

Larva, larvae ; radius, radii ;
 Stratum, strata ; vertex, vertices ;
 Genus, genera ; basis, bases ;
 Beau, beaux ; criterion, criteria.

6. Letters, figures and signs are pluralized by adding an apostrophe and *s* ; as, *h's, g's, +'s*.

Some writers pluralize proper names and other parts of speech temporarily used as nouns in the same way ; as *if's, the Smith's*. It is better, however, simply to add *s* ; as, 'the *whys* and the *wherefores*,' 'the *Wolfs*,' 'the *Hardys*,' 'the *Catos*.'

7. A few nouns, plural in form, or apparently so, are treated as singular ; as, *news, gallows, molasses, and summons*, the last of which takes a regular plural. Others are treated as singular or plural according to the thought to be expressed ; as, *innings, means, odds, pains, series, tidings, wages*, also words ending in *ics* ; as, *mathematics*.

II.—Wrong possessive forms are caused by omitting, misplacing, or inserting an apostrophe. Observe carefully the following correct forms : 'An hour's notice,' 'a seven days' wonder,' 'a children's party,' 'James's books,' 'Socrates' trial,' 'for conscience' sake,' 'rooms to let.'

EXERCISE I.

I.—Correct any wrong plural or possessive forms in the following sentences :

1. Take two cupsful of flour, and one of sugar.
2. He accounted for all monies received by him.
3. There are three Mary's in the class.
4. Eight Henries have sat on the throne of England.
5. I think that her two son-in-laws might support her.
6. He generally forgets to cross his ts or dot his is.
7. You can scarcely tell her 5s from her 3s.
8. Court-martials were held at various points to try the rebels.
9. How many cantoes have you read ?