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KEY

TO THE PRONUNCIATION.

VOWELS.

REGULAR LONG AND SHORT SOUNDS.

A, a, long, as in	Älc, Fäte, Chämber, Gräy.
Ä, å, short, as in	Ädd, Fät, Häve, Råndom.
E, è long, as in	Ève, Mëte, Pëace, Sëizure.
Ë, ë, short, as in	Ënd, Mët, Chëck, Lëopard.
I, i, long, as in	Ice, Fine, Mire, Thrïve.
Ì, ì, short, as in	Ìll, Fin, Admit, Tribute.

Ö, ö, long, as in	Öld, Nöte, Löaf, Depöse.
Ö, ö, short, as in	Ödd, Nöt, Törrid, Resöve.
Ü, ü, long, as in	Üse, Tübe, Lüte, Feüdal.
Ü, ü, short, as in	Üs, Tüb, Büt, Stüdy.
Ý, ý, long, as in	Fý, Styé, Ský, Edifý.
Ý, ý, short, as in	Cýst, Nýmph, Lýrie, Abým.

OCCASIONAL SOUNDS.

À, à, as in	Àir, Shâre, Pâir, Beâr.
À, à, <i>Italian</i> , as in	Ärm, Füther, Fär, Pâlm.
À, à, as in	Äsk, Grâss, Dânce, Brâncb.
À, à, broad, as in	All, Tâlk, Hâul, Swârsm.
À, à; like short o, as in	What, Wânder, Wâllow.
E, è, like ô, as in	Ère, Thère, Hêir, Whère.
E, è, like long a, as in	Eight, Prey, Obey.
E, è, as in	Ermine, Vérge, Prefer.
Ì, ì, like long e, as in	Plique, Machîne, Police.
Ì, ì, like ð, as in	Irksome, Virgin, Thirsty.

Ö, ö, like short u, as in	Öther, Dône, Sôn, Wôñ.
Ö, ö, like long oo, as in	Prøve, Dø, Møve, Tømb.
Ö, ö, like short oo, as in	Bøsom, Wøif, Wøman.
Ö, ö, like broad a, as in	Örder, Fôrm, Stôrk.
Öö, öö, as in	Möön, Föod, Böoty.
Öö, öö, as in	Wöol, Föot, Göod.
Ü, ü, preceded by r, as in	Rüde, Rûmor, Rûral.
Ü, ü, like short oo, as in	Büll, Püt, Push, Pull.
Ü, ü, as in	Urge, Bûrn, Fûrl, Concûr.
e, i, o, (Italic) mark a letter as silent . . .	Fallen, Token, Cousin, Mason.

REGULAR DIPHTHONGAL SOUNDS.

Öl, ol, or **Oy, oy** (unmarked), as in . . . **Oil, Join, Moist, Oyster, Toy.** | **Ou, ou,** or **Ow, ow** (unmarked), as in . . . **Out, Hound, Owl, Vowel.**

CONSONANTS.

Q, q, soft, like s sharp, as in	Qede, Çite, Merçy, Acçeppt.
C, c, hard, like k, as in	Call, Coneur, Success.
Ch, ch (unmarked), as in	Child, Much, Touching.
Ch, ch, soft, like sh, as in	Chaise, Marçhioness, Maçhine.
Ch, ch, hard, like k, as in	Chorus, Epoech, Distich.
G, g, hard, as in	Get, Tiğer, Begîn, Foggy.
G, g, soft, like j, as in	Gem, Engine, Elegy, Suggëst.
S, s, sharp (unmarked), as in	Same, Yes, Dense, Rest.
S, s, soft or vocal, like z, as in	Hag, Amuse, Prism, Reside.

Th, th, sharp (unmarked), as in	Thing, Breath, Sympathy.
Th, th, flat or vocal, as in	Thine, Smooth, Wither.
Ng, ng (unmarked), as in	Sing, Singer, Single.
N, n (see § 82), as in	Linger, Link, Uncle.
X, x, like gz, as in	Exist, Example, Auxiliary.
Ph, ph, like f (unmarked), as in	Phantom, Sylph, Philosophy.
Qu, qu, like kw (unmarked), as in	Queen, Conquest, Inquiry.
Wh, wh, like hw (unmarked), as in	What, When, Awhile.

* * When one letter of an improper diphthong, or of a triphthong, is marked, it is to be taken as representing the sound of the combination, and the letter or letters which are not marked are to be regarded as silent; as in *äim*, *cléan*, *céil*, *péople*, *rgypte*, *söul*, *jouurnal*, *töw*, &c. The combined letters *ce*, *ci*, *sci*, *se*, *si*, or *ti*, occurring before a vowel in a syllable immediately preceded by an accented syllable, are generally equivalent to *sh*; as in *ocean*, *ceta/ceous*, *so/cial*, *logi/cian*, *suspi/cion*, *auspi/cious*, *con/science*, *nau/seous*, *controver/sial*, *dissen/sion*, *ini/tial*, *ora/tion*, *ficti/tious*, &c. Such syllables are not always respelled, as, in general, they will naturally be pronounced correctly by an English speaker. But in all exceptional, doubtful, or difficult cases, the appropriate respelling is used.

* * For an explanation of foreign sounds occurring in the Dictionary, see pp. 1634, 1635.

RESPELLING FOR PRONUNCIATION.—(1.) In respelling the French *an*, *en*, *on*, &c., the letters *ng* are not to be pronounced themselves, being designed simply to mark the vowel as *nasal*, that is, as pronounced through both the nose and the mouth at the same time.—(2.) The respelling of a word, when a number of related words follow, applies to all of them down to some other word which is respelled.

REFERENCES.—The figures which immediately follow certain words in the Vocabulary refer to corresponding sections in the Principles of Pronunciation.

ACCENT.—The principal accent is denoted by a heavy mark; the secondary, by a lighter mark; as in **Su'perintend'ent**. In the division of words into syllables, these marks, besides performing their proper office, supply the place of the hyphen, except in some compound and derivative words.

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RULES

FOR PRONOUNCING THE VOWELS AND CONSONANTS OF GREEK AND LATIN PROPER NAMES.

It will be perceived by a glance at the following Table, that the indicated accentuation of the words, and their separation into syllables, prevent the necessity of inserting any thing here to guide to a correct pronunciation, except the rules for the sounds of the vowels and consonants.

The notation of vowel-sounds which is used in other parts of the Dictionary has been omitted here, because the two principal marks employed in it, namely, the long and the short [˘], have universally obtained a very different significance, when applied to Greek and Latin words, from what they have in English, being used in the former languages to indicate quantity only, while in English they are simple signs of quality. As Greek and Latin words which are long in quantity, are, in thousands of instances, short in quality, and those which are short in quantity are as frequently long in quality, it could hardly fail to produce confusion, if the signs of quantity were used, in a classical vocabulary, to indicate the quality of the vowels. In a few classes of cases, marks have been applied to certain consonants, in order to prevent an erroneous pronunciation; as, for example, to *c* and *g*, when they have their soft sounds (like *s* and *j*) before *e*, *i*, or *y*, but are separated from the vowel by the division of the word into syllables, as in *Ag-e-le*, *Ag-i-da*, &c. For the most part, however, the aim has been to dispense with diacritical marks, and to rely on the rules for pronunciation, and on occasional references to these rules, for such assistance with respect to pronunciation as is not supplied by the accentuation and syllabication.

In settling the place of the primary accent, which is the first and most important point in the pronunciation of a word, the aim, of course, has been to follow the ancient and simple rules, which direct, that in words of two syllables, the penult be accented; that in words of more than two syllables, the penult be accented if it is long in quantity, but if it is not long, that the antepenult be accented. The place of the secondary accent has in all doubtful cases been determined by considerations of euphony alone. The words have been divided into syllables, in accordance with the commonly received rules on that subject. The rules for pronunciation which are given below have been derived, in the main, from Walker. Sometimes the language of Grant, or some other grammarian, has been preferred.

RULES FOR THE VOWELS.

1. Any vowel at the end of an accented syllable, and *e*, *o*, and *u*, at the end of an unaccented syllable, have the long English sound; as, *Cato*, *Cel-crops*, *Dido*, *So-lon*, *Cu-mæ*, *Me-lis'sa*, *Mo-los'sus*, *Tu-lin'gi*; in which words the final vowels of the first syllables have the same sound as the corresponding vowels in the first syllables of the English words *pa-per*, *ce-dar*, *si-lent*, *co-lon*, *duty*.

2. *A* ending an unaccented syllable has the sound of *a* in *fa-ther* or in *last*; as, *Ga-bi-na*, *A-re-ne*, pronounced *Gah-bi-nah*, *Ah-re-ne*.

3. *I* ending a final syllable has the long sound, as, *To-mi*. At the end of initial unaccented syllables it varies, somewhat indefinitely, between *i* long, as *I-wlus*, and *i* short (like *i* in *pin*), as in *I-ta-li-a*. In all other cases, *i* ending an unaccented syllable has its short sound, as in *pin*.

4. *Y* is pronounced as *i* would be in the same situation.

5. *Æ* and *œ* are pronounced as *e* would be in the same situation.

6. If a syllable end in a consonant, the vowel has the short English sound, as, *Bal'bus*, *Del'phi*, *Cin'na*, *Mos'chus*, *Tus'cus*, in which the vowels have the same sounds as in the English words *man'er*, *sel'dom*, *din'ner*, *scof'mus'ter*.

EXCEPTION.—*E* in final *es* is pronounced as in the familiar proper name *An'des*.

RULES FOR THE CONSONANTS.

7. *C* before *e*, *i*, *y*, *æ*, and *œ*, is pronounced like *s*; before *a*, *o*, and *u*, before consonants, like *k*; as, *Ce'a*, *Cic'e-ro*, *Cy'prus*, *Cæ'sar*, *Cæ'li-a*, *Cæ'cles*, *Cu'mæ*.

8. *G* before *e*, *i*, *y*, *æ*, or another *g* followed by *e*, has the sound of *g* before *a*, *o*, and *u*, and before consonants other than *g*, as above excepted; hard sound, as in the English words *gave*, *gone*; as, *Gelo*, *Gi-gan'tes*, *Gy-us*, *Ag'ger*, *Ga'b-i-i*, *Gor'gi-as*, *Sa-gun'tum*.

9. *Ch* has the sound of *k*, but it is silent before a mute consonant at the beginning of a word; as, *Chtho'nia*, pronounced *Tho'n-i-a*.

10. *T*, *s*, and *c*, before *ia*, *ie*, *ii*, *io*, *iu*, and *eu*, preceded immediately by an accent, in Latin words, as in English, change into *sh* and *zh*. But when they follows *s*, *t*, or *z*, or when the accent falls on the first of the vowels following, the consonant preserves its pure sound; as, *Sal-lust'i-us*, *Brut'ti-i*, *Mil'li-des*, &c. So also in the termination *tion*; as, *The-o-do'ti-on*.

11. *S* has, in general, the sound of *s* in *this*. Final *s* preceded by *e*, or a liquid, has the sound of *z*.

12. Initial *x* has the sound of *z*.

13. Initial *ph* before a mute is silent; as, *Phthi'a*, pronounced *Thi'a*. Initial *p* before *s* is silent; as, *Psy'che*, pronounced *Sy'ke*. Initial *p* before *t* is silent, as, *Ptol-e-mæ'us*, pronounced *Tol-e-mæ'us*.

14. At the beginning of words we frequently find the uncombinable consonants *mn*, *tm*, &c.; as, *Mne-mos'y-ne*, *Tmo'lus*, &c. These are to be pronounced with the first consonant mute, as if written *N-e-mos'y-ne*, *Mo'lus*, &c.

REMARK. 1. The termination *eus*, derived from the third declension of *Gr*, contracts in *eu*, although usually made a single syllable in poetry, is resolved into two syllables in the Table. This is also done by Walker and Trollope, defended by Labbe and Carr; and may be conceded to the exigencies of pronunciation. The other syllabication, by which *eus* has the sound of *use*, as in the noun *use*, is also given, and should be followed in pronunciation in all ordinary cases.

2. With regard to words which occur so frequently in English use that they may be said to have become Anglicized, it should be stated that the Table is only to give the classical pronunciation. Every one must judge for himself whether or not it will seem like affectation or pedantry, in any given case, to be classically correct.