

APPENDIX A.

RECOGNIZED TERMS IN VERSIFICATION

THE terms used in most works on versification are borrowed from the metrical systems of Greek and Latin, and as no accepted system of nomenclature has yet replaced this, we give here the explanation of these terms:

A syllable-group is called a Foot or Measure.

An Iambic Measure or Foot is a standard syllable-group consisting of two syllables, the latter being accented:

The wáy | was lóng | the wínd | was còld,

The mín | strel wás | in-fírm | and óld.

This foot may, as shown in the chapters on rhythm and verse-mechanism, replace a two-syllable group with a single accented syllable: or three syllables may occasionally take the place of the two, the accent falling on the last.

The reverse of the Iambic is the Trochee, or Trochaic foot—a two-syllable group with accent on the first syllable:

Árt is | lóng and | tíme is | fleéting.

Here is | pléasure | drínk it | dón't