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FOURTH BOOK.

PART FIRST.

ELOCUTION.

ELOCUTION is the art of delivering written or extemporaneous composition with force, propriety, and ease.

It deals, therefore, with words, not only as individuals, but as members of a sentence, and parts of a connected discourse: including every thing necessary to the just expression of the sense. Accordingly, it demands, in a special manner, attention to the following particulars; viz., ARTICULATION, ACCENT, EMPHASIS, INFLECTION, MODULATION, and PAUSES.

SECTION I.

ARTICULATION.

ARTICULATION is the art of uttering distinctly an justly the letters and syllables constituting a word.

It deals, therefore, with the elements of words, just as elecution deals with the elements of sentences: the one securing the true enunciation of each letter, or combination of letters, the other giving to each word, or combination of words, such a delivery as best expresses the meaning of the

QUESTIONS.—What is Elocution? To what subjects does it require particular attention? What is Articulation?

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presses the meaning of the author. It is the basis of all good reading, and should be carefully practiced by the learner. The following Directions and Examples are given as guides:

I.—Produce, according to the following Table, all the Elementary Sounds of the Language:

ELEMENTARY SOUNDS OF THE LETTERS.

. EDESIENTARY SOUNDS OF THE LEFTERS,							
VO	WEL SOU	NDS.	SU	B-TONIC	s.		
	TONICS		Element.		Power.		
Element.		Power.	21.—G*	as in	Gun.		
1.—1A	as in	Ape.	22.—J	"	Jet.		
2.—2A	"	Arm.	23.—L	"	Let.		
3.—3A	"	All.	24.—M	"	Man.		
4.—4A	"	At.	25.—N	"	Not.		
5.—5A	"	Care.	26.—R	"	Run.		
6.—6A	"	Ask.	27.—V	"	Vent.		
7.—¹E	"	Eve.	28.—W	"	Went.		
8.—2E	"	End.	29.—Y	"	Yes.		
9.—¹I	"	Ice.	30.—¹Z	"	Zeal.		
10.—2I	"	It.	31.—2Z	"	Azure.		
11.—10	u	Old.	32.—NG	66	Sing.		
12.—20	u	Do.	33.—TH	"	Thy.		
13.—30	"	Ox.	ENGINEE STORY				
14.—'U		Tune.		-TONICS			
15.—2U	"	Up.	34.—F	as in	Fit.		
16.—3U	"	Pull.	35.—H	"	Hat.		
17.—OI	"	Oil.	36.—K	"	Kid.		
18.—OU	44	Out.	37.—P	"	Pit.		
			38.—S	"	Sin.		
CONSONANT SOUNDS.			39.—T		Top.		
SUB-TONICS.			40.—CH	"	Chat.		
			41.—SH		Shun.		
19.—B	as in	Bat.	42.—TH	"	Thin.		
20.—D		Dun.	43.—WH	"	When.		

* Soft G is equivalent to J; soft C to S, and hard C and Q, to K. X is equivalent to K and S, as in box, or to G and Z, as in exalt.

 \dagger WH is pronounced as if the H preceded W, otherwise it would be pronounced W-hen. R should be slightly trilled before a vowel. For further instructions, see Sanders and Merrill's Elementary and Elocutionary Chart:

QUESTIONS.—How many Elementary Sounds are there? How many vowel sounds? What are they? Utter the consonant sounds.

SUBSTITUTES FOR THE VOWEL ELEMENTS.

- 1st. For Long A, we have ai, as in sail; au in gauge; ay in lay; ea in great; ei in deign; ey in they.
- 2d. For Flat 2A, au in daunt; ua in guard; ea in heart.
- 3d. For Broad A, au in pause; aw in law; eo in George; oa in groat; o in horn; ou in sought.
- 4th. For Short A, ai in plaid; ua in guaranty.
- 5th. For 5A before r, ai in hair; ea in bear; ei in their; e in where.
- 6th. For Long 'E, ea in weak; ei in seize; ie in brief; eo in people; i in pique; ey in key.
- 7th. For Short ²E, a in any; ai in said; ay in says; ea in dead; ei in heifer; eo in leopard; ie in friend; ue in guess; u in bury.
- 8th. For Long I, ai in aisle; ei in sleight; ey in eye; ie in die; ui in guide; uy in buy; y in try.
- 9th. For Short 2I, e in English; ee in been; ie in sieve; o in women; u in busy; ui in build; y in symbol.
- 10th. For Long 'O, au in hautboy; eau in beau; eo in yeoman; ew in sew; oa in boat; oe in hoe; ou in soul; ow in flow.
- 11th. For Long Slender 2O, oe in shoe; ou in soup.
- 12th. For Short 3O, a in was; ou in hough; ow in knowledge.
- 13th. For Long 'U, eau in beauty; eu in feud; ew in dew; ue in cue; ou in your; ui in suit; ou in your.
- 14th. For Short 2U, e in her; i in sir; oe in does; o in love; y in myrrh.
- 15th. For Short Slender 3U, o in wolf; ou in would.
- 16th. For OI, oy in joy.
- 17th. For OU, ow in now.

SUBSTITUTES FOR THE CONSONANT ELEMENTS.

For F, we have gh, as in laugh; ph in sphere.

For J, g in gem, gin, gyre.

For K, c in can; ch in chord; gh in hough; q in quit.

For S, c in cent, cion, cygnet.

For T, d in faced; phth in phthisic.

For V, f in of; ph in Stephen.

For Y, i in onion, valiant.

For 1Z, c in suffice; s in is; x in Xerxes.

For 2Z, s in treasure; z in azure; si in fusion; zi in glazier.

QUES .- How many substitutes has long A? What are they? &c.

For NG, n in languid, linguist.

For SH, ci in social; ch in chaise; si in pension; s in sure; ss in issue; ti in notion.

For CH, ti in fustian, mixtion.

B, D, G, H, L, M, N, P, and R, have no substitutes.

II.—Avoid the suppression of a syllable; as,

cab'n	for	cab-in.	mem'ry	for mem-o-ry.
cap'n	. "	cap-tain.	jub-lee	" ju-bi-lee.
barr'l	"	bar-rel.	trav'ler	" trav-el-er.
ev'ry	"	ev-e-ry.	fam'ly	" fam-i-ly.
hist'ry	"	his-to-ry.	vent'late	" ven-ti-late.
reg'lar	"	reg-u-lar.	des'late	" des-o-late.
sev'ral	"	sev-er-al.	prob'ble	" prob-a-ble.
rhet'ric	"	rhet-o-ric.	par-tic'lar	" par-tic-u-lar.

III.—Avoid the omission of any sound properly belonging to a word; as,

read-in	for		pr'-tect	for pro-tect.
swif-ly	- 66	swift-ly.	b'-low	" be-low.
com-mans	"	com-mands.	p'r-vade	" per-vade.
wam-er	"	warm-er.	srink-in	" shrink-ing.
um-ble	"	hum-ble.	th'if-ty	" thrif-ty.
ар-ру	"	hap-py.	as-ter-is	" as-ter-isk.
con-sis	"	con-sists.	gov-er-ment	" gov-ern-ment.
fa-t'l	"	fa-tal.	Feb-u-a-ry	" Feb-ru-a-ry.

IV.—Avoid the substitution of one sound for another; as,

uf-ford	for	af-ford.	mod-ist	for	mod-est.
wil-ler	"	wil-low.	up-prove		ap-prove.
sock-it	"	sock-et.	win-e-gar	"	vin-e-gar.
fear-luss	"	fear-less.	sep-e-rate		sep-a-rate.
cul-ter	"	cul-ture.	tem-per-it	"	tem-per-ate.
prod-ux	"	prod-ucts.	croc-er-dile		croc-o-dile.
judg-munt	"	judg-ment.	tub-ac-cur		to-bac-co.
chil-drin	"	chil-dren.	com-prum-ise		com-pro-mise

QUESTIONS.—What letters have no substitutes? What error in Articulation would be avoided by the observance of direction II.? Give examples. What, by direction III.? Examples. What, by direction IV.? Examples

V.—Produce the sounds denoted by the following combinations of consonants:—

Let the pupil first produce the sounds of the letters, and then the word or words in which they occur. Be careful to give a clear and distinct enunciation to every letter.

- 1 Bd, as in rob'd; bdst, prob'dst; bl, bland, able; bld, humb'd; bldst, troubl'dst; blst, troubl'st; blz, crumbles; br, brand; bz, ribs.
- 2 Ch, as in church; cht, fetch'd.
- 3 Dj, as in e.lge; djd, hedg'd; dl, bridle; dld, riddl'd; dlst, handl'st, dlz, bundles; dn, hard'n; dr, drove; dth, width; dths, breadths; dz, odds.
- 4. Fl, as in flame; fld, rift'd; flst, stift'st; flz, rifles; fr, from; fs, quaffs, laughs; fst, laugh'st, quaff'st; ft, raft; fts, wafts; ftst, graft'st.
- 5. Gd, as in begg'd; gdst, bragg'dst; gl, glide; gld, struggl'd; gldst, hag gl'dst; glst, strangl'st; glz, mingles; gr, grove; gst, begg'st; gz, figs.
- 6. Kl, as in uncle, ankle; kld, trickl'd; kldst, truckl'dst; klst, chuckl'st; klz, wrinkles; kn, black'n; knd, reck'n'd; kndst, reck'n'dst; knst, black'n'st; knz, reck'ns; kr, crank; ks, checks; kt, act.
- 7. Lb, as in bulb; lbd, bulb'd; lbs, bulbs; lch, filch; lcht, belch'd; ld, hold; ldst, fold'st; ldz, holds; lf, self; lfs, gulfs; lj, bulge; lk, elk; lks, silks; lkt, milk'd; lkts, mulcts; lm, elm; lmd, whelm'd; lmz, films; ln, fall'n; lp, help; lps, scalps; lpst, help'st; ls, false; lst, call'st; lt, melt; lth, health; lths, stealths; lts, colts; lv, delve; lvd, shelv'd; lvz, elves; lz, halls.
- 8 Md, as in doom'd; mf, triumph; mp, hemp; mpt, tempt; mpts, attempts; mst, entomb'st; mz, tombs.
- 9 Nch, as in bench; ncht, pinch'd; nd, and; ndst, end'st; ndz, ends; ng, sung; ngd, bang'd; ngth, length; ngz, songs; nj, range; njd, rang'd; nk, ink; nks, ranks; nkst, thank'st; nst, winc'd; nt, sent; nts, rents; ntst, went'st; nz, runs.
- 10. Pl, as in plume; pld, rippl'd; plst, rippl'st; plz, apples; pr, prince; ps, sips; pst, rapp'st.

- 11. Rb, as in herb; rch, search; rcht, church'd; rbd, orb'd; rbdst, barb'dst; rbst, disturb'st; rbz, orbs; rd, hard; rdst, heard'st; rdz, words; rf, turf; rft, scarf'd; rq, burg; rgz, burgs; rj, dirge; rjd, urg'd; rk, ark; rks, arks; rkst, work'st; rkt, dirk'd; rktst, embark'dst; rl, girl; rld, world; rldst, hurld'st; rlst, whirl'st; rlz, hurls; rm, arm; rmd, arm'd; rmdst, harm'dst; rmst, arm'st; rmz, charms; rn, turn; rnd, turn'd; rndst, earn'dst; rnst, learn'st; rnz, urns; rp, carp; rps, harps; rpt, warp'd; rs, verse; rsh, harsh; rst, first; rsts, bursts; rt, dart; rth, earth; rths, births; rts, marts; rtst, dart'st; rv, curve; rvd, nerv'd; rvdst, curv'dst; rust, swerv'st; ruz, nerves; rz, errs.
- 12. Sh, as in ship; sht, hush'd; sk, scan, skip; sks, tusks; skst, frisk'st; skt, risk'd; sl, slow; sld, nestl'd; slz, wrestles; sm, smile; sn, snag; sp, sport; sps, lisps; spt, clasp'd; st, stag; str, strike; sts, rests; sw, swing.
- 13. Th, as in thine, thin; thd, breath'd; thr. three; thst. breath'st; thw, thwack; thz, writhes; tl, title; tld, settl'd; tldst, settl'dst; tlst, settl'st; tlz, nettles; tr, trunk; ts, fits; tw, twirl.
- 14. Vd, as in curv'd; vdst, liv'dst; vl, driv'l; vld, grov'l'd; vldst, grov'l'dst; vlst, driv'l'st; vn, driv'n; vst, liv'st; vz, lives.
- 15. Wh, as in when, where.
- 16. Zd, as in mus'd; zl, dazzle; zld, muzzl'd; zldst, dazzl'dst; zlst, dazzl'st; zlz, muzzles; zm, spasm; zmz, chasms; zn, ris'n; znd, reas'n'd; znz, pris'nz; zndst, impris'n'dst.

VI .- Avoid blending the termination of one word with the beginning of another, or suppressing the final letter or letters of one word, when the next word com mences with a similar sound.

EXAMPLES.

False sighs sicken instead of Fal' sigh' sicken. In peril's darkest hour In peril's darkest tower

QUESTIONS .- What error in Articulation would be avoided by the observance of direction VI.? Give examples.

ngs of praises	66	Song s	of	praises
	24	TIT		200000

We are apt to shut our eyes "We are rapt to shut tour rise. " It strikes with a naw. It strikes with an awe A reader made easy " A redermadezy. The scenes of those dark ages " The scenes sof those dark cages. " Dry the orphan stears. Dry the orphan's tears

Note -By an indistinct Articulation the sense of a passage is often liable to be perverted.

" Percival sacks sand dextracks.

EXAMPLES.

1. He built him an ice house. He built him a nice house.

Percivals' acts and extracts

- 2. My heart is awed within me. My heart is sawed within me.
- 3. A great error often exists. A great terror often exists.
- 4. He is content in either situation. He is content in neither situation.
- 5. Whom ocean feels through all her countless waves. Who motion feels through all her countless waves.
- 6. My brothers ought to owe nothing. My brothers sought to own nothing.
- 7. He was called by his father's name. He was scalled by his father's name.
- 8. We traveled o'er fields of ice and snow. We traveled o'er fields of vice sand snow.
- 9. He was trained in the religion of his fathers. He was strained in the religion of his fathers.

MISCELLANEOUS EXAMPLES.

- 1. The hights, depths, lengths, and breadths of the subject.
- 2. The flag of freedom floats once more aloft.
- 3 It was decidedly the severest storm of the season.
- 4 She sought shelter from the sunshine in the shade.
- 5. His shriveled limbs were shivering with the cold.

QUESTION .- How is the sense of a passage liable to be perverted? Give examples.

6 A big black bug bit a big black bear.

7. Round the rough and rugged rocks the ragged rascal ran.

8. He sawed six long, slim, sleek, slender saplings.

Slowly and sadly we laid him down,
 From the field of his fame fresh and gory.

10. From thy throne in the sky, thou look'st and laugh'st at the storm, and guid'st the bolts of Jove.

11. The unceremoniousness of their communicability is wholly inexplicable.

12. The best of all governments in this badly governed world, is a republican government.

13. When the world is dark with tempests, when thunders roll and lightnings fly, thou lookest in thy beauty from the clouds, and laughest at the storm.

The hidden ocean showed itself anew,
 And barren wastes still stole upon the view.

15. He spoke disinterestedly, reasonably, philosophically, particularly, peremptorily, authoritatively, unhesitatingly, and extemporaneously.

16. His falchion flashed along the Nile; His hosts he led through Alpine snows; O'er Moscow's towers that blazed the while, His eagle flag unrolled and froze.

SECTION II.

ACCENT AND EMPHASIS.

ACCENT and EMPHASIS both indicate some special stress of voice.

ACCENT is that stress of voice by which one syllable of a word is made more prominent than others; EMPHASIS is that stress of voice by which one or more words of a sentence are distinguished above the rest.

QUESTIONS.—What do Accent and Emphasis indicate? What is Accent? What is Emphasis?

ACCENT.

The accented syllable is sometimes designated thus: (/); as com-mand-ment.

Note I.—Words of more than two syllables generally have two or more of them accented.

The more forcible stress of voice, is called the *Primary*Accent; and the less forcible, the Secondary Accent.

EXAMPLES OF ACCENT.

Farm'-er, hon'-or, pat'-tern, rem'-nant, a-bide', con-clude', affect', ex-pand', a-tone'-ment, be-hav'-ior, con-tent'-ment, un-grate'ful, in-tens'-ive, trans-ac'-tion.

EXAMPLES OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ACCENT.

In the following examples the Primary Accent is designated by double accentual marks, thus:

Ed"-u-cate', ed'-u-ca"-tion, mul"-ti-ply', mul'-ti-pli-ca"-tion, sat"-is-fy', sat'-is-fac"-tion, com'-pre-hend", com'-pre-hen'-sion, rec'-om-mend', rec'-om-mend-a"-tion, mo"-ment-a'-ry, com-mu"-ni-cate', com'-pli-ment"-al, in-dem'-ni-fi-ca"-tion, ex'-tem-po-ra"-ne-ous, coun'-ter-rev'-o-lu"-tion-a-ry.

Note II.—The change of accent on the same word, often changes its meaning.

EXAMPLES.

col'-league, a partner.
con'-duct, behavior.
des'-cant, a song or tune.
ob'-ject, ultimate purpose.
ref'-use, worthless remains.
proj'-ect, a plan; a scheme.
in'-ter-dict, a prohibition.
o'-ver-throw, ruin; defeat.

col-league', to unite with.
con-duct', to lead.
des-cant', to comment.
ob-ject', to oppose.
re-fuse', to deny; reject.
pro-ject', to jut out.
in-ter-dict', to forbid.
o-ver-throw', to throw down.

QUESTIONS.—Which accent has the more forcible stress of voice, the primary or secondary? What effect does the change of accent on the same word produce? Give examples.