

The words 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th admit of being used without the period.

Besides these points which mark the pauses in discourse, there are a few others which denote a different modulation of voice. They are :

The interrogation point: (?)

The exclamation point: (!)

The parenthesis: ()

The note of interrogation is used after an interrogative sentence; that is, when a question is asked.

Ex. : Where do you come from ?

The note of exclamation is used after expressions of sudden emotion, surprise, etc., etc.

Ex. : Bless the Lord; O my soul !

N. B. — In some cases the meaning of the sentence is indicated only by the punctuation.

Ex. : How great was his sacrifice ?

How great was this sacrifice !

The parenthesis is a clause containing some useful remark; but which may be omitted without injuring the grammatical construction of the sentence.

Ex. : To gain a posthumous reputation, is to save four or five letters (for what is a name besides ?) from oblivion.

On the use of capital letters.

Formerly, all nouns began with a capital ; but as this practice was troublesome and gave the printing