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9. Do not give to long *o* when unaccented and slightly abridged, the sound of short *u*; as *obey* for *obey'*, *propose* for *propose'*.
30. Do not sound short *o*, when unaccented, as short *u*; as *obscure* for *obscure'*, *committee* for *committee'*.
31. Do not lay too much stress on an unaccented syllable or a syllable having a secondary accent; as *primary* for *primary*, *exactly* for *exactly*.
32. In unaccented syllables do not bring out the quality of the vowel too distinctly. In many words "there would be pedantry in scrupulously avoiding the short and easier sounds which the organs are inclined to adopt." For instance, *cabbage* in common conversation might be *cabb'ij*, *palace*, *pal'ace*, &c.
- (a) When *a* at the end of an unaccented syllable is followed in the next syllable by *n* or *r*, it has nearly the sound of short *e*, as in *miscella-ny*, *custom-a-ry*.
- (b) In the unaccented final syllable *ate*, of adjectives and nouns, the vowel *a* generally has a sound verging toward short *e*, as in *delicate*, *consummate* (adj.).

PRONOUNCING HANDBOOK.

A

abdomen, ab-do'men, *not* ab'do-men.
abjectly, ab'ject-ly, *not* ab-ject'ly
ablative, ab'la-tiv, *not* ab'l-tiv
absolutorily, ab-sol'u-tor-ly, *not* ab-so-lu'to-ri
absolve, ab-zolv' or ab-solv'
abstemious, ab-ste'mi-us, *not* ab-stem'i-us
abstractly, ab'stract-ly or ab'stract'ly
abstruse, ab-strōōs', *not* ab-strūs'
accent (verb), ak-sent', *not* ak'sent
access, ak-ses' or ak'ses
accessory, ak'ses-so-ri or ak'ses-so-ri
acclimate, ak-kli'māt *not* ak'kli-mat
acclimatize, ak-kli'ma-tiz, *not* ak'kli-ma-tiz
accost, 4 ak-kost', *not* ak-kawst'
accoutre, ak-kōō'ter, *not* ak-kow'ter
acorn, ak-krōō', *not* ak-krū'
acetic, a-set'ik or a-se'tik
acetify, a-set'i-fi or a-se'ti-fi
acorn, a-korn, *not* a-kurn
acoustics, a-kows'tiks, *not* a-kōōs'tiks
across, 4 a-kros' *not* a-krawst'
adamantean, ad-a-man-te'an, *not* ad-a-man'te-an
address (noun and verb), ad-dres', *not* ad-dres
adept, a-dept', *not* ad'ept

adjectival, ad'jek-tiv-al or ad-jek-ti-val
admirable, ad'mi-ra-bl, *not* ad-mi-ra-bl
adult, a-dult', *not* ad'ult
adverse, ad-vers, *not* ad-vers'
advertise, ad-ver-tiz or ad-ver-tiz'
advertisement, ad-ver-tiz-ment or ad-ver-tiz-ment
Aeneid, e-nē'id, *not* e'ne-id
aerated, a'er-āt-ed, *not* ar'āt-ed *nor* ā-re-āt-ed
aerie, e'ri or a'ri
aerolite, a'er-o-lit, *not* a-ē'o-lit
aeronaut, a'er-o-nawt, *not* a-ē'o-nawt
affatus, af-flā'tus, *not* af-flā'tus
again, a-gen', *not* a-gān' *nor* a-gin
agape, a-gāp' or a-gāp'
aged, a-jed, *not* ajd, except in compounds, as *full-aged*
aggrandize, ag'gran-diz, *not* ag-gran'diz
aggrandizement, ag'gran-diz-ment or ag-gran-diz-ment
agile, aj'il, *not* aj'il *nor* aj'il
agriculturist, ag-ri-kult'ūr-ist, *not* ag-ri-cult'ūr-al-ist
ague, a-gū, *not* a-gōō
alabaster, 1 ā-la-bas-ter, *not* ā-la-baster
alarum, a-lār'um or a-lār'um
albumen, al-bū-men, *not* al'bū-men