

He took possession of the island. He did this solemnly. He did it in the name of his sovereign. He gave the island a name. He called it San Salvador.

(c) Columbus had observed flocks of small birds. Those birds were flying towards the south-west. The Portuguese navigators had frequently followed the flight of birds. By so doing they had discovered islands. Columbus knew this fact. He determined to alter his course. He determined to follow that of the birds. This was on the 7th of October.

6. Express the following statements in as many ways as possible:—

- (a) Gold is heavier than iron.
- (b) To preach is easier than to practise.
- (c) Iron is the most useful of all the metals.
- (d) Riches do not always bring happiness.
- (e) Cruelty to animals is cowardly.

7. Supply the ellipses in each of the following:—

- (a) It is colder now than in the morning.
- (b) He looks older than when I saw him last.
- (c) I have more faith in prevention than in cure.
- (d) He looks as if he were going to faint.
- (e) It is not so deep as when we crossed it.

8. Re-write the following in prose, in your own words, as far as possible:—

A crow, who stole a piece of cheese,
 Got nicely perched among the trees,
 His stolen morsel to enjoy,
 Where nothing might his bliss destroy;
 When lo! a fox came prowling by,
 And, underneath the branches high,
 Sir Reynard eyed the crow so sooty,
 And praised him highly for his beauty.
 Quoth he, "I solemnly declare,
 Your form and feathers are so fair,
 Your shape so graceful, and your voice!
 I'm sure to hear it I'd rejoice;
 For if it equal your complexion,
 You must be absolute perfection!"
 The silly crow, so weak and vain,
 Believed the flatterer's artful strain,
 And then, to show his tuneful throat,
 Essayed to warble forth a note!
 But ere he proved his vocal skill,
 The precious cheese dropt from his bill--
 And Reynard got the thing he wanted,
 And showed, as off he laughing sped,
 How fools are flattered, knaves are fed.

9. Fill the blanks with the proper parts of
 (1) *lay* or *lie*; (2) *set* or *sit*.

- (1) (a) The boat was at the dock.
- (b) It looks as if it had there for some time.
- (c) It in a different direction.
- (d) He agreed to let it over till next meeting.
- (e) He in bed longer than usual.
- (2) (a) She was by the window.
- (b) I like to and watch them.
- (c) I do wish that you would still, boys,
- (d) The old hen was on the nest.
- (e) I told you not to it on the stove.

10. Write (a) the plural of *tomato*, *shelf*, *fisherman*, *German*, *painful*, *Mr.*, *chimney*, *brother-in-law*, *mouse-trap*, *oasis*, *patriarch*, *Q*.

(b) The possessive singular and plural of *wife*, *baby*, *mouse*, *negro*, *man-servant*, *Frenchman*, *German*.

(c) The superlative of *big*, *little*, *much*, *lazy*, *beautiful*.

(d) The present and the past participle of *die*, *dye*, *mistake*, *ride*, *deride*, *cut*.

11. Analyze and parse italicized words:—

(a) A French *merchant*, *having* some *money* due to him, *set out* early one day, *accompanied* by his faithful dog, *for* the purpose of *collecting* it.

(b) Give examples to show what different parts of speech *all*, *little*, *before*, *fast* and *but*, may be.

12. Criticize and correct the following:—

- (a) Where was you when he done it?
- (b) I seen your friend there, he of whom you were telling me yesterday.
- (c) I shall vote for whoever the convention may nominate.
- (d) Nothing but the address can be placed on this side.
- (e) I can show you the book where he got it.
- (f) He was illy equipped for such an undertaking.
- (g) I don't know as it was it was injured any by me using it.
- (h) Neither of them seem to have any intention of giving up their claim.
- (i) He gets a different answer than I do.