

back of the tongue being raised to the position it has in sounding ũ as in *us*.

N. B.—1. Pronounce *clerk*, *hearth*, *sergeant*, klârk, hârth, sâr'-jënt; *not* clerk, herth, serjent.

2. In *ar*, followed by any consonant but *r*, or ending a word accented on the last syllable, *a* has the sound of *â* as in *âr*k, *fâr*, *bazaar*, but *ârrant*, *ârid*, *beggar*, (bëg-gér). But after *w*, or *qu*, *a* is sounded *aw*, or *ô*, as in *water*, *quart*. *Al* before *m*, *v*, or *f*, is sounded *â*, as in *quâlm*, *halve*, *calf*, *almond*, (â'-münd).

2.—*ă*, as in *an*.

23. In pronouncing many of the following words the sound of *ă*, as in *ale*, must be specially guarded against.

*Accented on the first syllable.*

Bade, catch, (*not* ketch), sate (past of sit), acrid, arid, arrânt, chalice (îs) davits, glămoûr, manor, navvy, pageant (păj-ënt) parol\*, pastern, pastil, pastime, paten, phalanx, raven (v), ravenous, ravin, satyr (săt'ér), bass relief (băs'-rê-lêf'), fratricide (-sid), matricide, marigöld, pacify, sacrament, sacrifice (-fis), sacerdotal, sanable, sanitary (-éri), tapestry (tăp'-ës-trî.)

*Accented on the second syllable.*

căbăl, cuirass (kwî-răs')

In the following, the sound of *aw* or *o* must be specially guarded against:—

swam, swaz, swagger, alto, (contralto), falcate, quagmire, sältânt, altruism (ăl'-trô-ism.)

*Accented on the second syllable.*

alternate (ăl'-ter-näte), canal, quadrille (kădrîl' or quădrîl'); (so also in al'-ter că'-tion, defalca'-tion, accented on third syllable).

3.—*ā*, as in *ale*.

24. Aye (ever), plait, scatthe, swathe, steak, azure (ā'-zhoor), bāthos, blatant, caliph (cā'-lif) calyx, chasten (chās'n), dadō, data, maelstrom (māl'-ström), naked, pasty, nation (nā'-shūn),

\* A law term, to be distinguished from the military term *parôle*.  
† But the simple word *past* has an *ā* as in *ah*.