

Mrs. Murray's Rules.
Rule XI.—
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* The second part of this rule is a flat contradiction of the first. The first says the verb and pronoun may be either of the singular or plural number; the second says, No; "Not without regard to the import of the word," &c.

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By the Author's Key to this Grammar, a grown-up person, though he had never learned Grammar before, may easily teach himself.

Corresponding Rules in Other Grammars.

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Rule X.—Sentences that express contingency and futurity, require the subjunctive mood; as, "If he be alone, give him the letter."

When contingency and futurity are not implied, the indicative ought to be used; as, "He goes on the road he may meet his friends."—p. 28.