

—whether a period followed by a capital, or a comma or a semicolon followed by a small letter. Read the selection after you have rewritten it.

The valley looked even lovelier by morning | at 1 soon the road descended to the level of the river | here, in a place where many straight and prosperous chestnuts stood together | making an aisle upon a swarded terrace | I made my morning toilette in the water of the Tarn | it was a marvelously clear thrilling pool | the soapsuds disappeared as if by magic in the swift current | and the white boulders gave one a model for cleanliness | to wash in one of God's rivers in the open air seems to me a sort of cheerful solemnity or semi-pagan act of worship | to dabble among the dishes in a bedroom may perhaps make clean the body | but the imagination takes no share in such a cleansing | I went on with a light and cheerful heart | and sang psalms to the spiritual ear as I advanced.

EXERCISE 4

Rewrite the following passages, making the proper divisions between the statements that they contain :

1. Noon in the country is very still the birds do not sing the workmen are not in the field the sheep lay their noses to the ground the herds stand in pools under shady trees lashing their sides but otherwise motionless the mills upon the brook far above have ceased for an hour their labour the stream softens its rustle and sinks away from the sedgy banks the heat plays upon the meadow in noiseless waves and the beech leaves do not stir.

2. There are three creatures, the squirrel, the field-mouse, and the bird called the nuthatch, which live much on hazel-nuts and yet they open them each in a different way the first after rasping off the small end splits the shell in two with his long fore-teeth as a man does with his knife the second nibbles a hole with his teeth, as regular as if