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The preceding Grammar, owing to the uncommon precision and brevity of the Definitions, Rules, and Notes, is not only better adapted to the capacity of children than the generality of those styled Introductory Grammar; but it is so extensively provided with exercises of every sort, that it will entirely supersede the use of Mr. Murray's *English Grammar*, and *Exercises*; for it is a more concise, like his *Abridgement*, which contains only about seven pages of exercises on bad Grammar. This contains more than sixty. This contains a complete course of Grammar, and supersedes the use of any other book of the kind.

In short, by abridging every subject of minor importance; by omitting discussion on the numerous points about which grammarians differ; by rendering the rules and definitions more perspicuous, and at the same time abridging them more than one-half; by selecting short sentences on bad grammar; by leaving few broken lines, and printing them close together—no more exercises under each rule of syntax are compressed into this volume as there are in Mr. Murray's volume of *Exercises*; so that the use of his *Abridgement*, his larger Grammar, and that of his *Exercises*, are completely superseded by this little volume at 1s. 6d.; while at the same time, the learner will acquire as much knowledge of grammar with this in six months, as with all these volumes in twelve.

The truth of this, as well as the unspeakable advantage of having the Grammar and Exercises in one volume, teachers will perceive at a glance; but as parents may not so quickly perceive the superior brevity and accuracy of the rules, it may not be improper to assist them a little, by comparing a few of the rules in this with those of Mr. Murray's: thus,

Mr. Murray's Rules.

Rule II.—Two or more nouns, &c., in the singular number, joined together by a copulative conjunction expressed or understood, must have verbs, nouns, and pronouns agreeing with them in the plural number; as, "Socrates and Plato were wise; they were the most eminent philosophers of Greece." "The sun that rolls over our heads, the food that we receive, the rest that we enjoy, daily admonish us of a superior and superintending power."—p. 128.

Corresponding Rules in this.

Rule IV.—Two or more singular nouns, coupled with *and*, require a verb and pronoun in the plural number; as, James and John are good boys, for they are boys.—p. 62.

* This rule is not only vague, but incorrect; for *a* means any one; now any copulative conjunction will not combine the agency of two or more into one; none but *and* will do that.—Mr. M.'s third rule is equally vague.