-bish'op.

Archipelago - ärk-i-pel'a-gō, not ärch-i-pel'a-gō.

Architect-ar'ki-tect, not arch'-i-tect.

Archives-är'kīvz, not arch'ives nor är'kēvez.

Arid-ăr'id, not ā'rid.

Aroma-a-ro'ma, not ar'o-ma.

Asparagus-as-păr'ă-gus, not spăr'row-grass.

At should not be used when it has no grammatical connection with the other words of a sentence; as, "Where are you living at?"

At all, not a tall.

Attacked, not attackted.

Attorney—at-tur'-ney, the plural is Attorneys, at-tur'neys, not Attornies.

Auction-awk'shun, not ŏk'-shun.

Ay or Aye, meaning yes, and aye, an affirmative word, are pronounced I, not a.

Aye, meaning forever, always, (used chiefly in poetry,) is pronounced ā, not ī nor āĭ.

B.

Bade-băd, not bāde.

Badinage—bād'in-āzh, not băd'in-āje. Worcester gives the same pronunciation, but places the accent on the last syllable.

Bagnio-băn'yo, not băg'ni-o.

Balance. There are two common errors connected with this word. One is to write it ballance: the other is to use it in the sense of remainder, rest, etc.; as, the balance of the day, the balance of the people. Balance means properly "the excess on one side, which added to the other makes equality." The corrupt use of the word, as above mentioned, is laid down as a vulgarism.

Baluster-not banister. A rail, a small pillar.

Balustrade-not banister. A row or set of little pillars.

Banana-ba-nä'na, not ban-ā'na.

Bantam-not banty.

Beau-bō. A man of dress, a lady's gallant.

Beaux-boz, plural of beau.

Belle-bel'. A handsome young lady.

Belles lettres-bel let'tr. Elegant literature.

Bellows—běl'löz, not běl'lŭs. The plural is the same as the singular.

Besom-be'zum, not be'sum. A broom.

Betroth—be-troth', not be-troth'. Betrothed, Betrothal, etc., are similarly pronounced.

Billet-doux-bil'le-doo. A love letter.

Bizarre-bē-zär', odd, whimsical.

Blacking, not blackening, for boots and shoes.

Blanc-mange-blo-mon'je, a kind of jelly.

Blouse-blowz, not blowss.

Bologna-bō-lō'na. Bologna sausage, Bologna phial, etc.

Bon-mot-bong'-mō, a good word, a repartee.

Bon-ton-bong-tong', fashion.

Bon-vivant-bong-ve-väng'.

Bona-fide-bo'na-fīdē, not bo -ne-fīde nor bon'-a-fīde.

Bouquet-boo-ka' or boo'ka, not bo-ka'.

Bourgeois, meaning a kind of type, is pronounced bür-jois', but Bourgeois, a citizen, pronounced böör-zhwaw'.

Brand-new, not bran-new. Although the latter adjective is much used, it is evidently a corruption of the former. An article in its newness may be bright like a brand of fire, or the brand of the manufacturer may remain intact, but there is certainly no bran about it.

Breeches-britch'ez, not as spelled.

Bretzel, not pretzel. A brittle German cake.

Brigand-brig'and, not brig-änd'.

Brilliant. A diamond of the finest cut, with its faces and facets so arranged as to secure the greatest degree of brilliancy—whence the name. The name to many conveys the idea of paste, or imitation. A rose diamond may be just as pure, but its depth does not permit it to be called a brilliant without a much greater loss of substance.

Brougham—brööm or bröö'am, not brö'am nor brow'am. A kind of carriage.

Bull-bool, not bul.

Burst, Bursted, Bursting, not bust, busted, and busting.

Bustle, Bustled, Bustler-bus'sl, bus'led, bus'ler, not as spelled.

C.

Cache—kash', not cā'che. A hole in the ground for holding or preserving provisions.

Cachinnation-kak-in-nā'tion, loud laughter.

Cacoethes-kak-o-ē'thēēs, not ka-ko'e-thes. A bad habit.

Calculate is sometimes inappropriately used in lieu of believe, suppose, expect, etc. Calculate means to ascertain by means of figures, or to study what means must be used to secure a certain result.

Calisthenics—kal-is-thěn'iks, not kal-is-thě'niks. Exercises to strengthen the body.

Calorie-că-lŏr'ic, not câl'o-ric.

Calliope-kal-lī o-pe, not kal'li-ope.

Calvary, not cavalry, when the place of our Saviour's crucifixion is meant.

Calyx-cā'lĭx, not căl'ix. The outer covering of a flower.

Camelopard-kam'el-ō-pärd, not kam-el-lĕp'ard.

Canon—kăn'yon, not kăn'-nun. A deep gorge or ravine. Spelled also Canyon, (a Spanish word); but Canon—a rule, or an ecclesiastical officer, is pronounced kăn'-nun.

Cantata-can-tä'ta, not can-tā'ta.

Cantatrice-kăn-ta-trē'che, not kăn'ta-treess.

Caoutchouc, koo'chook, not as spelled.

Capoch—ka-pöötsh', not ka-pöch'. Capouch is another form of the same word. A monk's hood.

Caput, (Cap.) in the sense of the heading of a chapter, page, etc., is permitted only in Acts of Parliament and such lengthy documents, or to denote a University Council.

Cariole-car'i-ole, not carry-oll, nor carry-all.

Carminative-kär-min'a-tive, not kär'mi-nā-tive.

Carte-blanche—kärt-blänsh', not kart-blan'-chē. Literally blank paper signed at bottom, to be filled up at pleasure, full liberty.

Casualty-kazh'u-al-ty, not kaz-u-al'i-ty.

Catalpa-ka-tăl'pa, not ka-tawl'pa.

Catch, Catching-katch and katching, not ketch and ketching.

Cater-cornered—kă'ter-cor-nered, not kăt'ty-cornered. Not thus compounded in Webster, but his pronunciation of the separate

words is as given. Worcester gives the word as above, and defines it as an adjective—diagonal. It is however generally used, I believe, as an adverb; as, "the piano stands catercornered" (diagonally). It is an inelegant word, diagonal and diagonally being preferred, and may be regarded as obsolete.

Catholic means universal, liberal, general, not bigoted, and not Roman Catholic, unless specially so applied; pronounced kāth'o-lic.

Caucasian—kaw-kā'sian, not kaw-kāzh'ian, kaw-kāsh'ian, kaw-kāz'ian, nor kaw-kāss'ian.

Cayenne-kā-ĕn', not kī-ĕn' nor kī-ăn.

Celery-sĕl'lĕ-ry, not săl'le-ry.

Centrifugal-sen-trif'u-gal.

Centripetal-sen-trip'e-tal.

Chalcedony-kal-se-do'ny, not chal-sed'o-ny.

Chaps—chaps. The jaws. Chops is also correct. From Anglo-Saxon ceaplas—jaws.

Character-kar'ak-ter, not kar-ak'ter,

Charge d'affaires-shar-zha-daf-fare'.

Chasten—chās'en, not chās'en. Chastened, chastening, etc., have also the long a, but Chastise has the short a, and the accent on the second syllable, chās-tīze'.

Chastisement is pronounced chas-tiz'ment.

Chew—chū, not chaw, nor chow. The latter words either as verbs or nouns are vulgar.

Chiaro Oscuro-kē-ar'o os-cū'ro.

Chid, not chī'ded, is the imperfect tense of chide.

Chimera-ki-mē'ra, not chi-mē'ra, nor kī-me'ra.

Chivalric-shīv'al-rik, not chīv-al'rik.

Chivalrous-shīv'al-rus, not chīv-al'rus.

Chivalry—shiv'al-ry, not chiv'al-ry.

Cicerone-chē-che-ro'-ne, not sis'e-rone. A guide.

Citrate—sĭt'-rate, not sī'-trate. ("Citrate of magnesia.")

Climbed, not clomb (klum). (One climbs up, but does not climb down.)

Clough-kluf, a cleft, a ravine.

Clyster-klis'ter, not glis'ter.

Cochineal-koch'-i-neel.

Cocoa (kō'kō) is not made from the cocoa nut or tree, but from the seeds of cacao (ka-kā'o) or chocolate tree. The word is evidently a perversion, but in its present signification it has gained a permanent footing.

Cognomen-kög-no'men, not kög'no-men.

Cold-chisel, not coal-chisel. It is a chisel of peculiar strength and hardness for cutting cold metal.

Cole-slaw. In the former editions of some dictionaries it has been taught that this word is derived from cole meaning cabbage, and slaw meaning salad. Cole-slaw—cabbage-salad. The uninstructed soon changed the cole into cold, and substituted hot for the other extreme of temperature, thus en-

tirely changing the signification. What was really meant, was hot cole-slaw and cold cole-slaw. Many persons still regard cole-slaw as the proper word, and receipt books give that orthography. The last edition of Walker and Webster, however, only gives the word slaw, but defines cole-slaw as "sliced cabbage."

Compatant-kom'bat-ant, or kum'batant, not kom-bat'ant.

Combativeness-kom'bat-ive-ness, not kom-bat'ive-ness.

Come is often thoughtlessly used for go or some other word. If Edward is just leaving Howard's house, it is right for Edward to say, "I'll come to see you soon," but Howard could not properly say, at that place, the same thing. He should say, "I will go to see you soon." If they both live in Manchester, and should meet in London, neither could say, appropriately, "I'll come to see you after I get home;" that would mean that one would travel back from his home in Manchester to London to see the other. But either might say, "Come and see me when you get home;" or, "I shall see," etc.

Commonalty-com'mon-al-ty, not com-mon-al'i-ty.

Complement, the full number.

Compliment, praise, flattery.

Comparable-kom'pa-ra-ble, not kom-par'a-ble.

Complaisance—kŏm'pla-zans, not kŏm-plā'zăns. In complaisant and complaisantly, the accent is also on the first syllable.

Comptroller-kon-trol'ler, not komp-trol'ler.

Conduit—kŏn'dĭt or kŭn'dit, not kŏn'duĭt nor kŏn'dūte. A pipe or canal for the conveyance of fluid.

Confab, not konflab. A contraction of confabulation.

Congeries—kŏn-jē'rĭ-ces, not kon-jē'rēz nor kŏn'je-rēz. A collection of particles into one mass.

Contemptuous, not contemptible, when the manifestation of contempt for another is meant. I once heard a young lady describing how she had withered at a glance a poor young man who had incurred her displeasure. "O, I gave him such a contemptible look," said she.

Contiguous-kon-tig'ū-ŭs, not kon-tij'ū-ŭs.

Contour-kon-toor', not kon'toor. The outline of a figure.

Contra-dance is better than country-dance, the latter word being a corruption; but it has become admissible from long use. Contre-danse is the French original, and means that the parties stand opposite to each other.

Contrary-kon'tra-ry, not kon-tra'ry.

Contribute-kon-trib'ute, not kon'-tri-bute.

Contumacy—kŏn'tu-ma-sy, not kon-tū'ma-sy. Obstinacy, stubbornness.

Contumacious-kon-tu-mā'shus, obstinate.

Contumely—kŏn'tu-me-ly, not kŏn-tū'me-ly. Insolence, contemptuousness. Conversant-kon'ver-sant, not kon-ver'sant.

Conversazione—kŏn'ver-sät-se-ō'nā, not kon-ver-săs'si-ūne. Λ meeting for conversation. Worcester pronounces it kŏn-ver-sät-ze-ō'nā. The plural is conversazioni (-nē).

Cook-köök, not kuk.

Corporal (punishment,) not kor-pō're-al.

Cortege-kôr'tāzh, not kor'tēje. A train of attendants.

Councillor is a member of council.

Counsellor, one who gives advice.

Courier-köö're-er, not kur'ri-er.

Covetous-kŭv'et-us, not kŭv'et-shus.

Cozen-Kūz-zn, not kozen. To cheat, to beguile.

Creek, not krick.

Creole, one born in Spanish America or the West Indies, of European ancestors; not necessarily implying an admixture, greater or less, of African blood.

Crinoline-krin'o-leen, not krin'c-line.

Crochet-krö'sha, not krö'shet, nor krö'shet.

Cuirass-kwē-ras' or kwē'-ras, not kū'ras. A piece of armour.

Cuisine—kwe-zeen'. Worcester gives kwe-zen'. Cooking, or cooking department.

· Culinary—kū'li-na-ry, not kŭl'i-na-ry.

Cupola-kū'po-la, not kū'-po-lō.

Cyclopean-sy-clo-pe'an, not sy-clo'-pe-an.

D.

Dahlia-däl'ya or dāl'ya, not dăl'ya.

Dare not, not daresn't.

Data-da'ta, not dat'a, is the plural of datum (da'tum).

Deaf-def', not deef.

Debouch -de-boosh', not as spelled.

Debris-dā-brē', not dē'brīs nor dā'brē. Rubbish, ruins.

Debut-dā'bōō, first appearance.

Debutant-da-bū-täng'. (A novice.)

Decade-děk'ade, not dē'kade nor dē-kāde'. Ten in number.

Defalcate-de-făl'kate, not de-fawl'kāte.

Defalcation—dĕ-fāl-kā/shun, not dē-fawl-kā/shun. Worcester gives dĕf-al-kā/shun. No such word as defalcator is seen.

Deficit-def'i-sit, not defi'-sit, nor de-fis'sit. A deficiency.

Delusion, not illusion, when deception occurs from want of know-ledge of the world, ignorance of business or trade, or from want of acumen generally. Illusions are deceptions arising from a temporarily or permanently disordered imagination, or from the operation of natural phenomena acting on the senses or the mind: thus we speak of the illusions of fancy or of dreams, and of optical illusions. The mirage of the desert and the Fata Morgana are instances of the latter.

Demonstrative—de-mon'-stra-tive, not dem'on-stra-tive.

Demonstrator-dem'on-stra-tor, not de-mon-stra-tor.

Depot—de-pō' or dē'pō, not dā'pō, dĕp'po, nor depot. Worcester sanctions de-pō' only.

Dereliction—dēr-e-līk'shun, not dĕr-e-lēk'shun. A forsaking, abandonment.

Desert-dez'ert, a wilderness.

Deshabille—dĕs-a-beel',
Dishabille—dĭs-a-beel',

} not dĕs'ha-beel nor dĭs'ha-beel.

The French is dés-habillé, pronounced about like dā-zä-be-yā.

Desideratum—de-sid-e-rātum, not de-sid-er-āt'um. (Something particularly desired.) Plural, de-sid-er-ā'ta.

Desperado-des-per-a'do, not des-per-a'do.

Dessert—děz-zërt', not děz'-zert, nor děs'sert, a service of fruit: dessert-spoon (dez-zërt'-spoon).

Devil-dev'il, not dev'vle.

Die. One dies of a disease, not with it.

Differ. One differs with a person in opinion; one person or thing differs from another in some quality.

Disappointed. One is disappointed of a thing not obtained, and in a thing obtained. "He will be disappointed of his legacy, or in his purchase."

Discourse-dĭs'kŏrs.

Disputable—dis'pu-ta-ble, not dis-pūt'a-ble.

Disputant-dis'pu-tant, not dis-pū'tant.

- Distich-dis'tik, not dis'tich. Two poetic lines making sense.
- Docile-dos'îl' or do-sil, not do'sile. Tractable, teachable.
- Dolorous—dől'or-ŭs, not dő'lor-oŭs. Dolorously and Dolorousness are similarly accented; but dolour is pronounced dô'lor.
- Doubt. "I do not doubt but that it is so," is a very common error. The meaning conveyed is just the opposite to that which the speaker intends. He declares, in other words, that he has no doubt but a doubt that it is so; or he does not doubt that it is false. "I have no doubt but," and "there is no doubt but,"—are similar mistakes. The word "but" should be left out.
- Dough-face means one that is easily moulded to one's will, or readily changed in his views, and not a putty-faced or whitefaced person.
- Dragomans, not dragomen, is the plural of dragoman, an Eastern interpreter.
- Drama—drä'ma or drā'ma, not drăm'a. Worcester says drā'ma or drăm'a.
- Dramatis Personæ—drăm'-a-tis per-sō'nē, not dra-măt'is pĕr'so-nē.
- Drank, not drunk, is the imperfect tense of drink. Drunk is the perfect participle.
- Ducat-dŭk'at, not dū'kat.

Ductile-dük'til, not duc-tile.

Durst not-durst' not, not durs'nt, for did not dare.

E.

Ear-sar, not year. Persons frequently speak of the year-ache, and occasionally "a year of corn" may be heard.

Ecce Homo-ĕk'sē hō'mō, not ĕk'kē hō'mō, nor es'se hō-mō.

Eider-T'der, not E'der. Eider-down and eider-duck.

Elm is pronounced in one syllable, and not ĕl'lum.

Elysian-e-liz'-i-an, not e-lis'-sian. Worcester gives e-lizh'e-an.

Embryo-em'bry-ō, not em-bry'ō.

Employe (Fr. Employé)—ĕm-ploy-ā' or ŏng-plwaw-yā', not employ'e or ong-ploy'ā. Employee is not allowed.

Encore - ŏng-kŏr', not ŏng'-kōr nor ĕn'kōr.

Eneid—e-në'id, not ë'ne-id. A poem of Virgil. Worcester sanctions both methods of pronunciation.

Ennui—ong-nwë', not ŏng'-wë. Worcester gives a much simpler pronunciation, viz.; än-wë'.

Enquiry-en-kwī'ry, not ĕn'-kwī-ry.

Ensemble-äng-säm'bl. The whole.

Epsom Salt, not Epsom Salts. Also called Epsomite.

Equable-ēk'wa-ble, not ē'kwa-ble.

Equally well, etc., not equally as well, etc.

Espionage—ĕs'pe-on-āje or ĕs'pe-on-āzh, not ĕs-pī'o-nāje nor es-pe'on-āzh.

- Esquimau—ës'ke-mō, not ës'qui-maw; plural, Esquimaux (ĕs'ke-mōz), not ĕs'ke-mawz nor ĕs'ke-mō.
- Etagere—ět-a-zhâr', not e-tăzh'er-y nor at-tăzh'ī-a. Worcester's pronunciation is ā-tă-zhâr'. A piece of parlour furniture with shelves, used for placing small ornaments and fancy articles upon; a what-not.
- Excrescence—ex-krës-sense, not ex-krë'sense. A superfluous appendage; morbid outgrowth.
- Expect has reference to the future only, and not to the present or past. "I expect that you are wrong," "I expect you were disappointed yesterday," are errors. There is an abundance of words that may be correctly used, as suppose, suspect, imagine, believe and think.
- Ezpose (Fr. exposé)—ĕks-po-zā,' not ex-pōz'. An exhibition. The English word expōse, to exhibit or make public, is pronounced as spelled.
- Exquisite—ěks'quĭ-zĭt, not eks-quĭz'ite. Exquisitely is accented on the first syllable also.
- Extant-ex'tant, not ex-tant'.
- Extol-ex-tŏl', not ex ōl'. Extolled, ex-tŏld', etc.

F.

- Facet—făs'set, not fā-sĕt'. A small surface or face; as one of the facets of a diamond.
- Falchion—fawl'shun, not fäl'chi-on. A sword. Worcester sanctions fawl'chun, also.

Falcon-faw'kn, or făl-kon, not fawl'kn.

Fang. When applied to a tooth, fang means the portion that is outside of the gums, not the root or part that is set into the jaw. From Anglo-Saxon Fang, a grasp.

Far, not fur.

Febrile-fe'bril or feb'ril, not fe'brile. Relating to fever.

February, as it is spelled, and not Feb'u-a-ry, as many say and write it.

Feod, feodal, feodality—fude, fud'al, and fu-dăl'i-ty. Relating to a kind of tenure formerly existing in Europe, in which military services were rendered by the tenant as rental. Feud, feudal, feudality, is the orthography generally adopted now.

Ferret. A ferret is an animal of the weasel kind, used to drive rabbits out of their burrows, and rats out of their holes, and not a species of dog.

Finale-fe-nä'lä, not fī'nāle or fi-năl'ly.

Finance-fe-năns', not fī'-năns.

Finances-fe-nän'sez, not fī'-năn-sez.

Financier—fin-an-seer', not fi-nan-seer'. Financial and financially have also the short i in the first syllable.

Finis-fī'nis, not fīn'is.

Finesse-fe-ness'.

Firmament means the expanse of the sky: the heavens. The original and derivative meaning, solid foundation, is obsolete.

Flannel, not flannen.

Florid-florid, not florid.

Florin-flor'in, not flo-rin. A coin worth two shillings.

Florist-florist, not florist.

Fœtid or fetid—fē'tid, not fĕt'id.

Fætor or fetor-fë'tor, not fët'or.

Forage—fŏr'aje, not fō'raje.

Forceps—fôr'seps, not fôr'seps. The word is spelled the same in both the singular and the plural numbers. Such mistakes as, "hand me a forcep," instead of "hand me a forceps," are very common. Strictly speaking, "a pair of forceps" ought, I suppose, to mean two forceps; but like the expressions "a pair of scissors" and "a pair of snuffers," the phrase has been in use so long that it must be tolerated.

Forehead-för'hed, not för'ed. Worcester allows either.

Foreign-fŏr'in, not fŭr'in.

Fortnight—fôrt'nīte, not fôrt'nīte, fōrt'nīt, nor fôrt'nĭt. Worcester gives what is authorized above and fôrt'nĭt.

Fortress-fôr'tress, not fōr'tress.

Fragile-fraj'īl, not fra'jīl nor fra'jīle.

Fritter, not flitter, is the name of a kind of fried cake.

Frivolity-fri-vŏl'i-ty, not friv'ol-ty.

Frontier-front'cer, not frunt'eer nor frun-teer'.

Frontispiece - front'is-pese, not frunt'is-pese.

Fuchsia-fū'she-a, not fook'sĭ-a.

Fuzz, not furze, is the word to use, if used at all, when the embryo whisker, or the downy surface of fruit, etc., is meant. Down is the more appropriate word. Furze is the name of an evergreen shrub.

G.

Gallivating, not gallivanting. Gallivanting is a word that is used to some extent, being applied to persons roaming about for amusement or adventure; as, "this young man has been gallivanting." If it is a corruption of gallanting, it should certainly be abolished as a vulgarism; but if it is a corruption of gallivating, from gallivat, the name of a small sailing vessel, it might be clothed in its proper garb, and retained as a useful word in our language. If either be used, the one above preferred should be chosen.

Gallows-găl'lus, not găl'loz. Gallowses, plural.

Gamin-ga-măng', not găm'in nor gā'min. A street child.

Gape-gāpe, not găp.

Gargle. One gar'gles, not gur'gles, the throat.

Gaseous-găz'e-us, not găss-e-us. Worcester gives gā'ze-us.

Gather-găth'er, not gĕth'er.

Genealogy-jen-e-al'o-jy, not je-nc-ol'o-jy.

Genealogist (jēn-e-āl'o-jist), genealogical (jēn-e-a-lŏj'i-kal), and genealogically (jēn-e-a-lŏj'i-kal-ly).

Generic—jc-nčr'ik, not jčn'er-ik nor je-nē'rik. Relating to a genus, or kind.

Gerund—jër'und, not jë-rund. A kind of verbal noun in Latin. Get, not gĭt.

Giaour—jowr, not gī'öōr, jī-owr', nor jōōr. An epithet applied by the Turks to a disbeliever in Mahomet and *vice versa*; the name of one of Byron's poems.

Gibbet-jYb'bet, not gib'bet.

Gladiator-gla'de-ator, not glad-e-a'tor.

Glamour—gla'mōōr, not glam'mur. Worcester gives gla'mer also. A charm in the eyes, making them see things differently from what they really are

Gneiss-nīs, not nēs nor gnēs. A kind of rock.

Gondola -gŏn'do-la, not gon-dō'la.

Got. There are some sticklers for niceties that overdo themselves in contending that the use of the verb got is generally unnecessary and incorrect in conjunction with have and had, even in colloquial speech. Get means to procure, to obtain, to come into possession of, etc., and it is a very tame assertion that one simply has a thing that cost much mental or physical labour. A scholar has his lesson, but did it creep into his head while he passively shut his eyes and went to sleep? On the contrary, he got it or learned it by hard study, and it is proper to say that he has got it. A man has a cold, but he got it or took it by exposing himself. A person has a sum of money, but he got or earned it by his labour. Another has good friends, but he got or secured them by his pleasant address. The chief causes of the warfare against this word are, I think, that have and had, though generally used as

auxiliaries, can sometimes be used as principal verbs, and make good sense; and that it has not been sufficiently recollected that in the majority of colloquial cases got either stands for, or can be substituted for, another verb. In confirmation of this last statement, is appended the following composed by Dr. Withers: "I got on horseback within ten minutes after I got your letter. When I got to Canterbury, I got a chaise for town, but I got wet before I got to Canterbury; and I have got such a cold as I shall not be able to get rid of in a hurry. I got to the Treasury about noon, but first of all I got shaved and dressed. I soon got into the secret of getting a memorial before the board, but I could not get an answer then; however, I got intelligence from the messenger that I should most likely get one the next morning. As soon as I got back to my inn, I got my supper and got to bed. was not long before I got asleep. When I got up in the morning, I got my breakfast, and then I got myself dressed that I might get out in time to get an answer to my memorial. As soon as I got it I got into the chaise, and got to Canterbury by three, and about tea-time I got home. I have got nothing for you, and so adieu,"

Applying this test of substitution to any doubtful case, I think it right to assert that if there is no other verb or participle that will appropriately take the place of "got," the latter word is unnecessary; but it should hardly be considered as an error, as it is so slight an impropriety compared with many others which are allowed, and especially because we

have long had the usage of many of the best writers and speakers to sanction the employment of the word. The very people that appear to be so shocked at the use of the superfluous got, may generally be heard making use of such expressions as "fell down upon the ground," "rose up and went away," "covered it over," and "a great big fire." The down, up, over, and big are certainly redundant, but they have been heard so long that they are seldom mentioned as errors.

Gourmand—göör'mänd, not gôr'mand, unless the orthography gormand is used. A rayenous eater.

Gourmet-göör-met, an epicure.

Gout—gowt, not goot, as actors are sometimes heard to pronounce it in the following line from Macbeth: "On thy blade and dudgeon, gouts of blood." (From Latin gutta—a drop.)

Gout-göö, relish, taste.

Government—güv'ern-ment, not güv'er-ment. It is a mistake, frequently made, to write and pronounce the word as if it had no "n" in the penultimate.

Gramercy—gra-mër'sy, not gram'er-sy. A word formerly used to express thankfulness with surprise.

Granary—grăn'a-ry, not grā'na-ry. There are no such words as grainery and grainary.

Gratis-grā'tis, not grāt-is.

Grenade-gre-nade', not gren'ade. A kind of explosive shell.

Guardian-gärd i-an, not gar-de'an.

Guerdon—gër'don, not gwër'don nor jër'don. A reward; a recompence.

Guild-gild, not gild. A society; a fraternity.

Guillotine-gĭl'lo-teen, not gwĭl-lo-tūn'.

Guipure—gē-pūr', not gĭm-pūre' nor gwĭ-pūre'. An imitation of antique lace.

Gunwale—commonly pronounced gun'nel, and spelled so sometimes.

Gutta-percha—gŭt'ta-për'-cha, not gŭt'ta-për'ka.

Gyrfalcon—jër'faw-kn, not jēr'făl-kun.

H.

Habitue (Fr. habitué)-ä-bĭt-u-ā', not hab-it-u-ē'.

Halloo (hal-lōō'), holla (hŏl'lā), hollo (hŏl'lō or hŏl-lō') or hollow (hŏl'lōw), but not hŏl'ler. Worcester gives halloo (hal-lōō'), holla (hŏl-lā'), hollo (hŏl-lō') and hollow (hŏl'lōw or hŏ'-lōw'). It is strange that with such a variety of words to choose from, people generally say "holler."

Hanged is preferable to hung, when the infliction of the death penalty by hanging is meant.

Harass-har'ass, not ha-rass'.

Harem—ha'rem, not har'em. Worcester gives ha'rem also Written also haram (ha-ram').

Hardly. Don't and can't should not be used with hardly. Such errors as, "I don't hardly believe it," are not uncommon. Hardly means scarcely, and the use of don't or can't gives an opposite signification to the sentence.

Haunt-hant, not hawnt.

Haunted-hant'ed, not hawnt'ed.

Hautboy-hö'boy a wind instrument.

Hauteur-hō'tūr.

Hawaiian—ha-wī'yan, not ha-waw'yan. Relating to the island of Hawaii.

earth-härth, not hërth.

Hearth-stone-härth'stone, not hërth'stone.

Heather—hěth'er, not hēth'er. Worcester gives hēth'er as the pronunciation.

Heinous-hā'nus, not hē'nus, hēn'yus, nor hān'yus.

Herbaceous-er-bā'shus, not her-bā'shus.

Herbage-ërb'ej or ĕrb'ej, not hĕr'bāje.

Heroine—her'o-in, not he'ro-ine nor he'ro-in. Worcester gives the first and the last of the above.

Heroism-her'o-izm, not he'ro-izm. Worcester sanctions both.

Hieroglyphic-hī-er-o-glĭf'ik, not hī-er-o-grĭf'ik.

Hindoostanee
Hindustani

hin-dōō-stan'ee, not hin-dōō'stăn-ee. Worces-

ter's orthography is *Hindostanee* and *Hindostany*, but the accent is on the penult as above.

Homage—hŏm'aje, not ŏm'aje.

Homeopathy—hō-me-ŏp'a-thy, not hō'me-o-păth-y.

Homeopathist-hō-me-ŏp'a-thist, not hō'me-o-path-ist.

Hooping-cough—hōōp'ing-cough, not hŏŏp'ing-cough. Spelled Whooping-cough, also.

Horizon-ho-rī'zon, not hŏr'i-zon.

Horse-radish-horse-rad'ish, not horse-red'dish.

Hough—hok, not huff. To disable by cutting the sinews of the ham. As a noun, the word means the joint at the lower portion of the leg of a quadruped; written hock, also.

Houri—howr'y, not owr'y. A nymph of the Mahommedan paradise.

Hovel-hov'el, not huv'el.

Hundred, as spelled, not hun'derd.

Hydropathy-hī-drŏp'a-thy, not hī'drō-păth-y.

Hydropathist-hī-drop'a-thist, not hī'dro-path-ist.

Hygiene—hī'ji-ēne, not hī-jeen' nor hī'geen. Worcester authorizes the first and last,

I.

Ichor-ī'kor. The fluid in the veins of the gods.

Illustrate—il-lus'trate, not il'lus-trate. Illustrated, illustrating, and illustrative, are likewise accented on the second syllable; illustrator on the first.

Imbroglio—ĭm-brōl'yō, not ĭm-brŏl'yō. Worcester say ĭm brōl'ye-ō.

Immobile-im-mob-il, not im-mobil nor im-mobile.

Imperturbable—im-per-tür'ba-ble, not im-per-töö'ra-ble, nor im-për'tu-ra-ble, Incapable of being disturbed.

Impetus—ĭm'pe-tus, not im-pē'tus.

Implacable-im-plā'ka-ble, not ĭm-plăk'a-ble.

Impotent—im'po-tent, not im-pō'tent. Impotency and impotence are accented similarly.

Improvise-im-pro-vīze', not ĭm'pro-vīze.

Incognito—in-kŏg'ni-tō, not in-cŏn'i-to nor in-cŏg-nĭsh'ō. Incog is an authorized abbreviation. Incognita is a female in disguise.

Indigenous-in-did'-je-nous.

Indiscretion-in-dis-krësh'un, not in-dis-krë'shun.

Indissoluble—in-dis'so-lu-ble, not in-dis-söl'n-ble. Indissolubly, etc.

Industry—in'dus-try, not ĭn-dŭs'try.

Infinitesimal-in-fin-i-tes'i-mal, not in-fin-tes'i-mal.

Ingenious-in-jēn'yus, means possessed of genius; skilful, etc.

Ingenuous-in-jen'yu-us, means noble, open, frank, generous, etc.

Inquiry-in-kwī'ry, not ĭn'kwĭ-ry; spelled also enquiry.

Invalid-in-val'-id, null, void, having no force.

Invalid—in'-val-ēēd, one infirm or disabled from wounds or sickness.

Inveigle—ĭn-vē'gle, not ĭn-vā'gle. Inveigler (in-vē'gler and inveiglement (in-vē'gle-ment).

Irate—ī-rāte', not ī'rāte. Worcester gives the latter.

Irrational—ir-răsh'un-al, not ĭr-rā'shun-al. Irrationally (ĭr-răsh'un-al-ly), etc.

Iron-ī'urn, not ī'ron.

Irrecognizable—ir-re-kŏg'ni-za-ble.

Irrelevant, not irrevelant. Not applicable; not suited.

Isinglass—Yzĭng-glass, is a kind of gelatine prepared from the sounds or air-bladders of certain fish, and is used in jellies, for clarifying liquors, etc.; while the transparent substance, frequently called *isinglass*, which is used in the doors of stoves and lanterns, is really *mica*, a mineral that admits of being cleaved into thin plates.

Isolate—ī'so-late, not ĭs'o-lāte. Isolated (ī'so-lā-ted), etc.
Worcester gives ĭz'o-lāte, etc.

Itch-itch, not ēch.

J.

Jamb, not jam, is the spelling of the side-piece of a door, window, or fire-place.

Jaundice-jän'dis, not janders.

Jealous—jĕl'us, not jā'lus.

Jean—jāne, not jeen. A twilled cotton cloth. Written also jane.

Jew's-harp-jūz'härp, not jūs'härp.

Joeund—jök'und, not jö'kund. Joeundity, joeundly, joeundness, have also the short o.

Jugular-jū'gu-lar, not jŭg'u-lar.

Jujube—jū'jūbe, not jū'jū-be. "Jujube paste."

Just, not jest, in such sentences as: "I have just done it;"
"He has just enough," etc.

K.

Knoll-nol, not nol.

L.

Lamm, to beat, is not spelled lam nor lamb.

Lapel—la-pĕi', not lăp'el. That part of a coat which laps over the facing.

Lariat-lăr'i-at, not lā'ri-at. A lasso.

Lay. This word in the sense here considered is a transitive verb, or one in which the action or state implied by the verb passes over to an object. The present tense is lay; the imperfect tense and past participle are laid; and the present participle laying. Requiring an object in each of the various meanings attached to it, it is proper to say: "The hen lays an egg every day;" "The man laid his load on the ground;" "The rain has laid the dust;" "The hunter is laying a snare." The verb lie is an intransitive verb, and can have no object after it. The present tense is lie; the imperfect tense is lay; the past participle is lain; the present participle is lying. Having no objective case to which the action or state passes over, it i correct to say: "Ohio lies north of Kentucky;" "The sick man lay upon the bed yesterday;" "He has lain there helpless for weeks;"" The goods I bought are lying on my hands." Contrasting the sentences under each verb, it will be readily seen that Ohio does not lie Kentucky, but the hen lays the egg; the invalid did not lay the bed like the man laid his load; he has not ain anything, as the rain has laid the dust; and the goods are not lying anything, as the hunter is laying the snare. If the foregoing differences have been carefully observed, I imagine that it will always be easy to select the proper word by remembering the following rules:

- 1. If the person or thing spoken of exerts an action that must pass over to an object, use lay, laid, and laying.
- 2. If the person or thing spoken of exerts an action that does not pass over to an object, use lie, lay, lain, and lying. "He laid upon the bed," then, is incorrect, for the verb has no object. It should be: "He lay upon the bed." But, "He laid himself upon the bed," would be correct, for there is an objective case, himself, supplied. "Let these papers lay," should be, "Let these papers lie." "The ship lays at anchor," should be, "The ship lies at anchor." "The ship laid at anchor," should be, "The ship lay at anchor." "They have laid in wait for you," should be, "They have lain in wait for you." "This trunk is laying in our way," should be, "This trunk is lying in our way." Errors connected with the use of these verbs are more common, probably, than any others in our language, being detected in the conversation and writings of many of the best educated people. Attention to the above rules, and a few trial sentences in the different moods, tenses, numbers, and persons, ought to make the selection of the proper word so simple, that persons should seldom make mistakes, especially if they will remember that lie, lay, lain, lying, mean rest; lay, laid, laying, mean action.

Learn. Learning is done by the scholar or student, and teaching by the instructor. "She will tearn me how to play," should be, "She will teach me how to play," etc.

Leasing—leez'ing, not lēs'ing. An obsolete word meaning false-hood; lying. "Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing."
—Bible.

Legate-lĕg'ate, not lē'gāte.

lengthen, lengthiness, etc.

Legendary—lĕj'end-a-ry, not lē'jĕnd-a-ry.

Leisure—lē'zhur, or lězh'ur, not lā'zhur. Leisurely (lē'zhur-ly).

Length, not lĕnth. Every letter is sounded, also, in lengthy,

Lenient-lē'ni-ent, not lĕn'i-ent. Leniently (lē'ni-ent-ly), etc.

Lethe—lē'thē, not lēth. The mythological and poetical name of a river of the infernal regions, the drinking of which caused forgetfulness of the past.

Lethean-lē-thē'an, not lē'the-an.

Let's. It should be remembered that let's is really let us, the apostrophe denoting the elision of the u. Such expressions then as: "let's us go," "let's him and me go," should be, "let us go" (or let's go), and "let him and me go;" for who wishes to say "let us us go," or "let us him and me go"?

Levee-lev'-ee, not le-vee.

Leverage—lē'ver-aje, not lĕv'er-aje.

Library—lī'bra-ry, not lī'ba-ry.

Licorice-lik'o-ris not lik'er-ish.

Lichen-lī'-ken or lĭk'en, not as spelled.

Lie. See Lay.

Lien—lô'en or lī'en, not leen. A charge upon property for the satisfaction of a debt.

Lighted is preferable to lit as the imperfect tense and past participle of the verb to light. "He lighted the gas," instead of, "He lit the gas." "I have lighted the fire," instead of, "I have lit the fire." The same remarks apply to the imperfect and participle of light taken as an intransitive verb. "The bird has lighted upon the tree," instead of, "has lit upon the tree." Lit is condemned as obsolete.

Lilac-lī'lac, not lā'lac; a flowering shrub, a colour.

Lithographer—li-thog'ra-pher, not lith'o-graph-er, nor li-thog'rapher. Lithography (li-thog'ra-phy).

Loath—löth, not löth; the th is as in both. Reluctant. Written sometimes loth. The verb is loathe, with the th as in breathe.
Lyceum—lī-sē'um, not lī'se-um.

M.

Machiavelian—măk-i-a-vēl'ian, not măsh-i-a-vĕl'ian. Pertaining to Machiavel; politically cunning.

Mad—is the term applied to those deranged in intellect. In the sense of provoked, wrathful or indignant, angry is generally considered the more appropriate word. "Mad as a March hare," is an indelicate term that should not be used on account of its origin.

Madame-French, mä-däm'; in English, măd'am.

Magna Charta-magna kär'ta, not magna chärta.

Manes-mā'nēz, not mānz. The souls of the dead.

Manor-măn'or, not mā'nor.

Marigold-măr'i-gold, not mā'ri-gold.

Matin-măt'in, not mā'tin.

Matins-măt'inz, not mā'tinz.

Mattress—măt'tress, not ma-trăss'. Written also matress, and pronounced as the first.

Mew-mū, not me-yow'. To cry like a cat.

Mediocre-mē'di-ō-ker, not mē-di-ō'ker, nor mē-di-ŏk're.

Melange-mā-lăngzh', not me-lănj'.

Melanotype-me-lan'o-type, not me-la'no-type.

Melodrama-měl-o-drā'ma, not měl-o-drăm'a, nor měl-o-drä'ma.

Memoir—měm'wor or mēm'wor, according to Webster; Worcester gives mē-moir' or měm'wär.

Mesdames-mā-däm', not měz-dāmes'.

Metallurgy-měťal-lur-jy, not me-tăl'lur-jy.

Metaphor—mět'ā-for. The failure to distinguish between metaphors and similes is a very common mistake. In a metaphor
the resemblance is implied without any words to express the
similarity; as soon as the latter are added it becomes a simile.
"Hope is an anchor," and "Judah is a lion's whelp," are
metaphors. "Hope is like an anchor," and "Judah is like a
lion's whelp," are similes.

Metrical-mět'rik-al, not mē'trik-al.

Mezzo—mět'zō, not měz'zō. An Italian word meaning middle; not extreme. Mezzo-soprano (mět'zo-soprä'no); between contralto and soprano; said of the voice of a female singer. Mezzotinto, etc.

Microscope—mī'kro-scope, not mīk'ro-scope. Microsopic (mi-kro-scop'ic). Microscopy (mī-kros'co-py).

Mien-mēēn, not māne.

Mineralogy-min-er-al'o-jy, not min-er-ŏl'o-jy.

Minuet-min-ū-et, not min-ū-ĕt'. A dance.

Mischievous—mis'che-vus, not mis-chē'vus, nor mis-chē've-us.

Mischievously and mischievousness are also accented on the first syllable.

Modify-mod'i-fy, not mo'di-fy.

Modulate. This word is often used incorrectly instead of moderate in such sentences as: "Modulate your voice," when it is meant to command or request that the tone be moderated or lowered. Modulate means to vary or inflect in a musical manner, and although the word might often be used with propriety in such sentences as the above, yet it is not always what is meant by the speaker. A person's voice may be perfectly modulated, and yet the tone may be so high that it is desirable, upon certain occasions, to have it moderated.

Moire—mwôr, not môre nor mô're. Moire antique (mwor ăn-tēk').

Molasses. It may seem incredible to those who have never heard the error I am about to mention, that such a ridiculous blunder could occur. I should hardly have believed it myself, if I had only heard of it; but I was once in a part of the country where all the people for miles around spoke of molasses as if it were a plural noun, and I frequently heard such remarks as the following: "These molasses are very good; they are the best I have seen for some time." I once began to remonstrate with one of the champions of the plurality of the treacle, and insisted that he should say, "this molasses," and, "it is good," etc.; but it was of no avail. He insisted that the word was analogous to ashes, and if one was plural so was the other. The absurdity arose, as so many others do, from not calling treacle, treacle.

Momentous-mo-men'-tous, not mo-men-tu'-ous.

Monad-mo'nad, not mo'nad. An ultimate atom.

Money-mon'eys in the plural, not mon-ies.

Monogram-mon'o-gram, not mo'no-gram.

Monograph-mon'o-graph, not mo'no-graph.

Monomania—mŏn-o-mā'nia, not mō-no-mā'nia. Monomaniae (mŏn-o-mā'ni-ac).

Moor—möör, not möre. An extensive waste; a heath. *Moor*, the name of a native of North Africa, is similarly pronounced.

Morale-mo-ral', not mor'ale nor mo-ral'.

Mountainous-mount'ain-ous, not moun-ta'ni-ous.

Multiplication-mul-ti-pli-ca'tion, not mul-ti-pi-ca'-tion.

Murrain-mur-rin, not mur'rane. A disease among cattle.

Museum-mu-zē'um, not mū'ze-um.

Mushroom, as spelled, not mush-roon.

Mussulmans, not musselmen, is the plural of Mussulman.

Mythology—mith-ol-o-iv. not mi-thol'o-iv.

N.

Naiad-nā'yad, not nā'īd nor nā'ād. A water nymph.

Naive-nä'ev, not nave nor nave. Natural; artless.

Naivete-nä'ev-tā, not nā-vēte' nor nā-vē'ta.

Nape-nap, not nap. The back part of the neck.

Nasal-nā'zal, not nā'sal nor năs'al.

Nasturtium or Nasturtion, not asturtion.

Negligee -neg-li-zhā, not neg-li-je', nor neg'li-zhā.

Newspaper-nūz'pā-per, not nūs'pā-per.

Niche—nich, not nick, when a concave recess in a wall for an ornament is meant. If a piece is chopped roughly out of anything, it leaves a nich. Nich of time, not niche of time, when a critical moment is meant.

Nomad—nŏm'ad, not nō'mad. One of a wandering tribe.
Written nomade (nŏm'ade) also. From Greek Nomos, a pasture.

Nomenclature-no-men-clature, not no'men-clature.

Nominative, not nom-a-tiv.

Nonillion-no-neell'ion, not non-ill'ion.

Nook—nöök, as given by Webster. Worcester sanctions both.

nöök and nöök.

Notable-no'ta-ble, not not'a-ble.

Nymphean-nim-fe'an, not nimf'e-an. Relating to nymphs.

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Obesity-ō-bes'i-ty, not o-be'si-ty.

Obligatory—ŏb'li-ga-to-ry, not ŏb-lĭg'a-to-ry, nor ob-lĭ-gā'to-ry.

Often-of'n, not of'ten.

Omega-ō-meg'a, not om'e-ga.

Onerous-on'er-ous, not o'ner-ous.

only-on'ly, not on'ly.

Onyx-ō'nyx, not ŏn'yx.

Opal—ō'pal, not ō-păl' nor ō-pawl'.

Opponent-op-po'nent, not ŏ-po-nent.

Ordnance, not *ordinance*, when cannon, artillery, etc., are intended. *Ordinance* is a rule established by authority.

Orgeat—ôr'zhat or ôr'zhā, not ôr'je-at. Worcester gives ôr'zhat. Orthoepy—ôr'tho-e-py, not ôr-thō'e-py.

Orthoepist-ôr'tho-e-pist, not ôr-thō'e-pist.

Overflowed, not *overflown*. The former is from overflow, the latter from overfly.

P.

Palaver-pă-läv'er, not pa-lau'ver.

Pall-mall—pël-mël', not pawl-mawl'. The name of a game with a ball and a ring, formerly played in England; and the name of a street in London, so called from being a place famous for such play. Written also pail-mail and pell-mell, both pronounced as above. Pell-mell used as an adverb means mixed together in a disorderly manner; but one person cannot rush pell-mell.

Papyrus—pa-pī'rus, not păp'i-rŭs. A material used for writing upon by the ancients, made from a plant of the same name.

Parent-pā'rent, not pâr'ent.

Parisian—pă-rĭz'ian, not pa-rĭsh'ian nor pa-rĭss'ian. Worcester gives pa-rĭzh'ian.

Paroquet-păr'o-quet, not păr-o-kět'.

Parquet-pär-kā' or pär-kĕt'. An inlaid floor.

Parquette-pär-ket', not pär-kā'.

Partner, not pardner.

Partridge, not pattrij.

Patent. The adjective is pronounced either păt'ent or pă'tent.

When used as a verb or a noun, it is pronounced păt'ent.

Patois-păt-wö', not păt'wŏ nor păt-waw'.

Patriot-pa'tri-ot, not păt'-ri-ot. Patriotic, patriotism, etc., have also the long a. Worcester gives the same with the ex-

- ception of patriotic, which he pronounces both pā'tri-ot-ic and păt'ri-ot-ic.
- Patron—pā'tron, not pāt'ron. Patroness, Patronage, and Patronless have also the long a.
- Pease—pēze, not peas, when an uncounted quantity is referred to, as: a bushel of pease, a plateful of pease, some more pease, etc.

 Peas when a certain number is mentioned, as: a dozen peas, fifty peas, etc.
- Pedal—pěďal, not pěďal, when that portion of a piano or harp acted upon by the feet is meant. Pēďal is an adjective, and means pertaining to the above, or to a foot.
- Perfect. I have selected this as the representative of a class of adjectives that, strictly speaking, do not admit of comparison. I have noticed, invariably, that those who appear to be so anxious to correct the error of giving degrees of comparison to a few stereotyped words of this class, such as round, square, universal, chief, extreme, etc., are singularly remiss in calling attention to a great many other mistakes of the same kind that are equally prominent. Amongst the latter may be, mentioned the comparison of correct, complete, even, level, straight, etc. It will be admitted that if anything is perfect it can not be more so; and as soon as it is less so it fails to be perfect at all. So, if anything is correct it is perfectly free from error; it can not be made more correct, and if its correctness is detracted from, it is not quite correct any longer. A straight line is one that does not vary from a perfectly direct course in

the slightest degree; it can not be straighter, and if it could be less straight, it would be curved. It is ridiculous for any one to insist upon a national reformation of a few such errors, and suffer a hundred others just like them to exist without remonstrance. Either nearer and nearest, more nearly, and most nearly, and the like, should be substituted for the degrees of comparison and used with all such words; or people should treat them as all other adjectives, just as the best writers and speakers have always done.

Perfidious—per-fid'i-ous, not per'fid-ous. Worcester allows per-fid'yus in addition to the first.

Peony (pē'o-ny) Pæony (pē'o-ny) or Piony (pī'o-ny) not pī'ny as often called. A flower.

Perambulate, not preambulate.

Period—pē'ri-od, not pĕr'i-od. Periodic, Periodical, etc., have also the long e.

Perspire, not prespire.

Perspiration, not prespiration.

Persuade. This word carries with it the idea of success in one's endeavours to convince or induce. "I persuaded him for a long time, but he would not grant my request," should be, "I tried to persuade him," etc.

Petrel—pĕt'rel, not pē'trel. A bird. Worcester allows the latter also.

Phaeton-fā'et-on, not fā'te-on, nor fe-ā'ton. A vehicle.

Pharmaceutist —fär-ma-sū'-tīst, not fär-mā-kū'tist nor fär-mā'kūtist.

- Pharmacopæia—fär-ma-co-pē'ya, not fär-mā-cō'pi-a.
- Piano-pi-ä'no, not pī-ăn'o. Worcester allows pĭ-ăn'o.
- Piano-forte—př-ä'no-for'tā, not pī-ăn'o-fort. Worcester sanctions př-ä'no-for'te, př-ăn'o-fôr-te, and remarks in parenthesis, often pe-ăn'o-fort; but the last pronunciation is evidently not preferred.
- Pilaster—př-läs'ter, not při'as-ter. A square pillar set into a wall and projecting slightly.
- Piquant—pĭk'ant, not pĭk'wănt nor pēk'wănt. Piquantly (pĭk'-ant-ly), etc.
- Placard-pla-kärd', not plak'ard.
- Placid—plăs'id, not plā'sid. Placidly and placidness have also the short a.
- Plait—plāt, not plāt nor plēt. A braid; or to braid. Plat (plāt) is a proper word, however, having the same meanings, but the difference in pronunciation must be observed, when the spelling is as above. Plait, meaning a fold of cloth, as in a shirt bosom, is also pronounced plāt.
- Platina—plăt'ina or pla-tē'na, not pla-tī'na nor pla-tĭn'a. Worcester allows plăt'i-na only.
- Platinum—plat'i-num or pla-t'i-num, not pla-të'num nor pla-tin'um. Worcester gives plăt'-i-num only.
- Plebeian—ple-bē'ian, not plē'bi-an. Ple-bŏn', as some pronounce it, is outrageous.

Plenary—plē'nary, not plën'a-ry. Full; entire. Worcester gives both methods.

Poetaster-pö'et-äs-ter, not pö'et-täst-er. A very minor poet.

Poniard-pŏn'yard, not poin'yard.

Posthumous—pŏst'ū-mus, not pōs'thū-mous. Posthumously (pŏst'ū-mous-ly).

Potable-po'ta-ble, not pot'a-ble. Drinkable.

Potheen—pō-theen', not pŏt'teen. When spelled potteen, however, as it may be correctly, the latter pronunciation is proper.

Prairie-prā'ry, not per-rā'ry.

Prebendary—preb'end-a-ry, not prebend-a-ry. A clergyman of a collegiate or cathedral church, who enjoys a prebend.

Prebend-preb'end, not pre'bend. A stipend.

Precedence—pre-sē'dence, not pres'e-dence. Precedency and precedently, have the second syllable accented also.

Precedent — pre-sē'dent, not pres'e-dent. An adjective meaning antecedent.

Precedent—pres'e-dent, not pre-se'dent nor pre'se-dent. A noun meaning an example or preceding circumstance. Precedented and unprecedented have also the short e.

Precocious—pre-kō'shus, not pre-kō'sh'ŭs. Precociously and precociousness have also the long o.

Predatory—prěďa-to-ry, better prē'da-tory, not pre-da'-tory. Plundering; pillaging.

Predecessor-pre-de-ces'sor, not pred-e-ces'sor.

Preface-pref'ace, not preface. Prefatory (pref'a-to-ry).

Prejudice, not predudice.

Prelate-prel'ate, not pre'late.

Presage—pre'sage, not pres'age; not prestige, nor when something is meant that foreshows a future event; an omen. "This is a presage of victory."

Prescription, not perscription.

Prestige, not presage, when it is meant that some one carries weight or influence from past deeds or successes. "The prestige of the hero's name was half the battle."

Presentiment-pre-sent'i-ment, not pre-zent'i-ment.

Pretty-prutty or prit'ty, not pret'ty. Prettily (prit'ti-ly), etc.

Preventive, not preventative.

Primeval-pri-mē'val, not prim'e-val.

Process-pros'ess, not pro'sess.

Prodigy, not projidy.

Produce—prod'uce, not pro'duce, i.e. for the noun. For the verb, pro-duce' is correct.

Product-prod'uct, not product.

Progress—progress, not progress, i.e. for the noun. For the verb, pro-gress' is the correct pronunciation.

Prosody - pros'o-dy, not proso-dy nor proz'o-dy.

Protean-pro-te'an, not pro'te-an. Assuming different shapes.

Protege (Fr. protégé)—prō-tā-zhā', not prō'tēje. One under the care of another. Protegee (Fr. protégée)—prō-tā-zhā' feminine.

Psalm—säm, not säm. Psalmist (säm'ist). Worcester gives säm'ist also for the latter word.

Psalmody-säm'o-dy, not säl'mo-dy nor säm'o-dy.

Psychical—sī'kĭk-al, not sĭk'īk-al nor fĭz'īk-al, as it is sometimes thoughtlessly pronounced in reading. Pertaining to the human soul.

Pumpkin, not punkin. Pumpkin itself is a corruption of pumpion or pompion, but is the word that is now generally used.

Purulent—pū'ru-lent, not pŭr'u-lent. Containing pus or matter.

Purulence and purulency have also the long u in the first syllable.

Put—pööt, not put. This anomalous pronunciation is hard for some to adopt, the natural tendency being to sound the u as it is in a host of other words consisting of two consonants with a short u between them, as: bun, but, cut, dug, fun, gun, hut, nut, etc.

Pyrites-pī-rī'tez, not pe-rī'tez, pĭr'i-tez, not pī'rītez.

Q.

Qualm-kwäm, not kwäm. Worcester allows kwawm also.

Quay-kēē, not kwā.

Querulous, means complaining, whining, etc., and not questioning.

Quinine—kwinēēn or kwi-nīne', not kwi-neen'. Worcester gives kwi-nīne' or kwin'ine.

Quoit-koyt, not kwoit.

Quoth-kwoth or kwoth, not kwoth.

· R.

Rabies—rā'bi-ēz, not răb'ēz. Madness, as that of dogs. Radish—răd'ish, not rĕd'ish, an esculent root.

Raise—Rise. Raise is a transitive verb, or one in which the action passes over to an object. Present tense, raise; imperfect tense and past participle, raised; present participle, raising. Rise is an intransitive verb, the action not passing over to an object. Present tense, rise; imperfect tense, rose; past participle, risen; present participle, rising. Errors in the use of these words ought to be avoided by remembering the following rules:

- 1. If the person or thing spoken of exerts an action that passes over to an object, use raise, raised, and raising.
- 2. If the person or thing spoken of exerts an action that does not pass over to an object, use rise, rose, risen, rising. To avoid further repetition in the method I have adopted to impress upon the mind the difference between transitive and intransitive verbs by contrasted sentences, I would refer the reader to the remarks under Lay. "I will raise in the morning at five," should be, "I will rise," etc. "I will raise the window," etc., is correct, for the action passes to or affects the window. "I will raise myself if I have the strength" is correct, because an object, myself, is furnished. "The price of flour is raising," should be, "The price of flour is raising," but it is right to say, "The merchants are raising the price of flour." "Gold has raised in value," should be, "Gold has

risen in value." "The price of bonds raised in less than an hour," should be, "The price of bonds rose," etc. "The sun is raising," should be, "The sun is rising." "The sun is raising the temperature," is proper. The pulse has risen, but excitement has raised it. The river has risen in its bed and has raised the canal. Birds rise in the air. Arise can often be appropriately substituted for rise.

Rampant-răm'pant, not ram-pant'.

Rapine-răp'in, not răp'een nor rā-peen'.

Raspberry—răz'ber-ry, neither răss'ber-ry nor rawz'ber-ry. Worcester gives raz'ber-ry and räs'ber-ry.

Rational—răsh'un-al, not rā-shun-al. Rationalist (răsh'un-alĭst), etc.

Recess-re-cess', not re'cess.

Recherche (Fr. recherché)—ră-shêr-shā', not re-shersh'. Worcester gives rā-sher-shā'.

Recluse-re-kluse', not re-kluze'.

Reconnoissance—re-kon'-ă-zāns.

Recriminations, not mutual recriminations; the prefix re tells of the mutuality.

Redolent—rěd'o-lent, not re-dō'lent. Diffusing odour or fragrance

Relevant, not revelant. Pertinent; applicable.

Reliable—use trustworthy instead, for reliable is a barbarism. We can love a thing, and therefore a thing is loveable; but we cannot rely a thing, though we rely on a thing, and therefore a thing cannot be reliable. The word violates the genius of our language.

Relic, not relict, when that which remains, a corpse, or anything preserved in remembrance, is meant. Relict means a widow.

Rendezvous—răng'de-vōō, not rĕn'de-vōōz. Worcester gives rĕn'de-vōō and rĕn'de-vōōz. 'The plural randezvouses, răng'dĕvŏŏz.

Requiem-rěk'wi-em, not rě'kwi-em. Worcester gives both pronunciations.

Resume (Fr. résumé)—rā-zŭ-mā', not re-zūme' nor rē-zū'mā Worcester gives rez-u-mā'.

Reticule, not ridicule, when a little bag (of net-work, etc.) is meant.

Reveille—rā-včl'yă, not rčv-a-lē. Worcester gives the first and re-vāl'.

Ribald-rib'ald, not ri'bald. Low; obscene. Ribaldry (rib'ald-ry).

Rinse—rinss, not rense nor rench. "Wrench your mouth," said an uneducated dentist to a patient after wrenching out a large molar. "Thank you," replied the patient. "You have done that, but I'll rinse it, if you please."

Ripples, not riffles.

Romance-ro-manss', not ro'manss.

Roseate—rō'ze-at, not rōz'āte. Worcester gives rō'zhe-at also.

Roue (Fr. roué) roo-ā', not roo. Worcester gives roo'ā.

S.

Sacerdotal—săs-er-dōtal, not sā-ser-dō'tal, sā-ker-dō'tal, nor săker-dō'tal.

Sacrament—săk'ra-ment, not sā'kra-ment. Sacramental (săk'rament-al), etc. Sacrifice—When a verb, săk'rĭ-fīz, not săk'rĭ-fīs nor săk'rĭ-fīse When a noun, sak'ri-fīs.

Sacristan—sāk'rist-an, not sā'krist-an nor sā-krīs'tan Sacristy (sāk'rist-y)

Said. Said (sed), not says (sez), in speaking of past remarks. Many educated people in Ireland and America are guilty of this vulgarism. "'I will call to see you soon,' sez he." "'I will be glad to see you at any time,' sez I." Where the details of a long conversation are given, the frequent repetition of sez, or even said, is very grating to the refined ear. The use of asked, inquired, remarked, suggested, answered, replied, etc., instead, has a pleasing effect upon narrative or anecdote. It is preferable, also, to give the exact words of the speaker after said, etc., as: "When he had finished reading the letter, he said, 'I will attend to the business the first leisure moment I have." When the word that follows the said, the substance only of the remark may be given, as: "He said that he would attend to the business the first leisnre moment he had." Whichever form is used in narrative, it is not at all harmonious to give the exact words of one speaker and only the substance of the remarks of another, at least without regard to regularity in alternation.

Salam—sa-läm', not sa-lăm'. Written salaam also, and pronounced similarly.

Saline—sa-līne' or sā'līne, not sā-lēēn'. Worcester gives salīne only

Salve-säv, not säv. Worcester gives sälv also.

Samaritan-sa-măr'i-tan, not sa-mā'ri-tan.

Sanitary, not sanatory, when pertaining to health is meant.

Sanatory is more restricted in its application, and means healing; curative.

Saracen-săr'a-sen, not săr'a-ken.

Sarsaparilla—sär-sa-pa-rĭl'la, not săs-sa-pa-rĭl'la, nor săr-sa-fa-rĭl'la.

Satyr-sā'tur. Worcester gives săt'ir also.

Saucy-saw'sy, not sassy.

Saw-as spelled, not sawr.

Schism-sizm, not skism.

Seckel, not sick-el. A kind of pear.

See. It is not uncommon to meet with people who incorrectly use see in the imperfect tense, as: "I see him yesterday," instead of, "I saw him yesterday." See is never used in any tense but the present, without an auxiliary, as did, shall, etc.

Seignior-sēn'yur, not sān'yor.

Seine-sen, not san. A net for catching fish.

Senile—sē'nīle, not sĕn'īle. Pertaining to old age.

Separate, not seperate. The loss of the a is not noticed in the pronunciation, but the mistake frequently occurs in writing this word, as it does in the words inseparable, inseparableness, separation, etc.

Servile-sër'vīle, not sër'vĭl.

Sett. Noun. There are many who incorrectly use sett in writing of a set of dishes, a set of chess-men, a set of teeth, or of some

other collection of things of the same kind. A sett is a piece placed upon the head of a pile for striking upon, when the pile is too short otherwise to be reached by the hammer.

Set—Sit. Blunders in the use of these words are amongst the most common. Set, as we shall first consider it, is a transitive verb, or one in which the action passes over to an object. Present tense, set; imperfect tense and past participle, set; present participle, setting. Sit is an intransitive verb, or one which has no object after it. Present tense, sit; imperfect tense and past participle, sat; present participle, sitting.

To avoid repetition as much as possible, I would refer any one to whom the explanation here given is not perfectly clear, to the rules and remarks under Lay and Raise, which are equally applicable here. "Will you set on this chair?" should be. "Will you sit on this chair?" "Will you set this chair in the other room?" is correct. "I set for my picture vesterday." should be, "I sat," etc. "This hat sets well," should be, "This hat sits well." "Court sets next month," should be. "Court sits next month." "The hen has been setting for a week," should be, "The hen has been sitting," etc. "As cross as a setting hen," should be, "As cross as a sitting hen." But a person may set a hen; that is, place her in position on eggs. One sits up in a chair, but he sets up a post. One sits down on the ground, but he sets down figures. Set is also an intransitive verb, and has special meanings attached to it as such, but they may be readily understood by a little study of the dictionary, and no confusion need arise. The sun sets. Plaster of Paris sets. A setter dog sets. One sets out on a journey. Sit may also be used in two senses as a transitive verb, as: "The general sits his horse well," and "The woman sat herself down."

Sew-so, not su.

Shampoo, not shampoon. Shampooing. Written also champoo.

Shekel-shek'el, not she'kel.

Shumae—shū'mak, not shū-mak'. Written also sumae and sumaeh, both accented on the first syllable.

Sick of, not sick with, as sick of a fever.

Sienna—si-ĕn'na, not senna, when colour is meant. Senna is a plant used as medicine.

Simultaneous—sim'ul-tā'ne-oŭs, not sī-mul-tā'ne-ous. Simultaneously (sĭ-mul-tā'ne-ous-ly), etc.

Since, not sence.

Sinecure—sī'ne-cure, not sĭn'e-cure. An office which yields revenue without labour.

Sit. See Set.

Slake—slāke, not slăk, when the word is spelled as given, as: to slake lime, to slake one's thirst, etc. If spelled slack, the ordinary pronunciation is right.

Slough—slow, not slöö nor slö. A mudhole. Written sloo (slöö) also.

Slough—sluff, not as above. The cast skin of a serpent. Dead flesh which separates from the living. The verb expressing this action is pronounced the same.

Sobriquet—sob'-ri-kā, not written soubriquet. Worcester pronounces it sŏb'rē-kā'.

Soften-sŏf'fn, not sawf'ten.

Sonnet-sŏn'net, not sŭn'net.

Soot-soot or soot, not sut.

Soporific-sō-por-ĭf'ik, not sŏp-o-rĭf'ik.

Sotto Voce-sŏt'tō vō'chā, not sŏt'to vōs' nor sŏt'tō vō'sē.

Souse-souss, not sowze. To plunge into water.

Spasmodic, not spasmotic.

Spectacles-spěk'ta-kls, not spěk'tĭk-els.

Spermaceti—sperm-a-së'tĭ, not sperm-a-cĭt'y, nor pĕr-ma-sit-ty. Spider, not *spiter*.

Splenetic-splen'e-tic, or sple-net'ic. Fretful; peevish.

Spoliation-spo-li-ation, not spoil-i-ation.

Spurious—spū'ri-ous, not spū'r-i-ous. Spuriously (spū'ri-ous-ly), etc.

Statical—stăt'i-cal, not stā'ti-cal. Pertaining to bodies at rest.

Stationery, not stationary, when paper, envelopes, ink, etc., are meant. Sta'tion-z-ry means fixed, not moving.

Statue, not statute, when a carved image is meant.

Statute, not statue, when a law or decree is meant.

Stearine-stē'a-rīn, not stěr'īn.

Stereoscope (stě'-re-o-scope), stereotype (stě'-re-o-type), etc. Stolid-stŏl'id, not stō'lid. Stupid; dull. Stratum—strā'tum, not străt'um. Strata (strā'ta), the Latin plural is used much more than the English stratums. Errors like "a strata of gravel," are also not unfrequently heard.

Strategic—strä-těj'-ik, not străt'e-jik. Strategical (stra-tě'ji-cal) and strategist (străt'e-jist). Worcester gives stra-těj'ic and stra-těj'i-cal.

Strum or Thrum should be used, and not drum, when the noisy and unskilful fingering of a musical instrument is meant.

Stupendous-stu-pen'dus, not stu-pen'jus nor stu-pen'de-us.

Suavity-swav'i-ty, not swav'i-ty nor su-av'i-ty.

Subtraction, not substraction, when the act of deducting is meant. Subtract, not substract.

Subtile-sub'til, not sut'tle, fine drawn or acute.

Subtle-sut'tle, not sub'tle. Sly, artful, crafty.

Suffice-suf-fiz', not suf-fis'.

Suicidal—sū-i-sī'dal, not sū-īs'i-dal. Worcester places the principal accent on the first syllable.

Suite—sweet, not suite. When the word suit is used, however, the latter pronunciation is correct.

Sulphurous—sŭl'phur-ŭs, not sul-phū'rŭs nor sŭl-phū're-us. Sulphureous is another word.

Sumac, Sumach-shū'mak, a plant.

Supersede, superseded, superseding. Observe the s in the penultimate. It is a common error to write supercede, etc.

Supposititious—sup-pos-i-ti'shus, not sup-po-si'shus. Put by a trick in the place of another, as, a supposititious child, a supposititious record.

Surtout-sur-toot', not sur-towt' nor sur'toot.

Swath—swawth, not swawthe. Worcester gives swoth. The sweep of the scythe in mowing.

Swept, not swep-all the letters must be sounded.

T.

Tabard-tăb'-ard, not tā'-bard.

Tabernacle-tăb'er-na-cle, not tăb-er-năk'cle.

Tapestry-tap'es-try, not ta'pes-try.

Tarlatan-tär'la-tan, not tärl'tun. Tartan is a different material.

Tarpaulin—tär-paw'lin, not tär-pō'lin. Written also tarpauling and tarpawling.

Tartarie—tar-tăr'ic, not tar-tăr'ic. Pertaining to or obtained from tartar, as tartaric acid.

Tassel-tăs'sel, not taw'sel. Worcester gives tŏs'sl also.

Tatterdemalion-tat-ter-de-malion, not tat-ter-de-mali-on.

Telegraphy—te-leg'ra-fy, not tel'e-graf-y.

Telegraphist—tel'e-graph-ist. A telegraphic operator. No such word as telegrapher is given.

Terpsichorean—terp-sik-o-re'an, not terp-si-kō're-an. Relating to Terpsichore (terp-sik'o-re), the muse who presided over dancing.

Tete-a-tete-tāt-ä-tāt', not teet-ä-teet.

Theatre or theater—the'a-ter, not the-a'ter:

Threshold—thrësh'old, not thrëz'old nor thrëz'hold. Worcester gives thrësh'hold.

Thyme-tim, not as spelled.

Tic-douloureux-tĭk'-dŏl-o-rōō, not dō-lō-rōō'.

Tiny-tī'ny, not tee'ny nor tĭn'y.

Tolu-to-lū', not tū'lū.

Tomato-to-mä'to, not to-măt'o nor to-mē'to.

Topographic—tŏp-o-graph'ic, not tō-po-graph'ic. Topographical and topographically have also the short o in the first syllable.

Tour-toor, not towr.

Tournament—türn'a-ment, according to Walker and Webster.
Worcester gives töör'na-ment also.

Toward and towards—tō'ward and tō'wardz, not to-ward' and to-wardz'.

Tragacanth—träg'a-känth, not träj'a-sänth nor träg'a-sänth. A gum used for mucilage.

Traverse—trav'erse, not tra-verse'. Traversable, traversing and traversed have also the accent on the first syllable.

Tremendous-tre-men'dus, not tre-men'de-us nor tre-men'jus.

Trilobite—trī'lo-bīte, not trīl'o-bīte nor trŏl'lo-bīte, as it is often called.

Troche—trō'kee, not trōsh, trō'she, trōke nor trŏtch. Plural, troches (trō'keez). A lozenge composed of sugar, mucilage and medicine, as: bronchial troches. Trochee—trokee, is a foot in poetry.

Truculent-truk'-u-lent, not tru'su-lent.

Truths-trüths, not trūthz, is the plural of truth.

Tryst—trist, not trist. An appointment to meet. Tryster (trist'er), trysting (trist'ing).

Turbine-tür'bin, not tür'bine. A kind of water wheel.

U.

Umbrella—um-brĕl'la, not um-ber-rĕl' nor um-ber rĕl'la. Upas—ū'păs, not ū'paw nor ū'pawz.

Usurp-yū-zurp', not yū-surp'. Usurper (yū-zurp'er), etc.

V.

Vagary-va-gā'ry, not vā'ga-ry.

Valenciennes—va-lěn'si-ĕnz', not văl-ĕn-seenz'. A French lace. Valleys, not vallies, is the plural of valley.

Vamos (vä'mōs), or vamose (va-mōse'), not vam-moos' To depart. (Inelegant.)

Vase, vase or vaze, according to Worcester. Vaz is generally accepted.

Vehemence—vē'hē-mence, not ve-hē'mence nor ve-hēm'ence. Vehemently and vehement have also the accent on the first syllable.

Vermicelli-ver-me-chel'li or ver-me-sel'li, not ver-me-sil'ly. Worcester sanctions the first method only. Veterinary-věťer-ĭn-a-ry, not vc-těr'in-a-ry.

Vicar—vik'ar, not vi'kar. Vicarage and vicarship have also the short i in the first syllable.

Violent (vī'o-lent), violence (vī'o-lence), violet (vī'o-let), violin vī-o-lĭn'), etc., not voi'o-lent, voi'o-lence, voi'o-let, voi-o-lin', etc.

Viscount—vī'kount, not vis'kount. Viscountess (vī'kountess), etc.

Visor-viz'or, not vi'zor.

W.

Wake, etc. Wake is both a transitive and an intransitive verb. Present tense, wake; imperfect and past participle, waked; present participle, waking. Anake is also both transitive and intransitive. Present, awake; imperfect, awoke or awaked: participles, anaked and anaking. Anaken is another verb. both transitive and intransitive. Present, anahen; imperfect and past participle, anakened; present participle, anakening. Thus it is seen that we have a great many words to express the fact of being in a conscious state, and the arousing of a person who is asleep. With a little attention there is no reason for committing an error in the use of these words. One may say that he waked, awoke, or awakened early in the morning. but it is wrong to say that he noke in the morning, or that he woke another: for there is no such word as woke. "I wakened at five o'clock," should be, "I anakened at five o'clock;" for there is no such word as wakened. Up is used only with wake. waked and waking, but even then it is one of our most sense.

less superfluities. There is no stronger meaning in the assertion that a man was waked up, than that he was waked or awakened. If waking up meant to wake and make to get up, it would be different, but it does not. One may be waked up, and it is just as likely that he will go to sleep again as if he were simply awakened. Awake and awaken are better than wake.

Wassail—wös'sĭl, not wäs'sĭl. A festive occasion, carousal, the song sung at such a time, etc. The verb and the adjective are spelled and pronounced similarly.

Water-waw'ter, not wot'er nor wat-ter.

Welsh, not Welch. The latter word is seldom used. Welshman, etc.

Whinny, not winny, when the cry of a horse is spoken of.

Whisk, not *whist*, when a small hand-broom is meant, nor Wisp, which is a small bundle of straw or hay used by grooms in cleaning horses, etc.

Whiting is preferable to whitening.

Widow. It is not necessary to say widow noman; no one will suspect her of being a man.

Wrestle-res'l, not ras'sl nor rossl.

Y.

Yacht—yŏt, not yăt. Yachting (yŏt'ing), etc.

Yeast—yēst, not ēst.

Yellow-yĕl'lō, not yăl'lō.

Z.

Zoology—zo-ŏl'o-jy, not zōō-ŏl'o-jy. Zoological (zo-o-lŏj'i-cal), ect.

SCRIPTURAL, MYTHOLOGICAL, AND OTHER PROPER NAMES.

In the vocabulary just completed, it has been the design to point out the majority of errors occurring in the pronunciation of the words usually selected by people of fair or excellent education to carry on ordinary English discourse. In the portion of the work now under consideration, nothing like such thoroughness is contemplated.

After a moment's reflection, it will appear to any one, that to mention the thousands upon thousands of proper names, the erroneous pronunciation of which is rather to be expected than the correct, would require an elaborate volume. Every one who has strivento become a good orthoepist has longed for the ability to comprehend the pronunciation of that vast multitude

of names, any one of which may confront him in any book or paper he may chance to pick up. But to become a proficient in this respect would require years of study and a knowledge of the principles of many foreign languages.

Amongst geographical names, for example, who but the specially instructed would think of pronouncing correctly Goes (Hŏŏce), Gelves (Hĕl'vĕs), or Jalapa (Hä-lä'pä); or amongst biographical names, Gaj (gī), Geel (Hāl), or Geijer (gī'er)?

It is fortunate for the reputation of those who bear the name of being good scholars, that errors in the pronunciation of most proper names are excusable, which is not the case with the mistakes that have before been laid down. But there are some proper names, of such constant recurrence in daily lectures, reading and conversation, that errors connected with them are not to be overlooked. It is the intention here, simply to call attention to the more common of these, and to lead the reader to appreciate the fact that if one depends upon the usual power of the English letters to gain a correct pronunciation of

proper names, he will be more often led astray than otherwise.

The Authorities consulted are the best—Webster, Worcester, and Dr. Longmuir's edition of Walker and Webster combined, published by Mr. William Tegg, London.

In the latter work exhaustive lists are given, not only of Scriptural, but of Greek and Latin, and of geographical proper names, with their pronunciations.

SCRIPTURAL NAMES.

Aaron—formerly this word was pronounced with three syllables, but now it has only two.

Abaddon-a'-baddon.

Abana-ăb'a-na, not a-bā'na.

Abdias-ab-dī'as, not ăb'dĭ-as.

Abdiel—ab'di-ēēl, not ab-dī'el.

Abednego-a-bed'ne-go, not ab-ed-ne'go.

Abiathar-a-bī'a-thar, not ab-i-ā'thar.

Abidah-a-bī'da, not ab'i-da.

Abidan-ab'i-dan, not a-bī'dan.

Aceldama-a-sel'da-ma, not a-kel'da-ma.

Achaia-a-kā'ya, not a-ka-ī'a.

Acitho-ak'-ith-o.

Adonai-ăd'ŏ-nā-ī, not a-don'a-ī.

Adonibezek-a-don-i-be'zek, not a-don'i-be-zek.

Adonijah-ad-o-nī'jah, not a-dŏn'i-jah.

Æneas-ē'nĕ-as, in New Test.

Æneas-ē-nē'as, in Virgil.

Agee—ăjē.

Ahasuerus-a-hăs-u-ē'rus, not a-haz-u-ĕr'us.

Ahitophel-a-hit'o-fel, not a-hī'to-fel.

Ahitub—a-hī'tub, not a-hit'ub.

Ahoe—a-hō'e or a-hō'ah, not a-hō'.

Aholibamah-a-hol-i-bā'ma, not a-ho-lib'a-ma.

Aiah-a-ī'ah, not ā'i-ah.

Aijalon-ăd'ja-lon or ăj'a-lon, not ā'ja-lon.

Akrabattine-ăk-ra-băt-tī'ne, not ăk-ra-băt'i-ne.

Alema-ăl'e-ma, not a-lē'ma.

Alemeth-a-le'meth, not al'e-meth.

Alpheus-ăl-fē'us, not ăl'fe-us.

Amalekites - am'a-lek-ites, not a-mal'a-kites.

Amasa-ăm'ă-să, not a-măs'a.

Ananiel-a-năn'i-el, not ăn-a-nī'el.

Andronicus-an-dro-nī'cus, not an-drŏn'i-cus.

Aniam-a-nī'am, not ā'ni-am.

Antiochia-an-ti-o-kī'a, not an-ti-o'kia.

Apollyon-a-pol'yon, not a-pol'li-on

Ararat-ăr'a-răt, not ā'ra-răt, not a-rāt'.

Archippus-ar-kip'pus.

Areopagite—a-re-ŏp'a-gīte, not ar-e-o-pā'gite.

Aridai-a-rid'a-ī, not a-ri-dā'ī.

Arimathea-ăr'i-ma-thē'a, not ăr-i-mā'the-a.

Aristobulus-ăr-is-to-bū'lus, not ar-is-tŏb'u-lus.

Aroer-ar'o-er, not a-ro'er.

Arcerite-ar'o-er-ite, not a-ro'er-ite.

Asarael-a-săr'a-el, not az-a-rā'el.

Ashkenaz-ash-kë'naz, not ash'ke-naz

Ashuath-a-shū'ath, not ash'u-ath.

Asmodeus-az-mo-dē'us, not az-mō'de-us.

Attalia-at-a-lī'a, not at-tā'li-a.

Azaelus-az-a-ē'lus, not a-zā'e-lus.

Balaam-bā'lam, not bā'-a-lam.

Barabbas-ba-răb'bas, not băr'a-bas.

Bartimeus-bar-ti-mē'us, not bar-tim'e-us,

Barzillai-bar-zil'lai, not bar-zil-la'i.

Bathsheba-bath'she-ba, not bath-she'ba.

Becher-bē'ker.

Beelzebub-bē-ĕl'ze-bub, not bĕl'ze-bub.

Behemoth—bē'hē-moth, not be-hē'moth.

Belial-bē'li-al, not be-lī'al.

Benaiah—be-nā'-ya, not be-na-ī'ah.

Bethhaccerem-beeth-hak'se-rem, not beth-has'se-rem.

Bethphage-beth'fa-je, not beth'faje.

Bethsaida—beth-sa-ĭ'da, not beth-sā'id-a.

Bethuel-beth'u-eel, not be-thu'el.

Cainan-ka-ĭ'nan, not kā'nan.

Caiaphas—ka-ī'a-faz, not kā'ya-fas.

Canaan-kā'-nan, not kā-na-an.

Candace—can-dā-cee, not can-dă-ce. (A title of the Æthiopian queen, not a proper name).

Canneh-kăn'nee.

Canveh-kăn'veh.

Caphtor-kaf'tor.

Carabaseon-kär-a-bā'ze-on.

Chalcol-kăl'kol.

Chaldea -kal-de'a.

Charasim-kar'ă-sim.

Chelcias-kĕl'sias.

Cherub (a city)-kē'rub, not tchĕr'ub.

Chilion-ki-lī'on, not kil-li-on,

Chittim-tchit'tim, not kit'tim.

Chloe-klo'e, not klo.

Cnidus-nī'dus,

Crates—krā'tēz, not krātz.

Cushi-kū'shi, not su'shi.

Cyprians—sĭp'ri-anz, not sī'pri-anz.

Cyrene-sy-re'ne, not sy-re'ne.

Darian-dā'ri-an, not da-rī'an.

Darius—da-rī'us, not dā'ri-us.

Delilah-de-lī'lah, not děl'i-lah,

Diotrephes-di-ŏt're-fez, not dio-trē'fes.

Ecbatana-ek-băt'a-na, not ek-ba-tā'na.

Elcia-el-sī'a, not el'she-ā.

Elealeh-el-e-ā'la, not e-le-ăl'e.

Eloi-e-lō'ī, not ē'loi.

Esther-ës'ter, not ës'ther.

Eumenes- ū'me-nēz, not ū-mē'nēz.

Gennesaret-gen-nes'a-ret, not jen-nes'a-ret.

Gerar-gē'rar, not jē'rar.

Gihon-gī'hon, not jī'hon.

Golgotha-gŏl'go-tha, not gol-gō'tha.

Hanameel-ha-năm'ē-el. Hananeel-ha-năn'ē-el.

Hatach-hā'tack.

Havilah -hăv'īla, not ha-vī'la.

Hazael-hā'ză-ēēl, not ha-zā'el.

Hushathite-hū'shath-īte, not hush'a-thite.

Hymeneus-hy-men-ē'us, not hy-mē'ne-us.

Ichabod-ĭk'ă-bod, not ī'kā-bod.

Idumea—ĭd-u-mē'a, not ĭ-du-'mĕ-a.

Iturea-it-u-re'a, not i-tu-re'a nor i-tū're-a.

Jacobus-ja-ko'bus, not jak'ŭ-bus.

Jairus-jā-ī'rus, not ja-ĭ-rus.

Jearim-jē'a-rim, not je-ā'rim.

Jedaia—je-da-ī'a, not jē-dā'ya.

Jeiel-je-ī'el, not jē'el nor jī'el.

Jephthah-jĕf'tha, not jĕf'thā.

Jeshimon-jësh'i-mon, not jesh-ī'mon.

Jeshohaiah-jesh-o-haï'ah, not jesh-o-ha'yah.

Jeshurun—jesh-ū'ron, not jesh'ŭ-ron.

Jezreel-jez're-el, not jez'reel.

Joiakim-jŏy'a-kim, not jo-ī'a-kim.

Keilah-kī'lah, not ke-ī'lah.

Kidron-kid'ron, not kī'dron.

Kolaiah-köl-a-ī'ah, not köl-ā'yah.

Labana-lab'a-na, not la-ba'na.

Lebanah-leb'a-nah, not le-ba'nah.

Lysia-lis'e-a, not lī'she-a.

Maachathites-ma-ak'a-thites.

Macalon-mak'a-lon.

Madai-măd'a-i, not ma-dā'i.

Maelus-ma-ē'lus, not mā'e-lus.

Magdalene-măg-da-lē'-nē, not măg'da-lēne.

Mahalath—mā'ha-lath, not ma-hā'lath.

Mahaleel-ma-hā'le-el, not ma-hā'leel.

Makkedah-mak-ē'dah, not măk'id-ah.

Mardocheus-mar-do-kē'us, not mar-do'ke-us.

Matthias -măt-thī'as, not măth'i-as.

Meremoth-mer'e-moth, not me-re'moth.

Meshach-mē'shāk, not měsh'ak.

Methuselah-me-thū'se-lah, not měth-ū'ze-lah.

Micaiah-mi-ca-ī'a, not mi-kā'ya.

Moosias-mo-o-sī'as, not mō'si-as.

Mytilene-mit-i-le'ne, not mit-i-lene'.

Naomi-nā'o-mi, not na-ō'mi.

Nebuchadnezzar-něb'u-kăd-nez'zar, not ne'būk'kad-nez'zar.

Nabuchodonosor-nab-u-kod-ŏn o-sor.

Ocidelus-os-i-de'lus, not o-sid'-e-lus.

Ocina---ŏs'e-na, not o-sī'na.

Onesiphorus—on-ee-sif'o-rus, not o-nes'if-o-rus.

Onesimus-o-nēs-ĭ-mus, not on-ĕs-ŭ-mus.

Onycha-on'e-ka, not o-nī'ka.

Orthosias---ör-tho'si-as, not ôr-tho-sī'as.

Othonias--- ŏth-ō'nĭ-as, not ŏth-ō-nī'as.

Oziel--ō'zi-el, not o-zī'el.

Patara-păt'a-ra, not pa-tā'ra.

Pau-paw, not pā'u.

Penuel-pe-nū'el, not pĕn'ŭ-el.

Perazim-per-ā'zim, not pĕr'a-zim.

Perseus-për'sēūs, not për'-see-us.

Pethuel-pe-thū'el, not pĕth'u-el.

Phaldaius-fal-da'yus, not fal-da-i'us.

Phanuel-făn'u-el, not fa-nū'el.

Pharach—ra'rō, not făr'ō nor făr'a-ō. (The title of the Egyptian king, not a proper name).

Philemon-fi-le'mon, not fil'e-mon.

Philippi-fĭ-lĭp'pi, not fĭl'lip-pi.

Philistine-fĭ-lĭs'tĭn, not fĭl'īs-tīne.

Pontius-pŏn'shĭ-us, not pŏn'ti-us.

Puteoli-pŭ-tē'o-li, not pŭt-e-ō'li.

Raguel-ra-gū'el, not răg'u-el.

Rameses-răm'e-ses, not ra-më'ses.

Riphath-ry'fath.

Sabachthani-sā-băk-thā'nī, not sa-băk'tha-nī.

Sathrabuzanes-săth-ra-bu-zā'nēz, not săth-răb'u-zānz.

Sennacherib-sen-a-kē'rib, not sen-ak'e-rib.

Shabbethai-shab-beth'a-ī, not shab-beth-a'ī.

Shadrach-shā'drăk, not shăd'răk.

Shemiramoth-she-mir'a-moth, not shem-i-ra'moth.

Shemuel-she-mu'el, not shem'u-el.

Sinai—sī'năi, not sī'nā-ī.

Stachys-sta'kees.

Stephanas-stef'-a-nas, not ste-fā'nas.

Taanach-tā'-a-nak.

Tekoa-te-kō'a, not tek'o-a.

Zaccheus-zak-kē'us, not zăk'ke-us.

Zebulon-ze-būlon, not ze-bŭlon.

Zerubbabel-zē-rub'ba-bel, not ze-rub-bā'bel.

Zipporah-zip-pō'rah, not zip'po-rah.

GREEK AND LATIN PROPER NAMES—MYTHOLOGICAL, ETC.

Abydos—a-bī'dos, not ăb'i-dos.

Academus-ăc-ă-dē'mus, not a-căd'e-mus.

Actæon--- ăk-tē'on, not ăk'te-on.

Adonis-a-do'nis, not a-don'is.

Aethlius-a-eth'lï-us.

Action-a-ĕ'ti-on.

Agalasses-ag-a-las'ses.

Agelaus-ag-e-la'us, not a-je-la'us.

Alcides-ăl-sī'dees, not ăl'si-dēz.

Alcyone-ăl-sī'ŏ-nc.

Alexandria-al-ex-ăn'dri-a (a woman.)

Alexandria-al-ex-an-drī'a (a city.)

Amazon-a-mā'zon, not ām'a-zon.

Amazones-a-măz'o-nes, not ăm'a-zones.

Amphictyon-am-fic'ti-on, not am-fic-ti'on.

Amphigenia-am-fi-je-nī'a, not am-fi-gĕn'i-a.

Amphion - ăm-fī'on, not ăm'fi-on.

Amphitrite-ăm-fi-trī'te, not ăm'fi-trīte nor am-fĭt'ri-te.

Amyris-ăm'y-ris, not a-mī'ris.

Amyrus-ăm'e-rus, not a-mī'rus.

Anabasis-a-năb'a-sis, not an-a-bā'sis.

Antiope-an-ti'o-pe, not an'ti-ope nor an-ti-o'pe.

Anubis-a-nū'bis, not ăn'u-bis.

Areopagus-a-re-ŏp'a-gus, not a-re-o pā'gus.

Arion-a-rī'on, not ā'ri-on.

Aristides—ar-is-tī'dees, not ar-ĭs'ti-dēz.

Aristogiton-a-ris-to-gī'ton, not ar-is-toj'i-ton.

Artemas-ar'te-mas, not ar-te'mas.

Axones-ax-o'nes (a people).

Axones-ax'o-nes (axel-trees).

Baleares—ba-le-ā-res.

Belides—(singular, masculine)—be-lī'dēēs.

Belides—(plural, female descendants of Belus)—běl'i-dēz.

Bellerophon-bel-ler'o-phon, not bel-ler-o'phon.

Cæculus-sē'ku-lus, not sek'u-lus,

Calliope-kal-lī'o-pe, not kal-li-o'pe, nor kăl'ii-ope.

Canace-căn'a-ce, not ca-na'ce.

Caucasus-kaw'kă-sus, not kaw-kā'sus.

Charon-kā'ron, not tchā ron, nor tchăr'on,

Chæronea-keēr-o-nē'a, not tcher-o-nē'a,

Chimera-kī-mē'ra, not kĭm'er-a nor chī-mĕr'a.

Codrus-kō'drus, not kŏd'rus.

Corcyra-kor-sī'ra, not kor'si-ra.

Coriolanus-kö-ri-ö-lā'nus, not kor-i-ŏl'a-nus.

Crete-kreet, not krë'te.

Cyclades—sĭk'la-dees, not sī'kla dēz.

Cyclops-sī'klops, not sĭk'lops.

Cyclopes—sī'klo-pees, not sī'klops.

Cyrene-sī-rē'nē, not sī-rēne'.

Cyzicus-sīz'i-kus, not sī-zī'kus.

Damocles-dăm'o-cles, not da-mō'cles.

Danaides-da-nā'ī-dees, not da-nī'dez.

Darius-da-rī'us, not dā'ri-us.

Deianira—dē-ī-an ī'ra, not de-yan-ī'ra.

Diodorus—dī-o do'rus, not dī-ŏd'o-rus.

Diomedes-dī-o-mē'dēs, not dī-ŏm'e-dēz.

Dodonæus-do-do-nē'us, not do-dō'ne-us.

Echo-ē'ko, not ĕk'ko.

Empedocles—em-ped'o-cles, not em-pē-dō'cles.

Endymion-en-dĭm'i-on, not en-dī'mi-on.

Enope-en'o-pe, not e'nope.

Epaphus-ep'a-fus, not ē-păf'us.

Epirus—ĕp'ī-rus, not e-pĭ'rus.

Erato-ĕrã'-to, not e-ră'to.

Eratus—e-rā'tus, not e-răt'us.

Erebus-er'e-bus, not e're-bus.

Erostratus-ē-ros'tră-tus, not er-os-trā'tus.

Eumenes—ū'mĕ-nēēs, not ū-mē'nēz.

Euripus—ū-rī'pus, not ū'-rĭ-pus.

Eurydice-ū-rīd'i-see, not ū'ri-dī-ce nor ū-ri-dī'se.

Ganymedes-gan-ĭ-mē'dēz, not gan-ĭ-mēdz'.

Geryon-ge'ri-on, not je-ri'on.

Halcyone-hăl-sī'o-ne, not hăl'si-one nor hal-si-one'.

Hebe-hē'bēē, not hēb.

Hecate—hĕk'ă-te or hĕk'at, not hē'kāte.

Hecuba-hěk'ŭ-ba, not he-kū'ba.

Helena—hēl'ĕn-a, not he-lē'na.

Heraclea-her-ak-le'a, not her-ak'le-a.

Hermione-her-mi'o-ne, not her'mi-one nor her-mi-o'ne.

Herodotus-he-rod'o-tus, not her-o-do'tus.

Hiero-hī'ĕr-o, not hī-ē'ro.

Hippocrene-hip-po-krē'nē, not hip-pok-'re-ne.

Hippodromus-hip-pod'ro-mus, not hip-po-dro'mus.

Ialemus-ī-ă-lĕ'mus, not i-ā'lē-mus. Worcester allows ī-ăl'e-mus.

Icarus-ĭk'ă-rus, not ī-kā'rus.

Iliacus—ĭl'i-ă-cus, not ĭ-lī'ā-cus.

Iolaus-1-ö-la'us, not 1-ö'la-us.

Iphiclus-if'i-klus, not if-i'klus.

Iphigenia—ĭf-i-jĕ-nī'a, not ĭf-i-jē'ni-a.

Irene-ī-rē'ne, not ī-rene'.

Ismene—ïs-mē'ne, not is-mēne'.

Ithome-ith-o'me, not ith'o-me.

Julianus-ju-li-ā'nus, not ju-li-ăn'us.

Laches-la'kes, not la'ches.

Lachesis-lăk'e-sis, not la-kē'sis.

Laocoon-la-ŏk'ŏ-ōn, not la-o-kōōn'.

Lethe-le'the, not leth.

Leucothoe-lū-kĕth'ŏ-ē, not lū-kō'thō-e nor lŭ-ko-thō'e.

Libitina-lib-i-tī'na, not li-bit'i-na.

Lycaon-lī-kā'on, not lĭk'ă-on.

Lyceus-lī-sē'us, not lĭs'ĕ-us.

Maronea-ma-ro-ne'a, not ma-ro'ne-a.

Meleager-mē-le-ā'ger, not me-le-ā'jer nor me-le'ă-jer.

Merce-mer'o-e, not me-ro'e.

Myrmidones—myr-mĭd'ŏ-nĕz, notmyr'mĭ-dōnz normyr-mĭ-dō'nez

Mytilene-mit-i-le'ne, not mit'i-lene.

Naiades-nā-ĭ'a-dĕz, not nā'a-dēz.

Nechos-nē'kŏs.

Nemesis-nem'e-sis, not neme'sis.

Nereides-ne-rē-'idez, not nēr'yi-dēz.

Nesiope-ne-sī'ŏ-pe, not nē'si-ōpe.

Nicæa-ni-sē'a, not nĭs'ĕ-a.

Nicephorus-nī-sēf'ŏ-rus, not ni-se-fō'rus.

Nundina-nun'di-na, not nun-di'na.

Oceanus-o-sē'ă-nus, not o-se-ā'nus.

Ocypete-o-sĭp'ĕ-te, not o-si-pē'te.

Œdipus-ēd'i-pus, not ē'dī-pus nor ē-di'pus.

Opigena-o-pĭj'ĕ-na, not op-i-jē'na.

Orion-o-ri'on, not o'ri-on.

Pactolus-pak-to'lus, not păk'to-lus.

Palæmon-pa-le'mon, not pal'e-mon.

Pales-pā'lēs, not pales.

Parmenas-păr'-mĕ-nas, not par-mē'nas.

Parrhasius-par-rā'shĕ-us, not par-răs'ī-us.

Pasiphae-pa-sĭph'ă-e, not păs-i-phā'e.

Pegasus-peg'a-sus, not pe-ga'sus.

Pelides-pe-lī'dēs, not pel'ī-dēs.

Penelope-pe-něl'ŏ-pe, not pěn'e-lope.

Philomela-fil-o-mē'la, not fil-om'ĕ-la.

Phlegethon-fleg'e-thon, not fleg'e-thon.

Plebiscitum-pleb-is-cī'tum, not plē-bis'ci-tum.

Pleiades-plī-a-dez, not plē'yadz.

Polyphemus-pŏl-y-fē'mus, not pō-lĭf'ĕ-mus.

Posthumus-pŏst'hŭ-mus, not pos-thū'mus.

Priapus-prī-ā'pus, not prī'ā-pus.

Proserpine-pros'er-pine, not pro-ser'pi-ne.

Pylades-pīl'ă-dēs, not pil-ā'dēs.

Quadrata-quad-ra'ta, not quad-rat'a.

Ravola-răv'o-la, not ra-vō'la.

Rhode—rō'dē, not rōde.

Sarapis-sa-rā'pis, not săr'ă-pis.

Sardanapalus—săr-dă-nă-pā'lus, not sar-dan-ăp'ă-lus.

Semiramis-se-mĭr'ā-mis, not sĕm-i-rā'mis.

Tereus-tēē-rūs.

Terpsichore-terp-sĭk'ŏ-re, not tĕrp'sī-kōre.

Thebæ-thē'bē, not thēbe.

Theodamas-the-od'a-mas, not the-o-da'mas.

Theodamus-the-od'a-mus, not the-o-da'mus.

Theodotus-the-od'o-tus, not the-o-do'tus.

Theodorus-the-o-do'rus, not the-od'o-rus.

Thessalonica—thes-sa-lon-ī'ka, not thes-sa-lon'ĭ-ka.

Thrace—thrā'sē, not thrāse,

Tisiphone—tī-sĭf'ŏ-ne, not tis-i-fō'ne.

Troglodytes-trog-lod'ī-tēs, not trog-lo-dy'tes.

Ximene—zi-mē'ne, not zi-mēne'.

MODERN BIOGRAPHICAL NAMES.

Adam. As an English name is pronounced ad'am; as French, adong'; as German, a'dam.

Annesley-ănz'le, not ăn'nes-le.

Arundel-ar'un-del, not a-run'del.

Bacciochi-bät-chō'kee, not băk-ki-ō'kee.

Beatrice-be'-ăt-ris, not be-āt'rise.

Beethoven-ba'to-ven, not beet'ho-ven.

Belvedere - bĕl-vā-dā'rā, not bĕl-ve-dēre'.

Beranger-(Fr. Béranger)-bā-rŏng-zhā', not bĕr'an-jēr.

Blucher-bloo'ker, not blu'cher.

Boccaccio-bo-kät'chĕo, not bŏk-kăs'i-o.

Boleyn-bool'in, not bo'lin nor bo-lin'.

Boniface-bon'e-fass or Fr. bo-ne-fäss', not bon'e-face.

Boucicault or Bourcicault—bōō-sĕ-kō' or bōōr-sē-kō', not bōōse-kawlt.

Bozzaris-bŏt'zä-rĭs, not boz-zăr'is.

Brown-Sequard (Fr. Séquard)-brown-sā-kärr', not see-kward.

Buchanan-buk-an'an, not bu-kan'an.

Buonaparte—bōō-o-nä-pärr'tā, not bō'na-pärt; the latter is the allowed English pronunciation when spelled Bonaparte.

Bysshe-bish, not bish'she.

Cecil-ses'il or sis'il, not se'sil,

Cenci-chen'chee, not sen'see.

Chevalier-sheh-vä-le-a', not shev-a-leer'.

Cholmondeley-chumley.

Crichton-kri'ton, not krik'ton.

D'Aubigne (Fr. D'Aubigné)—dō-bēn-yā', not daw-been'.

Daubigny-dō-bēn-yē', not daw-bē'ny.

Disraeli-dĭz-rā'ĕl-ĕ, not dĭz'rēl-ēē.

Drouyn de Lhuys-droo-ang'deh Iwee.

Giovanni-jo-vän'nee, not je-o-văn'nee.

Goethe-pronounced much like gür'teh, leaving out the r; not göth nor göth.

Hemans-hē'manz, not hĕm'anz.

Ingelow-ĭn'jĕ-lō, not ĭng'ē-lō.

Ivan-e-vän', not ī'van.

Juarez-jōō-ä-rez or nōō-ä'reth, not jaw'rez.

Lavater-lä'vä-ter or lä-vä-tair', not läv'a-ter.

Macleod-mak-lowd', not mak-le'od.

Majoribanks-marchbanks.

Marat-mä-rä', not ma-rät'.

Marion-mār'ī-on, not mā'rī-on.

Medici-med'e-chee or ma'de-chee, not med'i-see nor me-de'see

Minie-(Fr. Minié)-me-ne-ā', not min'ne.

Montague-mon'ta-gū, not mon'tāg.

Moultrie-möö'tre, not möl'tre.

Muhlbach—(Ger. Mühlbach). The u in the first syllable of this word is very difficult for those to pronounce who are not German or French, and cannot be well represented in English; but there is no need of going so far from the mark as is generally done, especially in the last syllable. It is not mūl'bāk nor mēl'bāk; meul'bāk is a closer approximation to the correct pronunciation.

Mundt-möönt, not munt.

Neumann-noi'män, not nū'man.

Ovid-ov'id, not o'vid (Ovidius).

Paganini-pä-gä-nee'nee, not păj-a-nĭn'ĩ.

Pepin—pëp'in or pĭp'in, not pë'pĭn. French pronunciation peh-păng'.

Piccolomini-pēk-ko-lom'e-nee, not pik-ko-lo-mee'nce.

Pliny-plin'y, not pli'ny (Plinius).

Ponce de Leon-pon' da la-on', not ponss de le'on.

Rachel—rä-shěl', not rä'chel, as the English name. When a German name, it is pronounced räk'el.

Richelieu-rēsh'e-lōō, not rich'e-lōō.

Rochefort-rosh-for', not roch'fort.

Rothschild-ros'child or rot'shilt, not roth'child.

Stael-stäl, stawl or stä-ĕl', not stale.

Strauss-strowss, not strawss.

Taliaferro-tŏl'i-ver, not tăl-i-fer'ro.

Thiers-te-air', not theers.

MODERN GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES.

Abomey—ab-o-mā', not a-bom'ey nor a-bomey.

Acapulco-ä-kä-pööl'ko, not ăk-a-pŭl'ko.

Adriatic-ā-dri-ăt'ik, not ăd-ri-ăt'ik.

Afghanistan-äf-gän-is-tän', not äf-gän-is'tän.

Agulhas—ä-gōōl'yäs, not a-gŭl'hăs.

Aix-la-Chapelle--az-lä-shä-pěl', not a-lä-shä-pěl'.

Alsace--- al-sass', not al'sas.

Altai-äl-tī', not äl'tā nor äl'tī.

Amherst-am'erst, not am'herst.

Amoor—ä-möör', not ăm'öör nor ā'möre.

Antilles-ong-teel', not an'teelz.

Araguay—ä-rä-gwī', not ăr'a-gwā.

Aral_ar'al, not a'ral.

Arkansas- är-kan'sas, not är'kan-saw nor är-kan-zaz.

Asia-ā'she-a, not ā'zhe-a,

Bantam (Java)-bän-täm', not băn'tam.

Barbados or Barbadoes—bar-bā'dōz, not bār'bă-dōz. Barbados, a river of Brazil, is pronounced bar-bā'doce. Bayou—bī'ōō or bī'ō, not bā'ū.

Belfast-bel-fast', not bel'fast.

Beloochistan-bel-oo-chis-tan', not bel-oo-chis'tan.

Bingen-bing'en, not bin'jen.

Bombay-bom-ba', not bom'ba.

Bremen (Germany)—brĕm'en or brā'men, not brēē'men. Bremen (U.S.)—brē'men.

Buena Vista—bwā'nä vees'tä or bō'na vīs'ta, not bū'na vīs'ta.

Buenos Ayres—bō'nos ā'riz or bō'nos airz, not bū'nos ārz ; Spanish pronunciation, bwā'noce ī'rĕs. (Good airs, English.)

Cairo-kī'ro, not kā'ro. Cairo (U.S.)-kā'ro.

Calais-kăl'īs or kā-lā', not ka-lās'.

Canton (China)—kan-tŏn', not kăn'ton. Canton (U.S.)—kăn'ton.

Cape Girardeau-jee-rär-do', not jee-rär'do.

Caribbean or Carribbean-kăr-ĭb-bē'an, not ka-rĭb'bĕ-an.

Cashmere—käsh-meer', not kăsh'mere.

Cayenne-kā-ĕn', not kī-ĕn' or kā-yĕn'.

Cheyenne-she-ĕn', not shī-ĕn' nor chā-ĕn'.

Chili-chĭl'lee, not shē'lee.

Christiania-kris-te-ä'ne-ä, not kris-te-a'ne-a nor kris-te-ăn'a.

Chuquisaca—chōō-ke-sä'kä, not chōō-kwis'a-kä.

Cincinnati-sin-sin-nā'tĭ, not sin-sin-năt'ta.

Cochin China-kō'chin chī'na, not kŏch'in chī'na.

Delhi (India)—dĕl'lee, not dĕl'hī. Delhi (U.S.)—dĕl'hi.

Dubuque-dū-bōōk', not dū-būk'.

Fezzan-fez-zan', not fez'zan.

Freiburg-frī-böŏrg, not frē'burg.

Genoa - jĕn'o-a, not je-nō'a.

Gloucester-glos'ter, not as spelled. Gloucestershire (glos'tershir).

Greenwich (England)—grin'idge, not as spelled. Greenwich (U.S.)—green'ich.

Havre de Grace—hav'er de grass, not ha'ver de gras'. French pronunciation, ha'v'r deh grass or a'v'r deh grass.

Iowa-ī'o-wa, not ī-ō'wa nor ī'o-wā.

Java (Island)—jä'va, not jäv'a nor jä'va. Java (U.S.)—jä'va. Jeddo (Japan)—yĕd'do, not jĕd'do. Jeddo (U.S.)—jĕd'do.

Juniata-jōō-ne-ah'ta, not jōō-ne-ĕt'a.

Kankakee-kan-ka'kee, not kang-ka-kee'.

Ladoga-lä'do-gä, not la-dō'ga.

Lausanne (Switzerland)—lō-zän', not law-săn'. Lausanne (Pennsylvania)—law-săn'.

Leicester—lĕs'ter, not as spelled. Leicestershire—(lĕs'ter-shir).

Leipsic (Saxony)—līp'sĭk, not leep'sĭk. Leipsic (U.S.)—leep'sĭk.

Madrid (Spain)—mä-drĭd', not măd'rĭd; Spanish pronunciation, mä-DreeD'. Madrid (U.S.)—măd'rid.

Mauch Chunk-mawk chunk', not mawch shunk'.

Milan-mil'an, not mi'lan.

Modena (Italy)—mŏd'en-a, not mo-dē'na. Modena (U.S.)—mo-dē'na.

Nantes-năntz, not năn'tez ; French pronunciation, nongt.

Neufchatel-nush-ä-tel', not noof'chat-el.

Newfoundland-nū'fond-land', not nu-found'land.

Norwich (England)—nŏr'rĭdge, not nŏr'wich. Norwich (U.S.) nŏr'wich or nŏr'rich.

Otaheite-ō-tä-hei'te, not ō-ta-heet'.

Panama-pän-a-mä', not pän'a-maw.

Persia-per'sh-a, not per'zhe-a.

Pesth-pest, not pesth; Hungarian pronunciation, pesht.

Piqua-peēk'wa, not pĭk'wā.

Pompeii-pom-pē'ī-i, not pom'pe-ī.

Popocatapetl-pō-pō-kä-tā-pĕtl', not po-po-kăt-a-pē'tel.

Poughkeepsie-po-kĭp'see, not po-keep'see.

Prussia-prush'a, not proosh-i-a nor pru-shia.

Quebec-kwe-bek', not kwe'bek.

Queretaro-kā-rā-tä'ro, not kwer-e-tā'ro.

Russia-rush'a, not roosh-e-a nor ru-sha.

Sahara—sä-hä'rä, or sä'ha-rā, not sā-hā'ra nor sa-hăr'a.

San Diego-sän-de-a'go, not săn-dī-ē'go.

Sangamon-săng'ga-mon, not săng-găm'on.

San Joaquin-sän-Ho-ä-keen', not săn-jō'a-kwin.

Shang-Hai-shang-hī', not shang'hā nor shang'hī.

Siam-sī-am' or se-am', not sī'am.

Sumatra-sōō-mä'tra, not sōō-mā'tra nor sōō-măt'ra.

Swabia-swā'bi-a, not swaw'be-a.

Taliaferro-tŏl'e-vers-o, not tăl-ĭ-a-fĕr'ro.

Toulouse-too-looz', not too-looss'.

Truxillo-troo-Heel'yo, not trux-ĭl'lo.

Tyrol-tĭr'ol or tē-rŏl', not tī'rol.

Ulster (Germany)—ŏŏl'ster, not ŭl'ster. Ulster (Ireland and U.S.)—ŭl'ster.

Valenciennes—vä-löng-se-ĕnn', not va-lĕn-se-ĕnz'.

Valparaiso (Chili)—väl-pä-rī'so, not văl-pa-rā'zo. Valparaiso (U.S.)—văl-pa-rā'zo.

Venezuela-ven-ez-öö-ē'la, not ven-ez-wee'la or vā-něth-wā'lä.

Vevay-ve-va', not ve'va.

Vosges-vozh, not vos'jez.

Worcester-wös'-ter, not as spelled. Worcestershire (wŏs-ter-shir).

Wyandot or Wyandotte-wī-an-dott', not wī'an-dŏt.

Wyoming-wī-ō'ming, not wī'o-ming.

Yang-tse-kiang-yäng-tse-ke-äng', not yang'tse-kī'ăng.

Yo Semite-yō-sem'e-te, not yō'se-mīte.

Zanzibar-zän-ze-bär', not zăn'ze-bär,

ENGLISH CHRISTIAN NAMES.

Ada-ā'da, not ăd'a.

Agnes-ag'ness, not ag-nez.

Alphonso-ăl-fon'so, not āl-fon'zo.

Artemas-är'tĕ-mas, not är-tē'mas.

Augustine-aw-gus'tin, not aw'gus-teen.

Basil-băz'il, not bā'sil nor băs'il.

Bernard-bër'nard, not bër-nard.' Bernard (French)-beR-naR'.

Cecily-ses'i-ly, not se'si-ly.

Chloe-klō'e, not klō.

Darius-da-rī'us, not dā'rĭ-us.

Deborah-de-bo'rah, not deb'o-rah.

Eben-ĕb'en, not ē'ben.

Eleanor-ĕl'en-or, not ĕl'e-ā-nor.

Esther-ës'ter, not ës'ther.

Eva-ē'va, not ĕv'a.

Frances-fran'sez, not fran'sess nor fran'sis.

Giles-jīlz, not gīlz.

Hosea-ho-zē'a, not hō'sĕ-a.

Ivan-ĭv'an, not ī'van. Ivan (Russian)-e-vän'.

Irene-ī-rē'ne, not ī-reen'.

Jaqueline-jăq'ue-lĭn, not jăk'a-līne.

Joan-jō-ăn', not jō'an.

Joshua-josh'ŭ-a, not josh'ā-wā.

Leopold—lē'o-pōld, not lĕp'ōld. Leopold (German)—lā-o-pōlt.

Lionel-li'o-nel, not li-o'nel.

Louisa-lōō-ē'za, not lōō-ī'za.

Marion-mār'i-on, not mā'rī-on,

Penelope-pē-něl'ŏ-pe, not pěn'el-ōpe.

Phebe-phē'bē, not pheeb.

Philander-phi-lan'der, not phil-an'der.

Philemon-phi-le'mon, not phil'e-mon.

Reginald-rej'i-nald, not reg'i-nald.

Rosalie-roz'a-le, not ro'za-le.

Rosalind-roz'a-lind, not ro'za-lind.

Rosamond-roz'a-mond, not ro'za-mond.

Rowland-ro'land, not row'land.

Sigismund—sĭj'is-mund, not sĭg'is-mund. Sigismund (German)
—seec'is-mōōnt.

Silvester-sil-ves'ter, not sil'ves-ter.

Sophia-so-fī'a, not sō'fī-a.

Ursula-ur'sŭ-la, not ür-sū'la.

Viola-vī'ŏ-la, not vī-ō'la.

NAMES FOUND IN LITERATURE.

- Achitophel—a-kĭt'o-phel, not a-chĭt'o-phel. A nickname given to the Earl of Shaftesbury by Dryden in his satirical poem of "Absalom and Achitophel."
- Adonais—ad-o-nā'is, not a-dō'nı̆-as nor a-dŏn'i-as. A name given to the poet Keats by Shelley.
- Adriana—ā-dri-ā'na, not ā-dri-ăn'ă. A character in the "Comedy of Errors."
- Ægeon-ē-jē'on, not ē'je-on. A Syracusan merchant in the "Comedy of Errors."
- Emilia—ē-mīl'i-a, not ē-mē'lia. Wife of Ægeon in the "Comedy of Errors."
- Agramante—ä-grä-män'tā, not äg'ra-mänt, unless written Agramant. King of the Moors in "Orlando Furioso."
- Agricane—ä-gre-kä'nā, not äg'ri-kāne. Written also Agrican (ăg'ri-kăn). King of Tartary in "Orlando Innamorato."
- Al Borak—äl bör'ak, not äl bör'ak. An imaginary animal of wonderful appearance and fleetness, with which it was claimed that Mohammed made a journey to the seventh heaven.

- Alcina—äl-chē'na, not ăl-sē'na. A fairy in "Orlando Innamorato."
- Alciphron—ăl'si-fron, not ăl-săf'ron. The name of a work by Bishop Berkeley, and of a character in the same. Alciphron is also the name of a poem by Thomas Moore, and the hero of his romance, "The Epicurean."
- Almanzor—ăl-măn'zor, notăl'man-zor. A character in Dryden's "Conquest of Granada."
- Al Rakim—äl rä-keem', not äl rä'kim. The dog in the legend of the "Seven Sleepers of Ephesus."
- Al Sirat—äl se-rät', not äl'si-rät. An imaginary bridge between this world and the Mohammedan paradise.
- Angelica—an-jĕl'i·ka, not an-jel-ē'ka. A princess of great beauty in "Orlando Innamorato."
- Angelo—ăn'jě-lo, not an-jěl'o. A prominent character in "Measure for Measure." A goldsmith in the "Comedy of Errors."
- Archimago—är-ki-mā'go, not 'är-chi-mā'go nor 'är-chim'a-go. A character in Spenser's "Faëry Queen."
- Argalia—aR-gä-lee'a, not är-gā'li-a. Brother of Angelica in "Orlando Innamorato."
- Argantes—ar-gän'tess, not är-găn'tēz. An infidel hero in "Jerusalem Delivered."
- Asmodeus—ăs-mo-dē'us, not ăz-mŏ'dĕ-us. An evil s pirit men tioned in the Book of Tobit.
- Baba, Ali—ä'lee bä'bä, not ăl'i bā'ba. A character in the "Forty Thieves."

- Baba, Cassim—käs'sim bä'bä, not kăs'sim bā'ba. Brother of Ali Baba,
- Bajardo—bä-e-aR'do, not ba-jär'do. Rinaldo's steed in "Orlando Innamorato."
- Balwhidder—băi'hwith-er, not bawl'whid-der. A pastor in Galt's "Annals of the Parish."
- Banquo-băn'ko, not bănk'wo. A Scottish warrior and a character in "Macbeth."
- Bassanio—bas-sä'ni-o, not bas-sā'ni-o. Husband of Portia in "Merchant of Venice."
- Biron-bī'ron, not bĭr'on. A character in "Love's Labour's Lost."
- Boyet—boy-ĕt', not bō'yet. A character in "Love's Labour's Lost."
- Bradamante—brä-dä-män'tā, not brăd'a-mănt. Sister to Rinaldo in "Orlando Innamorato."
- Brunehilde—bröö'nā-hǐl'dā, not brǔn-hǐl'dah. Written also Brunehild (bröö'neh-hǐlt.)
- Carrasco, Sanson—sän-sön' kär-räs'ko, not sän'son kär-räs'ko.

 A character in "Don Quixote."
- Cedric-sĕd'rik, not sē'drik. A character in "Ivanhoe."
- Clarchen—klën'ken, not klär'chen. A female character in Goethe's "Egmont."
- Clavileno Aligero klä-ve-län'yo ä-le-nā'ro, not klăv-i-le'no ăl-i-jē'ro. A celebrated steed in "Don Quixote."

Consuelo—kong-su-a-lo, not kon-su-el'o. The heroine of a novel of the same name by Georges Sand.

Don Adriano Armado—ăd-re-ä'no är-mä'do, not ā-dri-ā'no ärmā'do. A character in "Love's Labour's Lost."

Don Cleofas—klē'o-fas, not kle-ō'fas. Hero of "The Devil on Two Sticks."

Don Juan-jū'an, not jū-ăn'.

Dulcamara—dŏŏl-kā-mā'rā, not dŭl-sa-mā'ra, nor dŭl-ka-mā'ra.
The itinerant physician in "L'Elisire d'Amore."

Egeus—ē-jē'us, not ē'je-us. The father of Hermia in "Midsummer Night's Dream."

Eyre, Jane-êr, not îre.

Fata Morgana—fä'tä moR-gä'nä, not fä'ta mor-găn'a.

Fatima—făt'i-ma, not fa-tē'ma. A female character in the story of "Aladdin, or the Wonderful Lamp;" also, one of the wives of Blue Beard.

Fidele—fī-de'le, not fī-dele'. A name assumed by Imogen in "Cymbeline."

Fra Diavolo-frä de-ä'vo-lo, not frä de-ä-vo'lo.

Genevra—je-nev'ra, not je-ne'vra. Ginevra is pronounced the same as the above.

Gil Blas-jĭl bläz, not jeel bläz.

Gotham—gö'tham, not gŏth'am. A name applied to New York City.

Haidee—hī'dee, not hā'dee. One of the heroines in "Don Juan."

- Iachimo—yak'i-mo, not i-ak'i-mo. A prominent character in "Cymbeline."
- Iago—e-ā'go, not ī-ā'go. One of the principal characters in "Othello.'
- Jacques—zhäk, not jäk'kwes. A character in "As You Like it."
- Klaus, Peter—klowss, not klawz. The hero of a German tradition similar to that of "Rip Van Winkle."
- Lalla Rookh—lä'la röök, not läl'la röök. The heroine of Moore's poem of the same name.
- Laodamia—la-ŏd-a-mī'a, not la-o-dā'mĭ-a. The wife of Protesilaus slain by Hector, and the name of a poem by Wordsworth.
- Lara—lä'ra, not lä'ra nor lär'a. The hero and name of Byron's poem.
- Le Fevre—leh fĕv'r, not le fĕ'ver. A poor lieutenant in "Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy."
- Leonato—lē-o-nā'to, not lē-o-nā'to. Governor of Messina in "Much Ado about Nothing."
- Mahu—mä'hoo, not mā'hu. A fiend spoken of in "King Lear."
- Maid of Orleans—ôr'le-anz, not or-lenz.' Another name of Joan of Arc.
- Meister, Wilhelm—vīl'helm mīs'ter, not wĭl'helm mēs'ter. The hero of a novel by Goethe.
- Mohicans, Last of the-mo'he-kans, not mo-he'kans nor mc-hish'ans.
- Montague—mŏn'ta-gū, not mon-tāg'. A noble family in "Romeo and Juliet."

Moreno, Don Antonio—än-tō'ne-o mō-rā'no, not ăn-tō'ne-o mōrē'no. A gentleman in "Don Quixote."

Munchausen — mun-chaw'sen, not mun-kaw'sen. German, Münchhausen (münk-how'zen).

Oberon—öb'er-on, not ö'ber-on. King of the fairies. Takes an important part in "Midsummer Night's Dream."

Ossian-öss'i-an, not aw'si-an.

Parizade—pä-re-zä'dā, not păr-i-zāde. A princess in "Arabian Nights' Entertainments."

Parolles—pa-rŏl'les, not pa-rōlz'. A follower of Bertram in "All's Well that Ends Well.'

Perdita—për'di-ta, not për-dī'ta nor për-dē'ta. A princess in "Winter's Tale."

Petruchio—pe-trōō'chĭ-o, not pe-trōō'kĭ-o. A principal character in "Taming of the Shrew."

Pisanio—př-zä'nř-o, not př-sä'nř-o. A character in "Cymbeline."

Posthumus—pöst'hu-müs, not pöst-hū'müs. Imogen's husband in "Cymbeline."

Prospero—pros'pe-ro, not pros-pē'ro. An important character in the "Tempest."

Rosalind—rŏz'a-lĭnd, not rōz'a-lind. The lady loved by Orlando in "As You Like it."

Rosaline — rŏz'a-lĭn or rŏz'a-līn, not rōz'a-leen. A lady in "Love's Labour's Lost;" also the name of a lady loved by Romeo before Juliet.

Rosamond, Fair-roz'a-mond, not roza'-mond.

- Rozinante—rŏz-i-năn'te, not rō-zi-năn'te. Den Quixote's famous horse.
- Ruggiero—rōōd-jā'ro, not rŭg-gi-ĕr'o or rŭj-ji-ē'ro. A knight in "Orlando Furioso."
- Sakhrat—säk-rä', not säk'rat. A sacred stone of great powers, in Mohammedan mythology.
- Stephano—stěť a-no, not ste-fā'no. A drunken butler in "Tempest;" also a servant of Portia in "Merchant of Venice."
- Titania—tĭ-tā'ni-a, not tĭ-tăn'i-a. The wife of Oberon, king of the fairies.
- Tybalt—tib'alt, not ti'balt. One of the Capulets in "Romeo and Juliet."
- Ulrica—ul-rī'ka, not ŭl'ri-ka. An old sibyl in "Ivanhoe."
- Ursula—ür'su-la, not ür-söö'la. An attendant in "Much Ado about Nothing."
- Viola—vi'o-la, not vī-ō'la. The disguised page of Duke Orsino in "Twelfth Night."

ORTHOEPICAL ERRORS OF THE PROFESSIONS.

Although errors of speech are at all times to be deprecated, and are generally criticised without much leniency, it must be admitted that unless they are very gross, reasonable excuses are to be made for those who have never made their language a subject of close study, and whose only use of words is entirely impromptu in the business affairs of life, in the home circle, or in the social gathering.

Though a person's descent and education are in a great measure revealed by the propriety of his discourse, yet this refers principally to those words that are employed by the masses in the every-day conversations of life, rather than to technicalities and words related to particular professions,

the use of which is generally confined to the specially instructed. But when a man stands forth as an orator, a teacher, a minister, or a professor of some college, it is certainly not unreasonable for those who sit under his instruction, to expect and demand that his speech should be considerably free from errors.

One occupying such a position may well be excused for occasional embarrassment, weak voice, unpleasant address, hesitation of delivery, and various failings and peculiarities that cannot be overcome, but little or no allowance can be made for errors constantly repeated.

Probably there has never been a public speaker so perfect in diction, that he has not in moments of embarrassment, or when much absorbed in his subject, been guilty of grammatical inaccuracies or mistakes of pronunciation; and doubtless he is as often aware of them as his listeners are, as soon as they drop from his lips, but it would be foolish to call attention to them by going back to correct them. But when these offences are so glaring and so frequently repeated that it is evident the speaker knows no better, it is no wonder that the educated hearer often thinks that the

teacher had better leave his position and submit to being taught.

What allowance can an intelligent congregation make for their minister who has nothing else to do but prepare his sermons, if, besides a multitude of common errors in English, he pronounces more than half of his scriptural names in a manner unsanctioned by any authority?

When the oratorical medical professor stands up to address his students, or to engage in the discussions of a convention, and rolls out technicality after technicality pronounced in a manner that would be disowned by the speakers of original Latin or Greek, and is altogether at variance with established usage, who would not ask for a little less volubility and a little more education? If it required a great amount of labour outside of the usual course of study for professional men to acquire a knowledge of the pronunciation of words peculiar to their professions, the subject might be treated with more tolerance; but as the definitions and the orthoepy might be so readily learned together during those years of daily reference to books that are required before the professional man should be considered competent to stand as a guide to others, it certainly seems that they do not properly appreciate the dignity of their position by thus laying themselves open to public criticism.

Many a student, in order to become instructed in certain branches, has been compelled to reluctantly sit for months or years at the feet of those who, he felt, were far inferior to him in common school education, hearing hourly such violations of orthoepy and syntax as would be a discredit to school children. And, doubtless, many such students have felt such a charitable regard for their teachers that they have wished to direct their attention to their faults, but have been restrained on account of the fear of enmity, expulsion, or of lessening the chances for passing the final examination.

The bare thought of being so criticised should be so galling to any one bearing the dignified title of "professor," that it ought to stimulate him to endeavour to make himself more familiar with the proprieties of speech.

The study of orthoepy was held in such high esteem by the ancient Athenians, and their delicate ears were so offended by any violation of its rules, that if an orator mispronounced a single word, the entire audience immediately hissed him.

During the present state of pronunciation it would indeed be embarrassing to the public speaker, if such a custom existed in this country. Let us imagine, for instance, our friend Professor Abdominous Gynæcophonus, with his face radiant with smiles of selfconceit, rising to address his audience. "Gentlemen: I have listened patiently to this op'po-nent (hisses) of al'lo-path-y (hisses) and now wish to make a few remarks and in'quir-ies (hisses). In answer to his objections against hy-os-cy-ā'mus (hisses) as an anodyne and so por-if-ic (hisses), I would say that in cases of cough and sleeplessness, I have long used hyoscyamia combined in tro'chez (hisses) without any of those effects that the păt'ron (hisses) of ho'me-opath-y (hisses) mentions. And having made almost a specialty of the treatment of făc'i-al (hisses) neuralgia or tic-dŏl-o-rōō'" (hisses)—and it would certainly be time for him to dolorously sit down, although he might raise the question -

> "What's in a name? that which we call a rose, By any other name would smell as sweet,"

and argue therefrom that the pronunciation of a word should make no difference, so long as its meaning was understood. Amongst professional men, it has been observed that physicians and dentists are by far more prone than others to orthoepical errors. Attention is requested to a few of the more common of these, in addition to those found in the preceding vocabulary connected with words that are alike used by the professional and the unprofessional, such as: abdomen, acclimated, albumen, animalcula, arabic, citrate, embryo, excrescence, fetid, fetor, forceps, homeopathy, hydropathy, jugular, jujube, nasal, pharmacopæia, purulent, spasmodic, sulphurous, tragacanth, etc. The authorities appealed to are Buchanan, Thomas, Walker, and Walker and Webster combined. withstanding the merit of Buchanan's Dictionary of Arts and Sciences,* as far as the comprehensiveness and trustworthiness of its definitions are concerned, it is evident that it is almost useless as an orthoepical guide. The principal accent is in many cases marked, but the pronunciation of preceding and succeeding syllables cannot be determined, and there is no attempt at syllabication.

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Dr. Thomas's dictionary, though less comprehensive, is equally trustworthy in its definitions, and is excellent authority in regard to orthoepy; though it is to be regretted that in some words important syllables are not sufficiently marked. For instance, take the words as-bes'tos and bis'muth; how can it be determined whether the first should be pronounced as-bes'toss or az-bes'toz, or the latter biz'muth or biss'muth? Walker and Webster and Worcester are undoubtedly good authorities for the pronunciation of the medical words they give. In the following vocabulary all of the authorities that mention the words may be considered as agreeing unless notice is made of their disagreement.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL WORDS.

[In Latin and Latinized Greek words, the English sounds of the vowels are given as those used by the majority of professional men. If any one, however, prefers to adopt the continental metl od, sounding a as in father, y and i as e in veto, etc., and consistently applies it to all such words, no one, of course, has a right to object.]

Adipose-ăd'i-pose, not ad'i-poze.

Ala-ā'la, not ăl'a. Alæ, plural.

Alis—ā'līs, not ăl'īs. This as a termination of many words, su as abdominalis, digitalis, frontalis, lachrymalis, transversalis, etc., is often erroneously pronounced ăl'is.

Alumen - al-ū'men, not ăl'ŭ-men.

Alveolus—al-vē'o-lus, not al-vĕ-ō'lus. Plural, alveoli (al-vē'o-lī.) Alveolar (al-vē'o-lar.) Alveolus is the name given to the cavity in the jaw that is seen upon the removal of the root of a tooth, and it possesses no more tangibility than "a pinch of air;" almost daily, however, we hear dentists speak of extracting a tooth with a piece of the alveolus attached. What a curiosity for preservation in a museum is a tooth with a piece of a little hole fastened to the root! What is meant is a

piece of the alveolar process, or portion of bone around the alveolus.

Anæmic-a-nēm'īk, not a-në'mīk.

Andral---ong-dräl', not an'dral.

Aphthæ-ăf'thē, not ăp'thē.

Aqua-ā'kwa, not ăk'wa.

Arcus Senilis-se-nī'lis, not sen'i-lis.

Areolar-a-re'o-lar, not a-re-o'lar.

Aris—ā'rīs, not ăr'is, in the termination of angularis, medullaris, palmaris, orbicularis, pulmonaris, etc.

Asarum-ăs'a-rum, not a-sā'rum.

Asbestos-ăs-bĕs'tŏss, not ăz-bĕs'tōz.

Attollens-at-tol'lenz, not a-to'lenz.

Azygos—az'y-gos, not a-zy'gos.

Bagge-bog'geh, not bag.

Bimana-bī-mā'na, not bī-mā'nĭ-a.

Bismuth-biz'muth, not biss'muth.

Bitumen-bĭ-tū'men, not bĭt'u-men.

Cadaver—ka-dā' rer, not ka-dav'er.

Caries-kā'rĭ-ēz, not kā'rēz nor kăr'rēz.

Carminative-kar-min'a-tive, not kar'mi-nā-tive.

Caryophillus-kar-i-o-phil'lus, not kar-i-oph'il-lus.

Cerebral-ser-ē'bral, not sĕr'e-bral.

Cerebric-ser-ē'bric, not ser'e-bric.

Cerebrum-ser-ē'brum, not sĕr'e-brum.

Cerumen-se-rū'men, not sĕr'ū-men.

Chevne-chan or cheen, not shane.

Choledochus-ko-lěďo-kus, not kol-e-do'kus nor ko-líďa-kus.

Cicatrix—si-kā'trix, not si-kăt'rix. Plural, cicatrices, sīk-a-trī'sĕz, not sĭ-kăt'rĭ-sēz.

Cimicifuga - sim-i-sif'u-ga, not sim-i-si-fū'ga nor sim-is'i-fū-ga.

Cochlea-kök'le-a, not kök'le-a.

Conein-ko-nē'in, not kō'ne-in.

Conium-ko-nī'um, not kō'ne-um.

Cranium-krā'ni-um, not krăn'i-um.

Cynanche-sĭ-năn'kē, not sī-năn'chē.

Diastase-dī'as-tāse, not dī-as'tāze.

Diastole-dī-as'to-le, not dī'as-tōle.

Diploe-dip'lo-e, not dip-lo'e.

Dulcamara—dul-ka-mā'ra, not dul-sa-mā'ra. Webster gives dulkam'a-ra also.

Duodenum-du-o-de'num, not du-od'e-num.

Dyspnœa-disp-nē'a, not dis-nē'a.

Emesis-ēm'e-sis, not em-ē'sis.

Epiploon-e-pĭp'lo-on, not ep-ip-lō'on.

Facial-fā'shal, not fāsh'i-al.

Foramen-fo-rā'men, not fo-răm'en.

Fungi-fun'jī, not fun'gī. Plural of fungus.

Galbanum-găl'ba-num, not gal-bā'num.

Gingiva—jĭn-jī'va, not jĭn'ji-va.

Glenoid-gle'noid, not glen'oid.

Glutæus-glū'te-us, according to Buchanan. Others give glūtæ'us.

Helleborus-hel'le-bo-rus, not hel-leb'o-rus nor hel-le-bō'rus.

Hyoscyamus—hī-os-sī'a-mus, not hī-os-sy-ām'us nor hi-os-sy-ā'mus. Hyoscyamine (hī-os-sī'a-mīn).

Impetigo—ĭm-pe-tī'go, not ĭm-pĕt'i-go.

Incisive-in-sī'sĭv, not in-sĭs'ive.

Iodoform-ī-ŏd'o-form, not ī-ō'do-form.

Itis. According to Buchanan and Webster, this termination is pronounced i'tis in bronchitis, pleuritis, gastritis, etc. Others do not specify, but the inference is that they intend the same. It is, however, so generally pronounced i'tis, that many would object to the attention attracted by calling it ē'tis.

Jejunum-je-jū'num, not jej'u-num.

Juniperus—ju-nıp'e-rus, not jū'ni-per-us nor ju-ni-pē'rus.

Laudanum-löd'a-num, not law'da-num.

Lentigo-len-tī'go, not lĕn'ti-go.

Lepra-lep'ra, not le'pra. Dunglison gives the latter.

Leuwenhoek—lōō'en-hŏŏk or luh'wen-hŏŏk (u as in fur), not lōō'wen-hōke.

Levator-le-va'tor, not le-vat'or.

Liquor (Latin)—lī kwor, not līk'ur as in English.

Magendie-mä-zhong-de', not mā-jen'dē.

Malic-mā'lik, not măl'ik. Thomas gives the latter.

Matrix-mā'trix, not măt'rix.

Mistura-mis-tū'ra, not mis'tu-ra.

Molecule-mo'le-kule, not mol'e-kule.

Mollities-mol-lish'i-ēz, not möll'i-tēz.

Molybdenum-mol-ib-de'num, not mo-lib'de-num.

Nasmyth-nā'smith, not năz'mĭth.

Nicolai-nee'ko-lī, not nĭk'o-lā.

Nucleolus-nu-klē'o-lus, not nu-kle-ō'lus.

Oris-ō'ris, not ŏr'is.

Ovale-ō-vā'le, not ō-văl'e,

Panizzi-pä-nĭt'see or pä-nēt'see, not pan-ĭz'zy

Pepys-peps, not pē'pis nor pep'is.

Pes Anserinus—pēz an-ser-ı'nus, not pĕz an-sĕr'i-nus. I once heard a professor describing the facial nerve to his class, and he dwelt upon this plexus for some time, calling it the "Pons Asinorum."

Podagra—pŏd'a-gra, not po-dā'gra. Worcester gives po-dăg'ra also.

Podophyllum-pod-o-fil'lum, not po-dof-'il-lum.

Process-pros'ess, not pro'sess.

Prostate-pros'tate, not pros'trate.

Purkinje-pŏŏR'kĭn-yeh or pŏŏr'kĭn, not pur-kĭn'je.

Pylorus-pĭ-lō'rus, not pī-lŏr'us.

Pyrethrum—pĭr'e-thrum, not pī-rē'thrum. Buchanan gives the latter only.

Quadrumana-quad-rū'ma-na, not quad-ru-mā'na.

Rubeola-ru-bē'o-la, not ru-be-ō'la.

Sacrum—sā'krum, not săk'rum.

Sagittal-săj'it-tal, not sa-jĭt'tal.

Sanies-sā'nĭ-ēz, not sā'nēz nor săn'ēz.

Scabies-scā'bī-ez, not scăb'ēz nor scā'bēz.

Seidlitz-sīd'lītz, not sĕd'lītz, unless spelled Sedlitz.

Sinapis-si-nā'pis, not sĭn'a-pis.

Squamous-skwā'mus, not skwaw'mus.

Systole-sis'to-le, not sis'tole.

Tinctura-tinc-tū ra, not tinct'u-ra.

Titanium-ti-tā'ni-um, not ti-tăn'i-um.

Trachea-tra-ke'a or tra'ke-a, not track'e-a.

Tremor-tre'mor, not trem'or. Webster allows the latter also.

frismus-triss'mus, not triz'mus.

Hmbilicus-um-bi-li'kus.

Variola-va-ri'o-la, not va-ri-ō'la.

Veratrum-ve-rā'trum, not ve-răt'rum.

Vertebral-ver'te-bral, not ver-te'bral.

Virchow-firko, not virchow nor virkow.

Zinci-zĭn'si, not zink'ī.

SENTENCES FOR PRACTICE.

The following extract is from the letter of a friend, to whom were sent some of the advance pages of this work: "I am absolutely filled with astonishment to see how many simple words I have been mispronouncing all my life, and would have kept on mispronouncing to the end of my days, if my thoughts had not been directed to them. If I were in your place, I would end the book with a story in which all the words would be used in the course of the narrative. I can imagine no amusement more instructive or interesting than for a social party to read in turns, under some penalty for each mistake."

I had myself conceived the idea of presenting the words unaccompanied with explanation of the orthoepy, or marks of accent; but the form was not decided upon.

The effort to compose a narrative was abandoned after a fair trial; for to have a plot and also bring the words in natural position would require a large volume; otherwise, it would make senseless jumble. In the trial sentences given the objects are gained in small space. These objects are to allow readers to exercise their memory and test their friends. It is hoped that the reader will pardon any absurdities of context; as such cannot be well avoided where one is compelled to use so many selected words, and is obliged to force them into a small compass.

MELANGE.

A MUSICAL party were gathered under the shade of acacia trees; an attorney was present, who criticised the accompanist with more than legal acumen.

The invalid came from Bremen to America, and hoped to be soon acclimated, but was stricken down with a disease that was not amenable to treatment, although he had many physicians: allopathists, hydropathists, and homeopathists. He said that the aim of allopathy was to poison him; of hydropathy to drown him; and of homeopathy to let him die unaided.

Beaux and belles assembled to discuss belles-lettres. One old beauwas very bizarre in his attire; he affected the bon-vivant, boasted his connexion with bon-ton, but his bons mots were those of other men; and though he talked of the billets-doux he received and sent, his ap-

pearance was more like that of a brigand. A bull appearing, soon put him in a bustle; his fat cheeks shook like blanc-mange, and he fled for shelter to the balustrade of an adjoining bagnio, clinging to a baluster for support.

One of the combatants struck his opponent in the abdomen with a club, cut off an alder tree; he was carried under the shade of an allantus and immediately expired.

Chiaro-oscuro is the art of combining light and shade in painting.

Sophia found the egg under a peony near the shumac tree; but she broke it in carrying, and spilled the albumen all over her alpaca dress.

The dose for an adult is a dessert-spoonful.

It was a plain supper—nothing but aerated bread, Bologna sausage and radishes.

He told his demonstrative disputant that he did not wish to get into an altercation, but it only appeared to arouse his combativeness still more.

A youth afflicted with cacoethes scribendi attempted

a work on calisthenics; but he mistook compliment for complement, centrifugal for centripetal; while his addenda occupied more pages than his text; and the cachinnation of his readers was louder than their applause.

Why do you accent the antepenult of espionage?

He illustrated his proposition by cutting off the apex of the figure, and then exhibited his apparatus for the production of statical electricity.

Two-thirds gum-arabic and one-third gum-tragacanth make a good mucilage.

A gournet travelling in a cariole with a cook, and a covetous courier who for a time was charge d'affaires, came to a desert whose caloric was enough to have melted a chalcedony. The labour of travelling through the loose sand was cyclopean, and the cariole was lightened to enable them to proceed. At length they were able to debouch into a kind of clough where were the remains of a guillotine; here it was discovered that the provisions had been left behind, and carte blanche was given to the servants to procure food. After

diligent search, the cache of some former traveller was found, the contents appropriated; and finding asparagus, banana, and celery in the clough, the cook made his debut with these unpromising materials, and was able to cozen his master into the idea that the commonalty never partook of such a feast; hunger was the best sauce, and he ate with considerable gout—so that the debutant not only cleared his character, but his master was deaf to all complaints about him in future.

The archishop dreamed that an archangel came to him and told him to have his architect sent to an island in the Grecian Archipelago for white marble for the pilasters.

Search the archives of history, and you will not find another such a prodigy as Admirable Crichton.

An invalid, not very ductile in his temperament, being asked to make his will, treated his friends with considerable hauteur. Every one was jealous of the other. Indeed, he could have held a levee every morning, noon, and night, had he been so inclined; for they durst not leave him for long, and the ensemble

was sometimes ridiculous. An impetus was, however, given to their desires, and the momentous question of how the moneys, etc., of the sick man were to be disposed of was discussed in the library, shaded by a sumac and a lilac of immense size, the lichens on the former being very fine. The sick man tried to modify their anxiety, and executed a will by which all were provided for; this was received with much dissatisfaction by some, into whose souls the iron of disappointment had entered—they saw that to which they considered themselves entitled swept away by a crowd, and a pittance only coming to themselves. However, they were more surprised than pleased to find afterwards that the will was invalid; the sick man, disgusted with their greed, having left the whole of his property to religious and charitable institutions.

The hautboy is so called, because of its high tone—it is a musical instrument, in form somewhat like a clarionet, but more slender.

When, after traversing the ocean, you find yourself in the arid desert of Sahara, where there is no aroma of sweet flowers, nor anything at all to regale your exhausted energies; where there is no herb nor herbaceous plant nearyou; where you are almost famished for want of some potable fluid; where you are in constant fear of being harassed by truculent nomads—then will you realize that there are no joys comparable to those that exist around the hearthstone of your humble home.

Ichor is the name of the fluid that flowed in the veins of the gods—it is now applied to the thin, watery discharge from sores, ulcers, etc. "To what vile uses may we come at last!"

When the contents of the museum were sold by auction, the antiquary bought a roll of papyrus filled with hieroglyphics, a kind of bellows used by the ancients for starting their fires, and a fine collection of trilobites.

The attempt at a reconnoisance in force had been unsuccessful; immediately after reveille, the commander of the fortress put it to vote amongst his officers, whether or not they should surrender. The ayes carried it, although some vehemently opposed on account of the excellent morale of the garrison.

The heroine of the melodrama sent to her betrothed Seignior an exquisite bouquet, composed of catalpa flowers, dahlias, marigold, and thyme, and prayed his forgiveness for not allowing him the promised tête-à-tête at the trysting place; she had been suffering with the tic-douloureux, she said. He generously forgave her and sent her a sonnet, in which he said that her voice was sweeter than that of Piccolomini, or of any other cantatrice; that no houri could be more beautiful than she; he called her a fair florist, and after extolling her naïveté, roseate cheeks and nymphean graces, he swore eternal homage, and that he would love her for ever and for aye.

The judge bade the desperado cease his badinage and answer his inquiries, and threatened that if he did not, he would punish him for his contumacy.

Tabard, a light garment, formerly worn over armour, and embroidered with the arms of the wearer. The name now applied to the embroidered outer garment of a herald.

The vicar was one of the notable men of his day; his wife was a pattern of industry, a notable house-

keeper. While the birds were chirping their matin song, she might be seen with her beson in her hand.

Is this a bona fide transaction, or is it a Machiavelian attempt to inveigle the prelate into an imbroglio?

A booth was erected at the fair, where the pretty Misses Agnes and Rosalind with much complaisance dispensed gratis to the visitors, soda-water flavoured with orgest or sarsaparilla.

General Silvester and his protégé, Reginald, met with a casualty that nearly cost them their lives. The horses attached to their Brougham became frightened at a yacht, and made a tremendous leap over a high embankment into a creek.

At the zoological garden was found nearly every animal extant, from a mouse to a camelopard.

The rendezvous of the topographical surveyors was at the camp of some hunters on a knoll near the banks of a canon.

The monk concealed his features with his capoch, and would have been irrecognizable if his discourse had not betrayed him.

The étagère stands cater-cornered in a recess, and contains many beautiful ornaments that his predecessor gathered within the last decade of years; amongst which may be mentioned the heads of Beethoven, Béranger, Goethe, Percy Bysshe Shelley, and many other celebrities, cut in onyx.

The Caucasian races obtained their name on account of originating near Mount Caucasus.

The mischievous children got cayenne all over their chaps, by which they were sufficiently punished without any further chastening.

The chivalric Don Quixote, having become a monomaniac on the subject of chivalry, bestrode his Rosinante, and, attended by his squire, started out to perform chivalrous deeds.

Lord C. has been absent since February, 1870; it is said that he has been travelling incognito, but it is certain that in Italy he has retained his cognomen. He is now at Modena awaiting the recovery of his Cicerone, when he intends to visit Genoa and Milan.

The obesity of the florid-faced prebendary is observed to increase with his prebend.

I have heard much of the gamins of Gotham, but I never realized what the gallows-deserving rascals were till I settled in London. I commenced business as a pharmaceutist in a street that was a favourite haunt of theirs. Such a crowd of tatterdemalions as stood in front of my shop window the first day I made my display of Parisian fancy goods, baffles description. One had the hooping cough, and every now and then would hoop till the perspiration rolled down his face; then he would shriek out the daily newspapers, in a voice like a Calliope. One dirtyfaced gourmand ate papaws till he had to gape for breath, and would shoot the seeds and throw the skins at his hundred comrades, half of them coming in at my front door. Another, dressed in ragged jean, his face covered with soot, played the jew's-harp hour after hour, with as much pride in his ability as Paganini with his violin. Another, a tall, jaundice-visaged youth with an embryo beard of about a dozen hairs, covered nearly to his heels with his great-grandfather's surtout, in the lapel of which was pinned a death's-head, danced upon the iron cellar door till it roared like distant artillery.

Then there were many other "partners" bearing

such sobriquets as "Sore Snout," "Pig Eye," "Limpy," etc., improvising irrational songs, boxing, wrestling, indulging in raillery and ribald jests, pitching quoits, meawing like cats, howling at my patrons and driving reputable patronage away. Every now and then they would send in little, saucy, precocious urchins, who offered to patronize me by asking for two cents' worth of jujube paste, tolu or licorice, or some Samaritan salve for Jem Biles' sore nose. At last, when the sun had reached the horizon, as a finale of the day's progress, one of the young villains hurled a boulder through my French plate-glass, which, after its flight through a lot of citrate of magnesia, cochineal and quinine, finally spilled a large bottle of red ink all over my new pharmacopæia. Springing over the debris, I rushed to the door with implacable anger flashing from my eyes. But one glance at that imperturbable crowd showed me how impotent I was. One of them, with placid countenance and stolid indifference, simply accosted me with, "I say, Doctor, are you going to see the ' Naiad Queen' to-night?"

I left that street in less than a fortnight.

The comptroller was appointed by the government upon the supposition that he was conversant with the details of finance; but he was only a mediocre financier and was not aware of the deficit in the finances, until the conscience-stricken defalcating officer acknowledged his defalcation.

The emigrants to the frontier chose a beautiful spot for their settlement; but they found that the wells dug there and on the contiguous prairies had a saline taste; so that they were obliged to bring water from the mountainous regions beyond, by means of a conduit.

From the congeries presented to the professor, he, at his leisure, isolated each genus and gave generic names to each; and at the next meeting of the lyceum he solicited attention to his data and the truths he had deduced.

The handsome contour of Madame G.'s face has been spoiled by an excrescence like a raspberry on her nasal organ.

Young Philemon, after reading Lalla Rookh, Lara,

Don Juan, The Giaour, the productions of Mrs. Hemans, and a few others, was seized with the determination to become a poet; but he has only succeeded in becoming a poetaster, without any ideas of prosody. More metrical excellence and sense can be found in the distich:

"Mary, Mary, quite contrary, How does your garden grow?"

than in any of the products of his brain that he has given us. His brothers, Eben and Philander, have become stage-struck, and expect to excel in the Protean art. Their guardian, himself a great lover of the drama, having foolish confidence in their success, grants them plenary indulgence in all their whims. They are habitués of the theatre, and have fitted up a suite of apartments next to a set of rooms occupied by some stock actors, with whom they are bound in indissoluble bonds of friendship. There they spend the day in practice, and if you should call at any hour, there is no telling what will present itself to you. Perhaps Macbeth with the glamour of his eyes, seeing the imaginary gouts of blood; or Ban-

quo with his gory locks; or some knight with his cuirass on and his visor down, plunging, without a qualm, his carmine-stained poniard into the jugular of some patriot. Possibly, Othello the Moor, King John with the Magna Charta, or a legendary warrior of frightful mien with his falchion drawn, will admit you. Or you may see a viscount with a falcon, a rampant villain, a jocund host, or an irate, splenetic old man with spectacles, pronouncing with senile vehemence a curse upon some fragile female in negligee before him, who beseeches the aid of an immobile statue in a niche in the wall. You may get there in the nick of time to save Desdemona by an exposé of Iago's villainy, to rescue Pythias whom Damon holds by the nape of the neck on the threshold of eternity, or to restrain the suicidal design of the Montague by informing him that the fair Capulet is only under the influence of a soporific-not dead. You may arrive soon enough to arouse the womanhood in the docile Kate, making her less docible, and talk woman's rights to Petruchio, making him more lenient.

You will find the guardian of these promis-

ing youths sitting there all day shouting encore to their absurdities, and not rational enough to see his indiscretion in permitting their frivolity.

The ennui, recently complained of, was relieved by an invitation to a party given by the Mesdames B. the same you met at the conversazione of the church guild. The ladies received their guests with their usual suavity. Their niece Rosamond, recently from Madrid, was the attraction of the evening; she wore an elegant moire antique with a profusion of valenciennes; she had a beautiful set of jewellery-opal and diamonds. It was marvellous how her tiny hands flew over the piano-forte. She sings very sweetly too; her voice is a sort of mezzo-soprano. The naïve Miss Ursula was present, nearly smothered in black silk and guipure. She looks much prettier in dishabille. The little piquant Miss Irene, with her plaited hair, sang with a voice like a paroquet her favourite, "Tassels on the Boots." That disgusting young Leopold was there, feeling as important as a Rothschild, making his salaams, and palavering sotto voce to all the girls, circulating his monogram cards

and sporting his paste pin with its dazzling facets. He thinks he cuts a wide swath.

Late in the evening those that were fond of *Terpsichorean* amusement were ushered into a room where the *tapestry* was covered, and there spent several hours in *minuets*, waltzes, quadrilles, etc.

The topics of conversation amongst the more sensible during the evening were the object of the visit of the new *prelate*, and the recent speeches of *Disraeli* and *Thiers*.

Madame B. caused a good deal of merriment by describing an improvement in her cuisine that had been introduced that day. Bridget, a late importation from Belfast, who had charge of the culinary department, was told to send for some vernicelli to put in the soup, but she ordered spermaceti instead.

There was an old superstition that when the sacristan caused the bell in the cupola to toll its dolorous funeral notes, the manes of former friends joined in the solemn cortege, and gathering around the grave

moved their lips in inaudible requiem, and wrote in invisible letters upon the tomb, omega.

The great desideratum in the successful argument of disputable points, is the possession of an equable temper.

Alphonso, while out shooting partridges, fell into a slough. Being clothed only in nainsook, he took a severe cold, which soon resulted in febrile symptoms.

Dr. Mastiff's posthumous monograph on "Rabies" ill soon appear. The frontispiece represents a group of dogs. Next to the preface is a memoir of the author. It was his own design to have "Finis" placed upon a wood-cut of a tombstone. It almost seems that he had a presentiment of his death.

Suffice it to say that the dentist gave the patient enough letheon to produce unconsciousness, and then applied his forceps to the offending tooth. Letheon, accented on the first syllable, and lethean are derived from Lethe, the name of a river described in mythology, a draught from which caused forgetfulness.

Sulphurous acid is gaseous, not liquid.

It is reported in the Pall Mall Gazette that Basil S., whom you met several years ago at Leipsic, is dead. He lived the life of a roué for some years in Paris and London, and turned out to be a most perfidious villain. In the latter city he committed many heinous offences and some acts of subtle knavery that were almost without precedent. He was engaged for a long time in the manufacture of spurious money by a new process, in which dies were taken from guttapercha impressions. He had purchased the services of an experienced professor of metallurgy, and the produce of their scheme would have been immense, if some of his other crimes had not been betrayed. Placards, offering a large reward for his arrest, were posted all over the city. He fled to Venice, where he was soon afterward drowned by falling from a gondola, thus cheating the gibbet of its dues.

The foolish lover, *Ivan*, rendered desperate because his rival *Darius* had gained the *precedence* in *Marion's* esteem, resolved to commit suicide, and rushing *toward* the *quay*, plunged into the

water. Some fishermen rescued him with their seine, poured some potheen down his throat, and carried him home on a piece of tarpaulin. His sousing cured him of his folly, but was a poor guerdon for his faithfulness.

The Saracens, taking advantage of the strategic point, made a sudden dash into the territory of the usurper; while a detachment houghed the horses of the enemy's cavalry, the rest proceeded on a predatory raid characterized by rapine and terror, and after the spoliation of the villages, and the burning of the granaries, returned to their own possessions.

Lionel, prejudiced against the world on account of onerous cares, concluded to make a sacrifice of his wealth and position, and become a recluse. His little hovel on the heather, whitened with lime which he himself slaked, and the little flower garden redolent of spring, contrast strangely with his former mansion and magnificent grounds.

Eva answered the inquiry of the French gentleman, "Parlez-vous français?" with a "Oui;" but when she came to converse with him, he understood about as much of her patois as he did of Hindoo-stance.

There is a fabulous report that the *upas* tree exhales a *subtile* vapour that is fatal to animal life.

Since Joshua has obtained his lucrative sinecure, he spends his time in driving about in his phaeton and reading romances. He is loth to acknowledge that he was ever a plebeian and did all kinds of servile work. He is confident that his genealogy, if known, would show that he was unto a manor born, and that some supposititious child robbed him of his rights.

The knight dropped his wassail cup, and sprang to the assistance of the ladies. "Gramercy," cried they, simultaneously.

The veterinary physician said that the disease was murrain.

An infinitesimal quantity of yeast excited the fermentation.

Augustine studied microscopy just long enough to learn that a monad is one of the simplest kind of

minute animalcules; he then tried chemistry and mineralogy, but he could not master the nomenclature; he then took a fancy to telegraphy, but soon abandoned the idea of becoming a telegraphist. Afterwards he apprenticed himself to a druggist, but was told to vamos soon after making up a lot of Seidlitz powders with oxalic instead of tartaric acid.

Artemas has applied for a patent for an improved turbine wheel.

Mr. T., recollecting the *precedent* services of his servant, advanced him money enough to lift the *lien* on his dwelling.

The lithographer had only a poor melanotype to copy from, but he succeeded in making an excellent print.

"Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing," is found in the sixth verse of the fifth psalm.

At the examination in orthoepy, Deborah had the following words given to her: contumely, crinoline, feudal, fetid, fetor, gerund, gneiss, gyrfalcon, haren, Hawaiian, hygiene, lariat, leverage, nonillion, obliga-

tory, platina, platinum, psalmody, psychical, purulent, pyrites, recherché, résumé, sacerdotal, sacrament, schism, shekel, stearine and troches.

In the dramatis personæ of "Midsummer Night's Dream," Oberon and Titania, king and queen of the fairies, are introduced.

At the examination in geography, Ada was required to draw a map of Asia, which would have been well done, if she had not drawn Persia, Afghanistan, and Beloochistan nearly twice their proper size. She was then asked to give the location and length of the Altai and Vosges mountains, and the height of their principal peaks; a description of the Aral, Adriatic and Caribbean seas; the course and length of the Amoor and Yang-tse-kiang; and the location and population of Valparaiso (Chili), Bantam (Java), Norwich (Eng.), Pesth, Quebec, Valenciennes, Neufchatel, Nantes and Aix-la-Chapelle.

Her sister Frances was told to draw maps of Buenos Ayres and Otaheite, and to bound Venezuela and Arkansas; to give the length and direction of the Araguay, Juniata, Kankakee, Barbados and San

Joaquin; the location of Cape Agulhas; the situation and population of Bingen, Calais, Canton, Acapulco, Chuquisaca, Delhi, Dubuque, Jeddo, Queretaro, Truxillo, Leicester and Vevay, and a description of Sumatra, Zanzibar, and the Antilles.

Sigismund has just returned from Yosemite Valley.

Cecily, Chloe and Viola have just passed their examination in biography. The names presented to them were the following: N.S. Adam (Fr.), G. Adam (Ger.), Beatrice Cenci, Blucher, Boccaccio, Anne Boleyn, Marco Bozzaris, Joseph Buonaparte, D'Aubigné, Daubigny, Drouyn de Lhuys, Juarez, Lavater, Marat, Marion, Catherine de Medici, Moultrie, Ovid, Pliny, Ponce de Léon and Richelieu.

VIOLATED RULES OF GRAMMAR.

Many, who claim to be good grammarians, are occasionally guilty of the violation of the most important rules. Attention is solicited to a few of the more common errors of this nature.

NUMBER.

Certain compounds change the form of the first word in pluralizing, as: courts-martial, brothers-in-law, etc. "John has three brother-in-laws," then, is incorrect.

But tea-spoonful, table-spoonful, cup-ful, pocketful, etc., are not considered such compounds; therefore, "two tea-spoonsful of medicine" and "two cupsful of flour," should be, "two tea-spoonfuls of medicine," and "two cupfuls of flour."

When name and title are given, with a numeral adjective prefixed, the name is pluralized. "Are the two Misses Wilson at home?" should be, "Are the two Miss Wilsons at home?" But when the numeral is omitted, the title must be pluralized. "Were the Dr. Browns there?" should be, "Were the Drs. Brown there?" The rule has been given, that the name only of married ladies is pluralized, but there appears to be no reason except that of euphony: the Mrs. Clarkes certainly sounds more agreeably than the Mistresses Clarke. In giving the plural of such titles as Hon., Rev., Squire and Capt., euphony is also often considered; but in such cases it would doubtless be better to add the numeral, as: the three Hon. Jacksons.

EACH OTHER-ONE ANOTHER.

Each other applies to two; one another to more than two. "The three witnesses contradicted each other," and "the two men accused one another," are incorrect.

NEITHER, NOT, NOR.

Neither and not are followed by nor, not or.

"Neither James or Charles will come," and "it is not white or black," are incorrect.

TO BE, UNITING WORDS.

Words united by to be, referring to the same person, must be of the same case.

"It is me," "It may have been him," "It could not be her," and "It was not them," are not correct: it, in each of the sentences, is nominative, and the other pronouns should be I, he, she and they. "I took it to be he," and "I understood it to be they," are also wrong; for it is objective in both instances, and the following pronouns should be him and them.

THAN, AS.

Than and as, implying comparison, have the same case after as before. "He loses more than me," "John knows more than him," and "James is not so tall as her," should be, "He loses more than I" (lose), "John knows more than he" (knows), and "James is not so tall as she" (is tall).

WHO.

Errors connected with the use of this word are very common, even amongst good speakers.

"Who did you see?" "Who do you know?" and "Who did you hear?" are wrong: whom should be used, for is is the object of the transitive verbs, see, know and hear. Who in such sentences as: "Who are you looking at?" and "Who are you writing to?" should likewise be changed into whom; for it is the object of the prepositions at and to.

ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS.

Adjectives are often erroneously used for adverbs in sentences like the following: "This is an uncommon good portrait," "It is a miserable poor painting." Uncommonly good and miserably poor are right.

Adverbs are still more commonly used for adjectives. "Mary looked beautifully at the party," and "Irving looked majestically on the stage," are incorrect; for it is intended to describe the appearance of Mary and Irving, not their manner of looking; therefore the adjectives beautiful and majestic should be used.

When two objects are compared, the comparative degree should be used. "William is the heaviest of the two," and "Which is the most desirable—health or wealth?" ought to be, "William is the heavier of the two," and "Which is the more desirable—health or wealth?"

THESE, THOSE.

The plural demonstratives these and those are often erroneously used with singular nouns, as: "I don't like these kind of people," and "Those sort of things are very embarrassing." Kind and sort are singular, and should have this and that.

INTO.

Into, not in, is used to show the relation between verbs expressing motion, entrance, change of state, etc., and an objective case, as: "Come into the house," "Step into the carriage," and "Look into the room."

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