

RULE II.

The apos'rophe is used to mark the possessive case.

Examples.

John's Book.—The boys' yard.—Nicholas's hat.—Dickens's novels.—Burns's poems.

THE HYPHEN.

The hyphen is used between compound words that together would not be recognized as a single word ; it is also used between a prefix ending in a vowel and a word beginning with the same vowel, to show that each of the vowels must have a separate pronunciation ; and to mark a break in a word at the end of a line.

Examples.

1. Glass-house, night-time, half-dollar, twenty-third, one-horse concern, crow's-nest, vice-president, etc.

2. Pre-existence, re-examine, re-echo, co-operate, co-ordinate, etc.

(a) When an expression is used as a qualifying epithet, the words forming the expression may be connected by hyphens ; as, It is some out-of-the-world place.

(b) In dictionaries the hyphen' is used between the syllables of words, to aid in the pronunciation.

OTHER MARKS.

Two Commas.—Two inverted commas are often used to save the repetition of a word that is common to several cases ; as,—

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| James Booth | Toronto. |
| James Welsh | " |