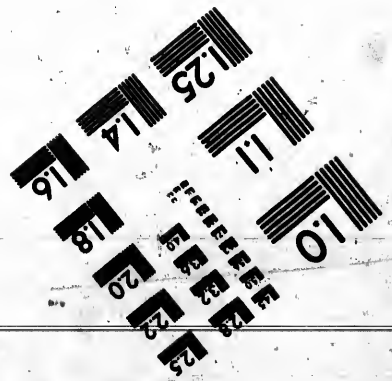
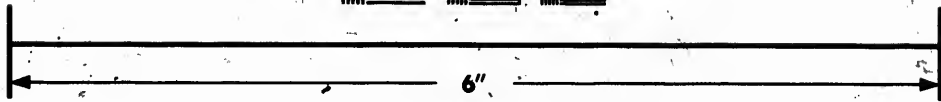
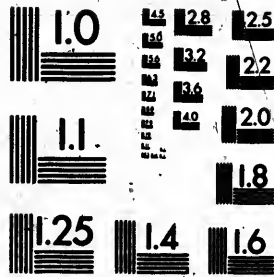


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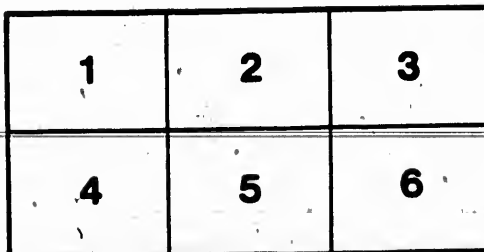
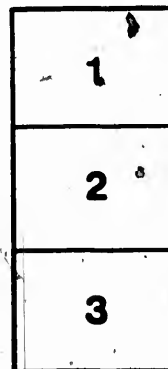
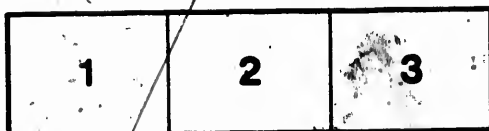
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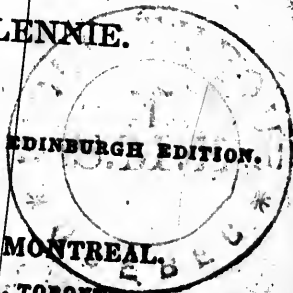
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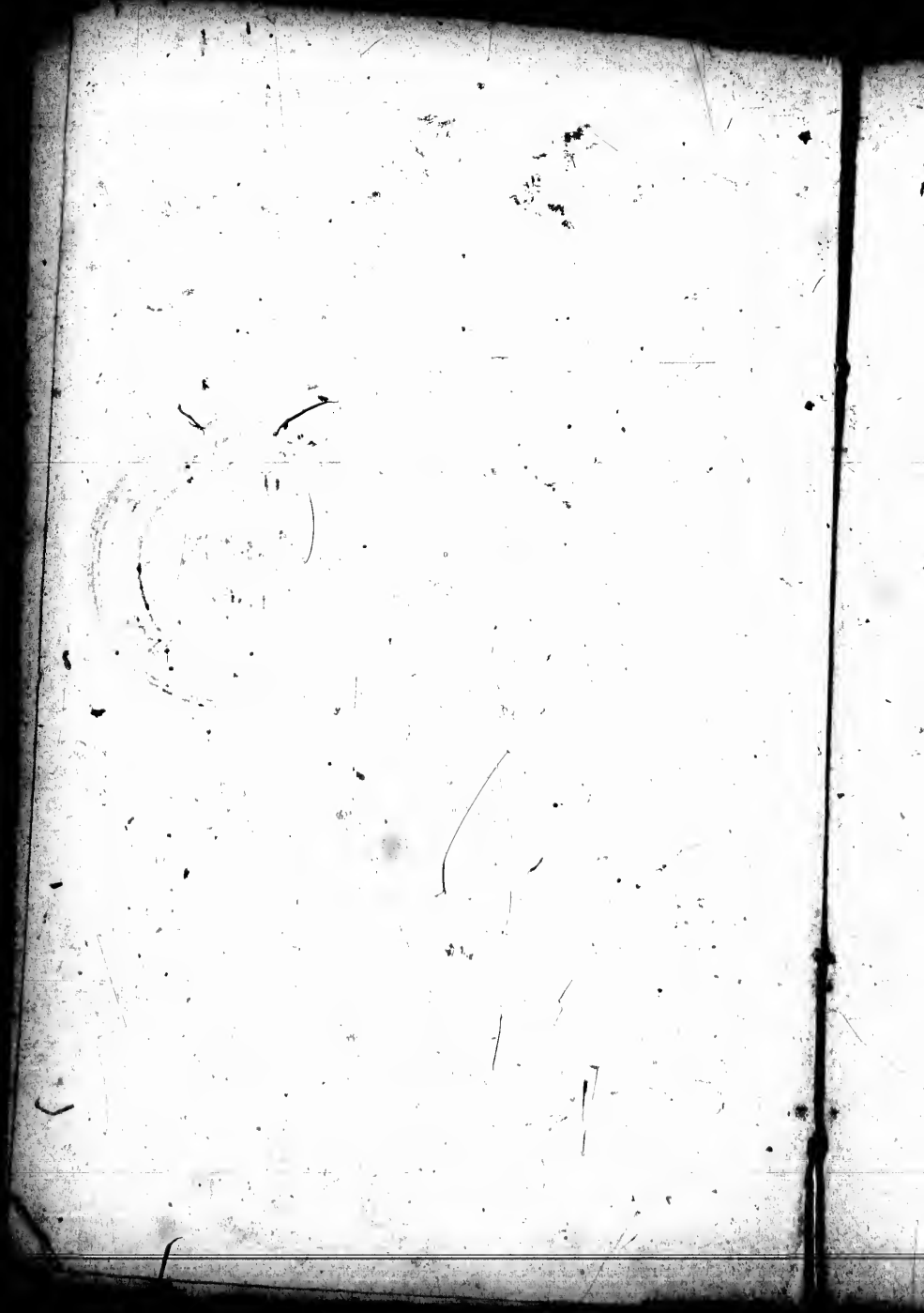
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PREFACE.

IT is probable that the original design and principal motive of every teacher, in publishing a school book, is the improvement of his own pupils. Such, at least, is the immediate object of the present compilation; which, for brevity of expression, neatness of arrangement, and comprehensiveness of plan, is, perhaps, superior to any book of the kind. My chief end has been to explain the general principles of grammar as clearly and intelligibly as possible. In the definitions, therefore, easiness and perspicuity have been sometimes preferred to logical exactness."

Orthography is mentioned rather for the sake of order than from a conviction of its utility; for, in my opinion, to occupy thirty or forty pages of a grammar in defining the sounds of the alphabet, is quite preposterous.

On Etymology, I have left much to be remarked by the teacher, in the time of teaching. My reason for doing this is, that children, when by themselves, labour more to have the words of their book imprinted on their memories, than to have the meaning fixed in their minds; but, on the contrary, when the teacher addresses them *vis a voce*, they naturally strive rather to comprehend his meaning, than to remember his exact expressions. In pursuance of this idea, the first part of this little volume has been thrown into a form, more resembling heads of lectures on grammar, than a complete elucidation of the subject. That the teacher, however, may not be always under the necessity of having recourse to his memory to supply the deficiencies, the most remarkable observations have been subjoined at the bottom of the page, to which the pupils themselves may occasionally be referred.

The desire of being concise has frequently induced me to use very elliptical expressions; but I trust they are all sufficiently perspicuous. I may also add, that many additional and critical remarks, which might have, with propriety, been inserted in the Grammar, have been inserted rather in the Key; for I have studiously withheld every thing from the Grammar, that could be spared, to keep it low-priced for the general good.

The Questions on Etymology, at the 172nd page, will speak for themselves: they unite the advantages of both the usual methods, viz. that of plain narration, and that of question and answer, without the inconvenience of either.

Syntax is commonly divided into two parts, Concord and Government; and the rules respecting the former, grammarians in general have placed before those which relate to the latter. I have not, however, attended to this division, because I deem it of little importance; but have placed those rules first which are either more easily understood or which more frequently occur. In arranging a number of rules, it is difficult to please

every reader. I have frequently been unable to satisfy myself; and, therefore, cannot expect that the arrangement which I have at last adopted will give universal satisfaction. Whatever order be preferred, the one rule must necessarily precede the other; and since they are all to be learned, it signifies but little whether the rules of concord precede those of government, or whether they be mixed, provided no anticipations be made which may embarrass the learner.

For Exercises on Syntax, I have not only selected the shortest sentences I could find, but printed the lines closely together, with the rules at the bottom on a small type, and by these means have generally compressed as many faulty expressions into a single page, as some of my predecessors have done into two pages of a larger size. Hence, though this book seems to contain but few exercises on bad grammar, it really contains so many, that a separate volume of exercises is quite unnecessary.

Whatever defects were found in the former edition, in the time of teaching, have been carefully supplied.

On Etymology, Syntax, Punctuation, and Prosody, there is scarcely a rule or observation in the largest grammar in print that is not to be found in this; besides, the rules and definitions, in general, are so very short and pointed, that compared with those in some other grammars, they may be said to be hit off rather than made. Every page is independent, and though quite full, not crowded, but wears an air of neatness and ease invitingly sweet,—a circumstance not unimportant. But, notwithstanding these properties, and others that might be mentioned, I am far from being so vain as to suppose this compilation is altogether free from inaccuracies or defects; much less do I presume that it will obtain the approbation of every one who may choose to peruse it; for, to use the words of Dr. Johnson, "He that has much to do, will do something wrong, and of that wrong must suffer the consequences; and if it were possible that he should always act rightly, yet when such numbers are to judge of his conduct, the bad will censure and obstruct him by malevolence, and the good sometimes by mistake."

† Those pupils that are capable of writing, should be requested to write the plural of nouns, &c. either at home or at school. The Exercises on Syntax, should be written, in their corrected state, with a stroke drawn under the word corrected.

† K. means Key: the figures refer to the No. of the Key, not the page.

THE PRINCIPLES
OF
ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR is the art of speaking and writing the English Language with propriety.

It is divided into four parts; namely, ORTHOGRAPHY, ETYMOLOGY, SYNTAX, and PROSODY.

ORTHOGRAPHY.

ORTHOGRAPHY teaches the nature and powers of Letters, and the just method of spelling Words.

A LETTER is the least part of a word.

There are *twenty-six* letters in English.

Letters are either Vowels or Consonants.

A *Vowel* is a letter, the name of which makes a *full open* sound.—The vowels are, *a, e, i, o, u, w, y*.—The consonants are, *b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, x, z*.

A *Consonant* is a letter that has a sound *less distinct* than that of a vowel; as, *l, m, p*.

A *Diphthong* is the union of two vowels; as, *ou* in *out*.

A *proper* Diphthong is one in which both the vowels are sounded; as, *oy* in *boy*.

An *improper* Diphthong is one in which only *one* of the two vowels is sounded; as, *o* in *boat*.

A *Triphthong* is the union of three vowels; as, *eau* in *beauty*.

A *Syllable* is a part of a word, or as much as can be sounded at once; as, *far* in *far-mer*.

A *Monosyllable* is a word of *one* syllable; as, *fox*.

A *Dissyllable* is a word of *two* syllables; as, *Pe-ter*.

A *Trissyllable* is a word of *three* syllables; as, *but-ter-fly*.

A *Polysyllable* is a word of *many* syllables.

Why should *judgement*, *abridgement*, &c. be spelled without *e*? How can *g* be soft like *j* without it? See Walker's Dic. under *judgement*.

ETYMOLOGY.

ETYMOLOGY treats of the different sorts of Words, their various modifications and their derivation.

THERE are nine parts of Speech:—Article, Noun, Adjective, Pronoun, Verb, Adverb, Preposition, Interjection, and Conjunction.

Of the ARTICLES.

An *Article* is a word put before a noun, to show the extent of its meaning; as, a man.

There are two articles, *a* or *an* and *the*. *A* is used before a consonant.*—*An* is used before a vowel, or silent *h*; as, *an* age, *an* hour.

Of NOUNS.

A *Noun* is the name of any person, place, or thing; as, *John*, *London*, *book*.

Nouns are varied by Number, Gender and Case.

OBSERVATIONS.

* *A* is used before the long sound of *a*, and before *w* and *y*; as, *A* unit, *a* euphony, *a* case, *a* week, *a* year, such *a* case.—*An* is used before words beginning with *h* sounded, when the accent is on the second syllable; as, *An* heroic action; *an* historical account.

A is called the *indefinite* article, because it does not point out a particular person or thing; as, *A* king, that is, *any* king.

The is called the *definite* article, because it refers to a particular person or thing; as, *The* King; that is, the king of our own country.

A noun without an article to limit it, is taken in its widest sense; as, *Man* is mortal; namely, *all* mankind.

A is used before nouns in the *singular* number only. It is used before the plural in nouns preceded by such phrases as, *A* few, *a* great many; as, *A* few books; *a* great many apples.

The is used before nouns in both numbers, and sometimes before adverbs in the comparative and superlative degree; as, *the* more I study grammar, *the* better I like it.

Of NUMBER.

Number is the distinction of *one* from *more*.

Nouns have *two* numbers; the *Singular* and the *Plural*. The singular denotes *one*, the plural *more* than one.

1. The plural is generally formed by adding *s* to the singular; as, Book, books.

2. Nouns in *s*, *sh*, *ch*, *x* or *o*, form the plural by adding *es*; as, Miss, Misses; brush, brushes; match, matches; fox, foxes; hero, heroes.——p. 10. b.†

3. Nouns in *y* change *y* into *ies* in the plural; as, Lady, ladies:—*y* with a vowel before it, is not changed into *ies*; as, Day, days.

4. Nouns in *f* or *fe*, change *f* or *fe* into *ves* in the plural; as, Loaf, loaves; life, lives.

OBSERVATIONS.

Nouns ending in *ea*, sounding *o*, form the plural by adding *s* only; as, *Stomach, stomachs*.

Nouns in *io*, with *ju*ts, *cent*, *tyre*, *grotto*, *partico*, *sole* and *quarto*, have *s* only in the plural; as, *Folio, folios; canto, cantos*.

Nouns in *ff*, have their plural in *s*; as, *Staff, staffs*; except *staff*, which sometimes has *staves*.

Dwarf, dwarf, wharf, brief, chief, brief, kerchief, handkerchief, mischief, gulf, turf, surf, life, strife, proof, hoof, roof and reproach, never change *f* or *fe* into *ves*.—*It changes f or fe into ves, I don't*.—K. 22. h.

Nouns are either *proper* or *common*.—*Proper* nouns are the names of persons, places, seas, rivers, &c.; as, *Thomas, Scotland, Florida*.

Common nouns are the names of things in general; as, *chair, table*.

Collective nouns are nouns that signify *many*; as, *multitude, crowd*.

Abstract nouns are the names of *qualities* abstracted from their substances; as, *Wisdom, wickedness*.

Verbal or *participial* nouns are nouns derived from verbs; as, *reading*.

* Proper nouns have the plural only when they refer to a race or family; as, *The Campbells*; or to several persons of the same name, as, *The eight Hours, the two Mr. Bells, the two Miss Browns*, (or without the numeral,) *the Miss Ropes*; but in addressing persons in which both or all are equally concerned, and also when the names are different, we pluralize the *title*, (Mr. or Miss) and write *Misses Brown, Misses Key; Messrs. (or Messieurs, Fr.) Gutrie and Tal*.

EXERCISES ON NUMBER.

Write, or tell, or spell, the Plural of

Fox,* book, leaf, candle, hat, loaf, wish, fish, sex, kiss, coach, inch, sky, bounty, army, duty, knife, echo, loss, cargo, wife, story, ohurch, table, glass, study, calf, branch, street, potato, peach, sheaf, booby, rock, stone, house, glory, hope, flower, city, difficulty, distress.

Day, boy, relay, chimney, † journey, valley, needle, enemy, an army, a vale, an ant, a sheep, the hill, a valley, the sea, key, toy.

Correct the following Errors :

A end, a army, an heart, an horn, an bed, a hour, a adder, a honour, an horse, an house, an pen, a ox, vallies, chimnies, journies, attornies, a eel, a ant, a inch, a eye.

Exercises on the Observations.

Monarch, tyro, grotto, nuncio, punctilio, ruff, muff, reproof, portico, handkerchief, gulf, hoof, fife, multitude, people, meeting, John, Lucy, meekness, charity, folly, France, Matthew, James, wisdom, reading.

* What is the plural of fox? *Foxes*. Why? Because nouns in *s*, *sh*, *ch*, *z*, or *v*, form the plural by adding *es*.—What is the plural of book? *Books*. Why? Because the plural is generally formed by adding *s* to the singular.—What is the plural of leaf? *Leaves*. Why? Because nouns in *f* or *fe* change *f* or *fe* into *ves* in the plural.—What is the plural of army? *Armies*. Why? Because nouns in *y* change *y* into *ies* in the plural.—What is the plural of day? *Days*. Spell it: *d, a, y, e*. Why not *d, a, i, e, s*? Because *y* with a vowel before it is not changed into *ies*: it takes *s* only.—What is the difference between *adding* and *changing*?—K. No. 37, 40, 41.

† Many eminent authors change *ey* in the singular into *ies* in the plural, thus:—Chimnies with scorn rejecting smoke.—*Suiff*.

Still they dost thy radiant journees run.—*Prior*.

But rattling nonsense in full sollices breaks.—*Pope*.

The Society of Procurators or Attornies.—*Boswell*.

This mode of spelling these and similar words is highly improper. How inconsistent is, "Attornies," "journejed."

Of Nouns.

Some nouns are irregular in the formation of their plural; such as,

| Singular. | Plural. | Singular. | Plural. |
|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| Man* | men | Tooth | teeth |
| Woman | women | Goose | geese |
| Child | children | Mouse | mice |
| Foot | feet | Louse | lice |
| Ox | oxen | Penny | pence |

*The compounds of man form the plural like the simple; namely, by changing *s* of the singular, into *e* of the plural.—*Muscelman*, not being a compound of *man*, is *muscelmans*, it is said, in the plural; I think it should always be *muscelmen* in the plural.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Brother | brothers, or brethrent† |
| Sow or swine † | sows, or swine |
| Die (for gaming) | dice |
| Die (for coining) | dies |
| Aide-de-camp | aides-de-camp |
| Court-martial | courts-martial |
| Cousin-german | cousins-german |
| Father-in-law, &c. | fathers-in-law, &c. |

† *Brëthren* is generally applied to the members of the same society or church, and *Brothers* to the sons of the same parents.

† The singular of some nouns is distinguished from the plural by the article *a*; as, *A sheep*; *a swine*.

OBSERVATIONS.

Names of metals, virtues, vices, and things that are weighed or measured, &c. are in general singular; as, *Gold*, *meekness*, *drunkenness*, *bread*, *beer*, *beef*, &c., except when the different sorts are meant; as, *Wines*, *teas*.

Some nouns are used only in the plural; such as, *Antipodes*, *literati*, *credenda*, *minutia*, *banditti*, *data*, *folk*.

The singular of *literati*, &c. is made by saying *one* of the *literati*—*Bandit*, the singular of *banditti*, is often used in newspapers.

The words *Apparatus*, *hiatus*, *series*, *brass*, *dozen*, *moons*, and *species*, are alike in both numbers.—Some pluralize *series* into *serieses*—*Brass*, *dozen*, &c. sometimes admit of the plural form; thus, he bought partridges in *brasses*, and books in *dozens*, &c.

News and *aims* are generally used in the singular number, but sometimes in the plural.—*Pains* is generally plural.

Peas and *fish* are used when we mean the species; as, *peas* are dear, *fish* is cheap; but when we refer to the number, we say, *peas*; *fishes*; as, *Ten peas*, *two fishes*.

Horse and *foot*, meaning *cavalry* and *infantry*, are used in the singular form with a plural verb; as, *A thousand horse* were ready; *ten thousand foot* were there.—*Man* is understood.

Of Nouns.

As the following words, from foreign languages, seldom occur, except a few, the pupil may very properly be allowed to omit them, till he be farther advanced.

| | | | |
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| Animulculum | animulcula | Focus | foci |
| Antithesis | antitheses | Gēnius | gēniū † |
| Apex | apices | Gēnus | gēnera |
| Appendix | } appendixes | Hypōthesis | hypōtheses |
| | | appendices | |
| Arcānum* | arcāna | Ignis fatuus | ignis fatui |
| Automaton | automata | Index | indices, indices† |
| Axis | axes | Lamina | laminæ |
| Basis | bases | Magna | māgi |
| Calx | calces | Memorandum | { memoranda, or memorandums |
| Cherub | cherubim, cherube | | |
| Crisis | crises | Mētamorphōsis | mētamorphōses |
| Crīterion | crīteria | Monsieur | messieurs |
| Datum | dāta | Phenōmenon | phenōmena |
| Dēsiderātum | desiderāta | Rādus | radii |
| Diāeresis | diāereses | Stāmen | stāmina |
| Efflūvium | efflūvia | Sērāph | sērāphim, sērāphs |
| Ellipsis | ellipses | Stimulus | stimuli |
| Emphasis | emphases | Strātum | strāta |
| Encōmīum | } encōmia | Vertex | vertices |
| | | encōmīums | vōrtices |
| Errātum | errāta | Vortex | vōrtices |
| | | Virtuōso | virtuōsi |

It was thought unnecessary to give a list of such words of our own as *snuffers, scissors, tongs, &c.* because they are evidently to be used as plural; but it may be proper to observe that such words as *mathematics, metaphysics, politics, ethics, pneumatics, &c.* though generally plural, are sometimes construed as singular, as, *Mathematics is a science; and so of the rest.*

* *Latin.* Nouns in *um* or *um* have *a* in the plural; and those which have *o* in the singular have *o* in the plural.

† *Geni*, special spirit; but *gentes*, persons of genius.—For what reason *L. Murray, Eshelman, Oulton* and others pluralize such words as *genius* and *genus* by adding *es* to the singular, making them *geniuses, geniuses*, instead of *geniuses, geniuses*, is not easy to guess; as words ending with a single *e* are never pluralized on the last syllable, there can be no good reason for doubling the *e* before *es*. Hence rule *Sed*, page 7th, begins with "Nouns in *e*," because since in *e* include those in *o*.

‡ *Indices* when it signifies positions or tables of contents. *Indices* when it means to algebraic quantities.

Of Genders.

Gender is the distinction of sex.

There are three genders: the *Masculine*, *Feminine*, and *Neuter*.

The *Masculine* denotes the male sex; as, *A man, a boy.*

The *Feminine* denotes the female sex; as, *A woman, a girl.*

The *Neuter* denotes whatever is without life; as, *Milk.*

There are three ways of distinguishing the sex:

1. By different words; as,

| MALE. | | FEMALE. | | MALE. | | FEMALE. | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------|--|---------|--|
| Bachelor | maid, spinster | Horse | mare | | | | |
| Beau | belle | Husband | wife | | | | |
| Boar | sow | King | queen | | | | |
| Boy | girl | Lad | lass | | | | |
| Brother | sister | Lord | lady | | | | |
| Buck | doe | Man | woman | | | | |
| Bull | cow | Master | mistress | | | | |
| Bullock, ox or steer | heifer <i>heifer</i> | Milster | spawster | | | | |
| Cock | hen | Nephew | niece | | | | |
| Colt | filly | Ram | ewe | | | | |
| Dog | bitch | Singer | songstress, or singer | | | | |
| Drake | duck | Sloven | slut | | | | |
| Earl | countess | Son | daughter | | | | |
| Father | mother | Stag | hind | | | | |
| Friar | nun | Uncle | aunt | | | | |
| Gander | goose | Wizard | witch | | | | |
| Hart | roe | Sir | madam | | | | |

OBSERVATIONS.

Some nouns are either masculine or feminine; such as, parent, child, cousin, infant, servant, neighbour, &c.

Some nouns, intrinsically neuter, are converted into the masculine or feminine gender; as, when we say of the sun, *It is rising*, and of the moon, *It is eclipsed*.



Of Nouns.

By a difference of termination; as,

| MALE. | FEMALE. | MALE. | FEMALE. |
|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Abbot | abbess | Jaw | Jewess |
| Actor | actress | Landgrave | landgravine |
| Administrator | administratrix | Lion | lioness |
| Adultress | adulteress | Marquis | marchioness |
| Ambassador | ambadressess | Mayor | mayoress |
| Arbitrator | arbitress | Patron | patroness |
| Author (often) | authoress* | Peer | peeress |
| Baron | baroness | Poet | poetess |
| Bridegroom | bride | Priest | priestess |
| Benefactor | benefactress | Prince | princess |
| Caterer | cateress | Prior | priores |
| Chantor | chantress | Prophet | prophetess |
| Conductor | conductress | Protector | protectress |
| Count | countess | Shepherd | shepherdess |
| Deacon | deaconess | Songster | songstress |
| Duke | duchess | Sorcerer | sorceress |
| Elector | electress | Sultan | (sultanness, or sultāna |
| Empereur | empress | Tiger | tigress |
| Enchanter | enchantress | Traitor | traitress |
| Exécutor | exécutrix | Tutor | tutress |
| Governor | governess | Tyrant | tyranness |
| Heir | heiress | Viscount | viscountess |
| Héro | hér.o.ine | Votary | votress |
| Hunter | huntress | Widower | widow |
| Hôt | hôtess | | |

3 By prefixing another word; as,

A cock-sparrow, a hen-sparrow; a he-goat, a she-goat; a men-servant, a maid-servant; a he-ass, a she-ass; a male-child, &c.; male-dependant, &c.

* It does not appear to be necessary to give a separate form for the female of the word author, as the simple noun or possessive that should invariably accompany this word, will distinguish the gender to it, as well as to the writer.

Of the CASES of Nouns.

Case is the relation one noun bears to another, or to a verb, or preposition.

Nouns have three cases; the *Nominative*, *Possessive*, and *Objective*.*

The *Nominative* and *Objective* are *alike*.

The *Possessive* is formed by adding an *apostrophe* and *s* to the *nominative*; as, *Job's*.

When the plural ends in *s*, the *possessive* is formed by adding only an *apostrophe*; thus,

| | <i>Singular.</i> | | <i>Plural.</i> | |
|--------------|------------------|---------|----------------|----|
| <i>Nom.</i> | Lady | Ladies | John | —† |
| <i>Poss.</i> | Lady's | Ladies' | John's | — |
| <i>Obj.</i> | Lady | Ladies | John | — |

† Proper names generally want the plural.—See page 7th, last note.

EXERCISES

ON GENDER, NUMBER AND CASE.

† Father, brothers, mother's, boys, book, loaf, arms, wife, hats, sisters', bride's, bottles, brush, goose, eagle's wings, echo, ox's horn, mouse, kings, queens, bread, child's, glass, tooth, tongs, candle, chair, Jane's boots, Robert's shoe, horse.

* The *Nominative* merely denotes the name of a thing. The *Possessive* denotes possession; as, *Ann's* book.—Possession is often expressed by *of* as well as an *'s*.—K. 57 to 63, also 194 and 195. The *Objective* denotes the object upon which an active verb or a preposition terminates.

† One method of using the above exercises is as follows:—*Father*, a noun, *singular* (number), *masculine* (gender), the *nominative* (case), plural, *fathers*. *Brothers*, a noun, *plural*, *masculine*, the *nominative*. *Mother's*, a noun, *singular*, *feminine*, the *possessive*.—Spell it.—K. 44.

By parsing in this manner, the pupil gives a correct answer to the questions, What part of speech is *father*? What number? What gender? What case? without obliging the teacher to lose time to no purpose in asking them.—The pupil, however, should be made to understand that he is giving answers to questions which are always supposed to be asked.

As the *Nominative* and *Objective* are alike, no inaccuracy can result from the pupil's being allowed to call it always the *Nominative*, till he comes to the verb.—Case may be altogether omitted till that time, the case of pronouns excepted.—See Note, page 20.

Of ADJECTIVES.

An *Adjective* is a word which expresses the *quality* of a noun; as, A *good* boy.

Adjectives have *three* degrees of comparison; the *Positive*, *Comparative* and *Superlative*.

The comparative is formed by adding *er* to the positive; and the superlative, by adding *est*; as in *Sweet, sweeter, sweetest*. *—K. 67.

Dissyllables in *y* change *y* into *i* before *er* and *est*; as, *Happy, happier, happiest*. †

ADJECTIVES COMPARED IRREGULARLY.

| <i>Positive.</i> | <i>Comparative.</i> | <i>Superlative.</i> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| -Good, (well an <i>Adv.</i>) | better | best. |
| Bad, evil, or ill | worse | worst |
| -Little | less | least |
| -Much or many | more | most |
| Late | later | latest or last |
| Near | nearer | nearest or next |
| Far | farther | farthest |
| Fore | former | foremost or first |
| Old | older or elder | oldest or eldest |

OBSERVATIONS.

* The *Positive* expresses the *simple* quality; the *Comparative* a *higher* or *lower* degree of the quality; and the *Superlative* the *highest* or *lowest* degree.—K. 68, 72.

Adjectives of *one* syllable are generally compared by adding *er* and *est*; and those of *more* than one by prefixing *more* and *most*; as, *More* numerous, *most* numerous;—or, by *less* and *least*; as, *Less* merry, *least* merry.

Dissyllables ending with *s* final are often compared by *er* and *est*; as, *Polite, politer, politest*; *ample, ampler, amplest*.

† If a vowel precede *y*, it is not changed into *i*, before *er* and *est*; as, *Gay, gayer, gayest*; *coy, coyer, coyest*.

Some adjectives are compared by adding *most* to the end of the word, as, *Upper, uppermost*.—Some have no positive; as, *Exterior, extreme*.

Nouns are often used as adjectives; as, A *gold*-ring, a *silver*-cup.—*Sometimes* often become nouns; as, *much* good.

Some adjectives do not properly admit of comparison; such as, *True, perfect, universal, chief, extreme, &c.*

Old is applied to things—*elder* or *younger*.—*Young* to those that are *newer*.—*Elder* and *elderly* to persons; *elder* and *elderly* to things.

When the positive ends in a single consonant, preceded by a single vowel, the consonant is doubled before *er* and *est*; as, *Big, bigger, biggest*.

Of PERSONAL PRONOUNS.

A *Pronoun* is a word used instead of a noun; as, *John* is a good boy; *he* obeys the master.

There are three kinds of pronouns; Personal, Relative and Adjective.—The Personal Pronouns are thus declined:—

| | SINGULAR. | | | PLURAL. | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|------|---------|--------|------|
| | Nom. | Poss. | Obj. | Nom. | Poss. | Obj. |
| First Personal pronoun m. or f. | I | mine | me | We | ours | us |
| 2. m. or f. | Thou | thine | thee | You* | yours | you |
| 3. m. | He | his | him | } They | theirs | them |
| 3. f. | She | hers | her | | | |
| 3. n. | It | its | it | | | |

EXERCISES ON PERSONAL PRONOUNS.

I, thou, we, me, us, thine, he, him, she, hers, they, thee, them, its, theirs, you, her, ours, yours, mine, his, I, me, them, us, it, we.

* *Ye* is often used instead of *you* in the nominative; as, *Ye* are happy.

Mine and *thine* were formerly used instead of *my* and *thy* before a vowel or an *h*; as, Blot out all mine iniquities; Give me thine heart.

† *Hers, its, ours, yours, theirs*, should never be written *her's, it's, our's, your's, their's*; but *hers, its, ours, &c.*

The compound personal pronouns, *Myself, thyself, himself, &c.* are commonly joined either to the simple pronoun, or to any ordinary noun to make it more remarkable.—See K. 60, 96.

These pronouns are all generally in the same case with the noun or pronoun to which they are joined; as, "*She herself* said so;" "*They themselves* acknowledged it to *me myself*;" "*The master himself* did it."

Self, when used alone, is a noun; as, "*Our fondness for self* is harmful to others."—K. 96.

In some respectable grammars the possessive case of the different personal pronouns stands thus: 1st, *my* or *mine, our* or *ours*—2d, *thy* or *thine, your* or *yours*—3d, *his* or *hers, their* or *theirs*. I see no impropriety in this method; the one I have preferred, however, is perhaps less liable to objection.

Of RELATIVE PRONOUNS.

A *Relative Pronoun* is a word that relates to a noun or pronoun before it, called the antecedent; as, The master *who* taught us.*

The simple relatives are, *who*, *which*, and *that*; they are alike in both numbers, thus:

Nom. Who.
Poss. Whose.
Obj. Whom.

Who is applied to *persons*; as, The boy *who*.†

Which is applied to inferior *animals*, and things without life; as, The dog *which* barks; the book *which* was lost.

That is often used instead of *who* or *which*; as, The boy *that* reads; the book *that* was lost.

What is a compound relative, including both the relative and the antecedent; † as, This is *what* I wanted; that is, *the thing which* I wanted.

OBSERVATIONS.

In asking questions, *Who*, *which* and *what* are called interrogatives; as, *Who* said that? *What* did he do?—K. p. 84, note.

The relative is always of the *same gender, number and person* with its antecedent, but not always in the same *case*.—K. p. 43, b.

Which has properly no possessive case of its own. The objective *with of* before it supplies its place. Our best writers, however, now use *whose* as the possessive of *which*; as, "A religion *whose* origin is divine." BLAIR.—See more remarks on *Which* at p. 151.—For the relative *as*, see p. 146.

* The relative sometimes refers to a *whole clause* as its antecedent; as, The Bill was rejected by the Lords, *which* excited no small degree of jealousy and discontent; that is, *which thing, or circumstance, excited, &c.*

† *Who* is applied to inferior animals, when they are represented as speaking and acting like *rational beings*.

‡ *What* and *which* are sometimes used as adjectives; as, "I know not by *what* fatality the adversaries of the motion are impelled."—*which* things are an allegory. *Which* here is equal to *these*.—Page 67, b.

Whoever, *whosoever*, and *whose*, are compound relatives, equal to *He who*; or *the person that*.—K. 88.

Whichever and *whichever*, with *whichever* and *whichever*, are sometimes adjectives, and combine with nouns; and sometimes con-

ADJECTIVE PRONOUNS.

There are four sorts of Adjective Pronouns :

1. The Possessive pronouns, *My, thy,* his, her, our, your, their, its, own.* †
2. The Distributive, *Each, every, either, neither.*
3. The Demonstrative, *This, that, ‡* with their plurals, *these, those.* ||
4. The Indefinite, *None, any, all, such, whole, some, both, one, other, another ;* the last three are declined like nouns.

OBSERVATIONS.

Compound relatives, equal to *that which*.—These compounds, however, particularly *whoso*, are now generally avoided. *Whatever* and *whoever* are most used.

* *His* and *her* are possessive pronouns, when placed immediately before nouns; but when they stand by themselves, *his* is accounted the possessive case of the personal pronoun *he*, and *her* the objective of *she*.

† *Its* and *own* seem to be as much entitled to the appellation of possessive pronouns as *his* and *my*.

‡ *You*, with *former* and *latter*, may be called demonstrative pronouns, as well as *this* and *that*. See Syntax, R. 28, b.

|| *That* is sometimes a relative, sometimes a demonstrative pronoun, and sometimes a conjunction.—K. 90.

That is a relative when it can be turned into *who* or *which*, without destroying the sense; as, "The days *that* (or *which*) are past, are gone for ever."

That is a demonstrative pronoun when it is placed immediately before a noun expressed or understood; as, "*That* book is new." "*That* is not the one I want."

That is a conjunction when it cannot be turned into *who* or *which*; but marks a consequence, an indication, or final end; as, "He was so proud, *that* he was universally despised." He answered, "That he never was so happy as he is now." Live well, *that* you may die well.

All the *indefinite* pronouns (except *none*) and even the *demonstrative*, *distributive*, and *possessive*, are *adjectives* belonging to nouns either expressed or understood; and in parsing, I think they ought to be called adjectives.—*None* is used in both numbers; but it cannot be joined to a noun.

The phrase *none other* should be *no other*.—*Another* has no plural.

Promiscuous Exercises on NOUNS, &c.

A man, he, who, which, that, his, me, mine, thine, whose, they, hers, it, we, us, I, him, its, horse, mare, master, thou, theirs, thee, you, my, thy, our, your, their, his, her—this, these, that, those—each, every, either, any, none, bride, daughter, uncle, wife's, sir, girl, madam, box, dog, lad, a gay lady; sweet apples; strong bulls; fat oxen; a mountainous country.

Compare, Rich, merry, furious, covetous large, little, good, bad, near, wretched, rigorous, delightful, sprightly, spacious, splendid, gay, imprudent, pretty.

The human mind; cold water; he, thou, she, it; woody mountains; the naked rock; youthful jollity; goodness divine; justice severe; his, thy, others, one; a peevish boy; hers, their strokes; pretty girls; his droning flight; her delicate cheeks; a man who; the sun that; a bird which; its pebbled bed; fiery darts; a numerous army; love unbounded; a nobler victory; gentler gales; nature's eldest birth; earth's lowest room; the winds triumphant; some flowery stream; the tempestuous billows; these things; those books; that breast which; the rich man's insolence; your queen; all who; a boy's drum; himself, themselves, myself.*

* The personal pronouns, *himself, herself, themselves*, &c. are used in the nominative case as well as in the objective; as, *himself* shall come.

Mr. Blair, in his Grammar, says, they have only one case, viz. the nominative; but this is a mistake, for they have the objective too, — R. H.

Of VERBS.

A Verb is a word that *affirms* something of its nominative; or,

A *Verb* is a word which expresses *being, doing or suffering*; as, I *am*—I *love*—I *am loved*.

Verbs are of three kinds, *Active, Passive,* and *Neuter*.

A verb *Active* expresses action passing from an *actor* to an *object*; as, James *strikes* the table.*

A verb *Passive* expresses the suffering of an action, or the *enduring* of what *another* does; as, The table *is struck*.

A verb *Neuter* expresses *being*, or a *state of being*, or action confined to the *actor*; as, I *am*, he *sleeps*, you *run*.†

AUXILIARY VERBS.

The auxiliary or helping verbs, by which verbs are chiefly inflected, are defective, having only the Present and Past Indicative; thus,

Pres. Do, have, shall, will, may, can, am, must.

Past. Did, had, should, would, might, could, was, must.

And the Participle (of *be*) *being, been*.—*Be, do, have,* and *will* are often *principal verbs*.‡

Let is an *active verb*, and complete. *Ought* is a *defective verb*, having only the *present indicative*.—p. 47, and

* *Active verbs* are called *transitive verbs*, because the action passes from the actor to the object.—K. p. 58, note.

† *Neuter verbs* are called *intransitive*, because their action is confined to the actor, and does not pass over to an object.—Children should not be troubled too soon with the distinction between *active and neuter verbs*.

‡ It was thought quite unnecessary to designate the verbs *do* and *do, &c.* through all their moods and tenses; because a child that can readily conjugate the verb *to love*, can easily conjugate any other verb.

A verb is declined by Voices, Moods, Tenses, Numbers, and Persons.

Of the MOODS of VERBS.

Verbs have *five* moods; namely, the Indicative, Potential, Subjunctive, Imperative, and Infinitive.

The *Indicative* mood simply declares a thing; as, He *loves*, he is *loved*; or it asks a question; as, *Lovest* thou me?

The *Potential* mood implies possibility, liberty, power, will, or obligation; as, The wind *may* blow; we *may* walk or ride; I *can* swim; he *would* not stay; you *should* obey your parents.

The *Subjunctive* mood represents a thing under a condition, supposition, motive, wish, &c., and is preceded by a conjunction expressed or understood, and followed by another verb; as, If thy presence *go* not with us, *carry* us not up hence.

The *Imperative* mood commands, exhorts, entreats, or permits; as, *Do* this; *remember* thy Creator; *hear*, O my people; *go* thy way.

The *Infinitive* mood expresses a thing in a general manner, without distinction of number or person, and commonly has *to* before it; as, *To love*.

Explanations of the moods and tenses of verbs are inserted here for the sake of order; but it would be highly improper to detain the learner so long as to commit them to memory; he ought, therefore, after getting the definition of a verb, to proceed to the inflection of it, without delay; and when he comes to the exercises on the verbs, he can look back to the definition of a verb active, &c. as occasion may require.

Of TENSES, or DISTINCTIONS of TIME.

The *Present tense* expresses what is going on just now; as, *I love you*; *I strike* the table.

The *Past tense* represents the action or event either as passed and finished; as, *He broke* the bottle, and *spilt* the brandy; or it represents the action as unfinished at a certain time past; as, *My father was coming* home when I met him.

The *Perfect tense* implies that an action has just now, or lately, been quite finished: as, *John has cut* his finger; *I have sold* my horse.

The *Pluperfect tense* represents a thing as *past*, before another event happened; as, All the judges *had taken* their places, *before* Sir Roger came.

The *Future* represents the action as yet to come; as, *I will see* you again, and your heart *shall rejoice*.*

The *Future Perfect* intimates that the action will be fully accomplished at or before the time of another future action or event; as, *I shall have got* my lesson *before* ten o'clock to-morrow.

* Mr. Walker and others have divided the first future, into the *future foretelling*, and the *future promising or commanding*. That this distinction is absolutely necessary, as Mr. Walker affirms, is exceedingly questionable; for when a learner has occasion to use the future tense, this division will not in the least assist him in determining whether he ought to use *will*, rather than *shall*, &c. Therefore this division serves no purpose.

REMARKS ON SOME OF THE TENSES.

ON THE PRESENT.

1. The *Present Tense* is used to express a *habit or custom*; as, *He snuffs*; *She goes to church*. It is sometimes applied to persons long since dead, when the narration of their actions excites our passions; as, "*Nero is* abhorred for his cruelty." "*Milton is* admired for his sublimity."

2. In historical narration, it is beautifully used for the *Past Tense*; as, "*Cæsar leaves* Gaul, *crosses* the Rubicon, and *enters* Italy with five thousand men."—It is sometimes used with fine effect for the *Perfect*; as, "In the book of Genesis, *Moses tells* us who were the descendants of Abraham,"—for *has told* us.

3. When preceded by such words as *when, before, as soon as, after*, it expresses the relative time of a *future* action; as, *When he comes*, he will be welcome. *As soon as the post arrives*, the letters will be delivered.

4. In the *continuative, progressive or compound form*, it expresses an action *began and going on just now*, but not complete; as, *I am studying* my lesson; *he is writing* a letter.

ON THE PAST.

The *Past Tense* is used when the action or state is limited by the *circumstance of time or place*; as, "*We saw him yesterday*." "*We were in bed when he arrived*." Here the words *yesterday* and *when* limit the action and state to a particular time.—After *death* all agents are spoken of in the *past tense*, because time is limited and defined by the *life of the person*; as, "*Mary Queen of Scots was* remarkable for her beauty."

This tense is particularly appropriated to the *historic style*, because all narration implies some *circumstances*; as, "*Socrates refused to adore false gods*." Here the period of *Socrates' life* being a limited part of past time, circumscribes the narration.—It is improper then to say of one already dead, "*He has been* much admired; *he has done* much good," but, "*He was* much admired; *he did* much good."

Although the *Past Tense* is used when the action is *circumscribed* by a word or sentiment that limits the time of the action to some definite portion of past time, yet such expressions as *often, sometimes, many a time, frequently*, and similar, require the *perfect*, because they admit a certain latitude,

and do not limit the action to any definite portion of past time; thus, "How often have we seen the proud despised."

ON THE PERFECT.

The *Perfect Tense* chiefly denotes the accomplishment of many facts without any necessary relation to time or place, or any other circumstance of their existence; as, Philosophers have endeavoured to investigate the origin of evil. In general, however, it denotes,

1. An action newly finished; as, I have heard great news. The post has arrived, but has brought no letters for you.

2. An action done in a definite space of time, (such as a day, a week, a year,) a part of which has yet to elapse; as, I have spent this day well.

3. An action perfected some time ago, but whose consequences extend to the present time; as, We have neglected our duty, and are therefore unhappy.

Duration, or existence, requires the *perfect*; as, He has been dead four days. We say, Cicero has written orations, because the orations are still in *existence*; but we cannot say Cicero has written poems, because the poems do not exist; they are lost; therefore we must say, Cicero wrote poems.

The following are a few instances in which this tense is improperly used for the past:—

"I have somewhere met with the epitaph of a charitable man, which has very much pleased me." Spect. No. 177. The latter part of this sentence is rather *narrative* than *assertive*; and therefore it should be, "which very much pleased me," that is, when I read it.—"When that the poor hath cried, Cæsar hath wept." Shakesp. The style is here *narrative*: Cæsar was dead; it should therefore be, "When the poor cried, Cæsar wept."—"Though in old age the circle of our pleasure is more contracted than it has formerly been, yet", &c. Blair, serm. 12. It should be, "than it formerly was;" because in old age, the former stages of life, contrasted with the present, convey an idea, not of *completion*, but of *limitation*, and thus become a subject of *narration* rather than of *assertion*. "I have known him, Eugenius, when he has been going to a play or an opera, divert the money which was designed for that purpose, upon an object of charity whom he has met with in the street." Spect. No. 177. It should be, "when he was going," and "whom he met with in the street;" because the actions are *circumstantially* related by the phrases, when going to a play and in the street.

ON THE FUTURE PERFECT.

Upon more careful reflection, it appears to me that the Second Future should have *will* or *shall* in all the persons, as in the *first*. Mr. Murray has excluded *will* from the *first* person, and *shall* from the *second* and *third*, because they appear to him to be incorrectly applied; and in the examples which he has adduced, they are incorrectly applied; but this is not a sufficient reason for excluding them altogether from every sentence. The fault is in the writer he has applied them wrong, a thing that is often done with *will* and *shall* in the *first* future as well as in the *second*.

If I am at liberty to use *will* in the *first* future, to intimate my resolutions to perform a future action; as, "I *will* go to church, for I am resolved to go," why should I not employ *will* in the *second* future, to intimate my resolution or determination to have an action *finished* before a specified future time? Thus, "I *will* have written my letters before supper," that is, I am *determined* to have my letters finished before supper. Were the truth of this affirmation, respecting the time of finishing the letters, called in question, the propriety of using *will* in the *first* person would be unquestionable; thus, You will not have finished your letters before supper, I am sure. Yes, I *will*. Will what? Will have finished my letters.

Shall, in like manner, may with propriety be applied to the *second* and *third* person. In the *third* person, for instance, if I say, "He *will* have paid me his bill before June," I merely foretell what he will have done; but that is not what I intended to say. I meant to convey the idea, that since I have found him dilatory, I will *compel* him to pay it before June; and as this was my meaning, I should have employed *shall*, as in the *first* future, and said, "He *shall* have paid me his bill before June."

It is true that we seldom use this future; we rather express the idea as nearly as we can, by the *first* future, and say, "He shall pay his bill before June;" but when we do use the *second* future, it is evident, I trust, from the examples just given, that *shall* and *will* should be applied in it, exactly as they are in the *first*.—See 1 Cor. xv. 24. Luke xvii. 10.

OF THE AUXILIARY VERBS.

The auxiliary verbs, as they are called, such as, *Do*, *shall*, *will*, *may*, *can* and *must*, are in reality *separate* verbs and were originally used as such, having after them, either

the past participle, or the *infinitive* mood, with the *to* suppressed, for the sake of sound, as it is after *bid*, *dare*, &c. (see Syntax, R. vi.) Thus, *I have loved*. We *may* to love. He *will* to speak. I *do* to write. I *may* to have loved. We *might* to have got a prize. I *would* to have given him the book. All *must* to die. I *shall* to stop. I *can* to go.

These verbs are always joined in this manner either to the *infinitive* or participle; and although this would be a simpler way of parsing the verb than the common, yet, in compliment perhaps to the Greek and Latin, grammarians in general consider the auxiliary and the following verb in the infinitive or participle as *one* verb, and parse and construe it accordingly.

Several of the auxiliaries in the potential mood refer to *present*, *past*, and *future* time. This needs not excite surprise; for even the present indicative can be made to express *future* time, as well as the future itself. Thus, "He leaves town *to-morrow*."

Present time is expressed in the following sentence:—"I wish he *could* or *would* come just now."

Past time is expressed with the similar auxiliaries; as, "It *was* my desire that he *should* or *would* come yesterday." "Though he *was* ill, he *might* recover."

Future.—I am anxious that he *should* or *would* come to-morrow. If he come, I *may* speak to him. If he would delay his journey a few days, I *might*, *could*, *would*, or *should* accompany him.

Although such examples as these are commonly adduced as proofs that these auxiliaries refer to *present*, *past*, and *future* time, yet I think it pretty evident that *might*, *could*, *would*, and *should*, with *may* and *can*, merely express *liberty*, *ability*, *will*, and *duty*, without any reference to time at all, and that the precise time is generally determined by the drift or scope of the sentence, or rather by the *adverb* or participle that is subjoined or understood, and not by these auxiliaries.

Must and *ought*, for instance, merely imply *necessity*, and *obligation*, without any necessary relation to time: for when I say, "I *must* do it," *must* merely denotes the *necessity* I am under, and *do* the present time; which might easily be made *future*, by saying, "I *must* do it *next week*." Here future time is expressed by *next week*, and not by *must*. If I say, "I *must* have done it:" Here

must merely expresses *necessity*, as before, and "I have done, the past time." "These ought ye to do." Here *ought* merely denotes obligation, and *do* the present time. "These ought ye to have done." Here *ought* merely expresses *duty* or *obligation*, as before; but the time of its existence is denoted as past, by *to have done*, and not by *ought*, as Mr. Murray and many others say.

As *must* will not admit of the *objective* after it, nor is even preceded or succeeded by the *sign* of the *infinitive*, it has been considered an absolute auxiliary, like *may* or *can*, belonging to the potential mood.

Ought, on the contrary, is an independent verb, though defective, and always governs another verb in the infinitive.

OF WILL AND SHALL.

Will in the *first* person singular and *plural*, intimates *resolution* and *promising*; as, I will not let thee go except thou bless me. We will go. I will make of thee a great nation.

Will, in the *second* and *third* person,* commonly *foretells*; as, He will reward the righteous. You, or they, will be very happy there.

Shall, in the *first* person, only *foretells*; as, I, or we, shall go to-morrow. In the *second* and *third* person, *shall* promises, commands, or threatens; as, They, or you, shall be rewarded. Thou shalt not steal. The soul that smeth shall die.

But this must be understood of affirmative sentences only; for when the sentence is interrogative, just the reverse commonly takes place; as, Shall I send you a little of the pie? I.e. will you permit me to send it? Will James return to-morrow? I.e. do you expect him?

When the *second* and *third* person* are represented as the subjects of their own expressions, or their own thoughts, *SHALL*, foretells, as in the *first* person; as, "He says he shall be a loser by this bargain." "Do you suppose you shall go?" and *WILL* promises, as in the *first* person; as, "He says he will bring Pope's Homer to-morrow." "You say you will certainly come."

Of *shall*, it may be remarked, that it never expresses the *will* or *resolution* of its nominative; Thus, I shall fall; Thou shalt love thy neighbour; He shall be rewarded; express no resolution on the part of I, thou, &c.

Did will, on the contrary, always intimates the resolution of its *nem.* the difficulty of applying *will* and *shall* would be at an end; but this cannot be said: for though *will* in the *first* person always expresses the resolution of its *nem.* yet in the *second* and *third* it does not always foretell, but often intimates the resolution of its *nem.* as strongly as it does in the *first* person; thus, Ye will not come unto me that ye may have life. He will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.—*Deut. Xiv. 7*—see also verse 9. Accordingly *would*, the past time of *will*, is used in the same manner; as, And he was angry, and would not go in.—*Luke xv. 28*.

Should and *would* are subject to the same rules as *shall* and *will*; they are generally attended with a supposition; as, Were I to run, I should soon be fatigued, &c.

Should is often used instead of *ought*, to express duty or obligation; as, We should remember the poor. We ought to obey God rather than men.

* See page 141 obs. 3rd.

Of VERBS.

TO LOVE.

ACTIVE VOICE.

Indicating the Mood.

PRESENT TENSE.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|---------|------|
| 1 person. I | love | 1. We | love |
| 2. | Thou lovest | 2. You | love |
| 3. | He loves | 3. They | love |

PAST TENSE.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| 1. I | loved | 1. We | loved |
| 2. Thou | lovedst | 2. You | loved |
| 3. He | loved | 3. They | loved |

PERFECT TENSE.

Its signs are *have, hast, has, or hath.*

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | | | |
|---------|-------------------|---------|------------|
| 1. I | have loved | 1. We | have loved |
| 2. Thou | hast loved | 2. You | have loved |
| 3. He | has or hath loved | 3. They | have loved |

PLUPERFECT TENSE.

Signs—*had, hadst.*

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | | | |
|---------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| 1. I | had loved | 1. We | had loved |
| 2. Thou | hadst loved | 2. You | had loved |
| 3. He | had loved | 3. They | had loved |

FUTURE TENSE.

Signs—*shall or will.*

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | | | |
|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|
| 1. I | shall or will love | 1. We | shall or will love |
| 2. Thou | shalt or wilt love | 2. You | shall or will love |
| 3. He | shall or will love | 3. They | shall or will love |

* You has always a plural verb even when applied to a single individual.

Of VERBS.

FUTURE PERFECT.

SINGULAR.

(See page 24.)

PLURAL.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Shall or will have loved | 1. Shall or will have loved |
| 2. Shalt or wilt have loved | 2. Shall or will have loved |
| 3. Shall or will have loved | 3. Shall or will have loved |

Potential Mood.

PRESENT.

Signs—*may, can, or must.*

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. May or can ^a love | 1. May or can love |
| 2. Mayst or canst love | 2. May or can love |
| 3. May or can love | 3. May or can love |

PAST.

Signs—*might, could, would, or should.*

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. Might, could, would, or should love | 1. Might, could, would, or should love |
| 2. Mightst, couldst, wouldst, or shouldst love | 2. Might, could, would, or should love |
| 3. Might, could, would, or should love | 3. Might, could, would, or should love |

PERFECT.

Signs—*may, can, or must have.*

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. May or can ^a have loved | 1. May or can have loved |
| 2. Mayst or canst have loved | 2. May or can have loved |
| 3. May or can have loved | 3. May or can have loved |

^a *Must*, although it belongs as properly to the present and perfect potential as *may* or *can*, has been admitted for want of room, but in going over these tenses with the auxiliaries, *one by one*, it is easy to take it in then, *I must love, they must love, &c.*—See 2nd note, p. 27.

Of VERBS.

PLUPERFECT.

Signs—*might, could, would, or should have.*

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. Might, could, would, or should have loved | 1. Might, could, would, or should have loved |
| 2. Mightst, &c. have loved | 2. Might have loved |
| 3. Might have loved | 3. Might have loved |

Subjunctive Mood.

PRESENT TENSE.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. If I love | 1. If we love |
| 2. If thou love | 2. If you love |
| 3. If he love | 3. If they love* |

Imperative Mood.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 2. Love, or love thou, or do thou love.† | 2. Love, or love ye, or you, or do ye love. |
|---|--|

Infinitive Mood.

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Present, To love. | Perfect, To have loved. |
|-------------------|-------------------------|

PARTICIPLES.

- Present, Loving. Past, Loved. Perfect, Having loved†

* "The remaining tenses of the subjunctive mood are, in every respect, similar to the corresponding tenses of the indicative mood, with the addition to the verb of a conjunction expressed or implied, denoting a condition, motive, wish, or supposition."—See p. 23, note 2nd.

† The imperative mood is not entitled to three persons. In strict propriety, it has only the second person in both numbers. For when I say, Let me love; I mean, Permit *them* me to love. Hence, let *us* love is construed thus: let *them* me (to) love, or do thou let me (to) love. *Th*, the sign of the infinitive, is not used after *let*. See Syntax, B. VI. No one will say that *permit* (me to love) is the first person singular, imperative mood; then why should *let* (me to love,) which is exactly similar, be called the first person? The Latin verb wants the first person, and if it has the third, it has also a different termination for *th*, which is not the case in the English verb.—K. 118.

† See Key, No. 208-211

Of VERBS.

EXERCISES ON THE TENSES OF VERBS, AND CASES OF NOUNS AND PRONOUNS.

* We love him; James loves me; it amuses him; we shall conduct them; they will divide the spoils; soldiers should defend their country; friends invite friends; she can read her lesson, she may play a tune; you might please her; thou mayst ask him; he may have betrayed us; we might have diverted the children; John can deliver the message.

I love; to love; love; reprove thou; has loved; we tied the knot; if we love; if thou love; they could have commanded armies; to love; to baptize; to have loved; loved; loving; to survey; having surveyed; write a letter; read your lesson; thou hast obeyed my voice; honour thy father.

The teacher, if he chooses, may now acquaint the learner with the difference between the nominative and the objective.

The nominative acts: the objective is acted upon: as, *He eats apples.* The nominative commonly comes before the verb, the objective after it.

Concerning pronouns, it may be observed, that the first speaks; the second is spoken to; and the third (or any noun) is spoken of.

* We may parse the first sentence, for example. *We love him.* *We*, the first personal pronoun, plural, masculine or feminine, the nominative. *Love*, a verb active, the first person, plural, present, indicative. *Him*, the third personal pronoun, singular, masculine, the objective.

QUESTIONS WHICH SHOULD BE PUT TO THE PUPILS.

How do you know that *love* is plural? *Ans.* Because *we* is nominative plural. How do you know that *love* is the first person? *Ans.* Because *we* is the first personal pronoun, and the verb is always of the same number and person with the noun or pronoun before it.—K. 103, 104.

Many of the phrases in this page may be converted into exercises of a different kind; thus, the meaning of the sentence, *We love him*, may be expressed by the passive voice; as, *He is loved by us.*

It may also be turned into a question, or made a negative; as, *Do we love him?* &c. *We do not love him.*

There are a few of the ways of using the exercises on a single page, but the variety of methods that every ingenious and diligent teacher may invent and adopt, to engage the attention and improve the understanding of his pupils, is past finding out.

Of VERBS.

TO BE.

Indicate the Mood.

PRESENT TENSE.

SINGULAR.

1. I am*
2. Thou art
3. He is

PLURAL.

1. We are
2. You are
3. They are

PAST TENSE.

SINGULAR.

1. I was
2. Thou wast
3. He was

PLURAL.

1. We were
2. You were
3. They were

PERFECT TENSE.

SINGULAR.

1. I have been
2. Thou hast been
3. He has been

PLURAL.

1. We have been
2. You have been
3. They have been

PLUPERFECT TENSE.

SINGULAR.

1. I had been
2. Thou hadst been
3. He had been

PLURAL.

1. We had been
2. You had been
3. They had been

FUTURE TENSE.

SINGULAR.

1. I shall or will be
2. Thou shalt or wilt be
3. He shall or will be

PLURAL.

1. We shall or will be
2. You shall or will be
3. They shall or will be

* Put *loving* after *am*, &c. and you make it an active verb in the progressive form.—Thus, *I am loving*, *thou art loving*, *he is loving*, &c.—p. 59.

Put *loved* after *am*, and you will make it a passive verb.—See p. 25.

ENGLISH ETYMOLOGY.

Of VERBS.

FUTURE PERFECT.

SINGULAR.

1. Shall or will have been
2. Shalt or wilt have been
3. Shall or will have been

PLURAL.

1. Shall or will have been
2. Shall or will have been
3. Shall or will have been

Potential Mood.

PRESENT.

SINGULAR.

1. May* or can be
2. Mayst or canst be
3. May or can be

PLURAL.

1. May or can be
2. May or can be
3. May or can be

PAST.

SINGULAR.

1. Might &c. be
2. Mightst be
3. Might be

PLURAL.

1. Might be
2. Might be
3. Might be

PERFECT.

SINGULAR.

1. May or can have been
2. Mayst or canst have been
3. May or can have been

PLURAL.

1. May or can have been
2. May or can have been
3. May or can have been

PLUPERFECT.

SINGULAR.

1. Might have been
2. Mightst have been
3. Might have been

PLURAL.

1. Might have been
2. Might have been
3. Might have been

* See note, p. 28—also note 2nd, p. 37.

Of VERBS.

Subjunctive Mood.

PRESENT TENSE.

SINGULAR.

1. If I be*
2. If thou be
3. If he be

PLURAL.

1. If we be
2. If you be
3. If they be

PAST.

SINGULAR.

1. If I were
2. If thou wert
3. If he were

PLURAL.

1. If we were
2. If you were
3. If they weret

Imperative Mood.

SINGULAR.

2. Be, or be thou

PLURAL.

2. Be, or be ye or you

Infinitive Mood.

Present, To be.

Perfect, To have been.

PARTICIPLES.

Present, Being.

Past, Been.

Perfect, Having been.

* Be is often used in the Scriptures and some other books for the present indicative; as, We be true men, for We are.

† The remaining tenses of this mood, are, in every respect, similar to the corresponding tenses of the indicative mood. But some say that the future perfect, when used with a conjunction, has shall in all the persons; thus, If I shall have loved, If thou shalt have loved, If he shall have loved, If we, you, or they shall have loved.—See page 28, note 1st.

Though, unless, except, whether, &c. may be joined to the subjunctive mood, as well as if

Of VERBS.

EXERCISES ON THE VERB TO BE

Am, is, art, wast, are, I was, they were,
 we are, hast been, has been, we have been,
 hadst been, he had been, you have been, she
 has been, we were, they had been.

I shall be, shalt be, we will be, thou wilt
 be, they shall be, it will be, thou wilt have
 been, we have been, they will have been,
 we shall have been, am, it is.

I can be, mayst be, canst be, she may
 be, you may be, he must be, they should
 be, mightst be, he should be, it could be,
 wouldst be, you could be, he may have been,
 wast.

We may have been, mayst have been,
 they can have been, I might have been,
 you should have been, wouldst have been,
 (if) thou be, we be, he be, thou wert, we
 were, I be.

Be thou, be, to be, being, to have been,
 if I be, be ye, been, be, having been, if we
 be, if they be, to be.

Snow is white; he was a good man; we
 have been younger; she has been happy;
 it had been late; we are old; you will be
 wise; it will be time; if they be thine; he
 cautious; be heedful youth; we may be
 rich; they should be virtuous; thou mightst
 be wiser; they must have been excellent
 cholars; they might have been powerful.

Of VERBS.

TO BE LOVED. PASSIVE VOICE.

Indicative Mood.

PRESENT TENSE.

SINGULAR.

1. Am loved
2. Art loved
3. Is loved

PLURAL.

1. Are loved
2. Are loved
3. Are loved

PAST TENSE.

SINGULAR.

1. Was loved
2. Wast loved
3. Was loved

PLURAL.

1. Were loved
2. Were loved
3. Were loved

PERFECT TENSE.

SINGULAR.

1. Have been loved
2. Hast been loved
3. Has been loved

PLURAL.

1. Have been loved
2. Have been loved
3. Have been loved

PLUPERFECT TENSE.

SINGULAR.

1. Had been loved
2. Hadst been loved
3. Had been loved

PLURAL.

1. Had been loved
2. Had been loved
3. Had been loved

FUTURE TENSE.

SINGULAR.

1. Shall or will be loved
2. Shalt or wilt be loved
3. Shall or will be loved

PLURAL.

1. Shall or will be loved
2. Shall or will be loved
3. Shall or will be loved

NOTE. A *Passive Verb* is formed by putting the *past participle* of any *active verb* after the verb *to be* through all its moods and tenses.—E. 126, 127.

Of VERBS.

FUTURE PERFECT.

| SINGULAR. | FLURAL. |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Shall or will have been loved | 1. Shall or will have been loved |
| 2. Shalt or wilt have been loved | 2. Shall or will have been loved |
| 3. Shall or will have been loved | 3. Shall or will have been loved |

Potential Mood.

PRESENT.

| SINGULAR. | FLURAL. |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. May or can be loved | 1. May or can be loved |
| 2. Mayst or canst be loved | 2. May or can be loved |
| 3. May or can be loved | 3. May or can be loved |

PAST.

| SINGULAR. | FLURAL. |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Might &c. be loved | 1. Might be loved |
| 2. Mightst be loved | 2. Might be loved |
| 3. Might be loved | 3. Might be loved |

PERFECT.

| SINGULAR. | FLURAL. |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. May, &c. have been loved | 1. May have been loved |
| 2. Mayst have been loved | 2. May have been loved |
| 3. May have been loved | 3. May have been loved |

PLUPERFECT.

| SINGULAR. | FLURAL. |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Might &c. have been loved | 1. Might have been loved |
| 2. Mightst have been loved | 2. Might have been loved |
| 3. Might have been loved | 3. Might have been loved |

Of VERBS.

Subjunctive Mood.

PRESENT TENSE.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. If I be loved | 1. If we be loved |
| 2. If thou be loved | 2. If you be loved |
| 3. If he be loved | 3. If they be loved |

PAST.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. If I were loved | 1. If we were loved |
| 2. If thou wert loved | 2. If you were loved |
| 3. If he were loved | 3. If they were loved |

Imperative Mood.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| 2. Be thou loved | 2. Be ye or you loved |
|------------------|-----------------------|

Infinitive Mood.

- Present, To be loved. Perfect, To have been loved*

PARTICIPLES.

- Pres. Being loved. Past. Been loved. Perf. Having been loved*

* The pupil may at times be requested to throw out *if* and put *as less, though, whether, or lest* in its place.

¶ After the pupil is expert in going over the tenses of the verb as they are, he may be taught to omit all the auxiliaries but *one*, and go over the verb thus: *Present Potential, I may love; thou mayst love; he may love, &c.; and then with the next auxiliary, thus: I can love; thou canst love; he can love, &c.; and then with must thus: I must love; thou must love; he must love, &c.; and then with the auxiliaries of the Past Potential, thus: I might love; thou mightst love, &c.*

Of VERBS.

EXERCISES ON THE VERB PASSIVE.

They are loved; we were loved; thou art loved; it is loved; she was loved; he has been loved; you have been loved; I have been loved; thou hadst been loved; we shall be loved; thou wilt be loved; they will be loved; I shall have been loved; you will have been loved.

He can be loved; thou mayst be loved; she must be loved; they might be loved; ye would be loved; they should be loved; I could be loved; thou canst have been loved; it may have been loved; you might have been loved; if I be loved; *thou wert loved; we be loved; they be loved.—Be thou loved; be ye loved; you be loved.—To be loved; loved; having been loved; to have been loved; being loved.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES ON VERBS, AND CASES OF NOUNS AND PRONOUNS.

Tie John's shoes; this is Jane's bonnet; ask mamma; he has learned his lessons; she invited him; your father may commend you; he was baptized; the minister baptized him; we should have delivered our message; papa will reprove us; divide the apples; the captain had commanded his soldiers to pursue the enemy; Eliza diverted her brother; a hunter killed a hare; were* I loved; were we good, we should be happy.†

* A Conjunction is frequently to be understood here.
 † See Exercises of a different sort, page 39.

Of VERBS.

An *Active* or a *Neuter Verb* may be conjugated through all its moods and tenses, by adding its *Present Participle* to the verb *To be*: This is called the *Progressive* form; because it expresses the continuation of action or state; thus,

PRESENT.

I am loving
Thou art loving
He is loving, &c.

PAST.

I was loving
Thou wast loving
He was loving, &c.

The Present and Past Indicative are also conjugated by the assistance of Do, called the Emphatic form; thus

PRESENT.

I do love
Thou dost love
He does love, &c.

PAST.

I did love
Thou didst love
He did love, &c.

RULE I.

Verbs ending in as, sh, ch, x, or o, form the third person singular of the Present Indicative, by adding ES: thus

He dress-es, march-es, brush-es, fix-es, go-es.

RULE II.

Verbs in y, change y into i before the terminations es, est, eth, and ed; but not before ing;—Y, with a vowel before it, is not changed into i; thus,

Pres. Try, triest, tries or trieth. Past, Tried. Part. Trying.
Pres. Pray, prayest, prays or prayeth. Past, Prayed.
Part. Praying.

RULE III.

Verbs accented on the last syllable, and verbs of one syllable, ending in a single consonant preceded by a single vowel, double the final consonant before the terminations est, eth, ed, ing; but never before t: thus,

Allot, allottest, allots, allotteth, allotted, allotting.
Blot, blottest, blots, blotteth, blotted, blotting.

Of IRREGULAR VERBS.

A *regular* verb is one that forms its *past tense* and *past participle* by adding *d* or *ed* to the present; as, *Love, loved, loved.*

An *irregular* verb is one that does not form both its *past tense* and *past participle* by adding *d* or *ed* to the present; as,

| PRESENT. | PAST. | PAST PARTICIPLE. |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Abide | abode | abode |
| Am | was | been |
| Arise | arose | arisen |
| Awake | awoke R* | awaked |
| Bear, to bring forth | bore, †bare | born |
| Bear, to carry | bore, bare | born |
| Beat | beat | beaten, or beat |
| Begin | began | begun |
| Bend | bent R | bent R |
| Bereave | berest R | berest R (K. 136) |
| Beseech | besought | besought |
| Bid, for- | bad, bade | bidden |
| Hind, un- | bound | bound |
| Bite | bit | bitten, bit |
| Bleed | bled | bled |
| Blow | blew | blown |
| Break | broke | broken |
| Breed | bred | bred |

* These verbs which are conjugated regularly as well as irregularly are marked with an R.

† Bore is now more used than bare.

Of IRREGULAR VERBS.

| PRESENT. | PAST. | PAST PARTICIPLE. |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Bring | brought | brought |
| Build, re- | built* | built |
| Burst | burst | burst |
| Buy | bought | bought |
| Cast | cast. | cast |
| Catch | caught R | caught R |
| Chide | chid | chidden or chid |
| Choose | chose | chosen |
| Cleave, to adhere | clave R | cleaved |
| Cleave, to split | clove or cleft | cloven or cleft |
| Cling | clung | clung |
| Clothe | clothed | clad R |
| Come, be- | came | come |
| Cost | cost | cost |
| Crow | crew R | crowed |
| Creep | crept | crept |
| Cut | cut | cut |
| Dare, to venture | durst | dared |
| Dare, to challenge, is R | dared | dared |
| Déal | dealt R | dealt R |
| Dig | dug, or digged | dug or digged |
| Do, mis- un-† | did | done |
| Draw, with- | drew | drawn |
| Drink | drank | drunk |

* *Build, dwell, and several other verbs, have the regular forms, builded, dwellled, &c.—See K. No. 135.*

† The compound verbs are conjugated like the simple, by prefixing the syllables appended to them; thus, *Undo, undid, undone.*

Of IRREGULAR VERBS.

| PRESENT. | PAST. | PAST PARTICIPLE. |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Drive | drove | driven |
| Dwell | dwelt <small>R</small> | dwelt <small>R—D. 41 b.</small> |
| Eat | ate* | eaten* |
| Fall, be- | fell | fallen |
| Feed | fed | fed |
| Feel | felt | felt |
| Fight | fought | fought |
| Find | found | found |
| Flee, from a foe | fled | fled |
| Fling | flung | flung |
| Fly, as a bird | flew | flown |
| Forbear | forbore | forborne |
| Forget | forgot | forgotten, forgot |
| Forsake | forsook | forsaken |
| Freeze | froze | frozen |
| Get, be- for- | got† | got, gotten‡ |
| Gild | gilt <small>R</small> | gilt <small>R</small> |
| Gird, be- en- | girt <small>R</small> | girt <small>R</small> |
| Give, for- mis- | gave | given |
| Go | went | gone |
| Grave, en- | graved | graven |
| Grind | ground | ground |
| Grow | grew | grown |

* I have excluded eat as the Past and Past Participle of this verb, for though sometimes used by Milton and a few others, the use of it does not rest on good authority, and this verb is sufficiently irregular already.

† Got and bogot are often used in the Scriptures for got and bogot.

‡ Gotten is nearly obsolete. Its compound forgotten is still in good use.

Of IRREGULAR VERBS.

| PRESENT. | PAST. | PAST PARTICIPLE. |
|-------------------------|--------|------------------|
| Hang | hung | hung* |
| Have | had | had |
| Hear | heard | heard |
| Hew, <i>rough</i> | hewed | hewn R |
| Hide | hid | hidden, or hid |
| Hit | hit | hit |
| Hold, <i>be- with-</i> | held | held |
| Hurt | hurt | hurt |
| Keep | kept | kept |
| Knit | knit R | knit, or knitted |
| Know | knew | known |
| Lade | laded | laden |
| Lay, <i>in-</i> | laid | laid |
| Lead, <i>mis-</i> | led | led |
| Leave | left | left |
| Lend | lent | lent |
| Let | let | let |
| Lie, <i>to lie down</i> | lay | lain, or lien |
| Load | loaded | laden R |
| Lose | lost | lost |
| Make | made | made |
| Mean | meant | meant |
| Meet | met | met |
| Mow | mowed | mown R |

* *Hang*, to take away life by hanging, is regular; as, The robber was *hanged*, but the gown was *hang* up.

of the verb,
the use of it
is irregular

and *hew*.
in god use.

Of IRREGULAR VERBS.

| PRESENT. | PAST. | PAST PARTICIPLE. |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| Pay, re- | paid | paid |
| Put | put | put |
| Quit | quit, or quitted | quit R |
| Read | read | read |
| Rend | rent | rent |
| Rid | rid | rid |
| Ride | rode | ridden, or rode |
| Ring | rang, or rung* | rung |
| Rise, a- | rose | risen |
| Rive | rived | riven |
| Run | ran | run |
| Saw | sawed | sawn R |
| Say | said | said |
| See | saw | seen |
| Seek | sought | sought |
| Seethe | seethed, or sod | sodden |
| Sell | sold | sold |
| Send | sent | sent |
| Set, be- | set | set |
| Shake | shook | shaken |
| Shape, mis- | shaped | shapen R |
| Shave | shaved | shaven R |
| Shear | shore R | shörn |
| Shed | shed | shed |
| Shine | shone R | shone R |

* Where the past might be either *ang* or *ung*, &c. I have given *ang* the preference, which it certainly ought to have.

Of IRREGULAR VERBS.

| PRESENT. | PAST. | PAST PARTICIPLE. |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Shoe | shod | shod |
| Shoot | shot | shot |
| Show* | showed | shown |
| Shrink | shrank or shrunk | shrunk |
| Shred | shred | shred |
| Shut | shut | shut |
| Sing | sang or sung | sung |
| Sink | sank or sunk | sunk |
| Sit | sat † | sitten or sat † |
| Slay | slew | slain |
| Sleep | slept | slept |
| Slide | slid | slidden |
| Sling | slang or slung | slung |
| Slink | slank or slunk | slunk |
| Slit | slit or slitted | slit or slitted |
| Smite | smote | smitten |
| Sow | sowed | sown R |
| Speak, be- | spoke, spake | spoken |
| Speed | sped | sped |
| Spend, mis- | spent | spent |
| Spill | spilt R | spilt R |
| Spin | span or spun | spun |
| Spit, be- | spat or spit | spitten or spitt ‡ |

* Or *shew, showed, shown*—pronounced *shew*, &c. see now next page.

† Many authors use *sate* as the past time of *sit*; but this is improper, for it is apt to be confounded with *sate*, to glut.

‡ *Sitten* and *spitten* are preferable, though obsolete.

Of IRREGULAR VERBS.

| PRESENT. | PAST. | PAST PARTICIPLE |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Split | split | split |
| Spread, <i>be-</i> | spread | spread |
| Spring | sprang or sprung | sprung |
| Stand, <i>with- &c.</i> | stood | stood |
| Steal | stole | stolen |
| Stick | stuck | stuck |
| Sting | stung | stung |
| Stink | stank or stunk | stunk |
| Stride, <i>be-</i> | strode or strid | stridden |
| Strike | stuck | struck, stricken |
| String | strang or strung | strung |
| Strive | strove | striven |
| Strew, * <i>be-</i> | strewed | strewed or |
| Strow | strowed | strown, strowed |
| Swear | swore or swore | sworn |
| Sweat | sweat | sweat |
| Sweep | swept | swept |
| Swell | swelled | swollen, & |
| Swim | swam or swum | swum |
| Swing | swang or swung | swung |
| Take, <i>be- &c.</i> | took | taken |
| Teach, <i>mis-re-</i> | taught | taught |
| Tear, <i>un-</i> | tore | torn |
| Tell | told | told |

* *Strew* and *show* are now giving way to *strow* and *shew*, as they are pronounced.

Of IRREGULAR VERBS

| PRESENT. | PAST. | PAST PARTICIPLE. |
|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Think, be- | thought | thought |
| Thrive | throve | thriven |
| Throw | threw | thrown |
| Thrust | thrust. | thrust |
| Tread | trod | trodden |
| Wax | waxed | waxen R |
| Wear | wore | worn |
| Weave | wove | woven |
| Weep | wept | wept |
| Win | won | won |
| Wind | wound | wound |
| Work | wrought R | wrought, worked |
| Wring | wrung | wrung |
| Write | wrote | written |

Defective verbs are those which want some of their moods and tenses.

| PRESENT. | PAST. | PAST PART. | PRESENT. | PAST. | PAST PART. |
|----------|--------|------------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Can, | could, | _____ | Shall, | should, | _____ |
| May, | might, | _____ | Will, | would, | _____ |
| Must, | must, | _____ | Wis, | wist, | _____ |
| Ought, | ought, | _____ | Wit, or } | wot, | _____ |
| _____ | quoth, | _____ | Wot, | _____ | _____ |

EXERCISES ON THE IRREGULAR VERBS.

Name the Past Tense and Past Participle of

Take, drive, creep, begin, abide, buy, bring,
 arise, catch, bereave, am, burst, draw, drink,
 fly, flee, fall, get, give, go, feel, forsake,
 grow, have, hear, hide, keep, know, lose,
 pay, ride, ring, run, shake, seek, sell, see,
 sit, slay, slide.

Of ADVERBS.

An *Adverb* is a word joined to a *verb*, an *adjective*, or another *adverb*, to express some quality or circumstance of *time*, *place*, or *manner*, respecting it; as, Ann speaks *distinctly*; she is *remarkably* diligent, and reads *very correctly*.

A LIST OF ADVERBS.

* So, no, not, nay, yea, yes, too, well, up, very, forth, how, why, far, now, then, ill, soon, much, here, there, where, when, whence, thence, 'still, †more, most, little, less, least, thus, since, ever, never, while, whilst, once, twice, thrice, first, scarcely, quite, rather, again, ago, seldom, often, indeed, exceedingly, already, hither, thither, whither, doubtless, haply, perhaps, enough, daily, always, sometimes, almost, alone, peradventure, backward, forward, upward, downward together, apart, asunder, viz. to and fro, in fine.

OBSERVATIONS.

* *As* and *so*, without a corresponding *as* or *so*, are adverbs.

The generality of those words that end in *ly* are adverbs of manner or quality. They are formed from adjectives by adding *ly*; as, from *foolish* comes *foolishly*.

The compounds of *hence*, *there*, *where* and *hither*, *thither* and *whither* are all adverbs, except *therefore* and *wherefore*, occasionally conjunctions.

Some adverbs are compared like adjectives; as, *often*, *oftenest*, *oftenest*. Such words as *ashore*, *afloat*, *aground*, &c. are all adverbs.

† When *more* and *most* qualify nouns they are adjectives, but in every other situation they are adverbs.

An adjective with a preposition before it, is by some called an adverb; as, *in general*, *in haste*, i. e. *generally*, *hastily*.—It would be a piece of venial refinement to make children, in parsing, call *in general* an adverb, instead of *in*, a prep.—*general*, an adj. having *way* or *view* understood. That such phrases are convertible into adverbs is not a good reason for calling them so.

There are many words that are sometimes used as adverbs; as, *I am more afraid than ever*—and sometimes as adjectives; as, *He had more wealth than wisdom*.—See next page.

ENGLISH ETYMOLOGY.

Exercises on ADVERBS, IRREGULAR VERBS, &c.

Immediately the cock crew. Peter wept bitterly. He is here now. She went away yesterday.* They came to-day. They will perhaps buy some to-morrow. Ye shall know hereafter. She sung sweetly. Cats soon learn to catch mice. Mary rose up hastily. They that have enough may soundly sleep. Cain wickedly slew his brother. I saw him long ago. He is a very good man. Sooner or later all must die. You read too little. They talk too much. James acted wisely. How many lines can you repeat? You ran hastily. He speaks fluently. Then were they glad. He fell fast asleep. She should not hold her head awry. The ship was driven ashore. No, indeed. They are all alike. Let him that is athirst drink freely. The oftener you read attentively, the more you will improve.

OBSERVATIONS.

* *To-day, yesterday, and to-morrow*, are always nouns, for they are parts of time; as, *Yesterday* is past, *to-day* is passing, and we may never see *to-morrow*. When these words answer to the question *when*, they are governed by a preposition *understood*; as, When will John come home? (*on*) *to-morrow*, for he went away (*on*) *yesterday*.

Much is used 1. as an adverb; as, It is much better to give than to receive.

2. as an adjective; as, In much wisdom, is much grief.

3. as a noun; as, Where much is given, much is required. In strict propriety, however, much can never be a noun, but an adjective; for were the question to be asked, Much what is given? it would be necessary to add a noun, and say, where much grace is given, much gratitude is required.

† *To*, before the infinitive of verbs, is an adverb, according to Johnson, and according to Murray, a preposition. The two together may be called the infinitive.

‡ *Enough* (a sufficiency) is here a noun. Its plural—*enoughs*, is applied like *army*, to things that are countable. *Enough*, an adl. like *much*, should perhaps be applied only to things that are weighed or measured.

Of PREPOSITIONS.

A *Preposition* is a word put before nouns and pronouns, to show the relation between them; as, He sailed *from* Leith to London *in* two days.

A LIST OF PREPOSITIONS,
TO BE GOT ACCURATELY BY HEART.

About, above, according to, across, after, against, along, amid, amidst, among, amongst, around, at, athwart. Bating, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, besides, between, betwixt, beyond, by. Concerning. Down, during. Except, excepting. For, ^{p. 51/b} from. In, into, instead of. Near, nigh. Of, off, on, over, out of. Past. Regarding, respecting, round. Since. Through, throughout, till, to, touching, towards.* Under, underneath, unto, up, upon. With, within, without.

OBSERVATIONS.

Every preposition requires an objective case after it. — When a preposition does not govern an objective case, it becomes an adverb; as, He rides *about*. But in such phrases as *cast up*, *held out*, *fall on*, the words *up*, *out*, and *on*, must be considered as a part of the verb, rather than as prepositions or adverbs.

Some words are used as prepositions in one place, and as adverbs in another; thus, *before* is a preposition when it refers to *place*; as, He stood *before* the door; and an adverb when it refers to *time*; as, *Before* that Philip called thee, I saw thee. The word *before*, however, and others in similar situations, may still be considered as prepositions, if we supply an appropriate noun; as, *Before* the time that Philip, &c.

* *Towards* is a preposition, but *toward* is an adjective, and means "Ready to do or learn; compliant with duty; not froward." *Toward* is sometimes improperly used for *towards*.

The *Improper* Prepositions are omitted, because an explanation of them can impart no information without a previous knowledge of the radical word. Suppose the pupil told that *con* means *together*, will this explain *converse* to him? No; he must first be told that *con* signifies to come, and then *CON*, *together*. Would it not be better to tell him of cases that *converse* means to come or call together?

Some grammarians distribute adverbs into classes; such as adverbs of negation, affirmation, &c. — Prepositions into *copulative* and *conjunctive*. — But these divisions are very arbitrary, and have no foundation in nature. — Such a classification has been omitted here, because it is not necessary to the purpose of this work.

Of CONJUNCTIONS.

A *Conjunction* is a word which joins words and sentences together; as, You *and* I must go to Leith: *but* Peter may stay at home.

A LIST OF CONJUNCTIONS.

Copulative—Also, and, because, both, for,* if, since, that, then, therefore, wherefore.

Disjunctive—Although, as, as well as, but, either, except, lest, neither, nor, notwithstanding, or, provided, so, than, though, unless, whether, yet.

EXERCISES ON CONJUNCTIONS, &c.

Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor. Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens; for they neither sow nor reap; which have neither store-house nor barn; and God feedeth them. You are happy, because you are good.

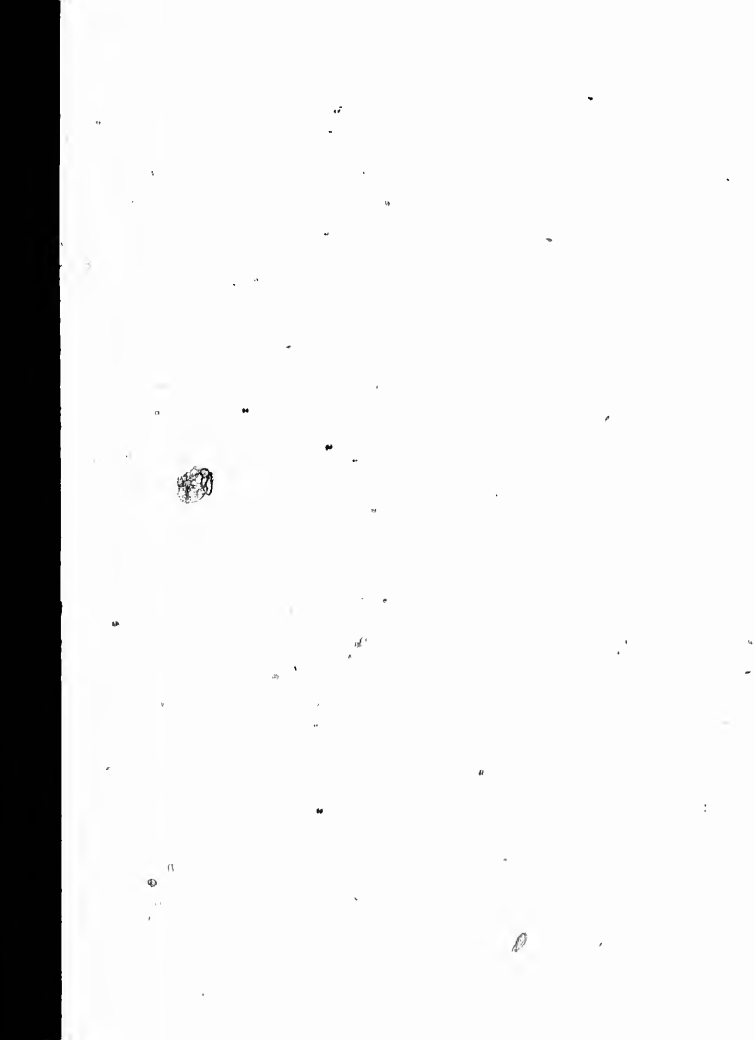
OBSERVATIONS.

* When *for* can be turned into *because*, it is a conjunction. Several words which are marked as adverbs in Johnson's Dictionary, are in many Grammars marked as conjunctions; such as, *Albeit, else, moreover, likewise, otherwise, nevertheless, then, therefore, wherefore*. Whether they be called adverbs or conjunctions, it signifies but little.

But in some cases is an adverb; as, "We are *but* (only) of yesterday, and know nothing."

Sometimes the same words are used as conjunctions in one place, and as prepositions or adverbs in another place; as, *Since* (conj.) we must part, let us do it peaceably: I have not seen him *since* (prep.) that time: Our friendship commenced long *since* (adv.)

† As many distinctions, however proper in themselves, may prove more hurtful than useful, they should not be made till the learner be perfectly acquainted with the more obvious facts.



Of INTERJECTIONS.

An *Interjection* is a word which expresses some emotion of the speaker; as, *Oh*, what a sight is here! *Well done!*

A LIST OF INTERJECTIONS.

Adieu! ah! alas! alack! away! aha! begone!
hark! ho! ha! he! hail! halloo! hum! hush!
huzza! hist! hey-day! lo! O! O strange!
O brave! pshaw! see! well-a-day! &c.

CORRECT THE FOLLOWING ERRORS:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| I saw a boy which is blind.* | We was not there.† |
| I saw a flock of gooses. | I loves him. |
| This is the horse who was lost. | He love me. |
| This is the hat whom I wear. | Thou have been busy. |
| John is here; she is a good boy. | He dare not speak |
| The hen lays his eggs. | She need not do it. |
| Jane is here, he reads well. | Was you there? |
| I saw two mouses. | You was not there. |
| The dog follows her master. | We was sorry for it. |
| This two horses eat hay. | Thou might not go. |
| John met three mans. | He dost not learn. |
| We saw two child. | If I does that. |
| He has but one teeth. | Thou may do it. |
| The well is ten foot deep. | You was never there. |
| Look at the oxes. | The book were lost. |
| This horse will let me ride on her. | Thou will better stop. |
| I can stay this two hours. | The horses was sold. |
| I have two pen-knives. | The boys was reading. |
| My lady has got his fan. | I teaches him grammar. |
| Two pair of ladies's gloves. | He are not attentive to it. |
| Henry the Eight had six wives. | Thou shall not go out. |
| I saw the man which sings. | If I bees not at home. |
| We saw an ass who brayed at us. | Thou can do nothing for |
| They will stay this two days. | John need not go. [ms.] |

* These exercises will at once amuse and improve the pupil.—See Syntax, Rule 14 and 15.—† Syntax, Rule 1.

ON PARSING.

Having the Exercises on Parsing* and Syntax in one volume with the Grammar is a convenience so exceedingly great, that it must be obvious. The following set of exercises on Parsing are arranged on a plan new and important.

All the most material points, and those that are apt to puzzle the pupil, have been selected, and made the subject of a whole page of exercises, and, where very important, of two. By this means, the same point must come so often under his eye, and be so often repeated, that it cannot fail to make a strong impression on his mind; and even should he forget it, it will be easy to refresh his memory by turning to it again.

To give full scope to the pupil's discriminating powers, the exercises contain all the parts of speech, promiscuously arranged, to be used thus:—

1. After the pupil has got the definition of a noun, exercise him in going over any part of the exercises in parsing, and pointing out the nouns *only*. This will oblige him to exercise his powers of discrimination in distinguishing the nouns from the *other* words.†

2. After getting the definition of an adjective, exercise him in selecting all the *adjectives* from the other words, and telling *why* they are adjectives.

3. After getting all the *pronouns* very accurately by heart, let him point out them, in addition to the nouns and adjectives.

4. Then the *verb*, without telling what *sort*, or what *number*, or *person*, or *tense*, for several weeks, or longer, till he can distinguish it with great readiness.

5. Then the definition of an *adverb*; after which, exercise him *orally* with many short sentences containing adverbs, and then on those in the book.

* *Parse* should be pronounced *parce*, and not *parz*.—See Key, p. 71.
 † Those accustomed to use Mr. Murray's lessons in parsing, will perhaps think the following too difficult; let such, however, reflect that Mr. Murray's are too easy; for when no other words are introduced than an *article* and a *noun*, no exercise is given to the pupil's judgement at all; for in every sentence he finds only an *article* and a *noun*; and in the next set, only an *article*, an *adjective*, and a *noun*, and so on.—There is no room for discrimination here, and yet discrimination is the very thing he should be taught.

6. Get all the prepositions by heart, for it is impossible to give such a definition of a preposition as will lead a child to distinguish it with certainty from every other sort of word.

7. Get all the conjunctions by heart. They have been alphabetically arranged, like the prepositions, to facilitate the committing of them to memory.

8. After this, the pupil, if very young, may go over all the exercises, by parsing every word in the most simple manner, viz. by saying, such a word—a *noun*, *singular*, without telling its *gender* and *case*—such a word, a *verb*, without telling its *nature*, *number*, *person*, *tense* and *mood*.

9. In the next and last course, he should go over the exercises, and tell *every* thing about *nouns* and *verbs*, &c. as shown in the example below.

In the Exercises on Parsing, the sentences on every page are numbered by small figures, to enable the reader to find out any sentence in the Key which he may wish to consult.

The small letters refer to the Nos. For example, *p*, in the first sentence of No. *a*, directs the learner to turn to No. *p*, page 74, and remark that it says, "The verb *to be* or *to have* is often understood;" intimating to him by this reference, that *to be* is understood after *man* in the first sentence of No. *a*.

O how stupendous was the power,
That raised me with a word !
And every day and every hour,
I lean upon the Lord.

O, an interjection—*how*, an adverb—*stupendous*, an adjective in the positive degree, compared by *more* and *most*, *as*, stupendous, *more* stupendous, *most* stupendous—*was*, a verb, neuter, third person singular, past indicative, ("agreeing with its nominative *power*, here put after it)—*the*, an article, the definite—*power*, a noun, singular, neuter, the nominative—*That*, a relative pronoun, singular, neuter, the nominative, here used for *which*; its antecedent is *power*—*raised*, a verb, active, third person singular, past indicative, (agreeing with its nominative *that*)—*me*, the first personal pronoun, singular, masculine or feminine, the objective, (governed by *raised*)—*with*, a preposition—*a*, an article, the indefinite—*word*, a noun, singular, neuter, the objective, (governed by *with*)—*And*, a conjunction—*every*, a distributive pronoun—*day*, a noun, singular, neuter, the objective (because the preposition *through* or *during* is understood)—*and*, and *every*, as before—*hour*, a noun, singular, neuter, the objective (because *day* was in it, and conjunctions couple the same cases of nouns, &c.)—*I*, the first personal pronoun, singular, masculine or feminine, the nominative—*lean*, a verb, neuter, first person singular, present indicative—*upon*, a preposition—*the*, an article, the definite—*Lord*, a noun, singular, masculine, the objective, (governed by *upon*).

* Omit the words within the / till the pupil gets the rules of Syntax

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

A few easy sentences chiefly intended as an Exercise on the Active Verb; but to be previously used as an Exercise on Nouns and Adjectives.

No. a.

A good conscience and a contented mind will make a man¹ happy. Philosophy teaches us to endure afflictions, but Christianity² to enjoy them, by turning them into blessings³. Virtue ennobles the mind, but vice debases it⁴. Education in the early period of life, will give happiness and ease to succeeding years⁵. A good conscience fears nothing⁶. Devotion promotes and strengthens virtue; calms and regulates the temper; and fills the heart with gratitude and praise⁶. Dissimulation degrades parts and learning, obscures the lustre of every accomplishment, and sinks us into universal contempt⁷.

If we lay no restraint upon our lusts, no control upon our appetites and passions, they will hurry us into guilt and misery⁸. Discretion stamps a value upon all our other qualities; it instructs us to make use of them at proper times, and turn them honourably to our own advantage: it shows itself alike in all our words and actions, and serves as an unerring guide in every occurrence of life⁹. Shame and disappointment attend sloth and idleness¹⁰. Indolence undermines the foundation of every virtue, and unfits a man for the social duties of life¹¹.

¹ Supply teaches us, as a reference to No. 2 intimates.—See *KT* in the preceding page.—See Key page 75. &c

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

Chiefly on the Active Verb,—continued from last page

No. a.

Knowledge gives ease to solitude, and gracefulness to retirement¹². Gentleness ought to form our address, to regulate our speech, and to diffuse itself over our whole behaviour¹³. Knowledge makes our being pleasant to us, fills the mind with entertaining views, and administers to it a perpetual series of gratifications¹⁴. Meekness controls our angry passions, candour our severe judgements¹⁵. Perseverance in labour will surmount every difficulty¹⁶. He that takes pleasure in the prosperity of others, enjoys part of their good fortune¹⁷. Restlessness of mind disqualifies us both for the enjoyment of our peace, and the performance of our duty¹⁸. Sadness contracts the mind; mirth dilates it¹⁹.

We should subject our fancies to the government of reason²⁰. Self-conceit, presumption, and obstinacy, blast the prospect of many a youth²¹. Affluence may give²² us respect in the eyes of the vulgar; but it will not recommend us to the wise and good²³. Complaisance produces good nature and mutual benevolence, encourages the timorous²⁴, and soothes the turbulent²⁵. A constant perseverance in the paths of virtue will gain respect²⁶. Envy and wrath shorten life, and anxiety bringeth age before its time²⁷. Bad habits require immediate reformation²⁸.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

Chiefly on the Nouter Verb, including the verb *to be*

No. *b.*

Economy is no disgrace: it is better to live on a little¹, than to outlive² a great deal¹. A virtuous education is a better inheritance than a great estate². Good and wise men only can be real friends³. Friendship can scarcely exist where virtue is not the foundation⁴. He that swells in prosperity, will shrink in adversity⁵. To despair⁶ in adversity is madness⁶. From idleness arises⁷ neither pleasure nor advantage: we must flee therefore from idleness⁷, the certain parent of guilt and ruin⁷.

You must not always rely on promises⁸. The peace of society dependeth on justice⁹. He that walketh with wise men shall be wise¹⁰. He that sitteth with the profane is foolish¹¹. The coach arrives daily¹². The mail travels fast¹³. Rain falls in great abundance here¹⁴. He sleeps soundly¹⁵. She dances gracefully¹⁶. I went to York¹⁷. He lives soberly¹⁸. He hurried to his house in the country¹⁹. They smiled²⁰. She laughed²¹. He that liveth in pleasure is dead while he liveth²². Nothing appears to be²³ so low and mean as lying and dissimulation²³. Vice is its own punishment, and virtue is its own reward²⁴. Industry is the road to wealth, and virtue²⁵ to happiness²⁵.

* These verbs would be active, were a preposition joined to them. Thus, "she smiled at him." "she smiled upon him"—"she laughs at me." In this case, the preposition must be considered as a part of the verb.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

Chiefly on the Passive Verb.—See p. 35, bottom.

No. c.

Virtue must be formed and supported by daily and repeated exertions¹. You may be deprived of honour and riches against your will; but not of virtue without your consent². Virtue is connected with eminence in every liberal art³. Many are brought to ruin by extravagance and dissipation⁴. The best designs are often ruined by unnecessary delay⁵. All our recreations should be accompanied with virtue and innocence⁶. Almost all difficulties may be overcome by diligence⁷. Old friends are preserved, and new ones are procured by a grateful disposition⁸. Words are like arrows, and should not be shot at random⁹.

A desire to be thought *learned often prevents our improvement¹⁰. Great merit is often concealed under the most unpromising appearances¹¹. Some talents are buried in the earth, and others are properly employed¹². Much mischief has often been prevented by timely consideration¹³. True pleasure is only to be found in the paths of virtue; and every deviation from them will be attended with pain¹⁴. That † friend is highly to be respected at all times, whose friendship is chiefly distinguished in adversity¹⁵.

* *Learned*, here is an adjective, and should be pronounced *learn-ed*.

† Concerning *that*, see notes, page 17.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

Chiefly on the Passive Verb.—Continued.

No. c.

There is not a more pleasing exercise of the mind than gratitude: it is accompanied with such an inward satisfaction, that the duty is sufficiently rewarded by the performance¹⁶. The mind should be stored with knowledge, and² cultivated with care¹⁷. A pardon was obtained for him from the king¹⁸. Our most sanguine prospects have often been blasted¹⁹. Too sanguine hopes of any earthly thing should never be entertained²⁰. The table of Dionysius the tyrant was loaded with delicacies of every kind, yet he could not eat²¹. I have long been taught that the afflictions of this life are overpaid by that eternal weight of glory which awaits the virtuous^{22, 23}.

Greater virtue is required to bear good fortune than bad²³. Riches and honour have always been reserved for the good²⁴. King Alfred is said to have divided the day and night into three parts: eight hours were allotted for meals and sleep,—eight were allotted for business and recreation, and eight²⁵ for study and devotion²⁵. All our actions should be regulated by religion and reason²⁶. Honours, monuments, and all the works of vanity and ambition, are demolished and destroyed by time; but the reputation of wisdom is transmitted to posterity²⁷. These two things cannot be disjoined; a pious life and a happy death²⁸.

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EXERCISES IN PARSING.

Different sorts of verbs in the imperative.

No. d.

Forget the faults of others, and remember your own¹. Study universal rectitude and cherish religious hope². Study your desires to things, and not things to your desires³. Cherish virtuous principles, and be ever steady in your conduct⁴. Practise humility, and reject every thing in dress, carriage, or conversation, which has any appearance of pride⁵. Allow nothing to interrupt your public or private devotions, except the performance of some humane action⁶.

"Learn to condemn all praise betimes,

"For^{*} flattery is the nurse of crimes⁷."

Consider yourself⁸ a citizen of the world; and deem nothing which⁴ regards humanity unworthy of your notice⁹. Presume⁴ not in prosperity and despair² not in adversity⁹. Be kind and courteous to all, and be not eager¹⁰ to take offence without just reason¹⁰. Beware⁸ of ill customs; they creep upon us insidiously, and by slow degrees¹¹.

"Oh man, degenerate man, offend no more!

"God learn of brutes, thy Maker to adore!"¹²

Let your religion[†] connect preparation for heaven with an honourable discharge of the duties of active life¹³. Let your words[‡] agree with your thoughts, and[‡] be followed by your actions¹⁴.

* See note first, p. 41.

† G^o and learn are both in the imperative.

‡ See note, next page.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

Different sorts of verbs in the imperative.—Continued.*

No. d.

Let all your thoughts, words, and actions, be tinctured* with humility, modesty, and candour¹⁵. Let him who wishes for an effectual cure to all the wounds the world can inflict,* retire from intercourse with men to intercourse with his Creator¹⁶.

Let no reproach make you* lay aside holiness; the frowns of the world are nothing to the smiles of Heaven¹⁷. Let reason go before enterprise, and counsel before every action¹⁸. Hear Ann read her lesson¹⁹. Bid her get it better²⁰. You need not hear her again²¹. I perceive her weep²². I feel it pain me²³. I dare not go²⁴. You behold him run²⁵. We observed him walk off hastily²⁶.

And that tongue of his, that bade the Romans Mark* him, and write his speeches in their books, Alas! it cried—give²⁷ me some drink, Titinius²⁷.

Deal with another as you'd have
Another* deal with you;
What' you're unwilling to receive;
Be sure you never do²⁸.

Abstain from pleasure and bear evil²⁹. Expect the same filial duty from your children which you paid to your parents³⁰.

* The next verb after *bid, dare, need, make, see, know, feel, let, perceive, behold, observe, have, and know* is in the infinitive, having to be understood; as, "The temper-loving raven scarce dares (to) *whisper* the dubious dusk." I have known him (to) *divert* the money, &c. It is often used after the compound tenses of these verbs; as, "Who will *dare* at advance, if I say—stop? Then did he *make* to pay tribute."

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

The nominative, though generally placed *before* the verb, is often placed *after* it; especially when the sentence begins with *here, there, &c.* or when *if* or *though* is understood; and when a *question* is asked.

No. e.

Among the many enemies of friendship may be reckoned suspicion and disgust¹. Among the great blessings and wonders of the creation, may be classed the regularities of times and seasons². Then were they in great fear³. Here stands the oak⁴. And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus⁵. Then shall thy light break forth as the morning⁶. Then shalt thou see clearly⁷. Where is thy brother⁸? Is he at home⁹?

There are delivered in Holy Scripture many weighty arguments for this doctrine¹⁰. Were he at leisure, I would wait upon him¹¹. Had he been more prudent, he would have been more fortunate¹². Were they wise, they would read the Scriptures daily¹³. I would give more¹⁴ to the poor, were I able¹⁴. Could we survey the chambers of sickness and distress, we should often find them² peopled with the victims of intemperance, sensuality, indolence and sloth¹⁵. Were he to assert it, I would not believe it, because he told a lie before¹⁶. Gaming is a vice² pregnant with every evil; and to it are often sacrificed wealth, happiness and every thing virtuous and valuable¹⁷. Is not industry the road to wealth, and² virtue² to happiness¹⁸?

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

The nominative is often at a great distance from the verb.

No. f.

That man who is neither elated by success, nor dejected by disappointment, whose conduct is not influenced by any change of circumstances to deviate from the line of integrity, possesses true fortitude of mind¹. That fortitude which has encountered no dangers, that prudence which has surmounted no difficulties, that integrity which has been attacked by no temptations,—can at best be considered but as gold, not yet brought to the test, of which, therefore, the true value cannot be assigned².

The man who retires to meditate mischief, and to exasperate his own rage; whose thoughts are only employed on means of distress, and contrivances of ruin; whose mind never pauses from the remembrance of his own sufferings, but to indulge some hope of enjoying the calamities of another;—may justly be numbered among the most miserable of human beings; among those who are guilty without reward; who have neither the gladness of prosperity, nor the calm of innocence³. He whose constant employment is detraction and censure; who looks only to find faults, and speaks only to publish them; will be dreaded, hated and avoided⁴.

He who through vast immensity can pierce,
See worlds on worlds compose one universe,
Observe how system into system runs,
What other planets circle other suns,
What varied being peoples every star,
May tell why Heaven has made us as we are⁵

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

The infinitive, or part of a sentence, being equal to a noun, is often the nominative to a verb.

No. g.

To be ashamed of the practice of precepts which^a the heart approves and embraces, from a fear of the censure of the world,^{*} marks a feeble and imperfect character¹. To endure misfortune with resignation, and bear it with fortitude, is^{16†} the striking characteristic of a great mind². To rejoice in the welfare of our fellow-creatures, is, in a degree, to partake of their good fortune; but to repine at their prosperity, is one of the most despicable traits of a narrow mind³.

To be ever active in laudable pursuits, is the distinguishing characteristic of a man of merit⁴. To satisfy all his demands, is the way to make your child⁵ truly miserable⁵. To practise virtue is the sure way to love it⁶. To be at once merry and malicious, is the sign of a corrupt heart and a weak understanding⁷. To bear adversity well is difficult, but to be temperate in prosperity is the height of wisdom⁸. To advise the ignorant, relieve the needy, and comfort the afflicted[†], are duties that fall in our way, almost every day of our lives⁹. To dread no eye, and to suspect no tongue, is^{16†} the great prerogative of innocence¹⁰.

^{*} When nothing but an infinitive precedes the verb, then it is the infinitive that is the nominative to it, as, *To play is pleasant*. But when the infinitive has any adjuncts, as in the sentence, *To drink poison is death*, it is the part of a sentence; for it is not *to drink* that is death, but *to drink poison*.

[†] Two or more infinitives require a verb in the plural.—See also Syntax E. 18, b.†

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

The relative is the nominative to the verb, when it stands immediately before the verb. When not close to the verb, it is in the objective, and governed either by the verb that comes *after* it, or by a preposition.*

No. *h.*

The value of any possession is to be chiefly estimated by the *rejoice* which it can bring us in the time of our greatest need¹. The veil which covers from our sight the events of succeeding years, is a veil woven by the hand of mercy². The chief misfortunes that befall us in life, can be traced to some vices or follies which we have committed³. Beware⁴ of those rash and dangerous connexions⁵ which may afterwards load you with dishonour⁴. True charity is not a meteor which* occasionally glances, but a luminary which* in its orderly and regular course, dispenses a benignant influence⁵. We usually find that to be the sweetest fruit which the birds have picked⁶. Wealth cannot confer greatness; for nothing can make that⁷ great, which the decree of nature has ordained to be little⁷. Justice consists not merely in performing those duties which the laws of society oblige us to perform, but in our duty to our Maker, to others, and to ourselves⁸. True religion will show its influence in every part of our conduct: it is like the sap of a living tree, which pervades the most distant boughs⁹.

* An *adverb* or a *clause* between two commas, frequently comes between the relative and the verb.—The rule at the top is but a *general* rule; for in poetry, in particular, the *relative*, though not close to the verb, is sometimes in the nominative.—See first line of poetry, page 63.

† See, the *obj.* governed by *to* understood after *like*, and *ante.* to which.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

When the antecedent and relative are *both* in the *nominative*, the relative is the *nominative* to the verb *next* it, and the antecedent is generally the *nominative* to the *second* verb.

No. i.

He who performs every part of his business in its due place and season, suffers no part of time to escape without profit¹. He that does good for the sake of virtue, seeks neither praise nor reward, though he is sure of both at the last². He that is the abettor of a bad action, is equally guilty with him that commits it³. He that overcomes his passions, conquers his greatest enemies⁴. The consolation which is derived from a reliance upon Providence, enables us to support the most severe misfortunes⁵.

That wisdom which enlightens the understanding and reforms the life, is the most valuable⁶. Those, and those only, who have felt the pleasing influence of the most genuine and exalted friendship, can comprehend its beauties⁷. An error that proceeds from any good principle, leaves no room for resentment⁸. Those who raise envy will easily incur censure⁹. He who is a stranger to industry, may possess, but he cannot enjoy; he only who is active and industrious, can experience real pleasure¹⁰. That man who is neither elated by success nor dejected by disappointment whose conduct is not influenced by any change of circumstances to deviate from the line of integrity, possesses true fortitude of mind¹¹.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

What is equal to—*that which*—or *the thing which*—and represents *two cases*;—sometimes *two nominatives*;—sometimes *two objectives*;—sometimes *a nominative and an objective*,—and sometimes *an objective and a nominative*. Sometimes it is an *adjective*.

No. j.

Regard the quality rather than the quantity of what you read¹. If we delay till to-morrow what ought to be done² to-day, we overcharge the to-morrow with a burden which belongs not to it³. Choose what is most fit; custom will make it the most agreeable⁴. Foolish men are more apt to consider what they have lost, than what they possess, and to turn their eyes on those who are richer than themselves, rather than on those who are under greater difficulties⁴.

What cannot be mended or prevented, must be endured⁵. Be attentive to what you are about, and take pains to do it well⁶. What you do not hear to-day, you will not tell to-morrow⁷. Mark Anthony, when under adverse circumstances, made this interesting remark, "I have lost all, except what I gave away⁸." Mark what it is his mind aims at in the question, and not what* words⁹ he utters⁹.

By what* means shall I obtain wisdom?

See what* a grace was seated on his brow¹⁰!

¹ *What* here, and generally in questions, is an adjective, like *many* in "many a flower."—Sometimes it is an interjection; as, *What!*
² *What* is sometimes used as an adverb for *partly*; thus, *What* with thinking, *what* with writing, and *what* with reading, I am weary.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

The compound relatives,—*whoever* and *whosoever*—are equal to—*he who*.

Whatever and *whatsoever* are equal to—*the thing which*;—and represent two cases like *what*, as on the preceding page.—See page 16, last two notes.

No. k.

Whatever gives pain to others, deserves not the name of pleasure¹.² Whoever lives under an habitual sense of the divine presence, keeps up a perpetual cheerfulness of temper³. Whatsoever is set before you, eat³. Aspire after perfection in *whatever state of life you choose⁴. Whoever is not content in poverty, would not be so in plenty; for the fault is not in the thing, but in the mind⁵. Whatever is worth doing, is worth doing well⁶.

By *whatever arts you may at first attract the attention, you can hold the esteem, and secure the hearts of others, only by amiable dispositions, and the accomplishments of the mind⁷. Whatever delight, or whatever solace is granted by the celestials to soften our fatigues—in thy presence, O Health, thou parent of happiness! all those joys spread out and flourish⁸. *Whatever your situation in life may be, nothing is more necessary to your success, than the acquirement of virtuous dispositions and habits⁹. *Whatever be the motive of insult, it is always best to overlook it, and revenge it in no circumstances whatever¹⁰.

* *Whatever* is an adjective here, for it qualifies *arts*, &c.; and where no noun is after it, it agrees with *thing* understood. Thus, *Whatever* may be the motive, &c. that is, *Whatever thing* may be.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

Do, did and *have* are auxiliary verbs when joined to another verb; when not joined to another verb, they are principal verbs, and *have* auxiliaries like the verb *to love*.

No. 1.

He who does not perform what he has promised is a traitor to his friend¹. Earthly happiness does not flow from riches; but from content of mind, health of body, and a life of piety and virtue². Examples do not authorize a fault³. If we do not study the Scriptures, they will never make us wise⁴. The butler did not remember Joseph⁵. You did not get enough of time to prepare your lessons⁶. Did you see my book⁷? Do you go to-morrow⁸? I do not think it proper to play too long⁹. Did he deceive you¹⁰? He did deceive me¹¹. I do not hate my enemies¹². Wisdom does not make a man proud¹³.

Principal.—He who does the most good, has the most pleasure¹⁴. Instead of adding to the afflictions of others, do whatever you can to alleviate them¹⁵. If ye do these things, ye shall never fall¹⁶. If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us¹⁷. He did his work well¹⁸. Did he do his work well¹⁹? Did you do what I requested you to do²⁰? Deceit betrays a littleness of mind, and is the resource of one who has not courage to avow his failings²¹. We have no bread²².

* *Have, hast, has, hath, had, and hadst*, are auxiliaries only when they have the past participle of another verb after them.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

The verb *to be* has very often an *adjective* after it; and some adjectives seem so closely combined with it, as to lead young people to suppose that they have got a passive verb.

No. m.

Prudence and moderation are productive of true peace and comfort¹. If the powers of reflection were cultivated* by habit, mankind would at all times be able to derive pleasure from their own breasts, as rational as it is exalted². Learning is preferable to riches; but virtue is preferable to both³. He who rests on a principle within, is incapable of betraying his trust, or deserting his friend⁴. Saul was afraid of David⁵. And the men were afraid⁶. One would have thought she should have been contented⁷.

Few things are impracticable in themselves⁸. To study without intermission is impossible: relaxation is necessary; but it should be moderate⁹. The Athenians were conceited on account of their own wit, science, and politeness¹⁰. We are indebted to our ancestors for civil and religious liberty¹¹. Many things are worth inquiry to one man, which are not so to another¹². An idle person is a kind of monster in the creation, because all nature is busy about him¹³. Impress your minds with reverence for all that is sacred¹⁴. He was unfortunate, because he was inconsiderate¹⁵. She is conscious of her deficiency, and will therefore be busy¹⁶. I am ashamed of you¹⁷. She is sadly forlorn¹⁸.

* *Were cultivated*, a verb passive.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

1. Active and neuter verbs are often conjugated with their *présent participle*, joined to the verb *to be*.*
2. A noun is always understood, when not expressed, after adjectives and adjective pronouns, such as; *few, many, this, that, all, every, each, either*.—See p. 145, under *they, those*.

No. 7.

1. While I am reading, you should be listening to what I read¹. He was delivering his speech when I left the house². They have been writing on botany³. He might have been rising to eminence⁴. I have been writing a letter, and I am just going to send it away⁵. She was walking by herself when I met her⁶. We are perishing with hunger: I am willing therefore to surrender⁷. We should always be learning⁸. A good man is always studying to be better⁹. We were hearing a sermon yesterday¹⁰.

2. Those only are truly great who are really good¹¹. Few set a proper value on their time¹². Those who despise the admonitions of their friends, deserve the mischiefs which their own obstinacy brings upon them¹³. Among the many social virtues which attend the practice of true religion, that of a strict adherence to truth is of the greatest importance¹⁴. Love no interests but those of truth and virtue¹⁵. Such as are diligent will be rewarded¹⁶. I saw a thousand¹⁷. Of all prodigality, that of time is the worst¹⁸. Some are naturally timid; and some bold and active; for all are not alike¹⁹.

* Many words both in *ing* and *ed* are more adjectives.

EXERCISES IN PARING.

The *Past Participle* has uniformly either a relative or personal pronoun, with some part of the verb *to be* understood before it.

No. 0.

Make the study of the sacred Scriptures your daily practice and concern; and embrace the doctrines contained in them, as the real dictates of Heaven, and the dictates of that spirit that cannot lie¹. Knowledge softened with complacency and good-breeding, will make a man beloved and admired². Gratitude and thanks are the least returns which children can make to their parents for the numberless obligations conferred on them³. Precepts have little influence when not enforced by example⁴. He is of all human beings the happiest, who has a conscience untainted by guilt, and a mind so well regulated as to be able to accommodate itself to whatever the wisdom of Heaven shall think fit to ordain⁵. Mere external beauty is of little estimation; and deformity, when associated with amiable dispositions and useful qualities, does not preclude our respect and approbation⁶. True honour, as defined by Cicero, is the concurrence of approbation of good men⁷. Modesty seldom resides in a breast not enriched with other virtues⁸.

* It is often difficult to supply the right part of the verb *to be*. An *adverb* is often understood. The scope of the sentence must determine what part of *to be*, and what *adverb*, when an *adverb* is necessary, should be supplied; for no general rule for this can be given.

† The *Past Tense* has always a noun, either *expressed* or *early understood*: but the *Past Part.* has no noun—See No. 163.

‡ *Untainted and regulated* are adjectives here.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

On the past participle—continued from last page.

No. 0.

An elevated genius, employed in little things, appears like the sun in his evening declination; he remits his splendour, but retains his magnitude; and pleases more though he dazzles less⁹. Economy, prudently and temperately conducted, is the safeguard of many virtues; and is, in a particular manner, favourable to exertions of benevolence¹⁰.

The lovely young Lavinia once had friends,
And fortune smiled deceitful¹¹ on her birth;
For, in her helpless fears, deprived of all,
Of every stay, save¹² innocence and Heaven,
She, with her widowed mother, feeble, old,
And poor, lived in a cottage far retired
Among the windings of a woody vale;
By solitude and deep surrounding shades,
But more by bashful modesty concealed¹³.

We find man¹⁴ placed† in a world where he has by no means the disposal of the events that happen¹⁵. Attention was given that they should still have sufficient means† left to enable them to perform their military service¹⁶. Children often labour more to have the words in their books† unprinted on their memories, than to have the meaning† fixed in their minds¹⁷.

⁹ This may be considered a proposition here.—See E. No. 140.
¹⁰ In many cases, the infinitive to be, is understood before the past participle. Though the verb that follows have, give, &c. is in the infinitive, it is intransitive, and will be so in intransitive, the to that follows it is transitive too.—See § 46 placed.—Morgan's Grammar, &c. See Synes, &c.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

Supply all the words that are understood. The infinitive *to be*, or *to have*, is often understood.—Not supplying what is understood after *than* and *as*, is frequently the cause of error.

No. p.

Disdain^e even the appearance of falsehood, nor allow even the image of deceit, a place in your mind¹. Those^t who want firmness and fortitude of mind, seem born to enlist under a leader, and are the sinners or the saints of accident². They lost their mother when very young³. Of all my pleasures and comforts none have been so durable, satisfactory and unalloyed as those derived from religion⁴.

For once upon a raw and gusty day,
The troubled Tiber chafing with his shores,
Cæsar says to me, "Dar'st thou, Cassius, now,
Leap⁵ in with me into this angry flood,
And swim to yonder point⁶?"
For contemplation he, and valour formed,
For softness she, and sweet attractive grace⁷.

Is not her younger sister fairer than she⁸?
Only on the throne shall I be greater than
thou⁹. We were earlier at church than they⁹.
I have more to do than he¹⁰. He is as dili-
gent as his brother¹¹. I love you as well as
him¹². Virtue is of intrinsic value and good
desert, and of indispensable obligation; not
the creature of will, but necessary and im-
mutable; not local or temporary, but of
equal extent and antiquity with the divine
mind; not a mode of sensation, but ever-
lasting truth; not dependent on power, but
the guide of all power¹³.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

1. The objective after an active verb, especially when a relative, is often understood.
2. Sometimes the antecedent is improperly omitted, and must be supplied.

No. 7.

1. He that moderates his desires enjoys the best happiness this world can afford¹. Few reflections are more distressing than those we make on our own ingratitude². The more true merit a man has, the more does he applaud it in others³. It is not easy to love those we do not esteem⁴. Our good or bad fortune depends on the choice we make of our friends⁵. An over cautious attention to avoid evils often brings them upon us; and we frequently run headlong into misfortunes by the very means we pursue to avoid them⁶. He eats regularly, drinks moderately, and reads often⁷. She sees and hears distinctly, but she cannot write⁸. Let him labour with his hands, that he may have to give to him that needeth⁹.

2. For reformation of error, they were that thought it a part of Christian duty to instruct them¹⁰. There have been that have delivered themselves from their misfortunes by their good conduct or virtue¹¹.

Who ~~to~~ nature rarely can be poor;

Who livs to fancy rarely can be rich¹².

Who steals my purse steals trash¹³.

For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not¹⁴.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

1. The objective generally comes *after* the verb that governs it; but when a *relative*, and in some other cases, it comes *before* it.
2. When two objectives follow a verb, the *thing* is governed by the verb, and the *person* by a *preposition* understood.

No. 1.

1. Me ye have bereaved of my children¹. Them that honour me I will honour². Him whom ye ignorantly worship, declare I unto you³. Them that were entering in ye hindered⁴. Me he restored to mine^{*} office, and him he hanged⁵. Those who have laboured to make us wise and good, are the persons whom we ought particularly to love and respect⁶. The cultivation of taste is recommended by the happy effects which it naturally tends to produce on human life⁷. These curiosities we have imported from China⁸.

2. And he gave him tithes of all⁹. Who gave thee this authority¹⁰? Ye gave me meat¹¹. He gave them bread from heaven¹². Give me understanding¹³. Give me thine^{*} heart¹⁴. Friend, lend me three loaves¹⁵. Sell me thy birth-right¹⁶. Sell me meat for money¹⁷. I will send you corn¹⁸. Tell me thy name¹⁹. He taught me grammar²⁰. If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone²¹. Bring me a candle²². Get him a pen²³. Write him a letter²⁴. Tell me nothing but the truth²⁵.

^{*} Mine, a possessive pronoun, used here for my, as thine is for thy.
[†] Friend is the nominative, for he is named. Supply the ellipsis thus
 O thou, who art my friend, lend me, &c.

EXERCISES IN PARSING.

1. The poets often use an *adjective* as a *noun*, and sometimes join an *adjective* to their new-made noun.
2. They sometimes improperly use an *adjective* for an *adverb*.
3. Though the adjective generally comes *before* the noun, it is sometimes placed *after* it.

No. 3.

1. And where He *vital* breathes there must be joy¹.
 — Who shall attempt with wand'ring feet
 The dark, unbottom'd, infinite abyss,
 And through the *palpable* OBSCURE find out
 His uncoûth way, or spread his airy flight,
 Upborne with undefatigable wings,
 Over the *vast* ABRUPT, e'er he arrive*
 The happy isle?²—*Paradise Lost*, b. ii. 404.
2. Thus Adam his illustrious guest besought;
 And thus the god-like angel answer'd *mild*.³
 The lovely young Lavinia once had friends,
 And fortune smiled *deceitful* on her birth.⁴
 When even at last the solemn hour shall come,
 To wing my mystic flight to future worlds,
 I *cheerful* will obey; there, with new powers,
 Will rising wonders sing.⁵
 The rapid radiance *instantaneous* strikes
 The illumin'd mountain.⁶—*Gradual* sinks the
 Into a perfect calm.⁷ [breeze
 Each animal, conscious of some danger, fled
Precipitate the loathed abode of man.⁸
3. But I lose myself in him,—in light *ineffable*.⁹
 — Pure serenity apace
 Induces thought and contemplation *still*.¹⁰

* The poets often very improperly omit the *preposition*. It should be "E'er he arrive *at* the happy isle." And again, "Here he had need all circumspection," for, need of all circumspection.

† After this, the preface, with many other parts of the Grammar, may be used as additional exercises on parsing.

A SHORT EXPLANATION OF SOME OF THE
TERMS USED IN THE GRAMMAR.

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| <i>Nominative</i> , naming. [ing to. | <i>Promiscuous</i> , mixed. |
| <i>Possessive</i> , possessing, belong- | <i>Imperative</i> , commanding |
| <i>Objective</i> , the object upon | <i>Infinitive</i> , without limits. |
| which an active verb or pre- | <i>Tense</i> , the time of acting or |
| position terminates. | suffering. |
| <i>Comparison</i> , a comparing of | <i>Present</i> , the time that now is. |
| qualities. [excess. | <i>Past</i> , the time past. |
| <i>Positive</i> , the quality without | <i>Perfect</i> , quite completed, fin- |
| <i>Comparative</i> , a higher or low- | ished, and past. |
| er degree of the quality. | <i>Pluperfect</i> , more than perfect, |
| <i>Superlative</i> , the highest or | quite finished some time ago |
| lowest degree of the quality. | <i>Future</i> , time to come. [parts. |
| <i>Prefixing</i> , placing before. | <i>Participle</i> , partaking of other |
| <i>Personal</i> , belonging to persons | <i>Regular</i> , according to rule. |
| <i>Relative</i> , relating to another. | <i>Irregular</i> , not accord. to rule. |
| <i>Antecedent</i> , the word going | <i>Defective</i> , wanting some of its |
| before. | <i>Copulative</i> , joining. [parts. |
| <i>Demonstrative</i> , pointing out. | <i>Disjunctive</i> , disjoined. |
| <i>Distributive</i> , dividing into por- | <i>Annexed</i> , joined to. |
| tions. [ed. | <i>Governs</i> , acts upon. |
| <i>Indefinite</i> , undefined, not limit- | <i>Preceding</i> , going before. |
| <i>Interrogative</i> , asking. | <i>Intervene</i> , to come between. |
| <i>Transitive</i> , (action) passing to | <i>Unity</i> , one, several acting as one |
| an object. | <i>Contingency</i> , what may or may |
| <i>Intransitive</i> , (action) confined | not happen; uncertainty. |
| to the actor; passing within | <i>Plurality</i> , more than one, |
| <i>Auxiliary</i> , helping. | <i>Futurity</i> , time to come. |
| <i>Conjugate</i> , to give all the | <i>Omit</i> , to leave out, not to do. |
| principal parts of a verb. | <i>Ellipsis</i> , a leaving out of some- |
| <i>Mood</i> , or <i>Mode</i> , form or man- | thing. [ous kinds. |
| ner of a verb. [ing. | <i>Miscellaneous</i> , mixed, of vari- |
| <i>Indicative</i> , declaring, indicat- | <i>Cardinal</i> ,* principal, or fun- |
| <i>Potential</i> , having power or will | damental. [order. |
| <i>Subjunctive</i> , joined to another | <i>Ordinal</i> ,† numbered in their |
| under a condition. | <i>Universal</i> , extending to all. |
| <i>Negative</i> , no, denying. | <i>Ambiguity</i> , uncertainty which |
| <i>Affirmative</i> , yes, asserting. | of the two it is. |

* The *Cardinal numbers* are, One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, &c.; from the first three are formed the adverbs *once*, *twice*, *thrice*.

† The *Ordinal numbers* are, First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth; twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, &c. From these are formed *adverbs of order*: as, *Firstly*, *secondly*, *thirdly*, *fourthly*, *fifthly*, *sixthly*, *seventhly*, *eighthly*, *ninthly*, *tenthly*, *eleventhly*, *twelfthly*, *thirteenthly*, *fourteenthly*, *fifteenthly*, *sixteenthly*, *seventeenthly*, *eighteenthly*, *nineteenthly*, *twentiethly*, *twenty-firstly*, *twenty-secondly*, &c.

SYNTAX.

*SYNTAX is that part of Grammar which treats of the proper arrangement and connection of words in a sentence.**

A *sentence* is an assemblage of words making complete sense; as, *John is happy.*

Sentences are either simple or compound.

A *simple sentence* contains but one subject and one finite† verb; as, *Life is short.*

A *compound sentence* contains two or more simple sentences connected by one or more conjunctions; as, *Time is short, BUT eternity is long.*

A *phrase* is two or more words used to express a certain relation between ideas, without affirming any thing; as, *In truth; To be plain with you.*

The principal parts of a simple sentence are, the *subject*, (or nominative,) the *attribute*, (or verb,) and the *object*.

The *subject* is the thing chiefly spoken of; the *attribute* is the thing affirmed or denied; and the *object* is the thing affected by such action.

* Syntax principally consists of two parts, *Concord* and *Government*. *Concord* is the agreement which one word has with another, in number, gender, case, or person.

Government is that power which one part of speech has over another in determining its mood, tense, or case.

† Finite verbs are those to which number and person appertain. The infinitive mood has no respect to number or person.

RULE I.—A verb must agree with its nominative in number and person; as,—Thou readest; He reads; We read.

EXERCISES.

I loves reading. A soft* answer turn away wrath. We is but of yesterday and knoweth nothing. Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil. The days of man is but as grass. All things is naked and open to the eyes of him with whom we has to do. All things was created by him. In him we live and moves. Frequent commission of crimes harden his heart. In our earliest youth the contagion of manners are observable. The pyramids of Egypt has stood more than three thousand years. The number of our days are with thee. A judicious arrangement of studies, facilitate improvement. A variety of pleasing objects charm the eye. A few pangs of conscience now and then interrupts his pleasure, and whispers to him that he once had better thoughts. There is more cultivators of the earth than of their own hearts. Nothing but vain and foolish pursuits delight some persons. Not one of those whom thou sees clothed in purple are happy. There's two or three of us who have seen the work.

Him and her were of the same age.

* RULE.—An adjective agrees with a noun in gender, number, and case; as, A good man.—As the adjective, in English, is not marked on account of gender, number, or case, this rule is of little importance.

† RULE.—The subject of a verb should be in the nominative case; thus, Him and her were married; should be, He and she were married.

‡ All those notes at the bottom that have exercises in the text are to be committed to memory, and applied like the rules at the top.

RULE II.—*An active verb governs the objective case*; as,—We love *him*; He loves *us*.*

EXERCISES.

He loves we. He and they we know, but who art thou? She that is idle and mischievous, reprove sharply. Ye only have I known. Let thou and I the battle try. He who committed the offence thou shouldst correct, not I who am innocent.

Esteeming themselves wise, they became fools. Upon seeing I, he turned pale. Having exposed himself too much to the fire of the enemy, he soon lost an arm in the action.

The man who† he raised from obscurity is dead. Who did they entertain so freely? They are the persons who we ought to respect. Who having not seen we love, They who opulence has made proud, and who luxury has corrupted, are not happy.

‡ Repenting him of his design. It will be very difficult to agree his conduct with the principles he professes. Go, flee thee away into the land of Judea.

§ I shall premise with two or three general observations. He ingratiates with some by traducing others.

* The participle, being a part of the verb, governs the same case.

† Note. *When the objective is a relative, it comes before the verb that governs it.* (Mr. Murray's 6th rule is unnecessary.—See No. 4. p. 63.)

RULE I.—*N neuter verbs do not admit of an objective after them*; thus, Repenting Aim of his design, should be, Repenting of his design.

RULE II.—*Active verbs do not admit of a preposition after them*; thus, I must premise with three circumstances, should be, I must premise three circumstances.

RULE III.—*Prepositions govern the objective case; as,—To whom much is given, of him much shall be required.*

EXERCISES.

To who will you give that pen? Will you go with I? Without I ye can do nothing. Withhold not good from they to who it is due. With who do you live? Great friendship subsists between he and I. He can do nothing of hisself. They willingly, and of theirselves, endeavoured to make up the difference. He laid the suspicion upon somebody, I know not who, in the company.

* Who do you speak to? Who did they ride with? Who dost thou serve under? Flattery can hurt none, but those who it is agreeable to. It is not I thou art engaged with. It was not he that they were so angry with. Who didst thou receive that intelligence from? The person who I travelled with has sold the horse which he rode on during our journey. Does that boy know who he speaks to? I hope it is not I thou art displeased with.

† He is quite unacquainted with, and consequently cannot speak upon, that subject.

* RULE I.—*The preposition should be placed immediately before the relative which it governs; as, To whom do you speak?*

The preposition is often separated from the relative: but though this is perhaps allowable in familiar conversation, yet, in solemn composition the placing of the preposition immediately before the relative is more perspicuous and elegant.

† RULE II.—*It is inelegant to connect two prepositions, or one and an active verb, with the same noun; for example, They were refused entrance into, and forcibly driven from the house; should be, They were refused entrance into the house, and forcibly driven from it.—I wrote to, and warned him; should be, I wrote to him and warned him.*

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

Two or more singular nouns separated by OR, or NOR, require a verb and pronoun in the singular; as,—James or John is dux.†

EXERCISES.

Socrates and Plato was the most eminent philosophers of Greece. The rich and poor meets together. Life and death is in the power of the tongue. The time and place for the conference was agreed on. Idleness and ignorance is the parent of many vices. John and I reads better than you. Wisdom, virtue, happiness, dwells with the golden mediocrity. Luxurious living and high pleasures begets a languor and satiety that destroys all enjoyment. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing.

Neither precept nor discipline are so forcible as example. Either the boy or the girl were present. Neither character nor dialogue were yet understood. The modest virgin, the prudent wife, or the careful matron, are much more serviceable in life than the petticoated philosophers. It must be confessed that a lampoon or a satire do not carry in them robbery or murder. Man is not such a machine as a clock or a watch, which move merely as they are moved.

*And is the only conjunction that combines the agency of two or more into one; for, as well as, never does that; but merely states a sort of comparison; thus, "Caesar, as well as Cicero, was eloquent." With is sometimes used for and.—See *Miscellaneous Observations*, p. 111 & 112.

† Or and nor are the only conjunctions applicable to this rule.

RULE V.—*Conjunctions couple the same moods and tenses of verbs ; as,—Do good and seek peace. Conjunctions couple the same cases of nouns and pronouns ; as,—He and I are happy.*

EXERCISES.

He reads and wrote well. He or me must go. Neither he nor her can attend. Anger glances into the breast of a wise man, but will rest only in the bosom of fools. My brother and him are tolerable grammarians. The parliament addressed the king, and has been prorogued the same day. If he understands the subject, and attend to it, he can scarcely fail of success. Did he not tell thee his fault, and entreated* thee to forgive him? And dost thou open thine eyes upon such a one, and bringest* me into judgement with thee? You and us enjoy many privileges. Professing regard, and to act differently, mark a base mind. If a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them is gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray.

† Rank may confer influence, but will not necessarily produce virtue. She was proud, though now humble. He is not rich but † is respectable. Our season of improvement is short; and, whether used or not † will soon pass away

* The same form of the verb must be continued.

† Conjunctions frequently couple different moods and tenses of verbs ; but in these instances the nominative is generally repeated ; as, He may return, but he will not continue.

‡ The nominative is generally repeated, even to the same mood and tense, when a contrast is stated with *but, not, or though, &c.* as in this sentence.

RULE VI.—*One verb governs another in the infinitive mood; as,—Forget not to do good.* To, the sign of the infinitive, is not used after the verbs, bid, dare, need, make, see, hear, feel, let, perceive, behold, observe, have, and know.†*

EXERCISES.

Strive learn. They obliged him do it. Newton did not wish obtrude his discoveries on the public. His penetration and diligence seemed vie with each other. Milton cannot be said have contrived the structure of an epic poem. Endeavouring persuade. We ought forgive injuries.

They need not to call upon her. I dare not to proceed so hastily. I have seen some young persons to conduct themselves very discreetly. He bade me to go home. It is the difference of their conduct which makes us to approve the one, and to reject the other. We heard the thunder to roll. It is a great support to virtue, when we see a good mind to maintain its patience and tranquility under injuries and afflictions, and to cordially forgive its oppressors. Let me to do that. I bid my servant to do this, and he doeth it. I need not to solicit him to do a kind office.

* The infinitive mood is frequently governed by nouns and adjectives; as, They have a desire to learn: *Worthy to be loved.* For, before the infinitive, is unnecessary.

Let governs the objective case; as, Let him beware.

† To is generally used after the passive of these verbs, except let; as, He was made to believe it; He was let go; and sometimes after the active in the past tense, especially of have, a principal verb; as, I had to walk all the way.—See p. 61, b.

The infinitive is often independent of the rest of the sentence; as, To proceed; To confess the truth, I was in fault.

RULE VII.—*When two nouns come together signifying different things, the first is put in the possessive case; as,—John's book; an eagle's wings; his heart.*

When two nouns come together signifying the same thing, they agree in case; as, *Cicero the orator; The city Edinburgh.*

EXERCISES.

Pompeys pillar. Virtues reward. A mans manner's frequently influence his fortune. Asa his heart was perfect with the Lord. A mothers tenderness and a fathers care are natures gifts for mans advantage. Helen her beauty was the cause of Troy its destruction. Wisdoms precepts are the good mans delight

* Peter's, John's, and Andrew's occupation was that of fishermen. He asked his father as well as his mother's advice.

Jesus feet. Moses rod. Herodias† sake. Righteousness's sake. For conscience's sake. And they were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan.

- * **RULE.**—*When several nouns come together in the possessive case, the apostrophe with s is annexed to the last, and understood to the rest; as, Jane and Lucy's books.*

When any words intervene, the sign of the possessive should be annexed to each; as, This gained the king's as well as the people's approbation.

† 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' sake, For conscience' sake, Francis' sake.*

It has lately become common when the nominative singular ends in s, or ss, to form the possessive by omitting the s after the apostrophe; as, *James' book, Miss' shoes*, instead of *James's book, Miss's shoes*. This is improper. Put these phrases into questions, and then they will appear ridiculous. Is this book James'? Are these shoes Miss'? Nor are they less ridiculous without the interrogatory form; as, *This book is James' &c.—K. 195-6-7.*

We sometimes use of instead of the apostrophe and s; thus we say, *The wisdom of Socrates*, rather than *Socrates's wisdom*. In some instances we use the of and the possessive termination too; as, *is a discovery of Sir Isaac Newton's*, that is, one of Sir Isaac Newton's discoveries. A picture of my friend, means a portrait of him: But a picture of my friend's means a portrait of some other person, and that it belongs to my friend.

As precise rules for the formation of the possessive case, in all situations

RULE VIII.—*When a noun of multitude conveys unity of idea, the verb and pronoun should be singular; as,—The class was large.*
When a noun of multitude conveys plurality of idea, the verb and pronoun should be plural; as,—My people do not consider; they have not known me.

EXERCISES.

The meeting were well attended. The people has no opinion of its own. Send the multitude away, that it may go and buy itself bread. The people was very numerous. The council was not unanimous. The flock, and not the fledge, are, or ought to be, the object of the shepherd's care. When the nation complain the rulers should listen to their voice. The regiment consist of a thousand men. The multitude eagerly pursues pleasure as its chief good. The parliament are dissolved. The fleet were seen sailing up the channel. Why do this generation seek after a sign? The shoal of herrings were immense. The remnant of the people were persecuted. The committee was divided in its sentiments. The army are marching to Cadiz. Some people is busy, and yet does very little. Never were any nation so infatuated. But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.

Examples can scarcely be given, I shall merely subjoin a few correct examples for the pupil's imitation; thus, I left the parcel at Smith's the bookseller; the Lord Mayor of London's authority; For David thy father's sake; He took refuge at the governor's the king's representative; Whose glory did he emulate? He emulated Caesar's, the greatest general of antiquity.—See last note under rule xii. also rule xxx.

RULE IX.—*The verb TO BE should have the same case after it that it has before it; as, I am he; I took it to be him.**

EXERCISES.

It was me who wrote the letter. Be not afraid, it is me. It was not me. It was him who got the first prize. I am sure it was not us that did it. It was them who gave us all this trouble. I would not act the same part again, if I were him. He so much resembled his brother, that at first sight I took it to be he. Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are them which testify of me.

I saw one whom I took to be she. Let him be whom he may, I am not afraid of him. Who do you think him to be? Whom do men say that I am? She is the person who I understood it to have been. Whom think ye that I am? Was it me that said so? I am certain it was not him: I believe it to have been they. It might have been him. It is impossible to be them. It was either him or his brother that gained the first prize.

* When the verb *to be* is understood, it has the same case after it that it has before it; as, He seems the leader of a party; I supposed him a man of learning;—that is, *to be* the leader, &c.; *to be* a man, &c.

Part of a sentence is sometimes the nominative both before and after the verb *to be*; as, His maxim was, "Be master of thy anger."

The verb *to be* is often followed by an *adjective*.—See No. *m*.

Passive verbs which signify naming, and some *neuter verbs*, have a nominative after them; as, He shall be called *John*; He became the *slave* of irregular passions. *Stephen* died a *martyr* for the Christian religion.

Some *passive verbs* admit an *objective* after them; as, John was first denied *apples*, then he was promised *them*, then he was offered *them*.

RULE X.—*Sentences that imply contingency and futurity require the subjunctive mood; as,—If he be alone, give him the letter.**
When contingency and futurity are not BOTH implied, the indicative ought to be used; as, If he speaks as he thinks, he may safely be trusted.

EXERCISES.

If a man smites his servant, and he die, he shall surely be put to death. If he acquires riches they will corrupt his mind. Though he be high, he hath respect to the lowly. If thou live virtuously, thou art happy. If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. If he does promise, he will certainly perform. Oh! that his heart was tender. As the governess were present, the children behaved properly. Though he falls he shall not be utterly cast down.

† Despise not any condition lest it happens to be thy own.* Let him, that is sanguine, take heed lest he miscarries. Take care that thou breakest not any of the established rules.

† If he is but discreet he will succeed. If he be but in health, I am content. If he does but intimate his desire, it will produce obedience.

* The exercises may all be corrected by the rule at the top.—K. 201.
 † **RULE I.**—Lest and that annexed to a command, require the subjunctive mood; as,—Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty. Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

‡ **RULE II.**—If, with but following it when future time is denoted requires the subjunctive mood; as, If he do but touch the fire, they shall smoke. But when future time is not expressed, the indicative ought to be used.

In the subjunctive the auxiliaries shall, should, &c. are generally un-
 Jerstood; as, Though he fall, i. e. though he should fall. Until repentance compass his mind, i. e. until repentance shall compass.—K. 258.

RULE XI.—Some Conjunctions have their correspondent conjunctions; thus,

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| <i>Neither</i> | requires <i>Nor</i> after it; as, <i>Neither he nor his brother was in.</i> |
| <i>Though</i> | <i>Yet</i> <i>Though he was rich, yet for our sakes, &c.</i> |
| <i>Whether</i> | <i>Or</i> <i>Whether he will do it or not, I cannot tell.</i> |
| <i>Either</i> | <i>Or*</i> <i>Either she or her sister must go.</i> |
| <i>As</i> | <i>As</i> <i>Mine is as good as yours.</i> |
| <i>As</i> | <i>So</i> <i>As the stars so shall thy seed be. As the</i> <i>one dieth, so dieth the other</i> |
| <i>So†</i> | <i>As</i> <i>He is not so wise as his brother. To see</i> <i>thy glory so as I have seen it, &c.</i> |
| <i>So</i> | <i>That</i> <i>I am so weak that I cannot walk.</i> |

EXERCISES.

It is neither cold or hot. It is so clear as I need not explain it. The relations are so uncertain as that they require a great deal of explanation. The one is equally deserving as the other. I must be so candid to own, that I have been mistaken. He would not do it himself, nor let me do it. He was as angry as he could not speak. So as thy days, so shall thy strength be. Though he slay me, so will I trust in him. He must go himself, or send his servant. There is no condition so secure as cannot admit of change. He is not as eminent, and as much esteemed as he thinks himself to be. Neither despise the poor, or envy the rich, for the one dieth so as the other. As far as I am able to judge, the book is well written. His raiment was so white as snow.

* The poets frequently use *Or—or*, for *Either—or*; and *Nor—nor*, for *Neither—nor*.—In prose *not—nor* is often used for *neither—nor*. The *yet* after *though* is frequently and properly suppressed.

† *Or* does not require *either* before it when the one word is a mere explanation of the other; as, 30s. or £1 sterling is enough.

† See K. No. 304.

RULE XII.—*When the present participle is used as a noun, it requires an article before it, and of after it; as,—The moral law consists in the obeying of God, and the loving of our neighbour as ourselves.**

EXERCISES.

Learning of languages is very difficult. The learning any thing speedily requires great application. By the exercising our faculties they are improved. By observing of these rules you may avoid mistakes. By obtaining of wisdom thou wilt command esteem. This was a betraying the trust reposed in him. The not attending to this rule is the cause of a very common error.

† Our approving their bad conduct may encourage them to become worse. For his avoiding that precipice he is indebted to his friend's care.—† What is the reason of this person dismissing his servant so hastily? I remember it being done.

* These phrases would be right, were the *article* and of both omitted; as, The sum of the moral law consists in obeying God, and loving our neighbour, &c. This manner of expression is, in many instances, preferable to the other. In some cases, however, these two modes express very different ideas, and therefore attention to the *sense* is necessary; as, He confessed the whole in the hearing of three witnesses, and the Court spent an hour in hearing their deposition.—K. No. 208.

† The present participle with a possessive before it sometimes admits of of after it, and sometimes not; as, Their observing of the rules prevented errors. By his studying the Scriptures he became wise.

When a preposition follows the participle, of is inadmissible; as, His depending on promises proved his ruin. His neglecting to study when young rendered him ignorant all his life.

† Rule.—A noun before the present participle is put in the possessive case; as, Much will depend on the pupil's composing frequently.

Sometimes, however, the sense forbids it to be put in the possessive case; thus, What do you think of my horse running to-day? means, Do you think I should let him run? but, What do you think of my horse's running? means, He has run, do you think he ran well?

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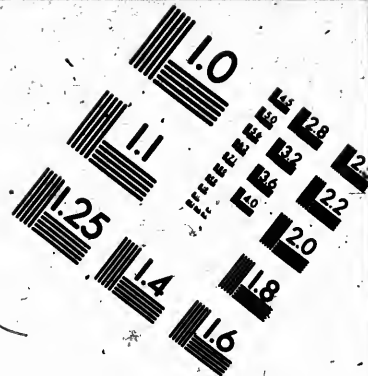
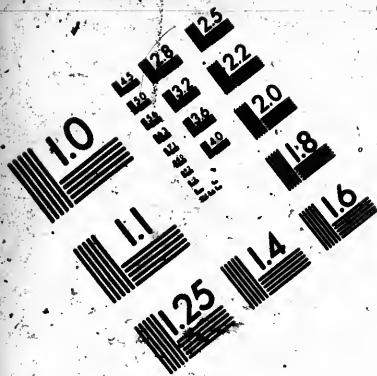
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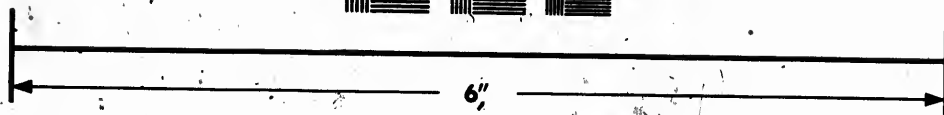
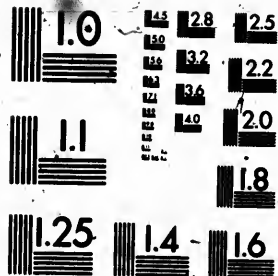






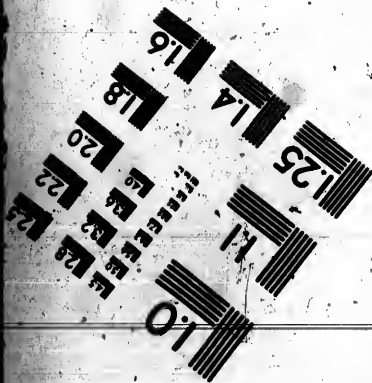


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RULE XIII.—*The past participle is used after the verbs have and be; as,—I have written a letter; he was chosen.*

EXERCISES.

He ha swrote his copy. I would have wrote a letter. He had mistook his true interest. The coat had no seam, but was wove throughout. The French language is spoke in every kingdom in Europe. His resolution was too strong to be shook by slight opposition. The horse was stole. They have chose the part of honour and virtue. The Rhine was froze over. She was showed into the drawing-room. My people have slid backwards. He has broke the bottle. Some fell by the way-side, and was trode down. The price of cloth has lately rose very much. The work was very well execute. His vices have weakened his mind, and broke his health. He would have went with us, had he been invited. Nothing but application is wanting to make you an excellent scholar.

* He soon begun to be weary of having nothing to do. He was greatly heated, and he drunk with avidity. The bending hermit here a prayer begun. And end with sorrows as they first begun.

A second deluge learning thus o'er-run ;
And the monks finished what the Goths begun.

* **RULE.**—The past participle must not be used instead of the past tense. It is improper to say *had begun*, for *he began*; *he run*, for *he ran*.

RULE XIV.—*Pronouns agree in gender, number and person with the nouns for which they stand; as,—John is here, he came an hour ago. . Every tree is known by its fruit.*

EXERCISES.

Answer not a fool according to her folly.
A stone is heavy; and the sand weighty;
but a fool's wrath is heavier than it both.
Can a woman forget his sucking child, that
he should not have compassion on the son
of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will
I not forget thee. Take handfuls of ashes
of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it to-
wards heaven, in the sight of Pharaoh; and
it shall become small dust. Can any per-
son, on their entrance into life, be fully se-
cure that they shall not be deceived? The
mind of man cannot be long without some
food to nourish the activity of his thoughts.

* This boys are diligent. I have not seen
him this ten days. You have been absent
this two hours. Those sort of people fear
nothing. We have lived here this many
years. The chasm made by the earthquake
was twenty foot broad, and one hundred fa-
thom in depth. There is six foot water in
the hold. I have no interests but that of
truth and virtue. Those sort of favours did
real injury.

* *Rule.*—*Nouns and numeral adjectives must agree in number according to the sense; thus, This boys, should be, these boys, because boys is plural; and six foot, should be, six feet, because six is plural.*

Whole should never be joined to common nouns in the plural; thus, *Almost the whole inhabitants were present; should be, Almost all the inhabitants:* but it may be joined to *collective nouns in the plural; thus, Whole cities were swallowed up by the earthquake.*

RULE XV.—*The relative agrees with its antecedent in gender, number, and person; as, Thou who readest; The book which was lost.*

EXERCISES.

Those which seek wisdom will certainly find her. This is the friend which I love. That is the vice whom I hate. This moon who rose last night. Blessed is the man which walketh in wisdom's ways. Thou who has been a witness of the fact, can give an account of it. The child which* was lost is found
 † The tiger is a beast of prey, who destroys without pity. Who of those men came to his assistance ?

‡ It is the best which can be got. Solomon was the wisest man whom ever the world saw. It is the same picture which you saw before. And all which beauty, all which wealth e'er gave, &c. The lady and lap-dog which we saw at the window. Some village Hampden, which, with dauntless breast, &c.

* It does not appear to me that it is harsh and improper, as Mr. Murray says, to apply *who* to *children*, because they have little reason and reflection: but if it is, at what ages should we lay aside *which* and apply *who* to them? That seems preferable to either. In our translation of the Bible, *who* and *that* are both applied to children, but never *which*. See 2 Sam. xii. 14 and 15. Matt. ii. 16. Rev. xii. 5.

† *Which* is applied to inferior animals, and also to persons in asking questions.

‡ RULE.—*THAT* is used instead of *Who* or *Which*—

1. After adjectives in the superlative degree, after the words *Same* and *All*, and often after *Some* and *Any*.
2. When the antecedent consists of two nouns, the one requiring *Who* and the other *Which*; as,—The man and the horse that we saw yesterday.
3. After the interrogative *Who*; as,—Who that has any sense of religion would have argued thus?

There seems to be no satisfactory reason for preferring *that* to *who* after *same* and *all*, except usage. There is indeed as good authority for using *who* after *all*, as for using *that*. Addison, for instance, uses *all who* several times in one paper.

RULE XVI.—*When the relative is preceded by two antecedents of different persons, it and the verb generally agree in person with the last; as,—Thou art the boy that was dux yesterday.**

EXERCISES.

I am the man who command you. I am the person who adopt that sentiment, and maintains it. Thou art a pupil who possesses bright parts, but who hast cultivated them but little. I am a man who speak but seldom. Thou art the friend that hast often relieved me, and that has not deserted me now in the time of peculiar need. Thou art he who driedst up the Red Sea before thy people Israel.†

‡ The king dismissed his minister without any inquiry, who had never before committed so unjust an action. The soldier, with a single companion, who passed for the bravest man in the regiment, offered his services.

* Sometimes the relative agrees with the former antecedent; as,—I am verily a man who am a Jew.—Acts xxii, 3.

The propriety of this rule, has been called in question, because the relatives should agree with the subject of the verb, whether the subject be next the relative or not. This is true, but it is also true that the subject is generally next the relative, and the rule is calculated to prevent the impropriety of changing from one person of the verb to another, as in the 3rd example.

† When we address the Divine Being, it is, in my opinion, more direct and solemn to make the relative agree with the *second person*. In the Scriptures this is generally done. See Neh. ix. 7, &c. This sentence may therefore stand as it is. In the third person singular of verbs, the solemn *etā* seems to become the dignity of the Almighty better than the familiar *es*; thus, I am the Lord thy God who *teacheth* thee to profit; who *leadeth* thee by the way that thou shouldst go;—is more dignified than; I am the Lord thy God who *teaches* thee to profit; who *leads* thee.

‡ RULE.—*The relative ought to be placed next its antecedent; to prevent ambiguity; thus, The boy beat his companion, whom every body believed incapable of doing mischief; should be, The boy, whom every body believed incapable of doing mischief beat his companion.*

RULE XVII.—*When singular nominatives of different persons are separated by OR or NOR, the verb agrees with the person next it; as,—Either thou or I am in fault; I, or thou, or he, is the author of it.**

EXERCISES.

Either I or thou am greatly mistaken.
He or I is sure of this week's prize. Either Thomas or thou has spilt the ink on my paper. John or I has done it. He or thou is the person who must go to London on that business.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

Your gold and silver is cankered. Fear and a snare is come upon us. The master taught him and I to read. Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one husband, well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work. The candidate being chosen was owing to the influence of party. The winter has not been as severe as we expected it to be. Him and her were of the same age. If the night have gathered aught of evil, disperse it. My people doth not consider.

* The verb, though expressed only to the *last* person, is understood in its proper person to each of the rest, and the sentence when the ellipsis is supplied, stands thus, Either thou *art* in fault, or I *am* in fault; and the next sentence, Either I *am* the author of it, or thou *art* the author of it, or he *is* the author of it.

Supplying the ellipsis thus would render the sentence correct; but as

RULE, XVIII.—*A singular and a plural nominative separated by OR or NOR, require a verb in the plural; as,*—Neither the captain nor the sailors *were* saved.*

The plural nominative should be placed *next* the verb.

EXERCISES.

Neither poverty nor riches was injurious to him. He or they was offended at it. Whether one or more was concerned in the business, does not yet appear. The cares of this life, or the deceitfulness of riches, has choked the seeds of virtue in many a promising mind. Neither the king nor his ministers deserves to be praised.

† A great cause of the low state of industry was the restraints put upon it. His meat were locusts and wild honey. His chief occupation and enjoyment were controversy

‡ Thou and he shared it between them, James and I are attentive to their studies. You and he are diligent in reading their books, therefore they are good boys.

strong is our natural love of brevity, that such a tedious and formal attention to correctness would justly be reckoned stiff and pedantic. It is better to avoid both forms of expression when it can be conveniently done.

* The same observation may be made respecting the manner of supplying the ellipsis under this rule, that was made respecting the last. A pardonable love of brevity is the cause of the ellipsis in both, and in a thousand other instances.

† **RULE I.**—*When the verb to BE stands between a singular and plural nominative, it agrees with the one next it, or with the one which is more naturally the subject of it; as,* "The wages of sin is death."

‡ **RULE II.**—*When a pronoun refers to two words of different persons, coupled with And, it becomes plural, and agrees with the first person when I or We is mentioned; and with the second, when I or We is not mentioned; as,* "John and I will lend you *our* books." James and you have got *your* lessons.

RULE XIX.—*It is improper to use both a noun and its pronoun as a nominative to the same verb; as,—Man that is born of a woman, he is of few days, and full of trouble;—*omit he.*

EXERCISES.

The king he is just. The men they were there. Many words they darken speech. My banks they are furnished with bees. Who, instead of going about doing good, they are perpetually intent upon doing mischief. Disappointments and afflictions, however disagreeable, they often improve us. Simple and innocent pleasures they alone are durable.

† Which rule, if it had been observed, a neighbouring prince would have wanted a great deal of that incense which has been offered up to him. † Man, though he has great variety of thoughts, and such from which others as well as himself might receive profit and delight, yet they are all within his own breast.

|| For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city he layeth it low.

The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel.

* In some cases where the noun is highly emphatical, the repetition of it in the pronoun is not only allowable but even elegant; as, The Lord he is the God. 1 Kings, xviii. 39; see also Deut. xxxi. 6.

† It ought to be, *If this rule had been observed, a neighbouring, &c.*

‡ It ought to be, *Though man has great variety, &c.*

|| **RULE.**—*It is improper to use both a noun and its pronoun as an objective after the same verb; thus in Deut. iv. 3. Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baal-peor, for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed them from among you; them is superfluous, as a transposition of the last clause will show; thus, For the Lord hath destroyed all the men from among you that followed Baal-peor.*

RULE XX.—*The infinitive mood, or part of a sentence, is sometimes used as the nominative to a verb; as,—For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.* His being idle was the cause of his ruin.*

EXERCISES.

To be carnally minded are death, but to be spiritually minded are life and peace. To live soberly, righteously, and piously, are required of all men. That warm climates should accelerate the growth of the human body, and shorten its duration, are very reasonable to believe. To be temperate in eating and drinking, to use exercise in the open air, and to preserve the mind from tumultuous emotions, is the best preservatives of health.

That it is our duty to promote the purity of our minds and bodies, to be just and kind to our fellow-creatures, and to be pious and faithful to him who made us, admit not of any doubt in a rational and well informed mind.

* The infinitive is equal to a noun; thus, *To play is pleasant, and boys love to play; are equal to, Play is pleasant, and boys love play.*
—p. 64, b.

The infinitive is sometimes used instead of the present participle; as, *To advise; To attempt; or advising, attempting; this substitution can be made only in the beginning of a sentence.*

NOTE.—Part of a sentence is often used as the objective after a verb; as, "You will soon find that the world does not perform what it promises." *What will you find? Ans. That the world does not perform what it promises.* Therefore, the clause, *that the world does not perform, &c.* must be the objective after *find*. Did I not tell (to) thee, that thou wouldst bring me to ruin? Here the clause, *that thou wouldst bring me to ruin, is the objective after tell.*

RULE XXI.—*Double comparatives and superlatives are improper*; thus,—Mine is a *more better* book, but John's is the *most best*; should be, Mine is a *better* book, but John's is the *best*.

EXERCISES.

The nightingale's voice is the most sweetest in the grove. James is a worser scholar than John. Tray is the most swiftest dog. Absalom was the most beautifullest man. He is the *chiefest among ten thousand.

His assertion was most untrue. His work is perfect; his brother's more perfect; and his father's the most perfect of all.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

The great power and force of custom forms another argument against keeping bad company. And Joshua, he shall go over before thee, as the Lord hath said. And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, &c. And the righteous men they shall judge them, &c. If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself. The people, therefore, that was with him, when he raised Lazarus out of his grave, bare record. Public spirit is a more *universal principle than a sense of honour.

* *Chief, universal, perfect, true, &c.* imply the superlative degree without *est* or *most*. In language sublime or passionate, however, the word *perfect* requires the superlative form to give it effect. A lover enraptured with his mistress would naturally call her the *most perfect* of her sex.

Superior and *inferior* always imply comparison, and require *to* after them.

RULE XXII.—*Two negatives in the same sentence are improper ;* thus,—I cannot by no means allow it ; should be, I can by no means allow it, or, I cannot by any means allow it.*

EXERCISES.

I cannot drink no more. He cannot, do nothing. We have not done nothing to-day. He will never be no taller. They could not travel no farther. Covet neither riches nor honours, nor no such perishing things. Nothing never affected her so much. Do not interrupt me thyself, nor let no one disturb me. I am resolved not to comply with the proposal, neither at present, nor at any other time.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

As far as I can judge, a spirit of independency and freedom, tempered by sentiments of decency, and the love of order, influence, in a most remarkable manner, the minds of the subjects of our happy republic. James and I am cousins. Thy father's merits sets thee forth to view. That it is our duty to be pious admit not of any doubt. If he becomes very rich, he may be less industrious. It was wrote extemporè. Romulus, which founded Rome, killed his brother Remus.

* Sometimes the two negatives are intended to be an affirmative: as, *Nor did they not perceive him ; that is, They did perceive him. In this case they are proper.*

When one of the negatives, (such as *dis, in, un, im, &c.*) is joined to another word, the two negatives form a pleasing and delicate variety of expression: as, *His language, though simple, is not inelegant ; that is, It is elegant.*

RULE XXIII.—*Adverbs are for the most part placed before adjectives, after verbs active or neuter, and frequently between the auxiliary and the verb ; as,—He is very attentive ; She behaves well, and is much esteemed.**

EXERCISES.

We should not be overcome totally by present events. He unaffectedly and forcibly spoke, and was heard attentively by the whole assembly. It cannot be impertinent or ridiculous, therefore, to remonstrate. Not only he found her employed but pleased and tranquil also. In the proper disposition of adverbs, the ear carefully requires to be consulted as well as the sense.

† The women contributed all their rings and jewels voluntarily to assist the government. Having †not known, or having not considered, the measures proposed, he failed of success. He was determined to invite back the king, and to call together his friends.

|| Ask me never so much dowry.

* This is but a *general* rule; for it is impossible to give an exact and determinate one for the placing of adverbs on all occasions. The easy flow and perspicuity of the phrase ought to be chiefly regarded.

† The adverb is sometimes placed with propriety before the verb, or at some distance after it; as, The women *voluntarily* contributed all their rings and jewels, &c. They *carried* their proposition *farther*.

‡ Not, when it qualifies the present participle, comes before it.

|| *Never* is often improperly used for *ever*; thus, "If I make my hands *never* so clean," should be, "*Ever* so clean."

§ The note in former editions, stating that "*Ly* is cut off from *exceedingly* when the next word ends in *ly*," has been removed, both because it properly belonged to the 24th rule, and because it was in some degree encouraging a breach of that rule. Two words which end in *ly*, succeeding each other, are indeed a little offensive to the ear, but rather than write bad grammar, it would be better either to offend it, or avoid the use of *exceedingly* in this case altogether; and instead of saying "He used me *exceedingly discreetly*," say "He used me very discreetly," or, if that is not strong enough, vary the expression.

RULE XXIV.—*Adjectives should not be used as adverbs, nor adverbs as adjectives; as,—*Remarkable well, for *remarkably* well; and, Use a little wine for thine often infirmities, instead of *thy frequent* infirmities; or,

Adverbs qualify adjectives and verbs—Adjectives qualify nouns.

EXERCISES.

They are miserable poor. They behaved the noblest. He fought bolder than his brother. He lived in a manner agreeable to the dictates of reason and religion. He was extreme prodigal, and his property is now near exhausted. They lived conformable to the rules of prudence. He speaks very fluent, reads excellent, but does not think very coherent. They came agreeable to their promise, and conducted themselves suitable to the occasion. They hoped for a soon and prosperous issue to the war.

* From whence come ye? He departed from thence into a desert place. Where† are you going? Bid him come here immediately. We walked there in an hour. He drew up a petition, where‡ he too frequently represented his own merit. He went to London last year, since when I have not seen him. The situation where I found him. It is not worth his while.

* RULE I.—*From* should not be used before *hence, thence* and *whence*, because it is *implied*. In many cases, however, the omission of *from* would render the language intolerably stiff and disagreeable.

† RULE II.—After verbs of motion, *hither, thither* and *whither* should be used, and not *here, there* and *where*.

‡ RULE III.—*When* and *while* should not be used as nouns, nor *where* as a proposition and a relative i. e. for *in which, &c.*—For *while*, K. 235.

RULE XXV.—*The comparative degree, and the pronoun other require than after them, and such requires as; as,—Greater than I. No other than he. Such as do well.**

EXERCISES.

He has little more of the scholar besides the name. Be ready to succour such persons who need thy assistance. They had no sooner risen but they applied themselves to their studies. Those savage people seemed to have no other element but war. Such men that act treacherously ought to be avoided. He gained nothing farther by his speech, but only to be commended for his eloquence. This is none other but the gate of paradise. Such sharp replies that cost him his life. To trust in him is no more but to acknowledge his power.

† James is the wisest of the two. He is the weakest of the two. I understood him the best † of all others who spoke on the subject. Eve was the fairest of all her daughters. He is the likeliest of any other to succeed. James is the wittier of the three, not the wiser.

● *Such, meaning either a consequence or so great, requires that; as, His behaviour was such, that I ordered him to leave the room. Such is the influence of money, that few can resist it.*

† **RULE.**—*When two objects are compared, the comparative is generally used; but when more than two, the superlative; as, This is the younger of the two; Mary is the wisest of them all.*

When the two objects form a group, or are not so much opposed to each other as to require *than* before the last, some respectable writers use the superlative, and say, "James is the wisest of the two." "He is the wisest of the two." The superlative is often more agreeable to the ear; nor is the sense injured. In many cases a strict adherence to the comparative form renders the language too stiff and formal.

† A comparison in which more than two are concerned, may be expressed by the comparative as well as by the superlative; and in some cases better; but the comparative considers the objects compared as belonging to different classes; while the superlative compares them as

RULE XXVI.—A pronoun after than or as, either agrees with a verb or is governed by a verb or preposition understood; as,—He is wiser than I (am); She loved him more than (she loved) me.*

EXERCISES.

John can write better than me. He is as good as her. Thou art a much greater loser than me by his death. She suffers hourly more than me. They know how to write as well as him; but he is a better grammarian than them. The undertaking was much better executed by his brother than he. They are greater gainers than us. She is not so learned as him. If the king give us leave, we may perform the office as well as them that do.

† Who betrayed her companion? Not me. Who revealed the secrets he ought to have concealed? Not him: it was her. Whom did you meet? He. Who bought that book? Him. Whom did you see there? He and his sister. Whose pen is this? Mine's.

included in *one* class. The comparative is used thus: "Greece was more polished than any other nation of antiquity." Here Greece stands by itself as opposed to the other nations of antiquity.—She was none of the other nations—She was more polished than they. The same idea is expressed by the superlative when the word *other* is left out; thus, "Greece was the most polished nation of antiquity." Here Greece is assigned the highest place in the class of objects among which she is numbered—the nations of antiquity—she is one of them.

* When *who* immediately follows *than*, it is used improperly in the objective case; as, "Alfred, *than whom* a greater king never reigned." *than whom* is not grammatical. It ought to be, *than who*; because *who* is the nominative to *was understood*.—*Than whom* is as bad a phrase as "He is taller *than him*." It is true that some of our best writers have used *than whom*; but it is also true, that they have used *other* phrases which we have rejected as ungrammatical; then why not reject this too?—The exercises in the early editions have been excluded.

RULE.—The word containing the answer to a question, must be in the same case with the word which asks it; as, *Who* said that? *I* (said it.) *Whose* books are these? *John's* (books).

RULE XXVII.—*The distributive pronouns, each, every, either, neither, agree with nouns and verbs in the singular number only; as,—Each of his brothers is in a favourable situation; Every man is accountable for himself; Either of them is good enough.**

EXERCISES.

Let each esteem others better than themselves. Every one of the letters bear date after his banishment. Each of them, in their turn, receive the benefits to which they are entitled. Every person, whatever be their station, are bound by the duties of morality and religion. Neither of those men seem to have any idea that their opinions may be ill-founded. By discussing what relates to each particular in their order, we shall better understand the subject. Are either of these men your friend?

† And Jonathan the son of Shimeah, slew a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes.

† Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer. The king of Israel and the king of Judah, sat either of them on his throne.

* *Each* relates to two or more objects, and signifies *both* of the two, or every one of any number taken singly.

† *Every* relates to more than two objects, and signifies each one of them all taken individually.—It is quite correct to say, *Every six miles*, &c.

Either signifies the *one* or the *other*, but not *both*. *Neither* imports *not either*.

† *Either* is sometimes improperly used instead of *each*; as, *On either side of the river was there the tree of life*: instead of, *On each side of the river*.

RULE XXVIII.—*When two persons or things are contrasted, that refers to the first mentioned, and this to the last; as,—Virtue and vice are as opposite to each other as light and darkness; that ennobles the mind, this debases it.*

EXERCISES.

Wealth and poverty are both temptations; this tends to excite pride; that discontentment. Religion raises men above themselves, irreligion sinks them beneath the brutes; that binds them down to a poor pitiable speck of perishable earth, this exalts them to the skies.

* And the cloud came between the camp of the Egyptians, and the camp of Israel, and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light to these. Moses and Solomon were men of the highest renown; the latter was remarkable for his meekness, the former was renowned for his wisdom. I have always preferred cheerfulness to mirth; the former I consider as an act, the latter as a habit of the mind. Body and soul must part; the former wings its way to its almighty source, the latter drops into the dark and noisome grave.

* *Former and latter* are often used instead of *that* and *this*. They are alike in both numbers.
That and *this* are seldom applied to *persons*; but *former* and *latter* are applied to persons and things indiscriminately. In most cases, however, the repetition of the noun, is preferable to either of them.

- RULE XXIX.**—*In the use of verbs and words that in point of time relate to each other, the order of time must be observed; for example,—I remember him these many years, should be, I have remembered him, &c.**

EXERCISES.

I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. The next new year's day I shall be at school three years. The court laid hold on all the opportunities which the weakness or necessities of princes afford it, to extend its authority. Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life. His sickness was so great that I often feared he would have died before our arrival. It would have given me great satisfaction to relieve him from that distressed situation.

† I always intended to have rewarded my son according to his merit. We have done no more than it was our duty to have done. From the little conversation I had with him, he appeared to have been a man of letters. It was a pleasure to have received his approbation of my labours. I intended to have written you last week.

* The best general rule that can be given, is, To observe what the sense necessarily requires.

† **RULE.**—After the past tenses, the present infinitive (and not the perfect) should be used: as, I intended to write to my father, and not I intended to have written;—for however long it now is since I thought of writing, to write was then present to me, and must still be considered as present when I bring back that time and the thoughts of it.

RULE XXX.—*It is improper to place a clause of a sentence between a possessive case and the word which usually follows it; thus,—*
She began to extol the farmer's, as she called him, excellent understanding; should be, She began to extol the excellent understanding of the farmer, as she called him.

EXERCISES.

They very justly condemned the prodigal's, as he was called, senseless and extravagant conduct. They implicitly obeyed the protector's, as they called him, imperious mandates. Beyond this, the arts cannot be traced of civil society. These are David's, the king, priest, and prophet of the Jewish people's psalms. This is Paul's the Christian hero, and great apostle of the Gentile's advice.

* Howsoever beautiful they appear, they have no real merit. In whatsoever light we view him, his conduct will bear inspection. On whatsoever side they are contemplated, they appear to advantage. Howsoever much he might despise the maxims of the king's administration, he kept a total silence on that subject.

† Whoso keepeth the fig-tree shall eat the fruit thereof.

* **RULE.**—*Whichever and whatsoever, are often divided by the interposition of the corresponding word; thus, On whichever side the king cast his eyes; should be, On which side sever the king, &c.*

I think this rule unnecessary, if not improper. It would be better to say, *However beautiful, &c.*—See my reasons, E. p. 123. Nos. 247-248.

† *Whoso* is an old word used instead of *As that*; as, *Whoso mocketh the poor, reproacheth his Maker*; it should be, *He that mocketh, &c.*

RULE XXXI.—Before nouns of places,

To—is used after a verb of motion; as, He *went* to Spain.

At—is used after the verb *to be*; as, I *was* at Leith.

In—is used before names of countries and large cities; as, I live *in* London, *in* England.

At—is used before villages, towns and foreign cities; as, He resides *at* Gretna Green; *at* York; *at* Rome.

EXERCISES.

They have just arrived in Leith, and are going to Dublin. They will reside two months at England. I have been to London, after having resided at France; and I now live in Bath. I was in the place appointed long before any of the rest. We touched in Liverpool on our way for New-York. He resides in Mavisbank in Scotland. She has lodgings at George's Square.

† Ah! unhappy thee, who are deaf to the calls of duty and of honour. O happy! us, surrounded with so many blessings. Woe's I, for I am a man of unclean lips.

* One inhabitant of a city, speaking of another's residence, says, He stays in Bank street; or if the word *number* be used, at No. — Prince's Street.

† **RULE.**—The interjections *Oh* / and *Ah* / &c. generally require the objective case of the first personal pronoun, and the nominative of the second; as, Ah *me* / O *thou* fool! O *ye* hypocrites! Woe's *thou*, would be improper; it should be, Woe's *thee*; that is, Woe is *to thee*.

‡ *Interjections* sometimes require the objective case after them, but they never govern it. In the first edition of this Grammar, I followed Mr. Murray and others, in leaving *us*, in the exercises, to be turned into *us*; but that it should be *us*, and not *us*, is obvious; because it is the *Nom.* to *us* understood; Thus, Oh happy *are we*; or, Oh *we* are happy, (being) surrounded with so many blessings.

As interjections, owing to quick feelings, express only the emotions of the mind, without stopping to mention the circumstances that produces them; many of the phrases in which they occur are very elliptical, and therefore a verb or preposition must be understood. *Me*, for instance, in *Ah me*, is governed by *befallen* or *upon* understood; thus, *Ah*, what mischief has *befallen* me or *come upon* me.

• *Oh* is used to express the emotion of *pain*, *sorrow* or *surprise*. *O* is used to express *wishing*, *exclamation*, or a direct address to a person.

RULE XXXII.—*Certain words and phrases must be followed with appropriate prepositions; such as,*

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| Accuse of— ^{p. 132 b.} | Exception from |
| Abhorrence of | Expert at or in |
| Acquit of | Fall under |
| Adapted to | Free from |
| Agreeable to | Glad of or at— ^{p. 112 b.} |
| Averse to— ^{see p. 112 b.} | Independent of or on |
| Bestow upon | Insist upon |
| Boast or brag of* | Made of |
| Call on or for | Marry to |
| Change for | Martyr for |
| Confide in† | Need of |
| Conformable to | Observance of |
| Compliance with | Prejudice against |
| Consonant to | Profit by |
| Conversant, with, in ^{p. 113 b.} | Provide with |
| Dependent upon— ^{p. 112 b.} | Reconcile to |
| Derogation from | Reduce under or to— ^{p. 112 b.} |
| Die of or by | Regard to |
| Differ from | Replete with |
| Difficulty in | Resemblance to |
| Diminution of | Resolve on |
| Disappointed in or of— ^{p. 140} | Swerve from |
| Disapprove of‡ | Taste for or of— ^{p. 150 b.} |
| Discouragement to | Think of or on— ^{p. 112 b.} |
| Dissent from | True to |
| Eager in | Wait on |
| Engaged in | Worthy of§ |

* *Boast* is often used without *of*; as, For if I have boasted any thing.

† The same preposition that follows the *verb* or *adverb* generally follows the *noun* which is derived from it; as, Confide in, confidence in; disposed to tyrannize, a disposition to tyranny; independently of.

‡ *Disapprove* and *approve* are frequently used without *of*.

§ *Of* is sometimes omitted and sometimes inserted after *worthy*.

Many of these words take other prepositions after them to express other meanings; thus, for example, Fall in, to concur, to comply. Fall off, to forsake. Fall out, to happen. Fall upon, to attack. Fall to, to begin eagerly to eat, to apply himself to.

EXERCISES ON RULE XXXII.

He was totally dependent* of the papal crown. He accused the minister for betraying the Dutch. You have bestowed your favours to the most deserving persons. His abhorrence to gaming was extreme. I differ with you. The English were very different then, to what they are now. In compliance to his father's advice. He would not comply to his measures. It is no discouragement for the authors. The wisest princes need not think it any diminution to their greatness, or derogation to their sufficiency, to rely upon counsel. Is it consonant with our nature? Conformable with this plan. Agreeable with the sacred text. Call for your uncle.†

He was eager of recommending it. He had no regard after his father's commands. Thy prejudice to my cause. It is more than they thought‡ for. There is no need for it. Reconciling himself with the king. No resemblance with each other. Upon such occasions as fell into their cognizance. I am engaged with writing. We profit from experience. He swerved out of the path. He is resolved of going to the Persian court. Expert of his work. Expert on deceiving.

* *Dependent, dependence*, are spelled either with a or e in the last syllable.

† *Call for* is to demand, to require. *Call on* is to pay a short visit, to request; as, While you call on him—I shall call for a bottle of wine.

The authorities for *think of* and *think on* are nearly equal. The latter, however, abounds more in the Scriptures than the former; as, Think on me when it shall be well with thee: Think upon me for good: whatsoever things are true, &c. think on these things. But *think of* is perhaps more common in modern publications.

EXERCISES ON RULE XXXII.

The Romans reduced the world* to their own power. He provided them of every thing. We insist for it. He seems to have a taste of such studies.

He died for thirst. He found none on whom he could safely confide. I dissent with the examiner. It was very well adapted for his capacity. He acquitted me from any imputation. You are conversant† with that science. They boast in their great riches. Call of James to walk with you. When we have had a true taste for the pleasures of virtue, we can have no relish for those of vice. I will wait of you. He is glad of calamities. She is glad at his company. A strict observance after times and fashions. This book is replete in errors. These are exceptions to the general rule. He died a martyr to Christianity. This change is to the better. His productions were scrupulously exact, and conformable with all the rules of correct writing. He died of the sword. She finds a difficulty of fixing her mind. This prince was naturally averse‡ from war. A freeholder is bred with an aversion from subjection.

* Reduce *under*, is to subdue. In other cases *to follow*; as, To reduce to practice, to fractions, &c.

† We say conversant with men, in things. Addison has conversant among the writings of the most polite authors, and conversant about worldly affairs. Conversant with is preferable.

‡ *Glad of* is perhaps more proper, when the cause of joy is something gained or possessed; and *glad at*, when something befalls another; as, Jonah was exceedingly glad of the gourd; He that is glad at calamities, shall not be unpunished.

§ *Averse* and *aversion* require to after them, rather than from; but both are used, and sometimes even by the same author.

RULE XXXIII.—All the parts of a sentence should correspond to each other, and a regular and dependent construction throughout be carefully preserved.* For example, the sentence, "He was more beloved, but not so much admired, as Cinthio," is inaccurate; because *more* requires *than* after it, which is no-where found in the sentence. It *should be*, He was more beloved *than* Cinthio, but not so much admired.

A proper choice of words and a perspicuous arrangement should be carefully attended to.

EXERCISES.

The reward is his due, and it has³⁹ already, or will hereafter, be given to him. He was guided by interests always different³³, sometimes contrary to those of the community. The intentions of some of these philosophers, nay of many, might²⁹ and probably were good. No person was ever so perplexed¹¹, or sustained²⁵ the mortifications as he has done to-day. He was more bold and active²⁵, but not so wise and studious as his companion. Then said they unto him, what shall we do that we might work²⁹ the works of God? Sincerity is as valuable¹¹, and even more valuable²⁶, than knowledge. The greatest masters of critical learning differ³² among one another.

But from this dreary period the recovery of the empire was become desperate; no wisdom could obviate its decadence. He was at one time thought to be a suppositious child.

* This rule is scarcely of any value as a rule: for every sentence on this page, except the last two, may be corrected by the preceding rules, as the reference by small figures will show; but it has been retained, because where two words require a different construction, it will tend to correct the common error of forgetting the construction of the former word, and adhering to that of the latter.

RULE XXXIV.—*A* is used before nouns in the singular number only. *The** is used before nouns in both numbers. The article is omitted before a noun that stands for a *whole species*; and before the names of minerals, metals, arts, &c. The last of two nouns after a comparative should have no article when they both refer to *one person*; as, He is a better reader than writer.

To use the *articles* properly, is of the greatest importance; but it is impossible to give a rule applicable to every case.

Examples of the improper use and omission of the articles.

EXERCISES.

Reason was given to a man to contrö his passions. *The* gold is corrupting. A man is the noblest work of the creation. Wisest and best men are sometimes betrayed into errors. We must act our part with a constancy, though reward of our constancy be distant. There are some evils of life, which equally affect prince and people. Purity has its seat in the heart; but extends its influence over so much of outward conduct, as to form the great and material part of a character. At worst, I could but incur a gentle reprimand. The profligate man is seldom or never found to be the good husband, the good father, or the beneficent neighbour.

† He has been much censured for paying a little attention to his business. So bold a breach of order, called for little severity in punishing the offender.

* *The* is used before an *individual* representing the whole of its species, when compared with another individual representing another species; thus, *The* dog is a more grateful animal than *the* cat; I. e. *All* dogs are more grateful than cats.

† A nice distinction of the sense is sometimes made by the use or omission of the article *a*.—If I say, he behaved with a little reverence; I praise him a little. If I say, he behaved with little reverence; I blame him.

RULE XXXV.—An *ellipsis*, or omission of some words, is frequently admitted. Thus, instead of saying, He was a learned man, he was a wise man, and he was a good man; we say, He was a *learned, wise, and good* man.

EXERCISES.

A house and a garden. The laws of God and the laws of man. Avarice and cunning may acquire an estate; but avarice and cunning cannot gain friends. His crimes had brought him into extreme distress, and extreme perplexity. He has an affectionate brother and an affectionate sister. By presumption, and by vanity, we provoke enmity, and we incur contempt. Genuine virtue supposes our benevolence to be strengthened and to be confirmed by principle. He is temperate, he is disinterested, he is benevolent. Perseverance in laudable pursuits, will reward all our toils, and will produce effects beyond our calculation. We often commend imprudently, as well as censure imprudently. Destitute of principle, he regarded neither his family nor his friends, nor his reputation. He insulted every man and every woman in the company. The temper of him who is always in the midst of the world, will be often ruffled and will be often disturbed.

* He regards his word, but thou dost not regard it. They must be punished, and they shall be punished. We succeeded, but they did not succeed.

The auxiliaries of the compound tenses are often used alone; as, We have done it, but thou hast not; i. e. thou hast not done it.

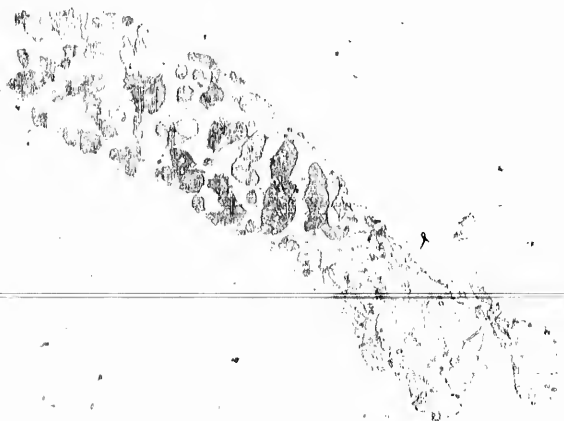
RULE XXXVI.—*An ellipsis is not allowable when it would obscure the sentence, weaken its force, or be attended with an impropriety; for example, "We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen," should be, "We speak that which we do know, and testify that which we have seen."*

EXERCISES.

* A noble spirit disdaineth the malice of fortune; his greatness of soul is not to be cast down. A house and † orchard. A horse and ass. A learned and amiable young man. I gladly shunned who gladly fled from me. A taste for useful knowledge will provide for us a great and noble entertainment when others leave us. They enjoy also a free constitution and laws. The captain had several men died in his ship of the scurvy. I must, however, be so candid to own I have been mistaken. The sacrifices of virtue will not only be rewarded hereafter, but recompensed even in this life. Oh, Piety! Virtue! how insensible have I been to thy charms! That is a property most men have, or at least may attain. There is nothing men are more deficient in, than knowing their own characters. Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath days? Neither has he, nor any other persons, suspected so much dissimulation.

* A noble spirit disdaineth, &c. should be, *A man of a noble spirit disdaineth, &c.* This will render the sentence consistent with the rules of grammar and with common sense; to talk of the *soul* of a spirit is ridiculous.

† The article being once expressed, the repetition of it becomes unnecessary, except when a different form of it is requisite; as, *A horse and an orchard*; and when some peculiar emphasis requires a repetition; as, *Not only the year, but the day and the hour were appointed*.



CONSTRUCTION.

The four following lines are construed by way of example.—They were parsed at page 54. They are construed here, because the pupil should now be able to apply the Rules of Syntax.

Oh how stupendous was the power
That raised me with a word ;
And* every day and every hour,
I lean upon the Lord.

How stupendous, adverbs are for the most part placed before adjectives, &c. *A power* is understood thus; *stupendous a power*,† an adjective agrees with a noun—*A power*, the article *a* is used before nouns in the singular number only—*the power*, *the* is used before nouns in both numbers—the *power was*, a verb agrees with its nominative—the *power that*, the relative agrees with its antecedent, &c. *That raised*, a verb agrees with its nom.—*Raised me*, an active verb governs the objective case—*With a word*, prepositions govern the objective—*A word*—*A* is used before nouns in the singular, &c. (*During* is understood) *during every day*, prepositions govern the objective case—*Every day*, an adjective agrees with a noun—*Day and hour*, conjunctions couple the same cases of nouns and pronouns; for *hour* is governed by *during* understood again—*Every hour*, an adjective agrees, &c.—*I lean*, a verb agrees with its nominative—*Upon the Lord*, prepositions govern the objective case.

The possessive pronouns, *my*, *thy*, *his*, *her*, *our*, *your*, *their* and *its*, must be construed exactly like nouns in the *possessive case*, for a pronoun is an exact resemblance of a noun in every thing but *one*; namely, it will not admit of an *adjective* before it like a noun.

His is equal to *John's*, and *her* to *Ann's*, and *their* to the *men's*, in the following sentences:

John lost *his* gloves, i. e. John lost *John's* gloves. Ann found *her* book, i. e. Ann found *Ann's* book. The men took off *their* hats, i. e. The men took off the *men's* hats. The garden is productive, and *its* fruit is good, i. e. the *garden's* fruit. In all these cases, and in such phrases as, *my* house—*thy* field—*our* lands—*your* estates—*their* property—*whose* horse, the rule is, "When two nouns come together, signifying different things, the first is put in the possessive case."

* It is impossible to construe bad grammar. *And* here is so very vaguely used, that the rule "Conjunctions couple the same moods and tenses of verbs, and the same cases of nouns and pronouns," will not apply in this passage. From the sense, it is evident that *And* should be *Yes*, meaning *not only so, but*—every day, &c.

† Or, *how stupendous the power was*; but it is certainly better to supply *a power*, thus: O how stupendous *a power* was the power that raised me with a word.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES

ON THE

RULES OF SYNTAX.

John writes pretty. Come here James. Where are you going, Thomas? I shall never do so no more. The train of our ideas are often interrupted. Was you present at last meeting? He need not be in so much haste. He dare not act otherwise than he does. Him whom they seek is in the house. George or I is the person. They or he is much to be blamed. The troop consist of fifty men. Those set of books was a valuable present. A pillar sixty foot high. His conduct evinced the most extreme vanity. These trees are remarkable tall. He acted bolder than was expected. This is he who I gave the book to. Eliza always appears amiably. She goes there to-morrow. From whence came they? Who do you lodge with now? He was born at London, but he died in Bath. If he be sincere I am satisfied. Her father and her were at church. The master requested him and I to read more distinctly. It is no more but his due. Flatterers flatter, as long, and no longer than they have expectations of gain. John told the same story as you told. This is the largest tree which I have ever seen.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

Let he and I read the next chapter. She is free of pain. Those sort of dealings are unjust. David, the son of Jesse, was the youngest of his brothers. You was very kind to him, he said. Well, says I, what does thou think of him now? James is one of those boys that was kept in at school, for bad behaviour. Thou, James, did deny the deed. Neither good nor evil come of themselves. We need not be afraid. He expected to have gained more by the bargain. You should drink plenty of goat milk. It was him who spoke first. Do you like ass milk? Is it me that you mean? Who did you buy your grammar from? If one takes a wrong method at first setting out, it will lead them astray. Neither man nor woman were present. I am more taller than you. She is the same lady who sang so sweetly. After the most straitest sect of our religion, I lived a pharisee. Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite? There was more sophists than one. If a person have lived twenty or thirty years, he should have some experience. If this were his meaning, the prediction has failed. Fidelity and truth is the foundation of all justice. His associates in wickedness will not fail to mark the alteration of his conduct. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm. I wrote to, and cautioned the captain against it. Now both the chief priests and Pharisees had given a commandment, that if any man knew where he were, he should show it, that they might take him. The girl her book is torn in pieces. It is not me who he is in love with. He which commands himself, commands the whole world. Nothing is more lovelier than virtue. The peoples happiness is the statesmans honour. Changed to a worsser shape thou canst not be. I have drunk no spirituuous liquors this six years. He is taller than me, but I am stronger than him. Solid peace and contentment consists neither in beauty or riches, but in the favour of God. After who is the King of Israel come out? The reciprocations of love and friendship between he and I, have been many and sincere. Abuse of mercies ripen us for judgement. Peter and John is not at school to-day. Three of them was taken into custody. To study diligently and behave genteely, is commendable. The enemies who we have most to fear are those of our own hearts. Regulus was reckoned the most consummate warrior that Rome could then produce. Suppose life never so long, fresh accessions of knowledge may still be made.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

Surely thou who reads so much in the Bible, can tell me what became of Elijah. Neither the master nor the scholars is reading. Trust not him whom you know is dishonest. I love no interests but that of truth and virtue. Every imagination of the thoughts of the heart are evil continually. No one can be blamed for taking due care of their health. They crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

I have read Popes Homer, and Drydens Virgil. He that is diligent you should commend. There was an earthquake which made the earth to tremble. And God said to Solomon, Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee, &c. I cannot commend him for justifying hisself when he knows that his conduct was so very improper. He was very much made on at school. Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered. If he is alone tell him the news; but if there is anybody with him, do not tell him. They ride faster than us. Though the measure be mysterious, it is worthy of attention. If he does but approve my endeavours, it will be an ample reward. Was it him who came last? Yes, it was him.

For ever in this humble cell,
Let thee and I my fair one dwell.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

Every man should act suitable to his character and station in life. His arguments were exceeding clear. I only spoke three words on that subject. The ant and the bee sets a good example before drowsy boys. Neither in this world, neither in the world to come. Evil communications corrupts good manners. Hannibal was one of the greatest generals whom the world ever saw. The middle station of life seems to be the most advantageously situated for gaining of wisdom.

These are the rules of grammar, by the observing which you may avoid mistakes. The king conferred on him the title of a duke. My exercises are not well wrote, I do not hold my pen well. Grammar teaches us to speak proper. She accused her companion for having betrayed her. I will not dissent with her. Nothing shall make me swerve out of the path of duty and honour. Who shall I give it to? Who are you looking for? It is a diminution to, or a derogation of their judgement. It fell into their notice or cognizance. She values herself for her fortune. That is a book which I am much pleased with. I have been to see the coronation, and a fine sight it was. That picture of the emperor's is a very exact resemblance of him. Every thing that we here enjoy, change, decay, and come to an end. It is not him they blame so much.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

No people has more faults than they that pretend to have none. The laws of Draco is said to have been wrote with blood. It is so clear, or so obvious, as I need not explain it. She taught him and I to read. The more greater a bad man's accomplishments are, the more dangerous he is to society, and the more less fit for a companion. Each has their own faults, and every one should endeavour to correct their own. Let your promises be few, and such that you can perform.

His being at enmity with Cæsar and Antony were the cause of perpetual discord. Their being forced to their books in an age at enmity with all restraint, have been the reason why many have hated books all their lives. There was a coffee-house at that end of the town, in which several gentlemen used to meet of an evening. Do not despise the state of the poor, lest it becomes your own condition. It was his duty to have interposed his authority in an affair of so much importance. He spent his whole life in the doing good. Every gentleman who frequented the house and conversed with the erectors of this occasional club, were invited to pass an evening when they thought fit. The winter has not been so severe as we expected it to have been. The rest (of the stars) in circuit walls this universe. Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

A lampoon, or a satire, does not carry in them robbery or murder. She and you were not mistaken in her conjectures. My sister and I, as well as my brother, are employed in their respective occupations. He repents him of that indiscreet action. It was me, and not him, that wrote it. Art thou him? I shall take care that no one shall suffer no injury. I am a man who approves of wholesome discipline, and who recommend it to others; but I am not a person who promotes severity, or who object to mild and generous treatment. This Jackanāpes has hit me in a right place enough. Prosperity, as truly asserted by Seneca, it very much obstructs the knowledge of ourselves. To do to others as we would that they should do to us, it is our duty. This grammar was purchased at Ogle's the bookseller's. The council was not unanimous.

Who spilt the ink upon the table? Him. Who lost this book? Me. Whose pen is this. Johns. There is in fact no impersonal-verbs in any language. And he spitted on the ground, and anointed his eyes. Had I never seen ye, I had never known ye. The ship Mary and Ann were restored to their owners. If we consult the improvement of mind, or the health of body, it is well known exercise is the great instrument for promoting both. A man may see a metaphor or an allegory in a picture as well as read them in a description.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

I had no sooner placed her at my right hand, by the fire, but she opened to me the reason of her visit. A prudent wife, she shall be blessed. The house you speak of, it cost me five hundred pounds. Did I not tell thee, O thee infamous wretch! that thou wouldst bring me to ruin? Not only the counsel's and attorney's, but the judge's opinion also, favoured his cause. It was the men's, women's, and children's lot, to suffer great calamities. That is the eldest son of the King of England's. Lord Feversham the general's tent. This palace had been the grand Sultan's Mahomet's. They did not every man cast away the abomination of their eyes.

* I am purposed. He is arrived. They were deserted from their regiment. Whose works are these? They are Cicero, the most eloquent of men's. The mighty rivals are now at length agreed. The time of William making the experiment, at length arrived. If we alter the situation of any of the words, we shall presently be sensible of the melody suffering. This picture of the king's does not much resemble him. These pictures of the king were sent to him from Italy. He who committed the offence, thou shouldst correct, not I, who am innocent.

* *Rule.* It is improper to use a neuter verb in the passive form. Thus, I am purposed—He is arrived; should be, I have purposed—He has arrived.—From this rule there are a number of exceptions: for it is allowable to say, He is come; She is gone, &c.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. I offer observations, that a long and chequered pilgrimage have enabled me to make on man. After I visited Europe, I returned to America. Clélia is a vain woman, whom, if we do not flatter, she will be disgusted. In his conduct was treachery, and in his words faithless professions. The orators did not forget to enlarge themselves on so popular a subject. He acted conformable with his instructions, and cannot be censured justly.

No person could speak stronger on this subject, nor behave nobler, than our young advocate, for the cause of toleration. They were studious to ingratiate with those who it was dishonourable to favour. The house framed a remonstrance, where they spoke with great freedom of the king's prerogative. Neither flatter or contemn the rich or the great. Many would exchange gladly their honours, beauty and riches, for that more quiet and humbler station, which thou art now dissatisfied with. High hopes, and florid views, is a great enemy to tranquillity. Many persons will not believe but what they are free from prejudices. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest. This word I have only found in Spenser. The king being apprized of the conspiracy, he fled from Jerusalem.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

A too great variety of studies dissipate and weaken the mind. James was resolved to not indulge himself in such a cruel amusement. They admired the countryman's, as they called him, candour and uprightness. The pleasure or pain of one passion, differ from those of another. The court of Spain, who gave the order, were not aware of the consequences. There was much spoke and wrote on each side of the question; but I have chosen to suspend my decision.

Religion raises men above themselves,—irreligion sinks them beneath the brutes: that binds them down to a poor pitiable speck of perishable earth,—this opens for them a prospect to the skies. Temperance and exercise, howsoever little they may be regarded, they are the best means of preserving health. To despise others on account of their poverty, or to value ourselves for our wealth, are dispositions highly culpable. This task was the easier performed, from the cheerfulness with which he engaged in it. These counsels were the dictates of virtue, and the dictates of true honour. As his misfortunes were the fruit of his own obstinacy, a few persons pitied him. And they were judged every man according to their works. Riches is the bane of human happiness. I wrote to my brother before I received his letter.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

When Garrick appeared, Peter was for some time in doubt whether it could be him or not. Are you living contented in spiritual darkness? The company was very numerous. Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? Where is the security that evil habits will be ever broken? They each bring materials to the place. Nor let no comforter delight my ear. She was six years older than him. They were obliged to contribute more than us. The Barons had little more to rely on, besides the power of their families. The sewers (shōres) must be kept so clean, as the water may run away. Such among us who follow that profession. Nobody is so sanguine to hope for it. She behaved unkindly than I expected. Agreeable to your request, I send this letter. She is exceeding fair. Thomas is not as docile as his sister. There was no other book but this. He died by a fever. Among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James. My sister and I waited till they were called. The army were drawn up in haste. The public is respectfully informed that, &c. The friends and amusements which he preferred corrupted his morals. Each must answer for themselves. Henry, though at first he showed an unwillingness, yet afterwards he granted his request.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

Him and her live very happily together. She invited Jane and I to see her new dress. She uttered such cries that pierced the heart of every one who heard them. Maria is not as clever as her sister Ann. Though he promises ever so solemnly, I will not believe him. The full moon was no sooner up, in all its brightness, but he opened to them the gate of paradise. It rendered the progress very slow of the new invention. This book is Thomas', that is James'. Socrates's wisdom has been the subject of many a conversation. Fare thee well, James. Who, who has the judgement of a man, would have drawn such an inference? George was the most diligent scholar whom I ever knew. I have observed some children to use deceit. He durst not to displease his master. The hopeless delinquents might, each in their turn, adopt the expostulatory language of Job. Several of our English words, some centuries ago, had different meanings to those they have now. And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. With this booty he made off to a distant part of the country, where he had reason to believe that neither he nor his master were known. Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. I have been at London.

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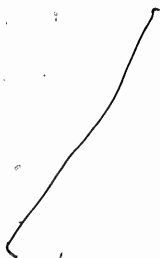
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PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

Which of the two masters, says Seneca, shall we most esteem?—he who strives to correct his scholars by prudent advice and motives of honour, or another who will lash them severely for not repeating their lessons as they ought? The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. If a brother or a sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding if ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?

But she always behaved with great severity to her maids; and if any of them were negligent of their duty, or made a slip in their conduct, nothing would serve her but burning the poor girls alive. He had no master to instruct him: he had read nothing but the writings of Moses and the prophets, and had received no lessons from the Socrates's,* the Plato's, and the Confucius's of the age. They that honour me, I will honour. For the poor always ye have with you.

* The *possessive case* must not be used for the *plural number*. In this quotation from Baron Haller's *Letters to his Daughter*, the proper names should have been pluralized like common nouns; thus, *From the Socratesses, the Platoss, and the Confuciuses of the age.*



PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

The first Christians of the Gentile world made a simple and entire transition from a state as bad, if not worse, than that of entire ignorance, to the Christianity of the New Testament.

And he said unto Gideon, every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself.

The duke had not behaved with that loyalty as was expected.

Milton seems to have been well acquainted with his own genius, and to know what it was that nature had bestowed upon him more bountifully than upon others.

And on the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused* by the Jews, he loosed him from his bonds.

Here rages force, here tremble flight and fear,
Here stormed contention, and here fury frowned.

The Cretan javelin reached him from afar,
And pierced his shoulder as he mounts his car.

Nor is it then a welcome guest, affording only an uneasy sensation, and brings always with it a mixture of concern and compassion.

He only† promised me a loan of the book for two days. I was once thinking to have written a poem.

* *Accuse* requires *of* before the *crime*, and *by* before the *person* accusing.

† This sentence expresses one meaning as it stands. It may be made to express other four by placing *only* after *me*, or *loan*, or *book*, or *days*.

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

A very slow child will often be found to get lessons by heart as soon as, nay sometimes sooner, than one who is ten times as intelligent.

It is then from a cultivation of the perceptive faculties, that we only can attain those powers of conception which are essential to taste.

No man is fit for free conversation for the inquiry after truth, if he be exceedingly reserved; if he be haughty and proud of his knowledge; if he be positive and dogmatical in his opinions; if he be one who always affects to outshine all the company; if he be fretful and peevish; if he affect wit, and is full of puns, or quirks, or quibbles.

Conversation is the business, and let every one that please add their opinion freely.

The mean suspicious wretch, whose bolted door
Ne'er moved in duty to the wandering poor;
With him I left the cup, to teach his mind,
That Heaven can bless if mortals will be kind.

There are many more shining qualities in the mind of man, but there is none so useful as discretion.

Mr. Locke having been introduced by Lord Shaftesbury to the Duke of Buckingham and Lord Halifax, these three noblemen, instead of conversing with the philosopher on literary subjects, in a very short time sat down to cards.

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Bad Arrangement.

It is your light fantastic fools, who have neither head nor hearts, in both sexes, who by dressing their bodies out of all shape, render themselves ridiculous and contemptible.

And how can brethren hope to partake of their parent's blessing that curse each other.

The superiority of others over us, though in trivial concerns, never fails to mortify our vanity, and give us vexation, as Nicôle admirably observes.

Likewise also the chief priests, mocking, said among themselves, with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.

Noah, for his godliness, and his family, were the only persons preserved from the flood.

It is an unanswerable argument of a very refined age, the wonderful civilities that have passed between the nation of authors, and that of readers.

And they said among themselves, who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they had looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away! for it was very great.

A great stone that I happened to find, after a long search, by the sea-shore, served me for an anchor.

It is true what he says, but is not applicable to the point.

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Bad Arrangement.*

The senate of Rome ordered that no part of it should be rebuilt; it was demolished to the ground, so that travellers are unable to say where Carthage stood at this day.

Thus ended the war with Antiochus, twelve years after the Second Punic war, and two after it had been begun.

Upon the death of Claudius, the young Emperor Nero pronounced his funeral oration, and he was canonized among the gods, who scarcely deserved the name of a man.

Galérius abated much of his severities against the Christians on his death-bed, and revoked those edicts which he had formerly published, tending to their persecution, a little before his death.

The first care of Aurélius was to marry his daughter Lucilla once more to Claudius Pompéianus, a man of moderate fortune, &c.

But at length, having made his guards accomplices in their design, they set upon Maximin while he slept at noon in his tent, and slew both him and his son, whom he had made his partner in the empire, without any opposition.

Aurélian defeated the Marcomanni, a fierce and terrible nation of Germany, that had invaded Italy, in three several engagements.

* The exercises on this page are all extracted from the octavo edition of Goldsmith's Roman History, from which many more might be got. It is amazing how many mistakes even our most popular authors have made.

AMBIGUITY.

You suppose him younger than I.

This may mean either that you suppose him younger than I *am*, or that you suppose him to be younger than I suppose him to be.

Parmênio had served with great fidelity, Philip, the father of Alexander, as well as himself, for whom he first opened the way into Asia.

Here we are apt to suppose the word *himself* refers to Parmênio, and means that he had not only served Philip, but he had served *himself* at the same time. This however is not the meaning of the passage. If we arrange it thus, the meaning will appear: "Parmênio had not only served Philip the father of Alexander with great fidelity, but he had served *Alexander himself*, and was the first that opened the way for him into Asia."

Belisarius was general of all the forces under the emperor Justinian the First, a man of rare valour.

Who was a man of rare valour? The emperor Justinian we should suppose from the arrangement of the words; but this is not the case, for it was *Belisarius*. The sentence should have stood thus, "Belisarius, a man of rare valour, was general of all the forces under the emperor Justinian the First."

Lisias promised to his father never to abandon his friends.

Whether were they his own friends or his father's whom Lisias promised never to abandon? If his own, it should be, Lisias promised and said to his father, I will never abandon *my friends*. If his father's, it should be, Lisias promised and said to his father, I will never abandon *your friends*.

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IMPROPER EXPRESSIONS.

TAUTOLOGY, or the repetition of a thought or word already fully expressed, is improper.

EXERCISES.

The flatter end of that man shall be peace.
 Whenever I try to improve, I *talways* find I can do it.
 I saw it *in here*—I saw it *here*.
 He was *tin here* yesterday when I spoke to him.
 Give me *both of them* books—give me both *those* books.*
 They *both* met—They met.
 I *never* fail to read *whenever* I can get a book—*when*.
 You must *return tback* immediately.
First of all I shall say my lesson—*First* I shall say, &c.
Before I do that I must *tfirst* finish this.
 He *plunged tdawn* into the water.
 Read from *here to there*—from *this* place to *that*.
Lift tup your book. He mentioned it *tover* again.
 This was the luckiest accident of *all tothers*.
 I ran after him a little way; but soon returned *tback tagain*.
 I cannot tell *tfor why* he did it.
 Learn *tfrom hence* to study the Scriptures diligently.
 Where shall I begin *tfrom* when I read.
 We must do this *last tof tall*. Hence *ttherefore* I say.
 I found nobody *telse but* him there.
 Smoke *ascends tup* into the clouds.
 We hastily *descended tdawn* from the mountain.
 He *raised tup* his arm to strike me.
 We were *tmutually* friendly to *each other*.
 It should *tever* be your *constant* study to do good.
 As soon as I awoke I *ross tup* and dressed myself.
 I leave town in the *flatter end* of July.

☞ Avoid the following vulgar phrases.—Behoof, behest, fell to work, wherewithall, quoth he, do away, long winded, chalked out, pop out, must needs, got rid of, handed down, self same, pell mell, that's your sort, tip him the wink, pitched upon.—*Subject matter* is a detestable phrase.—*Subject*.

† The word immediately after the dagger is to be omitted because it is superfluous.

* These, if the person has them in his hand.

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| My every hope, | <i>should be</i> | All my hopes. |
| Frequent opportunity, | | Frequent <i>opportunities</i> . |
| Who finds him in money? | | Who finds him money? |
| He put it in his pocket, | | He put it <i>into</i> his pocket. |
| No less than fifty persons, | | No <i>fewer</i> than fifty persons. |
| The two first steps are new, | | The <i>first two</i> steps are new |
| All over the country, | | <i>Over all</i> the country. |
| Be that as it will, | | Be that as it <i>may</i> . |
| About two years back, | | About two years <i>ago</i> . |
| He was to come as this day, | | He was to come <i>this day</i> . |
| They retreated back, | | They <i>retreated</i> . |
| It lays on the table, | | It <i>lies</i> on the table. |
| I turned them topsy turvy, | | I <i>overset</i> them: |
| I catch'd it, | | I <i>caught</i> it. |
| How does thee do? | | How <i>dost thou</i> do? |
| Overseer over his house, | | Overseer <i>of</i> his house. |
| Opposite the church, | | Opposite <i>to</i> the church. |
| Provisions were plenty, | | Provisions were <i>plentiful</i> . |
| A new pair of gloves, | | A <i>pair of new</i> gloves. |
| A young beautiful woman, | | A beautiful young woman. |
| Where do you come from? | | <i>Whence</i> do you come? |
| Where are you going? | | <i>Whither</i> are you going? |
| For such another fault, | | For another such fault. |
| Of consequence, | | <i>Consequently</i> . |
| Having not considered it, | | Not having considered it. |
| I had rather not, | | I <i>would</i> rather not. |
| I'd as lief, | | I would as <i>soon</i> . |
| For good and all, | | Totally and completely. |
| This here house, said I, | | This house, <i>said I</i> . |
| Where is it? says I, to him, | | Where is it? <i>said I</i> , to him. |
| I propose to visit them, | | I <i>purpose</i> to visit them. |
| He spoke contemptibly of me | | He spoke <i>contemptuously</i> of |
| It is apparent, | | It is <i>obvious</i> . [me |
| In its primary sense, | | In its <i>primitive</i> sense. |
| I heard them <i>pro & con</i> . | | I heard <i>both sides</i> . |
| I an't hungry, | | I <i>am not</i> hungry. |
| I want a scissars, | | I want a <i>pair of</i> scissars. |
| A new pair of shoes, | | A <i>pair of new</i> shoes. |
| I saw him some ten years ago | | I saw him <i>ten years ago</i> . |
| I met in with him, | | I <i>met with</i> him. |
| The subject matter, | | The subject. |
| I add one more reason, | | I add <i>one reason more</i> . |

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Do you mind how many chapters are in Job?—*remember.*

His public character is undeniable—*unexceptionable.*

The wool is cheaper; but the cloth is as dear as ever—
omit *the* in both places.

They gained five shillings the piece by it—*a piece.*

It is not worth a sixpence—*sixpence.*

A letter conceived in the following words—*expressed.*

He is much difficulted—*at a loss, puzzled.*

He behaved in a very gentlemanly manner—*gentleman-like*

The poor boy was ill-guided—*ill-used.*

There was a great many company—*much company.*

He has been misfortunate—*unfortunate.*

A momentous circumstance—*momentous.*

You will some day repent it—*one day repent of it.*

Several were of that opinion—*several, i. e. several persons*

He did it in an overly manner—*in a careless.*

He does every thing pointedly—*exactly.*

An honest-like man—*A tall good-looking man.*

At the expiry of his lease—*expiration.*

If I had ever so much in my offer—*choice.*

Have you any word to your brother—*message.*

The cock is a noisy beast—*fowl.*

Are you acquaint with him—*acquainted.*

Were you crying on me—*calling.*

Direct your letters to me at Mr. B's, Edinburgh—*address.*

He and I never cast out—*never quarrel.*

He took a fever—*was seized with a fever.*

He was lost in the river—*drowned (if the body was got.)*

That militates against your doctrine—*operates.*

If I am not mistaken—*If I mistake not.*

You may lay your account with opposition—*you may expect*

He proposes to buy an estate—*purposes.*

He pled his own cause—*pleaded.*

Have you plinished your house?—*furnished.*

I shall notice a few particulars—*mention.*

I think much shame—*I am much ashamed.*

Will I help you to a bit of beef—*shall.*

They wared their money to advantage—*laid out.*

Will we see you next week?—*shall.*

She thinks long to see him—*she longs to see him.*

It is not much worth—it is not worth much.

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| Is he going to the school?— <i>to school.</i> | Go and pull berries— <i>gather.</i> |
| He has got the cold— <i>a cold.</i> | Pull roses— <i>pluck or gather.</i> |
| Say the grace— <i>say grace.</i> | To harry a nest— <i>rob.</i> |
| I cannot go the day— <i>to-day.</i> | He begins to make rich— <i>grows.</i> |
| A four square table— <i>a square.</i> | Mask the tea— <i>infuse.</i> |
| He is cripple— <i>lame.</i> [table.] | I was maltreated— <i>ill used.</i> |
| Get my big coat— <i>great coat.</i> | He mants much— <i>stammers.</i> |
| Hard fish— <i>dried fish.</i> | I see'd him yesterday— <i>saw.</i> |
| A novel fashion— <i>new.</i> | A house to set— <i>to be let.</i> ^{x-r-s} |
| He is too precipitant— <i>hasty.</i> | Did you tell upon him— <i>inform.</i> |
| Roasted cheese— <i>toasted.</i> | Come here— <i>hither.</i> |
| I dians ken— <i>I don't know.</i> | A house to sell— <i>to be sold.</i> |
| Sweet butter— <i>fresh.</i> | I knowed that— <i>knew.</i> |
| I have a sore head— <i>head ache.</i> | That dress acts her— <i>becomes.</i> |
| A stupendous work— <i>stupendous.</i> | She turned sick— <i>grew.</i> |
| A tremendous work— <i>tremendous.</i> | He is turned tall— <i>grown.</i> |
| I got timous notice— <i>timely.</i> | This hère boy— <i>this boy.</i> |
| A summer's day— <i>summer day.</i> | It is equally the same— <i>it is the same.</i> |
| An oldish lady— <i>elderly.</i> | It is split new— <i>quite.</i> |
| A few broth— <i>some.*</i> | That there man— <i>that man.</i> |
| I have nothing ado— <i>to do.</i> | What pretty it is— <i>How.</i> |
| Ass milk— <i>ass's.</i> | His is far neater— <i>wuch.</i> |
| Take a drink— <i>draught.</i> | That's no possible— <i>not.</i> |
| A pair of partridges— <i>a brace.</i> | I shall go the morn— <i>to-morrow.</i> |
| Six horse— <i>horses.</i> | I asked at him— <i>asked him.</i> |
| A milk cow— <i>milch.</i> | Is your papa in?— <i>within.</i> |
| Send me a swatch— <i>pattern.</i> | He was married on— <i>to.</i> |
| He lays in bed till nine— <i>lies.</i> | Come into the fire— <i>nearer.</i> |
| I mind none of them things— <i>those.</i> | Take out your glass— <i>off.</i> |
| Give me them books— <i>these.</i> | I find no fault to him— <i>in.</i> |
| Close the door— <i>shut.</i> | Cheese and bread— <i>bread and cheese.</i> |
| Let him be— <i>alone.</i> | Milk and bread— <i>bread & milk.</i> |
| Call for James— <i>on.</i> p. 112† | Take tent— <i>take care.</i> |
| Chap louder— <i>knock.</i> | Come, say away— <i>come, proceed.</i> |
| I find no pain— <i>feel.</i> | Do bidding— <i>be obedient.</i> |
| I mean to summons— <i>summon.</i> | He is a widow— <i>widower.</i> |
| Will I help you?— <i>shall.</i> | He stops there— <i>stays, dwells, lodges.</i> |
| Shall James come again?— <i>will.</i> | Shall they return soon?— <i>will.</i> |
| He has a timber leg— <i>wooden.</i> | Will we go home now?— <i>shall.</i> |
| I an't angry— <i>I am not.</i> | He misguides his book— <i>abuses.</i> |
| That there house— <i>that house.</i> | He don't do it well— <i>does not.</i> |

* *Broth* is always singular. — Powdered beef is beef sprinkled with salt to preserve it for a few days. — Salt beef is beef properly seasoned with salt.

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Additional Remarks under the 4th Rule of Syntax.

1. When *and* is understood, the verb must be plural; as, Wisdom, happiness, (and) virtue, *dwell* with the golden mediocrity.

Some think, that when two singular nouns, coupled with *and*, are nearly the same in meaning, the verb may be singular; as, Tranquility and peace *dwells* there. Ignorance and negligence *has* produced this effect. This, however, is improper; for *tranquility* and *peace* are *two* nouns or names, and two make a *plural*; therefore the *verb* should be plural.

2. Two or more singular nouns coupled with *and*, require a verb in the *singular* number, when they denote only *one* person or thing; as, That able scholar and critic *has* been eminently useful.

3. Many writers use a *plural noun* after the second of two numerical adjectives; thus, The first and second *pages* are torn. This I think improper: it should rather be, the first and second *page*, i. e. the first *page* and the second *page* are torn: *are*, perhaps; because independently of *and*, they are *both* in a torn state.—*Generation, hour* and *word* are singular in Exodus xx. 5. Matt. xx. 5. Acts xii. 10.

And and Not.

4. When *not* is joined to *and*, the negative clause forms a parenthesis, and does not affect the construction of the other clause or clauses; therefore the verb in the following and similar sentences should be singular. Genuine piety and not great riches, *makes* a death-bed easy; i. e.

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Genuine piety *makes* a death-bed easy, and great riches do not *make* it easy. Her prudence, not her possessions, *renders* her an object of desire.

Every, And.

5. When the nouns coupled with *and* are qualified by the distributive *Every*, the verb should be *singular*; as, Every man and woman *was* astonished at her fortitude. Every boy and girl *was* taught to read.—See rule 27th.

With and And.

6. When a *singular* noun has a clause joined to it by *with*, it is often difficult to determine whether the *verb* should be *singular* or *plural*, especially as our most reputable authors use sometimes the one and sometimes the other; for example, some would say, My uncle, with his son, *was* in town yesterday. Others would say, My uncle, with his son, *were* in town yesterday.

If we take the *sense* for our guide, and nothing else can guide us in a case of this kind, it is evident that the verb should be *plural*; for both *uncle* and *son* are the *joint* subjects of our affirmation, and declared to be both in the *same* state.

When we perceive from the sense, that the noun *before With* is *exclusively* the real subject, then the verb should be *singular*; thus, *Christ*, with his three chosen disciples, *was* transfigured on the mount. Here the verb is singular, because we know that none but Christ was transfigured; the disciples were not *joint* associates with him; they were mere spectators. There seems to be an ellipsis in such sentences as this, which, if sup-

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plied in the present would run thus: Christ (who was attended) with his three chosen disciples, was transfigured on the mount.

Mr. Murray, however, thinks that the verb should be *singular* in the following and similar sentences. "Prosperity, with humility, *renders its possessors truly amiable.*" "The side A, with the sides B and C, *composes the triangle.*" In my opinion, on the contrary, the verb should be *plural*. For, in the first sentence it is not asserted that prosperity *alone* renders its possessor truly amiable, but prosperity and humility *united*, and co-operating to produce an effect in their *joint* state, which they were incapable of achieving in their *individual* capacity.

If true, as Mr. Murray says, that "the *side A*" in the second sentence is the *true* nominative to the verb, then it follows, of course, that the two sides B and C have no agency or no share in forming the triangle, and consequently that the side *A alone* composes the triangle. It is obvious, however, that *one* side cannot form a triangle or three-sided figure, and that the sides B and C are as much concerned in forming the triangle as the side A, and therefore the verb should be *plural*.

Upon the whole, we may venture to give the two following general rules:

1. That whenever the noun or pronoun *after With* exists, acts or suffers *jointly* with the singular nominative *before* it, the verb should be *plural*; as, "She with her sisters *are* well." "His purse, with its contents, *were* abstracted from his pocket." "The general with his men *were* taken prisoners." In these sentences the verb is *plural*, because the

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words *after With* are as much the *subject* of discourse as the words *before* it,—her *sisters* were *well* as well as she; the *contents* as well as the *purse* were abstracted; and the *men*, as well as the *general* were taken prisoners. If, in the first example, we say—*is well*, then the meaning will be, she is well when in *company* with her sisters; and the idea that her *sisters* are *well*, will be entirely *excluded*.

2. When the noun after *with* is a mere involuntary or inanimate *instrument*, the verb should be *singular*; as, The captain with his men *catches* poor Africans and *sells* them for slaves. The Squire with his hounds *kills* a fox. Here the verb is *singular*, because the men and hounds are not *joint* agents with the Captain and Squire; they are as much the mere instruments in their hands as the *gun* and *pen* in the hands of He and She in the following sentences: He with his gun *shoots* a hare. She with her pen *writes* a letter.

Of the Articles, with several Adjectives.

A or *the* is prefixed only to the first of several adjectives qualifying one noun; as, a meek and holy man: but the articles should be repeated before each adjective when each adjective relates to a generic word applicable to every one of the adjectives. For example, "The black and white cows were sold yesterday: the red will be sold to-morrow."

Here cows is the *generic* word, applicable to each of the adjectives, *black*, *white*, and *red*, but for want of *the* before *white*, we are led to suppose that the *black* and *white* cows mean only *one* sort, which are speckled with spots of black and white; and if this is our meaning, the sentence is right;

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but if we mean *two* different sorts, the one all black, and the other all white, we should insert the article before both, and say; *The* black and *the* white cows, *i. e.* The black cows and the white cows were sold.

Some think this distinction of little importance; and it is really seldom attended to even by good writers; but in some cases it is necessary; although in others there cannot, from the nature of the thing, be any mistake. In the following sentence, for instance, the repetition of *the* before *horned* is not necessary, although it would be proper: "The *bald* and *horned* cows were sold last week." Here there can be no mistake: *two* sorts were sold; for a cow cannot be bald and horned too.

The same remark may be made respecting the *Demonstrative* pronouns, that has been made respecting the *articles*; as, "*That* great and good man," means only *one* man: but *that* great and *that* good man, would mean *two* men; the one a *great* man, the other a *good*.

They—Those.

They stands for a noun already introduced, and should never be used till the noun be mentioned. *Those*, on the contrary, points out a noun not previously introduced, but generally understood. It is improper therefore to say, *They* who tell lies are never esteemed. *They* that are truly good must be happy. We should say, *Those* who tell lies, and *those* that are truly good; because we are pointing out a particular class of persons, and not referring to nouns previously introduced. A noun when not expressed after *this*, *that*, *these*, and *those*, is always understood.



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Another—One—Every.

Another corresponds to *one*; but not to *some* nor to *every*; thus, "Handed down from every writer of verses to another," should be, "From one writer of verses to another." "At some hour or another," should be, "at some hour or other."

One is often used in familiar phrases (like *on* in French) for *we* or any *one* of us indiscriminately; Thus, *One* is often more influenced by example than by precept. The verb and pronoun with which *one* agrees should be *singular*. Thus, If *one* take a wrong method at first, it will lead *them* astray; should be, It will lead *one* astray, or, It will lead *him* astray.

That and Those.

It is improper to apply *that* and *those* to things present or just mentioned. Thus, "They cannot be separated from the subject which follows; and for *that* reason," &c. should be, "And for *this* reason, &c." "Those sentences which we have at present before us: should be, *These* or *The* sentences which we have, &c.

As Follows, as Appears.

As is often used as a personal or relative pronoun, and in both *numbers*; and in these cases it should be construed as a pronoun; as, "His words were *as follow*;" that is, His words were *those which* follow. Here *as* is *plural*, because *words*, its antecedent, is plural. His description was *as follows*. Here *as* is *singular*, because *description*, its antecedent, is singular: that is, His description was *this which* follows.

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This account of *as*, though in unison with Dr. Crombie's, is at variance with that of Dr. Campbell and Mr. Murray. They explain the following sentences thus: "The arguments advanced were nearly *as follows*;" "The positions were *as appears* incontrovertible." That is, say they, "*as it follows*," "*as it appears*." What *it*? The *thing*. What *thing*?—*It*, or *thing*, cannot relate to *arguments*, for *arguments* is *plural*, and must have a plural pronoun and verb. Take the ordinary method of finding out the nominative to a verb, by asking a question with the verb, and the true nominative will be the answer: Thus, What follows? and the answer is, The *arguments follow*. It must be obvious, then, that *it* cannot be substituted for *arguments*, and that *as* is equal to *those which*, and that the verb is not *impersonal* but the *third person plural*, agreeing with its nominative *which*, the last half of *as*. In the second example, *as appears* is a mere parenthesis, and does not relate to *positions* at all; but still the *as* is a pronoun. Thus, The positions, *it appears*, were incontrovertible.

They say, however, if we use *such* before *as*, the verb is no longer *impersonal*, but agrees with its nominative in the *plural* number; as, "The arguments advanced were nearly *such as follow*." "The positions were *such as appear* incontrovertible." This is, if possible, a greater mistake than the former; for what has *such* to do with the following *verb*? *Such* means *of that kind*, and expresses the quality of the *noun* repeated, but it has nothing to do with the verb at all. Therefore the construction must be the same with *such* that *it* is with

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as, with this difference in meaning, that when *such* as is used, we mean of *that kind* which follows.

When we say, "His arguments are as follow" we mean *those* arguments which follow are *verbatim* the very *same* that he used; but when we say, "His arguments were *such* as follow," we convey the idea, that the arguments which follow are *not* the very *same* that he used; but that they are only of the same *nature* or *kind*.

Their position, however, that the verb should be plural, can be made out by a circumlocution, thus: "His arguments were nearly *such* arguments as those which follow are:" but this very solution would show the error into which they have fallen in such phrases as, *as follows*, *as appears*, for they will not admit of similar solutions. We cannot say, "His arguments are nearly as the arguments which *follows* is."*

This means, &c.

The word *means* in the singular number, and the phrases, *By this means*, *By that means*, are used by our best and most correct writers, when they denote instrumentality; as, *By means of death, &c.* *By that means* he preserves his superiority. *Addison*.

Good writers use the noun *mean* in the singular number, only to denote *mediocrity*, *middle state*, &c. as, *This is a mean* between the two extremes.

This means and *that means* should be used only when they refer to what is singular; *these means*,

* *Addison* and *Steele* have used a plural verb where the antecedent is as is plural. See *Tattler*, Nos. 112, 104. — *Spect.* No. 512. Dr. *Campbell*, in his *Philosophy of Rhetoric*, vol. ii. p. 7, has mistaken the construction of these phrases.

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and *those means*, when they respect plurals; as, He lived temperately, and by *this means* preserved his health. The scholars were attentive, industrious, and obedient to their tutors; and by *these means* acquired knowledge.

Amends.

Amends is used in the same manner as *means*; as, Peace of mind is *an* honourable *amends* for the sacrifices of interest. In return, he received the thanks of his employers, and the present of a large *sum*: *these* were ample *amends* for all his labour.

Into, In.

Into is used after a verb of motion; and *in*, when motion or rest in a place is signified; as, They cast him *into* a pit; I walk *in* the park.

So and Such.

When we refer to the *species* or *nature* of a thing, the word *such* is properly applied; as, *Such* a temper is seldom found; but when degree is signified, we use the word *so*; as, *So* bad a temper is seldom found.

Disappointed of, Disappointed in.

We are disappointed *of* a thing, when we do not get it, and disappointed *in* it, when we have it, and find that it does not answer our expectations; as, We are often disappointed *in* things, which, before possession, promised much enjoyment. I have frequently desired their company, but have hitherto been disappointed *of* that pleasure.

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Taste of, and Taste for.

A *taste of* a thing, implies actual enjoyment of it; but a *taste for* it, implies only a capacity for enjoyment; as, When we have had a true *taste of* the pleasures of virtue, we can have no relish *for* those of vice. He had a *taste for* such studies, and pursued them earnestly.

The Nominative and the Verb.

When the nominative case has no personal tense of a verb, but is put before a participle, independent of the rest of the sentence, it is called the *case absolute*; as, *Shame* being lost, all virtue is lost; *him* destroyed; *him* descending; *him* only excepted;—*him* in all these places should be *he*.

Every *verb*, except in the infinitive mood or the participle, ought to have a *nominative case*, either expressed or implied; as, *Arise*, let us go hence; that is, *Arise ye*.

Every *nominative case* should belong to some *verb* either expressed or implied; as, To whom thus *Adam*, i. e. *spoke*. In the following sentence, the word *virtue* is left by itself, without any verb with which it might agree. "Virtue, however it may be neglected for a time, men are so constituted, as ultimately to acknowledge and respect genuine merit;" it should be, However *much virtue may* be neglected, &c. The sentence may be made more elegant by altering the arrangement of the words; thus, Such is the constitution of men, ~~that virtue, however much it may be neglected for a time, will ultimately be acknowledged and respected.~~—See Rule XIX.

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The nominative is commonly placed *before* the verb ; but it is sometimes put *after* it, or between the auxiliary and the verb.—See Parsing, No. *e*.

Them is sometimes improperly used instead of *these* or *those* ; as, Give me *them* books, for *those* books, or *these* books.

What is sometimes improperly used for *that* ; as, They will never believe but *what* I have been to blame ; it should be, But *that* I have been, &c.

Which is often improperly used for *that* ; thus, After *which* time, should be, After *that* time.

Which is applied to *collective* nouns composed of men ; as, The court of Spain *which* ; the company *which*, &c.

Which, and not *who*, should be used after the name of a person used merely as a *word* ; as, The court of Queen Elizabeth, *who* was but another name for prudence and economy ; it should be, *which* was but another, or *whose name* was, &c.

It is and *it was* are often used in plural construction ; as, *It is* they that are the real authors. *It was* the heretics that first began to rail, &c. — *They* are the real authors. The *heretics* first began, &c. would perhaps be more elegant.

The neuter pronoun *it*, is frequently joined to a noun or pronoun of the masculine or feminine gender ; as, *It was I* ; *It was the man*.

Adjectives, in many cases, should not be separated from their nouns, even by words which modify their meaning ; thus, A large enough number ; A distinct enough manner ; should be, A number large enough ; A manner distinct enough. The *adjective* is frequently placed *after* the noun which it qualifies ; as, Goodness *divine* ; Alexander the *great*.

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All is sometimes emphatically put after a number of particulars comprehended under it; as, Ambition, interest, honour, *all* (these) concurred.

Never generally precedes the verb; as, I *never* saw him; but when an auxiliary is used, *never* may be placed either between it and the verb, or before both; as, He was *never* seen, or, he never was seen.

The *present participle* is frequently introduced without any obvious reference to any *noun* or *pronoun*; as, Generally *speaking*, he behaves well. *Granting* his story to be true, &c. A pronoun is perhaps understood; as, *We* speaking; *We* granting.

Sometimes a *neuter* verb governs an objective when the noun is of the same import with the verb; thus, To dream a *dream*; to run a *race*. Sometimes the noun after a neuter verb is governed by a preposition understood; as, He lay six hours in bed, i. e. *during* six hours.

The same verbs are sometimes used as *active*, and sometimes as *neuter*, according to the sense; thus, *Think*, in the phrase "*Think* on me," is a *neuter* verb; but it is active in the phrase "*Charity thinketh* no evil."

It is improper to change the form of the second and third person singular of the auxiliaries in the *compound tenses* of the subjunctive mood; thus, If thou *have* done thy duty. Unless he *have* brought money. If thou *had* studied more diligently. Unless thou *shall* go to-day. If thou *wilt* grant my request, &c., should be, If thou *hadst* done thy duty. Unless he *has* brought. If thou *hadst* studied. Unless thou *shalt* go, &c.

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It is improper to vary the second person singular in the *past* subjunctive, (except the verb *to be*;) thus, If thou *came*, not in time, &c. If thou *did* not submit, &c. *should be*, If thou *camest* not in time: If thou *didst* not submit.

The following phrases, selected from the Scriptures, are strictly grammatical:

If thou *knewest* the gift. If thou *didst* receive it. If thou *hadst* known. If thou *wilt* save Israel. *Though* he *hath* escaped the sea. *That* thou *mayst* be feared.

We also properly say, If thou *mayst*, *mightst*, *couldst*, *wouldst*, or *shouldst* love.

OF CAPITALS.

1. The first word of every book, or any other piece of writing, must begin with a capital letter.
2. The first word after a period, and the answer to a question, must begin, &c.
3. Proper names, that is, names of persons, places, ships, &c.
4. The pronoun *I*, and the interjection *O*, are written in capitals.
5. The first word of every line in poetry.
6. The appellations of the Deity; as, God, Most High, &c.
7. Adjectives derived from the proper names of places; as, Grecian, Roman, English, &c.
8. The first word of a quotation, introduced after a colon; as, Always remember this ancient maxim: "*Know thyself*."
9. Common nouns when personified; as, Come gentle *Spring*.

DIRECTIONS FOR SUPERSCRPTIONS AND FORMS
OF ADDRESS TO PERSONS OF EVERY RANK.*

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,—*Sire*, or *May it please your Majesty*.—Conclude a petition or speech with, *Your Majesty's most Loyal and Dutiful Subject*.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,—*Madam*, or *May it please your Majesty*.

To his Royal Highness, Frederick, Duke of York,—*May it please your Royal Highness*.

To his Royal Highness the Duke of Kent,—*May it please your Royal Highness*.

In the same manner address every other of the Royal Family, *male or female*,

NOBILITY.—To his Grace the Duke of _____, †—*My Lord Duke, Your Grace*, or *May it please your Grace*.

To the Most Noble the Marquis of _____,—*My Lord Marquis, Your Lordship*.

To the Right Honourable _____, Earl of _____,—*My Lord, Your Lordship*.

To the Right Honourable Lord Viscount _____,—*My Lord, Your Lordship*.

To the Right Honourable Baron _____,—*My Lord, May it please your Lordship*.

The wives of Noblemen have the same titles with their husbands, thus;

To her Grace the Duchess of _____,—*May it please your Grace*.

To the Right Honourable Lady Ann Rose,—*My Lady, May it please your Ladyship*.

The titles of *Lord* and *Right Honourable* are given to all the sons of *Dukes* and *Marquises*, and to the eldest sons of *Earls*; and the title of *Lady* and *Right Honourable* to all their daughters. The younger sons of *Earls* are all *Honourable* and *Esquires*.

* The superscription, or what is put on the outside of a letter, is printed in Roman characters, and begins with *To*. The terms of address used either in beginning a letter, a petition, or verbal address, are printed in *Italic* letters immediately after the superscription.

† The *Wants* are to be filled up with the real name and title.

FORMS OF ADDRESS.

Right Honourable is due to Earls, Viscounts and Barons, and to all the members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council—To the Lord Mayor of London, York & Dublin and to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh during the time they are in office—To the Speaker of the House of Commons—To the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, Admiralty, Trade and Plantations, &c.

The House of Peers is addressed thus : To the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled. *My Lords, May it please your Lordships.*

The House of Commons is addressed thus : To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled. *Gentlemen, May it please your Honours.*

The sons of Viscounts and Barons are styled Honourable and Esquires ; and their daughters have their letters addressed thus : To the Honourable Miss or Mrs. D. B.

The Queen's commission confers the title of *Honourable* on any gentleman in a place of honour or trust ; such as, The Commissioners of Excise, Her Majesty's Customs, Board of Control, &c.—Admirals of the Navy—Generals, Lieutenant-Generals, and Colonels in the Army.

All Noblemen, or men of title in the army and navy, use their title by *right*, such as *Honourable*, before their title of *rank*, such as *Captain*, &c. thus, the *Honourable Captain James James*, of the —, *Sir, Your Honour.*

Honourable is due also to the Court of Directors of the East India Company—The Governors and Deputy Governors of the Bank of England.

The title *Excellency* is given to all Ambassadors, Plenipotentiaries, Governors in foreign countries, to the Lord Lieutenant, and to the Lords Justices of the Kingdom of Ireland.—Address such thus :

To His Excellency Sir — —, Bart., Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Court of Rome. *Your Excellency, May it please your Excellency.*

* The Privy Counsellors, taken collectively, are styled Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

PUNCTUATION.

PUNCTUATION is the art of pointing written composition in such a manner as may naturally lead to its proper meaning, construction and delivery.

OF THE COMMA.

RULE I.

A simple sentence in general requires only a full stop at the end; as, True politeness has its seat in the heart.

RULE II.

The simple members of a compound sentence are separated by a comma; as, Crafty men condemn studies, simple men admire them, and wise men use them. He studies diligently, and makes great progress.

RULE III.

The persons in a direct address are separated from the rest of the sentence by commas; as, *My son*, give me thine heart. *Colonel*, Your most obedient. I thank you, *sir*. I am obliged to you, *my friends*, for your kindness.

RULE IV.

Two words of the same part of speech, whether nouns, adjectives, verbs, participles, or adverbs, do not admit of a comma between them, when coupled with a conjunction; as, James *and* John are good. She is wise *and* virtuous. Religion expands *and* elevates the mind. By being admired *and* flattered, she became vain. *Cicero* spoke forcibly *and* fluently. When the conjunction is suppressed, a comma is inserted in its place; as, He was a plain, honest man.

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RULE V.

Three or more nouns, adjectives, verbs, participles, or adverbs, are separated by commas; as, the sun, the moon, and the stars, are the glory of nature.

When words follow in *pairs*, there is a comma between each *pair*; as, Truth is fair and artless, simple and sincere, uniform and constant.

RULE VI.

All phrases or explanatory sentences, whether in the beginning, middle, or end of a simple sentence, are separated from it by commas; as, To confess the truth, I was in fault. His father dying, he succeeded to the estate. The king, approving the plan, put it into execution. Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles, was eminent for his zeal and knowledge. Victoria, queen of Great Britain. I have seen the emperor, as he was called. In short, he was a great man.

RULE VII.

The verb *to be*, followed by an adjective, or an infinitive with adjuncts, is generally preceded by a comma; as, To be diligently employed in the performance of real duty, is honourable. One of the noblest of the Christian virtues, is to love our enemies.

RULE VIII.

A comma is used between the two parts of a sentence that has its natural order inverted; as, *He* that is weak in the faith, receive ye.

* Some insert a comma both before and after the verb *to be* when it is near the middle of a long sentence; thus, *He, who is weak in the faith, receive ye*; but that is a bad reason; for periods and points are often at variance.

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RULE IX.

Any remarkable expression resembling a quotation or a command, is preceded by a comma; as, There is much truth in the proverb, *Without pains no gains.* I say unto all, *Watch.*

RULE X.

Relative pronouns take a comma before them in some cases, and do not take in some others.

When several words come between the relative and its antecedent,* a comma is inserted; but not in other cases; as, There is no *charm* in the female sex *which* can supply the place of virtue. It is labour only *which* gives the relish to pleasure. The first *beauty* of style is propriety, *without which* all ornament is puerile and superfluous. It is barbarous to injure those *from whom* we have received a kindness.

RULE XI.

A comma is often inserted where a verb is understood, and particularly before *not*, *but*, and *though*, in such cases as the following; as, John has acquired much knowledge; his brother, (has acquired) little. A man ought to obey reason, *not* appetite. He was a great poet, *but* a bad man. The sun is up, *though* he is not visible.

A comma is sometimes inserted between the two members of a long sentence connected by comparatives; as, Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith. As thy days, so shall thy strength be.

* That is, when the relative clause is merely explanatory, the relative is preceded by a comma.

OF THE COMMA.

RULE XII.

It has been stated in Rule VI. that explanatory words and phrases, such as, *perfectly, indeed, doubtless, formerly, in fine, &c.* should be separated from the context by a comma.

Many adverbs, however, and even phrases, when they are considered of little importance, should *not* be separated from the rest of the sentence by commas; as, be ye *therefore* perfect. *Peradventure* ten shall be found there. All things *indeed* are pure. *Doubtless* thou art our father. They were *formerly* very studious. He was *at last* convinced of his error. Be not ye *therefore* partakers with them. *Nevertheless* the poor man's wisdom is despised. Anger is *in a manner* like madness. *At length* some pity warmed the master's breast.

These twelve rules respecting the position of the *comma*, include every thing, it is presumed, to be found in the more numerous rules of larger volumes. But it is impossible to make them perfect. For, "in many instances the employment or omission of a comma, depends upon the length or the shortness of a clause, the presence or absence of adjuncts; the importance or non-importance of the sentiment. Indeed, with respect to punctuation, the practice of the best writers is extremely arbitrary; many omitting some of the usual commas when no error in sense or in construction, is likely to arise from the omission. Good sense and attentive observation are more likely to regulate this subject than any mechanical directions."

The best general rule is, to point in such a manner as to make the sense evident.

☞ No exercises have been subjoined to the Rules on Punctuation; because none can be given equal to those the pupil can prescribe for himself. After he has learned the rules, let him transcribe a piece from any good author, omitting the points and capitals: and then, having pointed his manuscript, and restored the capitals, let him compare his own punctuation with the author's.

OF THE SEMICOLON.

The semicolon is used to separate two members of a sentence less dependent on each other than those separated by the comma.

Sometimes the two members have a mutual dependence on one another, both in sense and syntax; sometimes the preceding member makes complete sense of itself, and only the following one is dependent; and sometimes both seem to be independent.

EXAMPLES.

As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife. As a roaring lion and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people. Mercy and truth preserve the king; and his throne is upheld by mercy. He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich. Philosophy asserts, that Nature is unlimited in her operations; that she has inexhaustible stores in reserve; that knowledge will always be progressive; and that all future generations will continue to make discoveries, of which we have not the least idea.

The semicolon is sometimes employed to separate simple members in which even no commas occur: thus, The pride of wealth is contemptible; the pride of learning is pitiable; the pride of dignity is ridiculous; and the pride of bigotry is insupportable.

In every one of these members the construction and sense are complete; and a period might have been used instead of the semicolon; which is prefixed merely because the sentences are short and form a climax.

OF THE COLON.

The colon is used when the preceding part of the sentence is complete in sense and construction; and the following part is some remark naturally arising from it, and depending on it in sense though not in construction; as, Study to acquire the habit of thinking: no study is more important.

A colon is generally used before an example or a quotation; as, The Scriptures give us an amiable representation of the Deity in these words: God is love; He was often heard to say: I have done with the world, and I am willing to leave it.

A colon is generally used where the sense is complete in the first clause, and the next begins with a conjunction *understood*; as, Do not flatter yourselves with the hope of perfect happiness: there is no such thing in the world. Had the conjunction *for*, been expressed, a semicolon would have been used; thus, Do not flatter yourselves with the hope of perfect happiness; *for* there is no such thing in the world.

The *colon* is generally used when the conjunction is *understood*; and the *semicolon*, when the conjunction is *expressed*.

NOTE. This observation has not always been attended to in pointing the Psalms and some parts of the Liturgy. In them, a colon is often used merely to divide the verse, it would seem, into two parts, to suit a particular species of church music called *chanting*; as, "My tongue is the pen: of a ready writer." In reading, a caesural pause in such a place as this is enough. In the Psalms, and often in the Proverbs, the colon must be read like a semicolon, or even like a comma, according to the sense.

OF THE PERIOD.

When a sentence is complete in construction and sense, it is marked with a period; as, Jesus wept.

A period is sometimes admitted between sentences connected with such words as *but, and, for, therefore, hence, &c.* Example: And he arose and came to his father. *But* when he was yet a great way off, &c.

All abbreviations end with a *period*; as, A. D.

OF OTHER CHARACTERS USED IN COMPOSITION.

Interrogation (?) is used when a question is asked.

Admiration (!) or *Exclamation*, is used to express any sudden emotion of the mind.

Parenthesis () is used to enclose some necessary remark in the body of another sentence; *commas* are now used instead of parentheses.

Apostrophe (') is used in place of a letter left out; as, *lov'd* for *loved*.

Caret (∧) is used to show that some word is either omitted or interlined.

Hyphen (-) is used at the end of a *line*, to show that the rest of the word is at the beginning of the next line. It also connects compound words; as, *Tea-pot*.

Section (§) is used to divide a discourse or chapter into portions.

Paragraph (¶) is used to denote the beginning of a new subject.

Orotchets [] or *Brackets*, are used to enclose a word or sentence which is to be explained in a note, or the explanation itself, or to correct a mistake, or supply some deficiency.

Quotation ("") is used to show that a passage is quoted in the author's words.

Index (☞) is used to point out any thing remarkable.

Brace { is used to connect words which have one common term, or three lines in poetry, having the same rhyme, called a triplet.

Ellipsis (—) is used when some letters are omitted; as, *K—g* for *King*.

Acute accent (´) is used to denote a *short* syllable; the *grave* (`) a *long*.

Breve (˘) marks a *short* vowel or syllable, and the dash (ˉ) a *long*.

Diacresis (¨) is used to divide a diphthong into two syllables; as, *ærial*.

Asterisk (*)—*Obelisk* (†)—*Double dagger* (‡)—and *Parallels* (||)—with *small letters* and *figures*, refer to some note on the margin, or at the bottom of the page.

(*) Two or three asterisks denote the omission of some letters in some bold or indelicate expression.

Dash (—) is used to denote abruptness—a significant pause—an unexpected turn in the sentiment—or that the *first clause* is common to all the rest, as in *this definition* of a dash.

ABBREVIATIONS.

| LATIN. | ENGLISH |
|--|--|
| Ante Christum* | A. C. Before Christ. |
| Artium Baccalaureus | A. B. Bachelor of Arts (often B. A.) |
| Anno Domini | A. D. In the year of our Lord. |
| Artium Magister | A. M. Master of Arts. |
| Anno Mundi | A. M. In the year of the world. |
| Ante Meridiem | A. M. In the forenoon. [city—Rome.] |
| Anno Urbis Condite | A. U. C. In the year after the building of the |
| Baccalaureus Divinitatis | B. D. Bachelor of Divinity. |
| Custos Privati Sigilli | C. P. S. Keeper of the Privy Seal. |
| Custos Sigilli | C. S. Keeper of the Seal. |
| Doctor Divinitatis | D. D. Doctor of Divinity. |
| Exempli gratia | e. g. For example. |
| Regis Societatis Socius | R. S. S. Fellow of the Royal Society |
| Regis Societatis Anti- quariorum Socius | R. S. A. S. Fellow of the Royal Society of Anti- quaries. |
| Victoria Regina | V. R. Victoria the Queen. |
| Id est | i. e. That is. |
| Jesus Hominum Salvator | J. H. S. Jesus the Saviour of Men. |
| Legum Doctor | LL. D. Doctor of Laws. |
| Messieurs (French) | Messrs. Gentlemen. |
| Medicine Doctor | M. D. Doctor of Medicine. |
| Memorie Sacrum | M. S. Sacred to the Memory of (or S. M.) |
| Nota Bene | N. B. Note well; take notice. |
| Post Meridiem | P. M. In the afternoon. |
| Post Scriptum | P. S. Postscript, something written after |
| Ultimo | Ult. Last (month.) |
| Et cetera | &c. And the rest; and so forth. |
| A. Answer, Alexander | L. C. J. Lord Chief Justice |
| Acct. Account | Knt. Knight |
| Bart. Baronet | K. G. Knight of the Garter |
| Bp. Bishop | K. B. Knight of the Bath |
| Capt. Captain | K. C. B. Kt. Commander of the Bath |
| Col. Colonel | K. C. Knight of the Crescent |
| Cr. Creditor | K. P. Knight of St. Patrick |
| Dr. Debtor, Doctor | K. T. Knight of the Thistle |
| Do. or Ditto The same | MS. Manuscript |
| Viz. † Namely | MSS. Manuscripts |
| Q. Question, Queen | N. S. New Style |
| R. N. Royal Navy | O. S. Old Style |
| Esq. Esquire | J. P. Justice of the Peace |

*The Latin of these abbreviations is inserted, not to be got by heart, but to show the etymology of the English; or explain for instance, how P. M. comes to mean afternoon, &c.

† Contracted for *viz.*

• PROSODY.

PROSODY is that part of Grammar which teaches the true pronunciation of words; comprising Accent, Quantity, Emphasis, Pause and Tone, and the measure of Verses.

Accent is the laying of a greater force on one syllable of a word than on another; as, *Surmount*.

The **quantity** of a syllable is the time which is occupied in pronouncing it. Quantity is either long or short; as, *con-sume*.

Emphasis is a remarkable stress laid upon certain words in a sentence, to distinguish them from the rest, by making the meaning more apparent; as, Apply yourself more to *acquire* knowledge than to *shew* it.*

A **pause** is either a total cessation or a short suspension of the voice, during a perceptible space of time; as, Reading—makes a full-man; conference—a ready-man; and writing—an exact-man.

Tone is a particular modulation or inflection of the voice, suited to the sense; as, How bright these glorious spirits shine!†

VERSIFICATION.

Prose is language not restrained to harmonic sounds, or to a set number of syllables.

Verse or **Poetry** is language restrained to a certain number of long and short syllables in every line.

Verse is of two kinds; namely, *Rhyme* and *Blank*

* *Emphasis* should be made rather by *suspending* the voice a little after the emphatic word, than by striking it very forcibly, which is disagreeable to a good ear. A very short pause before it would render it still more emphatical; as, Reading makes a—full—man.

† *Accent* and *quantity* respect the pronunciation of words; *emphasis* and *pause* the meaning of the sentence; while *tone* refers to the feelings of the speaker.

verse. When the last syllable of every two lines has the same sound, it is called *rhyme*; but when this is not the case, it is called *blank verse*.

Feet are the parts into which a verse is divided to see whether it has its just number of syllables or not.

Scanning is the measuring or dividing of a verse into the several feet of which it is composed.

All feet consist either of *two* or *three* syllables, and are divided into eight kinds; four of two syllables, and four of three, as follow:

DISYLLABLES.
 A iambus; as, *lyon*;
 An anapaest; as, *becking*.
 A trochee; as, *vain-mán*.
 A dactyl; as, *ón á (bank)*.

TRISYLLABLES.
 A dactyle; as, *probably*.
 An amphibrach; as, *domestic*.
 An anapaest; as, *improve*.
 A tribach; as, *comfortably*.

The feet in most common use are Iambic, Trocheic, and Anapaestic.

IAMBIC MEASURE.

Iambic measure is adapted to various subjects, and comprises verses of several kinds; such as,

1. Of four syllables, or two feet; as,
 With *ty-lán'd éars*,
 The *tuón-árch héars*.

It sometimes has an additional short syllable, making what is called a double ending; as,

Upón-á *móuntain*,
 Béside-á *fóun-táin*.

* So called from the resemblance which the movement of the pen in reading verse, bears to the motion of the feet in walking.
 † A single line is called a verse. In *rhyme* two lines are called a couplet; and three ending with the same sound a triplet.
 ‡ The marks over the vowels show that a *trochee* consists of a long and a short syllable, and the *iambic* of a short and a long syllable. In scanning the *trochee* is every accented syllable is long; even although the sound of the vowel is pronounced short. From the first syllable in *read'd* is in scanning called long, although the vowel *a* is short. By *long* then is meant a long syllable; and by *short*, an unaccented syllable.

2. Of three iambs, or six syllables; as,

Alôft - in äw - fül stäte,
Thé god - Mke hó - tó séé.

Our héarts - no löng - ör län - guish. An additional syllable.

3. Of eight syllables, or four iambic feet; as,

And máy - ät läst - my wéa - rý äge,
Find öut - thé peace - fül hér - mítté

4. Of ten syllables, or five feet; called hexameter, heroic, or tragic verses; as,

Thé stars - sháll fäde - äway, - thé sün - himself
Gröw dím - with äge, - änd ná - tíre sánk - in yeárs

Sometimes the last line of a couplet is stretched out to twelve syllables, or six feet, and then it is called an Alexandrine verse; as,

För théé - thé länd - in frä - gránt flöw'rs - is dréss;
För théé - thé ö - ceán smiles, - änd smööthes - hér wä - vy bréast.

5. Of verses containing alternately four and three feet; this is the measure commonly used in psalms and hymns; as,

Lét sáints - bëlöw, - with swéat - äccórd,
Unite - with thése - äböve,
In öö - lönn láys, - tó práise - théir kíng,
And síng - hís äx - ing löve.

37 Verses of this kind were frequently written in two lines, each containing four or five syllables.

TROCHAIC MEASURE.

This measure is quick and lively, and consists of two,

1. Some of one trochee and a long syllable, and some of two trochees; as,

Túmlit - öf äre.

Sínk - öf péace

Ön thé - äppásteín,

Öf ö - fötté.

2. Of two feet or two trochees with an additional long syllable; as,

In thē - dāys of - - old,
Stōries - plāinly - - tōld.

3. Of three trochees, or three and an additional long syllable; as,

Whēn our - hēarts āre - mōrning.
Lovely - lāsting - pēace of - - mind.
Swēt dē - light of - hūmān - - kind.

4. Of four trochees, or eight syllables; as,

Nōw thē - dreadfūl - thūndēr - - rōaring!

5. Of six trochees, or twelve syllables; as,

On a - mōuntain, - stretch'd bē - neath a - hēavy - willōw,
Lay a - shēphērd - swāin, and - view'd thē - rōaring - billōw.

Those trochaic measures that are very uncommon have been omitted

ANAPAESTIC MEASURE.

1. Of two anapaests, or two and an unaccented syllable; as,

Būt his cour - āge 'gan fail,
Fōr nō ārts - could āvail.

Or, Then his cour - āge 'gan fail - - him,
Fōr no arts - could āvail - - him.

2. Of three anapaests, or nine syllables; as,

O ye wōōds - sprēad yōur brānch - ēs āpā,
Tō yōur dēep - ēst rōckes - ēs I āy;

I wōūld hīdē - with thē bēasts - of thē chāce,
I wōūld vān - lēk frōm ev - ery ēye.

Sometimes a syllable is retrenched from the first

foot; as,

Yē shēp - hēads nō chēer - ful ānd gāy,
Whēn lōckes - nōvēr - cāre - lōsely rōam.

3. Of four anapaests, or twelve syllables; as,

'Tis the voice - of the slug-gard; I hear - him complain,
You have wak'd - me too soon, - I must slum - ber again.

Sometimes an additional short syllable is found at the end; as,

On the warm-cheek of youth, - smiles and roses, are blend-ing

The preceding are the different kinds of the *Principal** feet, in their more simple forms; but they are susceptible of numerous variations, by mixing them with one another, and with the *Secondary* feet, the following lines may serve as an example:— [*Spem. Amph. &c. apply only to the first line.*]

SPON. AMPH. DACT. IAMB.

Time shakes - the stable - t' ranny - of thrones, &c.

Where is - to-morrow? - In another - or world.

She all - night long - her arm - droops des - ciat sung.

Innū - mērablē - bēfore - th' Almigh - ty's throne.

That on - weak wings - from far - pursues - your flight.

FIGURES OF SPEECH.

A *Figure of Speech* is a mode of speaking, in which a word or sentence is to be understood in a sense different from its most common and literal meaning. *The principal Figures of Speech are*

Personification,
Simile,
Metaphor,
Allegory,
Hypocōlē,
Irony,
Metonymy,

Synchōchē,
Antithesis,
Climax,
Exclamation,
Interrogation,
Paralepsis,
Apostrophē.

* *Iambus, trocheus, and anapaest*, may be denominated *principal* feet; because verses of poetry may be wholly, or chiefly formed of either of them. The others may be termed *secondary* feet because their chief use is to diversify the numbers, and to improve the verse.

Personification, or *personification*, is that figure of speech by which we attribute life and action to inanimate objects; as, *The sea saw it and fled.*

A *simile* expresses the resemblance that one object bears to another; as, *He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water.*

A *metaphor* is a simile without the sign (like, or is, &c.) of comparison; as, *He shall be a tree planted by, &c.*

An *allegory* is a continuation of several metaphors, so connected in sense as to form a kind of parable or fable; thus, the people of Israel are represented under the image of a vine: *Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt, &c.* Psalm lxxx. 8 to 17

An *hyperbole* is a figure that represents things as greater or less, better or worse, than they really are: as, when David says of Saul and Jonathan, *They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.*

Irony is a figure by which we mean quite the contrary of what we say; as, When Elijah said to the worshippers of Baal, *Cry aloud, for he is a god, &c.*

A *metonymy* is a figure by which we put the cause for the effect, or the effect for the cause: as, when we say, He reads *Milton*; we mean *Milton's works*. *Grey hairs* should be respected, i. e. *old age*.

Synec'doché is the putting of a *part* for the *whole*, or the *whole* for a *part*, a definite number for an indefinite, &c. as the *waves* for the *sea*, the *head* for the *person*, and *ten thousand* for any *great number*. This figure is nearly allied to *metonymy*.

Antithesis, or *contrast*, is a figure by which different or contrary objects are contrasted, to make

them show one another to advantage ; thus, Solomon contrasts the timidity of the wicked with the courage of the righteous, when he says, *The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are bold as a lion.*

* *Climax* is the heightening of all the circumstances of an object or action, which we wish to place in a strong light; as, *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, &c.* See also Rom. viii. 38, 39.

Exclamation is a figure that is used to express some strong emotion of the mind ; as, *Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God!*

Interrogation is a figure by which we express the emotion of our mind, and enliven our discourse by proposing questions ; thus, *Hath the Lord said it? and shall he not do it? Hath he spoken it? and shall he not make it good?*

Paralepsis, or *omission*, is a figure by which the speaker pretends to conceal what he is really declaring and strongly enforcing ; as, Horatius was once a very promising young gentleman, but in process of time he became so addicted to gaming, *not to mention his drunkenness and debauchery*, that he soon exhausted his estate and ruined his constitution.

Apostrophe is a turning off from the subject to address some other person or thing ; as, *Death is swallowed up in victory: O Death, where is thy sting?*

* Climax, Amplification, Enumeration, or Gradation

QUESTIONS ON THE TEXT.

What is English Grammar?
 Into how many parts is it divided?
 What does *Orthography* teach?
 What is a *letter*, &c.?
 Of what does *Etymology* treat?
 How many parts of speech are there?

ARTICLE.

What is an *article*?
 How many articles are there?
 Where is *a* used?
 Where is *an* used?

NOUN—NUMBER.

What is a *noun*?
 How are nouns varied?
 What is *number*?
 How many numbers have nouns?
 How is the plural generally formed?
 How do nouns ending in *s*, *ch*, *ch*, *x*, or *e*, form the plural?
 How do nouns in *y* form the plural?
 How do nouns in *f* or *fe* form the plural?
 What is the plural of *man*, &c.?

GENDER.

What is meant by *gender*?
 How many genders are there?
 What does the *masculine* denote?
 What does the *feminine* denote?
 What does the *neuter* denote?
 What is the feminine of *bachelor*, &c.

CASE.

What is *case*?
 How many cases have nouns?
 Which two are *alike*?
 How is the possessive *sing* formed?
 How is the possessive *plur* formed?
 Decline the word *lady*.

ADJECTIVE.

What is an *adjective*?
 How many degrees of comparison have adjectives?
 How is the *comparative* formed?
 How is the *superlative* formed?
 How are dissyllables in *y* compared?
 Compare the adjective *good*.

PRONOUNS.

What is a *pronoun*?
 Which is the pronoun in the sentence, *He is a good boy*?
 How many kinds of pronouns are there?
 Decline the personal pronoun *I*?
 Decline *thou*—backwards, &c.

RELATIVE PRONOUNS.

What is a *relative* pronoun?
 Which is the *rel.* in the example?
 Which is the *antecedent*?
 Repeat the relative pronouns.
 Decline *who*.
 How is *who* applied?
 To what is *which* applied?
 How is *that* used?
 What sort of a relative is *What*?

ADJECTIVE PRONOUNS.

How many sorts of *adjective* pronouns are there?
 Repeat the *possessive* pronouns.
 Repeat the *distributive* pronouns.
 Repeat the *demonstrative*.
 Repeat the *indefinite*.

On the Observations.

Before which of the vowels is *a* called? [used?]
 What is *the* called?
 In what sense is a noun taken without an *article* to limit it?
 Is *a* used before nouns in both number?
 How is *the* used? [bars?]

NOUNS.

How do nouns ending in *ch* sound-
 ing *k* form the plural?
 How do nouns in *is*, &c. form the plural?
 How do nouns ending in *f* form the plural?
 Repeat those nouns that do not change *f* or *fe* into *ves* in the pl.
 What do you mean by *proper* nouns?
 What are *common* nouns?
 What are *collective* nouns?
 What do you call *abstract* nouns?

QUESTIONS ON THE TEXT AND OBSERVATIONS.

Obs. Continued.

What do you call *verbal nouns*?
 What nouns are generally *singular*?
 Repeat some of those nouns that are used only in the plural.
 Repeat some of those nouns that are alike in both numbers.
 What is the singular of *sheep*?
 What *gender* is *parent*, &c.?

ADJECTIVES.

What does the *positive* express, &c.
 How are adjectives of *one* syllable generally compared?
 How are adjectives of *more* than one syllable compared?
 How are disyllables ending with *E* final, often compared?
 Is *y* always changed into *i*, before *er* and *est*?
 How are some adjectives compared?
 Do *all* adjectives admit of comparison?
 How are *much* and *many* applied?
 When is the final consonant *doubled* before adding *er* and *est*?

RELATIVE PRONOUNS.

When are *who*, *which*, and *what* called *interrogatives*?
 Of what *number* and *person* is the relative?

ADJECTIVE PRONOUNS.

When are *his* and *her* possessive pronouns?
 What may *former* and *latter* be called?
 When is *that* a *relative* pronoun?
 When is *that* a *demonstrative*?
 When is *that* a *conjunction*?
 How many *cases* have *himself*, *herself*, &c.?

VERB.

What is a *verb*?
 How many kinds of verbs are there?
 What does a verb *active* express?
 What does a verb *passive* express?
 What does a verb *neuter* express?
 Repeat the *auxiliary* verbs.
 How is a verb *declined*?
 How many *moods* have verbs?

ADVERB.

What is an *adverb*?
 Name the *adverbs* in the example.
 What part of speech is the generality of those words that end in *ly*?
 What part of speech are the compounds of *where*, *there*, &c.?
 Are adverbs *ever* compared?
 When are *more* and *most* *adjectives* and when are they *adverbs*?

PREPOSITION.

What is a *preposition*?
 How many begin with *a*?
 Repeat them.
 How many begin with *b*?
 Repeat them, &c.
 What *case* does a preposition require after it?
 When is *before* a preposition, and when is it an *adverb*?

CONJUNCTION.

What is a *conjunction*?
 How many kinds of conjunctions are there?
 Repeat the *copulative*.
 Repeat the *disjunctive*.

INTERJECTION.

What is an *interjection*?

NOTE.—As these are only the leading questions on the different parts of speech, many more may be asked *otro loco*. Their distances from the answers will oblige the pupil to attend to the connection between every question and its respective answer. The observations that have no corresponding question, are to be read, but not committed to memory.

As the following words and phrases, from the French and Latin, frequently occur in English authors, an explanation of them has been inserted here, for the convenience of those who are unacquainted with these languages. Let none, however, imagine, that by doing this I intend to encourage the use of them in English composition. On the contrary, I disapprove of it, and aver, that to express an idea in a foreign language, which can be expressed with equal perspicuity in our own, is not only pedantic, but highly improper. Such words and phrases, by being frequently used, may, notwithstanding the uncouthness of their sound and appearance, gradually incorporate with our language, and ultimately diminish its original excellence, and impair its native beauty.

- Aide-de-camp, *ad-de-kong', *an assistant to a general.*
 A la bonne heure, a la bon oor', *luckily; in good time.*
 Affair-de-cœur, af-fär' de koor', *a love affair; an amour.*
 A la mode, a la mód', *according to the fashion.*
 A fin, a fing, *to the end.*
 Apropos, ap-prö-pö', *to the purpose; opportunely.*
 Au fond, ä fong', *to the bottom, or main point.*
 Auto da fé, ä to-da-fä, (Portuguese,) *burning of heretics.*
 Bagatelle, bag-a-tel', *a trifle.*
 Beau monde, bö möngd', *the gay world; people of fashion.*
 Beaux esprits, böz es-pre', *men of wit.*
 Billet-doux, bil-le-dü', *a love letter.*
 Bon-mot, bong mö', *a piece of wit; a jest; a quibble.*
 Bon ton, bong tong, *in high fashion.*
 Bon gré, mal gré; bon grä, mal grä; *with a good or ill grace; whether the party will or not.*
 Bon jour, bong zhür, *good day, good morning.*
 Boudoir, bü-dwär', *a small private apartment.*
 Carte blanche, kart blangsh', *a blank; unconditional terms*
 Chateau, sha-tö', *a country seat.*
 Chef d'œuvre, she deo-ver, *a master-piece.*
 Ci-devant, sä-de-vang', *formerly.*
 Comme il faut, com-il fö, *as it should be.*
 Con amore, con-a-morö, (Italian,) *with love; with the partiality of affection.*
 Congé d'élire, kong-zhä de-lör', *leave to elect or choose.*
 Coup de grâce, kü-de gräss', *stroke of mercy; the finishing*
 Coup d'œil, kü-düil, *a peep; a glance of the eye. [stroke.*

The vowels are left unmarked—ü is equal to u in rule; ä to a in rule, as used here, has no correspondent sound in English; it is equal to a as pronounced by the common people in many counties of Scotland in the words *use, root, &c.*—ä is equal to a in all.

* ä is not exactly a long here; it is perhaps as near e in *metre* as in *make*, but ä will not be so readily mistaken. It is impossible to convey the pronunciation accurately without the *longue*.

Coup de main, kû-de-mang', a sudden or bold enterprise.
 Debut, de-boo', first appearance in public.

Dernier resort, dern-yâ-res-sor', the last shift or resource.

Dépôt, dê-pô', a storehouse or magazine.

Double entendre, dôbl ang-tang' der, double meaning, one
 in an immodest sense.

Douceur, dû-soor', a present or bribe.

Dieu et mon droit, dyoo' e-mong drwâ, God and my right.

Éclat, e-klâ, splendour; with applause.

Elève, el-âv', pupil.

En bon point, ang-bong-pwang', in good condition; jolly.

En masse, ang mäs', in a body or mass.

En passant, ang pas-sang' by the way; in passing; by the by

Ennui, eng-nûê', wearisomeness; lassitude; tediousness.

Faux pas, fô-pâ, a slip; misconduct.

Fête, fât, a feast or entertainment.

Fraocs, fra-câ, bustle; a slight quarrel; more ado about
 the thing than it is worth.

Honi soit qui mal y pense, hō-nê-swâ'kâ-mâl ê pangs',
 evil be to him that evil thinks.

Hauteur, hâ-toor', haughtiness.

Je ne sçais quoi, zhe nê sâ kwâ, I know not what.

Jeu de mots, zhoo de mô', a play upon words.

Jeu d'esprit, zhoo de sprê', a display of wit; witticism.

Mal-à-propos, mal ap-ro-pô', unfit; out of time or place.

Mauvais honte, mo-vâz-hônt', false modesty.

Mot du guét, mô doo gâ, a watchword.

Naiveté, na-iv-tâ, ingenuousness, simplicity, innocence.

Outré, ô-trâ, eccentric; blustering; wild; not gentle.

Petit maître, pe-tê-mâ'ter, a beau; top.

Protégé, pro-tâ zhâ', a person patronized and protected.

Rouge, rôzh, red; a kind of red paint for the face.

Sans, sang, without.

Sang froid, sang frwâ, cold blood; indifference.

Savant, sa-vang, a wise or learned man.

Soi-disant, swâ-dê-zang', self-styled; pretended.

Tapis, ta-pê, the carpet.

Trait, trâ, feature, touch, arrow, shaft.

Tête à tête, tâ't a tâ't, face to face, a private conversation.

Unique, oo-nêk', singular, the only one of his kind.

Un bel esprit, ong bel e-sprê', a pretender to wit, a virtuoso.

Valet de chambre, va-lê de shom-bêr, a valet or footman.

Vive le roi, vêve le rwâ, long live the king.

The pronunciation has not been added to the Latin, because every letter is sounded,—a final being like y in army.

1. A long or short over a vowel denotes both the accented syllable and the quantity of the vowel in English. 2. T̄, ei or si, before a vowel sounds she. 3. Words of two syllables have the accent on the first.

- Ab initio, from the beginning.
 Ab urbe cōdita, from the building of the city—A. U. C.
 Ad captandum vulgus, to ensnare the vulgar. [out end.
 Ad infinitum, to infinity, without end.
 Ad libitum, at pleasure. [tion.
 Ad referendum, for consideration.
 Ad valōrem, according to value.
 A fortiōri, with stronger reason, much more.
 Alias (ā-le-as), otherwise.
 Alibi (al-i-bi), elsewhere.
 Alma māter, the university.
 Anglice (ang-li-cy) in English.
 Anno Dōmini, in the year of our Lord—A. D.
 Anno Mundi, in the year of the world—A. M.
 A posteriori, from the effect, from the latter, from behind.
 A priori, from the former, from before, from the nature or cause.
 Arcānum, a secret.
 Arcāna impērii, state secrets.
 Argumentum ad hominem, an appeal to the professed principles or practices of the adversary.
 Argumentum ad iudicium, an appeal to the common sense of mankind.
 Argumentum ad fidem, an appeal to our faith.
 Argumentum ad pōpulum, an appeal to the people.
 Argumentum ad passiōnes, an appeal to the passions. [sides.
 Audi alteram partem, hear both sides.
 Bona fide, in reality, in good faith.
 Contra, against.
 Cacōethes scribendi, an itch for writing.
 Cæteris pāribus, other circumstances being equal.
 Caput mōrtuum, the worthless remains, dead head.
 Compos mentis, in one's senses.
 Cum privilegio, with privilege.
 Dāta, things granted.
 De facto, in fact, in reality.
 De jure, in right, in law.
 Dei Grātia, by the grace or favour of God.
 Deo volente, God willing.
 Dōmine dirige nos, O Lord direct us. [wanting.
 Desunt cætera, the rest are wanting.
 Desiderātum, something desirable, or much wanted.
 Dramatis personæ, characters represented.
 Durante vita, during life.
 Durante placito, during pleas-
 Ergo, therefore. [ure.
 Errāta, errors—Erratum, an
 Excerpta, extracts. [error.
 Esto perpētua, let it be perpetual.
 Et cætera, (&c.) and the rest.
 Exempli grātia, (e. g.) as for
 example. [of office.
 Ex officio, officially, by virtue
 Ex parte, on one side. [tation.
 Ex tempore, without premedi-
 Fac simile, exact copy or re-
 semblance.
 Fiat, let it be done or made.
 Flagrante bello, during hostili-
 Gratis, for nothing. [ties.
 Horā fugit, the hour or time flies.
 Humanum est errāre, to err is
 human.
 Ibidem, (ib.) in the same place.
 Id est, (i. e.) that is.
 Ignorāmus, a vain uninformed
 pretender.
 In loco, in this place.
 Imprimis, in the first place.
 In terrōrem, as a warning.
 In p̄pria persōna, in his own
 person.
 In statu quo, in the former state.
 Ipse dixit, on his sole assertion.
 Ipse facto, by the act itself.

Ipso jure, *by the law itself.*
Item, *also or article.*

Jure divino, *by divine right.*

Jure humano, *by human law.*

Jus gentium, *the law of nations.*

Locum tenens, *deputy substitute*

Labor omnia vincit, *labour overcomes everything.*

Licentia vatum, *a poetical licence.* [tongue.

Lapsus linguæ, *a slip of the*

Magna Charta, *the great charter, the basis of our laws and liberties.*

Memento mori, *remember death*

Memorabilia, *matters deserving of record.*

Meum et tuum, *mine and thine*

Multum in parvo, *much in little, a great deal in a few words.*

Nemo me impune lacesset, *no one shall provoke me with impunity*

Ne plus ultra, *no farther, nothing beyond.* [willing.

Nolens volens, *willing or unwilling*

Non compos mentis, *not of a sound mind.*

Nisi Dominus frustrata, *unless the Lord be with us, all efforts are in vain.*

Ne quid nimis, *too much of one thing is good for nothing.*

Nem. con. (for nemine contradicente,) *none opposing.*

Nem. dis. (for nemine dissentiente,) *none disagreeing.*

Ore tenus, *from the mouth.*

O tempora, O mores, *O the times, O the manners.*

Omnès, *all.*

Onus, *burden.*

Passim, *everywhere.*

Per se, *by itself alone.*

Prima facie, *at first view, or at first sight.*

Posses comitatus, *the power of the county.*

Primum mobile, *main spring.*

Pro and con, *for and against.*

Pro bono publico, *for the good of the public.*

Pro loco et tempore, *for the place and time.*

Pro re nata, *as occasion serves*

Pro rege, lege et grege; *for the king, the constitution & the people.*

Quo animo, *with what mind.*

Quo jure, *by what right.*

Quoad, *as far as.*

Quondam, *formerly.*

Res publica, *the commonwealth*

Resurgam, *I shall rise again.*

Rex, *a king*—Regina, *a queen.*

Senatus consultum, *a decree of the senate.*

Seriatim, *in regular order.*

Sine die, *without specifying any particular day.*

Sine qua non, *an indispensable prerequisite or condition.*

Statu quo, *state in which it was*

Sub pœna, *under a penalty.*

Sui generis, *the only one of his*

Supra, *above.* [kina, singular.

Summum bonum, *the chief good*

Tria juncta in uno, *three joined in one.*

Toties quoties, *as often as.*

Una voce, *with one voice, un-animously.*

Ultimus, *the last, (cont: ult.)*

Utile dulce, *the useful with the pleasant.*

Uti possidetis, *as ye possess or present possession.*

Verbatim, *word for word.*

Versus; *against.*

Vade-mecum, *go with me; a book fit for being a constant com-panion.*

Vale, *farewell.* [panion.

Via, *by the way of.*

Vice; *in the room of.*

Vice versa, *the reverse.*

Vide, *see (contracted into v.)*

Vide ut supra, *see as above.*

Vis poetica, *poetic genius.*

Viva voce, *orally; by word of mouth.*

Vivant rex et regina, *long live the king and the queen.*

Vox populi, *the voice of the people.*

Vulgo, *commonly.* [ple.

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