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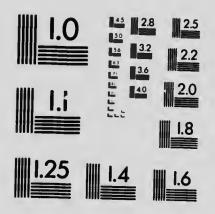
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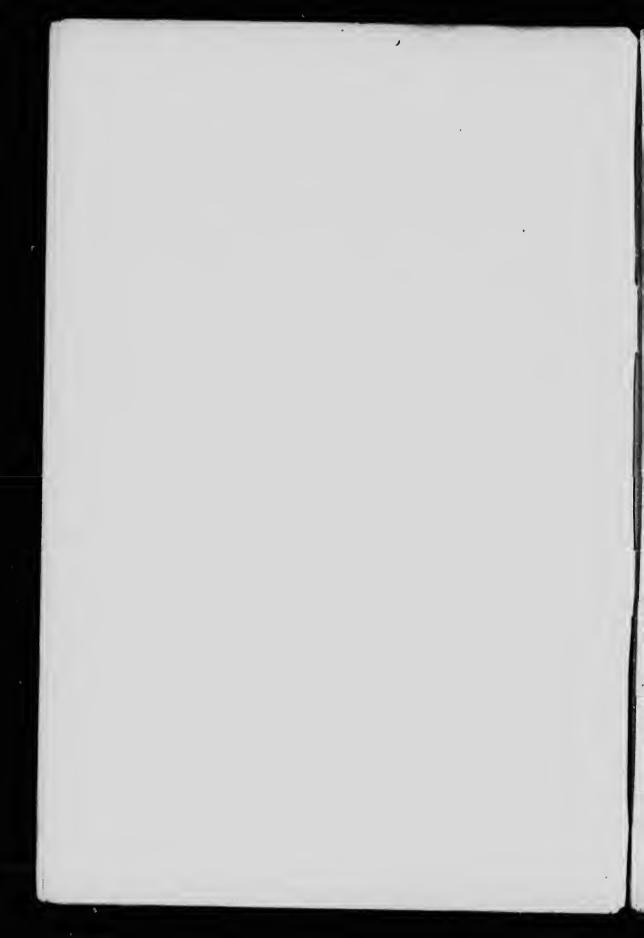
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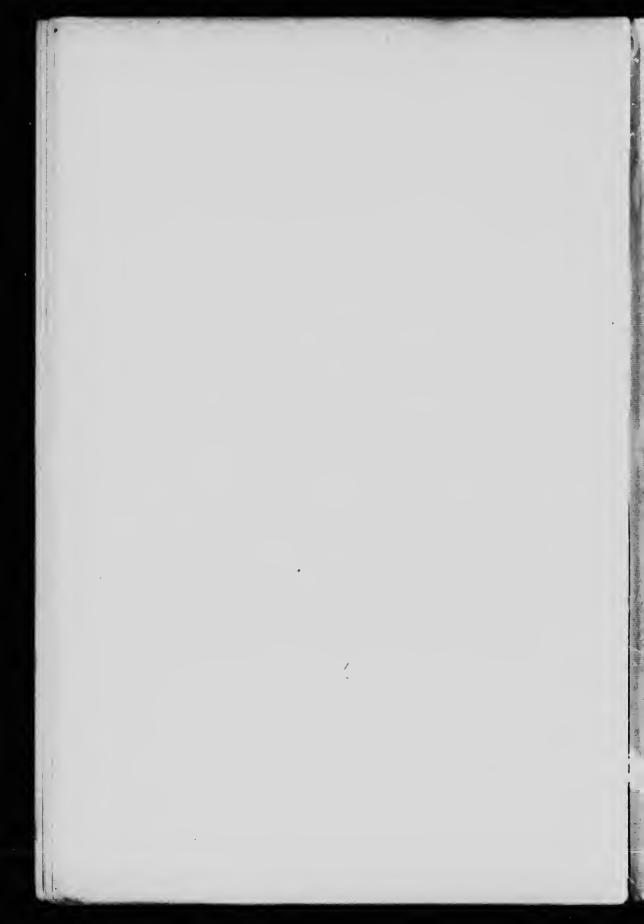
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PREFACE.

The object of this book is to assist all, who donot know the principal rules of grammar, to write and speak correctly.

Thousands read and write much, but when speaking or writing make grammatical errors, of which they would be ashamed if corrected, owing to ignorance of the essential rules which will be found in the following pages.

A book on how to use correct English, written in a simple and brief manner, and containing in condensed form everything necessary to guide writers or speakers to write and speak with correctness upon any subject, has been a long-felt want, and the author has endeavoured to put before the public an edition that will answer the purpose for which it is intended.



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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

The English language is the descendent and representative of the Anglo-Saxon. It has lost very much of the inflection and very many of the words which belonged to the old language, and on the other hand, it has borrowed words very largely, to the extent of even half its vocabulary, from other languages, especially the French and the Latin. Yet all the inflections that remain in it, and most of its formative endings, the pronouns and particles and, in general, the words which are in most frequent and familiar use, have come to it from the Anglo-Saxon. The Saxons and the Angles, when they entered Britain, were brought into contact with a Celtic-speaking population. It is true that the Latin had been spoken by the dominant people in England during more than three centuries of Roman occupation; but it seems not to have established itself, as it did in Gaul and Spain, so as to supplant the native language of the country. It had rather the position which was afte: wards held on the same

ground by its own child, the French, for more than two centuries after the Norman conquest. It was spoken by the ruling caste, while the mass of the people adhered to their own mother tongue, though they naturally received into it, as time passed on, a considerable number of words learned from their rulers. In Wales, which has retained the same population from Roman times, the vernacular idiom is not of Latin origin, nor is it very largely intermixed with Latin, it is true and genuine Celtic. The probability is, that the great body of those whose possessions passed into Anglo-Saxon hands spoke substantially the same language. This being so, it would not have seemed strange if the idiom of the conquered people had acted on that of the conquerors, so as to introduce a large Celtic element into Anglo-Saxon and English. But the fact is quite the contrary. The Celtic words in English are altogether few in number.

The introduction of Christianity among the Anglo-Saxons at the opening of the seventh century brought with it the study of the Latin. The cultivation of learning and letters belonged almost exclusively to ecclesiastics, with whom Latin was the professional language. Hence a number of Latin or Latinized Greek words, many of them con-

nected with church or religion, passed into the Anglo-Saxon.

The names of months were also borrowed from the Latin.

There is no language probably in which all the words are formed by its own processes from roots that originally belonged to it. What is peculiar to the English is not that it has words borrowed from other languages, but that it has so many of them; that a large part of its vocabulary is of foreign origin.

The French words, which have been ingrafted on the native English stock, are, with few exceptions, derived from the Latin, and when added to the almost equal number which have come directly from that language, they make, perhaps, four fifths of all our borrowed words. Much smaller, though still considerable, especially in scientific use, is the number of words taken from the Greek. The remainder of our foreign words can hardly exceed a twentieth part of the whole vocabulary, and are drawn from a great variety of sources—Celtic, Danish, Dutch, Hebrew, Arabic, Turkish, etc.

The English language is not spoken with uniformity by all who use it. Nearly every county in Britain has its local dialect, its peculiar words and

forms, which are used by the common people of the lower classes. This diversity is, in part, of long standing; in some points, it goes back even to Anglo-Saxon times. The English, as spoken by the common people of Ireland, has many peculiarities, both of sound and idiom, borrowed from the Gaelic which was once the language of the whole island. In America settlers from different parts of the mother country were brought together in the same colonies, so that no dialect of England or Scotland has been preserved in its distinctness on the new continent. At the same time, the migratory habits of the people have had the effect of securing a general uniformity of language in all parts of the country. With the exception of the negro dialect in the Southern States it can hardly be said that there are strongly marked local dialects in America.

THE FOLLOWING RULES SHOULD BE COM-MITTED TO MEMORY IN ORDER TO WRITE AND SPEAK CORRECTLY:

- 1. Elder and eldest are applied to persons; older and oldest to things.
- 2. The comparative degree is used in comparing two things, as, sad, sadder; nice, nicer.
- 3. The superlative is used in comparing more than two things, and is formed by adding st or est, as, sad, saddest; nice, nicest.
- 4. Adjectives of more than two syllables are compared by prefixing more and most, as, more beautiful, most beautiful.
- 5. Hers, its, ours, yours, theirs, should never be written, her's, it's, our's, your's, their's; but hers, its, ours, etc.
- 6. Much is applied to things weighed and measured; many to those that are numbered.
 - 7. Who is applied to persons, as, the man who.
- 8. Which is applied to inferior animals, and things without life, as, the lion which was tamed; the book which was found.

- 9. That is often used instead of who or which, and is applied to persons, animals, or things, as, the man that works; the book that was found.
- ro. The preposition should be placed immediately before the relative which it governs, as, To whom does this coat belong? Not, Whom does this coat belong to? To which you refer, not, which you refer to.
- 11. To prevent too much of the hissing sound, the s after the apostrophe is generally omitted when the first noun has an s in each of its two last syllables, and the second noun begins with s, as, Righteousness' rake, Francis' book, Thomas' knife.
- 12. When collective noun conveys unity of idea, the verb and pronoun should be singular; as, The management is to blame. The Company is represented by.
 - 13. Neither requires nor after it.
 - 14. Either requires or after it.
- 15. The passive participle is used after the verbs have and be, as, I have eaten my dinner; it was torn to pieces.
- 16. Two negatives in the same sentence are improper, thus: He cannot do in g, should be, He cannot do anything. She will never be no wiser. She will never be any wiser.

17. The distributive pronouns, each, every, either, neither, agree with nouns and verbs in the singular number only, as, each of them is satisfied; every boy is requested to be there; either of them is ready.

18. Tautology or the repetition of the same meaning in different words or phrases already fully expressed is improper.

HINTS ON CONVERSATION.

Never interrupt a person who is speaking. Remember that all "slang" is vulgar.

Never talk of things in which the company has no interest.

Do not talk too fast, neither too slow.

In conversing with people of rank, do not too frequently give them their title.

Never talk upon subjects of which you know nothing, unless you wish to obtain information.

Always look, but never stare, at those with whom you converse.

The tone of the voice should be gentle and low.

A loud voice is both disagreeable and vulgar.

Long arguments are always tiresome.

Never dwell too long upon one subject.

Listen well to everything that is said to you.

Praise your friends and leave it to your friends to praise you.

Never praise unless you mean it.

Speak your sentiments in as few words as possible.

Always speak the truth.

Speak of the absent as you would if they were present and heard you.

Always speak politely, it costs nothing.

Think before you speak; speaking without thinking is like shooting without aiming.

Speak distinctly so that your hearers can understand every word.

Do not speak at random.

Speak naturally, never imitate the voice of another, or change your voice in company or before strangers for the sake of affectation, you will only be laughed at.

Avoid unnecessary movements of the hands and face when speaking.

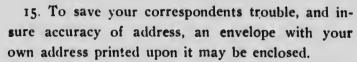
Don't use big words out of place.

Don't do all the talking, give your friends a chance. Don't be a verbose speaker.

HINTS FOR BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE.

- 1. Mr. and Esq. should never be used together, such as Mr. A. Johnson, Esq. If Mr. is used omit the Esq.
- 2. In writing to a clergyman whose surname only is known, it is customary to address him as Rev. Mr. Brown.
- 3. In letters of business use as few words as possible.
 - 4. Always write your name plainly.
- 5. Use a clear, distinct writing, avoiding all flourish of penmanship or language.
- 6. Come at once to your subject, and state it so clearly that it will not be necessary to guess your meaning.
- 7. Give town, country, province and date explicitly. It is frequently of great importance to know when a letter was written.
- 8. Read your letter carefully when finished, to see that you have made no omissions and no mistakes. Also carefully examine your envelope to see that it is rightly directed, with postage-stamp affixed.

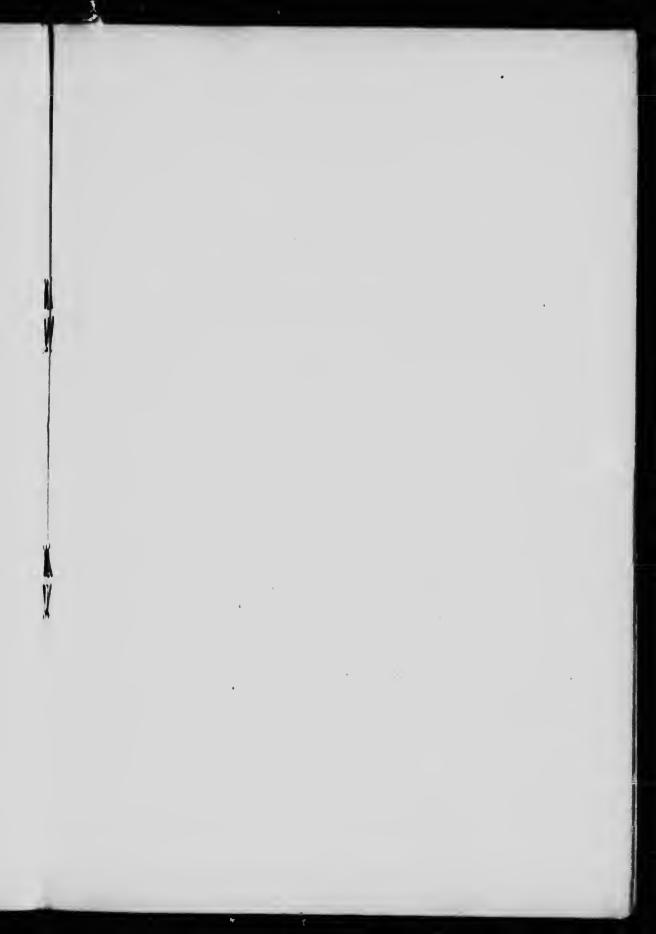
- 9. Copy all business letters of your own, by hand, or with the copying-press made for the purpose.
- 10. Send money by Draft, P. O. Money Order or Express, taking a receipt thereof; thus you have something to show for money, guaranteeing against loss. Always state in your letter the amount of money you send, and by what means sent.
- of each letter received and file for future reference, fastening the letters together with rubber-bands, tape, or binding in a letter file adapted to the purpose. The possession of a letter sometimes prevents litigation and serious misunderstanding.
- 12. In writing to a person on a subject that does not directly interest him, and concerns only yourself, you should always enclose a stamp if you desire an answer. Do not expect a person to spend his time and pay postage besides when writing about something that interests only yourself.
- 13. Do not write such contractions as don't, can't, isn't, etc., but, do not, cannot, is not, etc." The word "and" should never be contracted "&" in the body of a letter.
- 14. Be courteous in correspondence as well as in conversation. This has proved an important element in the success of many persons.



16. All business letters should be answered promptly. The man who always remits promptly and answers letters promptly is likely to please his correspondents and this helps one's business.

17. The repetition of a word in a letter should be avoided if possible.

18. Telegrams are so much used now in business' that they should be plainly written so that they can be read correctly by the person who receives them. Many costly errors are recorded on account of writing carelessly and indistinctly.



HEARD EVERY DAY.

What is said.

I told the two of them to come.

I have forgot my purse.

He always done his work well.

I seen him to-day.

A widow woman lives in the lower flat.

Neither of them have money.

You know as well as me that she never said no such thing.

Where's my gloves?

You needn't put on Kids.

I had just laid down when the bell rung.

I wouldn't lose it for nothing.

Where are you going to?

I never said nothing to him.

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What should be said.

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Where are you going?

I never said anything to him.

I lay in bed until I am called.

He is not a competent party.

It is the beautifulest I ever seen.

It is not him I am thinking of, it is her.

She is the best looking of the two.

I have broke the glass.

He is very sick.

The number of students that attend our College have increased this month.

Who did you send the money to?

Who do you live with?

James or William are going.

The Company are responsible.

The management are making arrangements.

It was me who sent the letter.

Mine is a more better suit.

I dont know nothing about it.

Neither you or your brother must come

You shouldn't take no chances.

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I only saw her yesterday.

Do I speak correct?

He reads rapid.

Each of his brothers are in a good position.

I was to Ottawa.

What hotel are you stopping at?

Who does this belong to?

He walks quicker than me.

Is it her?

Are you mad?

Do you sweat much when you walk quick?

Is he the oldest son?

Dont put no paper in the basket.

He hasn't came in.

They would have went earlier.

There is none here.

I have wrote a letter.

Who is knocking? Me.

Was you at home last week.

I saw her only yesterday.

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He don't want to.

I just begun my work.

He is drunk.

I would of written.

He woke me up.

I have ate my dinner.

He laid on the sofa a long time yesterday.

He spit on the floor last evening.

I saw it in here.

I have a new pair of gloves.

Close the door.

He stops at that hotel

Where did you lay?

Ain't he pretty?

The public have no objection.

In them days.

Ain't you?

Let John and I go.

He is as good as me.

He doesn't wish to.

I just began my work.

He is intoxicated.

I would have written.

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I have a pair of new gloves.

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He stays at that hotel.

Where did you lie?

Isn't he handsome.

The public has no objection.

In those days.

Aren't you.

Let John and me go.

He is as good as 1.

She is as tall as him. You are older than me, Nobody said so but he. John went out with James and I. You are stronger than him. Between you and I. He gave it to John and I. Me and him c 1 carry it. Her and her sister are coming. Her and him are the same age. Was it her? If I was him. Was it him? I don't know who to ask. The Old and the New Testament. Who is taking tickets? Me. His family are well. He is six foot, three inches. Has the bell rang?

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The Old and New Testament.

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He is six feet, three inches.

Has the bell rung?

It was them who passed.

He looks sick.

None is able to come.

They are better known than us.

I seen two deers at the circus.

The buffalo were caught.

The sheeps were killed.

Where did you order those well-made pants?

Who said that? Me.

Who is there? Me.

He speaks very fluent.

Which house do you live in?

Who do you think I seen yesterday?

That is her.

That is him.

Give me them books.

Who did it? Me.

The oldest son of Mr. -,

A pair of pants.

It was they who passed.

He looks ill.

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He should of went.

That kid knows too much.

Our dog is ill.

Willie is very sick.

I am finished.

Two and two makes four.

He is too fat.

It wasn't me.

I done this to-day.

Me and you know better.

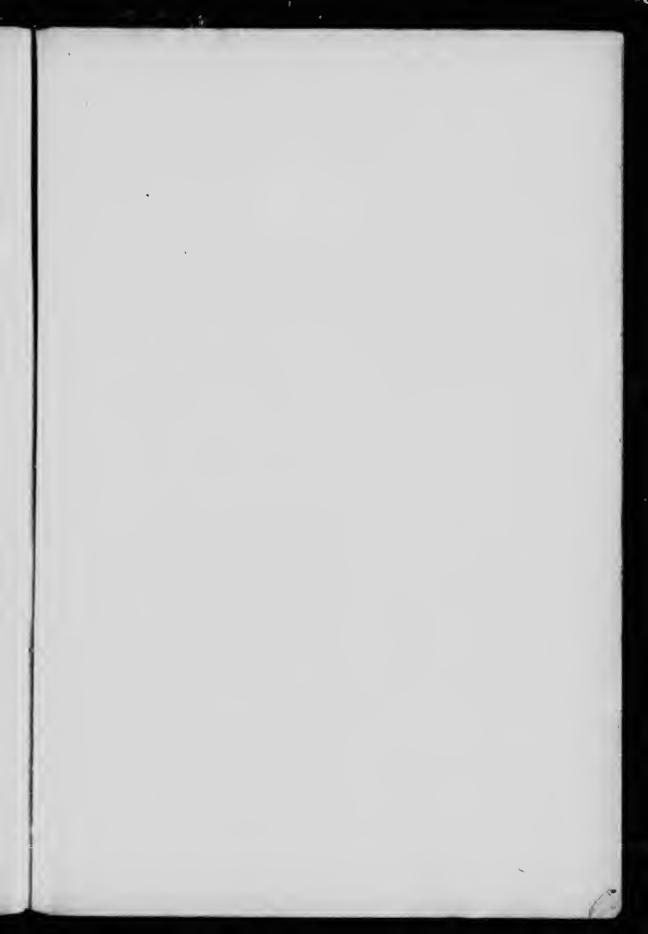
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He is too stout.
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You and I know better.

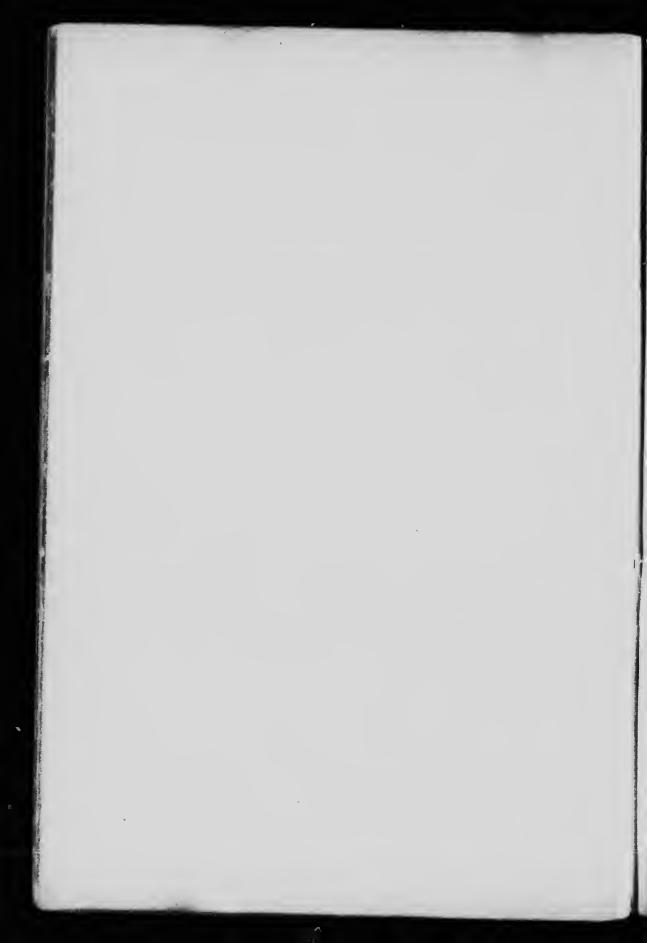
ABBREVIATIONS.

	ABBR	EVIATIONS,
Latin,		English.
Ante Christum	A.C. or B	.C. Before Christ
Arthum Baccaiaurens	A.B.orB.	A. Bachelor of Arts
Anno Domini	A.D.	In the year of our Lord
Artium Magister A	M. or M.	A. Muster of Arts
Auno Mundl	A.M.	In the year of the world
Aute Meridlem	A.M.	In the forenoon
Baccalaureus Divini	tn_	
tls	B.D.	Bachelor of Divinity
Bacculaureus Medi-		
cluae	B.M.	Bachelor of Medleine
Chirurgiæ Magister	C.M.	Master In Surgery
Divinitatis Doctor	D.D.	Doctor of Divinity
Et Cætern	&c.	And the rest; and so forth
Exempli gratia	e.g.	For example
Id est	1,e,	That is
Instante	lnst.	Of the present (mouth)
lesus Hombun Sal	l-	
vator	LH.S.	Jesus the Saviour of Men
Legum Doctor	LL.D.	Doctor of Laws
Medicinæ Doctor	M.D.	Doctor of Mediclue
Nota Bene	N.B.	Note well; Take notice
Philosophia Doctor	Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy
Post Merldiem	P.M.	In the afternoon
Pest Serlptum	P.S.	Postscript; something written after
Proxlmo	prox.	In the next month
Reglæ Societatis So	-	
clus	F.R.S.	Feliow of the Royal Society
Requiescat in pace	R.I.P.	May he rest in peace
Scientlæ Doctor	Sc.D.	Doctor of Science
Societatis Antiquarlor		
um Soclus	F.S.A.	Fellow of the Society of Antiqua- ries

Ultima	Uit,	Last (month)
Victoria Regina	V.R.	Victoria the Queen
Acet, Account	C.A.	Clurtered Accountant
Bart. Baronet	C.B.	Companion of the Buth
Bp. Bishop	D.C.L.	Doctor of Civil or Canon Law
Capt. Captain	G.C.B.	Kulght Grand Cross of the Bath
Col. Colonel	G.C.M.G	Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael
Cr. Creditor		and St. George
Dr. Debtor. Doctor	G.C.S,I	Grand Commander of the Star of
Do. or Ditto, The same		India
J.P.Justice of the Peac	e II.R.II	Lills or Her Royal Highness
Kut, Kulght	K.C.B.	Knight Commander of the Bath
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K.T. Knight of the	M.P.	Member of Parllament
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O. S. Old Style	S.S.C.	Solicitor before the Supreme Court
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