

EXERCISES ON NUMBER.

Write,—or tell,—or spell, the Plural of

Fox,* book, leaf, candle, hat, loaf, wish, fish, sex, kiss, coach, inch, sky, bounty, army, duty, knife, echo, loss, cargo, wife, story, church, table, glass, study, calf, branch, street, potato, peach, sheaf, booby, rock, stone, house, glory, hope, flower, city, difficulty, distress.

Day, boy, relay, chimney,† journey, valley, needle, enemy, an army, a vale, an ant, a sheep, the hill, a valley, the sea, key, toy.

Correct the following errors.

A end, a army, an heart, an horn, an bed, a hour, a adder, a honour, an horse, an house, an pen, a ox, vallies, chimnies, journies, attornies, a eel, a ant, a inch, a eye.

Exercises on the Observations.

Monarch, tyro, grotto, nuncio, punctilio, ruff, muff, reproof, portico, handkerchief, gulf, hoof, fife, multitude, people, meeting, John, Lucy, meekness, charity, folly, France, Matthew, James, wisdom, reading.

* What is the plural of fox? *Foxes*. Why? Because nouns in *s*, *sh*, *ch*, *x*, or *o*, form the plural by adding *es*.—What is the plural of book? *Books*. Why? Because the plural is generally formed by adding *s* to the singular.—What is the plural of leaf? *Leaves*. Why? Because nouns in *f* or *fe*, change *f* or *fe* into *ves* in the plural.—What is the plural of army? *Armies*. Why? Because nouns in *y* change *y* into *ies* in the plural.—What is the plural of day? *Days*. Spell it: *d, a, y, s*. Why not *d, a, i, e, s*? Because *y* with a vowel before it is not changed into *ies*:—it takes *s* only.—What is the difference between *adding* and *changing*?—K. No. 37, 40, 41.

† Many eminent authors change *cy* in the singular into *ies* in the plural, thus: *Chimnies* with scorn rejecting smoke. *Swift*.

Still as thou dost thy radiant *journies* run. *Prior*.

But rattling nonsense in full *vollies* breaks. *Pope*.

The society of Procurators or *Attornies*. *Boswell*.

This mode of spelling these and similar words is highly improper.