

plural—glass-es, bush-es, church-es, fox-es. Verbs :
plural—pass, rush, lunch, box ; *singular*—pass-es,
 rush-es, lunch-es, box-es.

5. ENDING IN O.—Some nouns and verbs ending in *o* preceded by a consonant take *e* before adding *s* ; as :

Singular. Cargo, negro. *Plural.* Cargo-es, Negro-es.

NOTE.—Other nouns, as *motto*, *grotto*, etc., take the *s* without any addition of the *e*.

Plural. Do, go. *Singular.* Does, goes.

NOTE.—*Does* and *goes* are almost the only instances of the kind among verbs.

6. ENDING IN THE F SOUND.—Most nouns ending in *f* or *fe* form their plural by changing the *f* or *fe* into *ve* and adding *s* ; as :

Singular. Leaf, wife, thief. *Plural.* Leaves, wives, thieves.

Exercise 9.

A.

Change the *number* of the following nouns :

Lady, baby, daisy, cherry, ferry, story, army, party, penny, navy, ivy, pony, valley, money, turkey, donkey, chimney, journey, pulley, jockey, monkey, survey, half, calf, thief, leaf, roof, princess, wharf, wife, knife, life, tax, patriarch, bush, skirmish, pinch, monarch, chorus, moss, hero, tyro, motto.

B.

Write sentences making use of the following verbs in both *numbers* :

Try, pity, spy, glory, study, reply, carry, copy, fancy, survey, betray, array, pay, tax, push, wish.