

Sch has the sound of **sh** in *schist*, *schedule*, of **sk** in *scheme*, *school*, *schooner*, *scholastic*, *scholium*, *scholar*.

Schism is pronounced *sizm*.

XXIII.—Exercise on Silent Letters.

59. **B**, dumb, thumb, subtle (but *süb'-tile*).

So always after **m**.*

C, Czar, (but Czech, Chěk), victuals (*vīt'-lz*), scene.

D, handkerchief (*hăn'-kér-chíf*, *not hang-*), Wednesday (*wens-dā*).

G, gnat, coigne, sign, poignant, imbroglio (*im-bröl'-yō*), seraglio (*räl'yō*), diaphragm (*-frām*), paradigm (*-dīm*), apothegm (*ăp'-ō-thēm*), phlegm (*fļēm*).

H, heir, honor, honest, hostler, hour, exhaust.

In *herb*, *hospital*, *humble*, the present usage is to pronounce the **h**.

L, almond, alms (*āmz*), calm, falcon, halm (*hawm*), holm (*hōm* or *hōlm*), icul-de-sac (*cōō-dē-săk*).

L is generally silent before **f**, **k** and **m**, but not in *tălc*.

M, mnemonics (*nē-mōn'-iks*).

N, damn, damning, condemn-ing, hymn-ing, condemn-er.

N is silent after **m** in the same syllable. It is sounded before other affixes than -ing, -ed and er, as in *dam-nable*, *condem-nation*, *hym-nal*.

P (**ph**), contempt, pneumatics, pneumonia, psalm, ptarmigan, psychology, pseud- (as in *pseudonym*).

S, demesne (*dē-mēn'*), isle, aisle.

T, often (*ōf'n*), soften (*sōf'n*), mortgage, apostle, epistle, wrestle, forecastle (*fōk'-sl*), mistletoe (*mīz'-l-tō*), chasten, fasten, glisten, chestnut, Christmas, boatswain (*bōsn*), ballet (*băl'-lā*), haricot.

T is generally silent in the endings -stle, -sten, as in *jostle*, *moisten*, (*jōs'-l*, *moys'-n*), *christen* (*krīs'-n*).

W, answer, boatswain (*bō'sn*), cockswain (*kōk'-sn*).

W is also silent in -wich after **l**, **m**, **n**, **r**.

The letters italicised in the following words must be pronounced:—Arctic, Antarctic, government, breadth, width, handsome, cognisance, incognito, recognise, cartridge, partridge, asthma (*ăstma*), isthmus (*ist-mūs*).

* Present English usage omits *b* even in *succumb*.