

so in poetry, which is tenacious of old forms and usages. Chaucer has "He was of grete elde and might not tra-vaile,"—"He was of great age and could not work."

Can formerly meant "to have knowledge," and is of cognate origin with 'to con,' and 'ken.' It, however, early and easily acquired the meaning

of 'to have power.' The following shows its old meaning: "I know these Frenchmen, they *can* well on horse-back."—*Hamlet*. From denoting physical power, and hence possibility, 'may' became a frequent auxiliary of the subjunctive mood, when that mood dropped its inflections, as, "It *may* rain," "*May* you be happy."

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LATIN GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION.

QUESTIONS.

1. Decline in the singular, venter, tellus, gener, genus, servitus, lis, nux, dea, nurus, caro, domus, series; and in the plural, mel, nix, crus, imber, later, latus, carcer, lepus, pecus, nepos, litus, vis.

2. Write down the Comparatives and Superlatives of acer, celer, dives, gracilis, nequam, parvus, tenuis, bene, diu, prope, raro, vafre.

3. From what verbs do the following participles come:—Fisus, fissus, lapsus, mensus, nactus, nixus, orsus, pactus, ratus, refertus, tritus, victus.

4. State what Cases are usually joined with the following Verbs and Adjectives:—Auscullo, careo, caveo, consulo, induo, invideo, mdeor, suadeo, studeo, avidus, dispar, idoneus, immunis, inops, tenax.

5. Give examples in Latin of Defective, Frequentative and Desiderative Verbs.

6. The meanings of erga, in, ob, prae, super, tenus, with the cases which they govern.

7. Hoc verum esse persuademur. Ire pollicitus est. Senatus edixit ut nemo urbe excederet. Sine gratia agenda nemo vivit bene. Point out and correct the faults in the above sentences.

8. Translate into Latin:—

(1.) He came to see.

(2.) *I heard he was weary of con-
tending.

(3.) *You use (adhibeo) an expres-
sion (vox) which is not becoming.

(4.) *I shall not be allowed to come.

(5.) If Regulus had been willing to break (fallo) his word (fides) he would have escaped tortures and death.

(6.) He thinks that they will all be killed unless they return immediately.

(7.) He said there was no need of hurry.

(8.) This is to be done, [according as it expresses necessity or possibility.]

*N. B.—In (2), (3) and (4) use an impersonal verb.