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## RULES FOR PRONOUNCING THE GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES CONTAINED IN THIS VOLUME.

THE VOWELS, except where expressly mentioned below, are pronounced as follows:—*e*—e in father; *æ*—e in end; *i*—i in inn or kindle; *ɛ* as in English; *u*—u in flute.

GERMAN:—*ie*—ee in meet; *ei* or *ai*—y in my; *au*—ou in house; *ü*—ay in may; *ö*—oh in French; *eu*—oy in destroy; *ü*—u in French; *g*, always hard; *j*—y in yes; *z*—ts; *ch*—ch; *ch*=guttural ch in loch.

DUTCH:—*oe*—u in flute; *eu* and *w* as in French; *sch*=sch in school, and at end of word=*s*; *ch*=ch in loch; *j*—y in yes; *y*—y in my.

MAGYAR:—*e*—o; *ɛ* and *ü* as in German; *ə* and *ər*=ts; *əs*=ch in cheese; *ərə*=sh; *əsə*=sh (soft sh); *əch*=ch in loch; *w*=v; *ly*, *ny*, *ty*, and *gy*—l'ye, n'ye, t'ye, and g'ye (short); *gy*=dy (Magyar, pronounce Madyar).

SLAV (Bohemia, Croatia, &c.):—*y*—i in in; *ɛ* or *je*—ye; *ə*—ts; *əj*—j; *əch*=ch in cheese; *j*—y in yes; *ŋ*=ng in bang; *r*=r'ch; *ʃ*=sh; *t*=sh (soft sh).

POLISH:—*a* and *ɛ*—oh and oh (nasal); *ɛi* always separated; *j*—y in yes; *ɛ*—ts; *ɛt*—t'ye (short); *ə*—ch in cheese; *əs*=sh (soft sh); *ʃ*=sh; *t*=t'sh; *ɔ* or *ə*=sh; *əch*=ch in loch; the / with a bar (?) is pronounced with great force.

All other letters, or combinations of letters, may be pronounced as in English.