

# XXIV.—Accent.

60. The following words are accented on the last syllable :—

Adēpt, ādūlt, ālcōve, ālly (āl-lī'), awry (ā-rī'), basalt (-sault'), bombast (būm-bāst'), burlesque (bér-lesk'), cement, charade (shā-rād'), cōquet (kō-kēt'), dis-cōurse, ōccūlt', prēten'ce', (but prē-text), rēcēss', rōbūst', tīrāde, commandant', complaisant' (kōm-plā-zānt'), confidānt', imbecile (-sēl'), recitative (-ēv), Capuchin (-shēn'), bombasin, ambergris (-grēs'), chagrīn, mandarin, palanquin, routine.

N.B.—Bureau, an ordinary piece of furniture, we must, on this side of the Atlantic, call bū-rō; in the sense of a department of government, we should pronounce it bū-rō'. In all cases we must say dē-pō' (or dēp'-ō), not the vulgar dē'-po.

61. The following words are accented on the penult :—

(i.) Often incorrectly accented on the final.

Adverse, brēvet, brīgānd, complex, construe, misconstrue, harass, levee, mattress, mohair.

(ii.) Often incorrectly accented on the antepenult.

anchōvy, calisthēnics, coadjūtor, congēnér, fārrāgō, hōrīzon, illicit, intrēpid, plebeian (plā-bē'-ān), pyritēs(-ēz), quandary (kwōn-dā'-rē), sequesterate, stalactites (-tīts), stalagmite, subjected, vagāry (vā-gā'-rī), vertigo, vīrāgō, canorous, decorous, sonorous.

emetic, fanatic, calorio, panegyric, and most words in -ic.

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| Cyclopean, Augean,         | " | " | -ean.  |
| Colosseum, lyceum, museum, | " | " | -eum.  |
| albūmen, bitūmen,          | " | " | -umen. |

panacea, hymeneal; aspirant, condolence, coquetry, inquiry, precedence (from *aspire'*, *condole'*, and other words accented on the final), clandestine, compensate, confiscate, contemplate, expurgate, exculpate, illustrate.

The words in this last group have two or more consonants after the last word but one :

Present English usage allows the pronunciations obligā'-tory, orthō'-ēpy (-pī), which are certainly much easier than ob'-ligatory and or'-thoepy.