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Mr. Murray's Rules.

Rule II.—Two or more nouns, &c., in the singular number, joined together by a* copulative conjunction expressed or understood, must have verbs, nouns, and pronouns agreeing with them in the plural number; as, "Socrates and Plato *were* wise; *they* were the most eminent philosophers of Greece." "The sun that rolls over our heads, the food that we receive, the rest that we enjoy, daily *admonish* us of a superior and superintending power."—p. 143.

Correspondent Rules in this.

Rule IV.—Two or more singular nouns, coupled with *and*, require a verb and pronoun in the plural number; as, James and John *are* good boys, for *they* are busy.—p. 83.

* This rule is not only vague, but incorrect; for *a* means *any one*; now *any* copulative conjunction will not combine the agency of *two* or *more* into *one*; none but *and* will do that.—Mr. M.'s *third* rule is equally vague.

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