

DICTIONARY

OF THE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

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ABE

- A**, the indefinite article, placed before words beginning with the sound of a consonant. Before words beginning with the sound of a vowel, it is written *an*.
- Aa-rōn'ic**, **Aa-rōn'i-cal**, *a.* relating to the priesthood of *Aaron*.
- A-bäck'**, *ad.* (*a*, *back*) backwards.
- Ab'a-cus**, *n.* (*L.*) an instrument for calculating; the uppermost member of a column.
- A-bāft'**, *ad.* (*S. baftan*) behind; towards the stern of a ship.
- Ab-al'ien-ate**, *v.* (*L. ab, alienus*) to make over to another.
- A-bān'don**, *v.* (*Fr. abandonner*) to give up; to desert; to forsake.
- A-bān'doned**, *p. a.* forsaken; very wicked.
- A-bān'don-er**, *n.* one who abandons.
- A-bān'don-ment**, *n.* the act of abandoning.
- A-bāse'**, *v.* (*L. ad, basis*) to bring low; to humble; to depress.
- A-bāse'ment**, *n.* the state of being brought low.
- A-bāsh'**, *v.* (*L. ad, basis* ?) to make ashamed; to confuse.
- A-bāsh'ment**, *n.* the state of being ashamed.
- A-bāte'**, *v.* (*S. beatan*) to lessen; to lower in price; to diminish.
- A-bāte'ment**, *n.* the act of abating; the sum or quantity taken away.
- A-bāter**, *n.* one who abates.
- Ab'ba**, *n.* a Syriac word for father.
- Ab'ba-cy**, *n.* office or privileges of an abbot.
- Ab-bā'tial**, *a.* relating to an abbey.
- Ab'bess**, *n.* the chief of a nunnery.
- Ab'bey**, *n.* a monastery; a convent.
- Ab'bot**, *n.* the chief of an abbey.
- Ab'bey-lab-ber**, *n.* an idle person in an abbey.
- Ab-brē'vi-ate**, *v.* (*L. ab, brevis*) to shorten.—*n.* an abridgment.
- Ab-brē-vi-a'tion**, *n.* the act of shortening.
- Ab-brē-vi-a'tor**, *n.* one who abridges.
- Ab-brē'vi-a-ture**, *n.* a mark used for shortening; an abridgment.
- A, B, C**, *n.* the alphabet.
- Ab-be-çe-dā'ri-an**, *n.* a teacher of the alphabet.
- Ab-be-çe'da-ry**, *a.* belonging to the alphabet.
- Ab'di-cate**, *v.* (*L. ab, dico*) to give up right; to resign; to renounce.
- Ab'di-cant**, *a.* giving up; renouncing.
- Ab-di-cā'tion**, *n.* the act of abdicating.
- Ab-dō'men**, *n.* (*L.*) the lower part of the belly.
- Ab-dōm'i-nal**, *a.* relating to the abdomen.
- Ab-dōm'i-nous**, *a.* having a large belly.
- Ab-dūce'**, *v.* (*L. ab, duco*) to draw away; to separate.
- Ab-dū'cent**, *a.* drawing away.
- Ab-due'tion**, *n.* a carrying away.
- Ab-due'tor**, *n.* a muscle that draws back.
- A-bēd'**, *ad.* (*a*, *bed*) in bed; on the bed.
- Ab-ēr-rānce**, **Ab-ēr-ran-cy**, *n.* (*L. a erro*) a wandering from the right way.
- Ab-er-rā'tion**, *n.* the act of wandering.
- Ab-ēr-ring**, *p. a.* wandering; going astray.
- A-bēt'**, *v.* (*S. betan*) to encourage; to set on; to aid.
- A-bēt'ment**, *n.* the act of abetting.
- A-bēt'ter**, **A-bēt'tor**, *n.* one who abets.
- A-bēy'ance**, *n.* (*Fr. bayer* ?) something in reversion, but not in possession.

Fāte, *fāt*, *fār*, *fāl*; *mē*, *mēt*, *thēre*, *hēr*; *pīno*, *pln*, *field*, *fīr*; *nōte*, *nōt*, *nōr*, *mōve*, *sōn*; *tūbe*, *tub*, *fāl*; *crēy*, *crēpt*, *mýrrh*; *tōil*, *bōy*, *ōur*, *nōw*, *nēw*; *çede*, *gem*, *raise*, *exist*, *thin*