

Gratitude is a forceible and active principle in generous minds.

Our natural defects of body are not chargeable upon us.

Rule 10.—When *ing* or *ish* is added to words ending with silent *e*, the *e* is almost universally omitted ; as, place, placing ; lodge, lodging ; slave, slavish ; prude, prudish.

An obligeing and humble disposition is totally unconnected with a servile and cringeing humour.

By solacing the sorrows of others the heart is improved, at the same time that our duty is performed.

Labour and expense are lost upon a droneish spirit.

The inadvertencies of youth may be excused, but knaveish tricks should meet with severe reproof.

Rule 11.—Words taken into composition often drop those letters which were superfluous in their simples ; as, handful, dunghil, withal, also, chilblain, foretel.

Love worketh no ill to our neighbour, and is the full-filling of the law.

That which is sometimes expedient, is not always so.

We may be hurtfull to others by our example as well as by personal injuries.

Where diligence opens the door of the understanding, and impartiality keeps it, truth finds an entrance and a wellcome too.

ELLIPTICAL PHRASES.

The following table contains a few examples of contracted words, which are frequently made use of, both in writing and conversation ; they should however be avoided in dignified style, and even in familiar discourse.

I've known him,

You're speaking again,

He's been out,

She's gone,

He's well,

We've recited,

They've gone,

I'm going,

I'll not offend,

He'll not please,

'Tis true,

Who'll hear him,

I can't bear it,

I don't know,

for I have known him.

“ You are speaking again.

“ He has been out.

“ She has gone.

“ He is well.

“ We have recited.

“ They have gone,

“ I am going.

“ I will not offend.

“ He will not please.

“ It is true.

“ Who will hear him.

“ I cannot bear it.

“ I do not know.