

In the names of drugs and plants the mistake in a word may endanger life.

The fin of a fish is the limb by which he balances his body and moves in the water.

Many a trapp is laid to insnare the feet of youth.

*Rule 3.*—Words ending with *y*, preceded by a consonant, form the plurals of nouns, the persons of verbs, verbal nouns, past participles, comparatives, and superlatives, by changing into *i*; as *spy*, *spies*; *I carry*, *thou carriest*; *he carricth or carries*; *carried*; *happier*, *happiest*.

The present participle in *ing* retains the *y*, that *i* may not be doubled; as *carry*, *carrying*; *burying*, &c.

But *y*, preceded by a vowel, in such instances as the above, is not changed; as, *boy*, *boys*; *I cloy*, *he cloys*, *cloyed*, &c.; except in *lay*, *pay*, and *say*; from which are formed, *laid*, *paid*, and *said*; and their compounds, *unlaid*, *unsaid*, &c.

We should subject our fancies to the government of reason.

If thou-art seeking for the living amongst the dead, thou wearyest thyself in vain.

If we have denyed ourselves sinful pleasures, we shall be great gainers in the end.

*Rule 4.*—Words ending with *y*, preceded by a consonant, upon assuming an additional syllable beginning with a consonant, commonly changed *y* into *i*; as *happy*, *happily*, *happiness*. But, when *y* is preceded by a vowel, it is very rarely changed in the additional syllable; as, *coy*, *coily*; *boy*, *boyish*, *boyhood*; *annoy*, *annoyed*, *annoyance*; *joy*, *joyless*, *joyful*, &c.

It is a great blessing to have a sound mind, uninfluenced by fanciful humours.

Common calamities, and common blessings, fall heavily upon the envious.

The comeliness of youth are modesty and frankness; of age, condescension and dignity.

When we act against conscience, we become the destroyers of our peace.

*Rule 5.*—Monosyllables, and words accented on the last syllable, ending with a single consonant preceded by a single vowel, double that consonant, when they take another syllable beginning with a vowel; as *wit*, *witty*; *thin*, *thinnish*; *to abet*, *an abettor*; *to begin*, *a beginner*.

But, if a diphthong precedes, or the accent is on the preceding syllable, the consonant remains single; as, *to toil*, *toiling*, *to offer*, *an offering*, *maid*, *maiden*, &c.

When we bring the lawmaker into contempt, we have in effect annulled his laws.