Words That Are Frequently Mispronounced Even by Educated People. There are in our English at the least three or four thousand words that are frequently mispronounced. Some of these, writes Alfred Ayres in the New

York Times, are the following: Ab-a tis. Not a-ba-tis. That has been done for this word that should be done, as soon as practicable, for all foreign words that we use. It has been fully arglicized. The more English we make our English the better English it is. Ab-do-men. There is no authority, except popular usage, for accenting the first syllable of this word.

Ab-dom-i nal. The e short as in don. Ab-cr-crom-by. The o of this proper name is not the o of con, but the o of

Ab-ject. Not ab-ject.

44 lect-ness. Appenly. Ab-so-late. Not absoloot, as is often onounced by the careless. There is good authority for conding the s of this word like z, but thus is hardly in accordance with the

should be carefully avoided. Abstract-ly. Not ab-stract ly. Ab-struse. The u of this word has he sound of long oo. This is the alo: U preceded by ror the sound of are the in the same syllable, often is ounded like long oo, as in rude, rumor, ule, sure, issue.

Absorb. The z sound of s in this word

1-by-dos. Not Ab-y-dos. Actualisant-an-Accent. When a noun, the first, when z verb the second, is the accented syl-Lible. We accout a syllable with an ac-

Acceptable. In Walker's time this and was accented on the first syllable by the majority of the better speakers. Access. It is more in accordance with he liest current usage to accent the first "ather than the second syllable of this wood. Webster to the contrary notwith-

simbling. he-cerso-ry. Ease of utterance has shifted the accent from the first to the second syllable, where it will remain. Accept mate. For the pronunciation that accents the first syllable there is no antactity.

Accrue. Here is another word in

which the a has the sound of long co. Accetate. The a long, as in fate. Avoustics. All our dictionaries prono thee the ou of this word on while the whole English-speaking we'ld, so far as the writer's observation goes, pronounce it like long as. Many persons thus pronounce it knowing that the authorities are against them. Squalor is another word treated in like manner. A-kazzetics is certainly not pleasing to

Actor. Not the o of nor, but the o of A-comen. Not ak-u-men

Asi ap-fa-tion. Address. Both noun and verb are now emmonly accented on the second sylla-

Adduce. When, in the same syl one is is preceded by one of the cononants d. t. t. n. s. or th. it is not easy to introduce the sound of y; hence careiess speakers omit it, pronouncing duty dooty, tune, toon; lute, loot; nuisance, non-since, etc. And yet to make the in those words as clear and perfect as in mount enter etc., is over-nice and conso mently innacks of pedantry. The two suremes should be avoided with equal

A lept. Not ddept. Adnesive. Do not pronounce the s Adiposo. Do not prononuce the s

Ad-jec-ti-val. There is abundant authority for accenting the first syllable, t it is to be hoped that no one will be selined to follow it. Ad-jec-tive-ly.

dd mi-ra ble; ad mi-ra-bly. . dini-ral-ty. The first and not the this i is the accented syllable. A de Tals.

Adobe. Three syllables-ah-da-be. A A M. There is no authority for ad-

Alvance The second a of this word should be sounded broader than the a in min, van, fat, etc., and not so broad as

A: the beginning of this century u roa in which this so-called intermedi are a occurs were generally pronounced with the full, broad Italian a, as in ther, which by the exquisites was not Infrequently exaggerated. This Walker a decreek to change, and to that end marked the a of this class of words most like the a in and, man, at, etc. and innovation met with only partial success. Now, there is a general disposuica to unite in some intermediate a re between the broad or in father. which is very rarely, and the short a in can, which is very frequently heard in this country. A few of the words in which this a now receives this intermediate sound are: After, alas, answer ent bask basket, branch, brass, cask ast chance, class, craft, dance, craft, enclant, example, fast, flask, gasp, ar c. glass, grass, lance, last, mask, mastiff, nasty, pass, past, pastor, plaster, shaft, staff, task, vast, waft.

PREHISTORIC ANIMALS.

Why They May Be Considered the True Builders of the Pyramids. All the magnificent buildings of Paris are made of limestone taken from quarries near the city. These quarries are composed of layers made entirely from the tiny shells of microscopic animals. o less than one hundred and thirtyseven species exist in these limeston beds. There were other little beings, not so small, that did an enormous share of rock-building. They have recelved the name "nummulities," from the Latin word "nummus," meaning "money," because their shells resemble coins. In Germany they are commonly called the "devil's money." They are so periodly formed that one can not help thinking, on first looking at them, but they have been stamped with a die. in some places mountains of great eight are made of their shells. In Egypt the layers are of such extent hat since centuries before Christ the rock has been used for building purposes. The ancient pyramids and the pains are made of this rock.

Bedsof lignite, a kind of half-finished coal, are also found among the rocks of this age. With it is found the yellow amber, which is only fossil resin from a species of pine tree. It is abundant on the shores of the German ocean. Inseels are often found preserved in it as perfect as on the day they were imprisoned. The first bee of all the ages was found in amber, "an embalmed corpse in a crystal coffin." With it were found fragments of flower and leaf, as if th resin dropped on the flower upon which the bee had alighted, and enveloped both.-St. Nicholas.

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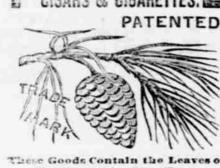
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From "The Autobiography of Joseph Jefferson," in the Century, we quote as follows: "George Holland was distinctly an actor of the old school, invariably introducing even into modern characters its traditions and conventionalities; his effects were broadly given, and his personality was essentially comic. He was quite an old man when I first knew bim. and I had serious doubts as to whether our acquaintance in the theater would be an agreeable one: for by the terms of my engagement I was to hold a leading part as the commedian of the company, and he, who had always occupied that station, was placed as second to me. I naturally thought that feeling bimself comparatively subordinate, and that I. a younger man, was to outrank him, he would, by his manner at least, resent my intrusion upon his former ground. I was, however, agreeably mistaken; for I found him too generous a man to harbor any jealous feelings, and to my gratification we were friends from our first meeting. It is pleasant also to know that this relationship extended over many years, and up to the day of his death. "The useful career and unblemished character of George Holland will be re-

called by all who knew him. He lived. a bright and cheerful spirit, in this world for eighty years, for time could not age his youthful heart. He was the merriest man I ever knew. Practical joking was a passion with him, and though his pranks were numerous, by some good fortune they always ended innocently and with harmless mirth. I remember that on one occasion, when some goldtish had been placed in the ornamental fountain in Union Square, Holland dressed himself in a full sporting suit, and with a fish-basket strapped upon his shoulder, a broad-brimmed hat upon his head and a rod in his hand, he unfolded a camp-stool, and quietly seating himself in front of the fountain began to fish, with such a patient and earnest look in his face that no one could have supposed that it was intended as a practical joke. This strange spectacle soon attracted a curious crowd about the sportsman, who with a vacant and idiotic smile sat there quietly awaiting a nibble. A policeman soon forced his way through the crowd and arrested Holland, who explained with a bewildered look that he was fishing in his own private grounds. The policeman naturally concluded that the intruder was some harmless lunatic, and, patting bim kindly on the shoulder, bade him go home to his friends. Holland burst into a flood of tears, and while affectionately embracing the guardian of the law contrived to fasten the fish-book into the collar of the policeman's coat, who walked slowly and sympathetically away, unconsciously dragging the line and rod after bim. The crowd, seeing the loke, roared with laughter, as Holland quickly made his way to the nearest omnibus, which he reached before the infurlated policeman

JONES OF NEVADA.

The Foundation of the Senator's Wealth Laid by a Grub Stake. When John P. Jones, now United States Senator and many times a millionaire, was keeping a grocery store at Tuolumne, Cal., in the days of goldhunting one of his patrons was a miner -a poor prospector who, like most of his kind, was always "broke." One day he called on Jones. "Say, Jones, I think I've got a bonanza in that claim of mine," said the poor miner.

Jones smiled. He had heard these stories before. He knew how great expectations were frequently never realized. Time, labor and money were usually wasted on what looked like something rich but that developed into snares, so Jones merely smiled. "It's a big thing," persisted his what the claim was and his reasons for

visitor, and he proceeded to explain being so sanguine. After several hours' talk the miner asked for an advance of \$1,000 with which to buy tools and food. Jones demurred. A thousand dollars was a big enough sum, saved, as it had been, with much trouble and labor. But after all \$1,000 cut no figure in comparison with the profits of a good mine. Jones finally told the miner he would see what could be done.

After nightfall and after the Chinamen employed in the neighborhood had taken their departure, Mr. Jones allowed the embers of his fire to die out. When satisfied no one was about he scraped away the ashes, raised the stone on which the fire was built, and weighed out the necessary gold dust to make the \$1,000. These little precautions were always taken in that region, where even robbers were more plentiful than fortunes.

The tools were bought, Jones lending the money and the miner promising him one-third of the profits of the mine. For months the solitary miner labored, but he did not strike the lead. He grew dropped in to see Jones. The latter had by this time abandoned all hope of ever

seeing his money again. "There's no gold up there," he would inform the exhausted miner. "Yes, there is," insisted the latter. "if I could only strike it."

Affairs were now becoming desperate with the hopeful but penniless man. One day he called on Jones, and, after coughing apologetically, asked for some meal and bacon. He knew he would be successful eventually with his search. but provisions were out. Jones smiled again. "It's like throwing it in a rathole," he cheerfully observed, as he dug out a side of bacon and gathered up a sack of corn-meal for his luckless partner. For four months nothing was heard of the old fellow, and Jones pre sumed he had either gone away or died at his post up the gulch. Both suppositions were erroneous. The miner dashed into the store one day irradiated with joy. He had really struck his bonanza. The mine was sold for \$3,000,000, and, faithful to his promise, the honest miner gave Jones one-third of it. Senator Jones' prosperity dated from that

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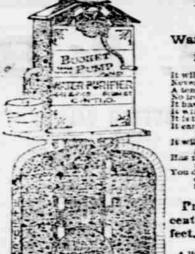
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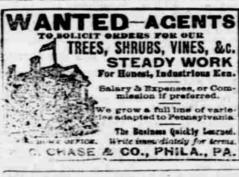
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soffer death on return. Priests may be seized by any one without a warrant. No one shall run on the Sabbath day. or walk in his garden, or elsewhere, ex cept reverently to and from meeting. No one shall travel, cook victuals make beds, sweep house, cut hair shave on the Sabbath day

The Sabbath shall begin at sunset of To pick an ear of corn growing on neighbor's garden shall be deemed theft.

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ominion shall pay a fine of five pound No one shall read the common praye book, keep Christmas, or set days, or play on any instrument except the drum or lew's harp. No Gospel minister shall join people In marriago. The magistrate only shall join them in marriage, as they do it with less scandal to Christ's church

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fine of ten pounds. A woman who strikes her husband shall be punished as the court directs. A wife shall be deemed good evidence against her husband.

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TOM CRUSE'S CAREER: A Story That Illustrates the Ups and

Downs of Western Life.

ound according to a cap.

The history of the thrice-millionaire banker of Helena, Mont., Thomas Cruse, as told by the Chicago Tribune, illustrates the ups and downs of Western life and sets in strong contrast the two extremes of absolute, groveling poverty and extraordinary affluence. "Six years ago Tom Cruse," says Thomas M. Long, "was only a common, ordinary laborer, a prospector and a miner. He had spent almost his last nickel, was out of luck, and, being out of money, it naturally follows he had very few friends. Indeed, he was so poor that I well remember the day when he was actually refused credit for a fifty-pound sack of flour. He did odd jobbs about town-any thing so long as he turned an honest dollar. One day he took a tramp into the mountains. When he came back to town he astonished everybody by reporting the discovery of what has since turned out to be one of the richest silver mines in and made every thing solid in his own name. This mine was the famous Drum Lummond in the mountains near Maysville, twenty-one miles from Helena. A syndicate of capitalists, hearing of his great find, went out to investigate it. The result far surpassed even their expectations, and on their way back to town they sought out to the way back to town they sought and the publishment.

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How Many Lone Widows selves in Lurge C "No. I wish I migh as that, but I can't icular. You think as men? So they same, they are an other. Men ain't an -but then most of the to take themselves off early in the morning. no more of 'em till when they are in the their rooms and belt while the women are ning in and out of pitchers of hot we my stairs as they post of 'em ure duds, in spite of atl and the worst of it em down to the and that is awful wor. knowing, as she does, of 'em will ever give her might wrap round your fit "And then they will not on my stove-I would -but on oil stoves in their ening the ceiling till it must to look at it, and sometime house smelling so strong of that my best lodgers to me. Now gentlem they may have, don't do ing, and they get their. rants, and they gin't a me with complaints of or the 'suss' of the housen is she to sweep a room proto know, when there's a st lean across it, hung wit don't so much mind though, as I do the way w

has of plastering their w chiefs against the wall trickle down for the di and rain the looks of may be has been newly-p ain't only the real nee this. I have in my bocs school-teacher getting is dollar salary, and a draper twenty-five dollars a week, and liner whose bonnets I can't even to look at, they are so high and all three of them women they go out every Sunday in the pade suits, keep their oil-ste do some of their own washing. "Bo the men never anney as course they do. Did you ever man that wouldn't throw burnt me on the front steps when he was out in the morning? That ain't though, as dropping lighted es my staircase when they come ! night not quite themselves, and trying to get into the wrong mous quire references? Yes, that is a fe have to go through with, though they don't amount to a row of pi

rooms will suit her, and when a omes palavering around me I say same thing to him. Trefer single gentlemen? The dot: I always have my misgivings vi a married couple comes in for here are no children they so make it unpleasant for the other lo "As for children, I can make a ances for them, having had five if own, but then I can't expect the an my lodgers. There was a baby ast year, in my first floor from that child, after keeping quiet al long, would begin to yell evening just as soon as bachelor in my first fice would come into his room, and it up so long that I wasn't a orprised when I found that I'd to give up either the bachelor of baby-of course the haby was the

go a little by folks' faces but

ly by the way they talk. Wi

woman is 'too sweet to be wholes

let go. Children after they an mough to walk and talk ain't son omplained of, but they have as a had habit of dropping plenes of p the stairs for folks to step on. "Men better pay than women? when it comes to that. I have less m with women. A woman will some stand here and jew me down to their est price I could possibly let a room at, but after that she will most als pay what she promises; while time again I've had to threaten your lows to go to their employers 5

room-rent. I don't knowns it wes any good, but it gives them a start they naturally like to stand well a them they work for. There is a lot of money in m out your rooms if you own the live in, but if you have hot pay, it is only a hand to n that you get out of it. My go off easy enough at my i year, but sometimes the larg on till I get so discouraged wasn't for my children, I'd gir

How Franklin Surprised a Custom Wested His Time. One morning when Benjami hin was busy in the press root

the clerk the price. "One dollar," echoed the lost "can't you take less than that" "One dollar is the price," the answered. The would be purchaser fooled of

the clerk replied. "Well, I want to see him," said it The clerk told Mr. Frankfin the gentleman was in the store, walling see him. Franklin soon appeared the stronger said:

that you can take for that book?" "One dollar and a quarter," was in prompt answer. "One dollar and a quarter! your clerk asked me only a dollar ! "True," replied Franklin.

offered it yourself for a de quarter." "Yes," said Franklin, cooliy than a dollar and a half n This was a way of tradthe man quite by surprise

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could have better afforded iollar than to leave my work The man seemed surprised ng to end a parley of his own mid: "Well, come now, tell lowest price for this book." "One dollar and a half." "A dollar and a half!

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newspaper, a lounger stepped book store and spent an hour in looking over the books. Final seemed to settle upon one, and se "One dollar," the clerk answerd

the books awbile longer and then h quired: "Is Mr. Franklin in?" "Yes, he's busy in the printing offer."

"What is the lowest, Mr. Fran