

thoughts in words. Hence we say: He thought he "should" never see the man again, because he would have said: I think I "shall" never, etc. But, he thought his brother "would" come, because the corresponding form is: I think my brother "will" come. So, he was sure he "should" succeed.

It remains to point out some special applications of "should" and "would" when used as notional verbs. "Should" is often notional in the first person. This use of it is to be carefully distinguished from its employment as a tense-sign. Compare, we "should" (notional) love our country, and, we "should" (auxiliary) have seen him had he been there. In like manner "would" may be used as a notional verb in the second and third persons. For instance, he "would" (was determined to) have his way; if they "would" (should be willing to) come. It is also used to denote the frequent repetition of an act, or what is wont to take place, as: on such occasions he "would" rave like a madman.

What has been said of "would" is likewise true of "will," as: In spite of warnings he "will" continue his evil course. Why, if thou "wilt" so let it be.

A few sentences, taken from various sources, are here added, which will serve to exercise the reader's skill in making the needful distinctions. "It *won't* do to let the public see so much of me in future. Talk to me, and I *shall* forget it." "I don't think I *would*, if I were you." "I *should* let it alone." "I wish she understood it better. I *should* like to help her understand it—but I *won't* quarrel with her, even in my thoughts." I felt at first inclined to turn the thing off with a jest, but suddenly I thought to myself that I too *would* speak my mind." "I knew very well how you and Wallace *would* take her. You and I *will* have to defend each other, and when we go to see her afterward I *shall* be invaluable, for I *shall* be able to save Kendal and Wallace the humbug of compliments."

The following usages are sometimes hard in conversation: I knocked at the door, but I *would not* be let in (meaning they who were inside would not let me in). I wanted to bathe but I *wouldn't* be allowed (they who were in authority would not allow me).

Most of the examples of correct usage cited above are taken at first hand from the works of a noted English writer of fiction.