

X.

THE regular sound of this letter is like *ks*, as in *tax*, *excuse*, etc.

It has a soft or flat sound like *gz* when the following syllable begins with an accented vowel, as in *exist*, *example*, etc. It also has the sound of *gz* in some words derived from primitives which have that sound, when not followed by an accented vowel, as in *exemplary*.

When *x* begins a word, it has the sound of *z*, as in *xē'bec* (*zē'bek*).

xān'thē-īne.

xerophagy—ze-rōf a-jē.

xī-lōg'ra-phy.

xī-loi'dine.

Y.

THIS letter at the end of a word, preceded by a consonant, is generally pronounced short and indistinct like obscure *e*, as in *many*, *comely*, *policy*, etc. The exceptions are monosyllables and their compounds, as *dry*, *fly*, *by*, *whereby*, *wry*, *awry*, etc.; verbs ending in *fy*, as *magnify*, *beautify*, and a few others—for example, *supply*, *multiply*, *reply*, etc.