

INTRODUCTORY FRENCH COURSE.

I.—ALPHABET AND PRONUNCIATION.

THE ALPHABET.

A,	B,	C,	D,	E,	F,	G,	H,	I,	J,	K,	L,	M,
ah	bay	say	day	a	eff	jay	ash	e	jee	kah	ell	emm
N,	O,	P,	Q,	R,	S,	T,	U,	V,	X,	Y,	Z.	
enn	o	pay	ku	air	ess	tay	u*	vay	eeks	egrec	zed.	

SINGLE VOWEL SOUNDS.

	Short	Loug	Also written	Pronounced as in	Examples
1.	a	â		Canada	papa, pâte.
2.	e	eu	œu, œ	the book	le repas, heure.
3.	é		ai	they	été
4.	è	ê	ai, ei	there	père, tête.
5.	i	î	y	police	mine, île.
6.	o	ô	au, eau	pot	note, pôle.
7.	u	û		*	plume, flûte.
8.	ou	où		you	tour, vouûte.

The second vowel sound above, *e*, is called *e muet*, (*e* mute), but is rarely altogether silent: *le petit livre*.

The little marks on the vowels are called *accents*. There are three: the acute (*'*), *accent aigu*, the grave (*`*), *accent grave*, and the circumflex (*ˆ*), *accent circonflexe*.

With the acute accent, *é* is called *é fermé* (closed *e*).

* There is in English no equivalent sound for the French *u*.