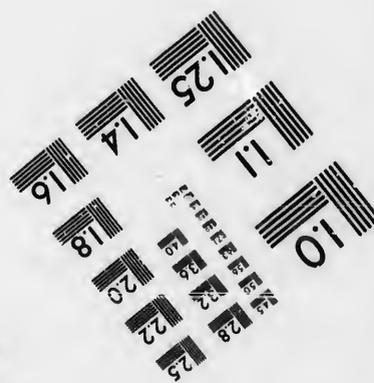
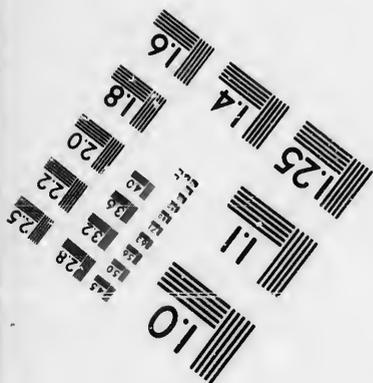
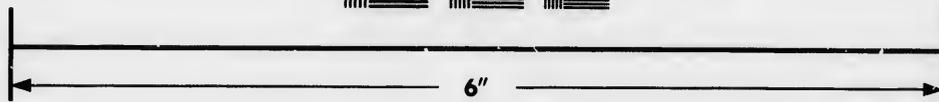
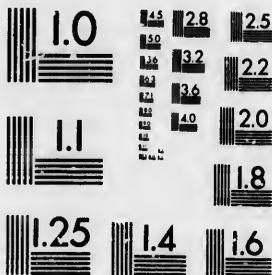


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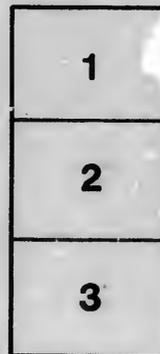
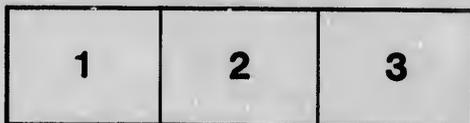
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# EXPLANATION

OF THE

## ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE EXERCISES.

m.	stands for masculine.
f.	_____ feminine.
pl.	_____ plural.
s. or sing.	_____ singular.
h. m.	_____ h mute.
h asp.	_____ h aspirated.
pr. *	_____ preposition.
art. *	_____ article.
pr.-art.	_____ article and preposition contracted.
pron.	_____ pronoun.
inf-1	_____ present of the infinitive.
inf-2	_____ the past of the infinitive.
p. pr.	_____ participle present.
p. p-4	_____ participle past.
ind-1	_____ present of the indicative, <i>Je parle</i> ,
ind-2	_____ imperfect. <i>Je parlais</i> .
ind-3	_____ preterit definite. <i>Je parlai</i> .
ind-4	_____ preterit indefinite. <i>J'ai parlé</i> .
ind-5	_____ preterit anterior. <i>J'eus parlé</i> .
ind-6	_____ pluperfect. <i>J'avais parlé</i> .
ind-7	_____ future absolute. <i>Je parlerai</i> .
ind-8	_____ future anterior. <i>J'aurai parlé</i> .
con-1	_____ present of the conditional. <i>Je parlerais</i> .
con-2	_____ first conditional past. <i>J'aurais parlé</i> .
con-3	_____ second conditional past. <i>J'aurais eu parlé</i> .
imp.	_____ imperative. <i>Aie</i> .
subj-1	_____ present of the subjunctive. <i>Que je parle</i> .
subj-2	_____ imperfect. <i>Que je parlasse</i> .
subj-3	_____ preterit. <i>Que j'aie parlé</i> .
subj-4	_____ pluperfect. <i>Que j'eusse parlé</i> .

\* In the Exercises, denotes that the word under which it is placed, is not expressed in French.

— Denotes that the English word is spelt alike in French, or at least the part under which this sign is placed.

\* Art. in the Exercises, before a word, shows that the definite article is used.

† Prep. shows the preposition is to be used.

= Denotes that the French word differs from the English only by its termination. See 27.

In filling the Exercises, the order of the figures placed sometimes in the phrases after the French words, is to be observed.

In the exercises, when several English words are included between a parenthesis, they must be translated by the only words placed under.

# FRENCH GRAMMAR.

1. GRAMMAR, in general, is the art of *speaking* and *writing* correctly.

To **SPEAK**—is to convey our thoughts by means of articulated sounds.

To **WRITE**—is to render those thoughts permanently visible by means of certain signs or characters, called *Letters*, and the latter disposed in proper order constitutes what is called the **ALPHABET**.

## 2. OF THE FRENCH ALPHABET.

Roman Letters.	Italic Letters.	Old Appellation.	New Appellation.
A	a	ah—	ah
B	b	bay*	be*
C	c	say	ke
D	d	day	de
E	e	a—	a
F	f	eff	fe
G	g	jay †	ghe
H	h	ash	he
I	i	e—	e
J	j	jee †	je †
K	k	kah	ke
L	l	ell	le
M	m	emm	me
N	n	enn	ne
O	o	o—	o
P	p	pay	pe
Q	q	ku †	ke
R	r	heir	re
S	s	ess	se
T	t	tay	te
U	u	u †	u †
V	v	vay	ve
X	x	eeks	kse
Y	y	e grec	e grec
Z	z	zed	ze

\* Here both the old pronunciation and the new are expressed by sounds, and, in the new, the letter *e* after each consonant is sounded as in the English word *battery*.

† When *g* is soft, it is sounded like *s* in *measure*, or *z* in *azure*. Such is also the sound of *j*, which is always soft.

See the second note, page 4.

## PRONUNCIATION,

OR SOUNDS OF THE FRENCH TONGUE.

## 3. OF LETTERS IN GENERAL.

The French ALPHABET contains, it is seen, *twenty-five* letters, which are divided into *Vowels* and *Consonants*.

A *vowel* is the simple emission of the *voice* forming an articulate sound by itself.

A *consonant*, on the contrary, cannot be articulated without the assistance of a *vowel*.

The *vowels* are *a, e, i, o, u,* and *y,* which sometimes has the sound of *one i,* and sometimes of *two.*

The nineteen remaining letters, *b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, x, z,* are consonants.

## 4. OF ACCENTUATION.

In reading and writing, great attention must be paid to the accents; for they not only change the sound of the vowels, but also the meaning of words. Ex. *pêche*, a peach; *pêché*, a sin; *la*, the; *là*, there; *ou*, or; *où*, where.

Three accents are used on the vowels; they are the *acute* (´) placed on *e* alone, as in *bonté*.\* The *grave* (`) used solely on the letter *e*, as in *procès*, *prêt*, and on the three following words, *à*, to; *là*, there; *où*, where. The *circumflex* (^) used on every one of the five vowels, which it makes long, *plâtre*, *rêve*, *épître*, *apôtre*, *vous fûtes*.†

The *cedilla* (ç) *cédille*, placed under *c*, gives it the sound of *s* before *a, o, u*, as in *façade*, *façon*, *reçu*.

The *dieresis* or *tréma* (¨) is placed over the vowels *e, i, u*, whenever they form one distinct syllable, as *haïr*, *naïf*, *Esau*, *ciguë*, *Raphaël*, which are pronounced *ha-ir*, *na-ïf*, *E-sa-ù*, *ci-gu-è*, *Ra-pha-ël*.

\* The acute accent is used on the final *e* of the part. past of the first conjugation, *aimé*, *estimé*, and of all nouns derived from those Latin words of the third declension, ending in *as*, *vérité*, *veritas*; *cité*, *civitas*; *cécité*, *cecitas*; *générosité*, *generositas*, etc. etc.

† The ^ accent takes the place of the *s* or of the double vowel which were used in old orthography, *age*, *fluste*, now *âge*, *flûte*; it is also used in words derived from the Latin language, especially verbs, from which a syllable is cut off, *âme*, *anima*; *vous aimâtes*, *amavistis*.

N. B. Recent authors omit the (¨) in *âme*.

The *hyphen* or *tiret*, (-) is used in connecting compound words, as in *Belles-lettres*, *tout-puissant*, *arc-en-ciel*, &c.

## 5. OF THE SOUNDS OF THE VOWELS,

### AND OF THEIR COMBINATIONS.

Independently of the radical sounds of the five vowels, *a, e, i, o, u*, there are others which are formed by means of the accents which are placed upon them, according as the case requires, so that the number of *simple sounds* is altogether ten, *a, á, e, é, è, ê, i, o, ô, u*.

The sound of *i* and of *u* is not affected by the apposition of the circumflex accent.

There are besides *three* other *simple sounds*, each represented by the following combinations of vowels, *eu, êu, ou*.

There are also *four nasal simple sounds*,<sup>†</sup> which for want of more appropriate signs, are represented by the combinations of *m* or *n* with each of the vowels, *an, em, an, en—im, in—om, on—um, un*.

All vowels are long which have the <sup>ˆ</sup> accent upon them, as *pâte*; others may be long by position, as *rose*.

Besides the *simple*, there are also the *compound* sounds, in which two vowels are distinctly heard by a single emission of the voice; these are the *diphthongs*.—See Table III.

The sound of one or more letters, pronounced with a single emission of the voice, is called a *syllable*; one or more syllables make a word.

<sup>†</sup> Seventeen simple sounds. See TABLE I.

TABLE I.

## 6. THE SEVENTEEN SIMPLE SOUNDS OF THE FRENCH TONGUE.

Sounds.		Examples.	Sounded as
1. a	short	ami, friend	a in amateur
2. â	long	pâte, paste	a — bark
3. c		tenir, to hold	e — battery
4. é		été, summer	a — paper
5. è		modèle, model	e — met
6. ê (*)		tête, head	e — there
7. i		imiter, to imitate	i — timid
8. o	short	école, school	o — scholar
9. ô	long	côte, rib	o — note
10. u		vertu, virtue	(†)
11. eu	short	jeune, young	u — shun
12. eû	long	jeûne, fast	(†)
13. ou		soupe, soup	ou — soup
14. an	} (†)	ange, angel	en — encore
15. in		lin, flax	en — length
16. on		long, long	on — long
17. un		brun brown	un — —

\* Besides these four sorts of *e* there is one entirely mute at the end of many words, as in the above, *modèle, tête, école, côte*; and sometimes in the beginning and middle, as in *pendant, javeline, Roquefort, Souqueville, l'empereur, &c.*

† The sound of the French *u*, to which there is no similar, nor even approximate, sound in English, must be heard from the master; and it may be well to add, that, although we have attempted to give an idea of the French sounds by means of English ones, yet they can be correctly learnt only by hearing them from the lips of a native. The nasal sounds cannot be conveyed by any combination of English letters, but a correct notion of the way in which they are pronounced may be had by observation and comparison. In uttering *attention*, as it is pronounced in both languages, it will be seen that the lips do not move when spoken in French, whereas they do, when spoken in English. To stop the moving of the lips, is therefore the only way of arriving at the right utterance of French nasals.

\* F  
Thus  
are so  
third p

TABLE II.

7. COMBINATIONS OF LETTERS REPRESENTING SEVERAL OF THE SEVENTEEN SIMPLE SOUNDS.

The Figures refer to Table I.

1....	a....	ea.....	il gagea.....	he betted
2....	â	{ acs, as, eât, .. ats*.....	appats.....	charms
4....	ê	{ ai..... eai..... ée..... œ.....	aigu..... gai..... année..... œsophage.....	sharp..... jay..... year..... œsophagus.....
5....	è	{ ai..... aie..... ei..... eoi..... oi..... oic.....	aide..... baie..... baleine..... je nageois..... foible..... monnoie.....	aide..... bay..... whale..... I did swim..... weak..... money.....
6....	ê	{ ai..... oi.....	ainé..... paraître.....	eldest..... to appear.....
7....	î	{ ie.....	folie.....	folly.....
8....	o	{ au..... eo..... au.....	aurora..... flageolet..... auteur.....	dawn..... flageolet..... author.....
9....	ô	{ cau..... eo..... eu.....	marteau..... geole..... gageure.....	hammer..... gao..... wager.....
10....	u	{ eue..... ue.....	eve f..... laitue.....	had..... lettuce.....
11....	eu	{ œu.....	sœur.....	sister.....
12....	eû	{ œu..... eue.....	nœud..... queue.....	knot..... tail.....
13....	ou	{ oue..... aou..... am.....	il joue..... Août..... jambe.....	he plays..... August..... leg.....
14....	an	{ ean..... em..... en..... aim..... ain.....	affligeant..... membre..... entendre..... essaim..... crainte.....	afflicting..... member..... to hear..... swarm..... fear.....
15....	in	{ ein..... im..... ym..... yn.....	peinture..... impoli..... symbole..... syntaxe.....	picture..... impolite..... symbol..... syntax.....
16....	on	{ eon..... om.....	pigeon..... ombre.....	pigeon..... shade.....
17....	un	{ eun..... um.....	à jeun..... parfum.....	fasting..... perfume.....

\* Final consonants are almost generally mute or silent in French. Thus *loup, tout* are sounded like *ou*, 13, *chant, champ, chants, champs*, are sounded like *an*, 14. Observe that the termination *ent* of the third persons of verbs is sounded like *e* mute *ils parlent*, pron. *ils parle*.

## TABLE III.

## DIPHTHONGS.

## 8. Compound Sounds represented by Examples.

7*	i	} ia {	fiacre.....	hackney-coach
1 or 2	a		galimatias .....	nonsense
7	i	} iai {	je défiai.....	I challenged
4	é		amitié .....	friendship
		} iez {	vous riez.....	you laugh
7	i		biais .....	bias
5	è	} iè {	bière .....	beer
			ciel.....	heaven
		} ioi {	je purifiais .....	I purified
7	i		violon .....	violin
8 or 9	o	} iau {	miauler .....	to mew
7	i		iu .....	reliure .....
10	u	} ieu {	relieur .....	bookbinder
7	i		mieux .....	better
11 or 12	eu	} iou {	chiourme.....	crew of a galley
7	i		viande.....	meat
13	ou	} ien {	audience.....	audience
7	i		chrétien.....	christian
14	an	} ion {	passion .....	passion
7	i		bois .....	wood
15	in	} oie {	boîte .....	box
7	i		foie .....	liver
16	on	} oe {	moelle .....	marrow
8	o		voisin.....	neighbour
		} eoi {	nageoire .....	fin
6	è		besoin .....	want
8	o	} oin {	nuage .....	cloud
15	in		je remuai .....	I moved
10	u	} uai {	éternuer.....	to sneeze
4	é		dénué.....	stript
		} ue {	nuée.....	cloud
			uée.....	

\* These figures refer to the number of the sounds of the preceding page.

TABLE III.

DIPHTHONGS CONTINUED.

*Compound Sounds represented by Examples.*

10....	u	}	ue	menuet	minuet
5....	ê		uoi	il suoit.	he perspired
10....	u	}	ui	buisson	bush
7....	i		uie	parapluie	umbrella
10....	u	}	uo	impétuosité	impetuosity
8....	o		ueu	lueur	glimmering
10....	u	}	ueu	majestueux	majestic
11....	eu		uan	nuance	shade
10....	u	}	uen	influence	influence
12....	è		uin	Juin	June
10....	u	}	uon	tuons	let us kill
14....	an		oua	rouage	wheel-work
10....	u	}	oue	dénouer	to untie
15....	in		oué	déjoué	frustrated
10....	u	}	ouée	filie enjouée	cheerful girl
16....	on		ouai	je jouai	I played
13....	ou	}	oue	fouetter	to whip
1....	a		ouoi	je dénouois	I untied
13....	ou	}	oui	cambouis	cart grease
4....	ê		ouie	Pouie	hearing
7....	i	}	oueu	boueur	scavenger
13....	ou		oueu	nouveux	knoity
11....	eu	}	ouan	louange	praise
13....	ou		ouen	Rouen	Rouen, a city
13....	ou	}	ouin	babouin	baboon
15....	in		ouon	jouons	let us play
13....	ou	}			
16....	on				

## 9. OBSERVATIONS

UPON THE TWO FIRST TABLES (SEE ALSO LETTERS M. N.)

*Am, an*, do not take the nasal sound when *m* or *n* are doubled, as in *constamment, année*. *Am* is not nasal at the end of some foreign names, as *Abraham, Roboam, Rotterdam, Potsdam, Cham, &c.*; except *Adam*.

*Em*, and *en* are articulated as in the English words *hem* and *men*:

1. In words from Latin, as *abdomen, amen, solen, hymen, item, déceuvirat, déceuvirs*, and proper names *Jérusalem, Scia*; except *examen, memento, agenda, mentor*, in which *en* has the sound of *in*.

2. *E* before double *nn*, is sounded like *è* as *étrennes, ennemi, moyennant*; also in some persons and tenses of the verbs, *tenir, venir, prendre*, and their compounds, as *que je vienne, que tu soutiennes, qu'il comyrenne, &c.* in the pronouns feminine, *la mienne, la tienne, les siennes*, in many other words, as *antienne, magicienne, Vienne en Autriche, &c.* See letter *N*.

Also in many nouns and persons of verbs ending in *ène, ème*, as in *arène, èbène, je me promène, il égrène, il sème*, where, however, the *e* is somewhat more open.

*Aen* has the sound of the French nasal *an* in *Caen*, a town of Normandy. *Aon* is sounded *an* in *Laon*, another town of France, in *faon*, a fawn, and in *paon*, a peacock; but these letters have the sound of *on* in *taon*, an ox-fly.

*N*, in the monosyllable *en*, both when a preposition and when a pronoun, in *on, mon, ton, son*, pronouns, and in *bon, bien, rien*, ceases to be nasal when these words are immediately followed by a vowel or an *h* mute, as *en Italie, on en aura, mon ami, c'est un bon homme, on a bien essayé, je suis bien aise qu'il n'ait rien oublié*. But *en* and *on* remain nasal, when they are placed after verbs; as *donnez-en à votre sœur. A-t-on essayé? Va-t'en-au-logis*.

1. *Im, in*, are not nasal, 1. in the word *intérim*, and in proper names taken from foreign languages, as *Sélim, Ephraïm, Ibrahim*. However the nasal sound is preserved in *Benjamin, Joachim*.

2. In the beginning and middle of words when *m* or *n* is followed by a vowel or an *h* mute, as *inanimé, inimaginable, unanimité, &c.*

3. Whenever *m* or *n* is doubled, as *immoler*, *immersion*, *innover*, *inné*, *innocent*, though in this latter word only one *n* is sounded.

*Un* has the sound of *u* close, as in *une*, *unième*, *unanime*, when followed by a word beginning with a vowel or an *h* mute, as *un homme*, *un esprit*, *aucun ami*, *commun accord*.

*Um* is pronounced *omm*, in some words adopted from the Latin, as *centumvirs*, *album*, *quinquennium*, *ladanum*, *laudanum*, *géranium*, except *pensum*, *factotum*.

*U* after the consonant *q* and *g* is generally silent, as in *quatre*, *guerre*, &c. See those letters.

### 10. OF THE Y.

This letter has the sound of *i*, in all words derived from Greek; *lyre*, *physique*, and in *y* adverb. In *pays*, *paysan*, *paysage*, it is sounded like two *i*, as if these words were spelled *pai-is*, *pai-i-san*, *pai-i-sage*. *Y*, placed between two vowels, is also pronounced as two *i*, one of which alters the sound of the first vowel, and the other making a diphthong with the second thus, *payer* is pronounced as if it were spelled *paiier*, *monnoyer* or *monnayer* as if *mo-naiier*.

#### EXAMPLES.

Ab-ba-ye	abbey	nous é-ga-yons	we enliven
a-bo-yer	to bark	es-su-yer	to wipe
ap-pu-yer	to support	mo-yer	means
ba-la-yer	to sweep	net-to-yer	to clean
bé-ga-yer	to stammer	je pa-yois	I was paying
cra-yon	pencil	je ra-ye-raïis	I would stripe
cro-ya-ble	credible	ro-yau-me	kingdom
é-cu-yer	esquire	vo-ya-ge	voyage
il ef fra-ye	he frightens	vo-ya-geur	traveller

### 11. OF CONSONANTS.

*B*, *b*, at the beginning of a word or of a syllable, is sounded as in English.

Bal	ball	bo-bi-no	bobbin
Ba-bel	Babel	bar-ba-ris-me	barbarism
ba-bil	prating	bi-bli-o-thè-que	library
ba-bouin	bafoon	bur-les-que	burlesque

*B* is sounded in the middle of words, as *ab-di-quer*, *sub-venir*, *ob-vi-er*; and at the end of proper names, as *Job*, *Caleb*, *Moab*; also in the words, *radoub*, the refitting of a ship,

*Baïonnelle*, *biscayen*, *païen*, are sometimes spelt *bayonnette*, *biscayen*, *payen*, but the *y* must be sounded as one *i*.

*rumb*, point of the compass ; but it is not sounded in *plomb*, lead.

Double *bb* is not sounded, *abbé*, abbot ; *rabbîn*, rabbin ; *sabbat*, sabbath ; which pronounce *a-bé*, *ra-bin*, *sa-bat*, but it is heard in *Abbatial*, *Abbeville*.

C, c, is { *Hard*, as in English, before *a, o, u, l, n, r.*  
           { *Soft*, before *e, i, y*, and also before *a, o, u*, when  
                   it has the cedilla ç.

## HARD.

Cal-cul	<i>calculation</i>
ca-co-pho-nie	<i>cacophony</i>
clé-ri-cal	<i>clerical</i>
Cra-co-vie	<i>Cracow</i>
co-que-li-cot	<i>wild-poppy</i>
cro-co-di-le	<i>crocodile</i>
cris-tal	<i>crystal</i>
cu-cur-bi-te	<i>cucurbit</i>
A-roch-né	<i>Arachne</i>

## SOFT.

ce-ci	<i>this</i>
cé-ci-té	<i>blindness</i>
cé-la-cée	<i>celaceous</i>
cer-ceau	<i>hoop</i>
Cir-ce	<i>Circé</i>
ci-li-ce	<i>hair-cloth</i>
cy-ni-que	<i>cynic</i>
cy-près	<i>cypress</i>
le-çon	<i>lesson</i>

Double *cc* and *cq*, in the middle of words, are sounded as one *c* before *a, o, u, la, le, li, lo, lu, ro, re, ri* : thus *accabler*, &c. except, *pec-cable*, *pec-cant*, *pec-cadille*, *pec-cavi*, *sac-cholactique*, in which the sounds of the double *c* is distinctly heard. But before *é, i*, the two *cc* are heard distinctly ; *succès*, *accident*, *vaccine*, are therefore, pronounced, *suc-cès*, *ac-ci-dent*, *vac-cine*, &c.

*C* is sounded as *g* hard in *second* and its derivatives, and by many in *Claude*, and *Reine Claude*, and even by some, but improperly, in *secret*.

*C*, at the end of words, is usually sounded harsh, as in *cognac*, *lac*, (a lake), *avec*, *hec*, *pic*, *syndic*, *roc*, *froc*, *estoc*, *duc*, *aqueduc*, *agaric*, *arc*, *zinc*, &c. and in the singular of *échec* : but it is not sounded in *croc*, *accroc*, *arc-boutant*, *banc*, *broc*, *clerc*, *marc d'argent*, *cric*, *estomac*, *flanc*, *jonc*, *lacs* (toils), *tabac*, *tronc*, *échecs*, nor in *donc*, before a consonant ; but

It is always sounded in *croc-en-jamb*, *franc étour-di*, *du blanc au noir*, and in both syllables of *mic-mac*, *tric-trac*, *ric-à-ric*, and *porc-épic*.

In words ending in *ct*, both consonants are generally sounded ; as in *tact*, *contact*, *intact*, *exact*, *inexact*, *abject*, *correct*, *direct*, *infect*, *strict*, *succinct* : *c* alone is heard in *respect* ; *t* are silent in *amict*, *instinct*, *respects* ; both letters are always heard in *suspecte*, *circonspecte*, *respecte*, *distincte*, as well as in the middle of other words, such as *recteur*,

*vecteur, séducteur, rédacteur, humecter, injecter, dactyle, ductile, tactique, &c.*

**Ch** has two sounds { one, which is most general like *sh*, in *she, shake* ; the other, which very rarely occurs, is that of *k* in *chimera*.

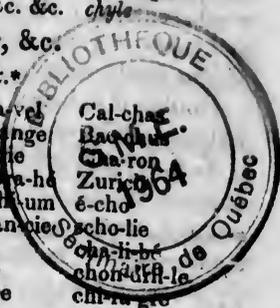
EXAMPLES OF *sh*.

Chat	<i>cat</i>	ché-ru-bin	<i>cherubin</i>
che-val	<i>horse</i>	ca-té-chis-mo	<i>catechism</i>
cher-cher	<i>to seek</i>	chou-et-te	<i>screech-owl</i>
chi-che	<i>stingy</i>	chu-te	<i>fall</i>
ar-chi-tec-to	<i>architect</i>	chu-cho-ter	<i>to whisper</i>
ar-chi-tra-ve	<i>architrave</i>	chyle, &c. &c.	<i>chyle</i>

It has also sound in *Achille, Zachée, &c.*

EXAMPLES OF *ch* AS *k*.\*

Achab	Cham	Ma-chi-avel
A-ché-lo-us	Cha-na-an	Mi-chel-ange
An-ti-o-chus	Chi-o	Ful-ché-rie
A-cha-ie	Cho-rè-be	Ti-cho-Bra-hé
A-nar-char-sis	Cho-ro-ès	Dyr-ra-chum
a-na-cho-rète	Chal-da-i-que	chi-ro-man-chie
ar-chan-ge	Chal-dée	chœur
ar-chan-gel	cha-os	cho-ris-te
ar-ché-type	ché-li-doi-ne	or-ches-tre
ar-chen-tes	cher-so-nè-se	i-cho-reux
ar-chi-é-pis-co-pal	chi-li-ar-que	cho-rè-ge
chal-cé-doi-no	chal-co-gra-phié	Na-bu-cho-do-no-sor
eu-cha-ri-s-tie	Za-cha-rio	



EXAMPLES OF *cht* AS *k*.

Yacht } are pronounced { Yak } without sounding the *t*.  
 U-trecht }  
 Maes-tricht } { Utrek }  
 { Mastrik }

*Ch* has the hard sound of *g* in *drachme*, but is silent in *almanach*. On account of their Italian origin, *vermicelle* and *violoncelle* are, by some, pronounced *violonchelle* *vermichel*.

*Ch* has uniformly the sound of *k*, in all words where it is followed by a consonant, as *Christ, chrétien, chloris, chronique, isochrone, chronomètre, Arachné, ichneumon, technique, &c.*

\* The harsh sound of *ch* is heard in words of Greek or oriental etymology, which have not yet become popular and are not entirely Frenchified.

*D, d*, is sounded as in English.

Dé-da-le	<i>labyrinth</i>	Dry-a-de	<i>Dryad</i>
do du	<i>plump</i>	dro-ma-dai-re	<i>dromedary</i>
din-don	<i>turkey</i>	dé-di-ca-toi-re	<i>dedicatory</i>

*D* is always sounded in the middle of words, as *adjectif*, *adverbe*, *admirable*.

It is likewise heard at the end of proper names, as in *David*, *Obed*, *Gad*, *Alfred*, &c. and in some other words, as *Cid*, *Sud*, *Sund*, *Talmud*, *éphod*, *lamed*. *D* final, before a word beginning with a vowel, is sounded as *t*, as *quand il viendra*; *un grand homme*; *vend-il?* which are pronounced *quan-til-viendra*, &c. The *d* final of the following words is always silent in *bond*, *gond*, *fond*, *nid*, *næud*, *muid*, and *pied*; except in *de fond en comble*, *de pied en cap*, *tenir pied-à-boule*, *avoir un pied-à-terre*, where it is sounded as *t*.

Double *d* is heard in some few words derived from the Latin, as in *ad-dition*, *ad-ducteur*, *red-dition*.

*F, f*, is sounded like the same letter in English.

EXAMPLE.

Far-fa-det	<i>hobgoblin</i>	fé-bri-fuge	<i>febrifuge</i>
fau-fi-ler	<i>to waste (in sewing)</i>	fruc-ti-fi-er	<i>to fructify</i>
fet-fa	<i>edict of the Musti</i>	fi-fre	<i>fifer</i>
fan-fa-ron	<i>boaster</i>	for-fait	<i>crime</i>

Final *f* is sounded in all nouns and adjectives ending in *af*, *ef*, *if*, *of*, as *bref*, *brief*, *chef*, *fief*, *nef*, *nerf*, *grief*, *serf*, *relief*, *mêchef*, *Azof*, *lof*, *tof*, *tuf*, *ouf*, *vouf*, *œuf*, *veuf*, *bœuf*, and *neuf* (new); *f* is silent in *clef*, *êteuf*, *chef-d'œuvre*, *œuf frais*, and in these plurals *nerfs*, *œufs*, *bœufs*, *neufs* (new). In *neuf* (nine) when alone, or when it terminates the sentence, *f* is distinctly sounded, but it takes the sound of *v* before a vowel, and is silent before a consonant.

Double *f* is generally sounded, as one *j* alone; however, in some few words, as *effusion*, *affadir*, *effraction*, it seems more proper to sound both.

*G, g*, has { before *a, o, u*, the hard sound of *g*, in the English word *go*,  
{ and before *e, i, y*, the soft sound of *s* in *pleasure*.

EXAMPLES OF *g* HARD.

Gan-grè-no	<i>gangrene</i>	gut-tu-ral	<i>gutturial</i>
Gro-nin-gue	<i>Groningen</i>	gom-me	<i>gum</i>
gai	<i>cheerful</i>	gla-ce	<i>looking-glass</i>
go-gue-nard	<i>joker</i>	Gor-go-ne	<i>Gorgan</i>

EXAMPLES OF *g* SOFT.

Geai	jay	gé-né-ral	gene-ral
gé-or-gi-ques	georgics	gens	people
gen-re	gender	gin-gem-bre	ginger
gê-mir	to groan	gym-ni-que	gymnastic

*G* final is hard in *joug*, and in proper names, as *Agag*, *Doeg*. When *rang*, *sang*, *long*, precede a word beginning with a vowel, *g* final is sounded as *k*. It is silent in *fau-bourg*, *Luxembourg*, *bourg*, *Bourg-l'abbé*, *Bourg-la-Reine*, &c.; and likewise in *sang-sue*, *de sang froid*, *sang-de-dragon*, in *rang*, *sang*, *long*, before a consonant, and always in *doigt*, *legs*, *poing*, *vieux-oing*, *kareng*, *étang*, *seing*, and *vingt*.

*Bourg-mestre* is pronounced *bourgue-mestre*, and by some persons it is now, and not improperly, written in this latter manner.

*Gu* forms a distinct syllable in *ar-gu-er*, *aiguë*, *suraiguë*, *ciguë*, *ambiguë*, *contiguë*, *exiguë*, and *bésaguë*. *Gui* is sounded as a diphthong, that is, the two vowels are heard in *aiguille*, *aiguillade*, *aiguillon*, and in the proper names, *d'Aiguillon*, *de Guise*, *le Guide*. But the *u*, in the inflections of more than forty verbs ending in *guer*, and in many other words, where it stands before *e* and *i*, as intended only to give to *g* the hard sound, is entirely silent, as in *anguille*, *aiguïère*, *aiguade*, *bague*, *bègue*, *figue*, *dogue*, *fougue*, *fugue*, *onguent*, *langue*, *longue*, *nargue*, *vergue*, *morgue*, *distingue*, *gué*, *gui*, *guérir*, *guinier*, *guise*, *languir*, *guinguette*, &c.

*Gua* takes the mixed sound of the diphthong *goua* in some few words, as *lingual*, *paraguante*, *Guadeloupe*, *Guadalquivir*, *Guatemala*, *Guastalla*.

Double *g* is only sounded before *e* and *i*, then the first *g* retains the *hard*, and the second adopts the *soft* sound, as in *suggérer*, *suggillation*.

*G* before *h*, and before several consonants, in the middle of words, retains its hard sound, as in *Berghen*, *Enghien*, *église*, *énigme*, *segment*, *amygdales*. Before *l* there are two exceptions, in the words *imbroglio* and *de Broglio*, where it is sounded liquid, as in *seraglio*, and these words are generally pronounced as if written *imbroille*, *de Broille*.

*Gn* has two sounds: one *hard* as in the English word *ignorant*, and the other liquid, as in the last syllables of *onion*.

## EXAMPLES OF THE HARD SOUND.

Cni-de	gna-pha li-um	ag-na-ti-que	rég-ni-cole
Gno-me	gnos-ti-que	cog-na-ti-que	mag-né-sie
gno-mi-de	ag-nat	ag-nus	stag-nant
gno-mi-que	ag-na-ti-on	ig-née	stag-na-ti-on
gno-mon	cog-nat	ig-ni-cole	di-ag-nos-ti-que
gno-mo-ni-que	cog-na-ti-on	ig-ni-ti-on	mag-nats

## EXAMPLES OF LIQUID SOUNDS.

di-gni-té	dignity	rég-ner	to reign
i-gno-rant	ignorant	cham-pa-gne	Champagn
com-pa-gnie	company	Bou-lo-gne	Boulogne
si-gner	to sign		
ré-pu-gner	to feel a repug- nance		

G is silent in *signet* and *Regnard*, which are pronounced *sinet*, *Renard*.

H is sometimes aspirate, sometimes mute, as in English; thus, *l'homme*, *le héros*; but there is this difference that the breathing is much softer in French than in English.

## h IS ASPIRATED IN

'Habler	to romance
'ha-che	axe
'ha-ir	to hate
'har-po	harp
'haut	high
'hé-ros*	hero
'hé-ris-sen	hedge-hog
'hideux	hideous
'hon-te	shame
'hur-ler	to howl

## h IS MUTE IN

ha-bit	coat
her-be	grass
heu-re	hour
heu-reux	happy
hé-ro-ïne*	heroine
hé-ro-ïque*	heroic
hé-ro-is-me*	heroism
his-toi-re	history
hi-ver	winter
hor-reur	horror

The aspirate *h* is generally marked in dictionaries, as no general rule can be given on the subject.

*H* is never aspirated in the middle of a word, except when that word is the compound of another, beginning with an *h* aspirated, as in *s'acheurter*, *déhaler*, *déhanche*, *déharnacher*, *enharnacher*, *s'enhardir*, *dehors*.

N. B.—Though there is no aspirated *h* before *onze*, *onzième*, and *oui*, it is customary to pronounce and write *le onze*, *le onzième*, and not *l'onze*, *l'onzième*; we say likewise *le oui* et *le non* without elision. *S* final in *mes*, *tes*, *ses*, *nos*, *vos*, *leurs*, *ces*, and *les*, is never sounded when placed before the words *oui*, *onze*, as *tous vos oui* et *vos non*; *sur les onze heures*, nor even before *une* in *sur les une heure*.

\* Observe that *h* is aspirated in *héros*, but not in its derivatives.

For what concerns *h*, placed after *c* or *g*, see the remarks on those letters.

*H*, after *r* or *t*, is always silent, as *rhéteur*, *Rhône*, *rhubarbe*, *thé*, *Thomas*, *thym*.

*J*, *j*, has constantly the sound of *z* in *azure*, or of *s* in *pleasure*.

EXAMPLE.

jus	gravy	jou-jou	toy
ja-mais	never	ju-ju-be	jujube
jo-vi-al	jovial	jeu-nes-se	youth

*K*, *k* has always a hard sound, as in the English word *king*.

This letter can hardly be considered as belonging to the French alphabet, as it is found only in some few words borrowed from foreign languages, as

Kan-ga-rou	kangaroo	ki-os-que	Turkish pavilion
ker-mès	cochineal	ky-ri-elle	tedious enumeration.

*L*, *l* has two sounds, the { first, is precisely the same as *l* in the English words *lily*, *law*, &c.  
second, resembles that of *ll* in *brilliant*, in which case *l* is called *l mouillée*, (liquid.)

EXAMPLES OF THE FIRST.

La-té-ral	lateral	li-las	lilac
lé-gis-la-teur	legislator	lo-cal	local
li-bel-le	libel	lu-ni-so-lai-re	lunisolar

SECOND SOUND.

It is impossible to define exactly the peculiar liquid sound which *l* has in French, in combinations of letters such as these, *aïl*, *eil*, *œil*, *euil*, *ouil*, *aïll*, *eïll*, *euïll*, *ouïll*, &c. ; it must be heard from the mouth of a native. It may not be useless, however, to make the following observation, that that liquid sound does not in the least affect that of the vowel or combination of vowels which precede or follow *il*, *ill*. Thus, in *tailleur*, the sound of *ta* and *eur* must be pure and distinct ; nearly as if the word were thus spelt, *ta-ieur* ; the liquid sound of *ill*, forming a sort of diphthong with the last syllable. In *bouillon*, *bou* must be pure and distinct, thus

*bou-ion*; in *treillage*, *trè* is also pure—thus, *trè-iage*. In *bail*, *travail*, *sommeil*, the liquid sound is final, and is sounded something between *ie* and *lie*, but rapidly and as it were whispered, *ba-ie*, *tra-ra-ie*, *so-mè-ie*: when followed by a word beginning with a vowel, this final liquid sound blends itself with it thus, *travail utile*, *tra-ra-ii-tile*; *sommeil agréable*, *so-mmè-ia-gré-able*.

## EXAMPLES.

écureuil	é-cu-reu-ie	a squirrel
merveilleux	mer-vè-ieux	wonderful
gazouillage	ga-zou-ia-ge	warbling
orgueil	or-gueu-ie	pride
orgueilleux	or-gueu-ieux	proud
œilade	eu-ia-de	glance
oreille	o-rè-ie	ear
périlleux	pé-ri-ieux	dangerous
treillage	trèi-age	lattice work
bouillon	bou-ion	broth

*Il* final is liquid in *babil*, *avril*, *Brésil*, *cil*, *mil*, *péril*, but the *l* is silent in *baril*, *chenil*, *coutil*, *fenil*, *fusil*, *outil*, *gril*, *nombril*, *sourcil*, *persil*. In *fil*s, a son, the *l* is silent, but it is sounded, though not liquidly, in *fil*, thread; *fil*s, threads; *poil*, hair.

Observe that *Milhaut*, *Pardalhac*, and *Sully*, proper names, are pronounced liquid, contrary to the established rule, and that the two latter are nearly the only known instances of an *l* or *ll* sounded liquid, without being immediately preceded by the vowel *i*.

*Ill*, is not liquid in *illégal*, *illuminer*, *distiller*, *instiller*, *osciller*, *scintiller*, *titiller*, *vaciller*, *fritillaire*, *imbécille*, *mille*, *tranquille*, *ville*, *Achille*, *campanille*, *codicille*, *fibrille*, *Gill*, *maxillaire*, *pupille*, *la Sibylle*, and *sille*. But it is liquid in *famille*, *fille*, *charmille*, *souquenille*, *carillon*, *piller*, *pillage*, &c.

Double *l* is sounded in the following words, *allégorie*, *allusion*, *appellatif*, *appellation*, *belligérant*, *belligieux*, *collation*, *de bénéfices*, *follicule*, *malléole*, *velléité*, *collusion*, *constellation*, *constellé*, *ébullition*, *Gallican*, *Gallicisme*, *intellect*, &c. *malléable*, *médullaire*, *palliatif*, *pellicule*, *équipoller*, *hellénisme*, and in proper names, as *Apollon*, *Bellone*, *Dolabella*, *Pallas*, *Sylla*, &c.

*M*, *m*, corresponds in sound with the same letter in English.

## EXAMPLES.

Mar-me-la-de	marmalade	mo-mie	mummy
mar-mot-te	marmot	mo-nient	moment
mé-mo-ra-ble	memorable	Mu-sul-man	Mussulman
mir-mi-don	myrmidon	mur-mu-re	murmur
mi-mi-que	mimic	mys-tè-ro	mystery

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*M* final is nasal and not sounded in *faim, daim, nom, renom, parfum*; it is not nasal, and is sounded in *Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Sem, Cham, item, Jérusalem, Sédin, Ibrahim*, and most proper names, except *Joachim*.

*M, n*, are both articulated in *amnistie, calomnie, hymne, insomnie, indemnité*, (pr. *indamnité*), *sonnambule, automnal*, but are sounded as one *n* alone in *automne, damner*, and derivatives.

Double *m* is sounded as one *m*, except in words beginning with *imm*, such as *immortel, immensité*. In compound words such as *emmancher, emmener*, the preposition is heard distinctly *en-man-cher*; *Emmanuel* is pronounced *Emanuel*. In *femme, différemment, ardemment*, the *e* preceding *mm* is sounded a *fa-me*; but in *lemme*, *e* is sounded *è*. See Observations.

*N, n*, is sounded as in English.

## EXAMPLES.

Né-nu-far	<i>Nenuphar</i>	non-nc	<i>nun</i>
na-ti-o-nal	<i>national</i>	Ni-ni-ve	<i>Nineveh</i>
no-mi-nal	<i>nominal</i>	noc-tur-ne	<i>nocturnal</i>
no-na-gé-nai-re	<i>a man of ninety</i>	nym-phe	<i>nympha</i>

*N* nasal, see Tables I and II and observations following.

*Gn* have two sounds, which see at letter *g*.

The termination *ent* of the third person of verbs is sounded *e, ils parlent, ils aimeraient*, pr. *ils par-le, ils aimeraie*.

Double *n* is not sounded except in *an-nexe, an-nal, an-nuel, an-notation, an-nuler, in-né, in-nové, in-novation*, and a few other cases.

*En* final, and in all the persons of *venir, tenir*, and their compounds, is sounded like *in, ancien, mien, chien, citoyen, il vient, il tiendra*.

*En* is sounded nasally at the beginning of the following compound words, *enivrer, enamourer, enorgueillir, ennuyer, enhardir, enharmonique*.

*P, p*, is sounded as in English.

## EXAMPLES.

Pa-pil-lon	<i>butterfly</i>	pou-pée	<i>doll</i>
pe-pin	<i>pippin</i>	po-pu-lai-re	<i>popular</i>
pied-plat	<i>mean fellow</i>	pour-pro	<i>purple</i>
prin-ci-pe	<i>principle</i>	pur-pu-rin	<i>purplish</i>
pro-pos	<i>discourse</i>	py-ra-mi-de	<i>pyramid</i>

*Ph* is sounded as *f, philosophe, phosphore, physique*.

*P* is sounded distinctly in *adapter, adopter, capter, captieux, baptismal, aptitude, exception, exemption, inept, contempteur, gypse, Septembre, Sepuagésime, corruption, rupture, apsides, rapsodies, symptome, redemption, rédempteur*; but is silent, in *baptême, baptiser, baptistère, Baptiste, exempt, exempter,*

*sculpter, sculpteur, sculpture, je romps, il corrompt, sept, septième, temps, printemps, prompt, and derivatives.*

Final *p* is always sounded in *Alep, cap, Gap, jalap*, and *julep*, it is also heard in *trop, beaucoup*, and *coup*, when before a vowel, but never in *champ, camp, drap, loup, sirop*, and *galop*.

In *aps, relaps*; and *rapt*, both the final consonants are pronounced, but both are silent in *ceps de vigne*.

Double *p* is sounded as one only.

*Q* has generally the sound of *k* in *king*.

*Qu*, has three sounds, { *ke*, by far the most general before any vowel.  
*kou*, before *a* in some particular words.  
*ku*, before *e*, or *i* in some others.

EXAMPLES OF *k*.

Quai	<i>wharf</i>	ques-tion	<i>question</i>
qua-li-té	<i>quality</i>	sé-ques-tre	<i>sequestration</i>
quel-que	<i>some</i>	queue	<i>tail</i>
qui-con-que	<i>whosoever</i>	a-queux	<i>watery</i>
qui-pro-quo	<i>blunder</i>	a-que-duc	<i>aqueduct</i>
quo-li-bet	<i>pun</i>	é-qui-vo-que	<i>ambiguity</i>
quin-qui-na	<i>Peruvian bark</i>	se-re-quin-quer	{ <i>to trick oneself</i>
que-nouil-lo	<i>distaff</i>		{ <i>out</i>

&c. &c. &c.

EXAMPLES OF *kou*.

A-qua-ti-que	<i>aquatic</i>	qua-ter-ne	<i>quaternion</i>
é-qua-teur	<i>equator</i>	qua-dra-gé-naire	<i>a man of forty</i>
é-qua-ti-on	<i>equation</i>	qua-dra-gé-si- mal	{ <i>quadragesimal</i>
qua-cro	<i>quaker</i>	a-qua-ti-le	<i>aquatile</i>
qua-dra-ture	<i>quadrature</i>	a-quar-el-le	<i>water colour</i>
qua-dri-ge	{ <i>ancient chariot</i> <i>with four</i> <i>horses</i>	li-qua-tion	<i>liquation</i>
qua-dru-pè-de	<i>quadruped</i>	in-quar-to	<i>quarto size</i>
qua-dru-ple	<i>quadruple</i>	lo-qua-ci-té	<i>loquacity</i>

EXAMPLES OF *ku*.

E-ques-tre	<i>equestrian</i>	é-qui-mul-ti-ple	<i>equi-multiple</i>
li-que-fac-tion	<i>liquefaction</i>	é-qui-ta-tion	<i>horsemanship</i>
ques-teur	<i>questor</i>	quin-tu-ple	<i>quintuple</i>
ques-tu-re	<i>questura</i>	quin-tile	<i>quintile</i>
quin-quen-nium	<i>quinquennium</i>	quin-quen-nal	<i>quinquennial</i>
équi-la-tè-re	{ <i>of equal di-</i> <i>mensions</i>	quin-dé-cem virs	<i>quindecemviri</i>
é-qui-la-té-ral	<i>equilateral</i>	quin-qué-rème	<i>ancient galley</i>
é-qui-an-gle	<i>equiangular</i>	quin-quer-co	{ <i>a term of the</i> <i>ancient gym-</i> <i>nasium</i>
é-qui-dis-tant	<i>equi-distant</i>		

In *quingagénaire*, a man of fifty, and *quingéisme*, *quingéisme*, the first syllable corresponds with the sound of *qu* in *équestre*, and the second corresponds with the sound of *qu* in *aquatique*. *Q* final is sounded in *coq*, *cing*, except when *cing* precedes a word beginning with a consonant, *cing livres*.

*R*, is sounded as in English.

EXAMPLES.

Ra-re-té	<i>scarcity</i>	rhyth-me	<i>rhythm</i>
ras-sa-ter	<i>to hearten</i>	sour-dre	<i>to spring</i>
ra-bou-gri	<i>stunted</i>	cour-roux	<i>wrath</i>
re-brous-ser	<i>to recoil</i>	il coui-ra	<i>he will run</i>
ri-gou-reux	<i>rigorous</i>	cor-ro-de-ra	<i>it will corrode</i>
rou-pte	<i>to break</i>	cor-ro-bo-re-ra	<i>it will corrobo-</i>
rou-vrir	<i>to open again</i>		<i>rate</i>
ru-gir	<i>to roar</i>	ir-ra-dia-ti-on	<i>irradiation</i>
ru-ral	<i>ru-ral</i>	ir-ro-ra-ti-on	<i>irrigation</i>
rus-tre	<i>a boor</i>	tor-ré-fac-ti-on	<i>torrefaction</i>

*R* is always sounded at the end of words after the vowels *a*, *i*, *o*, *u*, except in *Monsieur*, in which it is silent.

*Er*, *ier*, the terminations of the infinitive of verbs of the first conjugation, and of many adjectives and nouns, are pronounced *é* and *ié*. *Parler*, *marcher*, *bouger*, *premier*, *singulier*, *cordonnier*, *boulangier*.

But in the following words the termination *er*, is pronounced *air*.

EXAMPLES.

Cher	<i>dear</i>	ou-tre-mer	<i>ultramarine</i>
fer	<i>iron</i>	bel-vé-der	<i>belvidere</i>
ver	<i>worm</i>	Lu-ci-fer	<i>Lucifer</i>
mer	<i>sea</i>	Pa-ter	<i>the Lord's</i>
fier	<i>haughty</i>		<i>prayer</i>
gas-ter	<i>stomach</i>	fra-ter	<i>hair-dresser</i>
hi-cr	<i>yesterday</i>	ma-gis-ter	<i>village school-</i>
hi-ver	<i>winter</i>		<i>master</i>
a-mer	<i>bitter</i>	Stat-hou-der	<i>Statholder</i>
can-cer	<i>cancer</i>	Ju-pi-ter	<i>Jupiter</i>
en-fer	<i>hell</i>	Al-ger	<i>Algiers</i>
é-ther	<i>ether</i>	Gess-ner	<i>Gessner</i>
a-vant-hier	<i>the day before</i>	Ni-ger	<i>Niger, a river</i>
	<i>yesterday</i>	cuiller	<i>a spoon</i>

In terminations like *ers*, *ert*, *erd*, *art*, *ard*, *arts*, *ort*, *ord*, *ords*, *orts*, *r* alone is sounded *canard*, *morts*, *pervers*.

When the following adjectives and a few others precede a substantive beginning with a vowel, the *r* is sounded, that is, there is what is called a *liaison*.

R sounded	}	Le premier acte	<i>the first act</i>
		son dernier ouvrage	<i>his last work</i>
		un singulier évènement	<i>a singular event</i>
		un entier abandon	<i>an entire cession</i>
R not sounded	}	un léger obstacle	<i>a slight obstacle</i>
		il est le premier à vous promettre et le dernier à vous tenir parole.— <i>He is the first to promise, and the last to keep his word.</i>	
R not sounded	}	C'est un homme léger et inconstant, entier en tout ce qu'il veut, et singulier en tout ce qu'il fait.— <i>He is a light versatile character, positive in all he undertakes, and singular in all he does.</i>	

Final *r* in the present of the infinitive of all the verbs, of the first conjugation, may be sounded when preceding a word beginning with a vowel; in conversation, this distinction is, however, seldom observed.

*Rh.* See *h*.

Double *r* is not sounded, except, 1st, in *aberration*, *abhorrer*, *horreur*, *errer*, *torréfier*, and their derivatives. 2dly, in words beginning with *irr*, as *irrévocable*, *irrégulier*, *irruption*, &c.; 3rdly, in the future and conditional of the verbs *acquérir*, *courir*, *mourir*, and their derivatives—*j'acquerrai*, *je mourrais*, *nous courrions*, &c.

*S*, *s* has two { *hard*, as in the English word *sister*.  
sounds, { *soft*, as in *rose* and *please*.

*S* has the hard or hissing sound at the beginning of words, and the soft sound, in the middle, between vowels.

#### EXAMPLES.

Sai-son	<i>season</i>	sour-noi-se	<i>a sullen woman</i>
sai-sie	<i>seizure</i>	sup-po-sez	<i>suppose</i>
sé-sa me	<i>se-samum</i>	sé-duit-sant	<i>alluring</i>
si-se	<i>situate</i>	Su-se	<i>Susa</i>
sou-bi-se	<i>soubise</i>	Sy-ra-cu-se	<i>Syracuse</i>
sot-ti-se	<i>silly action</i>	Syn thè-se	<i>Synthesis</i>
sous-en-ten-te	<i>mental reservation</i>		

In *Sbire*, *Svelte*, *Sganarelle* and *Sdili* for *De'os*, it has the soft sound; and, in familiar conversation, *aller à Sedan*, *il est le second de sa classe*, are pronounced as if these words were written *azdan*, *le zgon*. Before *ch*, *s* is mute, as in *Schall*, *Schaffhouse*, *Schelling*, *Schiste*, *Schorl*.

*Sh* in *shérif*, a sheriff, is sounded as in English,

*Sce*, *sei*, *scy*, are pronounced as *se*, *si*, *sci*, at the beginning of words, and as double *s*, in the middle, as *Scène*, *scien*, *Scythie*, &c. *efferves-cences*, *efflores-cence*, *turgescence*, *incandes-cence*, *reminis-cence*, *recipis-cence*, *miscible*,

*res-cinder, sus-ception, sus-citer, sus-citation, vis-cère, vis-céral, trans-cendance,* and a few others. But *sc* before *a, o, u,* and *l, r,* have the hard sound of *sk,* as *scapulaire, scolie, sclérotique, scribe, esclave, scrupule, &c.*

*S* has the hard sound, in the middle of a word, when preceded or followed by a consonant, as in *transe, transir, Transylvanie, convulsion, valse, espace, ustensile, statistique, jasmin, dispos, aspirant, prisme, digestion, austérité, obstacle, &c. &c. &c.* However, it takes the soft sound, or that of *z,* in *Alsace, Arsace, Asdrubal, asbeste, balsamine, balsamique, bisbile, Israël, Israélite, Esdras, Thisbé, presbitère, transaction, transiger, transitoire, intransitif, transalpin, Lesbos, Isboeth, Brigaw, Ryswick, Louisbourg, Augsbourg, Presbourg, Philipsbourg,* and some few others.

*S* takes the soft sound when between two vowels, as in *base, Thèse, bise, rose, ruse, &c.* Except compound words, in which it has the hard sound of the initial *s* of the radical word, as in *désuétude, entresol, monosyllable, polysyllable, parasol, tournesol, préséance, présupposer, resaisir, resaluer, vraisemblable,* and some derivatives.

Final *s* is heard in *as, allas, argus, bibus, blocus, bolus, agnus, fœtus, sinus, Phébus, les, us, virus, aloes, bis, jadis, irris, gratis, lapis, les, lis, la Lys, (a river), mais, métis, vis, tournevis, Amadis, Adonis, Paris (the shepherd), pathos, Athos, Lesbos, Minos, Délos, Paros, Brutus, Vénus, Régulus, Protésilas, Blas, Gil Blas, Las Casas, Rheims, Sens, Mars, Rubens, Cérès, Damoclès,* finally in all Latin words not in common use, and in proper names, Greek, Latin and foreign, &c. But it is always silent as the mark of the plural, *les hommes, les chats, les livres, les canifs, les chefs, &c.* in all persons of verbs, *tu parlas, tu mangeais, nous rions, &c.* in all words in common use, *repas, des bas, cas, appas, trépas, tapis, souris, propos, clos, depuis, toujours, &c.* and in *Jésus-Christ, fleur-de-lis.*

The *s* final of an adjective, pronoun and adverb, is joined to the initial vowel of the next word, and has the soft sound, *vous avez, pron: vou zavez.*

Though there is no *s* in *quatre,* yet, before *yeux,* it is, in conversation, pronounced as if there were one, *quatre zieux.*

Finally, double *s* is commonly sounded as one, as in *je ressassasse, assassinasse, Mississipi, etc.* There are some words, however, in which the double *s* is heard, as *assation, assonnance, dissonance, accessible, inaccessible, admissible, inad-*

*missible, missive, scissile, scission, scissure, fissure, fissipède, assentiment, asservir.* Thus there is a difference in pronunciation between these phrases: *C'est un homme à SENTIMENS, il aime à SERVIR ses amis, and il faut son ASSENTIMENT, cet ambitieux voudrait ASSERVIR l'univers, and again between l'alun de plume est SCISSION, and LA EICILE est une île triangulaire, &c.*

T' is sounded as in English.

EXAMPLES.

Tac-ti-que	tactics	a-mi-tié	friendship
tes-ta-teur	testator	sou-tien	support
thé-â-tre	theatre	nous par-tions	we were going
to-ta-li-té	totality	ti-are	tiara
tour-te-rel-ie	turtle	bas-ti-on	bastion
ti-tu-lai-re	titulary	bi-jou-tier	jeweller
ti-thy-ma-le	tithymal	Ma-thi-as	Matthias
chré-tien	christian	Pon-thieu	Ponthieu
le-tien	thine	tu sou-tiens	thou supportest
pi-tié	pity	&c. &c. &c.	

Ti is sounded ci in words derived from the Greek or the Latin languages, in all words ending in *tion, attention, portion, &c.* except *question, gestion, digestion, combustion, mixtion.* In all words ending in *tie, démocratie, inertie, ineptie, &c.* except *partie, modestie, dynastie, Eucharistie, hostie, partie.*

*Tieux, tial, tient,* are also sounded *cieux, cial, cient, ambiteux, captieux, patient, patienter.*

*Tien,* final is sounded *cién,* in names of nations and proper names, *Doctélien, Egyptien, Béotien.*

EXAMPLES.

Par-tial	partial	pa-tient	patient
par-tia-li-té	partiality	pa-tien-ter	to bear patiently
par-tiel	partial	Ga-la-tie	Galatia
pa-tien-ce	patience	Bé-o-tie	Beotia
im-pa-tien-ce	impatience	ac-tion	action
quo-tient	quotient	bal-bu-tier	to stammer
cap-tieux	captious	in-i-tier	to initiate
ar-gu-tie	cavil	bal-bu-tia	he stutered
cau-tion-ne-ment	bail	bal-bu-tie-ment	stammering
am-bi-tion	ambition	in-i-tié	initiated
am-bi-tion-ner	to wish	Vé-ni-tien	Venethian

Th is sounded as a single t, *théologie, théâtre, thé.* In the combinations *st,* the *s* and *t* are heard distinctly. *T'* final is not heard; *gou, rat, défaut, statut, &c.* except in the following words: *apt, rapt, fat, malt, mat, pat, opiat, exeat, transeat, vivat, spall, spath, Goliath, nel, fret, tacet, Thibet, aconit, déficé, granit, introit, prêtérit, transit, subit, dot, Astaroth, azi-*

*mut, brut, comput, chut, bismuth, indult, lut, occiput, sinciput,* both *s* and *t* are articulated in *Le Ch. est, l'est* (east) *Pouest, Brest, lest, test, Pest, toast,* and *entre le zist et le zest*; but neither of these letters is heard in *Jésus-Christ*, which is pronounced *Jésus-Cri*:

The final *t* of *sept, huit*, is heard at the end of a sentence, and before a vowel, but not before a consonant, *j'en ai huit, huit livres, sept ans*.

In words ending in *art, est, ort, ourt*, the *t* final is silent. *T* is always silent in the conjunction *et*, which is pronounced *é*.

Double *tt* is not heard except in *atticisme, attique, Atticus, guttural*, and *pittoresque*.

*V, v*, has the same sound in French as in English.

EXAMPLES:

Val-ve	valve.	vi-vo-ter	to live poorly
val-vu-le	valvule	vi-ré-voi-té	{ quick irregular
van-de-vil-le	ballad		{ lar walk.
ver-ve	poetic fire	vi-re-veau	windlass
wi-va-ce	vivacious	veu-ve	widow
vis-à-vis	opposite	veu-va-ge	widowhood
vi-vre	to live.		

*V* is generally pronounced as single *v* in *Wolfram, Warwick, Windsor, Walcourt, Wallon, Warsovie, Westphalia, Wirtemberg, Wolga, Weser, Wendover, Ryswick, &c.* except in *wist* and *wiski*, where it has the English sound; but, in *Newton*, the first syllable *new* is pronounced as *neu*, in *neutralité*.

*X, x*, has the four different sounds of { *ks*, in *axe, expense*  
*gz*, in *exhibit, exhale*  
*ss*, in *bliss, mossy*  
*z*, in *Xenophon*

EXAMPLES OF THE FIRST SOUND, *ks*.

axe	axis	Xan-tip-pe	Xantippe
sexe	sex	o-xy-gè-ne	oxygen
ri-xe	altercation	pa-ra-do-xe	paradox
bo-xer	to box	flu-xi-on	defluxion
lu-xe	luxury	ex-sic-ca-tion	exsiccation
ex-cé-der	to exceed	ex-suc-cion	exsuction
ex-cel-ler	to excel	ex-su-da-ti-on	exsudation
ex-cès	excess	ex-su-der	exude
ex-cep-ter	to except	ex-ci-per	{ to plead an ex-
ex-ci-se	excise		{ ception.
A-lex-an-dre	Alexander		

EXAMPLES OF THE SECOND SOUND, *gz*.

Xa-vi-er	Xaverius	ex-au-cer	{ to hear favor-
Xé-no-phon	Xenophon		{ ally
ex-il	exile	ex-haus-ser	to raise
ex-or-de	exordium	ex-hi-ber	to produce
ex-ubé-ran-ce	exuberance	ex-hu-mer	to disinter
ex-a-men	examination		

EXAMPLES OF THE THIRD SOUND, *ss*.

Aix	Aix	Soixante	Sixty
Aix-la-Chapelle	Aix-la-Chapelle	Bruxelles	Brussels
Auxerre	Auxerre	Luxeull	Luxeuil
Auxonne	Auxonne.		

EXAMPLES OF THE FOURTH SOUND, *z*.

Deuxième	second	dix écus	ten crowns
sixième	sixth	dix hommes	ten men
dixième	tenth	deux aunes	two ells
dix-huit	eighteen	beaux yeux	fine eyes
dix-neuf	nineteen	&c. &c.	

The first sound of this letter (*hs*,) is by far the most general, and is found in words beginning with *exce*, *exci* and *ers*.

The second sound (*gz*) takes place in all words beginning with *x* or *ex*, followed by a vowel, or the letter *h*, as *le Xanthe*, *Xénocrates*, *Ximènes*, *exorable*, and several others with those already mentioned in the second examples.

The third sound *ss* is only found in the above examples, and in *six* and *dix*, when unaccompanied by substantives, as in *de seize ôtez six*, *reste dix*, where *six* and *dix* are pronounced with the hissing sound of *ss* in the English word *bliss*.

The final *x* of adjectives, *doux*, *heureux*, and such like, is silent before a consonant, and has the fourth sound when before a vowel, *doux accent*, *heureux père*.

The *x* final of *six*, *dix*, is sounded like *ss* at the end of a sentence, *il en a dix*; like *z*, before a vowel, *il a dix ans*, and is silent before a consonant, *six livres*.

*X* final is silent, *je veux*, *ix*, *perdrix*, *feux*, *flux*, &c. except *Ajax*, *Astiana.x*, *borax*, *stora.x*, *Halifax*, *hipponax*, *Dax*, *climax*, *thorax*, *Pertinax*, *Syphax*, *index*, *perplex*, *Beatrice*, *Erix*, *Félix*, *préfix*, *phénix*, *Fox*, *Palafox*, *Coysevox*, *lynx*, *sphinx*, *larynx*, *syru.x*, *onyx*, *Styx* and *Pollux*.

*N. B.*—*X* takes the sound of *sh* only in *Don Quixote*, generally pronounced *Don Kishot*, or rather *Don Ghishot*. *Z, z*, is generally pronounced as *z* in *zome*, or *s* in *rose*.

## EXAMPLES.

Zi-za-nie	tare	zig-zag	zig-zag
zé-nith	zenith	zin-zo-lin	reddish purple
zo-ne	zone	Zuy-der-zée	Zuyder-see

In *assez*, *chez*, *nez*, and in the second person of verbs, *vous avez*, *vous parlez*, the termination *ez* is pronounced *és*.

In proper names, especially Spanish names, the same termination *ez* is sounded *èce*, *Alvarez*, *Senez*, and also in *Metz*.

*ZZ* in Italian words is either sounded as one *z* or according to Italian pronunciation, by those to whom it is familiar.

## 12. PRACTICAL EXERCISES

## OF THE PRONUNCIATION OF MONOSYLLABLES.

Gran	fat	je vends	I sell
ma	my	jo	I
ta	thy	mo	me
sa	his, her, it	no	not
la	the, her, it	te	thee
las	tired	ce	this, that
pas	step	se	himself, etc.
un plat	a disk	lo	the, him, it
bac	ferry-boat	de	of
sac	sack, bag	lé	breadth
arc	arch, bow	né	born
parc	park	mais	but
bal	ball	mes	my, pl.
cap	cape	tes	thy, pl.
car	for	ses	his, her, its, pl.
par	by, through	les	the, them
part	share	pré	meadow
art	art	près	near
char	chariot	prêt	ready
dard	dart	ver	worm
lard	bacon	vers	to wards
tard	late	vert	green
quand	when	il perd	he loses
rang	rank	il sert	he serves
blanc	white	peur	fear
sans	without	il meurt	he dies
dans	in	larmes	tears
gland	acorn	leur	their, them
pan	skirt of a coat	sel	salt
cran	notch	tel	such
plant	plantation	quel	which
plan	plan	sec	dry
flanc	flank	bec	beak
grand	great	chef	chief
en	in	bref	short
il fend	he splits	neuf	new
gens	people	Est	East
lent	slow	vingt	twenty
main	hand	crin	horse-hair
il ment	he lies	lin	flax
il pend	he hangs	brin	sprig
il prend	he takes	pain	bread
ceint	girt	pin	pine
cinq	five	vin	wine
sain	wholesome	fi	fy
sein	bosom	fil	son
saint	holy	frit	fried
seing	signature	lis	lily
il rend	he returns	pris	taken
il sent	he smells, feels	prix	price

ris	laugh	pont	bridge
riz	rice	long	long
ni	neither, nor	fond	bottom
mid	nest	ils font	they do
si	if	jonc	rush
il fit	he did	non	no
mis	put	gond	hinge
plis	folds	nomr	name
fit	thread	plomb	lead
vil	vile	ru	naked
vif	lively	du	of the, sing. m.
sot	fool	il dut	he owed
tôt	soon	bru	daughter-in-law
elôs	shut up	brut	rough
nos	our	il but	he drank
vos	your	cru	raw
gros	big	il crut	he believed
trop	too much	je fus	I was
trot	trot	jus	juice
croc	hook	lu	read
or	gold	il lut	he read
bord	edge	plus	more
fort	strong	tu	thou
tort	wrong	vu	seen
je sors	I go out	flux	flux
sort	fate	glu	bird-lime
port	port	duc	duke
il mord	he bites	suc	juice
vol	theft	sur	upon
choc	shock	mur	wall
roc	rock	nul	no, none
bloc	block	bout	end
troc	exchange	joug	yoke
dot (pr. dote)	dowry	nous	we, us
on	one, people, they	vous	you
bon	good	clou	nail
bond	bound	cou	neck
ton	thy	coup	blow, stroke
son	his, her, its	trou	hole
ils sont	they are	mou	soft
mon	my	tout	all
don	gift	toux	cough
dont	of which, etc	pou	louse
donec	therefore	cour	yard
front	forehead	il pleut	it rains
rond	round	peu	little, few
blond	light (hair)	il vent	he is willing

## 13. ON DISSYLLABLES.

OR WORDS OF TWO SYLLABLES.

A-bus  
a-chat  
ac-teur

abuse  
purchase  
actor

â-ge  
ai-greur  
â-me

age  
acidity  
soul

a-nneau	ring	cou-ple	couple
ar-deur	ardour	cou-reur	runner
ar-gent	money	cou-ssin	cushion
as-tre	star	cou-vent	convent
au-cun	none	crê-me	cream
a-veu	confession	cri-me	crime
a-vis	advice	crot-te	dirt
au-tre	other	croû-te	crust
bal-con	balcony	da-me	lady
ban-que	bank	dan-seur	dancer
ba-que	a bark	dé-bit	sale
ba-teau	boat	de-bout	standing up
bâ-ton	stick	de-mi	right
beau-té	beauty	dé-mi	half
bè-gue	stammerer	dé-pôt	deposit
bê-te	beast	dé-sert	wilderness
keur-ro	butter	dé-ssert	dessert
bi-ble	bible	dis-cours	speech
blâ-me	blame	dou-leur	pain
bon-heur, pr. bo-	happiness	é-cu	crown
nheur	happiness	en-clin	inclined
bon-té	goodness	en-fant	child
bos-quet	grove	é-poux	spouse
bou-quet	nosegay	es-poir	hope
bour-geon	bud	é-tain	pewter
bour-ra	surly	ex-cès	excess
bra-sseur	brewer	fes-tin	feast
bri-gand	robber	fê-te	festival
bru-que	abrupt	fi-lou	pickpocket
bru-te	brute	fla-con	decanter
bu-ffet	cupboard	flam-beau	flambeau
bu-reau	office	flû-te	flute
bus-te	bust	fo-rêt	forest
ca-deau	present	fou-dre	thunderbolt
ca-fé	coffee	four-mi	ant
ca-hot	jolt	fri-pon	knave
ca-non	cannon	fu-reur	fury
ca-ve	cellar	gaie-té	cheerfulness
cau-se	cause	gar-çon	boy
cer-cle	circle	gâ-teau	cake
ci-seau	chisel	ga-zon	turf
clé-ment	clement	gen-dre	son-in-law
cli-mat	climate	gen-re	gender
cloi-son	partition	gi-got	leg of mutton
co-hue	mob	gla-çon	piece of ice
co-mmun	common	gou-té	luncheon
com-pas	compasses	gout-te	drop
com-te	earl	grâ-ce	favour
con-gé	holiday	gron-deur	grumbler
con-te	tale	gru-au	gruel
co-quin	rogue	guè-re	little
cor-deau	line	guer-re	war
côté	side	gueu-le	mouth (of a beast)

gui-de	<i>guide</i>	pé-cheur	<i>sinner</i>
hai-ne	<i>hatred</i>	pei-ne	<i>trouble</i>
hal-le	<i>market-hall</i>	pein-tre	<i>painter</i>
har-pe	<i>harp</i>	pè-re	<i>father</i>
hâ-te	<i>haste</i>	peu-ple	<i>people</i>
hau-teur	<i>height</i>	peu-reux	<i>fearful</i>
ha-sard	<i>chance</i>	pin-te	<i>paint</i>
hê-tre	<i>beech</i>	plu-me	<i>feather</i>
hom-me, pr. ho-	} <i>man</i>	por-trait	<i>picture</i>
mme			
hon-neur, pr ho-	} <i>honour</i>	pour-pre	<i>purple</i>
nneur			
hon-te	<i>shame</i>	prin-ce	<i>prince</i>
hor-reur	<i>horror</i>	pru-neau	<i>prune</i>
hôte	<i>landlord</i>	ra-gôit	<i>ragout</i>
hu-main	<i>human</i>	rè-gle	<i>rule</i>
im-pie	<i>impious</i>	rè-gne	<i>reign</i>
ju-ge	<i>judge</i>	re-ne	<i>queen</i>
jour-née	<i>day</i>	ren-ta-	<i>annuity</i>
lai-teux	<i>milky</i>	rè-ve	<i>dream</i>
la-quais	<i>footman</i>	ri-re	<i>laughing</i>
lar-cin	<i>thief</i>	rou-to	<i>road</i>
lar-geur	<i>breadth</i>	ru-se	<i>trick</i>
li-queur	<i>liquor</i>	sa-bré	<i>sabre</i>
lo-gis	<i>dwelling</i>	sa-lut	<i>salute</i>
long-ueur	<i>length</i>	sa-tin	<i>satin</i>
mar-bre	<i>marble</i>	sau-ce	<i>sauce</i>
mar-chand	<i>tradesman</i>	sau-teur	<i>tumbler</i>
ma-ri	<i>husband</i>	sé-jour	<i>residence</i>
mère	<i>mother</i>	si-gnal	<i>signal</i>
meu-ble	<i>furniture</i>	si-gne	<i>sign</i>
mon-de	<i>world</i>	som-bre	<i>dark</i>
mons-tre	<i>monster</i>	sou-hait	<i>wish</i>
mou-le	<i>mould</i>	sou-pe	<i>soup</i>
mou-lin	<i>mill</i>	sou-ris	<i>smile</i>
ni-gaud	<i>silly fellow</i>	su-crè	<i>sugar</i>
nou-veau	<i>new</i>	sus-pect	<i>suspicious</i>
œu-vre	<i>work</i>	ta-che	<i>spot</i>
on-guent	<i>ointment</i>	tâ-che	<i>task</i>
or-dre	<i>order</i>	tam-bour	<i>drum</i>
ou-bli	<i>oblivion</i>	tom-beau	<i>grave</i>
pa-rent	<i>relation</i>	to-me	<i>volume</i>
par-rain, pr. }	} <i>godfather</i>	tou-pic	<i>top</i>
pa-rain			
pâ-te	<i>dough</i>	tour-neur	<i>turner</i>
pâ-té	<i>pie</i>	tral-neau	<i>sledge</i>
pat-to	<i>paw</i>	trô-ne	<i>throne</i>
pê-cho	<i>fishing</i>	trou-peau	<i>flock</i>
pê-ché	<i>sin</i>	veu-ve	<i>widow</i>
pé-cheur	<i>fisherman</i>	vi-gno	<i>vine</i>
		zè-le	<i>zeal</i>
		zé-lé	<i>zealous</i>

14. WORDS OF THREE SYLLABLES.

A-bi-mc	<i>abyss</i>	char-la-tan	<i>quack</i>
a-bré-gé	<i>abridgment</i>	char-ret-to	<i>cart</i>
a-bri-cot	<i>apricot</i>	châ-ti-ment	<i>chastisement</i>
ab-so-lu	<i>absolute</i>	chau-de-mer.t	<i>warmly</i>
ab-sur-de	<i>absurd</i>	chau-diè-re	<i>copper</i>
ac-tri-ce	<i>actress</i>	chau-fla-ge	<i>fuel</i>
a-flai-re	<i>business</i>	chau-ssu-re	<i>shoes, stockings</i>
a-m-pou-le	<i>blister</i>	ci-viè-re	<i>hand-barrow</i>
ap-pé-tit	<i>appetite</i>	cla-vc-cin	<i>harpsichord</i>
â-pre-té	<i>asperity</i>	clo-a-que	<i>sewer</i>
a-rai-gnée	<i>spider</i>	co-li-que	<i>colic</i>
ar-moi-re	<i>cabinet</i>	co-llé-ge	<i>college</i>
ar-tis-te	<i>artist</i>	co-lli-ne	<i>hill</i>
as-si-du	<i>assiduous</i>	co-lo-nne	<i>column</i>
a-tro-ce	<i>atrocious</i>	co-lo-ris	<i>colouring</i>
au-ber-ge	<i>inn</i>	co-mé-die	<i>comedy</i>
a-voi-ne	<i>oats</i>	co-mé-dien	<i>comedian</i>
aus-tè-re	<i>austere</i>	co-immer-çant	<i>merchant</i>
ba-bio-le	<i>bauble</i>	com-pa-gnie	<i>company</i>
bas-ses-sc	<i>baseness</i>	com-pa-gnon	<i>companion</i>
bâ-ti-ment	<i>building</i>	con-dui-te	<i>behaviour</i>
bé-le-ment	<i>bleating</i>	con-qué-rant	<i>conqueror</i>
ber-gè-re	<i>shepherdess</i>	con-què-te	<i>conquest</i>
bè-ti-se	<i>stupidity</i>	cons-tam-ment	<i>constantly</i>
bien-fai-sant	<i>benevolent</i>	con-ti-gu	<i>contiguous</i>
bien-sé-ant	<i>becoming</i>	cor-do-nnier	<i>shoemaker</i>
bien-ve-nu	<i>welcome</i>	co-ri-ace	<i>tough</i>
blan-châ-tre	<i>whitish</i>	cor-ni-chon	<i>girkin</i>
bles-su-re	<i>wound</i>	cou chet-te	<i>couch</i>
boi-se-rie	<i>wainscot</i>	cou-ro-nne	<i>crown</i>
bor-du-re	<i>edging</i>	cou-te-las	<i>hanger</i>
bou-lan-ger	<i>baker</i>	cou-te-lier	<i>cutler</i>
bou-ta-de	<i>whim</i>	cou-tu-re	<i>seam</i>
bou-ti-que	<i>shop</i>	cra-moi-si	<i>crimson</i>
bras-se-rie	<i>brewhouse</i>	cré-du-le	<i>credulous</i>
bra-vou-re	<i>valour</i>	cri-ti-que	<i>critic</i>
breu-va-ge	<i>drink</i>	cru-au-té	<i>cruelly</i>
bro-de-rie	<i>embroidery</i>	cui-si-ne	<i>kitchen</i>
brou-et-te	<i>wheelbarrow</i>	cul-bu-te	<i>tumble</i>
brû-lu-re	<i>burning</i>	cu-re-dent	<i>tooth-pick</i>
brus-que-ment	<i>bluntly</i>	dé-com-bres	<i>rubbish</i>
ca-de-nas	<i>padlock</i>	dé-gou-tant	<i>disgusting</i>
cam-pa-gne	<i>country</i>	dé-jeû-ner	<i>breakfast</i>
ca-ré-me	<i>lent</i>	de-meu-re	<i>abode</i>
car-ross-e	<i>coach</i>	dés-ho-nneur	<i>dishonour</i>
cein-tu-re	<i>girle</i>	des-po-te	<i>despot</i>
cc-pen-dant	<i>however</i>	dis-ci-ple	<i>pupil</i>
cham-pi-gnon	<i>mushroom</i>	dis-grâ-ce	<i>disgrace</i>
cha-pe-lier	<i>hatter</i>	dro-guis-te	<i>druggist</i>
cha-pel-le	<i>chapel</i>	droi-tu-re	<i>uprightness</i>
cha-pi-tre	<i>chapter</i>	é-cha-faud	<i>scaffold</i>

é-chel-le	<i>ladder</i>	im-pu-ni	<i>unpunished</i>
é-che-veau	<i>skain</i>	in cer-die	<i>conflagration</i>
é-cu-me	<i>froth</i>	in-co-nnu	<i>unknown</i>
em-pe-reur	<i>emperor</i>	in-gé-nu	<i>ingenuous</i>
em-plâ-tre	<i>plaster</i>	i-nhu-main	<i>inhuman</i>
em-plet-te	<i>purchase</i>	in-sec-te	<i>insect</i>
en-clu-mc	<i>anvil</i>	ins-truc-tif	<i>instructive</i>
en-ga-geant	<i>engaging</i>	i-voi-re	<i>ivory</i>
en-ne-mi	<i>enemy</i>	i-vro-gne	<i>drunkard</i>
en-sei-gne	<i>sign</i>	ja-quet-te	<i>jacket</i>
é-pa-gneul	<i>spaniel</i>	jour-na-lier	<i>journeyman</i>
é-pi-ce	<i>spice</i>	lai tiè-re	<i>milk woman</i>
é-pi-cier	<i>grocer</i>	lan-gou-reux	<i>languishing</i>
é-pou-se	<i>wife</i>	len-til-le	<i>lentil</i>
es-ca-lier	<i>stair-case</i>	li-ma-çon	<i>snail</i>
es-pa-ce	<i>space</i>	ma-ga-sin	<i>warehouse</i>
es-pè-ce	<i>kind</i>	mal-a-droit	<i>awkward</i>
es-quis-se	<i>sketch</i>	ma-nœu-vre	<i>labourer</i>
es-tra-gon	<i>stragon</i>	mar-mi-ton	<i>scullion</i>
é-tei-gnoir	<i>extinguisher</i>	mas-cu-lin	<i>masculine</i>
é-tour-di	<i>thoughtless</i>	mé-con-tent	<i>discontented</i>
é-vê-ché	<i>bishoprick</i>	mé-moi-re	<i>memory</i>
é-veil-lé	<i>awake</i>	mé-na-ger	<i>thrifty</i>
ex ces-sif	<i>immoderate</i>	men-son-ge	<i>falsehood</i>
ex-em-ple	<i>example</i>	mé-pri-se	<i>mistake</i>
fa-bu-leux	<i>fabulous</i>	mé-tho-de	<i>method</i>
fa-ça-de	<i>front</i>	mo-des-tie	<i>modesty</i>
fai-en-ce	<i>delft-ware</i>	mon-ta-gnard	<i>highlander</i>
fa-ri-neux	<i>mealy</i>	mou-tar-de	<i>mustard</i>
fa-rou-che	<i>fierce</i>	mur-mu-re	<i>murmur</i>
fi-las-se	<i>flax</i>	na-tu-rel	<i>natural</i>
fleu-ri-ste	<i>florist</i>	nau-fra-ge	<i>shipwreck</i>
foi-bles-se	<i>weakness</i>	né-an-moins	<i>nevertheless</i>
fo-lâ-tre	<i>playful</i>	no-bles-se	<i>nobility</i>
fou-droy-ant	<i>thundering</i>	noi-râ-tre	<i>blackish</i>
four-bis-seur	<i>sword-cutter</i>	o-bli-geant	<i>obliging</i>
four-ru-re	<i>fur</i>	om-bra-ge	<i>shade</i>
fram-boi-se	<i>raspberry</i>	o-p-pro-bre	<i>disgrace</i>
fri-su-re	<i>curling</i>	o-ra-geux	<i>stormy</i>
froi-ssu-re	<i>bruising</i>	or-fè-vre	<i>goldsmith</i>
gi-ro-ffe	<i>cloves</i>	or-phe-lin	<i>orphan</i>
go-be-let	<i>goblet</i>	pa-moi-son	<i>fainting-fit</i>
gou-lû-ment	<i>speedily</i>	pan-tou-ffe	<i>slipper</i>
gué-ri-son	<i>cure</i>	pa-pe tier	<i>stationer</i>
gui-mau-ve	<i>marsh-mallow</i>	pa-ra-sol	<i>umbrella</i>
hâ-lei-ne	<i>breath</i>	pa-ren-te	<i>kinswoman</i>
' har-di-ment	<i>boldly</i>	pa-rois-se	<i>parish</i>
' ha-ri-cot	<i>French bean</i>	pas-sa-ble	<i>tolerable</i>
hor-lo-ge	<i>clock</i>	pois-sar-de	<i>fishwoman</i>
hor-ri-ble	<i>horrid</i>	poi-tri-ne	<i>breast</i>
ho-tes-se	<i>landlady</i>	por-tiè-re	<i>coach door</i>
i gno-rant	<i>ignorant</i>	pos-tu-re	<i>posture</i>
in-men-se	<i>immense</i>	po-ta-ge	<i>porridge</i>

pous-siè-re	dust	sou-cou-po	saucer
pré-tex-te	pretence	soup-ço-nneux	suspicious
prin-ces-se	princess	spec-ta-cle	sight
pro-mes-se	promise	splen-di-de	splendid
pro-tec-teur	protector	suc-ces-seur	successor
pu-é-ri-l	childish	su-prê-me	supreme
pui-ssan-ce	power	symp-tô-me	symptom
que-rel-le	quarrel	tein-tu-re	dying
ra-piè-re	rapier	ten-dres-se	tenderness
ra-tiô-re	rat-trap	tê-né-breux	dark
ré-col-te	crop	thé-â-tre	theatre
ré-ser-vé	reserved	thé-iè-ro	tea-pot
re-ssour-ce	resource	toi-let-te	toilet
re-trai-te	retirement	tour-ne-vis	screw-driver
ré-ve-rie	meditation	tou-te-fois	nevertheless
rou-geâ-tre	reddish	tri-che-rie	cheat
rus-ti-que	rural	tri-om-phe	triumph
scan-da-leux	scandalous	trou-pet-te	trumpet
scru-pu-leux	scrupulous	tu-mul-te	tumult
sé-an-ce	sitting	va-can-ces	holidays
ser-ru-ro	lock	ver-get-te	brush
sif-fle-ment	whistling	ver-mis-seau	small worm
sim-ple-ment	plainly	vic-toi-re	victory
so-bri-quet	nick name	vi-gou-reux	vigorous
so-len-nel	solemn	vil-la-geois	countryman
so-nnet te	little bell	voi-tu-re	carriage
so-no-re	sonorous	zê-phîr	zephyr

## 15. OF GENDER.

There are but two genders in French, the masculine and feminine.

The masculine gender expresses the male kind, as *un homme*, a man; *un lion*, a lion.

The feminine gender denotes the female kind, as *une femme*, a woman; *une lionne*, a lioness.

The French language has no neuter; consequently, inanimate objects are either masculine or feminine. Foreigners experience great difficulty in that respect, for, as the article, pronoun and adjective which refer to a noun, must agree with it *in gender*, as well as *in number*, much attention must be paid to ascertain the former. To enable them to do this, no general rules can efficiently be given, on account of the numberless exceptions which occur. We think that *ear* and *practice* are the safest and most correct guides which can be followed, and, in fact, they are the only ones which the French themselves have, who hardly ever make a mistake, if we except the uneducated; we, therefore, strongly recommend them to the English learners. Unwilling, however, to withhold from them any part of the as-

sistance they may look for in a grammar like this, we will give some general rules with their exceptions.

## 16. GENERAL RULES.

TO ASCERTAIN THE GENDER OF NOUNS SUBSTANTIVES IN FRENCH, WITH THEIR EXCEPTIONS.

1. God, his angels, cherubim and seraphim, are of the masculine gender.

2. All *diminutives of animals*, when there is but one common denomination for both sexes, are of the masculine gender, whatever may be the gender of the root from which they are derived, as *un lionceau, un souriceau, un perdreau, un cornillas, un carpillon, un couleuvreau, un vipereau, un bécasseau*, &c. except *une bécassine*; but these two latter, although derived from the word *bécasse*, and belonging to the *genus*, are not of the same *species*. In other cases, the diminutives follow the gender their sex indicates, as *un poulain, une pouliche, un cochet, une poulette*.

3. Diminutives of inanimate objects generally follow the gender of their roots, as *batelet, maisonnette, globule*, from *bateau, maison, globe*, &c.; but *un corbillon, un soliveau, un cruchon, une savonnette, un trousseau*, from *la corbeille, la solive, la cruche, le savon*, and *la trousse*, and many others do not.

4. All the names of the days, months, and seasons of the year, are of the *masculine gender*, except *automne*, which is of both genders; when, however, the diminutive *mi* (half) is prefixed to the name of a month, the compound word then takes the feminine gender, as *la mi-mai, la mi-août, la mi-carême*; *mi* standing for *demi*, f.; *la St. Jean, la St. Michel*, and other saints' days are feminine; *fête de* being understood, as *la FÊTE DE St. Jean*.

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| 5. NAMES | of trees, except <i>yeuse</i> , a sort of oak.<br>of shrubs, with some exceptions,<br>of metals, without excepting <i>platine</i> , formerly feminine,   | } | ARE MASCULINE. |
| 6. NAMES | of minerals, a few excepted,<br>of colours, without excepting<br><i>l'Isabelle, le Feuille-morte</i> , &c. though they have a feminine termination.<br>of mountains, except when the words <i>Montagne, côte</i> , are understood; <i>les Corbillières, les Alpes</i> .<br>of winds, except <i>la bise, la tramontane, la brise</i> , and <i>les moussons</i> .<br>of towns, except those which necessarily take the article <i>la</i> before them, as <i>la Rochelle, la Ferté-sur-Aube</i> , &c. and others. |   |                |

7. Ordinal, distributive, and proportional numbers, adjectives, and infinitives of verbs, prepositions and adverbs, all these, when used substantively, are masculine, as *le tiers, le quart, un cinquième, le quadruple, le beau, le sublime, le boire, le manger, le mieux, le pour, le contre, un parallèle*, (a comparison,) &c. except *la moitié*, and the elliptical forms of speech, *une courbe, une tangente, une perpendiculaire, une parallèle, une antique*, used for *une ligne courbe, une ligne tangente*, &c. *Antique* is feminine, for the same reason; the word *médaille*, or *statue* appearing to be understood.

8. Names of virtues are of the feminine gender, except *courage, mérite*.

### 17: GENDERS OF NOUNS,

TO BE KNOWN FROM THEIR TERMINATION.

9. The termination in an *e* mute, is called a feminine termination; any other is called masculine. This distinction arises probably from the circumstance that most nouns of the feminine gender end with an *e* mute, thus *la table, la rivière, la rue, la plante, la tête, la fenêtre*; but to this general rule there are innumerable exceptions, which we will notice as we speak of other terminations.

10. Names of states, empires, kingdoms and provinces are of the gender which their terminations indicate; except *le Bengale, le Mexique, le Péloponèse, le Maine, le Perche, Rouergue, le Bigorre, le Vallage, la Franche-comté*, and perhaps a few more.

11. The names of fruits, grain, plants, and flowers, follow pretty generally the gender of their terminations, but there are too many exceptions to be introduced here.

### 18. TABLE,

SHOWING THE GENDER OF ALL WORDS WHICH DO NOT END IN *e* MUTE.

MASCULINE.		FEMININE.	
0	.....0	-tié	{ amitié, inimitié, moi-tié, pitié..... } 4
11	{ Aparté, arrêté, béné-dicité, comté, cé, été, pâté, traité, lé, thé, Léthé..... }	-té	{ absurdité, beauté, cha-rité, cité, dignité, fidélité, générosité, etc. etc..... } 500
40	{ alibi, biribi, lundi, gui, grand merci, etc. }	-i	{ Fourmi, merci, gagui, après-midi..... } 4
15	{ envoi, effroi, etc..... }	-oi	{ foi, loi, paroi..... } 3
30	{ ergo, vertigo, indigo, etc..... }	-o	{ albugo, virago..... } 2

ARE MASCULINE. ARE MASCULINE.

MASCULINE.		FEMININE.		
10	fichu, cru, écu, tissu, etc. ....	-u	bru, glu, tribu, vertu.....	4
200	aloyau, anneau, etc. etc. ....	-au	eau, peau, surpeau, sans-peau.....	4
6	bref, chafef, chef, fief, grief, relief.....	-ef	clef, nef, soif.....	3
3	daim, essaim, abat-faim.....	-aim	faim, male-faim....	2
100	an, ban, cran, écran, pan, etc.....	-an	maman.....	1
200	bain, baise-main, avant-main, garde-main, tourne-main, essuie-main, gain, frein, basin, etc....	-in	fin, main, nonnain...	5
4	scion, bastion, bes-tion, Ixiqn.....	-cion -sion -tion -gion -nion -xion	succion, cession, fric-tion, gestion, re-gion, opinion, ré-flexion, fluxion, etc. etc.....	1100
30	gabion, taudion, mil-lion, lion, ardélion, fourmillion, trémi-on, capion, turnion, camion, lampion, septentrion, brim-borion, gavion, etc.	-bion -dion -lion -mion -pion -rion -vion	rébendon, dent-delion, alluvion.....	3
8	aleyon, clayon, cray-on, rayon, sayon, trayon, lamproyon, Amphictryon.....	-yon	.....	0
1	brise-raison.....	-aison	cargaison, etc. etc.....	30
11	peson, bison, grison, groison, horizon, sison, tison, oison, poison, contre-poi-son, buson.....	-eson -ison -uson	garnison, guérison, prison, trahison, cloi-son, froison, moi-son, pavaison, toi-son, camuson.....	11
15	basson, caisson, ca-vesson, taison, pois-son, cosson, buisson, frison, hérisson, mau-disson, nourrisson, palisson, polisson, u-nisson, saucisson, courson.....	-sson	paission, boisson, moi-sson, cuisson, salis-son, mousson.....	6
4	arcanson, échanson, tenson, pinson....	-nson	chanson.....	1
20	eharçon, caveçon, courçon, pinçon, su-çon, etc.....	-çon	façon, contrefaçon, malfaçon, leçon, rançon.....	5

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30	bridon, guéridon, etc.	-don	dondon. ....	1
150	tendron, jeune tendron, baron, etc.	-lon -ron	laideron, couillon, tillon	3
70	abattis, appentis, iris, tourne-vis, etc.	-is	brebis, souris, chauve-souris, vis, iris	5
15	bois, mois, carquois, harnois, etc.	-ois	fois	1
12	adent, chiendent, liondent, laquedent, cure-dent, occident, trident, etc.	-dent -gent	dent, surdent, gont	3
700	acharnement, assortiment, etc.	-iment	jument	1
250	ballet, billet, bosquet, minuit, conduit, rendu, etc. billot, brutot, complot, etc. bout, goût, ragoût, etc.	-ct -uit -ot -out	forêt, nuit, dot, glout	4
15	paix, choix, crucifix, prix, etc. taux, houx, courroux, époux, etc.	-ix -aux -oux	paix, croix, noix, poix, voix, perdrix, chaux, faux, toux	9
20	art, départ, champart, rempart, effort, port, sort, tort, etc.	-art -ort	hart, part, mort, lemort	4
40	fer, ver, hiver, etc. air, éclair, etc. tour, contour, four, etc.	-er -air -our	cuiller, mer, chair, cour, tour	5
900	bonheur, malheur, labeur, honneur, déshonneur, cœur, anticœur, crève-cœur, chœur, chou-fleur, pleurs, équilibre, secteur, etc.	-eur	aigreur, ampleur, ardeur, blancheur, candeur, chaleur, chandeleur, clameur, couleur, douceur, douleur, épaisseur, erreur, fadeur, défauteur, ferveur, fleur,	76

*passe-fleur, sans-fleur, fraîcheur, frayeur, froideur, fureur, grandeur, grosseur, hauteur, horreur, humeur, laideur, langueur, largeur, lenteur, liqueur, longueur, lourdeur, leur, maigreur, moiteur, noirceur, odeur, pâleur, pesanteur, peur, primeur, profondeur, puanteur, pudeur, impudeur, rigueur, raideur, rondeur, rougeur, rousseur, rumeur, saveur, senteur, sœur, souleur, splendeur, sueur, teneur, terreur, tièdeur, torpeur, touffeur, tumeur, valeur, non-valeur, vapeur, verdeur, vigueur, and mœurs; besides basseur, ranceur, trémeur, three words now obsolete, making in the whole the number of seventy-six.*

There are a great many proper names of females, which, though they may not have the feminine termination, are of that gender, as the learner, from their nature, will easily comprehend; such are, among the heathens, *Pallas, Cérés, Thetis, Venus, Junon, Didon, etc.* Among christian names, *Sara, Deborah, Elizabeth, Agnès, etc.* and many of these are contractions, as *Fanchon* for *Fanny, Lisou, Louison, Marion,*

*Manon, Nanon, Jeanneton, Madelon, Tonon, Cataut, Margot, Goton, Babet, Babeau, Isabeau.*

As this list of exceptions will be found pretty accurate, all other nouns, that belong to this termination, must be strictly considered as being of the masculine gender, since they are not enumerated in this Table.

## 19. A TABLE OF SUBSTANTIVES,

THAT ARE MASCULINE IN ONE SIGNIFICATION AND FEMININE IN ANOTHER.

MASCULINE.		FEMININE.
<i>Assistant, helper</i>	<i>Aide</i>	<i>Aid, help, support</i>
<i>eagle, a great genius</i>	<i>aigle</i>	<i>a standard</i>
<i>an angel</i>	<i>ango</i>	<i>a kind of thornback</i>
<i>an alder tree</i>	<i>aune</i>	<i>an ell, a sort of measure</i>
<i>barb, a Barbary horse</i>	<i>barbo</i>	<i>beard</i>
<i>Bard, a poet</i>	<i>barde</i>	<i>{ a slice of bacon, horse-</i>
<i>red-breast</i>	<i>berce</i>	<i>armour</i>
<i>a sort of privateer</i>	<i>capre</i>	<i>cow-parsnip</i>
<i>a scroll or ornament in } painting</i>	<i>cartouche</i>	<i>caper (a fruit)</i>
<i>a caravan, a boy</i>	<i>coche</i>	<i>cartouch, cartridge</i>
<i>cornet, a standard bearer</i>	<i>cornette</i>	<i>a notch, a sow</i>
<i>a couple, a man and wife</i>	<i>couple</i>	<i>a woman's head-dress</i>
<i>Croat, a Croatian soldier</i>	<i>cravate</i>	<i>a brace, a pair, two of a sort</i>
<i>a crape</i>	<i>crêpe</i>	<i>a cravat, neckcloth</i>
<i>an echo</i>	<i>écho</i>	<i>a pancake</i>
<i>ensign, an officer</i>	<i>enseigne</i>	<i>Echo, a nymph</i>
<i>example, model, instance</i>	<i>exemple</i>	<i>a sign post</i>
<i>a gimlet, a piercer</i>	<i>forêt</i>	<i>a copy for writing</i>
<i>a large vat</i>	<i>foudre</i>	<i>a wood, a forest</i>
<i>keeper, warden</i>	<i>garde</i>	<i>lightning, thunderbolt</i>
<i>hoar frost</i>	<i>givre</i>	<i>watch, hilt, nurse</i>
<i>the rolls, a register</i>	<i>greffe</i>	<i>a snake (in heraldry)</i>
<i>gules in heraldry</i>	<i>gueule</i>	<i>a graft</i>
<i>guide, director</i>	<i>guide</i>	<i>the mouth of beasts</i>
<i>heliotrope, sunflower</i>	<i>héliotrope</i>	<i>reins in driving</i>
<i>iris, the rainbow, iris of } the eye</i>	<i>iris</i>	<i>heliotrope, jasper</i>
<i>lacker, a kind of varnish</i>	<i>laque</i>	<i>{ sprig-crystal, a proper</i>
<i>a book</i>	<i>livre</i>	<i>name</i>
<i>a hat of otter's hair</i>	<i>loutre</i>	<i>lacca, gum-lac</i>
<i>handle of a tool</i>	<i>manche</i>	<i>a pound</i>
<i>a labourer</i>	<i>manœuvre</i>	<i>an otter</i>
		<i>a sleeve, English channel</i>
		<i>the working of a ship</i>

N. B.—Of this table it is to be remarked, that the French word stands in the middle column and its signification on the right hand and on the left. When it has the meaning which stands on the left, it is masculine; when that which stands on the right it is feminine.

MASCULINE.

*memoir, a bill*  
*thanks*  
*mood, mode*  
*a pier, or mound*  
*mould, cast, form*  
*a ship-boy*  
*the philosopher's stone*  
*office, prayers*  
*ombre, a game at cards*  
*singular is mas.*  
*page of a prince, etc.*  
*a merry andrew*  
  
*a hand's breadth*  
*pantomime*  
*Easter, Easter-day*  
*a comparison*  
*pendulum*  
*le Perche, in France*  
*summit, highest pitch*  
*anybody, nobody (a pro- )*  
*noun) }*  
*spade, at cards*  
*gnatsnapper, a bird*  
*a plane-tree*  
*a stove, a canopy*  
*port, a military station*  
*punto at cards*  
*purple colour, purples, }*  
*(a disease) }*  
*a pretence*  
  
*quadril at cards*  
*the calling back a hawk*  
*rest, relaxation*  
*a glass coach*  
*a sort of pear-tree*  
*Satyr, a sylvan god*  
*serpentarius*  
*nap, slumber*  
*a smile*  
*a porter*  
*holder, a book-keeper*  
*a tour, turn, trick*  
*triumph*  
*trumpeter*  
*space*  
  
*a vase, vessel*  
  
*a hat of vignon wool*  
*a veil*

FEMININE.

*mémoire*  
*merci*  
*mode*  
 *rôle*  
*moule*  
*mousse*  
*œuvre*  
*office*  
*ombre*  
*orgue*  
*page*  
*paillasse*  
  
*palme*  
  
*pantomime*  
*pâque*  
*parallèle*  
*pendule*  
*perche*  
*période*  
  
*personne*  
  
*pique*  
*pivoine*  
*plane*  
*poêle*  
*poste*  
*ponte*  
  
*pourpre*  
  
*prétexte*  
  
*quadrille*  
  
*réclame*  
*relâche*  
*remise*  
*sans-peau*  
*satyre*  
*serpenteaire*  
*sonime*  
*souris*  
*suisse*  
*teneur*  
*tour*  
*triomphe*  
*trompette*  
*vague*  
  
*vase*  
  
*vigogne*  
*voile*

*memory*  
*pity, mercy*  
*fashion*  
*mole, moon-calf*  
*muscle, a shell-fish*  
*moss, a plant*  
*action, an author's work*  
*pantry, larder, buttery*  
*shade, shadow*  
*plural is feminine*  
*page in a book*  
*a straw bed*  
  
*{ the anch of a palm- }*  
*tree, victory*  
*a dumb show*  
*the passover*  
*a parallel*  
*a clock*  
*pole, perche, a fish*  
*period, epocha.*  
  
*a person (a noun)*  
  
*a pike*  
*peony, a flower*  
*plane, an instrument*  
*a frying-pan*  
*the post for letters*  
*the laying of eggs*  
  
*purple fish, purple die*  
  
*pretext*  
  
*{ party of horse in a tour- }*  
*ament*  
*a catch-word (in printing)*  
*harbour*  
*a coach-house, a remittance*  
*a sort of pear*  
*a satire, a lampoon*  
*snake-root, dragon's wort*  
*sum, load, name of a river*  
*a mouse*  
*Switzerland*  
*tenor, purport, content*  
*tower, rook at chess*  
*a trump*  
*trumpet*  
  
*a wave, surge*  
  
*{ the slime in ponds, lakes, }*  
*etc.*  
  
*a vigon, or llama*  
  
*a sail*

## 20. A VOCABULARY,

FRENCH AND ENGLISH.

IN TWENTY-THREE CHAPTERS.

•• In the following Vocabulary, the Gender has been affixed only to those Nouns that are not included in the preceding Rules.

OF THE UNIVERSE IN GENERAL.

Dieu	<i>God</i>	pluio	<i>rain</i>
créateur	<i>creator</i>	arc-en-ciel	<i>rainbow</i>
Jésus-Christ	<i>Jesus Christ</i>	ondée	<i>shower</i>
Trinité	<i>Trinity</i>	neige	<i>snow</i>
Saint-Esprit	<i>Holy Ghost</i>	grêle	<i>hail</i>
ange	<i>angel</i>	glaco	<i>ice</i>
archange	<i>archangel</i>	gelée	<i>frost</i>
prophète	<i>prophet</i>	dégel	<i>thaw</i>
Messie	<i>Messiah</i>	rosée	<i>dew</i>
sauveur	<i>saviour</i>	créature	<i>creature</i>
rédeigneur	<i>redeemer</i>	globe <i>m.</i>	<i>globe</i>
Vierge Marie	<i>Virgin Mary</i>	sphère	<i>sphere</i>
apôtre	<i>apostle</i>	hémisphère <i>m.</i>	<i>hemisphere</i>
évangéliste	<i>evangelist</i>	horizon	<i>horizon</i>
martyr	<i>martyr</i>	degré	<i>degree</i>
saint	<i>saint</i>	longitude	<i>longitude</i>
paradis	<i>paradise</i>	latitude	<i>latitude</i>
ciel	<i>heaven</i>	points cardinaux <i>pl.</i>	<i>cardinal points</i>
enfer	<i>hell</i>	orient, ou est	<i>east</i>
diable	<i>devil</i>	occident, ou ouest	<i>west</i>
nature	<i>nature</i>	septentrion, ou nord	<i>north</i>
univers	<i>universe</i>	midi, ou sud	<i>south</i>
monde <i>m.</i>	<i>world</i>	climat	<i>climate</i>
élément	<i>element</i>	région	<i>region</i>
terre	<i>earth</i>	continent	<i>continent</i>
eau	<i>water</i>	Europe	<i>Europe</i>
feu	<i>fire</i>	Asie	<i>Asia</i>
air	<i>air</i>	Afrique	<i>Africa</i>
firmament	<i>sky</i>	Amérique	<i>America</i>
étoile	<i>star</i>	empire <i>m.</i>	<i>empire</i>
planète	<i>planet</i>	royaume <i>m.</i>	<i>kingdom</i>
comète	<i>comet</i>	république	<i>republic</i>
constellation	<i>constellation</i>	pays	<i>country</i>
soleil	<i>sun</i>	colonie	<i>colony</i>
rayon du soleil	<i>sun-beam</i>	principauté	<i>principality</i>
lune	<i>moon</i>	électorat	<i>electorate</i>
éclipse	<i>eclipse</i>	province	<i>province</i>
orage <i>m.</i>	<i>storm</i>	comté	<i>shire or county</i>
tonnerre <i>m.</i>	<i>thunder</i>		
éclair	<i>lightning</i>		
brouillard	<i>fog</i>		

île	island	détroit	strait
presqu'île	} peninsula	courant	current
péninsule		marée	tide
Chersonèse	Chersonesus	flux	flowing
cap	cape	reflux	ebbings
promontoire m.	promontory	vague	wave
isthme m.	isthmus	flots pl.	billows, waves
montagne	mountain	ondes m.	waters
mont	mount	hâvre m.	haven
colline	hill	port	harbour
sommet	summit	lac	lake
pente, ou pen-	} declivity	rivière	river
chant		eminence	fleuve m.
hauteur	valley	embouchure	mouth of a river
vallée	dale	ruisseau	brook
vallon	abyss	débordement	overflow
abîme m.	desert	inondation	inundation
désert	desert	écluse	flood-gate, sluice
plaine	plain	digue	dyke
marais	marsh or fen	étang	pond
rivo	bank (of a river)	vivier	fish-pond
rivage m.	shore	réservoir	bason
côte	coast	abreuvoir	horse-pond
rocher*	rock	bain	bath
roche*	rock	citerne	cistern
roc*	rock	fontaine	fountain
écueil*	shoal	sourco	source
banc*	sand bank	puits	well
récif*	reef of rocks	pompe	pump
brisans*	breakers, surf	bateau	boat
cime	top	barque	bark
pierre	stone	bac	ferry-boat
pont	bridge	coche d'eau m.	barge
chaussée	causeway, road	gabare	lighter
gué	ford	navire m.	ship
quai	wharf or quay	vaisseau	vessel
routo	road	paquebot	packet-boat
sentier	path	flamme	blaze
fossé	ditch	étincelle	spark
gravier	gravel	chaleur	heat
sable m.	sand	fumée	smoke
sablon	small sand	incendie m.	conflagration
poussière	dust	chauffage m.	fuel
océan	ocean	charbon	coals
mer	sea	charbon de terre	pit coal
golf m.	gulf	charbon de bois	charcoal
baie	bay	braise	small coal
rade	road (for ships)	tourbe	} turf } peat
anse	creek		
canal	channel		

\* These seven words do not convey in French the same idea; the four latter relate to the sea.

bois	<i>wood</i>	lundi	<i>monday</i>
bûche	<i>log of wood</i>	mardi	<i>tuesday</i>
fagot	<i>faggot</i>	mercredi	<i>wednesday</i>
coupeaux <i>pl.</i>	<i>chips</i>	jeudi	<i>thursday</i>
cendre	<i>ashes</i>	vendredi	<i>friday</i>
suie	<i>soot</i>	samedi	<i>saturday</i>
feu	<i>fire</i>	dimanche	<i>sunday</i>
atmosphère	<i>atmosphere</i>	heure	<i>hour</i>
vent	<i>wind</i>	demi-heure	<i>half an hour</i>
zephyr	<i>zephyr</i>	quart-d'heure	<i>quarter of an hour</i>
vapeur	<i>vapour</i>		<i>hour</i>
lumière	<i>light</i>	aurora	<i>aurora</i>
ténèbres <i>pl.</i>	<i>darkness</i>	aube	<i>dawn</i>
chaleur	<i>heat</i>	matin	<i>morning</i>
froid	<i>cold</i>	matinée	<i>forenoon</i>
nue, nuée	<i>cloud</i>	midi	<i>noon</i>
nuage <i>m.</i>	<i>cloud</i>	l'après-midi	<i>the afternoon</i>
nielle	<i>blight</i>	l'après-dinée	<i>the afternoon</i>
humidité	<i>dampness</i>	soir	<i>evening</i>
serain	<i>mildew</i>	soirée	<i>evening</i>
tourbillon	<i>whirlwind</i>	crépuscule <i>m.</i>	<i>twilight</i>
orage <i>m.</i>	<i>storm</i>	nuit	<i>night</i>
tempête	<i>tempest</i>	minuit	<i>midnight</i>
ondée	<i>shower</i>	minute	<i>minute</i>
calme <i>m.</i>	<i>calm</i>	seconde	<i>second</i>
éternité	<i>eternity</i>	moment	<i>moment</i>
temps	<i>time</i>	instant	<i>instant</i>
siècle <i>m.</i>	<i>age or century</i>	saison	<i>season</i>
époque	<i>epoch</i>	printemps	<i>spring</i>
période <i>m.</i>	<i>period</i>	été	<i>summer</i>
date	<i>date</i>	automne	<i>autumn</i>
an, année	<i>year</i>	hiver	<i>winter</i>
mois	<i>month</i>	carnaval	<i>carnaval</i>
janvier	<i>january</i>	carême <i>m.</i>	<i>lent</i>
février	<i>february</i>	mi-carême	<i>midlent</i>
mars	<i>march</i>	pâque	<i>easter</i>
avril	<i>april</i>	pentecôte	<i>whit-sunday</i>
mai	<i>may</i>	la Saint Jean	<i>midsummer</i>
juin	<i>june</i>	l'avent	<i>advent</i>
juillet	<i>july</i>	noël	<i>christmas</i>
août	<i>august</i>	fête	<i>festival</i>
septembro	<i>september</i>	équinoxe <i>m.</i>	<i>equinox</i>
octobre	<i>october</i>	solstice <i>m.</i>	<i>the solstice</i>
novembre	<i>november</i>	canicule	<i>the dog-days</i>
décembre	<i>december</i>	fenaison	<i>hay-harvest</i>
semaine	<i>week</i>	mousson	<i>harvest</i>
jour	<i>day</i>	vendange	<i>vintage</i>
ournée	<i>day</i>	tonte	<i>shearing-time</i>
aujourd'hui	<i>to-day</i>	semailles <i>pl.</i>	<i>sowing-time</i>
demain	<i>to-morrow</i>	congé	<i>holiday</i>
hier	<i>yesterday</i>		

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II. OF MAN.

genre humain	mankind	nez	nose
homme	man	narines pl.	nostrils
femme	woman	bouche	mouth
sexe	sex	lèvres pl.	lips
enfant	child	dent	tooth
garçon	boy, youth, lad,	gencives pl.	gums
fille	girl	mâchoire	jaw-bone
vierge	virgin	langue	tongue
virginité	virginity	palais	palate
enfance	infancy	joues pl.	cheeks
jeunesse	youth	fossette	dimple
adolescence	adolescence	menton	chin
virilité	manhood	barbe	beard
vieillesse	old age	tempes pl.	temples
décépitude	decrepitude	oreille	ear
jeune homme	young man	cheveux pl.	hair
jeune fille	young girl	cou	neck
vieillard	old man	gosier	throat
géant	giant	sein	bosom
nain	dwarf	poitrine	chest
pignée m.	pigmy	ventre m.	belly
mari	husband	ceinture	waist
femme	wife	côté	side
veuf	widower	hanche	hip
veuve	widow	reins pl.	loins
orphelin	orphan (boy)	genou	knee
orpheline	orphan (girl)	jarret	ham
héritier	heir	rotule	knee-pan
héritière	heiress	jambe	leg
maître	master	mollet	calf of the leg
maîtresse	mistress	ped	foot
hôte	landlord	talon	heel
hôtesse	landlady	orteil	toe
domestique	man servant	bras	arm
servante	maid servant	coude m.	elbow
voisin m.	} neighbour	aisselle	the arm-pit
voisine f.		épaule	shoulder
compagnon m.	} companion	main	hand
compagne f.		poing	fist
corps	body	poignet	wrist
membre m.	member	doigt	finger
tronc	trunk	pouce	thumb
tête	head	ongle m.	nail
crâne m.	skull	côte	rib
front	forehead	cerveau	} brain
visage m.	face	cervelle	
traits pl.	features	squelette m.	skeleton
œil	eye	cœur	heart
yeux pl.	eyes	poumon	lungs
sourcils pl.	eye-brows	foie m.	liver
paupière	eye-lid	rate	spleen

estomac	<i>stomach</i>	souffle <i>m.</i>	<i>breath</i>
entrailles <i>pl.</i>	<i>entrails</i>	haleine	<i>breath</i>
sang	<i>blood</i>	respiration	<i>respiration</i>
humeurs <i>pl.</i>	<i>humours</i>	éternuement	<i>sneezing</i>
glande	<i>gland</i>	vue	<i>sight</i>
poil	<i>hair</i>	ouïe	<i>hearing</i>
chair	<i>flesh</i>	odorat	<i>smell</i>
peau	<i>skin</i>	goût	<i>taste</i>
pores <i>m. pl.</i>	<i>pores</i>	toucher	<i>touch</i>
nerf	<i>nerve</i>	sentiment	<i>sense</i>
artère	<i>artery</i>	obscurité	<i>darkness</i>
veine	<i>vein</i>	ombre	<i>shade</i>
os	<i>bone</i>	son	<i>sound</i>
moelle	<i>marrow</i>	bruit	<i>noise</i>
ride	<i>wrinkle</i>	odeur	<i>smell</i>
bouton	<i>pimple</i>	puanteur	<i>stink</i>
santé	<i>health</i>	saveur	<i>flavor</i>
tempérament	<i>constitution</i>	sensations <i>pl.</i>	<i>sensations</i>
embonpoint	<i>plumpness</i>	chatouillement	<i>tickling</i>
maigreur	<i>leanness</i>	plaisir	<i>pleasure</i>
teint	<i>complexion</i>	joie	<i>joy</i>
rougeur	<i>redness</i>	douleur	<i>pain</i>
pâleur	<i>paleness</i>	faim	<i>hunger</i>
port	<i>carriage</i>	soif	<i>thirst</i>
démarche	<i>gait</i>	dégoût	<i>distaste</i>
geste <i>m.</i>	<i>gesture</i>	maladie	<i>disease</i>
vivacité	<i>liveliness</i>	mal	<i>complaint</i>
enjouement	<i>sprightliness</i>	incommodité	<i>illness</i>
gaieté	<i>gaiety</i>	infirmité	<i>infirmary</i>
beauté	<i>beauty</i>	indisposition	<i>illness</i>
charmes <i>m.</i>	<i>charms</i>	mal de dents	<i>tooth-ache</i>
attraits <i>pl.</i>	<i>attractions</i>	mal de tête	<i>head-ache</i>
appas <i>pl.</i>	<i>beauties</i>	mal aux yeux	<i>bad, sore eyes</i>
agrément	<i>pleasantness</i>	migraine	<i>megrim</i>
laideur	<i>deformity</i>	vertige <i>m.</i>	<i>dizziness</i>
taille	<i>figure, size</i>	évanouissement	<i>swoom</i>
voix	<i>voice</i>	défaillance	<i>fainting, sinking</i>
parole	<i>speech</i>	faiblesse	<i>swoom</i>
silence <i>m.</i>	<i>silence</i>	démangeaison	<i>itching</i>
action	<i>action</i>	pesanteur	<i>heaviness</i>
mouvement	<i>motion</i>	engourdissement	<i>numbness</i>
repos	<i>rest</i>	insomnie	<i>sleeplessness</i>
grimace	<i>grimace</i>	coup	<i>blow</i>
ris, rire <i>m.</i>	<i>laughter</i>	contre-coup	<i>counter-blow</i>
souris, sourire	<i>smile</i>	égratignure	<i>scratch</i>
[ <i>m.</i> ]		écorchure	<i>excoriation</i>
humeur	<i>temper</i>	entorse	<i>sprain</i>
soupir	<i>sigh</i>	foulure	<i>strain</i>
gémissement	<i>groan</i>	enflure	<i>swelling</i>
assoupissement	<i>drowsiness</i>	tumeur	<i>tumour</i>
sommeil	<i>sleep</i>	mourtrissure	<i>bruise</i>
songe <i>m.</i>	<i>dream</i>	contusion	<i>contusion</i>
rêve <i>m.</i>	<i>dream</i>	blessure	<i>wound</i>

cicatrice	scar	chirurgien	surgeon
ulcère m.	ulcer	apothicaire m.	apothecary
gangrène	mortification	accoucheur	man-midwife
coupure	cut	sage-femme	midwife
brûlure	burn	consultation	consultation
cor	corn	ordonnance	prescription
durillon	callosity	remède m.	remedy
enrouement	hoarseness	drogues pl.	drugs
rhume m.	cold	poudres pl.	pouders
toux	cough	pillules pl.	pills
coquelucho	hooping-cough	saignée	bleeding
surdité	deafness	lancette	lancet
frénésie	frenzy	gouttes pl.	drops
folie	lunacy	bain	bath
rage	madness	régime m.	diet
goutte	gout	sirup	syrrup
convulsions pl.	convulsions	agonie	agony
vapeurs pl.	vapour	mort	death
fièvre	fevers	cadavre m.	corpse
frisson	shivering	vie	life
accès	fit	guérison	recovery
délire m.	delirium	rechute	relapse
crise	crisis	symptôme m.	symptom
médecine	physic	convalescence	convalescence
médecin	physician		

III. OF THE MIND AND ITS FACULTIES.

âme	soul	pénétration	penetration
esprit	mind, talent, wit	sagacité	sagacity
génie m.	genius	disposition	disposition
raison	reason, sense	inclination	inclination
entendement	understanding	capacité	capacity
jugement	judgment	mémoire	memory
sens	sense	souvenir	remembrance
pensée	thought	oubli	forgetfulness
idée	idea	stupidité	stupidity
imagination	imagination	passions pl.	passions
fantaisie	fancy	affections pl.	affections
caprice m.	caprice	amour	love
volonté	will	amours pl.	amours
liberté	liberty	haine	hatred
bel esprit	wit	désir	desire
opinion	opinion	probabilité	probability
sentiment	sentiment	appréhension	apprehension
vérité	truth	espérance	hope
erreur	error	confiance	confidence
vraisemblance	likelihood	honte	shame
apparence	appearance	timidité	bashfulness
méprise	mistake	hardiesse	boldness
bévue	oversight	assurance	confidence
science	science	colère	anger
cnaissance	knowledge	courroux	wrath

fureur	<i>fury</i>	émulation	<i>emulation</i>
rage	<i>rage</i>	faveur	<i>favour</i>
ressentiment	<i>resentment</i>	valeur	<i>valour</i>
vengeance	<i>revenge</i>	bravoure	<i>stoutness</i>
dépit	<i>spite</i>	courage m.	<i>courage</i>
déplaisir	<i>displeasure</i>	finesse, ruse	<i>cunning</i>
tristesse	<i>sadness</i>	adresse	<i>skill</i>
chagrin	<i>grief</i>	chasteté	<i>chastity</i>
peine	<i>sorrow</i>	innocence	<i>innocence</i>
désespoir	<i>despair</i>	libéralité	<i>liberality</i>
doute m.	<i>doubt</i>	générosité	<i>generosity</i>
soupçon	<i>suspicion</i>	reconnaissance	<i>gratitude</i>
envie	<i>envy</i>	frugalité	<i>frugality</i>
jalousie	<i>jealousy</i>	prospérité	<i>prosperity</i>
pitié	<i>pity</i>	adversité	<i>adversity</i>
miséricorde	<i>mercy</i>	mœurs pl.	<i>manners</i>
compassion	<i>compassion</i>	bonheur	<i>happiness</i>
terreur	<i>terror</i>	récompense	<i>reward</i>
épouvante	<i>fright</i>	prix	<i>prize</i>
indignation	<i>indignation</i>	présent	<i>present</i>
vertu	<i>virtue</i>	don	<i>gift</i>
charité	<i>charity</i>	prêt	<i>loan</i>
justice	<i>justice</i>	grâce	<i>grace</i>
tempérance	<i>temperance</i>	réputation	<i>fame</i>
sobriété	<i>sobriety</i>	vice m.	<i>vice</i>
force	<i>fortitude</i>	défaut	<i>defect</i>
modestie	<i>modesty</i>	imperfection	<i>imperfection</i>
civilité	<i>civility</i>	avarice	<i>avarice</i>
pudeur	<i>bashfulness</i>	avidité	<i>greediness</i>
politesse	<i>politeness</i>	orgueil	<i>pride</i>
honnêteté	<i>honesty</i>	paresse	<i>idleness</i>
complaisance	<i>complaisance</i>	fainéantise	<i>slotfulness</i>
douceur	<i>sweetness</i>	tranquillité	<i>tranquillity</i>
bonté	<i>goodness</i>	paix	<i>peace</i>
amitié	<i>friendship</i>	luxe m.	<i>luxury, pomp</i>
union	<i>union</i>	mollesse	<i>effeminacy</i>
concorde	<i>concord</i>	impureté	<i>lewdness</i>
crainte, peur	<i>fear</i>	débauche	<i>revel</i>
patience	<i>patience</i>	dissolution	<i>dissoluteness</i>
prudence	<i>prudence</i>	libertinage m.	<i>libertinism</i>
économique	<i>economy</i>	désordre m.	<i>disorderly life</i>
habileté	<i>skill</i>	dérèglement	<i>licentiousness</i>
industriel	<i>industry</i>	mépris	<i>contempt</i>
soin	<i>care</i>	raillerie	<i>jest</i>
diligence	<i>diligence</i>	moquerie	<i>mockery</i>
exactitude	<i>exactness</i>	médisance	<i>detraction</i>
honneur	<i>honour</i>	calomnie	<i>calumny</i>
probité	<i>probity</i>	crime m.	<i>crime</i>
désintéressement	<i>disinterestedness</i>	malice	<i>malice</i>
sagesse	<i>wisdom</i>	méchanceté	<i>wickedness</i>
constance	<i>constancy</i>	tromperie	<i>deceit</i>
bienveillance	<i>benevolence</i>	perjure m.	<i>perjury</i>
		friponnerie	<i>knavery</i>

fourberie  
enchantement  
injustice  
tort  
usure  
achat  
vente  
troc  
gage *m.*  
dépôt  
contrat  
marché  
bassesse  
impudence  
effronterie  
audace  
témérité  
poltronnerie  
opiniâtreté  
obstination  
cruauté  
dispute  
querelle  
brouillerie  
babil  
caquet  
nonchalance  
lâcheté  
prodigalité  
gourmandise  
impolitesse  
incivilité  
dissension  
impatience  
imprudence  
négligence  
malhonnêteté  
deshonneur  
exil  
bannissement

roguey  
witchcraft  
injustice  
wrong  
usury  
purchase  
sale  
barter  
pledge  
trust  
contract  
bargain  
meanness  
impudence  
effrontery  
audaciousness  
temerity  
cowardice  
stubbornness  
obstinacy  
cruelty  
dispute  
quarrel  
broil  
babbling  
prating  
carelessness  
sluggishness  
prodigality  
gluttony  
rudeness  
incivility  
dissension  
impatience  
imprudence  
negligence  
rudeness  
disgrace  
exile  
banishment

pusillanimité  
irahison  
perfidie  
punition  
châtiment  
légèreté  
coquetterie  
badinage *m.*  
larcin  
vol  
friponnerie  
tromperie  
ivrognerie  
ivresse  
assassinat  
meurtre *m.*  
mensonge *m.*  
fausseté  
conte *m.*  
serment  
malheur  
folie  
extravagance  
coutume  
usage *m.*  
pratique  
habitude  
licence  
excès  
tour  
bagatelles *pl.*  
faute  
faiblesse  
inconstance  
ingratitude  
ambition  
faible *m.*  
affront  
outrage *m.*  
insulte

pusillanimity  
treachery  
perfidiousness  
punishment  
chastisement  
levity  
coquetry  
sport  
robbery  
theft  
roguey, cheating  
deceit  
drunkenness  
ebriety  
murder  
manslaughter  
lie  
falsehood  
tale  
oath  
misfortune  
folly  
madness  
custom  
use  
practice, custom  
habit  
licentiousness  
excess  
trick  
trifles  
fault  
weakness  
inconstancy  
ungratefulness  
ambition  
foible  
affront  
outrage  
insult

IV. OF MEATS AND DRINKS.

nourriture  
alimens *pl.*  
vivres *pl.*  
provision  
repas  
déjeuner  
dîner

nourishment  
food  
victuals  
provisions  
meal  
breakfast  
dinner  
} formerly a light  
meal between  
dinner and  
supper

souper  
festin  
régal  
pain  
croûte  
mie  
farine  
son  
pâte  
levain  
morceau

supper  
feast  
treat  
bread  
crust  
crumb  
flour  
bran  
dough  
leaven  
bit, morsel

goûter  
collation

tranche	<i>slice</i>	sucre <i>m.</i>	<i>sugar</i>
bouchés	<i>mouthful</i>	cassonade	<i>moist sugar</i>
viande	<i>meat</i>	dessert	<i>dessert</i>
bouilli	<i>fresh boiled beef</i>	fruit	<i>fruit</i>
rôt, rôti	<i>roast meat</i>	pâté	<i>pie</i>
bœuf	<i>beef</i>	gâteau	<i>cake</i>
mouton	<i>mutton</i>	tourte, tarte	<i>tart</i>
agneau	<i>lamb</i>	biscuit	<i>biscuit</i>
veau	<i>veal</i>	macaron	<i>macaroon</i>
porc	<i>pork</i>	crêpes	<i>pancakes</i>
venaison	<i>venison</i>	confitures <i>pl.</i>	<i>sweetmeats</i>
volaille	<i>fowls</i>	gelée	<i>jelly</i>
gibier	<i>game</i>	marmelade	<i>marmalade</i>
gigot	<i>a leg of mutton</i>	conservo	<i>preserves</i>
andouille	<i>chitterlings</i>	tablettes <i>pl.</i>	<i>lozenges, cakes</i>
saucisse	<i>sausage</i>	dragées <i>pl.</i>	<i>sugar-plums</i>
jambon	<i>ham</i>	pralines <i>pl.</i>	<i>burnt almonds</i>
lard	<i>bacon</i>	fromage <i>m.</i>	<i>cheese</i>
moutarde	<i>mustard</i>	beurre <i>m.</i>	<i>butter</i>
soupe	<i>soup</i>	lait	<i>milk</i>
potage <i>m.</i>	<i>potage</i>	crème	<i>cream</i>
bouillon	<i>broth</i>	œuf	<i>egg</i>
consommé	<i>gravy soup</i>	coquo	<i>shell</i>
ragout	<i>ragout</i>	blanc	<i>white</i>
fricassée	<i>fricassée</i>	jaune <i>m.</i>	<i>ycik</i>
jus	<i>gravy</i>	boisson	<i>drink</i>
sauce	<i>sauce</i>	liqueur	<i>liquor</i>
poisson	<i>fish</i>	thé	<i>tea</i>
salade	<i>sallad</i>	café	<i>coffee</i>
sel	<i>salt</i>	chocolat	<i>chocolate</i>
huile	<i>oil</i>	limonado	<i>lemonade</i>
vinaigre <i>m.</i>	<i>vinegar</i>	ponche <i>m.</i>	<i>punch</i>
verjus	<i>verjuice</i>	vin	<i>wine</i>
anchois	<i>anchovies</i>	bière	<i>beer</i>
épices <i>pl.</i>	<i>spices</i>	cau-de-vie	<i>brandy</i>
poivre <i>m.</i>	<i>pepper</i>	nectar	<i>nectar</i>
gingembre <i>m.</i>	<i>ginger</i>	ambrosio	<i>ambrosia</i>
muscade	<i>nutmeg</i>	cidre <i>m.</i>	<i>cider</i>
mâcis	<i>mace</i>	poiré	<i>perry</i>
girofle <i>m.</i>	} <i>cloves</i>	hydromel	<i>mead</i>
(clous de)		} <i>cinnamon</i>	sirop
canelle	} <i>wafers</i>		lie
oublies <i>pl.</i>			

## V. OF THE DRESSING APPAREL, ETC.

habillement	<i>dress</i>	gilet de peau	<i>under waistcoat</i>
hardes	<i>clothes</i>	manches <i>pl.</i>	<i>sleeves</i>
habit	<i>coat</i>	poches <i>pl.</i>	<i>pockets</i>
habit complet	<i>a suit</i>	bouton	<i>button</i>
veste	} <i>jacket, round</i>	doublure	<i>lining</i>
gilet		} <i>jacket</i>	couture
gilet de laine	} <i>waistcoat</i>		eulette
		} <i>fannel waistcoat</i>	pantalon

gousset  
drap  
soie  
velours  
serge  
basin  
flanelle  
étouffe  
inanteau  
surtout  
redingote  
linge m.  
toile  
batiste  
mousseline  
linon  
chemise  
jabot  
cravate  
bas pl.  
jarrettières pl.  
laine  
fil  
coton  
maille  
trou  
chaussons pl.  
guêtres pl.  
souliers  
escarpins pl.  
semelle  
bottes pl.  
boucles pl.  
cuir  
chapeau  
perruque  
jupe  
jupon  
satin  
taffetas  
gaze  
coiffure

job  
cloth  
silk  
velvet  
serge  
dimity  
flannel  
stuff  
cloak  
surtout  
great coat  
linen  
linen  
cambric  
muslin  
lawn  
shirt  
frill  
cravat  
stockings  
garters  
wool  
thread  
cotton  
stitch  
hole  
socks  
gaiters  
shoes  
pumps  
sole  
boots  
buckles  
leather  
hat  
wig  
petticoat  
under-petticoat  
satin  
taffety  
gauze  
head-dress

coiffe  
collier  
boucles  
d'oreilles pl. }  
gants pl.  
mitaines pl.  
tablier  
mules pl.  
pantoufles pl. }  
bague  
bijou  
bracelet  
dentelle  
blonde  
éventail  
manchon  
agrafe  
épingle  
aiguille  
étui  
dé  
masque m.  
voile m.  
tabatière  
tabac(en poudre)  
tabac (à fumer)  
bourse  
argent  
porte-feuille m.  
ciseaux pl.  
crayon  
mouchoir  
lunettes pl.  
lorgnette  
conserves pl.  
bouquet  
canne  
cordon  
épée  
montre  
boite  
chaîne

cap  
necklace  
ear-rings  
gloves  
mittens  
apron  
slippers  
ring  
jewel  
bracelet  
lace  
blond lace  
fan  
muff  
clasp  
pin  
needle  
case  
thimble  
mask  
veil  
snuff-box  
snuff  
tobacco  
purse  
money  
pocket-book  
scissors  
pencil  
handkerchief  
spectacles  
opera-glass  
spectacles  
nosegay  
cane  
string  
sword  
watch  
box or case  
chain

VI. OF A HOUSE AND FURNITURE.

maison  
hôtel  
—  
hôtellerie  
château  
palais  
couronne

house  
mansion  
hotel, lodging  
house  
inn  
castle, country  
seat  
palace  
crown

trône m.  
sceptre m.  
aile  
pavillon  
fondements pl.  
mur, muraille  
bâtiment  
matériaux pl.  
pierre

throne  
sceptre  
wing  
pavilion  
foundation  
wall  
building  
materials  
stone

brique	<i>brick</i>	marteau	<i>knocker</i>
mortier	<i>mortar</i>	serrure	<i>lock</i>
chaux	<i>lime</i>	clé, or clef	<i>key</i>
plâtre <i>m.</i>	<i>plaster</i>	verrou	<i>bolt</i>
ciment	<i>cement</i>	fenêtre	<i>window</i>
tuile	<i>tile</i>	vitre	<i>glass</i>
ardoise	<i>slate</i>	volet	<i>shutter</i>
charpente	<i>timber work</i>	balcon	<i>balcony</i>
poutre	<i>beam</i>	store <i>m.</i>	<i>blind</i>
solive	<i>joist</i>	grenier	<i>garret</i>
échelle	<i>ladder</i>	toit	<i>roof</i>
cave	<i>vauil</i>	gouttière	<i>gutter</i>
cellier	<i>cellar</i>	malle	<i>trunk</i>
tonneau	<i>cask</i>	boîte	<i>box</i>
futaille	<i>vessel</i>	caisse	<i>chest</i>
boutique	<i>shop</i>	cassette	<i>casket</i>
atelier	<i>work-shop</i>	coffre <i>m.</i>	<i>coffer</i>
magasin	<i>warehouse</i>	logement	<i>lodging</i>
vestibule <i>m.</i>	<i>hall</i>	ameublement	<i>furniture</i>
salle	} <i>parlour or sitting</i>	cheminée	<i>chimney</i>
salon		room	âtre <i>m.</i> foyer
escalier	<i>stairs</i>	soufflet	<i>pair of bellows</i>
office	} <i>pantry, butler's</i>	pelle	<i>shovel</i>
		room	pincettes <i>pl.</i>
cuisine	<i>kitchen</i>	fourgon	<i>poker</i>
garde-manger <i>m.</i>	<i>larder</i>	garde-feu <i>m.</i>	<i>fender</i>
boulangerie	<i>bakehouse</i>	bouilloire	<i>boiler</i>
brasserie	<i>brewhouse</i>	couvercle <i>m.</i>	<i>lid</i>
lingerie	<i>laundry</i>	poêle	<i>fry g-pan</i>
écurie	<i>stable</i>	poëlon	<i>skillett</i>
remise	<i>coach-house</i>	casserole	<i>saucepan</i>
puits	<i>well</i>	fourneau	<i>stove</i>
étage <i>m.</i>	<i>story</i>	allumette	<i>match</i>
appartement	<i>apartment</i>	pierre à fusil	<i>flint</i>
chambre	<i>room</i>	briquet	<i>steel</i>
antichambre	<i>anti-chamber</i>	four	<i>oven</i>
salle à manger	<i>dining room</i>	clou	<i>nail</i>
salon de compagnie	} <i>drawing-room</i>	essuie-main	<i>towel</i>
cabinet de toilette		<i>dressing-room</i>	bassinoire
chambre à coucher	} <i>bed-room</i>	panier, corbeille	} <i>basket</i>
galerie		<i>gallery</i>	
cabinet	<i>closet</i>	poterie	<i>earthenware</i>
boudoir	} <i>lady's sitting</i>	pot	<i>pot</i>
		room	cruche
garderobe	<i>wardrobe</i>	lampe	<i>lamp</i>
porte	<i>door</i>	lanterne	<i>lantern</i>
porte-cochère	<i>gate</i>	savon	<i>soap</i>
seuil	<i>threshold</i>	amidon	<i>starch</i>
jalousie	<i>lattice</i>	balai	<i>broom</i>
gond	<i>hinge</i>	banc	<i>seat, form</i>
		escabeau	<i>stool</i>
		plancher	<i>floor</i>

parquet	{ (drawing-room)	cire	wax
plafond	floor	mouchettes pl.	snuffers
lambris	ceiling	porte-mou-	{ snuffer-stand
cloison	wainscot	chette m.	extinguisher
tapisserie	partition	éteignoir	brush
tapis	{ hangings, tapes-	vergettes pl.	cupboard
lit	try	buffet	stand
alcove	carpet, cloth	cabaret	cup
châlit	bed	tasse	saucer
chevet	alcove	soucoupe	tea-pot
oreiller	bedstead	théière	coffee-pot
paillasse	bolster	cafetière	chocolate-pot
matelas	pillow	chocolatière	sugar-bason
draps pl.	straw mattras	sucrier	bowl
couvertures pl.	matrass	jatte	table
courte-pointe	sheets	table	cloth
rideau	bed-clothes	nappe	napkin
tringle	counterpane	serviette	plate
anneau	curtain	assiette	dish
sofa	curtain-rod	plat	knife
fauteuil	ring	couteau	{ spoon
siège m.	sofa	cuiller, ou cuil-	lière
chaise	arm-chair	lière	sall-cellar
coussin	seat	salière	oil cruet
armoire	chair	huilier	mustard pot
commode	cushion	moutardier	ewer
trumeau	press	aiguière	cup
toilette	chest of drawers	coupe, tasse	goblet
miroir	pier-glass	gobelet	glass
peigne m.	toilet	verre m.	bottle
pomade	looking-glass	bouteille	cork
poudre	comb	bouchon	corkscrew
houppes	pomatum	tire-bouchon m.	flagon, decanter
parfum	powder	carafe	library
tableau	puff	bibliothèque	bureau
dessin	perfume	bureau	drawer
coloris	picture	tiroir	seal
portrait	drawing	cachet	letter
paysage m.	colouring	lettre	cover
miniature	portrait	enveloppe	direction
chandelier	landscape	adresse	signature
bobèche	miniature	signature	sonnette
chandelle	candlestick	sonnette	bell
bougie	socket	estampe	print
	candle	médaille	medal
	wax-light		

VII. OF THE CITY.

ville	town, city	passage m.	passage
village m.	village	place	square
bourg	borough	cul-de-sac	blind alley
rue	street	pyramide	pyramid
carrefour	cross-way	obélisque m.	obelisk

pavé	pavement	auberge	inn
ruisseau	kennel	café	coffee-house
marché	market	enseigne	sign
denrées <i>pl.</i>	provisions	affiche	bill
boucherie	meat market	pont	bridge
poissonnerie	fish market	arche	arch
triperie	rag fair	pilier	pillar
édifice <i>m.</i>	edifice	bateau	boat
façade	front	quai	quay
frontispice	frontispiece	bourse	exchange
colonne	column	banque	bank
pilastre <i>m.</i>	pilaster	agiotage <i>m.</i>	stock-jobbing
base	base	douane	custom-house
piédestal	pedestal	poste	general post
statue	statue	petite poste	twopenny post
arcade	arcade	trésorerie	treasury
portique <i>m.</i>	portico	amirauté	admiralty
aqueduc	aqueduct	arsenal	arsenal
dôme <i>m.</i>	dome	faubourg	suburbs
paroisso	parish	boulevards <i>pl.</i>	bulwarks
salle de comédie	play-house	ramparts <i>pl.</i>	ramparts
théâtre <i>m.</i>	theatre	barrière	turnpike
coulisses <i>pl.</i>	scenes	guinguette	tea-garden
décorations	decorations	forge	forge
toile	curtain	verrierie	glass-house
foyer	green-room	fonderie	foundry
orchestre <i>m.</i>	orchestra	carosse <i>m.</i>	coach
parterre <i>m.</i>	pit	impériale	roof
loge	box	portière	door of a coach
amphithéâtre	first gallery	glaces <i>pl.</i>	windows
paradis	upper gallery	timon	coach-pole
billet	ticket	roue	wheel
couvent	convent	essieu	axle-tree
monastère <i>m.</i>	monastery	équipage <i>m.</i>	equipage
cellule	cell	harnois <i>pl.</i>	harness
hermitage <i>m.</i>	hermitage	rènes <i>pl.</i>	reins
solitude	solitude	bride	bridle
retraite	retirement	licou	halter
université	university	selle	saddle
collège <i>m.</i>	college	bât	pack-saddle.
école	school	arçon	saddle-bow
pension	boarding-school	sangle	girth
parlement	parliament	étriers <i>pl.</i>	stirrup
chambre des pairs	house of lords	éperons <i>pl.</i>	spurs
chambre des communes	house of commons	berline	berlin
prison	prison	cabrioles	curricule
cachot	dungeon	chaise	chaise
hôpital	hospital	fiacre <i>m.</i>	hackney-coach
infirmerie	infirmary	charrrette	cart
taverne	tavern	fourgon	waggon
cabaret	public-house	remise	coach-house
		rasoir	razor
		cuir	strap

moule	mould	moulin	mill
machine	machine		

VIII. OF TRADES, ARTS, PROFESSIONS, ETC.

boulangier	baker	joaillier	jeweller
barbier	barber	menuisier	joiner
forgeron	blacksmith	serrurier	locksmith
relieur	book-binder	maçon	bricklayer
libraire m.	bookseller	couturière	mantua-maker
chaudronnier	brazier	maitre d'hôtel	steward
brasseur	brewer	mercier	mercier
boucher	butcher	meunier	milller
ébéniste	cabinet-maker	peintre	painter
charpentier	carpenter	pâtissier	pastry-cook
charron	wheelwright	paveur	pavior
sculpteur	sculptor	colporteur	pedlar
chimiste	chymist	parfumeur	perfumer
horloger	clock-maker	médecin	physician
confiseur	confectioner	plâtrier	plasterer
carrossier	coach-maker	plombier	plumber
tonnelier	cooper	potier	potter
corroyeur	currier	imprimeur	printer
coutelier	cutler	sellier	saddler
fourbisseur	sword-cutter	lingère	sempstress
teinturier	dyer	cordonnier	shoe-maker
distillateur	distiller	pelletier	skinner
droguiste	druggist	forgeron	smith
graveur	engraver	chirurgien	surgeon
maréchal	farrier	apothicaire	apothecary
poissonnier	fishmonger	arpenteur	surveyor
fondeur	founder	tailleur	tailor
fruitier	fruiterer	tanneur	tanner
fourreur	furrier	bijoutier	jeweller
jardinier	gardener	tourneur	turner
doreur	gilder	entrepreneur	undertaker
verrier	glass-maker	tapissier	upholsterer
vitrier	glazier	horloger	watch-maker
gantier	glover	tisserand	weaver
orfèvre	goldsmith	peruquier	hair-dresser
épicier	grocer	ouvrage	work
armurier	gun-smith	ouvrier	workman
chapelier	hatter	ouvrière	workwoman
aubergiste	innkeeper	mancœuvre	labourer

IX. OF THE COUNTRY, HUSBANDRY, FLOWERS, TREES, ETC.

campagne	country	hameau	hamlet
chemin	way	enclos	close
sentier	foot-path	château	castle
boue	mud	terre	estate
fange	mire	cour	yard
poussière	dust	basse-cour	poultry-yard
bourbier	slough	colombier	pigeon-house
ornière	cart-rut	laiterie	dairy

écurie	stable	jardin	garden
fruiterie	fruit-loft	jardinage m.	gardening

## X. FLOWERS.

neuriste	florist	tubéreuse	tuberose
parterre	parterre	réveda	mignonette
fleur	flower	chèvre-feuille m.	honey-suckle
iris	flags	seringat	seringa
primevère	cowslip	lilas	lilac
narcisse m.	narcissus	souci	marigold
jacinthe	hyacinth	amaranthe	amaranth
tulipe	tulip	pavot	poppy
violette	violet	coquelicot	} wild-poppy
pensée	heartsease	ponceau	
églantier	sweet-briar	bluet, barbeau	blue-bell
marguerite	daisy	tournesol	sun flower
impériale	turk's cap	camomille	camomile
martagon	mountain lily	belle-de-nuit	great nightshade
lis	lily	éternelle	} cassidony
muguet	may-lily	immortelle	
oreille d'ours	auricula	balsamine	batsam
anémone	anemone	ancolie	columbine
renoncule	ranunculus	passerose	hollyhock
jonquille	jonquil	hépatique	hepatica
giroflée	stock-gilliflower	piéd d'alouette	lark spur
œillet	carnation	pivoine	piony
campanule	} bell flower	scabieuse	scabious
gantelée		rose	julienne
rose	jasmine	planche	bed
jasmin		plate bande	flower-border

## XI. FRUITS.

amande }	almond	melon	melon
pomme }	apple	mûre	mulberry
abricot	apricot	brugnon	nectarine
cerise	cherry	noisette	hazel-nut
guigne	} black heart	orange	orange
châtaigne		cherry	pêche
marron	chestnut	poire	pear
groseilles pl.	large chestnut	citrouille	pumpion
groseille	currants	coin	quince
figue	gooseberry	framboise	raspberry
aveline	fig	fraise	strawberry
raisin	filbert	noix	walnut
prune	graves	épine-vinette	barberries
reine-claude	plum	grenade	pomegranate
citron	green-gage	olive	olive
ananas	lemon	cerneaux	} fresh or unripe
néfle	pine apple		
	medlar		

arbre  
arbris  
écorc  
branc  
feuille

XII. OF HERES AND PLANTS.

alods	aloe	moutarde	mustard
angelique	angelica	capucine	nasturtium
artichaut	artichoke	ortie	nettle
asperge	asparagus	ognon	onion
citron	plant	persil	parsley
basilic	basil	panais	parsnip
fève	bean	pois	peas
haricot	French bean	pariétaire	pellitory
poirée	beet	plante	plant
betterave	beet-root	plantain	plantain
ourrache	borage	pavot	poppy
bardane	burdock	pomme de terre	potatoe
primprenelle	burnet	courge	pumpkin
chou	cabbage	pourpier	radish
carotte	carrot	rave	radish
céleri	celery	radis	Spanish radish
cerfeuil	chervil	roseau	reed
choux-fleurs pl.	caruliflowers	rue	rue
mâches pl.	corn-sala	jonc	rush
crosson	cresses	rhubarbe	rhubarb
concombre m.	cucumber	safran	saffron
dent-de-lion	dandelion	sauge	sage
patience	dock	sariette	savery
chi-orée	endive	ciboule	scullion
fenouil	fennel	échalote	shallot
fougère	fern	oseille	sorrel
ail	garlick	véronique	speedwell
calebasse	gourd	épinards pl.	spinage
ciguë	hemlock	tanaisie	tansy
herbe	herb	ivraie	tare
raifort	horse-radish	estragon	stragon
joubarbe	house-leek	chardon	thistle
lierre m.	ivy	thym	thyme
poireau	leek	serpolet	wild thyme
...me	lettuce	trêfle m.	clover
réglisse	licorice	navet	turnip
...e	mallows	valériane	valerian
guimauve	marsh-mallows	végétaux pl.	vegetables
marjolaine	marjoram	légumes m. pl.	vegetables
réséda	ignionette	verveine	greens
menthe	mint	absynthe	vervain
gui	mistletoe	mille-feuille	worwood
mousse	moss		yarrow

XIII. OF TREES AND SHRUBS.

arbre m.	tree	graine	seed
arbrisseau	shrub	rejeton	sucker
écorce	bark	abricotier	apricot-tree
branche	branch	cerisier	cherry-tree
feuille	leaf	châtaignier	chestnut-tree

citronnier  
coignassier  
figuier  
noyer  
oranger  
pêcher  
pommier  
poirier  
prunier  
arbusier  
frêne  
tremble  
hêtre  
bouleau  
buis  
genêt  
sureau

lemon-tree  
quince-tree  
fig-tree  
walnut-tree  
orange-tree  
peach-tree  
apple-tree  
pear-tree  
plumb-tree  
arbutus  
ash-tree  
aspen  
beech-tree  
birch-tree  
box  
broom  
elder-tree

orme  
sapin  
coudrier  
houx  
lilas  
tilleul  
myrte  
chêne  
osier  
romarin  
égiantier  
épino  
buisson  
aubépine  
vigne  
saule  
if

elm  
fir-tree  
hazel-tree  
holly  
lilac  
lime-tree  
myrtle-tree  
oak  
osier  
rosemary  
sweet brier  
thorn  
thorn bush  
white-thorn  
vine  
willow tree  
yew-tree

## XIV. PROMISCUOUS WORDS.

grange  
hutte  
chaumière  
seigneurie  
dîme  
métairie  
sillon  
pré, prairie  
arpent  
fossé  
champ  
pâturage m.  
terroir  
parc  
haie  
bruyère  
dunes  
lande  
commune  
plaine  
garenne  
fondrière  
marais  
platebande  
serre  
serre chaude  
bouligrin  
berceau  
bosquet  
grotte  
vignoble m.  
pépinière  
taillis  
hallier

barn  
hut  
thatched-house  
manor  
tithe  
farm  
furrow  
meadow  
acre  
ditch  
field  
pasture-ground  
soil  
park  
hedge  
heath  
downs  
waste land  
common  
plain  
warren  
bog  
marsh  
border  
green-house  
hot-house  
bowling-green  
bower  
grove  
grotto  
vineyard  
nursery  
coppice  
thicket

paysage m.  
perspective  
vue  
cascade  
canal  
agriculture  
labourage m.  
bétail  
fumier  
terreau  
récolte  
moisson  
vendange  
houblon  
grain  
blé  
orge  
avoine  
riz  
seigle m.  
millet  
lin  
chanvre m.  
chênevis  
épi  
gerbe  
tige  
tuyau  
paille  
chaume m.  
fein  
fourrage m.  
fermier  
paysan

landscape  
prospect  
view  
cascade  
canal  
agriculture  
tillage  
cattle  
dung  
mould  
crop  
harvest  
vintage  
hops  
corn  
wheat  
barley  
oats  
rice  
rye  
millet  
flax  
hemp  
hemp-seed  
ear (of corn)  
sheaf (of corn)  
stalk  
blade  
straw  
stubble  
hay  
fodder  
farmer  
peasant

laboureur  
moissonneur

ploughman  
reaper

faucheur  
berger

mower  
shepherd

## XV. OF QUADRUPEDS.

bête	beast	daim mâle	buck
animal	animal	daim femelle	doe
animal do- mestique }	domestic animal	chevreuil	roe-buck
bête de somme	beast of burden	chevrette	roe
monture	saddle horse	lion	lion
cheval	horse	lionne	lioness
cavalle	mare	lionceau	lion's whelp
jument	mare	tigre	tiger
étalon	stallion	tigresse	tigress
poulain	colt	ours	bear
pouliche	filly	ourson	bear's cub
bidet	pony	zèbre m.	zebra
âne	ass	giraffe	camel-leopard
ânesse	she-ass	léopard	leopard
ânon	young ass	caméléopard	camel-leopard
mulet	mule	rhinocéros	rhinoceros
mule	she-mule	hippopotame, m.	river-horse
bête à cornes	horned beast	éléphant	elephant
bœuf	ox	chameau	camel
buffle s.	buffalo	dromadaire m.	dromedary
taureau	bull	lama	lama
vache	cow	buffle m.	buffalo
génisse	heifer	hiène	hyena
veau	calf	panthère	panther
bouvillon	bullock	once	ounce
renne m.	reim-deer	licorne	unicorn
brebis	ewe	élan	elk
mouton	wether	loup	wolf
bélier	ram	louve	she-wolf
agneau	lamb	louveteau	wolf's cub
chèvre	she-goat	lynx	lynx
bouc	he-goat	renard	fox
chevreau	kid	taisson	cock
cochon	hog	blaireau	badger
porc	pig	castor	beaver
pourceau	pig	hermine	ermine
truie	sow	marte, zibeline	marten, sable
cochon de lait	sucking pig	écureuil	squirrel
cochon d'inde	guinea pig	'hérisson	hedge-hog
verrat	boar	porc-épic	porcupine
sanglier	wild boar	loutre	otter
laie	wild sow	raton	raccoon
marcassin	young wild boar	furet	ferret
bête fauve	deer	lièvre	hare
cerf	stag	'hase	doe-hare
biche	hind	levraut	leveret
faon	fawn	lapin	rabbit
daim	fellow-deer	chien	dog
		chienne	bitch

lévrier	greyhound	foaine	pole-cat
levrette	greyhound bitch	loir	dormouse
dogue	bull dog	marmot	marmot
mâtin	mastiff	taupe	mole
limier	blood-hound	rat	rat
bichon	lap-dog	souris	mouse
épagneul	spaniel	tortue	tortoise
basset	terrier	bétail, bestiaux	cattle
barbet	shagged-dog	troupeau	flock, herd
chien d'arrêt	pointer	pâtre, berger	shepherd
meute de chiens	pack of hounds	bergère	shepherdess
chat, matou	cat, tom-cat	vacher, bouvier	cow-herd
chatte	cat, puss	porcher	swine-herd
chaton	kitten	chasse	hunting
minon	puss	chasseur	hunter
minet, minette	young kitten	braconnier	poacher
singe m.	monkey	gibier, venaison	game
guenon	ape	fusil	gun
magot, babouin	baboon	gibecière	pouch
gazelle	antelope	tiré	shooting
belette	weasel	tireur	shooter
putois	pole-cat	garde-chasse	gamekeeper

## XVI. OF BIRDS.

oiseau	bird	rossignol	nightingale
oiselet, oisillon	little bird	chardonneret	goldfinch
volaille	fowl	pinson	chaffinch
coq	cock	verdier	greenfinch
poule	hen	bouvreuil	bullfinch
poulet	chicken	linot, linette	linnet
poussin	young chicken	rougegorge	redbreast, robin
cochet	cockerel	mer. m.	blackbird
poularde	pullet	grive	thrush
chapon	capon	geai	jay
coq-d'Inde,	} turkey-cock	pie	magpie
dindon		turkey-hen	alouette
dinde	young turkey	bergeronnette	wagtail
dindonneau	goose	alcyon, ou	} king's fisher
oie	gander	martin-pêcheur	
jar	gosling	pivert	tit
oison	drake	mésange	pllover
canard	duck	pluvier	waren
cane	duckling	roitelet	lapwing
caneton, canette	pigeon	vanneau	bittern
pigeon	dove	butor	beccafico
colombe	canary bird	hecfigue m.	starling
serin, canari	parrot	étourneau	starling
perroquet	parroquet	sansonnet	yellow-hammer
perruque	} sparrow	bruant	cuckoo
moineau, pas-		yellow	coucou
sereau	marten	freux, grolle	raven
hirondelle		corbeau	
martinet		corneille	

hibou	owl	ortolan	ortolan
chouette	screech-owl	tourterelle	turtle dove
buse	buzzard	gêlinotte	godwit
choucas	chough	francolin	francoline
aigle	eagle	ramier	wood-pigeon
aiglon	aglet	marceuse	sea-duck
épervier	sparrow-hawk	sarcelle	teal
émouchet	musket-hawk	grue	crane
milan	kite	courlis	curlew
faucon	falcon	foulque	coot, moorcock,
cormoran	cormorant		or hen
plongeon	didapper	poule d'eau	moor-hen
héron	heron	paon	peacock
cicogne	stork	paonne	peahen
outarde	bustard	paonneau	young peacock
pélican	pelican	cygne m.	swan
autour	goshawk	autruche	ostrich
vautour	vulture	pintade	pintado
griffon	griffin	fou-de-bassan	gannet
huppe	lapwing	pingoin	razor-bill
mouette	gull	chauve-souris	bat
perdreix	partridge	chasse aux	
bartavelle	{ large red par-	oiseaux	{ fowling
	tridge	appeau	bird-call
perdreau	young partridge	gluaux	lime twigs
caille	quail	trébuchet	bird trap
cailleteau	young quail	filets	nets
faisan	pheasant	oiseleur	bird-catcher
faisandeu	young pheasant	oiselier	bird-seller
bécasse	woodcock	volière	aviary
bécassine	snipe		

XVII. OF FISHES.

poisson	fish	sardine	sprat
esturgeon	sturgeon	thon	tunny
turbot	turbot	plie	plaice
saumon	salmon	congre m.	conger
rouget	roach	merlan	whiting
brochet	pike	merluche	haddock
carpe	carp	hareng	herring
truite	trout	sèche	cuttle fish
perche	perch	limande	burt, bret-fish
cabillaud	haddock	lamproie	lamprey
morue	stock fish	homard, lan-	
raie	skate	gouste	
tanche	tench	écrevisse de	lobster
éperlan	smell	mer	
maquereau	mackerel	écrevisse	crayfish
surmulet	mullet	crab m.	crab
carrelet	flounder	salicouque	prawn
barbeau	barbel	chevette	shrimp
alose	shad	anguille	eel
sole	sole	anchois	anchovy

goujon	<i>gudgeon</i>	chien marin	<i>sea-dog</i>
véron	<i>minnow</i>	loup marin	<i>sea-wolf</i>
lotte, barbotte	<i>eel-pout</i>	hérisson de mer	<i>sea-urchin</i>
loche	<i>loach, ground-ling</i>	frai	<i>fry</i>
mortie salée	<i>salt-fish</i>	fretin	<i>young fish</i>
barbue	<i>brill</i>	laite	<i>soft roe</i>
marsoin	<i>sea-hog, porpoise</i>	œufs	<i>sparrow, hard roe</i>
espadon	<i>saw-fish</i>	museau	<i>snout</i>
porcelaine	<i>sea-snail</i>	oules	<i>gills</i>
tortue	<i>tortoise</i>	nageoirs	<i>fins</i>
huitre	<i>oyster</i>	écailles	<i>scales</i>
pétoncle	<i>cockle</i>	coquilles	<i>bones</i>
moule	<i>muscle</i>	arrêtes	<i>claws</i>
baleine	<i>whale</i>	pinces	<i>claws</i>
cachalot	<i>cachalot</i>	appât, amorce	<i>bait</i>
requin	<i>shark</i>	pêcheur	<i>fisherman</i>
dauphin	<i>dolphin</i>	pêche	<i>fishery</i>
		pêche à la ligne	<i>angling</i>

XVIII. OF REPTILES AND INSECTS.

grenouille	<i>frog</i>	tique	<i>tick</i>
serpent	<i>serpent</i>	pou	<i>louse</i>
couleuvre	<i>adder</i>	lente	<i>nit</i>
vipère	<i>viper</i>	puce	<i>flea</i>
scorpion	<i>scorpion</i>	punaise	<i>bug</i>
aspic	<i>aspick</i>	chenille	<i>caterpillar</i>
basilic	<i>basilisk</i>	papillon	<i>butterfly</i>
dragon	<i>dragon</i>	mouche	<i>fly</i>
tarentule	<i>tarantula</i>	abeille	<i>bee</i>
crapeau	<i>toad</i>	frelon	<i>hornet</i>
lézard	<i>lizard</i>	bourdon	<i>arone</i>
sangsue	<i>leech</i>	guêpe	<i>wasp</i>
limace	<i>slug</i>	taon	<i>oxfly</i>
ver	<i>worm</i>	cousin	<i>gnat</i>
ver-luisant	<i>glow-worm</i>	cantharide	<i>Spanish-fly</i>
ver-coquin	<i>vine-grub</i>	haneton	<i>cockchafer</i>
ver-à-soie	<i>silk-worm</i>	sauterelle	<i>grasshopper</i>
escargot	<i>snail</i>	cigale	<i>balm-cricket</i>
escarbot	<i>beetle</i>	araignée	<i>spider</i>
grillon	<i>cricket</i>	toile d'araignée	<i>cobweb</i>
perce-oreille m.	<i>ear-wig</i>	essaim d'abeilles	<i>swarms of bees</i>
teigne	<i>moth</i>	miel	<i>honey</i>
ciron	<i>hand worm</i>	cire	<i>wax</i>
fourmi	<i>ant</i>	rayon de miel	<i>honeycomb</i>
charançon	<i>weevil</i>	ruche	<i>hive</i>
cloporte m.	<i>wood-louse</i>	fourmilière	<i>ant-hill</i>

XIX. OF METALS, &C.

or	<i>gold</i>	cuivre	<i>copper</i>
argent	<i>silver</i>	airain	<i>brass</i>
platine	<i>platina</i>	laiton	<i>latten</i>
vermeil	<i>silver-gilt</i>	bronze	<i>bronze</i>

similor	<i>pinchbeck</i>	salpêtre	<i>saltpetre</i>
fer	<i>iron</i>	bitume	<i>bitumen</i>
fil d'archal	<i>wire</i>	antimoine	<i>antimony</i>
acier	<i>steel</i>	arsenic	<i>arsenic</i>
fer-blanc	<i>iron-tinned</i>	alun	<i>alum</i>
étain	<i> pewter</i>	couperose f.	<i>copperas</i>
plomb	<i>lead</i>	vitriol	<i>vitriol</i>
mercure	<i>mercury</i>	carmin	<i>carmine</i>
vif-argent	<i>quicksilver</i>	pastel	<i>pastel</i>
soufre	<i>sulphur</i>	ocre f.	<i>ochre</i>
nitre	<i>nitre</i>	vermillon	<i>read lead</i>

XX. OF COLOURS.

blanc	<i>white</i>	rouge	<i>red</i>
noir	<i>black</i>	jaune	<i>yellow</i>
bleu	<i>blue</i>	brun	<i>brown</i>
vert	<i>green</i>	pourpre	<i>purple</i>
gris	<i>grey</i>	écarlate	<i>scarlet</i>
orangé	<i>orange colour</i>	indigo	<i>indigo</i>

XXI. OF PRECIOUS STONES.

diamant	<i>diamond</i>	améthyste	<i>amethyst</i>
topaze	<i>topaz</i>	cornaline	<i>cornelian</i>
émeraude	<i>emerald</i>	onix	<i>onyx</i>
saphir	<i>sapphire</i>	agate	<i>agate</i>
escarboucle	<i>carbuncle</i>	corail	<i>coral</i>
rubis	<i>ruby</i>	perle	<i>pearl</i>

XXII. OF THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

France	<i>France</i>	Chine	<i>China</i>
Italie	<i>Italy</i>	Mogol	<i>Mogul</i>
Espagne	<i>Spain</i>	Bengale	<i>Bengal</i>
Portugal	<i>Portugal</i>	Malabar	<i>Malabar</i>
Turquie	<i>Turkey</i>	le Japon	<i>Japan</i>
Allemagne	<i>Germany</i>	Barbarie	<i>Barbary</i>
Suisse	<i>Switzerland</i>	Egypte	<i>Egypt</i>
Prusse	<i>Prussia</i>	Biledulgerid	<i>Biledulgerid</i>
Pologne	<i>Poland</i>	Zaara	<i>Zaara</i>
Bohême	<i>Bohemia</i>	Nigritie	<i>Nigritia</i>
Hongrie	<i>Hungary</i>	Guinée	<i>Guinea</i>
Hollande	<i>Holland</i>	Ethiopie	<i>Ethiopia</i>
les Pays-Bas	<i>the Netherlands</i>	Zanguebar	<i>Zanguebar</i>
Angleterre	<i>England</i>	Monomotapa	<i>Monomotapa</i>
Ecosse	<i>Scotland</i>	Monoémugi	<i>Monoemugi</i>
Irlande	<i>Ireland</i>	Caffrerie	<i>Caffraria</i>
Russie	<i>Russia</i>	Abbyssinie	<i>Abyssinia</i>
Danemarc	<i>Denmark</i>	Canada	<i>Canada</i>
Suède	<i>Sweden</i>	Pensylvanie	<i>Pensylvania</i>
Norvège	<i>Norway</i>	le Maryland	<i>Maryland</i>
Tartarie	<i>Tartary</i>	la Virginie	<i>Virginia</i>
Arabie	<i>Arabia</i>	la Caroline	<i>Carolina</i>
Perse	<i>Persia</i>	la Géorgie	<i>Georgia</i>
Inde	<i>India</i>	le Pérou	<i>Peru</i>

le Paraguay	<i>Paraguay</i>	la Guiane	<i>Guiana</i>
le Chili	<i>Chili</i>	St. Dominigue	<i>St. Domingo</i>
le Brésil	<i>Brazil</i>	la Jamaïque	<i>Jamaica</i>

## XXIII. COMMON NATIONAL NAMES.

Français, e	<i>French</i>	Flamand, e	<i>Flemish</i>
Italien, ne	<i>Italian</i>	Anglais, e	<i>English</i>
Espagnol, e	<i>Spanish</i>	Écossais, e	<i>Scotch</i>
Portugais, e	<i>Portuguese</i>	Irlandais, e	<i>Irish</i>
Turc, que	<i>Turkish, Turk.</i>	Russe	<i>Russian</i>
Allemand, e	<i>German</i>	Danois, e	<i>Dane</i>
Prussien, ne	<i>Prussian</i>	Suédois, e	<i>Swede</i>
Suisse, esse	<i>Swiss</i>	Norvégien, ne	<i>Norwegian</i>
Polonais, e	<i>Pole</i>	Persan, e	<i>Persian</i>
Bohémien, ne.	<i>Bohemian</i>	Chinois, e.	<i>Chinese</i>
Hongrois, e	<i>Hungarian</i>	Américain, e	<i>American</i>
Hollandais, e	<i>Dutch</i>	Japon, e	<i>Japanese</i>
Autrichien, ne	<i>Austrian</i>	Lapon	<i>Laplander</i>

## INTRODUCTION TO THE EXERCISES.

### 22. OF THE PREPOSITIONS *of, from, to,* AND OF THE ARTICLE *the, a.*

The English definite article *the*, is rendered by

*le* before a noun masculine } in the singular.  
*la* before a noun feminine }

and *les* before nouns of either gender, in the plural.

The indefinite *a* or *an* is rendered by *un* before a noun masculine, and by *une* in the feminine.

#### EXAMPLES.

<i>Le livre</i>	<i>the book</i>	<i>un homme</i>	<i>a man</i>
<i>la rue</i>	<i>the street</i>	<i>une femme</i>	<i>a woman</i>
<i>les plantes</i>	<i>the plants</i>	<i>un héros</i>	<i>a hero</i>

#### EXERCISES.

<i>The wood ;</i> <i>bois m.</i>	<i>the forest ;</i> <i>forêt f.</i>	<i>the houses ;</i> <i>maisons pl.</i>	<i>the men ;</i> <i>hommes pl.</i>	<i>the court ;</i> <i>cour f.</i>
<i>the foot ;</i> <i>piéd m.</i>	<i>the arms ;</i> <i>bras pl.</i>	<i>the room ;</i> <i>chambre f.</i>	<i>the garden ;</i> <i>jardin m.</i>	<i>the windows ;</i> <i>fenêtres pl.</i>
<i>a history ;</i> <i>histoire f.</i>	<i>a novel ;</i> <i>roman m.</i>	<i>a foreigner ;</i> <i>étranger m.</i>	<i>a walk ;</i> <i>promenade f.</i>	<i>a day ;</i> <i>jour m.</i>
<i>a night ;</i> <i>nuit f.</i>	<i>the sun ;</i> <i>soleil m.</i>	<i>the moon ;</i> <i>lune f.</i>	<i>the stars ;</i> <i>étoiles pl.</i>	<i>a body ;</i> <i>corps m.</i>
<i>a crown.</i> <i>écu m.</i>			<i>a card ;</i> <i>carte f.</i>	

23. The prepositions *of* and *from* are rendered literally by *de* and *to* by *à*.

When followed by the definite article, they are rendered in this manner :

<i>of the</i>	{	<i>du*</i> before a noun masculine singular beginning with a consonant or <i>h</i> aspirated
<i>and</i>		<i>de la</i> before a noun feminine singular
<i>from the,</i>		<i>de l'</i> before any noun beginning with a vowel or <i>h</i> mute
<i>by</i>		<i>des</i> before any noun in the plural.

\* Observe that you must not say *de le, à le, de les, à les*, but that the article and preposition are contracted into one word, *du, au, des, aux*.

to the by, { *au* before a noun masculine singular beginning with a consonant or *h* aspirated  
 { *à la* before a noun feminine singular  
 { *à l'* before any noun beginning with a vowel or *h* mute  
 { *aux* before any noun in the plural.

And when these prepositions are followed by *a* or *an*, thus :

of a or } by { *d'un* before a noun masculine  
 from a } { *d'une* before a noun feminine  
 to a by } { *à un* before a noun masculine  
 { *à une* before a noun feminine.

## EXAMPLES.

Du parc	of the park	à l'esprit	to the mind
de la rivière	of the river	aux carrosses	to the coaches
de l'esprit	of the mind	d'un jour	of a day
des carrosses	of the coaches	d'une nuit	of a night
au parc	to the park	à un jour	to a day
à la rivière	to the river	à une nuit	to a night

## EXERCISES.

The palace of the king ;	of the queen ;	of the man ;	of the
palais m.	roi m.	reine f.	homme h m.
men ;	to the king ;	to the queen ;	to the man ;
hommes pl.			to the men ;
from a balcony ;	from a window ;	of a prince ;	to a princess ;
balcon m.	fenêtre f.	— m.	princesse f.
of the gardens ;	of the evening ;	to the courtiers ;	of a table ;
jardins pl.	soir m.	courtisans pl.	— f.
to the master ;	to a lady ;	of the soul ;	of the horse ;
maître m.	dame f.	âme f.	cheval m.
of the houses ;	of a carpet.		to a cat ;
maisons pl.	tapis m.		chat m.

24. These same prepositions, when followed by the possessive pronouns, *my*, *thy*, *his*, *her*, *its*, *our*, *your*, and *their*, will be both rendered thus :

of or from	{ my thy his, her, or its, our your their	} by de	singular.		plural. m. and f.
			m.	f.	
	{ my thy his, her, its our your their	} by à	singular.		plural. m. and f.
			m.	f.	
			mon	ma	mes
			ton	ta	tes
			son	sa	ses
			notre	notre	nos
			votre	votre	vos
			leur	leur	leurs
			mon	ma	mes
			ton	ta	tes
			son	sa	ses
			notre	notre	nos
			votre	votre	vos
			leur	leur	leurs

And likewise, when followed by the demonstrative *this* or *that*, *these* or *those* :

of or from <i>this</i> or <i>that</i> , by <i>de</i> to <i>this</i> or <i>that</i> , by <i>à</i>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} ce \\ cet \\ cette \end{array} \right.$	before a noun masculine beginning with a consonant or <i>h</i> aspirated
		before a noun masculine beginning with a vowel or <i>h</i> mute
		before a noun feminine

of or from <i>these</i> or <i>those</i> , by <i>de</i> to <i>these</i> or <i>those</i> , by <i>à</i>	$\left. \begin{array}{l} ces \\ ces \end{array} \right\}$	before nouns plural of either gender.
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## EXAMPLES.

de mon père	of my father	à leur travail	to their work
à ta mère	to thy mother	de cette terrasse	from this terrace
de son frère	of his brother	de ce lieu	of that place
de notre ville	of our town	de cet homme	of this man
à votre maison	to your house	de ces arbres	of these trees

## EXERCISES.

Of my clothes; of thy handkerchief; of his pocket; from your  
habits pl. mouchoir m. poche f.

letters; of our treasure; to their house; of this steeple; of that  
lettres pl. trésor m. maison f. clocher m.

hero; of this tower; of these models; from my sister; to  
héros m. h asp. tour f. modèles pl. sœur f.

your relations; the top of this mountain; to my friend  
parens pl. sommet m. montagne f. ami m.

from these pleasures; of our duties; to their connexions; of  
plaisirs pl. devoirs pl. liaisons pl.

his acquaintances; to my neighbours.  
connaissances pl. voisins pl.

## 25. OF ELISIONS.

The *apostrophe* (') marks the suppression of a vowel before a word beginning with a vowel or *h* mute, as in *l'église*, for *la église*, etc. This suppression is called *elision*: *a*, *e*, are the only two vowels which are thus cut off; *i* is cut off in *si*, before *il* and *ils*, *s'il*, *s'ils*, *o* and *u* are never cut off.

The *a* is suppressed only in *la* feminine, both when an article and a personal pronoun.

But the *elision* of *e* occurs, not only in the definite article and personal pronoun *le*, but also in many monosyllables, such as *je*, *me*, *te*, *se*, *de*, *ce*, *ne*, *què*, and in the compound of *que*, such as, *parceque*, *quoique*, *puisque*, *jusque*, *vù que*, etc.

## EX/MPLES OF ELISIONS.

of	la	in	l'amitié	for	la	l'amitié	the friendship
	la	..	l'herbe		la	herbe	the grass
	le	..	l'oiseau		le	oiseau	the bird
	le	..	l'honneur		le	honneur	the honour
	je	..	j'ai		je	ai	I have
	me	..	il m'oublie		il	me oublie	he forgets me
	te	..	je t'aime		je	te aime	I love thee
	se	..	il s'habille		il	se habille	he dresses himself
	le	..	vous l'aidez		vous	le aidez	you help him
	la	..	vous l'obligez		vous	la obligez	you oblige her
	ce	..	c'est vrai		ce	est vrai	it is true
	de	..	un coup-d'œil		un	coup de œil	a glance
	ne	..	n'oubliez pas		ne	oubliez pas	do not forget
of	que	..	{ qu'attendez- vous	for	que	attendez- vous	what do you ex- pect?
	si	in	s'il arrivait		si	il arrivait	if it happened
	si	..	{ s'ils pouvai- ent		si	ils pouvaient	if they could
	parceque	..	parcequ'il faut		parceque	il faut	{ because it is requisite
	quoique	..	quoiqu'il fasse		quoique	il fasse	{ whatever he may do
	puisqu	..	puisqu'on vous dit		{	puisqu'on vous dit	since they tell you
	jusque	..	jusqu'à demain		jusque	à demain	till to-morrow
	vu que	..	và qu'il ob- tiendra		{	vu que il ob- tiendra	since he will ob- tain
	dès que	..	dèsqu'on saura		dès que	on saura	{ as soon as it is known
	quelque	..	quelqu'un vient		quelque	un vient	somebody comes

The *e* of the preposition *entre* is not cut off generally before *eux*, *elles*, *autres*, good writers prefer leaving it, thus *entre eux*, *entre elles*, *entre autres*; but in the following compound words there must be an elision:

Entr'acte	<i>an interlude</i>	}	for	{	entre-acte
s'entr'aider	<i>to help another</i>				se entre-aider
entr'ouïr	<i>to hear imperfectly</i>				entre-ouïr
entr'ouvrir	<i>to half open</i>				entre-couvrir

## EXERCISE.

The soul; *the* heroine; *the* mind; he loves *him*; she  
 âme f. héroïne f. esprit m. il aime 2 te 1; elle  
 loves her; I love this man; you understand me; he es-  
 2 la 1; je aime homme m. vous entendez 2 me 1; il es-  
 teems thee; he goes away; it was the golden age; do not go  
 time 2 te 1; se en-va ce était de or 2 âge 1; \* ne aller

there; if he comes; if they please; what has he said? till  
*pas là; si vient; ils veulent; que a-t-il dit? jusque*  
 night; though he says; since he knows; when he saw;  
*au soir m. quoique dise; puisque sait; lorsque vit;*  
 between them; somebody is come,  
*entre eux; quelque un est venu.*

26. OF NEGATIONS.

The negation *not*, is rendered by *ne-pas*, of which *ne* is placed before the verb, and the *pas* after.

*Never* is rendered by *ne-jamais*; *nobody* by *ne-personne*; *nothing*, by *ne-rien*, which are placed in the same order as *ne-pas*.

EXAMPLES OF NEGATIVE PHRASES.

N.B. The ^ shows the place of the verb.

Not	{ ne^pas	} as {	je ne suis pas, etc. I am not, etc.
never	{ ne^point		nous n'avons point we have not
nothing	ne^jamais		il ne joue jamais he never plays
nobody	ne^rien		vous ne dites rien you say nothing
not a jot	ne^personne		je ne vois personne I see nobody
no where	ne^goutte		je ne vois goutte { I do not see, or I see not in the least
	ne^nulle part	je ne vais nulle part I go no where	

In compound tenses, the negations are always placed before and after the auxiliary verb; as nous n'avons point parlé, we have not spoken; on n'aurait jamais cru, one could never have believed.

EXERCISE.

I do not say; I have not said; I have never seen; I never (tell a  
 \* dis ai dit ai vu mens  
 falsehood); I do nothing; I have done nothing; is he not ar-  
 fais ai fait est-il ar-  
 rived? does not he come? I see nothing; has he never seen? he  
 rivé \* 2 vient I vois a-t- vu  
 never loses his time; that (is worth) nothing; I met nobody.  
 perd temps m. cela vaut rencontrais

27. OF WORDS WHICH ARE ALIKE IN BOTH LANGUAGES.

There are many words which are alike in both languages, and others which differ only in their termination.

The expressions, which are perfectly alike, are particularly those that have the following terminations:

-ai as { animal, cardinal, fatal, général, local, moral, natal, original,  
 { principal, etc.

-ble	as	{ capable, fable, etc. bible, éligible, etc. noble, double, soluble, insoluble, etc.
-ace	..	{ face, grimace, grace, place, préface, race, surface, trace, etc.
-ance	..	{ chance, complaisance, extravagance, ignorance, lance, tempérance, etc.
-ence	..	{ abstinence, conférence, continence, diligence, éloquence, patience, etc.
-ice	..	{ artifice, auspices, édifice, justice, injustice, office, orifice, précipice, solstice, etc.
-acle	..	{ miracle, oracle, obstacle, réceptacle, tabernacle, spectacle, etc.
-ade	..	{ ambuscade, cavalcade, brigade, esplanade, sérénade, retrograde, etc.
-age	..	{ âge, adage, bandage, cage, cordage, image, page, plumage, rage, etc.
-ège	..	{ colège, privilège, sacrilège, siège, etc.
-ge	..	{ vestige, doge, barge, charge, orange, forge, rouge, refuge, déluge, etc.
-ule	..	{ globule, ridicule, animalcule, corpuscule, formule, module, mule, pustule, valvule, etc.
-ile	..	{ bile, débile, agile, docile, ductile, facile, fragile, nubile, reptile, versatile, etc.
-ine	..	{ carabine, fascine, doctrine, héroïne, machine, marine, famine, mine, rapine, etc.
-ion	..	{ action, fraction, légion, nation, opinion, passion, question, religion, etc.
-ant	..	{ arrogant, constant, élégant, éléphant, pétulant, piquant, poignant, vigilant, etc.
-ent	..	{ absent, accident, compliment, augment, content, élément, fréquent, serpent, etc.

28. Many other English words require only the change of termination, in the following manner :

-ary	into	-aire	as	military	militaire
-ory	....	-oire	..	glory	gloire
-cy	....	-ce	..	clemency	clémence
-ty	....	-té	..	beauty	beauté
-ous	....	-eux	..	dangerous	dangereux
-our	....	-eur	..	favour	faveur
-or	....	-eur	..	error	erreur
-ine	....	-in	..	clandestine	clandestin
-ive	....	-if	..	expressive	expressif
-rie	....	-rie	..	fury	furie
-cracy	....	-cratic	..	aristocracy	aristocratie

N. B. Adjectives in { -eux } make their feminine in { -euse }  
 { -if } { -ive }  
 { -in } { -ine }

## EXERCISE.

The beauty of that fable; the horror of vice; the utility of  
 f.            cette f.            f. h. m.            art. m.            f. art.

science; the atrocity of this action; the violence of his passions;   
*f. f. cette f. f. ses pl.*  
 the simplicity of that machine; an audacious conspirator; the   
*f. f. cette f. 2 m. 1*  
 absurdity of that opinion; the military evolutions; an industrious   
*f. f. cette f. pl. 2 pl. 1 2*  
 nation; an important victory; an alimentary pension; a dangerous   
*f. 1 2 f. 1 2 f. 1 2*  
 animal; a figurative expression; a famous general; his constant   
*m. 1 2 f. 1 m. sa 2*  
 generosity; he is incapable of attention; his impudence is visible;   
*f. 1 il est son*  
 his fidelity is in dubitable; she is very attentive; your clemency is   
*sa f. elle est très- f. votre f.*  
 admirable; the destruction of his fortune was the consequence of   
*f. sa f fut f.*  
 his temerity; she is very scrupulous; his condition is horrible; his   
*sa f. très f. sa f. ses*  
 parents are very miserable; this history is incontestable; your   
*pl. sont très- pl. cette f. votre*  
 facility is prodigious; his perfidy is odious; it was a horrible   
*f. sa l. f. ce ét. ;*  
 famine; the sublimity of his sentiments is still preferable to the   
*f. f. ses m. encore*  
 energy of his expressions; it was a decisive action; the carnage   
*ses f. c'était f. 2 f. 1 m.*  
 was terrible; that obstacle is invincible; this instrument is not   
*cet cet m.*  
 harmonious; the prosperity of the wicked is not durable; your   
*f. méchants pl. vos*  
 insidious presents are not acceptable; his memory is truly extra-   
*2 pl. 1 sont pl. f. vraiment*  
 ordinary; that is his principal occupation; a central position; his   
*ce est son f. 2 f. 1 f. 2 f. 1 son*  
 extravagance is visible; these arguments are insoluble.   
*f. ces m. pl.*

## PART I.

OF WORDS CONSIDERED IN THEIR NATURE AND INFLECTIONS.

Their are in French nine sorts of words, or parts of speech, namely :

- |                          |             |                  |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1. Substantive, or Noun, | 4. Pronoun, | 7. Preposition,  |
| 2. Article,              | 5. Verb,    | 8. Conjunction,  |
| 3. Adjective,            | 6. Adverb,  | 9. Interjection. |

## CHAPTER I.

## 29. OF THE SUBSTANTIVE, OR NOUN.

The substantive is a word which serves to name a person, or thing, as *Pierre*, Peter; *livre*, book, etc.

There are two sorts of substantives, the *substantive proper*, or *proper name*, and the *substantive common*, also called *appellative*.

The *proper name* is that which is applied to a particular person, or thing, as *César*, Cesar; *la Tamise*, the *Thames*.

The *substantive common* is that which belongs to a whole class of objects. The word *homme*, man, is a substantive common, as it is applicable to any individual, that is to *Pierre*, or *Paul*, or *Jean*.

Of these nouns some are *collective*, and others *abstract*.

Collectives express either a whole mass, as *une armée*, an army; *une forêt*, a forest; or a partial assemblage, as *une quantité de*, etc. a certain quantity of; *la plupart*, most part, etc.

*Abstract nouns* are the names of qualities abstracted from their subjects: as, *surface*, *rondeur*, *science*, *sagesse*; surface, roundness, knowledge, wisdom, etc.

In substantives are to be considered *Gender* and *Number*.

## 30. OF GENDERS.

There are *only* two genders the *masculine* and *feminine*.

The masculine belongs to the male kind, as *un homme*, a man; *un lion*, a lion, etc.

The feminine belongs to the female kind, as *une femme*, a woman; *une lionne*, a lioness, etc.

This distinction applies also, in French, to inanimate objects, which are either masculine or feminine, as, *un livre*, a book, is masculine; *une table*, a table, is feminine, etc.

## 31. OF NUMBER.

There are two numbers; the *singular* and the *plural*.

The *singular* expresses *one single* object, as *un homme*, *un livre*.

The *plural* announces *more* objects than *one*, as *des hommes*, *des livres*.

Some nouns have no plural, such as names of passions, senses, metals: *l'ivrognerie*, drunkenness; *l'ouïe*, hearing; *le courage*, courage; *l'or*, gold; *l'argent*, silver.

Some have no singular; *les annales*, annals; *les ancêtres*, ancestors; *les mouchettes*, snuffers; *les épinards*, spinach.

Proper names have no plural, as *Londres*, *Paris*, *Milton*, etc.

### 32. OF THE FORMATION OF THE PLURAL OF SIMPLE SUBSTANTIVES.

#### GENERAL RULE.

The plural is formed in French, as in English, by the addition of an *s* to the singular.

#### EXAMPLES.

Singular.			Plural.	
<i>le roi</i>	the king		<i>les rois</i>	the kings
<i>la reine</i>	the queen		<i>les reines</i>	the queens

#### EXCEPTIONS TO THE GENERAL RULE.

1. Words ending in *s*, *x*, *z*, in the singular, remain the same in the plural.

#### EXAMPLES.

Singular.			Plural.	
<i>le fils</i>	the son		<i>les fils</i>	the sons
<i>la voix</i>	the voice		<i>les voix</i>	the voices
<i>le nez</i>	the nose		<i>les nez</i>	the noses

2. Words ending in *au*, *eu*, *ou* form their plural by adding an *x*.

#### EXAMPLES.

Singular.			Plural.	
<i>bateau</i>	boat		<i>bateaux</i>	boats
<i>feu</i>	fire		<i>feux</i>	fires
<i>bijou*</i>	jewel		<i>bijoux</i>	jewels
<i>vœu</i>	vow		<i>vœux</i>	vows

3. Words ending in *al*, *ail*, change their terminations into *aux* to form the plural.

#### EXAMPLES.

Singular.			Plural.	
<i>cheval</i>	horse		<i>chevaux</i>	horses
<i>travail</i>	work		<i>travaux</i>	works

\* Those in *-ou*, that take *x* in the plural, are *chou*, *caillou*, *bijou*, *genou*, *hibou*, *joujou*, *pou*; the others now follow the general rule and take *s*, as *clou*, *clous*; *verrou*, *verrous*, &c.

† Several nouns in *-al*, as *bal*, *cal*, *pal*, *végat*, *carnaval*, *local*, &c. follow however the general rule, simply taking *s*.

‡ Those in *-ail*, making their plural in *aux*, are particularly *bail*, *sous-bail*, *corail*, *émail*, *soupirail*, *travail*, *vantail*, *ventail*; the rest, as *attirail*, *détail*, *éventail*, *gouvernail*, *portail*, *serail*, &c. follow the general rule.

4. Polysyllables ending in *ant*, *ent* form their plural by the addition of an *s*, thus: *enfant*, *enfants*, *moment*, *moments*, *commençaient*, *commençaient*.

M. Lézicac's rule on this subject was to drop the *t* and put an *s*. *enfant*, *enfants* and it has long been optional to adopt the one or the other way; but the French Academy having, in the new edition of their dictionary, adopted the first orthography, it has been thought right to follow their example.

Monosyllables ending in *ent*, *ant* form their plural by the addition of an *s*: as *gant*, *gants*, *chant*, *chants*, *dent*, *dents*.

5. The following six words are quite irregular as to the formation of the plural:

Singular.		Plural.	
ail	<i>garlic</i>	aulx	<i>heads of garlic</i>
bétail	<i>cattle</i>	bestiaux	<i>cattle</i>
aïeul	<i>grandfather</i>	aïeux	<i>ancestors</i>
ciel	<i>heaven</i>	cieux	<i>heavens</i>
œil	<i>eye</i>	yeux	<i>eyes</i>
bercaïl	<i>sheepfold</i>		<i>has no plural</i>

### 33. OF THE FORMATION OF THE PLURAL OF COMPOUND SUBSTANTIVES.

1. When the word is composed of an adjective and noun, both take the mark of the plural.

<i>un chef-lieu</i>	county town	<i>des chefs-lieux</i>
<i>un petit-maître</i>	a dandy	<i>des petits-maîtres</i>
<i>un loup-garou</i>	a hobgoblin	<i>des loups-garous</i>
<i>un franc-alleu</i>	a free-hold	<i>des francs-alleus</i>
<i>un arc-boutant</i>	a buttress	<i>des arcs-boutants</i>

To this rule there are exceptions: in some words compounded of a noun and an adjective, one of them takes the *s*, and the other does not; in some both remain in the singular, as:

<i>un rouge-gorge</i>	a robin red-breast	<i>des rouge-gorge</i>
<i>un hôtel-Dieu</i>	a hospital	<i>des hôtels-Dieu</i>
<i>un arc-en-ciel</i>	a rainbow	<i>des arcs-en-ciel</i>

These differences and apparent contradictions arise from the following considerations:

*Rouge gorge* is an elliptical form of which the full sense is *oiseau à rouge gorge*; *des rouge gorge*, consequently, means *des oiseaux à rouge gorge*, and cannot assume the sign of the plural. *Hôtel Dieu* is also elliptical, and its full sense is *hôtel de Dieu*; there may be more hotels than one,

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but there is but one *Dieu*. The same may be said of *arcs* and *ciel*, in *des arcs-en-ciel*.

From what precedes may be established into a precise rule, viz: that the *s* cannot be affixed to those words to which and idea of plurality cannot be attached.

2. One of the components of a compound substantive, or even each of them, may be a verb, an adverb, a preposition, all undeclined parts of speech to which the *s* cannot be attached.

<i>un essuie-mains</i>	a towel	<i>des essuie-mains</i>
<i>un essuie-main</i>		<i>des essuie-main</i>
<i>un passe-partout</i>	a master key	<i>des passe-partout</i>
<i>un avant-coureur</i>	a fore runner	<i>des avant-coueurs</i>
<i>un vice-amiral</i>	a vice admiral	<i>des vice-amiraux</i>

3. When the component words are taken from the Latin or from any foreign language, no *s* is added to the plural.

<i>des te-deum</i>	<i>des post-scriptum</i>
<i>des mezzo-terme</i>	<i>des vade-mecum</i>
<i>des auto-da-fè</i>	

4. In all words compounded of *porte* and a noun substantive, no *s* is to be added to the latter.

<i>un porte-étendard</i>	standard bearer	<i>des porte-étendard</i>
<i>un porte-épée</i>	sword bearer	<i>des porte-épée</i>
<i>un porte-mouchettes</i>	snuffers stand	<i>des porte-mouchettes</i>

EXERCISE.

The flowers of the gardens ; the niceties of the languages ; the  
*fleurs* *jardin* *délicatesse* *langue*  
 palaces of the kings ; the woods of those countries ; the wallnuts of  
*palais* *roi* *bois* *ces* *pays* *noix*  
 their orchards ; the pictures of those painters ; the feathers of these  
*leurs verges* *tableau* *ces* *peindre* *plume* *ces*  
 birds ; the melody of their voices ; the gods of the pagans ; the  
*oiseau* = f. s. *leurs voix* *dieu* *païen*  
 jewels of my sisters ; the cabbages of our gardens ; those charming  
*bijou* *mes sœur* *chou* *nos jardin* *ces charmant*  
 places ; the horses of my stable ; the fans of these ladies ; the  
*2 lieu* *1* *cheval* *mes écurie* *éventail* *ces* *dame*  
 (front gates) of those churches ; the actions of my ancestors ; the  
*portail* *ces* *église* *mes* *aïeul*  
 evils of this life ; the victories of those generals ; the works of  
*mal* *cette vie* *ces* *travail*  
 those architects ; the corals of those seas ; the (learned men) of  
*ces* *—* *toite* *corail* *ces* *mer* *savant*

those times; the presents of my parents; the teeth of your comb;  
*ces temps-là — mes — dent votre peigne*  
 the playthings of our children; the heads of these nails.  
*joujou nos enfant tête ces clou.*

## CHAPTER II.

## OF THE ARTICLE.

34. The *Article* is a small word prefixed to substantives, to determine the extent of their signification.

The French article is  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{le} \text{ before a masculine} \\ \text{substantive} \\ \textit{la} \text{ before a feminine} \\ \text{substantive} \end{array} \right\}$  the plural is *les* for both genders.

## EXAMPLE.

Singular.		Plural.	
<i>le jour</i>	<i>the day</i>	<i>les jours</i>	<i>the days</i>
<i>la nuit</i>	<i>the night</i>	<i>les nuits</i>	<i>the nights</i>

## EXERCISE.

The sun, the moon and the stars are the glory of nature.  
*soleil m. lune f. étoile f.pl. sont = f. art—f.*

The king, the queen, and the princes are well pleased. The rose,  
*roi m. reine f. —m.pl. très-satisfaits — f.*

the violet, the tulip, the narc. the hyacinthe, the gilliflower,  
*violette f. tulip f. nar. n. jacinthe f. giroflée f.*

the jasmine, the lily, the h. ackle, the ranunculus are the  
*jasmin m. lis m. chèvre-feuille m. renoncule f.*

delight of the sight Poetry, painting and music are (sister arts)  
*délices f.pl. vue f.art. poésie f. art. peinture f. art musique sœur f. pl.*

The day and the night are equally necessary.  
*jour m. nuit f. également nécessaire.*

OF THE ELISION OF THE ARTICLE *le, la*.

35. The articles *le, la* form but one word with the noun following, if the latter begins with a vowel or an *h* not aspirate. This suppression of a letter is called *Elision*.

## EXAMPLE.

<i>l'argent</i>	instead of	<i>le argent</i>	<i>the money</i>
<i>l'histoire</i>		<i>la histoire</i>	<i>the history</i>

36. The same elision takes place also with regard to the preposition *de*, when it precedes a word beginning with a vowel, or an *h* not aspirate.

EXAMPLE.

*gage d'amitié* token of friendship.  
*parole d'honneur* word of honour

EXERCISE.

The soul of man without cultivation is like a diamond  
*âme f. art. homme h. m. sans culture f. est comme diamant m.*  
 (in the rough) The history of Spain is sometimes very interesting.  
*brut h. m. Espagne quelquefois très-intéressante.*

(Look at) the amaranthe and the anemone; what beauty! Self-  
*Considérez amaranthe f. — f. quelle = f. art. amour-*  
 love and pride are always the offspring of a weak mind.  
*propre art. orgueil toujours partage m. faible 2 esprit m. 1.*

Honesty, innocence, honour, and the love of  
*art. Honnêteté h. m. art. — art. honneur. h. m. amour art.*  
 virtue are (very much) esteemed. Summer, autumn, and  
*vertu f. tres- estimés art. été art. automne art.*

winter are very changeable. France is separated from Italy  
*hiver h. m. variables art. — séparée de Italie*  
 by the Alps, and from Spain by the Pyrenees (An. act) of  
*par Alpes pl. art. — — pl. acte*

ambition. She was struck with horror. He is full of vanity.  
*— Elle était frappée de — Il est rempli orgueil*  
 In a fit of humour.  
*dans un accès —*

CONTRACTION OF THE ARTICLES *le, la, les,* AND  
 PREPOSITION *de, à.*

37. It has been observed page 37, that the articles *le, la, les* are contracted into one word with the preposition *de, à*, when they are used in connexion before a word beginning with a consonant or an *h* aspirate.

EXAMPLES.

Du roi	is instead of	<i>de le roi</i>	<i>of the king</i>
du héros	—	<i>de le héros</i>	<i>of the hero</i>
au roi	—	<i>à le roi</i>	<i>to the king</i>
au héros	—	<i>à le héros</i>	<i>to the hero</i>
des rois	—	<i>de les rois</i>	<i>of the kings</i>
des reines	—	<i>de les reines</i>	<i>of the queens</i>
aux rois	—	<i>à les rois</i>	<i>to the kings</i>
aux reines	—	<i>à les reines</i>	<i>to the queens</i>

EXERCISE.

The top of the mountains and the bottom of the valleys are  
*sommet m. montagne fond m. vallée*

equally agreeable. Silk is soft to the touch. The happiness  
*également agréables.* art. *Soie* f. *douce* toucher m. *bonheur* m.  
 of a feeling man is to relieve the wants of the poor. A man  
*sensible* 2 1 *de subvenir à* *besoin* *peuvre* m.s.  
 given to pleasure was never a great man. He obeyed the orders  
*livré* art. *plaisir* m. *ne fut* *grand* *Il obéit à* *ordres*  
 of the king. The warbling of birds, the murmuring of  
*gazouillement* m. art. *oiseau* —re m. art.  
 streams, the enamel of meadows, the coolness of woods,  
*ruisseau* *émail* m. art. *prairie* *fraîcheur* f. art. *bois*  
 the fragrance of flowers, and the sweet smell of plants,  
*parfum* m. art. *fleur* *douce odeur* f. art. *plante*  
 contribute greatly to the pleasure of the mind and to the health of  
*contribuent beaucoup* *esprit* *santé* f.  
 the body.  
*corps* m.

*De* and *à* are never contracted with *la*.

## EXAMPLES.

*De la reine* of the queen | *à la reine* to the queen

Nor are *de* and *à* contracted with *le*, before a masculine substantive singular, beginning with a vowel or *h* mute.

## EXAMPLES.

*De l'esprit* of the mind | *de l'homme* of man  
*A l'esprit.* to the mind | *à l'homme.* to man

Contraction does not take place either when the adjective *tout*, all, every, intervenes between *de* or *à*, and the article.

## EXAMPLES.

*de tout le monde* of every body  
*de tous les hommes* of all men  
*à tout le monde* to every body  
*à tous les hommes* to all men  
*de toutes les vertus* of all virtues  
*à toutes les maisons.* to all houses

The hope of success strengthened the cause of virtue  
*espérance* f. art. *réussite* f. *fortifia* —f. art. *vertu* f.  
 and weakened the audaciousness of rebellion. Fire of  
*affaiblit* *audace* f. art. —f. art. *feu* m. art.  
 imagination, strength of mind, and firmness of soul.  
 —f. art. *force* f. art. *esprit* art. *fermeté* f. art. *âme*  
 are gifts of nature. We saw with horror that man  
*des dons* m. pl. art. —f. *Nous vîmes avec* =  
 given up to avarice and to voluptuousness. Good cultivation  
*livré* \* art. — *à* art. *volupté* f. art. *Bonne culture* f.

is that which contributes most to the fertility of the soil. More  
*est ce qui contribue le plus* = *terre f. Plus*  
 or less pain is the lot of every body. The history  
*ou moins de peine* *partage m. tout art. monde m.* =  
 of man under all the circumstances of life, is the study of the  
 art. *sous toutes art. circonstance f. art. vie f. étude*  
 wise. Playfulness does not become all ages, nor  
*sage m. art. Enjouement m. \* ne sied ni à tout art.—m. pl. ni à*  
 all dispositions.  
 art. *caractère m. pl.*

## OF THE ARTICLE.

38. In French, the article always agrees in gender and number with the substantive to which it relates.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>le livre que je cherche</i>	the book which I am looking for
<i>la femme que je vois</i>	the woman whom I see
<i>les hommes qui étudient</i>	the men that study

## EXERCISE.

The father and the mother, the brothers and the sisters, the  
*père m. mère f. frère m. pl. sœurs f. pl. art*  
 uncles and the aunts, and several other relations were  
*oncles m. pl. art. tante f. pl. plusieurs autres parent m. pl. étoient*  
 present. What we value is health, frugality, liberty,  
*présens. Ce que nous estimons c'est art. santé f. art. =f. art. =f.*  
 vigour of mind and body; it is the love of virtue,  
 art. *vigueur f. art. art. corps m. ce amour m. art. f.*  
 the fear of the gods, fidelity to all mankind,  
*crainte f. de dieu m. pl. art. =f. envers art. monde m. art.*  
 moderation in prosperity, fortitude in adversity,  
 —f. *dans art. =f. art. force f. art. =f. art.*  
 courage, good morals, and the abhorrence of flattery.  
 —m. art. *bonnes mœurs f. pl. horreur f. h. m. art. =f.*

## OF THE PARTITIVE ARTICLE.

39. *Some*, signifying a little of, a small portion or quantity of, a few, is rendered by *du, de la, des, de l'* before a vowel and *h* not aspirate; but *some* is hardly ever used in English, whereas *du, de la, des* must always be expressed in French.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>Je mange du pain</i>	I eat bread
<i>Il prend de la peine</i>	He takes pains
<i>Nous mangeons du hachis</i>	We eat some hash
<i>Elle conçoit de la haine</i>	She conceives a hatred
<i>Vous avez de l'amitié</i>	You have friendship

*Vous prenez de l'humeur*  
*Nous cueillons des pommes*  
*Ils vendent des oranges*

You get into an ill humour  
 We gather apples  
 They sell oranges

## EXERCISE.

Give me *some* bread and butter. Offer him *some*  
*donnez-moi pain m. pr. part. beurre m. Offrez-lui*  
 meat. Take *some* salt. (There is) mustard. We  
*viande f. Prenez sel m. Voilà pr. art. moutar le f. Nous*  
 have *some* girkins. Shall I offer you *some* fowl? Shall I  
*avons cornichons pl. Vous offrirai-je poulet m. Vous*  
 help you to *some* fruit? I will take (with pleasure) *some*  
*servirai-je \* —m. Je prendrai volontiers*  
 broth. Bring me *some* bread. Pour me out *some* beer.  
*bouillon m. Apportez-moi Versez-moi \* bière f.*  
 Drink *some* wine. Take *some* tea. Put (in it) *some* sugar  
*Buvez vin m. Prenez thé m. Mettez-y sucre m.*  
 and milk. I hear *some* noise. It hails. She  
*pr. art. lait m. J'entends bruit m. Il tombe grêle f. s. Elle*  
 has pride. Have you any ink and pens?  
*a pr. art. orgueil m. Avez-vous pr. art. encre f. pr. art. plumes pl.*  
 Put *some* oil and vinegar in the sallad.  
*Mettez huile, h m. pr. art. vinaigre m. dans salade f.*  
 Eat *some* lobster. He has received *some* gold and  
*Mangez pr. art. homard m. h. asp. Il a reçu or m.*  
 silver.  
*pr. art. argent m.*

40. *Du, de la, des de l'* are not used generally after a negation, nor before a noun preceded by an adjective. In those cases, *de* alone is used without any distinction of gender or number.

## EXAMPLES.

*Je ne mange pas de pain I do not eat bread*  
*Il ne prend jamais de peine he takes no pains*  
*Ils vendent de bonnes oranges they sell good oranges*

## EXERCISE.

Do not give me any bread. We have good girkins. I will not  
*Ne me donnez pas avons bons Je ne prendrai pas*  
 take broth. We drink excellent wine. She has no pride.  
*bouillon Nous buvons ——— vin Elle n'a pas*  
 Have you no ink? Do you not take salt? We never drink wine.  
*Ne prenez-vous pas jamais*  
 Do you never eat fruit?  
*ne mangez-vous jamais*

## CHAPTER III.

## OF THE ADJECTIVE.

41. The adjective is a word, which is added to a substantive to express its quality, as,

bon père	good father		bonne mère	good mother
beau livre	fine book		belle image	fine image

These words *bon*, *bonne*, *beau*, *belle*, are adjectives, because they express the qualities of *père*, *mère*, *livre*, *image*.

A word is known to be an adjective, when it can be properly joined with the word *personne*, or the word *chose*. Thus, *habile*, skilful, and *agréable*, agreeable, are adjectives, because we can say *personne habile*, skilful person, *chose agréable*, agreeable thing.

In French, the adjective agrees in *gender* and *number* with the substantive to which it relates. This difference of *gender* and *number* is generally marked by the termination of the adjective.

42. OF THE FORMATION OF THE FEMININE OF  
FRENCH ADJECTIVES.

*All* adjectives ending, in the singular, in *e* mute, are of *both* genders.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>Un homme aimable</i>	An amiable man
<i>Une femme aimable</i>	An amiable woman

Adjectives ending, in the masculine, in *e*, *i*, *u*, *t*, *d*, form their feminine by the addition of an *e* mute.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>m.</i>	<i>f.</i>	
prudent	prudente	<i>prudent</i>
sensé	sensée	<i>sensible</i>
poli	polie	<i>polite</i>
tortu	tortue	<i>crooked</i>
instruit	instruite	<i>well-informed</i>
grand	grande	<i>large</i>

Adjectives in *-el*, *-eil*, *-ien*, *-on*, *-et*, *-as*, *-ès*, *-ais*, *-os*, *-ot*, *-ul*, *-il*, form their feminine, by doubling the final consonant, and adding *e* mute.

## EXAMPLES.

	<i>m.</i>	<i>f.</i>					
	cruel	cruelle	cruel	=	50	} of each termination.	
	pareil	pareille	like	=	3		
	ancien	ancienne	ancient	=	80		
	bon	bonne	good	=	18		
	net	nette	clean	=	34		
<i>m.</i>	<i>f.</i>		<i>m.</i>	<i>f.</i>			
bas	basse	low	épais	épaisse	thick		
cas	casse	cracked	métis	métisse	mongrel		
gras	grasse	fat	gros	grosse	big		
las	lasse	tired	sot	sotte	stupid		
express	expresse	express	vieillot	vieillotte	oldish		
profès	professe	professed	} monk or nun	nul	nulle	no	
				gentil	gentille	genteel	

Adjectives ending in *f*, change this letter into *ve*.

## EXAMPLES.

bref	brève	short
actif	active	active
naïf	naïve	ingenuous
neuf	neuve	new

Adjectives ending in *x* change *-x* into *se*.

## EXAMPLES.

honteux	honteuse	ashamed
vertueux	vertueuse	virtuous
jaloux	jalouse	jealous

Adjectives ending in *eur*, derived from verbs, and which might be more properly called substantives, were it not that they have a feminine, form that feminine in various manners; they are few in number, and change as follows:

## EUR, EUSE.

complimenteur	—teuse	fond of compliments
connaisseur	—sseuse	connaisseur, judge
demandeur	—deuse	one who asks
flatteur	—tteuse	flattering
menteur	—teuse	deceiving
parleur	—leuse	talker
rêveur	—veuse	dreamer
moqueur	—ueuse	sneering
trompeur	—peuse	deceiver
		etc., etc.

## EUR, ERESSE.

baillieur	bailleresse	donor
demandeur	—deresse	plaintiff
défendeur	—deresse	defendant

enchanteur	—teresse	charmer
pêcheur	—cheresse	sinner
vengeur	—geresse	avenger
	etc. etc.	

EUR, RICE.

accusateur	—trice	accuser
acteur	—trice	actor
bienfaiteur	—trice	benefactor
admirateur	—trice	admire
séducteur	—trice	seducer
protecteur	—trice	protector
conservateur	—trice	preserver
conducteur	—trice	leader
ambassadeur	—trice	ambassador

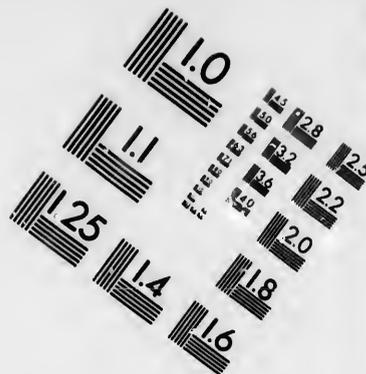
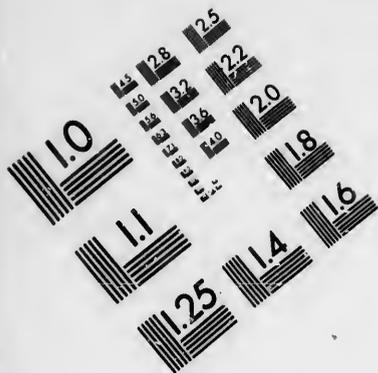
*Auteur, docteur, imprimeur, professeur*, have no feminine.

All *real* adjectives ending in *eur*, form their feminine by the addition of an *e*; they are about twelve in number: *antérieur, citérieur, extérieur, intérieur, inférieur, meilleur, mineur, majeur, postérieur, supérieur, ultérieur, prieur*.

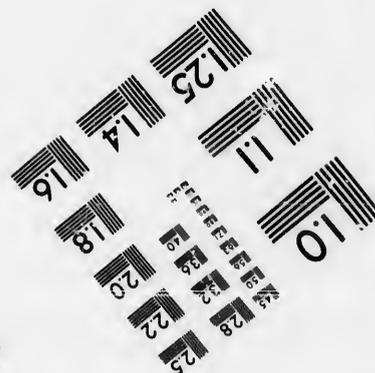
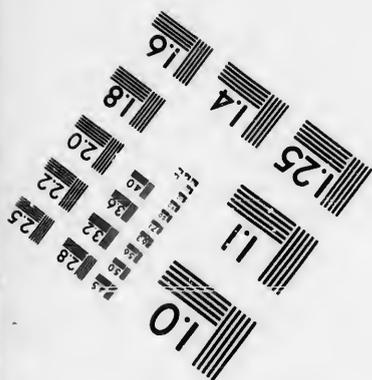
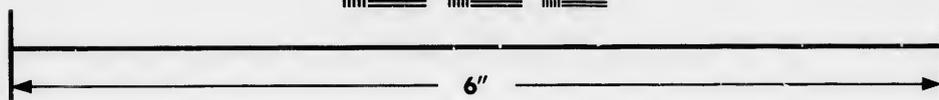
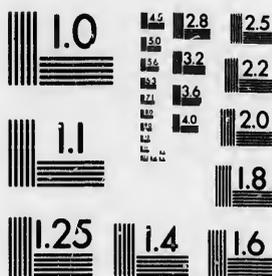
EXERCISE.

She is *decent*. This house is well situated. This pear  
*Elle* — *Cette maison f. bien situé* *poire f.*  
is too ripe. She is tall and well formed. This story is  
*trop mûr grand bien fait* *histoire f.*  
very entertaining. This person is very volatile. This mountain  
*très-amusant personne f. bien léger* *montagne f.*  
is steep. This road is not very safe. The door is not  
*escarpé route f. sûr* *porte f.*  
open. This room is dark. This street is too narrow. It is  
*ouvert chambre f. obscur rue f. étroit* *Ce*  
is an ancient custom. She has carnation lips. His  
*coutume f. a vermeil 2 art. lèvres f. pl. 1. Sa*  
memory will be immortal. His manners are natural. The  
*=f. sera —tel Ses manières f. pl. naïf*  
engagement was warm. (That is) an original thought. This  
*action f. fut viv Voilà neuf 2 pensé f. 1.*  
cloth is the best of all. These are delusive promises.  
*éttoffe f. meilleur f. pl. trompeur 2 promesse f. pl. 1.*  
He seduces by his fawning manners. The delightful valley  
*séduit par flatteur 2 manières f. pl. 1. délicieux vallée f.*  
of Tempe is in Thessaly. The grass is very thick. The soup  
*Tempé dans art. = f. herbe f. soupe f.*  
is too fat. It is a foolish undertaking. This water is not clean.  
*sot entreprise f. Cette eau f. net*





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It is a very silly story. The law is express upon that point.  
 C'est *histoire*. f. *loi* f. *sur ce* — m.  
 The avenging thunder smote that impious wretch. He  
*vengour* ‡ *foudre* f. 1. *frappa est* *impie* \*  
 (held out to us) a protecting hand.  
*tendit* ‡ *nous* 1. — *leur* ‡ *main* f. 1.

## OF IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES.

43. There are some adjectives which are irregular in the formation of their feminine. They will be found nearly all contained in the following list :

<i>m.</i>	<i>f.</i>		<i>m.</i>	<i>f.</i>		
*beau	} belle fine		*fou	} folle mad		
†bel					†fol	
*nouveau			nouvelle new		*mou	} molle soft
*nouvel				†mol		
*vieux	} vieille old					
†vieil						
<i>m.</i>	<i>f.</i>	<i>m.</i>	<i>f.</i>			
blanc	blanche white	fauz	fausse false			
franc	franche frank	rouz	rousse red			
frais	fraiche fresh	douz	douce sweet			
Grec	Grecque Greek	aigre-douz	aigre-douce tartish, sweet			
public	publique public	tiers	tierce, third, etc.			
caduc	caduque frail	tors	{ torse or twisted			
Turc	Turque Turkish	coi	coite or coie still, snug			
long	longue long	favori	favorite			
benin	benigne benign	jumeau	jumelle twin			
malin	maligne malignant	traître	traïtresse traitor			
sec	sèche dry					

The following adjectives ending in *et*, not only form their feminine by the addition of *e* mute, but require the grave accent on the penultimate *e*.

<i>m.</i>	} make	<i>f.</i>
concret		concrète
d'iscret		discrète
indiscret		indiscrète
inquiet		inquiète
complet		complète
incomplet		incomplète
replet		replète
suret		surète
prêt		prête

*Préfix m.* makes *préfixe f.* and is the only adjective in *-x*, which retains this letter and follows the SECOND RULE.

\* *Beau, nouveau, vieux, fou, mou*, before a consonant or *h* not aspirate,  
 † Before a vowel and *h* mute.

Some adjectives have no feminine, as *bisché, dispose, fat, paillet*, etc. ; others have no masculine, as *blette*, etc.

## SINGULARITY OF DEMI, FEU, NU.

43. *Demi, nu*, have a peculiarity which must be noticed. When they precede the noun, they are undeclined ; when they follow it, they agree with it.

une demi-livre	half a pound
une demi-heure	half an hour
un demi-cent	half a hundred
une livre et demie	one pound and a half
deux heures et demie	half past two
trois cents et demi	three hundred and a half

nu-pieds	les pieds nus	bare feet
nu-tête	la tête nue	bare head

*Feu* is undeclined when preceding the article and a possessive pronoun ; it is declined when following them.

Feu la reine	la feue reine	the late queen
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The adjectives *bas, bon, court*, etc. being used with a verb, become adverbs, and are not declined.

ces fleurs sentent bon	these flowers smell nice
elle parle bas	she speaks low
ils demeurèrent court	they stood short
elle se fait for d'y aller	she takes upon herself to go.

## REMARKS ON TOUT, QUELQUE.

44. *Tout, all*, means also *every*, in a sort of distributive sense.

je vous souhaite toute espèce de bonheur, *I wish you every happiness.*

*Tout* is very frequently prefixed to an adjective in the sense of *quite, entirely*, and is, consequently, undeclined.

ces enfants, tout aimables qu'ils sont, me fatiguent	amiable as these children are, they fatigue me
ils étaient tout étourdis	they were quite astounded

But it has this peculiarity that, when placed before an adjective feminine, beginning with a consonant, it is declined.

c'est une tête toute vide	it is a head quite empty
elles étaient toutes tremblantes	they trembled all over

*Quelque*, before a noun plural, qualified or not by an adjective, takes *an s*.

quelques richesses que vous ayez, ne soyez pas prodigue. *whatever be your riches do not be lavish.*

quelques bonnes actions que vous fassiez, soyez modeste. *whatever good actions you do, be modest.*

*Quelque* before an adjective, means *however*, and is not declined,

quelque riches qu'ils soient, ils ne donnent rien. *however rich they be, they give nothing.*

*Quel que, quelle que, quels que, quelles que*; here, *quel* is a sort of pronoun adjective which must agree in gender and number with the noun to which it refers, and which is the subject of the verb following :

quels que soient vos desseins, et quelles que soient vos vues. *whatever be your designs and your views.*

quelles que soient votre naissance et votre fortune. *whatever be your birth and fortune.*

Observe that the verb is in the subjunctive mood after *quelque, quelques, quel que*.

## EXERCISE.

He drank a glass of brandy quite pure. My sisters were  
*but verre m. eau de vie f. — étaient.*

quite *put out.* Hope, *deceitful* as it is, leads us to the  
*déconcerté art. espérance trompeur f. nous mène*

end of life through a pleasant path. She was quite  
*fin f. art. vie par agréable 2 chemin m. 1. fut*

astonished when she saw us. *Whatever advantages you*  
*étonnée vit 2 nous 1. avantage que vous*

have (do not make) too sure of success. (I will not have  
*ayez ne soyez pas art. succès m. Je ne veux pas*

her), however beautiful she may be. You must conquer your  
*d'elle jolie qu'elle soit il faut vaincre*

inclinations whatever they be. (Let us know) your choice  
*penchants m. soient faites-nous savoir choix m.*

whatever it may be. That soup is very good. There is no truth  
 *soupe f. Il n'y a nul vérité f.*

in all that. It is in the newest fashion. It is a fine statue  
*dans tout cela. à nouveau mode f. beau = f.*

He lives in a state of luxurious idleness. This wax is not  
*Il vit dans \* \* mou oisiveté f. cire f.*

very white. She is as fresh as a rose. The paint on that  
*\* comme — f. peinture f.*

wainscot is not dry. His answer is a mere evasion. The  
*lambris m. réponse f. franc défaite f.*

thing is public. That plant possesses a pernicious property.  
*chose f. herbe f. a malin 2 qualité f. 1.*

She is of a benevolent disposition. This woman is jealous and  
*a \* benin 2 humeur f. femme f. jaloux*

*deceitful.* His temper is gentle. This colour is too red.  
*faux Son humeur f. doux couleur f. trop roux*

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These old clothes are good for nothing. He ran bare  
*hardes f. pl. ne à rien il courait nu*  
 legged in the streets. Give me a guinea and a half.  
*les jambes f. par Donnez-moi guinée f. \**  
 Cut half a yard. The late princess was idolized.  
*Coupez en aune f. — cesse chéri*  
 Do not stand in the cold air (without your hat).  
*Ne restez pas art. tête f. nu à l'air.*

### OF THE FORMATION OF THE PLURAL OF FRENCH ADJECTIVES.

45. GENERAL RULE. The formation of the plural in adjectives follows the same rules as those given for the plural of substantives. All adjectives having the feminine termination in *e* mute, or ending in *e, i, u, c, d, g, f, n, t*, form their plural by the addition of an *s*, as : *aimable, aimables; docile, dociles; poli, polis; goulu, goulus; grand, grands; long, longs*. This rule applies to the participles past, *aimé, aimés; reçu, reçus*, etc.

#### EXCEPTIONS.

1. Adjectives ending in *-s*, or *-x*, do not change their termination in the plural, as *gros, gras, hideux*.

2. Those ending in *-au*, take *x* in the plural, as *beau, beaux, nouveau, nouveaux*.

Those in *-al*, change this termination into *aux*, as *égal, equal, égaux; général, généraux*; but most of these have no plural masculine, as *amical, austral, boréal, canonial, conjugal, diamétral, fatal, filial, final, frugal, jovial, lustral, matinal, naval, pastoral, pectoral, spécial, vénal*, and some others.

*Canonical, clérical, conjectural, colossal, déloyal, diacanal, ducal, électoral, équinoxial, final, fiscal*, are seldom used in the plural masculine; wherever they are, they follow the general rule.

*Amical, automnal, colossal, frugal, glacial, jovial, total*, have no plural masculine.

*Pascal* makes *pascals*, but *fatals* ought to be avoided.

4. Polysyllables ending in *-nt*, according to general practice, may drop the *t* in the plural, as *excellent, excellens*; but the Academy keep the *t*, (see page 70). Monosyllables retain it, as *lent, slow, lents*; but the adjective *tout*, all, makes *tous*.

## EXERCISE.

They are *envious* and *jealous*. Those fowls are large and  
*Its* = *jaloux* *poulet* m. pl. *gros*  
 fat. Owls are *frightful* birds. (These are)  
*gras* art. *Hibou* m. pl. *des hideux* 2 *oiseau* m. pl. 1. *Voilà*  
 beautiful jewels. The two new operas have succeeded.  
*de beau bijou* m. pl. *deux nouveau* — m. pl. *ont réussi*  
 Nien are only equal (in the) infirmities of nature. The  
 art. 2 *ne* 1 *que* 4 *égal* 3 *par les* = art.—f.  
 general officers are assembled. This fruit is excellent.  
 — 2 *officiers* m. pl. 1. — *blé* *ces* — m. pl. *sont* —  
 His improvement is slow, but solid. All his friends have  
*Ses progrès*, m. pl. *sont* *lent* *solide* *All* *ses* *ami* m. pl.  
 been very glad to see him. Those ladies are tired with  
*été* *bien* *aise* *de* *voir* 2 *le* 1 *ces* *dame* f. pl. *las* *de*  
 walking. You have powerful enemies; but their efforts  
*marcher* *Vous* *avez* *de* *puissant* *ennemi* m. pl. *mais* *leurs* — m. pl.  
 will be vain and useless. The four cardinal points are the  
*seront* — *inutile* *quatre* — 2 *point* pl. 1  
 east, west, south, and north.  
*orient*, m. art. *occident* m. art. *midi* m. art. *nord* m.

## OF THE DEGREES OF SIGNIFICATION OF THE ADJECTIVE.

46. Grammarians commonly reckon *three* degrees of comparison; the *positive*, the *comparative*, and the *superlative*. The *positive* is the adjective expressing the quality of an object, without any increase or diminution, as *beau*, *belle*.

## EXAMPLES.

A child *gentle*, *amiable*, and *docile*, is beloved by every body.  
*enfant* m. *doux* *aimable* — *aimé* *de* *tout* *le* *monde*  
 An *ingenious* candour, an *amiable* simplicity and a *lively*  
 — *nu* 2 = f. 1 = f. *piquant* 2  
 artlessness are the charm of youth. The sight of an *agreeable*  
*naïveté* f. 1. *charme* m. art. *jeunesse* f. *vue* f. *agréable*  
 landscape is a *varied* and rapid source of *delightful* sensations.  
*paysage* m. *varié* 2 *rapide* 3—f. 1 *délicieux* 2 —f. 1.

47. The *comparative* is so called, because it draws a comparison between two or many objects. When two things are compared, the one is either superior, inferior, or equal to the other; hence three sorts of comparison, that of *superiority*, of *inferiority*, and *equality*.

The *comparative of superiority* is formed by putting *plus*, *more*, before the adjective, and *than* is rendered by *que*.

*Les roses sont plus belles que la violette.*

EXAMPLES.

*La rose est plus belle que la violette.* The rose is more beautiful than the violet.

*By*, in comparison before a noun of number, is rendered by *de*.

He is taller by two inches. *Il est plus grand de deux pouces.*

EXERCISE.

The republic of Athens was more illustrious than that of Lacedæmon. *Athènes a été plus illustre que la république de Lacédémone.*

Homer was perhaps a greater genius than Virgil; but Virgil had a more delicate and more refined taste than Homer. *Homère était peut-être plus grand génie que Virgile; mais Virgile avait un goût plus délicat et plus raffiné.*

Milton appears (to me) more sublime than all the other poets. *Milton paraît plus sublime que tous les autres poètes.*

The river is deeper by four feet. *La rivière est plus profonde de quatre toises.*

The comparative of inferiority is formed by prefixing *moins*, less, to the adjective, and rendering also *than* by *que*.

EXAMPLES.

*La violette est moins belle que la rose.* The violet is less beautiful than the rose.

EXERCISE.

Shipwreck and death are less fatal than the pleasures which attack virtue. *Naufrage et mort sont moins funestes que les plaisirs qui attaquent la vertu.*

The violet is less brilliant to the eye than the lily, a true emblem of modesty and of pride. *La violette est moins brillante à l'œil que le lis, véritable emblème de la modestie et de l'orgueil.*

Autumn is less varied than spring, but it is richer. *L'automne est moins varié que le printemps, mais il est plus riche.*

In the comparative of equality the first *as* is rendered by *aussi* in affirmative, and by *si*, in negative phrases; the second *as* is rendered by *que*.

EXAMPLES.

*La tulipe est aussi belle que la rose.* the tulip is as beautiful as the rose

*La tulipe n'est pas si belle que la rose.* the tulip is not so beautiful as the rose

EXERCISE.

Pope's images are as perfect as his style is harmonious. *Les images de Pope sont aussi parfaites que son style est harmonieux.*

Delicacy of taste is a gift of nature as scarce as diamonds. *La délicatesse du goût est un don de la nature aussi rare que les diamants.*

*semblent elles comme content chères*

true genius. The love of our neighbour is as necessary in  
 art. *vrai génie* m. *amour du \* prochain* = dans  
 society for the happiness of life, as in christianity for  
 art. = *pour bonheur* m. art. *vie* f. art. — *nisme* m.  
 eternal salvation. It is as easy to do good as to do  
 art. — *nel 2 salut* m. 1. *aisé de faire* art. *bien* m. de  
 evil. Paris is not so large as London. James will not be  
 art. *mal* m. — m. *grand Londres Jacques ne sera pas*  
 so rich as his brother.  
*riche son frère.*

*Meilleur, pire, moindre* are the comparatives of *bon, mauvais, petit*, which are irregular in the formation of the degrees. Thus :

<i>bon</i>	good		<i>meilleur</i>	better		<i>le meilleur</i>	the best
<i>mauvais</i>	bad		<i>pire</i>	worse		<i>le pire</i>	the worst
<i>petit</i>	small		<i>moindre</i>	smaller		<i>le moindre</i>	the smallest

48. N.B. As most beginners are apt to confound these comparative adjectives with the comparative adverbs, *MIEUX, PIS, and MOINS*, because they are generally rendered by the same English words *better, worse* and *less*, it may be advisable to subjoin here these comparative adverbs with their positives, that the difference of meaning may serve as a distinction.

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| ADJECTIVES. | } | <i>Meilleur</i> , better, is the comparative of <i>bon</i> , good, and is used instead of <i>plus bon</i> , which is never said.                          |
|             |   | <i>Pire</i> signifies <i>plus mauvais</i> , worse, or more wicked, and is used instead of this.   |
|             |   | <i>Moindre</i> means <i>plus petit</i> , less or smaller, and is used instead of these terms.   |
| ADVERBS.    | } | <i>Mieux</i> ,* better, is the comparative of <i>bien</i> , well, and is used instead of <i>plus bien</i> , more well, which is said in neither language. |
|             |   | <i>Pis</i> * is the comparative of <i>mal</i> , badly, and is used for <i>plus mal</i> , worse, which, however, may be used.                              |
|             |   | <i>Moins</i> is the comparative of <i>peu</i> , little, and is used for <i>plus peu</i> , which is never said.  |

EXAMPLES.

Ce fruit-là est bon, mais celui-ci est meilleur *That fruit is good, but this is better*  
 Sa condition est mauvaise, mais elle a été pire *His condition is bad, but it has been worse*

\* There are some instances of *pis* and *mieux* used adjectively, but this is not the place to mention them.

*Ne faut pas en dire d'unis particulièrement de plus*

Ma dépense est petite, mais la *My expense is small, but yours is*  
 votre est moindre *smaller*  
 Il se conduit bien, mais elle se *He behaves well, but she behaves*  
 conduit encore mieux *still better*  
 Il se portait mal, mais il est pis *He was badly, but he is worse than*  
 que jamais *ever*  
 Je parle peu, vous parlez encore *I speak little, you speak still less*  
 moins.

## EXERCISE.

His reasoning is not better than yours. Your style is a  
*Son raisonnement m. le vôtre Votre — m. de*  
 great deal better than that of his brother. The thickness of this  
*beaucoup celui son épaisseur f. ce*  
 wall is less than that of the next wall. This column is less than  
*mur m. celle voisin 2 1 Cette colonne f.*  
 the other in height and thickness. The remedy is worse  
*autre en hauteur f. en grosseur f. remède m.*  
 than the disease. Your horse is worse than mine.  
*mal m. cheval m. le mien.*

49. The adjective is in the *superlative* degree, when it expresses the quality in a high or in its highest state: hence there are two sorts of superlatives, the *absolute* and the *relative*.

50. The *superlative absolute* is formed by putting *très*, *fort*, *bien*, very, before the adjective; it is called *absolute*, because it does not express any comparison with; or relation to, any other objects.

## EXAMPLE.

London est une très-belle ville *London is a very fine city*

REMARK. The adverbs *extrêmement*, extremely, *infiniment*, infinitely, are likewise marks of the superlative absolute.

## EXAMPLE.

Cet homme est extrêmement savant *That man is extremely learned*

Dieu est infiniment heureux *God is infinitely blessed*

## EXERCISE.

That landscape is very diversified, very extensive, and infinitely  
*Ce paysage m. varié étendu*  
 agreeable on every side. The Alps are very high and very steep.  
*agréable de toutes parts f. pl. haut escarpé*  
 The style of Fénelon is very rich, and very harmonious, but it is  
 —m. = il

sometimes prolix; that of Bessuet is *extremely sublime*, but it is *quelquefois prolix* celui *élevé*

sometimes harsh and unpolished.

*dur* *rué*

51. The *superlative relative* is formed by prefixing the article *le, la, les*, according to the gender of the noun, to the comparative, and is called *relative* because it expresses comparison with, or relation to, another subject.

The article *le, la, les* is not used in the superlative degree when a possessive pronoun precedes the noun.

#### EXAMPLES.

Londres est la plus belle des villes *London is the finest of cities*  
 Je préfère une maison de campagne au plus beau palais *I prefer a country house to the finest palace*  
 C'est mon plus grand ennemi *He is my greatest enemy*  
 Voici nos meilleurs voisins *These are our best neighbours.*

*Plus* and *moins*, with the article, are repeated before every adjective.

#### EXERCISE.

*The most beautiful comparison* that there is perhaps in any *beau comparaison f. que il y ait peut-être dans aucun*  
 language is that which Pope has drawn from the Alps, in his Essay *langue f. celle que tiré f. de Alpes, dans son essai*

on Criticism. *The most able men* are not always the most *sur art. critique f. habile gens m. pl. toujours*

virtuous. *The most ancient and most general* of all kinds of *vertueux. f.—me f. art. espèce f. pl.*

idolatry was the worship rendered to the sun. *The least excusable* *= étail culte m. rendu soleil m.*

of all errors is that which is wilful. I will show you *art.—f. celle qui volontaire. Je montrerai 2 vous 1*

my prettiest flowers. These are her richest gifts. I have not *mes joli fleur f. précieux don m. Je ai*

read his best work. *tu son ouvrage m.*

#### CONCORD OF THE ADJECTIVE WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE.

52. The adjective always agrees in gender and number with the substantive to which it relates.

Le bon père	<i>The good father</i>
La bonne mère	<i>The good mother</i>
De beaux jardins.	<i>Fine gardens</i>
De belles promenades	<i>Fine walks</i>

*Bon* is masculine singular, because *père* is masculine, and in the singular; *bonne* is feminine singular, because *mère* is feminine, and in the singular; *beaux* is in the masculine plural, because *jardins* is masculine, and plural, etc.

EXERCISE.

These hills are covered with trees loaded with  
*ses coteau m. pl. couvert de arbre m. pl. chargé de*  
 fruit, already ripe. A pure stream rolls its limpid  
 —10. pl. *déjà mûr clair ruisseau m. roule son limpide 2*  
 water through the midst of meadows enamelled with  
*cristal m. l à milier m. prairie f. pl. émaille de*  
 flowers. (Every thing) interests the heart in this abode  
*fleur f. pl. tout intéresse cœur m. ce séjour m.*  
 which is full of charms. Fly, inconsiderate youth,  
 \* \* *plein attirait m. pl. Fuyez, —déré 2 jeunesse f. 1*  
 fly from the enchanting allurements of a vain world; its  
 \* —leur 2 attrait 1 —2 monde m. 1. ses  
*perfidious sweets are a slow poison, which (would destroy*  
*—de 2 douceur f. pi. 1. lent 2 —m. 1. qui détruirait*  
 in your soul the noble enthusiasm of goodness, and  
*dans âme — enthousiasme m. art. bien m.*  
*precious seeds of sublime virtues.*  
 = *germe m. art. — 2. vertu 1.*

53. When the adjective relates to two substantives singular, of the same gender, it must be put in the plural, and agree with them in gender.

EXAMPLE.

Le roi et le berger sont égaux *The king and the shepherd are*  
 après la mort *equal after death.*  
 Ma mère et ma sœur sont vives *My mother and sister are quick*

EXERCISE.

Uprightness and piety are much esteemed, even by the  
*art. droiture f. art. piété f. très-estimé même de*  
 wicked. Man, in the most elevated rank, and  
*méchant pl. art. dans (le plus élevé) 2 art. rang m. 1*  
 man in the most obscure situation are equally precious  
*art. obscur 2 art. état m. 1 également =*  
 in the eyes of God. Pilpay and Confucius are very celebrated  
*à m. pl. célèbre*  
 among the nations of Asia.  
*parmi peuples art.*

54. When the two substantives, to which the adjective relates, are of different genders, the adjective is to be put in the masculine plural.

## EXAMPLE.

Mon père et ma mère sont contents. *My father and mother are contented.*

## EXERCISE.

His probity and disinterestedness are known (every where.)  
 = f. *son désintéressement* m. connu partout  
 The love of life, and the fear of death, are  
*amour* m. art. *vie* f. *crainie* f. art. *mort* f.  
 natural to man. ignorance and self-love are  
 — rel art. art. —f. art. *amour-propre* m.  
 equally presumptuous. My sister and brother were very alien-  
*présomptueux.* *Ma* f. *mon* m. ont été =  
 tive to the instructions of their masters.  
 — *leur maître* m. pl.

## NOUNS AND ADJECTIVES OF NUMER.

55. Numbers are divided into five classes, viz: *cardinal, ordinal, collective, distributive, and proportional.*

CARDINAL NUMBER.	ORDINAL NUMBER.	NUMERICAL COLLECTIVE NOUNS.
1 un, uno	<i>premier</i>	<i>first</i> unité, unit
2 deux	<i>deuxième, second</i>	2d couple, pair, couple
3 trois	<i>troisième</i>	3rd trio
4 quatre	<i>quatrième</i>	4th deux couples, two couples
5 cinq	<i>cinquième</i>	5th
6 six	<i>sixième</i>	6th } demi-douzaine, half a dozen
7 sept	<i>septième</i>	7th
8 huit	<i>huitième</i>	8th huitaine, week
9 neuf	<i>neuvième</i>	9th } neuvaine, nine days of prayer
10 dix	<i>dixième</i>	10th dizaine, half a score
11 onze	<i>onzième</i>	11th
12 douze	<i>douzième</i>	12th douzaine, dozen
13 treize	<i>treizième</i>	13th
14 quatorze	<i>quatorzième</i>	14th
15 quinze	<i>quinzième</i>	15th quinzaine, fortnight, etc.
16 seize	<i>seizième</i>	16th
17 dix-sept	<i>dix-septième</i>	17th
18 dix-huit	<i>dix-huitième</i>	18th
19 dix-neuf	<i>dix-neuvième</i>	19th

CARDINAL NUMBER.	ORDINAL NUMBER.	NUMERICAL COLLECTIVE NOUNS.
20 vingt	vingtième	20th vingtaine, a score
21 vingt-et-un	vingt-et-unième	21st
22 vingt-deux	vingt-deuxième, etc.	22nd
30 trente	trentième	30th { trentaine, a score and a half
31 { trente-et-un, etc.	} trentième	31st
40 quarante	quarantième	40th quarantaine, two score
41 { quarante-et-un, etc.	} quarante-unième	41st
50 cinquante	cinquantième	50th { cinquantaine, two score and a half
51 { cinquante-et-un, etc.	} cinquante-unième	51st
60 soixante	soixantième	60th soixantaine, three score
61 { soixante-et-un, etc.	} soixante-unième	61st
70 soixante-dix	soixante-dixième	70th
71 { soixante-onze	} soixante-onzième	71st
72 { soixante-douze, etc.	} soixante-douzième	72d
80 quatre-vingts	quatre-vingtième	80th — four score
81 { quatre-vingt-un, etc.	} quatre-vingt-unième	81st
90 { quatre-vingt-dix	} quatre-vingt-dixième	90th
91 { quatre-vingt-onze, etc.	} quatre-vingt-onzième	91st
100 cent	centième	100th 1 centaine, one hundred
101 cent-un, etc.	cent-un-ième, etc.	101st
200 deux-cents	deux-centième	200th 2 centaines, 2 hundred
1000 } mille	millième	1000th 1 millier, 1 thousand
2000 } deux mille, etc.	} deux millièmes, etc.	2000th } 2 milliers, 2 thousand
10,000 } dix mille	dix-millième	10,000th 1 myriade, 1 myriad
1,000,000 } mille fois mille	} million-ième, millionth	1 million 1 million

Un milliard or billion, a thousand millions, un trillion, etc.

*Cent* takes an *s* when immediately before the noun; it does not take it when followed by another number: *trois cents hommes*; *trois cent cinquante hommes*.

*Mille* never takes the *s* in the plural: *deux mille hommes*.

In dates, *mille* is contracted into *mil*: *mil huit cent trente-cinq*.

There are many other numerical expressions used in poetry, music, games, etc.: as, *distique*, *tercet*, *quatrain*, *sixain*, *huitain*, etc. *solo*, *duo*, *trio*, *quatuor*, *quinque*, *quinte*, *octave*, etc. *beset*, *sonnez*, etc.

*Un millier* is very often employed for one thousand weight, but *quintal* is never used except in the sense of one hundred weight.

The distributive numbers are those which express the different parts of a whole: as, *la moitié*, the half; *le quart*, the quarter; *un cinquième*, a fifth, etc.

The proportional denote the progressive increase of things: as, *le double*, the double; *le triple*, the treble; *le centuple*, a hundred fold, etc.

## CHAPTER IV.

### OF THE PRONOUN.

56. A *pronoun* is a word substituted in the place of a noun.

There are several kinds of pronouns, as the *personal*, *possessive*, *relative*, *absolute*, *demonstrative* and *indefinite*.

### SECTION I.

#### OF THE PERSONAL PRONOUNS.

57. *Personal pronouns* are used in the places of persons and things, to avoid their being repeated.

58. There are three *persons*: the first who speaks, the second who is spoken to, and the third is the person or thing spoken of.

#### *Singular.*

<i>Subject.</i>	je		je loue Dieu	<i>I praise God.</i>
	me	for à moi	il me donne	<i>he gives me, or to me</i>
	me	.. moi	il me blesse	<i>he hurts me</i>
<i>Object.</i>	moi	.. à moi	donnez-moi	<i>give me, or to me</i>
	moi	.. moi	aidez-moi	<i>help me</i>
	de moi	.. — of me	il parle de moi	<i>he speaks of me.</i>

Plural.

Subject.	nous	we	nous louons Dieu	we praise God	
Object.	nous	for à nous	to us	il nous donne	he gives us
	nous	.. nous	us	il nous blesse	he hurts us
	de nous	.. —	of us	il parle de nous	he speaks of us

They are both masculine and feminine; that is, of the same gender as the person or persons they represent.

59. In general, *je* and *me* are put before the verb; *moi*, *de moi*, *à moi* after it, and *nous* before or after, as the case requires.

EXERCISE.

I cast my eyes upon the objects which surrounded me, and saw with pleasure that all was calm and tranquil. Do you not see in all the features of my father that he is satisfied with me? We have told the truth. What were they saying of us? If we desire to be happy, we must not deviate from the path of virtue.

*portai vue f. s. sur objet environnaient me*  
*je vis avec que était calme tranquille \* 3 1-4*  
*voyez 2 dans trait m. pl. que content de*  
*moi avons dit vérité f. Que \* on 2 disail 1*  
*Si désirons de ne devons pas nous écarter de*  
*sentier m. art.*

60. PRONOUNS OF THE SECOND PERSON.

Singular.

Subject.	tu	thou	tu crains Dieu	thou fearest God	
Object.	te	for à toi	to thee	il te parle	he speaks to thee
	te	.. toi	thee	il te voit	he sees thee
	toi	.. à toi	to thee	donne-toi la peine	give thyself the trouble
	toi	.. toi	thee	habille-toi	dress thyself
	de toi	.. —	of thee	nous parlons de toi	we speak of thee

Plural.

Subject.	vous	ye, or you	vous louez Dieu	you praise God	
Object.	vous	for à vous	to you	il vous parle	he speaks to you
	vous	.. vous	you	il vous respecte	he respects you
	de vous	.. —	of you	il parle de vous	he speaks of you

In general, *tu* and *te* are put before the verb; *toi*, *de toi*, *à toi*, are placed after; *vous* is placed either before or after, according as the case requires.

REMARK. Politeness has led to the use of the plural *vous*, instead of the singular *tu*: as, *vous êtes bien bon* you are very good, for *tu es bien bon*.

EXERCISE.

Thou art greater than I; and from thee I have (at once)  
*es moi toi ai en même temps 2*

learned humility and wisdom. I (was telling) you that  
*appris 1 art. = f. art. sagesse f. disais le que*

dancing is to the body what taste is to the mind. You have  
*art. danse f. m. ce que art. goût m. esprit m. avez 2*

shown us great talents; when (will you show) us great virtues  
*montré 3 1 de —m. quand montrerez-vous 2 1 de f. pl.*

How amiable you are! How good you are to have thought of  
*Que 3 1 êtes 2 3 1 2 de vous être occupé*

us! (It was said) of you the other day, that you intended to  
*On disait autre jour m. vous vous proposiez de*

spend a winter in London (in order to) see every thing curious  
*passer m. à —dres pour voir tout ce =6*

which that city presents.  
*que 1 cette 2 ville 3 offre 4 de 5.*

61. PRONOUNS OF THE THIRD PERSON.

Singular.

Sub.	{ il m. .... he elle f. .... she	{ il perd son temps } he loses his time elle travaille } she is always at toujours } work dites-lui que } tell him that I je lui parle- } will speak to rai } him dites-lui que } tell her that vous lui don- } you will give nerez } her il parle de lui } he speaks of him il parle d'elle } he speaks of her je ne connais } I know but him que lui de } capable capable }
Obj.	{ je le méprise } I despise him je la respecte } I respect her { Il ne connaît } he know but qu'elle } her venez avec elle } come with her { je ne le savais } I did not know pas } it.	
Plural.		
Sub.	{ ils m. .. .. they elles f. .. .. they	{ ils chantent } they sing (gentlemen) { elles rient } they laugh (ladies)

Obj.	leur m. for à eux to them	{	payez-leur ce	{	pay them what
	leur f. for à elles to them	{	dites-leur que	{	tell them that I
	les m. for eux them	{	vous les trou-	{	you will find
les f. for elles them	{	il les admire	{	he admires	
eux m. . . . them	{	je ne vois	{	I see but them	
					qu'eux
elles f. . . . them	{	allez sans eux	{	go without them	
					il ne connaît
		qu'elles	{	them (ladies)	
		partez sans elles	{	go without them	

*Il, ils, le, les* masculine, *elle, elles, la, les* feminine are used in speaking of things as well as of persons; but *de lui, d'elle, d'eux, d'elles, lui, leur* are not. See Y, em. No. 64, 65.

62. When the verb is interrogative, the pronoun, which is its subject, is always put after it; the interrogative *do*, used in English, has no equivalent in French, and is consequently not expressed.

Singular

Subject	{	je	I	dois-je payer ?	must I pay ?
		tu	thou	as-tu dit ?	hast thou said ?
		il	he	chante-t-il bien ?	does he sing well ?
		elle	she	travaille-t-elle ?	does she work ?

Plural.

Subject	{	nous	we	irons-nous ?	shall we go ?
		vous	you	viendrez-vous ?	will you come ?
		ils m.	they	chantent-ils ?	do they sing ?
		elles f.	they	travaillent-elles ?	do they work ?

EXERCISE.

He loved them because they were gentle, attentive, and grateful.  
*aimait m. parce que doux = reconnaissant*

He (was saying) (to them,) do you not know that the nature of  
*disait \* 3 1-4 savez 2 que propre m.*

merit is to excite envy? She often exhorted me to  
*art. mérite m. de exciter art. envie f. souvent 2 exhortait 1*

the study the most useful, that of the human heart. They make us  
*étude f. utile celle 2 m. 1. font*

love virtue, more by their examples than by their words,  
*aimer art. f. par leur exemple parole f. pl.*

What has been said of them? Did they speak of them?  
*Que 1. on 3. a-t-2 \* dit eux \* on 2 parlait 1 elle*

Do you not see *her*? With what pleasure she plays! Look at  
 \* 4 1-5 *voyez* 3 2 *quel* *joue* *Regardez*  
 that magnificent building, it unites gracefulness to beauty.  
*ce magnifique bâtiment m. réunit art. grâce f. art. beauté f.*  
 Ignorance is vain, it sees difficulties in nothing. Do not judge  
 art.—f. *vain ne voit de = à rien ne jugez pas*  
 from appearances, they are deceitful. Take one of these  
 sur art. *apparences f. trompeur Prênez ces*  
 roses, they smell so sweet.  
 —f. *sentent si bon.*

### 63. REFLECTED AND RECIPROCAL PRONOUNS OF THE THIRD PERSON.

		<i>Singular.</i>			<i>Examples.</i>			
Object.	{	soi	{ with a preposition governed by the verb	}	}	chacun tire à soi	}	every one draws to himself
		soi				l'égoïsme fait qu'on ne voit que soi		selfishness makes a person-see none but himself
Object.	{	se	}	}	}	il se donne des louanges	}	he gives himself praises
		se				elle se fait illusion		she imposes on herself
		se				il se perd		he ruins himself
		se				elle se flatte		she flatters herself
Object.	{	se	}	}	}	ils s'attribuent la gloire, etc	}	they attribute to themselves the glory of, etc.
		se				elles se prescrivent pour règle de etc.		they prescribe to themselves as rule to, etc.
		se				ils s'entredonnent, ou se font des cadeaux		they exchange gifts
		se				ils se sont déshonorés		they have disgraced themselves
		se				elles se sont flattées		they have flattered themselves
		se				ils s'entraident		they help one another
		se				les uns les autres		les rats, dit-on, s'entre-dévorent

REMARK, *Se* is placed before a verb, and *soi* after a preposition.

EXERCISE.

In a thousand instances, we do not watch sufficiently over ourselves.  
 \* mille occasion f. on \* veille assez sur soi  
 The glory of the world (passes away) in an instant. He gives  
 = f. monde m. s'évanouit en — m. donne  
 himself (a great deal) of trouble. She tires herself. People should  
 se beaucoup peine f. lasse se On doit  
 (very seldom) speak of themselves. Virtue is amiable in itself. We  
 rarement parler soi art. f. de soi On  
 must take upon ourselves the care of our own affairs.  
 doit prendre sur soi soin m. ses propre affaire f. pl.

OF THE PERSONAL AND RELATIVE EN.

64. This pronoun is personal when it means of *him*, of *her*, of *them*, of *it*, of *them*, and may be called the genitive case of *je*, *nous*, *tu*, *vous*, *il*, *elle*, *ils*, *elles*. It is relative when it is used in reference to an object or place antecedently named, and signifies *out of it*, *out of them*, *some of it*, *some of them* and *from that place*, or *thence*.

As a personal pronoun, it may be used in speaking of persons, although its chief use is about things; but, as a relative pronoun, its use is confined to things and places.

EXAMPLES.

EN for	de lui of him	{	cet homme vous	} that man pleases
			plait, vous en parlez souvent	
	d'elle of her	{	je ne crois pas cette femme sincère, je m'en méfie	} I do not believe that woman sincere, I distrust her
			lisez son poème, et dites-moi ce que vous en pensez	
	" of it, m.	{	sa conduite est mauvaise, je m'en plaindrai	} his conduct is bad; I will complain of it.
			quant à ces événements nous en parlons souvent	
	" of them m.	{	que dites-vous de ces gravures, en êtes-vous content?	} what do you think of these plates, are you pleased with them?
			ces fruits paraissent bons, j'en mangerais volontiers	
	" of them f.	{	voilà de belles oranges, voulez-vous m'en donner?	} These are beautiful oranges, will you give me some?

EN for	de cela of that	on ne m'a pas trompé, j'en suis sûr	I have not been imposed upon, I am sure of it
	d'ici hence	il arriva à Paris, comme j'en parlais	he arrived at Paris as I was setting off
	de là thence	vous allez à Paris et monsieur en vient	you are going to Paris, this gentleman comes from thence

## OF THE PERSONAL AND RELATIVE PRONOUN Y.

65. The use of *y*, as a pronoun, is strictly confined to things. It is employed in all those cases in which the objective case is marked by the preposition *à*. Speaking of persons, we say : *je pense à votre frère, je donne mes soins à votre frère* ; and, when not naming the person, we say : *je pense à lui, je lui donne mes soins* ; thus speaking of things, we must say : *je pense à votre affaire, je donne mes soins à votre affaire*, and speaking relatively, *j'y pense, j'y donne mes soins*.

*Y* is also used in reference to a place antecedently named, and when *here, there* are understood in English.

## EXAMPLES.

Y for	à lui to him	c'est un honnête homme, fiez-vous-y*	he is an honest man, trust to him*
	à elle to her	la poussière gâtera ce tableau, si on n'y met pas un verre	the dust will spoil this picture, if you don't put a glass to it
	" to it, m.	si votre lettre est finie, mettez-y l'adresse.	if you have finished your letter, put the direction to it
	" to it, f.	ce sont de belles promesses, mais je ne m'y fie pas	these are fine promises, but I do not trust to them
	" to them, f.	donnez-moi vos ordres, et j'y obéirai ponctuellement	give me your commands, and I will punctually obey them
	" to them m.	ces arguments sont pressants, je n'y vois point de réplique	these arguments are cogent, I see no reply to them
	" in them	allons, n'en parlons plus, il ne faut plus y penser	come, say no more, we must not think about it any longer
	à cela to it	nous partons de Londres, quand vous y venez	we set off from London, when you come hither
	ici here	c'est un endroit charmant, je compte m'y fixer	it is a fine place, I intend to settle there
	là there		

\* *Se fier* and *penser* alone admit *y*, in speaking of persons.

REMARK. *Y* and *en* are always put before the verb, except with the imperative affirmative second person.

EXERCISE.

They speak (a great deal) of it. You like French authors,  
*On parle beaucoup aimez art. français 2 auteur 1*  
 you are always speaking of them. That is a delicate affair; the  
 \* 2 *parlez 1 Ce délicat 2 = f. 1.*

success of it is doubtful. See them; I consent to it, but do  
*succès m. douteux Voyez consens 2 1 \**

not trust them. That is a fine appointment: he had  
 1-5 *vous 2 fiez 4 y 3 Ce place f. \**

long aspired to it. He has done it; but he  
*depuis long-temps —rait 2 1 a fait ne 1*

will get nothing by it.  
*gagnera 3 rien 4 y 2*

§ II.

OF POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS.

66. These pronouns denote the possession of things. When we say, *mon habit*, my coat; *votre maison*, your house; *son jardin*, his, or her garden; it is the same, as saying *l'habit qui est à moi*, the coat which belongs to me; *la maison qui est à vous*, the house which belongs to you; *le jardin qui est à lui*, or *à elle*, the garden which belongs to him, or to her.

67. These pronouns are of two sorts, the *conjunctive*, which are always joined to a noun, which they precede, *mon livre*, my book; and the *relative*, which are used in reference to a noun, as *le mien*, mine.

By some, these pronouns have also been called adjectives, because they agree in gender and number with the noun. *Mon frère*, my brother; *ma sœur*, my sister.

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS CONJUNCTIVE RELATING TO ONE PERSON.

		Singular		Plural	
for the	{ 1st person	mon, m.	ma, f.	mes, m. f.	my
	{ 2nd —	ton, m.	ta, f.	tes, m. f.	thy
	{ 3rd —	son, m.	sa, f.	ses, m. f.	his, her, its

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS CONJUNCTIVE RELATING TO MANY PERSONS.

		Singular		Plural	
for the	{ 1st person	notre, m. f.		nos, m. f.	our
	{ 2nd —	votre, m. f.		vos, m. f.	your
	{ 3rd —	leur, m. f.		leurs, m. f.	their

## EXAMPLES.

Mon père, ma mère et mes frères  
sont à la campagne, avec vos  
amis et leurs enfants.  
My father, mother, and brother  
are in the country, with your  
friends and their children.

Mon cousin est allé consoler sa  
sœur, qui a perdu son fils.\*  
My cousin is gone to visit and  
console his sister, who has lost  
her son.

68. *Mon, ton, son*, are used before a noun feminine, when beginning with a vowel, or *h* mute, *mon ame*, my soul; *ton humeur*, thy humour; *son amitié*, his friendship, in order to avoid the meeting of the two vowels, or hyatus, *ma ame, ta humeur, sa amitié*.

## EXERCISE.

*My principles, my love, of retirement, my taste*  
—<sup>pe</sup> *goût m. pour art. retraite f. amour m.*  
for (every thing) that (is connected) with learning, and  
*tout ce qui tient à art. instruction,*  
*my detestation of all spirit of party, (every thing) has*  
*haine f. h. asp. pour esprit parti tout a 2*  
induced me to prefer a life passed in the closet, to the  
*porté 3 1 préférer \* art. vie f. \* de \* cabinet*  
active life of the world. Do not think, my daughter, that thy  
— 2 f. 1 m. \* *pense que*  
candour, thy ingenuousness, thy taste, so delicate and so  
= f. *ingénuité f. goût, m. délicat*  
refined, and even thy graces, can shelter thee from  
*fin même — puissent mettre à l'abri de*  
censure. His wit, his talents, his honesty, and  
art. — f. *esprit m. — m. honnêteté f. h. m.*  
even his (good nature) make him beloved by every body.  
*même bonhomie f font aimer de tout le monde*  
Our constancy and our efforts will (at last) surmount all  
— f. — m. \* *enfin 2 surmonteront 1*  
obstacles. I see nothing that can (be censured)  
art. — m. pl. *vois 2 ne 1 rien 3 que on puisse reprendre*  
in your conduct. Their taste for the fantastical, the mon-  
*dans conduite f. pour bizarre, m. mon-*  
strous, and the marvellous gives to all their compositions  
*strucieux, m. merveilleux m. donne — f.*

\* Observe that the pronoun does not agree with the possessor as in English, thus, *his father, her father* are both rendered by *son père*, and *his mother, her mother*, by *sa mère*, no regard being paid to *his* or *hers*, but to the gender of *father* and *mother*.

although very fine in themselves, an air of deformity, which  
*quoique en elles-mêmes — m. difformité f. qui*  
 shocks at first sight.  
*choque à art. coup-d'œil, m.*

69. POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS RELATIVE, REFERRING TO ONE PERSON.

	<i>m. Sing.</i>	<i>f. Sing.</i>	<i>m. Plur.</i>	<i>f. Plur.</i>
1st	Le mien,	la mienne,	Les miens,	les miennes, <i>mine</i>
2nd	Le tien,	la tienne,	Les tiens,	les tiennes, <i>thine</i>
3rd	Le sien,	la sienne,	Les siens,	les siennes, <i>his, her, its</i>

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS RELATIVE, REFERRING TO SEVERAL PERSONS.

	<i>m. Sing.</i>	<i>f. Sing.</i>	<i>Pl. of both Gen.</i>
1st	Le nôtre,	la nôtre,	Les nôtres, <i>ours</i>
2nd	Le vôtre,	la vôtre,	Les vôtres, <i>yours</i>
3rd	Le leur,	la leur,	Les leurs, <i>theirs</i>

The use of these pronouns is to avoid the repetition of a noun antecedently named.

EXAMPLE.

Avez-vous toujours votre cheval? *Have you still your horse? I have*  
 je n'ai plus le mien; *for* je n'ai plus mon cheval. *no longer mine.*

EXERCISE.

Is it your temper or *hers*, that hinders you from living well  
*ce humeur f. qui empêche 2 1 de vivre*  
 together? If it be *yours*, it is easy for you to remedy it  
*ensemble ce est il 2 aisé 3 \* 1 d'y porter remède*  
 by mastering (your temper); if it be *hers*, redouble your  
*en prenant sur vous-même; ce redoublez de \**  
 kindness, attention, and good behaviour; if it is  
*complaisance de — de good procédé m. pl. it*  
 very seldom that this method (proves unsuccessful). If my  
*très-rare ce moyen ne réussisse pas Si*  
 friends had served me with the same zeal as *yours*, it  
*avaient 2 servi 3 1 même zèle m. que*  
 is very certain that I (should have) succeeded: but *yours* have  
*très sûr aurais réussi ont*  
 been all warmth, and *mine* all ice. All the pictures which we  
*été de feu de glace tableau m. que*  
 expected from Rome are arrived: there are some that are a  
*attendions arrivés il y en a qui*  
 little damaged; but *yours*, *his* and *mine* are in good  
*peu endommagés en*  
 condition. We know perfectly well what are your  
*savons parfaitement \* quels*

amusements in town, and I assure you we are very  
 — à art. ville f. — 2 1 que sommes bien  
 far from envying you them; but if you knew  
 éloigné pl. envier 3 1 2  
 ours in the country, it (is most likely) you  
 sont à compagne f. il y a toute apparence que  
 (would not be long) in giving them the preference. You  
 ne tarderiez pas à donner 2 leur 1 préférence f.  
 have opened your heart to me with that noble frankness  
 avez 2 ouvert 3 1 — franchise f.  
 which so well becomes an honest man: this confidence well  
 qui si 2 3 sied 1 à honnête confiance f. 2  
 deserves mine.  
 mérite 1.

REMARK. When through politeness *vous* is used for *tu*, then *votre, vos*, are used instead of *ton, ta tes*, and *le vôtre, la vôtre, les vôtres*, for *le tien la tiennes, les tiens, les tiennes*.

## EXAMPLES.

Que vous ressemblez peu à How little you resemble your  
 vos ancêtres? ancestors.  
 Quand vous aurez entendu When you have heard our rea-  
 nos raisons, nous écouterons les sons, we will listen to yours.  
 vôtres.

## § III.

## 70. OF DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS.

The demonstrative pronouns serve to designate and point out objects. They are of two sorts, the *conjunctive*, which are always placed before the noun, and the *relative*, which are used in reference to a noun antecedently named. Both agree in gender and number with the noun.

## CONJUNCTIVE DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS.

71. The demonstrative relative pronouns are in the singular.

*Ce* masc. before a consonant or an *h* aspirate  
*Cet* masc. before a vowel or an *h* mute  
*Cette* fem. in all cases

## MASCULINE SINGULAR.

*Ce* livre, *this* or *that* book  
*Ce* héros, *this* or *that* hero.

*Cet* homme, *this* or *that* man  
*Cet* enfant, *this* or *that* child

## FEMININE SINGULAR.

cette fille	<i>this or that girl</i>
cette ame,	<i>this or that soul</i>
cette histoire	<i>this or that story</i>
cette haine	<i>that hatred</i>

The plural of *ce, cet, cette*, is *ces*. It is common to both genders, and is used before vowels and consonants.

ces livres, <i>these or those books</i>	ces hommes, <i>these men</i>
de ces héros, <i>of these or those heroes</i>	ces enfants, <i>those children</i>
à ces filles, <i>to these or those girls</i>	ces histoires, <i>these stories.</i>

*Ci* and *là* are often added to the noun, either to point it out more distinctly or speak of it more emphatically.

Cet homme-là, <i>that man</i>	Ces poires-ci sont bonnes, <i>these pears are good.</i>
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## RELATIVE DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS,

72. The relative demonstrative agree also in gender with the noun, and are

## MASCULINE SINGULAR AND PLURAL.

Celui-ci, <i>this</i>	Celui-là, <i>that</i>
Ceux-ci, <i>these</i>	Ceux-là, <i>those</i>

## FEMININE SINGULAR AND PLURAL.

Celle-ci, <i>this</i>	Celle-là, <i>that</i>
Celles-ci, <i>these</i>	Celles-là, <i>those</i>

*Celui, celle, ceux, celles*, are used without *ci, là*, before a preposition and a relative pronoun.

J'aime mieux mon jardin que celui de mon frère	<i>I like my garden better than my brother's</i>
On ne peut les comparer à ceux que nous avons vus à Paris.	<i>They are not to be compared with those we saw at Paris.</i>
Je le donnerai à celui qui arrivera le premier	<i>I will give it to him who comes in first</i>

73. *Ceci, this; cela, that; are, as it were, of the neuter gender, and are used to express this thing, that thing, when the object is not named*

Je n'aime pas cela	<i>I do not like that</i>
Ceci n'est pas pour vous	<i>This is not for you</i>

## CE QUI, CE DONT, &amp;c. FOR WHAT.

74. *Ce* is much used in conjunction with the relative pronoun.

Ce qui me plaît  
Ce dont je parlo

Ce à quoi je m'applique

Ce quo jo dis

Ce dont jo dépend

That which (or what) pleases me  
What I speak of (or that of which  
I speak)

What I apply to, (or that thing to  
which I apply)

What I say (or that thing which  
I say)

What I depend upon (that thing  
upon which I depend)

OBSERVE that the pronoun *what* is commonly used in English as if a contraction of *that which*, and is, accordingly, always expressed by two words in French, a demonstrative and a relative pronoun.

### 75. *ce* IN EXPLANATORY SENTENCES.

*Ce* is also much used in French, as the nominative or subject of *être*, in descriptive sentences, that is, when we name the nature, object of a thing, and even a person.

C'est une tabatière,  
C'est un officier général  
Ce sont de bons enfants,

It is a snuff-box,  
He is an officer general  
They are good children

See *Syntax. Demonstrative Pronouns.*

### EXERCISE.

Nothing is so opposite to that true eloquence, the office  
ne 3 rien 1 opposé véritable —f. fonction  
(of which) is to ennoble (every thing), as the use of  
tion f. 2 1 de 1 ennoblir 3 tout 2\* que emploi m.  
those refined thoughts, and hunting after those light,  
fin 2 pensée f. 1. recherche f. de léger 2  
airy unsolid ideas, which like a leaf of  
délié 2 sans consistance 4 idée f. 1. qui comme feuille f.  
beaten metal, acquire brightness only by losing  
battu 3 —m. 1 ne prennent de art. éclat m. que en perdant  
part of their solidity. This man has nothing in common  
\* art. = f. h. m. de commun  
with that he. This long restrained hatred broke,  
h asp. 1 long-temps 3 contenu 4 haine f. 2. éclata  
and was the unhappy source of those dreadful events  
ful malheureux —f. terrible événe-  
ment m. pl. Ce is a great pleasure to me, It was a great  
pain to us. The pleasures of the wise resemble in  
dépêchir \* nous. ressemblent 2-3  
nothing those of a dissipated man. He that suffers himself to (be  
1 4 c. dissipé 2 1 se laisse

ruled) by his passions, must renounce happiness.  
*dominer* by his passions, must renounce happiness.  
*doit renoncer à* art. m.

This stuff (will suit) you admirably. I desire you  
*étouffe-ci f.* *siéra 2* *l* *à merveille* *que*

to take this. That action is blameable. This  
*prenez m.* *That* *action* *-là* *is* *blameable.* *This*  
*digne de blâme*

scene is calculated to interest all men, but that cannot  
*-ci* *faite* *pour intéresser* art. *-là* *ne saurait*

succeed. (Here are) certainly two charming prospects, this  
*réussir* *Voilà* *certainement* *beau* *perspective f. pl.*

has something (in it) more cheerful, but many people  
*quelque chose de \** *riant* *bien de art. personne f. pl.*

think that more striking and more majes-  
*trouvent à quelque chose de* *more* *striking* *and* *more* *majes-*  
*imposant* *de* *majes-*

tic. The body perishes, the soul is immortal: yet all  
*tueux.* *The body* *perishes,* *the soul* *is immortal:* *yet all*  
*périt* *cependant*

the cares are for that, while we neglect this. What  
*m. tandisque* *négligeons f.*

means this? That is true. It is not that. This is low and  
*veut dire* *Ce* *bas*

mean, but that is grand and sublime.  
*rampant*

OF THE RELATIVE PRONOUNS.

76. *Relative pronouns* are those which relate to a noun preceding, called the *antecedent*. In the phrase *l'homme qui joue*, the man who plays, *qui* relates to the substantive *homme*; *l'homme* is then the *antecedent* of the pronoun relative *qui*.

Relative pronouns are used as follows according as they refer to persons and things: \*

<i>qui</i> , common to persons and things	{ who which	<i>Dieu qui voit tout</i>	{ <i>God who sees every thing</i> <i>the horses which are running</i>
		{ <i>les chevaux qui courent</i>	

\* Much attention must be paid to the distinction between persons and things, as the use of some of the pronouns is common, and the use of others is restricted to persons.

of whom, or from whom	} P'homme dont or de qui vous parlez	} the man of whom you speak	
			les femmes dont, or de qui il se moque
de qui, said of persons only; dont, common to persons and things, d'où	} of which, or from which	} le livre dont vous parlez	} the book of which you speak
whose	} la maison d'où (de laquelle) il est sorti	} the house out of which he came	
			le marchand dont le magasin est brûlé
à qui, said of persons only	} to whom	} les enfants dont il a placé le père	} the children whose father he placed
auquel, à la- quelle, aux- quels, aux- quelles com- mon, but espe- cially applied to things, où	} to which	} l'affaire à laquelle vous mettez tant d'intérêt	} the business in which you are so inter- ested
que, common to persons and things.	} whom } which	} le but où (auquel) vous tendez	} the thing at which you aim
		les lois que nous ob- servons.	} the laws which we observe

RELATIVE PRONOUNS WITH PREPOSITIONS.

qui referring to per- sons	} pour qui est cette let- tre ?	} for whom is this let- ter?
lequel, laquelle, les- quels, lesquelles, com- mon, but chief- ly said of things of which the gender is known	} ce sont de ces choses avec lesquelles il ne faut pas badiner	} these are things with which you must not trifle
quoi, said of things not named, of which the gender has not been expressed	} pourquoi faites-vous cela	} what do you do that for ? (for what reason ?)
	avec quoi fait-on de l'encre	} what is ink made of ?

Qui, que, and dont, are of both genders and both num-  
bers.

Lequel is a compound of quel and of the article le, la, les,  
with which it is joined, and forms but one word.

Singular.		Plural.		
lequel	laquelle	lesquels	lesquelles	which
duquel	de laquelle	desquels	desquelles	of which
auquel	à laquelle	auxquels	auxquelles	to which

This pronoun always agrees in gender and number with its antecedent.

*Quoi* is always governed by a preposition.

77. *Qui*, relative, is common to persons and things and is of both genders and numbers; the verb which follows it, and adjective which refer to it, must be of the same number and gender as the antecedent.\*

## EXAMPLES.

*Moi qui suis son fils*  
*Mon frère qui est si bon*  
*L'enfant qui joue*  
*Les enfants qui étudient*  
*Vous qui riez*  
*Les livres qui instruisent*

I who am his son.  
 My brother who is so kind.  
 The child who plays.  
 The children who study.  
 You who laugh.  
 The books which instruct.

In the first example, the verb is in the first person singular, to agree with *moi*, and, in the second, *bon* is masculine singular, to agree with *frère*.

78. *Dont*, whose, of whom, of which, from whom, from which, is common to persons and things, and *duquel*, *de laquelle*, *desquels*, *desquelles* have the same meaning, but are used only when the object is particularly pointed out, or distinguished from others of the same nature.

## EXAMPLES.

*La tour dont nous apercevons les créneaux doit être très-élevée,*  
*Ce dont je vous ai parlé l'autre jour n'a pas réussi.*  
*C'est une démarche de laquelle tout dépend.*

*The tower whose battlements we perceive must be very high.*  
*What I was speaking to you of the other day did not succeed.*  
*It is a step on which every thing depends.*

79. *A qui*, of both genders and numbers, (to whom, to which,) is never used in reference to things, but *auquel*, à

\* The relative pronoun is so important a part of a sentence, its use in French so different from what it is in English, that it has been thought better to anticipate a little, and to place here at once rules which properly belong to the syntax, but which it is quite necessary the learner should understand whilst he is doing the exercises which precede that part of the grammar, which belongs to the relative pronoun according to the usual order.

*laquelle, auxquels, auxquelles* which agree in gender and number with the antecedent.

## EXAMPLES.

L'homme à qui vous avez écrit, *The man to whom you wrote, did not answer.*  
 n'a pas répondu.  
 Sont-ce là les choses auxquelles vous pensez ? *Are those the things you think of?*

## EXERCISE.

I who did not suspect (so much) falsehood; cunning,  
 \* soupçonnais tant de fausseté f. pr. ruse f.  
 and perfidy, in a man whom I loved blindly, followed  
 pr. = j'ai aimé aveuglément, je suivis  
 his counsels. Thou, who art candour and innocence itself,  
 conseil m. es art. = f. art. = f. même  
 trust not too lightly. The great empire of the Egyptians  
 te confie légèrement. — m. — tien  
 which was, (as if) detached from all others, was  
 fut comme détaché art.  
 not of long duration. We who know the value of time  
 durée f. connaissons prix m. art.  
 ought to make a good use (of it), instead of wasting  
 nous devons \* emploi m. en au lieu perdre  
 it in idleness and frivolity. What! is it you, my  
 dans art. oisiveté f. art inutilité f. Quoi ce  
 daughter, who (would wish) that I (should love) you less? The  
 voudriez que aimasse  
 greatest men, who were the ornament and glory of Greece,  
 étaient ornement art. = f. art. Grèce f.  
 Homer, Pythagoras, Plato, even Lycurgus and Solon, went  
 Homère, —gore Platon, même —gue — allèrent  
 to learn wisdom in Egypt. Is this the man whose house  
 \* apprendre art. sagesse f. en Egypte Est ce là  
 was burnt down last week. I know the books of which  
 a été brûlée \* 2 art. semaine f. 1. connais  
 you (are speaking). It is a project to which he has devoted  
 parlez —jet m. a consacré  
 much time. Who is the lady to whom you (paid a visit) this  
 bien du avez fait visite ce  
 morning? Come in the (drawing room) I will show you the  
 matin Venez salon m. montrerais  
 table on which he (was writing).  
 à écrivait.

80. *Que* is also common to persons and things, and is of both genders and numbers.

EXAMPLES.

c'est moi que l'on demande *it is I whom they ask for*  
 c'est toi que l'on appelle *it is thou whom they call*  
 la femme que je vois si bien parée *the woman whom I see so well dressed*  
 c'est nous que vous offensez *it is we whom you offend*  
 c'est vous que je cherche *it is you I am seeking*  
 les dames que vous voyez *the ladies whom you see*

EXERCISE.

*I whom* temptation surrounded on every side fell  
 a. t. séduction f. environnait de tout part f. pl. je tombai  
 into the snare. It is you whom the public voice calls to that  
 dans piège m. Ce 2 f. 1. appelle  
 office. A power, which terror and force have founded,  
 place f. puissance f. art. = f. art. — f. fondé, f.  
 cannot be of long duration. It is we whom they persecute with  
 ne peut durée f. l'on poursuit avec  
 unexampled rage. You whom every body respects,  
 une sans exemple 2 fureur f. 1 tout le monde respecte  
 hasten to (show yourself). (Every thing) in the universe  
 hâtez-vous de paraître Tout dans univers m.  
 alters and perishes; but the writings which genius has  
 s'altère périt écrit m. pl. art. génie m.  
 dictated, shall be immortal.  
 dicté m. pl. seront — tel

81. *D'où* is very often used for *duquel, de laquelle, desquels, desquelles*; and *où* for *auquel, à laquelle, auxquels, auxquelles*.

EXAMPLES.

Voilà le but, où (auquel) il tend *That is the object he has in view*  
 Ce sont des affaires, où (aux- *Those are affairs with which I am*  
 quelles) je suis embarrassé *perplexed*  
 Voilà une chose d'où (de laquelle) *That is an affair on which the*  
 dépend le bonheur public. *public happiness depends*  
 Tels sont les lieux par où (par *These are the places through which*  
 lesquels) il a passé *he passed.*

82. *Lequel, laquelle, lesquels, lesquelles*, are generally used after prepositions, and also in the sense of *which*, when it is necessary to distinguish between objects of the same nature.

EXAMPLES.

Sont-ce là les personnes avec les- *Are those the people with whom he*  
 quelles il passe son temps ? *spends his time*  
 Ce sont de ces moments dans les- *These are the moments in which a*  
 quels on oublie tous ses cha- *man forgets all his sorrows*  
 grins

C'est une de ces dames, mais je ne sais laquelle *It is one of these ladies, but I do not know which*

83. *Quoi* comes after prepositions, and is used in speaking of things of which the gender is not ascertained; it is generally used to express *what, what thing, which thing*.

## EXAMPLE.

Dites-moi en quoi je puis vous être utile *Tell me in what thing I can be of use to you*  
 De quoi a-t-il été question? *What has been the matter?*  
 On dansa jusqu'à minuit, après quoi il y eut un souper superbe *They danced until twelve, after which there was a beautiful supper*

## EXERCISE.

The protection on which he relied has been too weak.  
 —f. *sur* *comptait* *faible*  
 That after which a true philosopher sighs most ardently  
*Ce* *après* *vrai* *—ph* *m.* *soupire* *art.* *ardemment*  
 is to spread that sentiment of universal benevolence which  
*de répandre* *—m.* *—sc* *2* *bienveillance* *f.* *1*  
 should unite and (bring together) all men. These are con-  
*devrait unir* *rapprocher* *art.* *Ce* *sont de* *art.*  
 ditions without which the thing (would not have been) concluded.  
*sans* *f.* *n'aurait pas été* *fait* *f.*  
 Nature, of whose secrets we (are ignorant) (will  
*art.* *—f.* *\** *1* *art.* *—m.* *pl.* *4* *2* *ignorons* *3* *sera*  
 always be) a source of conjecture to mankind. What does  
*toujours* *—f.* *3* *—f.* *pl.* *4* *pour* *1* *art.* *homme* *2*  
 he complain of so bitterly? The only moments, in which his  
*se plaint* *amèrement* *seul* *—pl.*  
 soul is yet opened to pleasure, are those which he devotes  
*s'ouvre encore* *art.* *ceux* *consacrer*  
 to study. The mountains from whence gold (is  
*art.* *f.* *pl.* *on* *1* *art.* *or* *3*  
 extracted), are not in general barren. The different countries  
*tire* *2* *\* en* *—* *infertile* *pl.* *—* *pays* *m.* *pl.*  
 through which he has passed have furnished his pencil with  
*par* *a* *passé* *ont* *fourni* *à* *crayon* *m.* *de*  
 romantic and picturesque scenes.  
*art.* *—* *tique* *2* *pittoresque* *3* *—* *1.*

84. OF THE PRONOUN ABSOLUTE *QUI*, AND OTHER PRONOUNS USED IN QUESTIONS.

*Who* and *whom* are rendered by *qui*, in questions.

## EXAMPLES.

Qui vous a dit cela? *Who told you that?*  
 Qui voulez-vous inviter? *Whom do you wish to invite?*  
 Savez-vous qui l'a dit? *Do you know who said so?*

*What* (or what thing) is rendered by *que*.

EXAMPLES.

Que voulez-vous dire ? *What do you mean ?*  
 Que fait-il en haut ? *What is he doing up stairs ?*

*Quoi* must be used after prepositions, and also with adjectives.

EXAMPLES.

À quoi pensez-vous ? *What are you thinking of ?*  
 Quoi de plus beau ? *What can be finer ?*

*What, which*, joined to a noun, is rendered by *quel, quelle, quels, quelles*.

EXAMPLES.

Quel habit mettez-vous ? *What coat shall you put on ?*  
 On ne sait quelle route il a pris *No one knows which road he has taken.*  
 Quel homme est-ce ? *What sort of a man is he ?*

*What and which*, used relatively, are rendered by *lequel, laquelle, lesquels, lesquelles*.

EXAMPLES.

Voilà deux habits ; lequel mettez-vous ? *There are two coats, which will you put on ?*  
 Avec laquelle de ces dames voulez-vous danser ? *With which of those ladies do you wish to dance ?*

EXERCISE.

*Who* (will not agree) that life has few and real pleasures and  
*ne conviendra pas* art. f. *peu de vrai plaisir, m.*  
 many dreadful pains ? (Some one) entered  
*beaucoup de affreux 2* *peine f. pl. 1.* *On entra*  
 secretly ; guess *who* it was. *What* have you read in that book ?  
*secrètement ; devinez \* \** *lu m.*  
 that can have excited in your soul emotion and enthu-  
*qui puisse avoir porté.* art. — f. art. *enthousiasm ?*  
*sias, ne m. ne sais* *penser 2 en 1 à avez-vous*  
 find them occupied ? (There is) in that discourse I know  
*trouvés occupé m. pl. Il y a discours m. sais 2*  
 not *what* which appears to me designing. *What* have you  
*ne 1 sembler \* insidieux*  
 remarked good, beautiful and sublime in Homer ? *What*  
*remarqué de pr. pr.*  
 more brilliant and, at the same time, more false, than the  
*pr. brillant en \* même pr.*

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expressions of a man, who has (a great deal) of wit; but  
*beaucoup esprit qui*  
 wants judgment? *What grace, what delicacy, what har-*  
*manque de jugement? grâce f. délicatesse f.*  
 money, what colouring, what beautiful lines in Racine! *What*  
 = f. *coloris m. vers m. — 1*  
 then must have been that extraordinary man, to whom seven  
*donc 3 doit 2 avoir été = 2 — 1*  
 cities contested the glory of having given birth? *Ho*  
*se sont disputé = f. avoir donné art. jour m.*  
 (does not know) what model to follow. I have told you *what man*  
*ne sait pas modèle m.\* suivre ai dit*  
 it is. *Which of those ladies do you think the most amiable?*  
*ce f. dames f.\* 2 trouvez 1 f.*  
 Choose *which of those two pictures you like best.*  
*Choisissez m. 4 5 6 tableau m. 7 1 aimez 2 art. mieux 3*

## § VI.

## OF INDEFINITE PRONOUNS.

85. *Indefinite pronouns* are those which have a vague and indefinite signification, and which have reference to persons and things in general, without particularizing. They are of four sorts.

## FIRST CLASS.

86. Those that are never joined to a substantive.

ON*	one	{	on aime à se flatter	{	one is apt to flatter ones self
			a man		on n'est pas toujours maître de soi
	a woman	on n'est pas toujours maîtresse d'aller où*	a woman cannot always go where she pleases		
	somebody	on frappe à la porte	somebody knocks at the door		
	people	on pense et* l'on dit tout haut	people think and say openly		
	they	on raconte diversement cette histoire	they relate that story differently		
	we	on acquiert l'expérience à ses dépens	we acquire experience at our own expense		

\* *On* is an abbreviation or a contraction of *homme*, which in old French was spelt *hom*. No doubt but that formerly it was usual to say, when speaking in a vague sense, *homme dit*, *homme étudie*, from which mode of expression *on* has been derived.

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ON	}	you	{ on trouve partout des importuns	{ you will find troublesome people every where
		I	{ on prévient qu'on n'a point eu l'intention de, etc.	{ I beg to observe, that I had no intention to, etc.
		I	{ quand on vous dit que l'on compte sur vous	{ when I tell you that I depend upon you
		they	{ si l'on vous blâme et si l'on le loue, on a tort	{ if they blame you and praise him, they are wrong.
		quelqu'un	{ one somebody some one	{ quelqu'un m'a dit, somebody told me.
		quiconque	{ whoever whosoever	{ qui connaît les hommes, apprend à s'en défier, whoever knows mankind, learns to distrust them.
		chacun	{ each every one	{ chacun s'en plaint, every one complains of him.
		autrui	{ other people others	{ n'enviez pas le bien d'autrui, do not covet the property of others. ne faites pas à autrui ce que vous ne voudriez pas que l'on vous fit, do not do to others what you would not have done to you
		personne	{ nobody no one	{ la fierté ne convient à personne, pride becomes nobody
		rien	{ nothing not anything any thing	{ rien ne lui plaît, nothing pleases him. y a-t il rien qui puisse lui plaire? is there any thing that can please him?

SECOND CLASS.

87. Those which are always joined to a substantive.

quelque	some	{ si cela était vrai, quelque historien en aurait parlé, if that were true, some historian would have mentioned it
chaque	each, every	{ à chaque jour suffit sa peine, sufficient for the day is the evil thereof
quelconque	{ whoever whatever	{ il n'y a raison quelconque qui puisse l'y obliger, no reason whatever can oblige him to it
certain	{ certain some	{ certain homme, a certain man
un	a, an	{ certaines nouvelles, some news j'ai vu un homme, I saw a man prenez une orange, take an orange

† Instead of *et on, ou, on, si on*, it is better for euphony, to part these words with an *l'*, thus: *et l'on, ou l'on, si l'on*, when the next word does not begin with an *l*, as seen by the examples; and instead of *les habitudes qu'on contracte, ce après quoi on court, quoiqu'on croie, un homme à qui on reproche*, say rather: *l'habitudes que l'on contracte, ce après quoi l'on court, bien que l'on croie, un homme à qui l'on reproche.*

## THIRD CLASS.

88. Those which are sometimes used in conjunction with a substantive, and sometimes relatively.

nul	no, one	} nulle raison ne peut le convaincre, <i>no reason can convince him</i> nul d'eux ne l'a rencontré, <i>not one of them has met him</i>
pas un	no, not one	
aucun	no, none	} il n'y a pas une erreur dans cet ouvrage, <i>there is not one error in that work</i> pas un ne le dit, <i>not one says so</i> je ne connais aucun de vos juges, <i>I know none of your Judges</i>
autre	olâer	
même	same	} il n'a fait aucune difficulté, <i>he has made no difficulty</i> servez-vous d'une autre expression, <i>make use of another expression</i> je vous prenais pour un autre, <i>I took you for another</i> c'est le même homme que je vis hier, <i>he is the same man I saw yesterday</i>
tel	{ such like	
plusieurs	{ several many	} cet homme n'est plus le même, <i>that man is no longer the same.</i> il tint à peu près un tel discours, <i>he made nearly such a discourse</i> je ne vis jamais rien de tel, <i>I never saw any thing like it</i> il est arrivé plusieurs vaisseaux, <i>several vessels have arrived.</i>
tout	{ all every every thing	
		} il ne faut pas que plusieurs pâtissent pour un seul, <i>many must not suffer for one</i> tous les êtres créés, <i>all created beings</i> tout disparaît devant Dieu, <i>everything vanishes before God</i>

## FOURTH CLASS.

89. Of those followed by *que*.

qui que	whoever	} qui que tu sois, <i>whoever thou mayest be</i> qui que ce soit, <i>whoever it may be</i>
quoi que	whatever	
quelque	{ whatever however	} quoi que ce soit, <i>whatever it may be</i> quoi que vous disiez, <i>whatever you may say</i> quel que soit cet homme, <i>whoever that man may be</i>
tel que	such as	
		} quel que soit votre courage, <i>whatever your courage may be</i> cette étoffe est telle que vous la voulez, <i>this stuff is such as you wish for</i>

quelque— que	{ whatever however	{ quelque raison que vous donniez, what- ever reason you may give quelque puissant que vous soyez, how- ever powerful you may be
tout—que	however	{ tout savant qu'il est, however learned he may be

## CHAPTER V.

## OF THE VERB.

90. The *Verb* is a word, the chief use of which is to express action, feeling, existence; it has persons, moods, and tenses.

In the phrase *la vertu est aimable*, virtue is amiable, it is affirmed that the quality *aimable* belongs to *la vertu*; likewise in this sentence, *le vice n'est pas aimable*, vice is not amiable, it is affirmed that the quality *aimable* does not belong to *le vice*; the word *est* expresses this affirmation.

That concerning which we affirm or deny a thing is called the *subject*, and what is affirmed or denied is called its *attribute*. In the two preceding sentences, *vertu* and *vice* are subjects of the verb *est*, and *aimable* is the attribute affirmed respecting the one, and denied with respect to the other.

91. There are in verbs *two numbers*, the singular and plural, and, in each number, *three persons*:

I. The first person is that who speaks; it is designated by *je*, I, in the singular, and by *nous*, we, in the plural: as, *je pense*, I think; *nous pensons*, we think.

II. The second is the person spoken to, expressed by *tu*, thou, in the singular, and by *vous*, you, in the plural: as, *tu penses*, thou thinkest; *vous pensez*, you think.

III. The third is the person spoken of, known by *il*, he, or *elle*, she, in the singular, and by *ils* or *elles*, they, in the plural: as, *il* or *elle* *pense*, he or she thinks; *ils* or *elles* *pensent*, they think.

All substantives, either common or proper, are of the third person, when not addressed or spoken to: *les lions rugissent*, lions roars; *ces arbres sont beaux*, these trees are beautiful; *les soldats se battent*, soldiers are fighting.

REM.—A word is known to be a *verb*, when it admits the personal pronouns: thus, *finir*, to finish, is a verb, because we can say, *je finis*, *tu finis*, *il*, or *elle* *finit*, etc.

92. There are *five moods*, or modes of conjugating verbs.

i. The *infinitive mood* expresses the nature of the action, feeling, without any reference to persons, numbers or time, as, *aimer*, to love; *avoir aimé*, to have loved.

ii. The *indicative* simply indicates and asserts a thing in a direct manner; as, *j'aime*, I love; *il aime*, he loved.

iii. The *conditional* affirms a thing with a condition, as *j'aimerais*, *si*, etc. I should love, if, etc.

iv. The *imperative* is used for commanding, exhorting, requesting, or reproving; as, *aime*, love (thou); *aimons*, let us love.

v. The *subjunctive mood* expresses an action in a manner which is subordinate; it is always preceded of a verb, conjunction, or phrase implying the necessity, desire, apprehension that a thing should be, as *il faut que nous partions*, it is necessary that we should go.

93. There are three tenses, the *present*, which declares a thing now existing, or doing, as, *je lis*, I read; the *past*, denoting that the thing has been done, as, *j'ai lu*, I did read; the *future*, denoting that the thing will be done, as, *je lirai*, I shall read. In order to specify in a precise and correct manner, the moment when the action has taken, or will take place, the verb has several forms: thus, *je lisais*, I was reading; *je viens de lire*, I have just read; *je venais de lire*, I had just read, etc. Numerous examples of these latter forms are given at the end of the grammar. See No. 19, *Examples on the Difficulties*.

There are five kinds of verbs, the *active*, *passive*, *neuter*, *pronominal*, and *impersonal*.

94. The *verb active*, or *transitive*, is that which expresses an action, the object of which may be *quelqu'un*, some person, or *quelque chose*, some thing; as *aimer Dieu*, to love God; *aimer l'étude*, to love study. The object of this action is called the *regimen*, or *government* of the verb active.

N. B. A simple question will show this *regimen* as, *qu'est-ce que j'aime?* what do I love? answer, *Dieu*, God. *Dieu* is then the regimen of the verb *j'aime*.

95. *Passive verbs* express that the action is suffered by the subject; they are conjugated by means of the auxiliary *être*, and the participle past of the active voice, as *je suis aimé*, I am loved. Thus, to change the verbs from active to passive in these sentences, *mon père m'aime*, my father

loves me ; *le milan a enlevé le serin*, the kite has carried off the canary bird, they must be turned in this way, *je suis aimé de mon père*, I am loved by my father ; *le serin a été enlevé par le milan*, the canary bird has been carried off by the kite.

96. The *verb neuter*, or *intransitive*, is that which has no direct regimen, that is, after which you cannot put a substantive, without a proposition. *Aller* to go, is a neuter, verb, because one cannot say, *aller Londres*, to go London, but *aller à Londres*, to go to London. *Plaire*, to please, is likewise a verb neuter, as we cannot say in French, *plaire quelqu'un*, to please somebody, but *plaire à quelqu'un*.

The *pronominal verbs* are those in which each person is conjugated through all the tenses, with two pronouns.

as	{	<i>je me</i> , I myself		<i>nous nous</i> we ourselves
		<i>tu te</i> , thou thyself		<i>vous vous</i> { you yourself, or ye yourselves
		<i>il se</i> , he himself		<i>ils se</i> } they themselves
		<i>elle se</i> , she herself		<i>elles se</i> }

There are four sorts of *pronominal verbs* :—

97. I. The *reflective*, when the action of the verb falls upon the subject, as *je me flatte*, I flatter myself ; *il se loue*, he praises himself. Almost all active verbs are susceptible of being *reflective*.

II. The *pronominal verb neuter*, which indicates only a state, a disposition of the subject as, *se repentir*, to repent ; *se désister*, to desist ; *s'enfuir*, to run away.

III. The *reciprocal verb* expresses a reciprocity of action between two or more subjects, and consequently has no singular ; such are, *s'entr'aider*, to help one another ; *s'entre-donner*, to give each other.

IV. The *pronominal verb impersonal*, is only used in the third person singular. Active verbs frequently assume this form in a passive sense, for the sake of brevity and energy ; as, *il se bâtit*, there is building ; *il se faisait*, there was doing ; *il se conclut*, there was concluded ; *il s'est dit*, it has been said ; *il se donnera une grande bataille*, a great battle will be fought.

98. The *impersonal verb* is only used in the third person singular, with the pronoun *il* for its subject. *Neiger*, to snow, is an impersonal verb, as it cannot be applied to any person, or thing ; *il neige*, it snows, *il neigeait*, it did snow.

*Neuter* verbs may be used impersonally, as *il vint un homme*, there came a man, instead of *un homme vint*, a man came.

Though the greater part of the French verbs are regular, there are, however, as in other languages, some that are *irregular*, and others that are *defective*. Regular verbs are those which are conjugated conformably to a general principle. Irregular verbs are those which deviate from that general principle in the formation of their persons and tenses; and defective verbs are those which, in certain tenses, or persons, are not used.

### OF CONJUGATIONS.

To conjugate is to give all the persons and tenses of a verb through all its different inflections.

The French generally admit four regular conjugations, which are distinguished by the termination of the present of the infinitive.

The	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FIRST} \\ \text{SECOND} \\ \text{THIRD} \\ \text{FOURTH} \end{array} \right.$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ends in} \\ \text{ends in} \\ \text{ends in} \\ \text{ends in} \end{array} \right\}$	-er	as, parler, aimer, chanter, donner, etc.
			-ir	as, finir, avertir, punir, ternir, etc.
			-oir	as, recevoir, apercevoir, devoir, etc.
			-re	as, rendre, vendre, mordre, battre, etc.

100. The French, like most modern nations, not having a sufficient number of inflections in their verbs to specify exactly the moment at which the action takes place, supply this deficiency with two auxiliary verbs, *avoir* and *être*, to have and to be.

Besides *avoir* and *être*, which are the only verbs generally recognised as auxiliaries, there are four others which are as fully deserving of that name, in consequence of their being frequently used in conjunction with the infinitive, to express *times* and *circumstances*, which the simple tenses are insufficient to do. These four verbs are *aller*, *venir de*, *devoir*, *pouvoir*. (See models of their use, No. 19, of the

#### EXAMPLES ON DIFFICULTIES.)

Those tenses, which are formed from the infinitive, are called simple tenses, as *parler*, *je parle*, *je parlais*, *je parlai*, *je parlerai*, etc. Those which are formed by the conjunction of the participle with *être* and *avoir*, or of the infinitive with *venir de*, *aller*, *devoir*, *pouvoir*, are compound tenses, as *j'ai parlé*, *je viens de parler*.

101. CONJUGATION.

OF THE  
VERB AVOIR, TO HAVE.

INFINITIVE.

SIMPLE TENSES.

COMPOUND TENSES.

avoir	PRESENT.	<i>to have</i>	avoir eu	PAST.	<i>to have had</i>

PARTICIPLES.

ayant	PRESENT.	<i>having</i>	ayant eu	PAST.	<i>having had</i>
	eu, m. eue, f.	PAST.		<i>had</i>	

INDICATIVE.

PRESENT.

j'ai	<i>I have</i>
tu as	<i>thou hast</i>
il, or elle a	<i>he or she has</i>
nous avons	<i>we have</i>
vous avez	<i>you have</i>
ils, or elles ont	<i>they have</i>

PRETERIT INDEFINITE, or compound of the present.

j'ai eu	<i>I have</i>	} <i>had</i>
tu as eu	<i>thou hast</i>	
il a eu	<i>he has</i>	
nous avons eu	<i>we have</i>	
vous avez eu	<i>you have</i>	
ils ont eu	<i>they have</i>	

IMPERFECT.

j'avais	<i>I had</i>	} <i>or was having</i>
tu avais	<i>thou hadst</i>	
il avait	<i>he had</i>	
nous avions	<i>we had</i>	
vous aviez	<i>you had</i>	
ils avaient	<i>they had</i>	

PLUPERFECT, or compound of the imperfect.

j'avais eu	<i>I had</i>	} <i>had</i>
tu avais eu	<i>thou hadst</i>	
il avait eu	<i>he had</i>	
nous avions eu	<i>we had</i>	
vous aviez eu	<i>you had</i>	
ils avaient eu	<i>they had</i>	

EXERCISE.

102. In the following exercises, the substantive being taken in a partitive sense, it will be necessary to use the partitive *du, de, l', de la, des*, according to the gender and number. See Rule the 39th.

## SIMPLE TENSES.

## PRETERIT DEFINITE.

j'eus	<i>I had</i>
tu eus	<i>thou hadst</i>
il eut	<i>he had</i>
nous eûmes	<i>we had</i>
vous eûtes	<i>you had</i>
ils eurent	<i>they had</i>

## FUTURE ABSOLUTE.

j'aurai	<i>I shall or will have</i>
tu auras	<i>thou shalt or will have.</i>
il aura	<i>he will have</i>
nous aurons	<i>we shall have</i>
vous aurez	<i>you will have</i>
ils auront	<i>they will have</i>

## COMPOUND TENSES.

## PRETERIT ANTERIOR, or compound of the preterit.

j'eus eu	<i>I had</i>	} <i>had</i>
tu eus eu	<i>thou hadst</i>	
il eut eu	<i>he had</i>	
nous eûmes eu	<i>we had</i>	
vous eûtes eu	<i>you had</i>	
ils eurent eu	<i>they had</i>	

## FUTURE ANTERIOR, or compound of the future.

j'aurai eu	<i>I shall or will have</i>	} <i>had</i>
tu auras eu	<i>thou wilt have</i>	
il aura eu	<i>he will have</i>	
nous aurons eu	<i>we shall have</i>	
vous aurez eu	<i>you will have</i>	
ils auront eu	<i>they will have</i>	

## PRESENT.

I have books.	thou hast friends.	He has honesty.	She
<i>livre</i>	<i>ami</i>	<i>honnêteté f. h m.</i>	
has sweetness.	We have credit.	You have riches.	They
<i>douceur f.</i>	— m.	<i>richesse pl. m.</i>	
have virtues.	They have modesty.		
<i>vertu</i>	f. = f.		

## PRETERIT INDEFINITE.

I have had pleasure.	Thou hast had gold.	He has had patience	
<i>plaisir m.</i>	<i>or m.</i>	<i>— f.</i>	
She has had beauty.	We have had honours.	You have had	
= f.	<i>honneur</i>		
friendship.	They have had sentiments.	They have had feeling.	
<i>amitié f.</i>	m. —	f. <i>sensibilité f.</i>	

## IMPERFECT.

I had ambition.	Thou hadst wealth.	He had sincerity.	She
— f.	<i>bien m.</i>	= f.	
had graces.	We had oranges.	You had pears.	They had apples.
—	—	<i>poire</i>	m. <i>pomme</i>
They had lemons.			
f. <i>citron</i>			

## PLUPERFECT.

I had had apricots.	Thou hadst had nectarines.	He had had	
<i>abricot</i>	<i>brugnon</i>		
walnuts.	She had had hazel-nuts.	We had had chesnuts.	You
<i>noix</i>	<i>noisette</i>	<i>châtaigne.</i>	
had had figs.	They had had medlars.	They had had filberts.	
<i>figue</i>	m. <i>nêfle</i>	f. <i>aveline.</i>	

CONDITIONAL.

SIMPLE TENSES.

COMPOUND TENSES.

PRESENT.

PAST. or compound of the conditional.

j'aurais	<i>I should or would have</i>	j'aurais eu	<i>I should</i>
tu aurais	<i>thou shouldst have</i>	tu aurais eu	<i>thou shouldst</i>
il aurait	<i>he should have</i>	il aurait eu	<i>he should</i>
nous aurions	<i>we should have</i>	nous aurions eu	<i>we should</i>
vous auriez	<i>you should have</i>	vous auriez eu	<i>you should</i>
ils auraient	<i>they should have</i>	ils auraient eu	<i>they should</i>

PRETERIT DEFINITE.

I had plums. Thou hadst cherries. He had strawberries. She had pine-apples. We had almonds. You had currants. They had raspberries. They had grapes.

*prune cerise fraise ananas amande groseille m.*

*framboise f. raisin m. pl.*

103. In the following exercises, the addition of an adjective, after the substantive, will make no difference as to the use of *du, de la, de l', des*.

PRETERIT ANTERIOR.

I had had very black ink. Thou hadst had honest friends. She had had uncommon graces. We had had very ripe grapes. You had had exquisite melons. They had had ready money.

*fort 2 noir 3 encie f. 1. honnête 2 amis 1 rare 2 1. 2 mûr 3 1 exquis 2 — m. 1 comptant 2 argent m. 1.*

FUTURE ABSOLUTE.

I shall have studious pupils. Thou wilt have horrid pains. He will have ridiculous ideas. We shall have useless cares. You will have true and real pleasures. They will have poignant griefs.

*appliqué 2 élève m. 1. horrible 2 peine f. 1. ridicule 2 idée f. 1. inutile 2 soin m. 1. 2 réel 3 m. 1. cuisant 2 chagrin m. 1.*

104. But if the adjective precedes the substantive, then *de, or d'*, only is to be used without any regard to the number or the gender of the noun.

## FUTURE ANTERIOR.

I shall have had good paper. Thou wilt have had excellent  
 fruit. She will have had charming flowers. We shall have had  
 m. pl. *papier m.* *charmant fleurs f.*  
 good pens. You will have had large buildings. They will  
*plume f.* *grand bâtiment m.*  
 have had fine clothes.  
*superbe habit m.*

## PRESENT OF THE CONDITIONAL.

I should have fine engravings. Thou shouldst have pretty play-  
*gravure f.* *joli jou-*  
 things. He should have immense treasures. We should have  
*jou m.* *trésor m.*  
 beautiful pictures. You would have pretty houses. They should  
*tableau m.*  
 have long conversations.  
 — f.

105. *De* is also to be used alone, without any regard to the gender or number of the noun, after an adverb of quantity, such as *beaucoup*, a great deal, great many; *peu*, little, few; *plus*, more; *moins*, less; *trop*, too much, too many, etc; except *bien*, much, many, which requires *du, de la, de l', des*.

## CONDITIONAL PAST.

I should\* have had a great deal of trouble. Thou wouldst have  
*peine f.*  
 have had more pleasure. He would have had (a vast deal) of  
*de* *infiniment*  
 knowledge. We should have had more opportunities of succeeding.  
*connaissance f. pl.* *de occasion f. pl.* *réussir*  
 You would certainly have had many advantages over him.  
*certainement* *beaucoup de avantage sur lui*  
 They would have had many enemies.  
*bien ennemi*

\* *Would, should, could*, are not always mere signs of the conditional: they are, on the contrary, more frequently used as having a distinct and separate sense, expressing *will, duty, or power*. In such cases, they are also to be rendered in French by separate words, such as *vouloir, devoir, pouvoir*. The attention of the Scholar will be called to that necessary distinction hereafter; but for the present, that is, in the course of the following introductory exercises on the conjugation of verbs, he must consider *would, could, and should* as being used in their first capacity only, that is, as *Signs of the conditional*.—See 386.

N.B. *J'eusse eu, tu eusses eu, il eût eu, nous eussions eu, vous eussiez eu, ils eussent eu*, I should have had, &c. is also used for the conditional past.

IMPERATIVE.

aic, or aye	have (thou)
qu'il ait	let him have
ayons	let us have
ayez	have (ye)
qu'ils aient	let them have

SUBJUNCTIVE.

■ SIMPLE TENSES.

COMPOUND TENSES.

PRESENT.		PRESENT.		} have had
que	that	que	that	
j'aie	I may have	j'aie eu	I may	
tu aies	thou mayest have	tu aies eu	thou mayst	
il ait	he may have	il ait eu	he may	
nous ayons	we may have	nous ayons eu	we may	
vous ayez	you may have	vous ayez eu	you may	
ils aient	they may have	ils aient eu	they may	

106. When the verb is followed by several substantives, the proper article and proposition must be repeated before each.

IMPERATIVE.

Have thou patience, perseverance, and courage. Let him have modesty and more correct ideas. Let her have more decency. Let us have courage and firmness. Have ye gravy soup, nice roast beef and a pudding. Let them have ale, rum, and punch. Let them have morals and conduct.

f. *mœurs* f.pl. *conduite* f.

SUBJUNCTIVE.

PRESENT.

That I may have many friends. That thou mayest have good reasons to give him. That he may have elevated sentiments. That we may have courage and magnanimity. That you may have delightful landscapes, and beautiful sea-pieces. That they may

*beaucoup*  
*donner* 1 *lui* 2  
*bravoure* f.  
*délicieux* 2 *paysage* m.pl. 1  
*élevé* 2 —m.1.  
*marine* f.pl.

ave had excellent  
e shall have had  
gs. They will  
m.  
L.  
have pretty play-  
joli jou-  
Ve should have  
They should  
any regard to  
verb of quan-  
y; peu, little,  
h, too many,  
s du, de la, de  
u wouldst have  
r vast deal) of  
nfiniment  
of succeeding.  
réussir  
ges over him.  
re sur lui  
e conditional:  
ing a distinct  
n such cases,  
ords, such as  
will be called  
ent, that is, in  
conjugation  
eing used in  
—See 386.

## SIMPLE TENSES.

## IMPERFECT.

que	that
j'eusse	I had, or might have
tu eusses	thou might'st have
il eût	he might have
nous eussions	we might have
vous eussiez	you might have
ils eussent	they might have

## COMPOUND TENSES.

PLUPERFECT, or compound of the imperfect.	
que	that
j'eusse eu	I might
tu eusses eu	thou mightest
il eût eu	he might
nous eussions eu	we might
vous eussiez eu	you might
ils eussent eu	they might

} have had.

have more condescension and more prepossessing manners.  
 ————dance 2 prévenant 3 manière f.pl.1.

## PRETERIT.

That I may have had wine, beer, and cider. That thou mayest  
*vin m. bière f. cidre m.*

have had a good horse, and a fine dog. That he may have had  
*cheval m. chien m.*

enlightened judges. That we may have had snow, rain, and wind.  
*éclairé 2 juge m. 1 neige f. pluie f. vent m.*

That you may have had a great dining-room, and a beautiful drawing-  
*salle à manger f. superbe salon de*

room, a pretty dressing-room, and a delightful bed-  
*compagnie m. joli cabinet de toilette m. charmant chambre-*

room. That they may have had vast possessions, fine meadows,  
*à coucher f. vaste ——— f. prairie f.*

and delightful groves.  
*délicieux 2 bois m. 1.*

## IMPERFECT.

That I might have a sword, a musket, and pistols. That thou  
*épée f. fusil m. pistolet m.*

might'st have a knife, a spoon, and a fork. That we might  
*couteau m. cuillère f. fourchette f.*

have a penknife, pencils, and good copies. That he might have  
*canif m. pinceau m. modèle m.*

a coach, a good house, and furniture, simple but elegant. That  
*carrosse m. f. meuble m. pl. ———mais———*

you might have health and great respect. That they might have  
*santé f. un considération f.*

fruitful lands.  
*fertile 2 terre f. 1.*

## PLUPERFECT,

That I might have had friendship. That thou might'st have had  
*amitié f.*

gloves, boots, and horses. That he might have had zealous and  
*gant m. botte f. cheval m. zélé 2*

## SENTENCES ON THE SAME VERB, WITH A NEGATIVE.

107. *De, d'* is also used, without any regard to the gender or the number of the noun, after a negative phrase.

## EXAMPLES.

Je n'ai pas de livres	<i>I have no books</i>
tu n'avais pas de bien	<i>thou hadst no wealth</i>
nous n'avons pas eu d'amitié	<i>we have had no friendship</i>
si vous n'aviez pas eu de puissants amis	<i>if you had not had powerful friends</i>
ils n'auront pas d'ennemis	<i>they will not have enemies</i>
il n'aurait pas de plaisir.	<i>he would not have any pleasure</i>

faithful servants. That we might have had fine clothes, precious  
*fidèle* 3 *domestique* m. 1. = f. 2  
jewels, and magnificent furniture. That you might have had warm  
*bijou* m. 1 *magnifique* 2 *chaud* 2  
friends. That they might have had greatness of soul and pity.  
1 *grandeur* f. *pitié* f.

## INDICATIVE.

## PRESENT.

I have no precious medals. We have no useless things.  
= 2 *médaille* f. 1 *inutile* 2 *chose* f. 1

## PRETERIT INDEFINITE.

I have had no perseverance. We have had no generosity  
— f. = f.

## IMPERFECT.

Thou hadst not a beautiful park. You had no good cucumbers.  
*parc* m. *concombre* m.

## PLUPERFECT.

He had had no fine houses. They had had no money.  
*argent* m.

## PRETERIT DEFINITE.

He had no answer to his letter. They had no carpets  
*réponse* f. *lettre* f. *tapis* m.

## PRETERIT ANTERIOR.

Thou hadst no kindness. You had had no great talents.  
*complaisance* f. — m.

## FUTURE ABSOLUTE.

I shall have no great difficulty. We shall not have company at  
*grand difficulté* f. *monde* à  
dinner.  
*dîner*

## FUTURE ANTERIOR.

You will not have had quiet days.  
*tranquille* 2 m. 1

## CONDITIONAL.

## PRESENT.

He would not have had pictures. They would have no leisure.  
*mauvais tableau* m. *loisir* m.

## PAST.

I should have had no griefs. We should have had no troubles  
*chagrin* m. pl. *peine* f.

## IMPERATIVE.

Have no such whims. Let him not have such absurd ideas.  
*caprice* m. *si absurde* 2 f. pl.

Let us not have discussions of this sort. Have no such whims.  
*espèce* f. *tel caprice* m.

Let them not have foreign servants.  
*étranger domestique*

## SUBJUNCTIVE.

## PRESENT.

That I may have no protectors. That we may have no success.  
= m. *succès* m.

## PRETERIT.

That he may have had no perseverance. That they may have had  
no valour. *bravoure* f.

## IMPERFECT.

That thou might'st have no taste. That you might not have a just  
reward. *goût* m. *juste*  
*récompense* f.

## PLUPERFECT.

That I might not have had good advice. That we might not have  
had any news. *avis* m. pl.  
*nouvelle* f. pl.

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 THE VERB AVOIR, INTERROGATIVELY AND AFFIRMATIVELY.
 

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108. In interrogations, the pronoun, which is the subject of the verb, is placed after it, and they are joined by an hyphen, *ai-je*? In compound tenses, the pronoun is placed immediately after the auxiliary *ai-je eu*? When the third

person singular of the verb ends with a vowel, *-t-* is placed between the verb, and *il, elle*, in order to avoid the hiatus occasioned by the meeting of the two vowels: *a-t-il? aura-t-il?* This applies to *on: aura-t-on?*

## EXAMPLES :

ai-je des livres ?	<i>have I books ?</i>
avais-tu du bien ?	<i>hadst thou wealth ?</i>
eut-elle ce courage ?	<i>had she that courage ?</i>
Jean a-t-il de l'argent ?	<i>has John any money ?</i>
avons-nous eu de bons conseils ?	<i>have we had good counsels ?</i>
aviez-vous eu de la prudence ?	<i>had you had prudence ?</i>
aura-t-il de l'argent ?	<i>will he have money ?</i>
aura-t-elle eu des protecteurs ?	<i>will she have had protectors ?</i>

## INDICATIVE.

## PRESENT

Hadst thou needles ? Have you coloured maps ?  
*aiguille f. entuminé 2 carte f. 1*

## PRETERIT INDEFINITE.

Have I had good friends ? Have we had much fortune ?  
*bon ami \_\_\_\_\_ f.*

## IMPERFECT.

Had she time ? Had they large buildings ?  
*le temps grand bâtiment m.*

## PLUPERFECT.

Had she sufficient means ? Had they extensive fields ?  
*suffisant moyens m. spacieux 2 champ m. 1*

## PRETERIT DEFINITE.

Had he good shoes ? Had they looking glasses ?  
*soulier m. f. miroir m.*

## PRETERIT ANTERIOR.

Hadst thou had lace ? Had you had odoriferous shrubs ?  
*dentelle f. odoriférant 2 arbuste m. 1*

## FUTURE ABSOLUTE.

Shall I have gold and silver ? Shall we have (good luck) ?  
*m. argent m. bonheur*

## FUTURE ANTERIOR.

Will they have had company ?  
*compagnie f.*

## CONDITIONAL.

## PRESENT.

Shouldst thou have happy moments? Would you have good  
*heureux* — m.  
 wine and nice liqueurs?  
*vin m. fin 2 liqueur f. 1*

## PAST.

Would he have had uncommon patience? Would they have had  
*extraordinaire*  
 rich clothes.  
*habit m.*

THE SAME VERB INTERROGATIVELY AND  
NEGATIVELY.

109. This form is the same as the preceding, except that the first negative *ne* is placed before the verb, and the second, *pas* or *point*, after the pronoun: *ai-je? n'ai-je pas? ai-je eu? n'ai-je pas eu?*

## EXAMPLES.

*n'a-t-elle pas beaucoup d'esprit?* *has she not a great deal of wit?*  
*n'avons-nous pas eu de bons procédés?* *have we not had considerate regards?*  
*n'aviez-vous pas eu de nouvelles robes?* *had you not had new gowns?*  
*n'aura-t-il pas de ressources?* *will he have no resources?*

109. (*bis*). It has been said (107) that, after negations, *de* must be used before the noun substantive, without any regard to its gender or number, instead of *du*, *de la*, *des*, used in affirmative sentences: as *je n'ai pas d'argent*, *elle n'a pas d'amis*. Yet, in interrogative and negative sentences, there are some cases when *du*, *de la*, *des*, may be used, and others when *de* must: thus,

1st. *n'ai-je pas du mépris pour lui?* *have I not contempt for him?*  
*n'avez-vous pas des livres?* *have you not books?*  
*n'avez-vous pas de l'argent?* *have you not money?*  
 2nd. *n'avez-vous pas de livres?* *have you no books?*  
*n'avez-vous pas d'argent?* *have you no money?*

Although the first examples are under the interrogative form, they are intended for affirmations. By a figure, called *litote*, one form has been substituted to another, thereby to convey more meaning than the simple assertions *j'ai du mépris pour lui*; *vous avez des livres*; *vous avez de l'argent*, would be able to do. Thus, for instance, *you com-*

*plain of being dull how can that be, have you not books?  
instead of saying since you have books?*

## EXAMPLES.

n'ai-je pas des livres ?	have I no books ?
n'avais-tu pas des amis ?	hadst thou no friends ?
n'auront-elles pas eu des consolations ?	will they have had no consolations ?

In the second examples, on the contrary, nothing but mere questions is intended, there is no substitution of form, no other meaning *understood*, but the one expressed. The difference is also somewhat marked in English.

## INDICATIVE.

## PRESENT.

Hast thou no diamonds ?	Have you no indulgent parents ?
<i>diamant m.</i>	_____ 2 _____ m. 1

## PRETERIT INDEFINITE.

Hast thou not had contempt and even hatred	for that man ?
<i>mépris m. même haine f. h. asp. pour cet</i>	

Have you not had better examples ?
<i>meilleur exemple m.</i>

## IMPERFECT.

Had he not a rigid censor ?	Had they not inattentive children ?
<i>sévère 2 censeur m.1</i>	= 2 <i>enfant m.1</i>

## PLUPERFECT.

Had I not had other views ?	Had we not had amethysts, rubies,
<i>autre vue f.pl.</i>	<i>améthyste f. rubis m.</i>
and topazes ?	
<i>topaze f.</i>	

## PRETERIT DEFINITE.

Had we not perfidious friends ?
<i>perfide 2 1</i>

## PRETERIT ANTERIOR.

Had he not had no studied expressions ?	Had they not had
<i>2 recherché 3 _____ f.1</i>	
excellent models ?	
_____ <i>modèle m.</i>	

## FUTURE ABSOLUTE.

Wilt thou not have a more regular conduct ?	Will you not have
<i>plus 2 réglé 3 conduite f.1</i>	
fashionable dresses ?	
<i>à la mode 2 robe f.1</i>	

## OF THE VERB.

## FUTURE ANTERIOR.

Shall we have had sufficient time then ?  
*assez de temps.*

## CONDITIONAL.

## PRESENT.

Should she not have clear and just ideas ? Would they not have  
*clair* 2 3 *f. 1*  
more extensive knowledge ?  
2 *étendu* 3 *connaissances f.pl.1*

## PAST.

Would she not have had any objection ? Would they have had no  
reward ?  
*récompense f.*

## 110. CONJUGATION

OF THE  
AUXILIARY VERB *ÊTRE*, TO BE.

## INFINITIVE.

## SIMPLE TENSES.

## PRESENT.

*être*                      *to be*

## COMPOUND TENSES.

## PAST.

*avoir été*              *to have been*

## PARTICIPLES.

## PRESENT.

*étant*                      *being*

PAST.  
*été*                      *been*

## PAST,

} *ayant été*              *having been*

## INDICATIVE.

## PRESENT.

*je suis*                      *I am*  
*tu es*                      *thou art*  
*il, ou elle est*              *he or she is*  
*nous sommes*              *we are*  
*vous êtes*                      *you are*  
*ils* } *sont*                      *they are*  
*elles* }

## PRETERIT INDEFINITE.

*j'ai été*                      *I have been*  
*tu as été*                      *thou hast been*  
*il a été*                      *he has been*  
*nous avons été*              *we have been*  
*vous avez été*              *you have been*  
*ils ont été*                      *they have been*

111. GENERAL RULE. In those sentences in which there is an adverb, it must be placed between the verb and the adjective or participle : *il n'est jamais content ; il est toujours récompensé.*

*amis - amis - amis*

SIMPLE TENSES.

IMPERFECT.

j'étais	I was
tu étais	thou wast
il était	he was
nous étions	we were
vous étiez	you were
ils étaient	they were

PRETERIT DEFINITE.

je fus	I was
tu fus	thou wast
il fut	he was
nous fûmes	we were
vous fûtes	you were
ils furent	they were

COMPOUND TENSES.

PLUPERFECT.

j'avais été	I had been
tu avais été	thou hadst been
il avait été	he had been
nous avions été	we had been
vous aviez été	you had been
ils avaient été	they had been.

PRETERIT ANTERIOR.\*

j'eus été	I had been
tu eus été	thou hadst been
il eut été	he had been
nous eûmes été	we had been
vous eûtes été	you had been
ils eurent été	they had been

The following exercises, on the verb *être*, are composed of four forms of sentences, affirmative, interrogative, and negative; interrogative and negative.

When, in a question, the substantive is expressed, it must always begin the sentence, and the pronoun still be put after the verb.

EXAMPLES.

Mon frère est-il venu ? *is my brother come ?*  
 la reine n'est-elle pas arrivée ? *is not the queen arrived ?*

PRESENT.

I am very glad to see you. Art not thou pleased with that book.  
*aise de voir* *satisfait de*  
 Is she really amiable? We are happy. Are you not too  
*véritablement* *heureux*  
 obliging. Are your friends still in London.  
*complaisant* *encore à Londres*

PRETERIT INDEFINITE.

Have I not been constant? Hast thou always been steady? She  
*posé*  
 has been faithful. Have we not been firm and courageous? You  
*fidèle* *ferme*  
 have been charitable. Have those men always been good and  
 benevolent?  
*bienfaisant*

\* Exercises upon this tense would be as yet too complicated, as may be seen by this sentence: *à peine y eus-je été cinq ou six minutes qu'il arriva*, I had scarce been there five or six minutes when he arrived.

## SIMPLE TENSES

FUTURE ABSOLUTE.	
je serai	<i>I shall or will be</i>
tu seras	<i>thou wilt be</i>
il sera	<i>he will be</i>
nous serons	<i>we shall be</i>
vous serez	<i>you shall be</i>
ils seront	<i>they shall be</i>

## COMPOUND TENSES.

FUTURE ANTERIOR.	
j'aurai été	<i>I shall or will</i>
tu auras été	<i>thou wilt</i>
il aura été	<i>he will</i>
nous aurons été	<i>we shall</i>
vous aurez été	<i>you will</i>
ils auront été	<i>they will</i>

} *have been*

## IMPERFECT.

I was too busy to see you.	Wast not thou troublesome?
<i>occupé pour recevoir</i>	<i>importun</i>
Was this girl idle?	Were we not too untractable?
<i>fille paresseux</i>	<i>indocile</i>
not quiet enough.	They were vain, light, and coquettish.
<i>tranquille 2 assez 1</i>	<i>f. — frivole coquette</i>

## PLUPERFECT.

I had hitherto been very indifferent.	Hadst not thou been too
<i>jusqu' alors</i>	<i>insouciant</i>
imprudent?	Had his wife been sufficiently modest and reserved?
<i>épouse</i>	<i>assez assez réservé</i>
We had not yet been sufficiently attentive.	Had you been envious
<i>encore</i>	<i>appliqué</i>
and jealous?	They had not been grateful
<i>jaloux</i>	<i>reconnaissant</i>

## PRETERIT DEFINITE.

Perhaps I was not sufficiently prudent.	Wast thou discreet
<i>peut-être que</i>	<i>assez discret 2</i>
enough on that occasion?	Was not that princess too proud?
<i>1 en</i>	<i>f. — esse fier</i>
were very unhappy.	Were not you too hasty?
	<i>prompt</i>
much satisfied.	
<i>fort satisfait</i>	

## FUTURE ABSOLUTE.

To-morrow I shall be at home till (twelve o'clock.)	Wilt thou
<i>demain</i>	<i>chez moi jusqu'à midi</i>
always be restless, brutal, and sour?	Will your father be
<i>inquiet bourru</i>	<i>chagrin Monsieur</i>
at home this evening?	Shall not we be more diligent?
<i>chez lui</i>	<i>soir m.</i>
then be ever capricious, obstinate, and particular.	Will not your
<i>2 1 3</i>	<i>quinzez opiniâtre pointilleux</i>
scholars be troublesome?	
<i>Écolier</i>	<i>incommode</i>

CONDITIONAL.

SIMPLE TENSES.

PRESENT.

je serais I should, would, or could be  
 tu serais thou wouldst be  
 il serait he would be  
 nous serions we should be  
 vous seriez you would be  
 ils seraient they would be

COMPOUND TENSES.

PAST.

j'aurais été I should  
 tu aurais été thou wouldst  
 il aurait été he would  
 nous aurions été we should  
 vous auriez été you should  
 ils auraient été they would

ENB...  
 ERIOR.  
 all or will  
 will  
 will  
 will  
 will  
 will  
 have been

have been

troublesome ?  
 importun  
 You were

This form *j'eusse été, tu eusses été, il eût été, nous eussions été, vous eussiez été, ils eussent été*, is also used instead of the conditional past, *j'aurais été*.

coquettish.  
 coquette

FUTURE ANTERIOR.

Shall not I have been too severe ? Thou wilt have been too distrustful. Shall we not have been desirous enough ? Will not *défiant* *empressé* 2 1 you have been inconsiderate ? Will not the judges have been just ? *indiscret* *jugé*

thou been too  
 reserved ?  
*assez réservé*  
 been envious  
 =

CONDITIONAL.

PRESENT.

I would not be so rash. Wouldst thou be as consistent in thy behaviour as in thy language ? Would not his son be ready in time ? Should we always be incorrigible ? You would not be disinterested enough. Would not those ladies be always ready ?  
*téméraire* *conséquent dans*  
*conduite f.* *propos m. pl.* *fil* *prêt à*  
*désintéressé* 2  
 1 *dame* *prêt*

thou discreet  
*discret* 2  
 proud ? We  
*fier*  
 they were not

PAST.

(But for) your instructions, I should have been proud and haughty. Wouldst not thou have been malicious and sarcastic ? Would not that man have been quite destitute ? Certainly, we should not have been so ridiculous. Would not you have been more kind and indulgent ? They would not have been so rude.  
*sans conseil m. pl.* *dédaigneux*  
*hautain* *malin* *ricaneur*  
*entièrement dépourvu*  
*si ridicule*  
*doux* *plus complaisant*  
*malhonnête*

Wilt thou  
 your father be  
 ? You will  
 1  
 will not your

## IMPERATIVE.

sois	be (thou)
qu'il soit	let him be
soyons	let us be
soyez	be (ye)
qu'ils soient	let them be

## SUBJUNCTIVE.

SIMPLE TENSES.			COMPOUND TENSES.		
PRESENT.			PRETERIT.		
que	that		que	that	
je sois	I may, can, or should be	or	j'aie été	I may, can, or should	} have been
tu sois	thou may'st be		tu aies été	thou mayest	
il soit	he may be		il ait été	he may	
nous soyons	we may be		nous ayons été	we may	
vous soyez	you may be		vous ayez été	you may	
ils soient	they may be		ils aient été	they may	

112. When the noun is expressed, its place is immediately after *que*: *que votre fils soit plus poli*, let your son be more polite.

Be liberal, but with discretion. Do not be so lavish. Let us be sing. avec sing. *prodigue*.

equitable, humane, and prudent. Let us not be greedy. Be economical humain avide économe

and temperate. Do not be thoughtless. Let him be more patient, sobre pl. léger

Let her be ready at six o'clock. Let your children be better prêt à six heures enfant mieux

(taken care of). Let these (poor men) be admitted. Let them soignés malheureux admis

not be so hasty in their conclusions. prompt à porter un jugement.

## OF THE SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

113. In the preceding exercises, and in the tenses of the subjunctive mood, we have given such English sentences as might lead the learner to suppose that the French *que je parle*, and the English *that I may speak*, are always equivalent, and that the use of the subjunctive mood corresponds in both languages; but it is indeed very far from being the case, as the following examples will show.

1. Je désire qu'il vienne *I wish him to come*
2. Voulez-vous que je vous le dise? *do you wish me to tell it you?*

3. Je ne crois pas qu'il vienne *I do not think he will come*
4. Cachez cela, de peur qu'il ne le voie *hide that, lest he sees it, or lest he should see it*
5. Dites-le lui, afin qu'il vienne à temps *tell it him, in order that he may come in time*
6. Il faut que j'y sois à deux heures *I must be there at two o'clock*

Here are six sentences in which the subjunctive mood is necessarily used in French, and there is but one in which it is used in English, the fifth. The use of the subjunctive mood in French depends upon the preceding or governing sentence, and is determined by rules which will be found in their proper place. (*See Syntax*) We will confine ourselves, for the present, in these exercises on the various tenses of the subjunctive, to giving full sentences; that is, we will add the introductory part after which that mood is required.

It must further be added that the conjugation *that* is often omitted in English, whereas *que* is and must always be expressed in French.

PRESENT OF THE SUBJUNCTIVE.

Is it possible that he is so credulous? We wish that thou  
*est-il possible* —le *nous désirons*  
 mayest be more modest. Is it true that she is so obstinate? They  
—te *est-il vrai* *entêté*  
 wish you to be more assiduous. It is not expected that you should  
*désire* —du *on ne s'attend pas*  
 be back so early. We fear they will be deceived.  
*de retour de si bonne heure.* *nous craignons* *trompé*

PRETERIT.

It is possible that I may have been too hasty and too impatient.  
*Il se peut* *emporté*  
 I cannot believe that he may have been so puffed with pride. It is  
*je ne saurais croire* *bouffi d'orgueil m. c'est*  
 (a pity) that she has been so fickle. My father regrets that we have  
*dommage* *volage mon père regrette*  
 been so headstrong. It is wrong that you should have been so  
*entêté* *il est mal*  
 covetous. I cannot think that they have been so unreasonable.  
*avare* *je ne puis croire* *déraisonnable.*

IMPERFECT.

Could you doubt my being humane and generous? We wish  
*avez-vous pu douter* *humain* = *nous voudrions*  
 thou wert more careful. We told it to her in order that she might  
*soigneux* *nous le lui avons dit afin*

NSES.

can, or  
 ld  
 mayest  
 }  
 have been  
 }  
 y  
 ay

mediate-  
 our son be

Let us be  
 ue.  
 economical  
*économe*  
 more patient,  
 be better  
*mieux*  
 Let them

ses of the  
 sentences as  
 ch *que* *je*  
 ways equi-  
 corresponds  
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you ?

SIMPLE TENSES.		COMPOUND TENSES	
IMPERFECT.		PLUPERFECT.	
que	<i>that</i>	que	<i>that</i>
je fusse	<i>I might or could be</i>	j'eusse été	<i>I might, or could</i>
tu fusses	<i>thou mightst be</i>	tu eusses été	<i>thou might'st</i>
il fût	<i>he might be</i>	il eût été	<i>he might</i>
nous fussions	<i>we might be</i>	nous eussions été	<i>we might</i>
vous fussiez	<i>you might be</i>	vous eussiez été	<i>you might</i>
ils fussent	<i>they might be</i>	ils eussent été	<i>they might</i>

} *have been*

not be so arrogant. Prayers were offered to the gods that we might  
*on offrit des prières aux dieux pour*  
 be victorious. It would be better if you were not so stern. We  
 = *il vaudrait mieux que* *sévère nous*  
 used all our efforts that they might be successful.  
*avons fait tous nos efforts afin que* *heureux*

## PLUPERFECT.

That I might have been more studious. That thou mightst have  
 been more circumspect. That she might have been more attentive  
*circumspect* =  
 to her duties. That we might have been less addicted to  
*devoir m.pl.* *livré à*  
 pleasure. That you might have been more assiduous and more  
 art. m. pl. *assidu* *plus*  
 grateful. That they might have been less daring.  
*reconnaissant* *hardi*

FIRST CONJUGATION.

114. GENERAL REMARKS ON THE ORTHOGRAPHY OF SOME OF THE VERBS ENDING IN *er*.

The infinitive ends in *er*: as, *aimer*, to love; *parler*, to speak.

i. In verbs ending in *-ger*, the *e* is retained in those tenses where *g* is followed by the vowels *a* or *o*, in order that the *g* may have the soft sound, in every tense and person, as in the infinitive: as, *mangeant*, *jugeant*, *je négligeai*.

ii. In verbs ending in *-cer*, a cedilla is put under *c*, for the same reason, when followed by *a* or *o*: as, *suçant*, *plaçant*, *j'essaçai*.

iii. In verbs ending in *-oyer* and *-uyer*, the *y* is changed into *i* before a mute *e*: as, *j'emploie*, *il essuie*, *j'appuierai*, *il nettoierait*.

iv. This practice is extended by some to verbs in *-ayer*, and *-eyer*: as, *il paie*, *j'essaierai*, *elle grassèye*, or *grassèie*.

v. In some few verbs ending in *-eler* and *-eter*, the *l* and *t* are doubled in those inflections, which receive an *e* mute, after these consonants: as, from *appeler*, *il appelle*, from *jeter*, *je jetterai*, etc.

vi. The first person singular of the present of the indicative changes *e* mute into acute *é*, in interrogative sentences; as, *négligé-je?* *aimé-je?* This remark is also applied to some verbs of the second conjugation ending in *-vrir*, *-frir*, and *-lir*: as *offré-je?* *cueillé-je?*

There are but two irregular verbs in *er*, *aller*, *envoyer*, which will be found in their proper place.

115. PARADIGM, OR MODEL.

INFINITIVE.

SIMPLE TENSES.		COMPOUND TENSES.	
PRESENT.		PAST.	
parl- <i>er</i>	to speak	avoir parl- <i>é</i>	to have spoken

## PARTICIPLES.

	PRESENT.		PAST.
<i>parl-ant</i>	<i>speaking</i>	}	<i>ayant parlé</i> <i>having spoken</i>
	PAST.		
<i>parl-é m. -ée f.</i>	<i>spoken</i>		

## REMARKS.

All the verbs of the first conjugation follow the termination of the verb *parler*.

## EXAMPLE.

	<i>parl-er</i>	<i>aim-er</i>	<i>expliqu-er</i>	<i>avou-er</i>
	<i>parl-ant</i>	<i>annon-çant</i>	<i>engag-eant</i>	<i>défray-ant</i>
	<i>parl-é</i>	<i>agré-é</i>	<i>décri-é</i>	<i>dédommag-é</i>
<i>je</i>	<i>parl-e</i>	<i>dans-e</i>	<i>ignor-e</i>	<i>renvoi-e</i>
<i>tu</i>	<i>parl-es</i>	<i>din-es</i>	<i>rejet-tes</i>	<i>renouvel-les</i>
<i>il</i>	<i>parl-e</i>	<i>chant-e</i>	<i>bégai-e</i>	<i>grassèy-e</i>
<i>nous</i>	<i>parl-ons</i>	<i>berç-ons</i>	<i>choy-ons</i>	<i>chang-eons</i>
<i>vous</i>	<i>parl-ez</i>	<i>régn-ez</i>	<i>essuy-ez</i>	<i>épel-ez</i>
<i>ils</i>	<i>parl-ent</i>	<i>caress-ent</i>	<i>ennu-ient</i>	<i>appel-lent</i>

And so on through the whole verb.

It must be remembered, in writing the following exercises on the various conjugations,

I. That the adverb comes after the verb, in simple tenses, or between the auxiliary and the participle, in compound ones.

II. That *du, de la, de l', des*, are always placed before any noun which is not taken in the general sense, and whenever *some* may be understood.

III. That *de* alone is used, after negations, without regard to the gender or the number, and also when the noun is preceded by an adjective.

IV. That personal pronouns, in the objective case are generally placed before the verb, except the imperative affirmative 1st pers. pl. 2nd pers. sing. and pl.

V. That the signs of the interrogation *do, did*, are not rendered in French; nor are they rendered when emphatically joined to the English verb thus: as *I do love*.

## INDICATIVE.

## SIMPLE TENSES.

## PRESENT.

parl-e	<i>I speak, am speaking, or do speak</i>
tu parl-es	<i>thou speakest</i>
il parl-e	<i>he speaks</i>
nous parl-ons	<i>we speak</i>
vous parl-ez	<i>you speak</i>
ils parl-ent	<i>they speak</i>

## COMPOUND TENSES.

## PRETERIT INDEFINITE.

j'ai parl-é	<i>I have</i>
tu as parl-é	<i>thou hast</i>
il a parl-é	<i>he has</i>
nous avons parl-é	<i>we have</i>
vous avez parl-é	<i>you have</i>
ils ont parl-é	<i>they have</i>

spoken

## INDICATIVE PRESENT.

I readily give that plaything to your sister. Do I prefer  
*volontiers donner* *joujou m.* *f.* *préférer*  
 pleasure to my duty? Dost not thou incense thy enemies? He  
 art. m. *devoir m.* *irriter* *ennemi*  
 does not give salutary advice to his friends. We do sincerely love  
*donne un = 2 avis m. 1.* *sincèrement*  
 peace and tranquillity. We do not neglect (any thing) to please  
 art. *paix f.* art. =f. *négliger rien pour plaire*  
 you. Do you not admire the beauty of that landscape? Do not  
*admire = f.* *paysage m.*  
 your parents comfort the afflicted? They (make use of) every  
*consoler affligé m. pl.* *employer tous art.*  
 means to succeed.  
*moyen m. pour réussir*

## PRETERIT INDEFINITE.

I have (given up) my favourite horse to my cousin. Hast thou  
*céder favori 2 cheval m. 1* *— m.*  
 not exchanged watches with my sister? Has the tutor given  
*changer de montres* *précepteur de*  
 fine engravings to his pupil? We have spoken (a long while) of  
*gravure f. pl.* *élève* *long-temps*  
 your adventure. Have you not insisted too much on that point?  
*aventure f.* *insister \* sur — m.*  
 Have your aunts prepared their ball dresses?  
*tante préparer de bal 2 habit m. pl. 1.*

## IMPERFECT.

I unceasingly thought of my misfortunes. Didst thou dread  
*sans cesse penser à malheur m. pl.* *redouter*  
 his presence and firmness? He exhibited in his person all the  
*— f.* *pron. fermeté f.* *retracer en f.*

## SIMPLE TENSES.

## IMPERFECT.

je parl-ais	<i>I did speak, or was speaking</i>
tu parl-ais	<i>thou didst speak</i>
il parl-ait	<i>he did speak</i>
nous parl-ions	<i>we did speak</i>
vous parl-iez	<i>you did speak</i>
ils parl-aient	<i>they did speak</i>

## PRÆTERIT DEFINITE.

je parl-ai	<i>I spoke</i>
tu parl-as	<i>thou spoked</i>
il parl-a	<i>he spoke</i>
nous parl-âmes	<i>we spoke</i>
vous parl-âtes	<i>you spoke</i>
ils parl-èrent	<i>they spoke</i>

## COMPOUND TENSES.

## PLUPERFECT.

j'avais parl-é	<i>I had</i>	} spoken
tu avais parl-é	<i>thou hadst</i>	
il avait parl-é	<i>he had</i>	
nous avions parl-é	<i>we had</i>	
vous aviez parl-é	<i>you had</i>	
ils avaient parl-é	<i>they had</i>	
PRÆTERIT ANTERIOR.		} spoken
j'eus parl-é	<i>I had</i>	
tu eus parl-é	<i>thou hadst</i>	
il eut parl-é	<i>he had</i>	
nous eûmes parl-é	<i>we had</i>	
vous eûtes parl-é	<i>you had</i>	
ils eurent parl-é	<i>they had</i>	

virtues of his ancestors. Did not that woman accuse her friend of  
 f. } ancêtre accuser ami f.

levity? We did not protect that bad man. You despised a vain  
 légèreté f. protégé méchant mépriser — 2.

erudition. Did the Romans disdain so weak an enemy!  
 — f. 1 Romain dédaigner faible 2 m. 1.

## PLUPERFECT.

I Had drained an unhealthy marsh Hadst thou not married  
 dessécher malsain 2 marais m. 1 épouser  
 a rich man, but unluckily without education? Had his father  
 malheureusement sans — f.  
 rejected these advantageous offers? We had not long listened  
 rejeter avantageux 2 offre f. 1 long-temps écouter  
 to the singing of the birds. Had you already studied  
 \* chant m. oiseau m. déjà étudier art.  
 geography and history? Had not his friends procured him a  
 = f. art. = procurer 2 lui  
 troop of cavalry?  
 compagnie f. cavalerie

There is a fourth preterit, called *preterit anterior indefinite*, which is used instead of the preterit anterior, when speaking of a time not entirely elapsed: as, *j'ai eu achevé mon ouvrage ce matin, cette semaine*, etc. and not *j'eus achevé*, as it is found in every conjugation. We shall insert it here: *j'ai eu parlé, tu as eu parlé, il a eu parlé, nous avons eu parlé, vous avez eu parlé, ils ont eu parlé.*

## TENSES.

## PRESENT.

had  
 hadst  
 had  
 hadst  
 had  
 hadst  
 had  
 hadst

spoken

## PRETERIT.

I had  
 thou hadst  
 he had  
 we had  
 you had  
 they had

spoken

her friend of  
 ami f.

despised a vain  
 mépriser — 2.

my!

1.

## SIMPLE TENSES.

## FUTURE ABSOLUTE.

je parl-erai I shall or will speak  
 tu parl-eras thou shalt speak  
 il parl-era he shall speak  
 nous parl-erons we shall speak  
 vous parl-erez you shall speak  
 ils parl-eront they shall speak

## COMPOUND TENSES.

## FUTURE ANTERIOR.

j'aurai parl-é I shall or will  
 tu auras parl-é thou shalt  
 il aura parl-é he shall  
 nous aurons parl-é we shall  
 vous aurez parl-é you shall  
 ils auront parl-é they shall

have spoken

## PRETERIT DEFINITE.

I gave them peaches and flowers out of my garden. Thou  
 leur pêche f. pl. fleurs f. pl. de mon jardin  
 forgottest an essential circumstance. Did not your cousin relate  
 oublier essentiel 2. circonstance f. raconter  
 that charming history with (a great deal) of grace? He lightly  
 —mant = f. avec beaucoup légèrement  
 judged of my intentions. Did we not show courage  
 juger \* montrer de art. — m. pr  
 perseverance, and firmness. Did you not visit the grotto and:  
 art. persévérance pr. art. fermeté f. visiter grotte f.  
 the grove? They did not generously forgive their enemies?  
 bois m. généreusement pardonner à —

## PRETERIT ANTERIOR.

I had soon wasted my money, and exhausted my resources.  
 bientôt manger argent m. épuiser ressource f.  
 Hadst thou very soon reinforced thy party. Had not Alexander  
 \* vite renforcer parti m. Alexandre  
 soon surmounted all obstacles. We sat down to table as soon  
 surmonter tous art. = m. pl. nous nous mêmes à — aussitôt  
 as we had closed the shutters and drawn the curtains. Had you not  
 que fermer volets tirer rideau  
 quickly dined. They retired to their quarters when they  
 promptement diner ils rentrèrent aux casernes quand  
 had dispersed the mob.  
 disperser populace f.

## FUTURE ABSOLUTE.

I shall relieve the poor. Wilt thou faithfully keep that secret?  
 soulager pauvre m. pl. fidèlement garder — m.  
 Will he consult enlightened judges? He will support you  
 consulter de art. éclairé 2 juge 1 appuyer  
 with all his credit. We shall not prefer pleasure to glory  
 de — m. préférer art. m. art. f.

## CONDITIONAL.

## SIMPLE TENSES.

## PRESENT.

je parl-erais I should, would, or  
could speak

tu parl-erais thou shouldst speak

il parl-erait he should speak

nous parl-erions we should speak

vous parl-eriez you should speak

ils parl-eraient they should speak

## COMPOUND TENSES.

## PAST.

j'aurais parl-é I should,  
would, or  
could

tu aurais parl-é thou shouldst

il aurait parl-é he should

nous aurions parl-é we should

vous auriez parl-é you should

ils auraient parl-é they should

} have spoken

*J'eusse parlé, tu eusses parlé, il eût parlé, nous eussions parlé, vous eussiez parlé, ils eussent parlé,* are also used for the conditional past. This remark holds good for every verb.

and richès to honour. With such conduct will you not  
art. pl. art. *par une telle conduite*  
grieve your father and mother? Will they not astonish their  
*affliger* pron. *étonner*  
hearers?  
*auditeur* m. pl.

## FUTURE ANTERIOR.

I shall soon have finished this book. By thy submission wilt thou  
*achever* m. *soumission* f.  
not have appeased his anger? The country will be happy when  
*apaiser* *colère* f. *ce pays* *heureux*  
the king shall have triumphed over his enemies. We shall be better  
*trionpher de* *plus*  
pleased with ourselves, when we shall have rewarded the merit of  
*content de nous* *récompenser mérite* m.  
this good man. Will you not have flown to his assistance then?  
*de bien* 2 1 *voler* *secours* m.  
Will not our servants have (brought back) our horses then?  
*domestique* m. *ramené* *cheval*

## CONDITIONAL PRESENT.

I would not plan such vain projects. Thou wouldst not avoid so  
*former* — *projet* m. *éviter* 2  
great a danger. Would not his attorney (clear up) that business?  
3 1 4 *procureur débrouiller* *affaire* f.  
We would (drive away) the importunate. Would you not discover  
*chasser* *importun* m. pl. *dévoiler*

IMPERATIVE.

parl-e*	speak (thou)
qu'il parl-e	let him speak
parl-ons	let us speak
parl-ez	speak (ye)
qu'ils parl-ent	let them speak

SUBJUNCTIVE.

SIMPLE TENSES.

PRESENT.

que	that
je parl-e	I may or can speak
tu parl-es	thou mayest speak
il parl-e	he may speak
nous parl-ions	we may speak
vous parl-iez	you may speak
ils parl-ent	they may speak

COMPOUND TENSES

PRETERIT.

que	that
jaie parl-é	I may or can
tu aies parl-é	thou mayest
il ait parl-é	he may
nous ayons parl-é	we may
vous ayez parl-é	you may
ils aient parl-é	they may

have spoken

... should, could, or would shouldst could should should should should  
 have spoken  
 ... discussions also used for every

that atrocious plot? They would not unravel the clue of that  
*atroce 2 complot m. 1      dé mêler      fil m.*

intrigue.  
 — f.

PAST.

I should have liked hunting, fishing, and the country.  
*aimer art. chasse f.      campagne f.*

Wouldst thou not have played? Would he not have bowed to the  
*jouer      saluer*

company? Would we gladly have praised his pride and  
*compagnie f.      avec plaisir 2      louer 1      orgueil m.*

incivility You would have awakened every body. Would  
*pron. malhonnêteté f.      éveiller tout le monde*

those merchants have paid their debts?  
*négociant      payer dette f. pl.*

IMPERATIVE.

In all thy actions, consult the light of reason. Never  
*dans      — f. pl. consulter      lumière art. f.*

yield to the violence of thy passions. Let us love  
*le abandonner      f.*

justice, peace, and virtue. Let us not cease to  
*art. — f. art. f.      art. f.      cesser de*

\* The second person singular of the imperative of this conjugation, and likewise of some verbs of the second ending in *vrir. frir. lir*, take an *s* after *e*, before the word *y* and *en*, as *portes-en à ton frère*, carry some to thy brother; *offres-en à la sœur*, offer some to thy sister; *cueilles-en aussi pour toi*, gather some alike for thyself; *apportes-y les livres*, bring there thy books.

SIMPLE TENSES.		COMPOUND TENSES.	
IMPERFECT.		PLUPERFECT.	
que	that	que	that
j' parl-asse	I might, could or would	j'eusse	I might, could or would
tu parl-asses	thou mightst	tu eusses	thou mightst
il parl-ât	he might	il eût	he might
neus parl-ussions	we might	nous eussions	we might
vous parl-assiez	you might	nous eussiez	you might
ils parl-ussent	they might	ils eussent	they might

work. Sacrifice your own interest to the public good. Do  
*travailler sacrifier \* intérêt m. pl. 2 bien 1*  
 not omit such useful and interesting details.  
*négliger de si utile 2 intéressant 3 art. — m. pl. 1.*

## SUBJUNCTIVE.

## P. RESENT.

Must I ever listen to a severe censor of my defects? I wish  
*faut il t' toujours 2 écouter 1\* — 2 = m. 1. défaut m. pl. je souhaite*  
 that thou mayest find real friends. He must study, in order  
*trouver de vrai il faut qu'il travaille afin*  
 that he may adorn his speeches with the graces of a pure diction.  
*parer discours de — 2 — f. 1.*  
 We have retired in order that she may remain alone and quite.  
*nous nous sommes retirés afin rester*  
 Provided we do not so hastily condemn the world. It is not  
*pour que légèrement condamner monde m. il n'est*  
 well to sulk incessantly. We pay them well that they may  
*pas bien bouder sans cesse nous les payons bien afin que*  
 work more willingly  
*travailler plus volontiers*

## PRÉTERIT.

It is not unlikely that I have spoken rashly. Do you not  
*il n'est pas improbable imprudemment ne croyez-*  
 believe that he has carried despair into the heart of his  
*vous pas porter art. désespoir m. dans ame*  
 friend? Can any one imagine that we should have blamed a conduct  
*pourra-t-on s'imaginer blâmer conduite f.*  
 so prudent and so wise? I easily conceive your having exasperated  
*sage je conçois facilement que exaspérer*  
 so petulant a disposition. That they may not have (taken advantage)  
*— 2 caractère m. 1 profiter*  
 of the circumstances.  
*circonstances f. pl.*

## IMPERFECT.

That I might not copy his example. That thou mightest (give up)  
*imiter* *exemple* m. *abandonner*  
 perfidious friends. That he might inhabit a hut  
*de* — *de* 2 art. 1 *habiter* *chaumière* f.  
 instead of a palace. That we might fall at the feet of an  
*au lieu* *palais* m. *tomber à* *pied* m.  
 illegitimate king. That you might respect the laws of your  
*illégitime* 2 1 *respecter* *loi* f. pl.  
 country. That they might not speak — at random  
*pays* m. *à tort et à travers*.

## PLUPERFECT.

That I might not have burnt that work. That thou mightest not  
*brûler* m.  
 have contemplated the beauties of the country. That he might have  
*contempler* = *campagne*  
 improved his natural abilities. That we might not have  
*perfectionner* — *rel* 2 *moyens* m. 1.  
 gained the victory. That you might have delighted the public.  
*remporter* = f. *enchanter* — m.  
 That they might have struck their enemies with fear.  
*frapper* *de crainte*

## 116. SECOND CONJUGATION.

## IN -IR.

This conjugation is divided into five branches, which are distinguished by the *participle present*, the *first person of the indicative*, and the *preterit*, thus :

1 punir	punissant	je punis	je punis
2 dormir	dormant	je dors	je dormis
3 ouvrir	ouvrant	j'ouvre	j'ouvris
4 venir	venant	je viens	je vins
5 courir	courant	je cours	je courus

The first branch contains upwards of two hundred and eighty verbs, the second contains seven radical verbs, and eleven derivatives.

As there are many verbs of the first branch, the infinitives of which end in *mir*, *tir*, *vir*, like those of the second branch, as may be seen from the following table, some confusion may arise in conjugating the one or the other, that is,

the learner might be led, by analogy, to say *ralentant, je ralentais*, or *dormissant, je dormissais*. To avoid this confusion effectually, he will do well to learn the second branch by heart, especially as the few verbs of which it is composed, are very commonly used.

The third branch has four radical verbs, and five derivatives.

The fourth branch has two radical verbs and twenty-three derivatives.

The fifth has one radical, and seven derivative verbs.

### TABLE OF THE FIVE BRANCHES.

#### FIRST BRANCH,

<i>ralent-ir</i>	<i>to slacken</i>	<i>asserv-ir</i>	<i>to enslave</i>
<i>retent-ir</i>	<i>to resound</i>	<i>sév-ir</i>	<i>to punish</i>
<i>appesant-ir</i>	<i>to make heavy</i>	<i>assouv-ir</i>	<i>to glut</i>
<i>nant-ir</i>	<i>to pledge</i>	<i>appauv-ir</i>	<i>to impoverish</i>
<i>renform-ir</i>	<i>to plaster</i>	<i>tern-ir</i>	<i>to tarnish</i>
<i>afferm-ir</i>	<i>to strengthen</i>	<i>vern-ir</i>	<i>to varnish</i>
<i>répart-ir</i>	<i>to distribute</i>	<i>garn-ir</i>	<i>to garnish</i>
<i>avert-ir</i>	<i>to inform</i>	<i>fourn-ir</i>	<i>to furnish</i>
<i>dessert-ir</i>	<i>to unset a stone</i>	<i>bén-ir</i>	<i>to bless</i>
<i>sort-ir</i>	<i>to obtain</i>	<i>henn-ir, etc.</i>	<i>to neigh</i>
<i>assort-ir</i>	<i>to match</i>		
<i>ressort-ir</i>	{ <i>to be under the juris-</i> <i>diction of</i>		

#### SECOND BRANCH.

Roots.		Derivatives.	
<i>dor-mir, je dors,</i>	<i>to sleep</i>	{ <i>redor-mir</i>	<i>to sleep again</i>
		{ <i>endor-mir</i>	<i>to tuck asleep</i>
<i>men-tir, je mens,</i>	<i>to lie</i>	{ <i>se rendor-mir</i>	<i>to fall asleep again</i>
		{ <i>démén-tir</i>	<i>to give the lie</i>
<i>sen-tir, je sens,</i>	<i>to feel</i>	{ <i>consen-tir</i>	<i>to consent</i>
		{ <i>pressen-tir</i>	<i>to foresee</i>
		{ <i>ressen-tir</i>	<i>to resent</i>
<i>par-tir*, je pars,</i>	<i>to set out</i>	{ <i>dépar-tir</i>	<i>to divide</i>
		{ <i>repar-tir</i>	<i>to set out again</i>
<i>sor-tir*, je sors,</i>	<i>to get out</i>	{ <i>ressor-tir</i>	<i>to go out again</i>
<i>ser-vir, je sers,</i>	<i>to serve</i>	{ <i>desser-vir</i>	<i>to clear the table</i>

*se repen-tir, je me repens, to repent, has no derivative.*

\* N. B.—*Partir, repartir, sortir, and ressortir*, of the second branch, take the auxiliary *être*. *Venir* and its derivatives, are likewise conjugated with *être*, except *prévenir* and *subvenir*, which take *avoir*; *convenir* also takes *avoir*, when it means *to suit*, but it takes *être*, when it signifies *to agree*. *Avenir* is a defective and obsolete verb, only used impersonally.

THIRD BRANCH.

ou- <i>vrir</i>	to open	}	rou- <i>vrir</i>	to open again
cou- <i>vrir</i>	to cover		entr' <i>ou-vrir</i>	to half op.
off- <i>rir</i>	to offer		dé- <i>cou-vrir</i>	to discover
souff- <i>rir</i>	to suffer		re- <i>cou-vrir</i>	to cover again
			mésof- <i>rir</i>	to underbid

souff-*rir* to suffer has no derivative.

FOURTH BRANCH.

Roots. Derivatives.		Roots. Derivatives.			
VENIR to come	contre- <i>venir</i>	to contravene	TENIR to hold	s'abs- <i>tenir</i>	to abstain
	a- <i>venir</i>	to happen		appar- <i>tenir</i>	to belong
	con- <i>venir</i> *	to agree		con- <i>tenir</i>	to contain
	de- <i>venir</i>	to become		de- <i>tenir</i>	to detain
	discon- <i>venir</i>	to deny		entre- <i>tenir</i>	to keep up
	inter- <i>venir</i>	to intervene		main- <i>tenir</i>	to maintain
	par- <i>venir</i>	to attain		ob- <i>tenir</i>	to obtain
	pré- <i>venir</i>	to prevent		re- <i>tenir</i>	to retain
	pro- <i>venir</i> *	to proceed		sou- <i>tenir</i>	to uphold
	re- <i>venir</i>	to come again			
sur- <i>venir</i>	to befall				
sub- <i>venir</i> *	to relieve				
se sou- <i>venir</i>	to remember				
se ressou- <i>venir</i>	to recollect				

FIFTH BRANCH.

COURIR,	}	accourir,	to run to	parcourir,	to run over
COURANT,		concourir,	to concur	recourir,	to recur
JE COURS,		discourir,	to discourse	secourir	to succour
to run		encourir,	to incur		

117. PARADIGMS OF THE SECOND CONJUGATION.

INFINITIVE.

PRESENT.

Branch 1. to punish	Branch 2. to feel	Branch 3. to open	Branch 4. to hold	Branch 5. to run
pu- <i>nir</i> †	sen- <i>tir</i> †	ou- <i>vrir</i> †	t- <i>ener</i> †	cou- <i>rir</i> †

PARTICIPLE PRESENT.

punishing	feeling	opening	holding	running
pu- <i>nissant</i>	sen- <i>tant</i>	ou- <i>vrant</i>	te- <i>nant</i>	cou- <i>rant</i>

\* See Note in page 146.

† The italics show the letters which are altered from the infinitive, in the formation of the different persons.

## PARTICIPLE PAST.

<i>punished</i> pu-ni	<i>felt</i> sen-ti	<i>opened</i> ou-vert	<i>held</i> te-nu	<i>ran</i> cou-ru
<i>to have punished</i> avoir pu-ni	<i>felt</i> sen-ti	<i>opened</i> ou-vert	<i>held</i> t-enu	<i>ran</i> cou-ru
<i>having punished</i> ayant pu-ni				

## INDICATIVE.

## PRESENT.

<i>I punish</i> je pu-nis	<i>feel</i> sen-s	<i>open</i> ou-vre	<i>hold</i> t-iens	<i>run</i> cours
tu pu-nis	sen-s	ou-vres	t-iens	cours
il pu-nit	sen-t	ou-vre	t-ient	court
nous pu-nissons	sen-tons	ou-vrons	te-nons	cou-rons
vous pu-nissez	sen-tez	ou-vrez	te-nez	cou-rez.
ils pu-nissent	sen-tent	ou-vrent	t-iennent	cou-rent

## PRETERIT DEFINITE.

<i>I have punished</i> j'ai pu-ni	<i>felt</i> sen-ti	<i>opened</i> ouv-ert	<i>held</i> t-enu	<i>ran</i> cou-ru
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## IMPERFECT.

<i>I did punish</i> je pu-nissais*	<i>feel</i> sen-lais*	<i>open</i> ouv-rais*	<i>hold</i> t-enais	<i>run</i> cou-rais*
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## INDICATIVE.

## PRESENT.

<i>I choose this picture.</i> <i>choisir</i> - <i>tableau</i> m.	<i>I feel all the unpleasantness of your</i> <i>désagrément</i> m.
<i>situation. Whence comest thou? Does he thus define that word?</i> - <i>d'où venir</i> * <i>ainsi définir</i> <i>mot</i> m.	
<i>Does his mother (go out) so early? Do we not (set off) for the</i> * <i>sortir</i> <i>tôt</i> * <i>partir</i>	
<i>country? Do you not sympathise with his sorrows? Do you</i> <i>campagne</i> f. * <i>compatir à</i> <i>mal</i> . m. pl. "	
<i>not (tell a lie)? They (are finishing) at this moment. They</i> <i>mentir</i> <i>finir</i> <i>dans</i> * <i>art.</i> - m.	
<i>(act contrarily) to your orders.</i> <i>contrevenir</i> <i>ordre</i> .	

\* The first person only of those tenses, which are invariably conjugated alike, will now be given, the scholar will easily supply the rest. Those tenses are, the imperfect, *je punissais*, the future and conditional, *je punirai*, *je punirais*.

PLUPERFECT.

<i>I had punished</i> j'avais pu-ni	<i>felt</i> sen-ti	<i>opened</i> ouv-ert	<i>held</i> t-enu	<i>ran</i> cou-ru
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PRETERIT DEFINITE.

<i>I punished</i> je pu-nis	<i>felt</i> sen-tis	<i>opened</i> ouv-ris	<i>held</i> t-ins	<i>ran</i> cou-rus
tu pu-nis	sen-tis	ouv-ris	t-ins	cou-rus
il pun-it	sen-tit	ouv-rit	t-int	cou-rut
nous pu-nîmes	sen-tîmes	ouv-rîmes	t-inmes	cou-rîmes
vous pu-nîtes	sen-tîtes	ouv-rîtes	t-întes	cou-rîtes
ils pu-nirent	sen-tirent	ouv-rirent	t-inrent	cou-rurent

PRETERIT ANTERIOR.

<i>I had punished</i> j'eus pu-ni	<i>felt</i> sen-ti	<i>opened</i> ouv-ert	<i>held</i> t-enu	<i>ran</i> cou-ru
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FUTURE ABSOLUTE.

<i>I shall punish</i> je pu-nirai	<i>feel</i> sen-tirai	<i>open</i> ou-vrirai	<i>hold</i> t-iendrai	<i>run</i> cour-rai
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FUTURE ANTERIOR.

<i>I shall have punished</i> j'aurai pu-ni	<i>felt</i> sen-ti	<i>opened</i> ouv-ert	<i>held</i> t-enu	<i>ran</i> cou-ru
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IMPERFECT.

I fortified his soul against the dangers of seduction. I served  
*p émanir* *contre* — *art.* — *f.* *servir*  
 my friends warmly. Didst not thou amuse him with fair  
*avec chaleur* \* *entretenir* *de beau*  
 promises? He generally complied with the wishes of his family.  
*promesse f. pl.* *en général* *consentir à* *désir m. pl.* *famille f.*  
 Were we sleeping then? Did you not belie your character?  
*dormir* *démentir* *caractère m.*  
 The children were running about the garden. We (used to) discourse,  
*courir dans* *discourir*  
 on interesting subjects. My sister (used to come) every  
*intéressant 2* *sujet m. 1* *venir* *tous*  
 morning to see me. Did you not go out in you pleased?  
*les malins* *sortir* *vouliez*  
 Did not the master punish you severely?  
*sévèrement*

PRETERIT.

I softened my father by my submission. I foresaw that terrible  
*fléchi* *soumission f.* *pressentir* — 2  
 catastrophe. Thou didst not (come again) as thou hadst pro-  
 — f. 1. *revenir* *comme* *le ind-2 pro-*  
 mised. He did not succeed through thoughtlessness. Did not his  
*mis* *réussir* *par* *étourderie f.*  
 daughter (set out again) immediately. Did not Alexander sully  
*repartir* *sur-le-camp* *ternir*

## CONDITIONAL.

## PRESENT.

*I should punish*  
je pu-nirais

<i>feel</i> sen-tirais	<i>open</i> ou-vrirais	<i>hold</i> t-iendrais	<i>run</i> cour-raais
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## PAST.

*I should have punished*  
j'aurais pu-ni

<i>felt</i> sen-ti	<i>opened</i> ou-vert	<i>held</i> te-nu	<i>ran</i> cour-ru
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## IMPERATIVE.

*punish (thou)*  
pu-nis

qu'il pu-nisse

pu-nissons

pu-nissez

qu'ils pu-nissent

<i>feel</i> sen-s	<i>open</i> ou-vre	<i>hold</i> t-iens	<i>run</i> cours
sen-le	ou-vre	t-ienne	cou-re
sen-lons	ou-vrons	te-nons	cou-rons
sen-lez	ou-vrez	te-nez	cou-rez
sen-tent	ou-vrent	t-iennent	cou-rent

his glory by his pride? Did we (go out) of the city before him?  
*sortir* *ville f. avant lui*

We never betrayed that important secret. Did not you agree to  
*trahir* —2 —m. 1. *consentir de.*

(leave it to me)? They served their country with courage.  
*vous en rapporter à moi* *pays*

## FUTURE.

Shall I not obtain this of you? What will become of thee, if I  
*obtenir cela de* *que* *devenir \* tu*

forsake thee? Will he not embellish his country seat?  
*abandonner* *embellir* *maison de campagne f.*

He will not sleep quietly. Sha'll we consent to that ridiculous  
*tranquillement* 2

bargain? With time and patience, you (will  
*marché n. 1* *avec de* *art m.* *pr. art.* *f.* *venir*

accomplish) your object. We shall not sully the splendour of  
*à bout de* *dessein m.* *ternir* *éclat m.*

our life by an unworthy action. Will those men enrich their  
*indigne 2* —1 *enrichir*

country by their industry? Will not our friends offer us their  
*pays* *industrie* *offrir*

assistance? (Take off) your coat and you will run faster.  
*secours* *ôtez* *courir*

## CONDITIONAL.

I would open the door and the window. I should still cherish  
*porte f.* *fenêtre f.* *cherir*

life. Would'st not thou interfere in that affair? Would  
*art.* *intervenir* *f.*

## SUBJUNCTIVE.

## PRESENT.

<i>that I may punish</i>	<i>feel</i>	<i>open</i>	<i>hold</i>	<i>run</i>
que je pu-nisse	sen-te	ou-vre	t-ienne	cou-re
que tu pu-nisses	sen-tes	ou-vres	t-iennes	cou-res
qu'il pu-nisse	sen-te	ou-vre	t-ienne	cou-re
que nous pu-nissions	sen-tions	ou-vrions	te-nions	cou-rions
que vous pu-nissiez	sen-tiez	ou-vriez	te-niez	cou-riez
qu'ils pu-nissent	sen-tent	ou-vrent	t-iennent	cou-rent

## PRETERIT

<i>that I may have punished</i>	<i>felt</i>	<i>opened</i>	<i>held</i>	<i>ran</i>
que j'aie pun-i	sen-ti	ouv-ert	te-nu	cou-ru

## IMPERFECT.

<i>that I might punish</i>	<i>feel</i>	<i>open</i>	<i>hold</i>	<i>run</i>
que je pu-nisse	sen-tisse	ouv-risse	t-inse	cou-russe
que tu pu-nisses	sen-tisses	ouv-risses	t-insses	cou-russes
qu'il pu-nît	sen-tît	ouv-rît	t-int	cou-rût
que nous pu-nissions	sen-tissions	ouv-rissions	t-inssions	cou-russions
que vous pu-nissiez	sen-tissiez	ouv-rissiez	t-inssiez	cou-russiez
qu'ils pu-nissent	sen-tissent	ouv-rissent	t-inssent	cou-russent

my brother (set off again) without taking leave of us? You would  
*repartir sans prendre congé*

not succeed in injuring him in the public opinion. You would  
*parvenir à nuire lui* —2 —f.1.

never soften that hard hearted man. Could they foresee their  
*attendrir cœur de rocher presentir*

misfortune? Would men always (grow old) without growing  
*malheur art. vieillir sans devenir inf.-l*

wiser, if they reflected on the shortness of life. I would  
*réfléchir ind.-2 sur brièveté f. art.*

visit France and Italy if (I had the means.)  
*parcourir art.— art = mes moyens le permettaient.*

## IMPERATIVE.

Shudder with horror and terror. Do not open the door  
*Frémir de = de effroi m. ouvrir*

to any one in my absence. Let him not suffer such insults.  
*personne souffrir pareil insulte f.*

Do not go out in the rain. Let us not run so fast. Let us  
*sortir à courir*

feed the poor. Let us gain glory by our perseverance. Let  
*nourrir m.pl. obtenir art.= f.*

us not divulge our secrets to every body. Do not maintain so  
*découvrir — tout le monde soutenir*

absurd an opinion.  
*de 2 —f. 1.*

## PLUPERFECT.

<i>I might have punished</i> que j'aie puni	<i>fell</i> senti	<i>opened</i> ouvert	<i>held</i> tenu	<i>run</i> cou-ru
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## SUBJUNCTIVE,

## PRESENT

That I may never stain my reputation. (That I may be before-hand)  
*flétrir* f. *prévenir*

with such dangerous enemies. I will not have thee (go out) this  
 de art. si = 2 1 *veux* que tu *sortir*

morning. That he may not obtain his ends. That we may become  
*matin* m. *parvenir* à *fin* f. pl. *devenir*

just, honest, and virtuous. That you may punish the guilty. (We  
*honnête* *vertueux* *coupable* pl. nous

all pray) that you may return covered with laurels. That  
*prions tous pour* *revenir* *couvert de laurier* m. pl.

they may establish wise and just laws. That they may agree  
*établir* de 2 3 art 1 *convenir*

about the conditions. You must run faster, if you wish to  
 de *il faut que vous* *voulez le*

overtake him. I sincerely wish he may long enjoy his good fortune.  
*rattrapper* *désirer* *long-temps jouir de* *bonheur* m.

## IMPERFECT.

That I might stir the whole neighbourhood. That I might not  
*ébourdir* 2 tout 1 *voisinage* m.

(bring about my designs. That he might not bear his disgrace  
*venir à bout de* *projet* m. pl. *soutenir* — f.

with firmness. That we might disobey the laws. That we might  
*fermeté* *désobéir* à

belong to that great king. That you might renounce your errors  
*appartenir* *revenir de* =

and prejudices. That they might weaken the force of their  
 pr. pron. *préjugé* *affaiblir* f.

reasons. That they might hold the most absurd ideas.  
*raisonnement* *tenir à* 2 art. 1

## 118. THIRD CONJUGATION.

## IN -OIR.

## PARADIGM.

This conjugation contains only seven verbs, which are

<i>perc-evoir</i>	<i>to receive</i>	<i>déc-evoir</i>	<i>to deceive</i>
<i>aperç-evoir</i>	<i>to perceive</i>	<i>d-evoir</i>	<i>to owe</i>
<i>conc-evoir</i>	<i>to conceive</i>	<i>red-evoir</i>	<i>to owe again.</i>

and *recevoir*, which serves as a paradigm. *Percevoir* is a law term, and *apercevoir* is often reflected.

In all tenses in which *c* comes before *o* or *u*, it takes the cedilla, in order that it may retain its soft sound.

INFINITIVE.

SIMPLE TENSES.		COMPOUND TENSES	
PRESENT.		PAST.	
<i>re-ceive</i>	<i>to receive</i>	<i>avoir re-çu</i>	<i>to have received</i>

PARTICIPLES.

PRESENT.		}	PAST.	
<i>re-ceiving</i>	<i>receiving</i>		<i>ayant re-çu</i>	<i>having received</i>
PAST.				
<i>re-çû</i>	<i>received</i>			

INDICATIVE.

SIMPLE TENSES.		COMPOUND TENSES.	
PRESENT.		PRETERIT INDEFINITE.	
<i>I receive</i>	<i>we receive</i>	<i>j'ai re-çu</i>	<i>I have received</i>
<i>je re-çois</i>	<i>nous re-cevons</i>	<i>tu as etc.</i>	<i>thou, etc.</i>
<i>tu re-çois</i>	<i>vous re-cevez</i>		
<i>il reçoit</i>	<i>ils re-çoivent</i>		
IMPERFECT.		PLUPERFECT.	
<i>I did receive</i>	<i>we did receive</i>	<i>j'avais re-çû</i>	<i>I had received</i>
<i>je rec-évais</i>	<i>nous rec-évisions</i>		
PRETERIT DEFINITE.		PRETERIT ANTERIOR.	
<i>I received</i>	<i>we received</i>	<i>j'eus re-çû</i>	<i>I had received</i>
<i>je re-çûs</i>	<i>nous re-çûmes</i>	<i>tu eus etc.</i>	<i>thou etc.</i>
<i>tu re-çûs</i>	<i>vous re-çûtes</i>		
<i>il re-çût</i>	<i>ils re-çurent</i>		

INDICATIVE.

PRESENT.

*I see the summit of the Alps covered with perpetual*  
*apercevoir sommet Alpes f.pl. de éternel 2*  
*snow. What gratitude dost thou not owe to her who (has*  
*neige f.pl. 1 reconnaissance f. devoir celle 1*  
*discharged) (the duty of a mother) (to thee) (in thy infancy ?)*  
*remplir 3 5 près de 4 2*  
*does not your pupil understand that rule which is so simple ? We*  
*écolier concevoir règle f. \* \**  
*do not owe a large sum. Do you not perceive the snare ? Ought*  
*devoir gros somme f. piège m. devoir 5*  
*firm and courageous men to yield to circumstances ?*  
*des 1 3 = 4 2 \* céder art. circonstance*

## SIMPLE TENSES.

FUTURE ABSOLUTE.  
*I shall receive* *we shall receive*  
*je re-ceurai* *nous rec-evrons*

## COMPOUND TENSES.

FUTURE ANTERIOR.  
*j'aurai re-çu* *I shall have received*

## CONDITIONAL.

PRESENT. PAST.  
*I should receive* *we should receive* *j'aurais re-çu* *I should have re-*  
*je re-cervrais* *nous rec-evrions* *tu, etc* *ceived*

## IMPERATIVE.

*re-çois* *receive thou* *re-cevons* *let us receive*  
*qu'il re-çoive* *let him receive* *re-cevez* *receive ye*  
*qu'ils re-çoivent* *let them receive*

## IMPERFECT.

*I received a letter from her daily.* *Did he see the castle*  
*tous les jours* *apercevoir* *château*  
*from such a distance?* *We did not receive our income*  
*si \* loin* *percevoir* *revenu m. pl.*  
*regularly.* *Did you not receive great attentions?* *Did those*  
*régulièrement* *de* *honnêteté f. pl.* *\**  
*tyrants conceive all the blackness of their crimes?*  
*tyran concevoir* *noirceur f.*

## PRETERIT DEFINITE.

*I perceived him walking by moon-light.* *He saw him*  
*le qui se promenait à art. clair de la lune m.*  
*in the middle of the river struggling for his life.* *Did we not*  
*au milieu* *se débattant contre la mort*  
*immediately perceive the snare?* *You did not receive his letters in*  
*lettres à*  
*time.* *Did the ministers conceive the depth of his plan?*  
*temps* *—tre* *profondeur f.* *— m.*

## FUTURE.

*Shall I receive any letters to-day?* *We shall soon see*  
*de art.* *aujourd'hui* *apercevoir*  
*the spire of the village.* *Go and see him; I am sure he will*  
*clocher m.* *— m. allez* *\* -le voir* *que*  
*receive you well.* *Will they never understand so simple a thing?*  
*concevoir* *— 2 chose 1*

## CONDITIONAL.

*I would receive them more politely.* *Should a wise man thus*  
*devoir* *2 1 ainsi 2*

SUBJUNCTIVE.

SIMPLE TENSES.

PRESENT.

that I may receive *que je rec-oive*      that we may receive *que nous rec-evions*  
 que tu rec-oives      que vous rece-viez  
 qu'il rec-oive      qu'ils rec-oivent

IMPERFECT.

that I might receive *que je rec-usse*      that we might receive *que nous rec-ussions*  
 que je rec-usses      que vous rec-ussiez  
 qu'il rec-ût      qu'ils rec-ussent

COMPOUND TENSES.

PRETERIT.

que j'aie rec-u } that I may  
 que tu, etc. } have re-  
 qu'il, etc. } ceived

PLUPERFECT.

que j'eusse rec-û } that  
 que tu, etc. } I might  
 have re-  
 ceived.

(give himself up) to despair? You would easily perceive so  
*s'abandonner* 1 art. *désespoir* m.  
 gross a trick. Would not my sisters receive their friend with  
*grossier* 2 use f. 1.  
 tenderness?  
*tendresse* f.

IMPERATIVE.

PRESENT.

Conceive the horror of his situation. Do not receive that mark  
*confiance* with indifference. Let us entertain *marque* f.  
 vice. Receive his advice with respect and gratitude. Receive  
 art. m. *avis* *concevoir* \* de art. *horror of*  
 no more of his letters. *pour*  
*lettre*

SUBJUNCTIVE.

PRESENT.

That I may receive *de* art. consolations. It is not credible that he  
 should not conceive a thought so well explained. I understand that  
*pensée* f. *développé* je comprends  
 you may not perceive the danger of books which are contrary to  
 art. \* \* \* *contre* \*  
 good morals. See that they do not collect unjust  
 art. *mœurs* f. pl. *voyez à ce qu'ils* *percevoir de injuste* 2  
 taxes.  
 art. —f. pl. 1.

TENSES.

TERIOR.

U have received

ould have re-  
 ived

us receive  
 ve ye  
 em receive

the castle  
 ir château  
 income  
 revenu m. pl.  
 Did those  
 \*

He saw him

Did we not

his letters in  
 lettres à

s plan?  
 — m.

soon see  
 apercevoir

re he will  
 que

a thing?  
 chose 1

man thus  
 1 ainsi 2

## FOURTH CONJUGATION.

## IN -RE.

119. This conjugation has five branches.

The first ends in	{	-andre	as	répandre	to spill
		-endre	..	vendre	to sell
		-ondre	..	répondre	to answer
		-erdre	..	perdre	to lose
		-ordre	..	mordre	to bite
the second ends in	-aire	{	..	plaire	to please
	..		taire	to keep secret	
the third ends in	{	-âitre	..	repâitre	to feed
		-aitre	..	connaitre	to know
the fourth ends in	-uire	..	instruire	to instruct	
the fifth ends in	{	-aindre	..	contraindre	to constrain
		-eindre	..	peindre	to paint
		-oindre	..	joindre	to join

## IMPERFECT.

I did not believe that he perceived the secret designs of the  
*je ne croyais pas* *coché* 2 *dessein* 1  
 enemy's general. We were obliged to receive every body with  
 2 \* 1 *il fallait que vous*  
 civility. It was likely that you might not perceive the  
*honnêteté* *il était probable*  
 depth of this book. That they might not perceive the  
*profondeur* f.  
 masts of the ship.  
*mât* m. pl. *vaisseau* m.

120. PARADIGMS OF THE FOURTH  
CONJUGATION.

## INFINITIVE.

## PRESENT.

Branch 1	Branch 2.	Branch 3.	Branch 4.	Branch 5.
to render	to please	to appear	to reduce	to join
rend-re	pl-aire	pa-raître	rédui-re	joind-re

PAST. (To have).

<i>rendered</i> avoir ren-du	<i>pleased</i> —pl-u	<i>appeared</i> —pa-ru	<i>reduced</i> —ré-duit	<i>joined</i> —joint
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PARTICIPLE PRESENT.

<i>rendering</i> ren-dant	<i>pleasing</i> plai-sant	<i>appearing</i> pa-raissant	<i>reducing</i> rédui-sant	<i>joined</i> joi-gnant
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PARTICIPLE PAST.

<i>rendered</i> ren-du	<i>pleased</i> plu	<i>appeared</i> pa-ru	<i>reduced</i> réduit	<i>joined</i> joint
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COMP. PAST PARTICIPLE.

Avoir rendu Ayant rendu	} plu	pa-ru	réduit	joint
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INDICATIVE

PRESENT.

<i>I render</i> je rends tu rends il rend nous ren-dons vous rend-ez ils ren-dent	<i>please</i> pl-ais pl-ais pl-ait plai-sons plai-sez plai-sent	<i>appear</i> pa-rais pa-rais pa-raît pa-raissons pa-raissez pa-raissent	<i>reduce</i> réduis réduis réduit rédui-sons rédui-sez rédui-sent	<i>join</i> joins joins joint joi-gnons joi-gnez joi-gnent
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PRETERIT INDEFINITE. (I have)

<i>rendered</i> j'ai ren-du	<i>pleased</i> —pl-u	<i>appeared</i> —pa-ru	<i>reduced</i> —réduit	<i>joined</i> —joint
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IMPERFECT.

<i>I did render</i> je ren-dais	<i>please</i> plai-sais	<i>appear</i> par-raissais	<i>reduce</i> rédui-sais	<i>join</i> joi-gnais
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PLUPERFECT.

<i>I had rendered</i> j'avais ren-du	<i>pleased</i> —plu	<i>appeared</i> —paru	<i>reduced</i> —réduit	<i>joined</i> —joint
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INDICATIVE.

PRESENT.

I know his fiery and impetuous temper. I expect his  
*connaître bouillant 2 = 3 caractère m.1 attendre*  
 return with impatience. Does he fear death? Does not  
*retour craindre art. f.*  
 virtue please every body? We do not compel you to adopt this  
*contraindre de adopter*  
 opinion. We suppress for the present several interesting circum-  
 —f. taire —m- intéressante 2

## PRETERIT.

Branch 1.	Branch 2.	Branch 3.	Branch 4.	Branch 5.
<i>I rendered</i>	<i>pleased</i>	<i>appeared</i>	<i>reduced</i>	<i>joined</i>
je ren-dis	plus	pa-rus	rédui-sis	joï-gnis
tu ren-dis	plus -	pa-rus	rédui-sis	joï-gnis
il ren-dit	plut	pa-rut	rédui-sit	joï-gnit
nous ren-dîmes	plûmes	pa-rûmes	rédui-sîmes	joï-gnîmes
vous ren-dîtes	plûtes	pa-rûtes	rédui-sîtes	joï-gnîtes
ils ren-dirent	plurent	pa-rurent	rédui-sirent	joï-gnîrent

## PRETERIT ANTERIOR.

<i>I had rendered</i>	<i>pleased</i>	<i>appeared</i>	<i>reduced</i>	<i>joined</i>
j'eus ren-du	plu	pa-ru	rédui-t	joïnt

## FUTURE ABSOLUTE.

<i>I shall render</i>	<i>please</i>	<i>appeared</i>	<i>reduce</i>	<i>join</i>
je rend-rai	plai-rai	pa-rai-trai	rédui-rai	joïn-drai

FUTURE ANTERIOR. (*I shall have*)

<i>rendered</i>	<i>pleased</i>	<i>appeared</i>	<i>reduced</i>	<i>joined</i>
j'aurai ren-du	plu	pa-ru	rédui-t	joïnt

stances. Do you not confound these notions (with one another?)  
 f. 1 *confondre* *l'une avec l'autre*  
 You captivate your hearers by your modest exterior. Do your  
*séduire* *auditeurs* m. pl. 2 = m. 1  
 sons acknowledge their errors? Do not those workmen waste their  
*reconnaître* = *ouvrier perdre*  
 time about trifles?  
*à bagatelle* pl.

## IMPERFECT.

I did not displease by my conduct. I pitied those sad victims  
*déplaire* *plaindre* *triste* *victimes* f. pl.  
 of the revolution. Did not this dog bite? She pleased every  
 —f. *chien mordre* *plaire à tout*  
 body. He never seemed satisfied. Did he not beat every body  
*le monde* *paraître content* *battre*  
 at draughts? We did not hear well because we were too far.  
*aux dames* *entendre* *éloigné*  
 She was painting. His presence diffused joy wherever he  
*peindre* *répandre* *par tout où*  
 appeared. They led us into error.  
*se montrait* *induire* *en*

## PRETERIT.

I sold every thing I had before my departure. She compelled  
*vendre tout ce que* ind. 2. *contraindre*

CONDITIONAL.

PRESENT.

Branch 1. <i>I should render</i> je ren-drais	Branch 2. please pl-ai-rai-s	Branch 3. <i>appear</i> pa-rai-trai-s	Branch 4. <i>reduce</i> ré-duit-rai-s	Branch 5. <i>join</i> join-drais
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PAST (*I should have*).

<i>rendered</i> j'aurais ren-du	<i>pleased</i> —plu	<i>appeared</i> —pa-ru	<i>reduced</i> —ré-duit	<i>joined</i> —joi-nt
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IMPERATIVE.

<i>render (thou)</i> ren-ds qu'il ren-de ren-dons ren-dez qu'ils ren-dent	<i>please</i> plais plaise plai-sons plai-sez plai-sent	<i>appear</i> pa-rai-s pa-raisse pa-raissons pa-raissez pa-raissent	<i>reduce</i> réduis réduise rédui-sons rédui-sez rédui-sent	<i>join</i> joins joi-gne joi-gnon-s joi-gnez joi-gnent
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him to speak the truth. They started before us, but we joined  
*de dire* *partir* *rejoindre*  
 them at Paris where they (waited for) us. After giving him a  
*attendre ind. 2* *donner inf. 2*  
 good dinner, we took him back to his cottage in our own car-  
*recon-uir* \* *chaumière f.*  
 riage. They put out all the candles which alarmed us a little.  
*éteindre* *lumières f. ce qui étonner ind. 3*  
 My dog ran after him and bit him in the leg.  
*courir ind. 3.* *mordre à*

FUTURE.

Shall I hear him when he calls? I shall not conceal  
*entendre* *appeler, ind. 7* *taire 2*  
 my mind from you. Will not the general compel the offi-  
*façon de penser 3 \* 1* *contraindre offi-*  
 cers to join their respective corps? Will not a thought,  
*ciers à rejoindre* = *f.*  
 true, grand, and well expressed, please? (We shall make our  
*exprimé, plaire* *parai-*  
 appearance) on this great stage next month. Shall  
*tre sur* *théâtre m. art. prochain 2 mois m. 1*  
 we describe all the horror of this terrible night? Will you  
*dépeindre* — 2 *nuît f. 1*  
 not re-model a work so full of errors? Will you know your  
*refondre* *plein erreur f.* *reconnaître*  
 things again? They will assiduously correspond with their  
*effet m. pl. \** *assidûment* *correspondre*  
 friends.

CONDITIONAL.

PRESENT.

Should I, by these means, gain the desired end? I  
*moyen m. s. atteindre à* *désiré 2* *but m. 1*

Branch 5.

*joined*  
joi-gnis  
joi-gnis  
joi-gnit  
joi-gnâmes  
joi-gnîtes  
joi-gnèrent

*joined*  
joint

*join*  
join-drai

*joined*  
joint

one another?)  
avec l'autre

rior. Do your  
n. 1

n waste their  
perdre

victimes  
victime f. pl.

pleased every  
plaire à tout

t every body  
re

ere too far.  
éloigné

wherever he  
er tout où

he compelled  
contraindre

## SUBJUNCTIVE.

PRESENT. (*That I may*).

Branch 1	Branch 2.	Branch 3	Branch 4.	Branch 5.
<i>render</i>	<i>please</i>	<i>appear</i>	<i>reduce</i>	<i>join</i>
<i>que je ren-de</i>	<i>plaise</i>	<i>pa-raisse</i>	<i>rédui-se</i>	<i>join</i>
<i>tu ren des</i>	<i>plaises</i>	<i>pa-raisses</i>	<i>rédui-ses</i>	<i>join</i>
<i>il ren-de</i>	<i>plaise</i>	<i>pa-raisse</i>	<i>rédui-se</i>	<i>join</i>
<i>nous ren-dions</i>	<i>plaisions</i>	<i>pa-raissions</i>	<i>rédui-stions</i>	<i>join</i>
<i>vous ren-diez</i>	<i>plaisiez</i>	<i>pa-raissiez</i>	<i>rédui-siez</i>	<i>join</i>
<i>ils ren-dent</i>	<i>plaisent</i>	<i>pa-raissent</i>	<i>rédui-sent</i>	<i>join</i>

would (carry on) the undertaking with success. Would his mother  
*conduire* *entreprise f.*

wait with (so much) patience? Could sincerity displease a  
*attendre* *tant de* art. = f. *déplaire à*

man (of sense)? Should we sell our liberty? Should we  
*sensé* *vendre*

build our house upon that plan? Would you oblige  
*construire* — m. *astreindre de art.*

young people to live as you do? Would you drive your child  
*gens pl.* *vivre comme* \* *réduire*

to despair? They should fear public censure. Would  
*art désespérer m.* *craindre 2* art. f. 1

my protectors introduce an unknown person into the world?  
 = *introduire* *inconnu m.* \*

## IMPERATIVE.

Depict in thy idyl all the charms of a rural life. Do  
*peindre* *idylle* *douceur f.* *champêtre 2 1*

not wait for me, for it is uncertain whether I shall  
*attendre* \* *douteux* *que* *re-*

return or not. Know the powers of thy mind before thou  
*venir subj-1* *force f.* *avant de \**

write. Let us unite prudence with courage. Let us not  
*écrire* *joindre art. f.* *à art. m.*

descend to useless particulars. Do not appear either too  
*descendre dans des 2* —larité 1 *paraître ni*

cheerful or too grave. Ye sovereigns make the people happy.  
*gai ni sérieux* \* *souverain pl. rendre*

Sweet illusions, vain phantoms, vanish. (Keep to yourself)  
*doux — f, —* *fantôme m. disparaître* *taire*

such truths as may offend.  
*certain f. pl. qui peuvent offenser.*

## SUBJUNCTIVE.

PRESENT.

That I may fear that host of enemies. That I should please  
*craindre* *nuée f.* *à*

1. Branch 5.  
 join  
 joi-gne  
 joi-gnes  
 joi-gne  
 joi-gnions  
 joi-gnez  
 joi-gnent

rendered que j'ai ren-du | pleased —plu | appeared —pa-ru | reduced —réduit | joined —joi-nt

ren- | please | appear | reduce | joi-  
 que je ren- | plusse | pa-russe | rédui-sisse | joi-gnisse  
 tu ren- | plusses | pa-russes | rédui-sisses | joi-gnisses  
 il ren- | plût | pa-rût | rédui-sit | joi-gnit  
 nous ren- | plussions | pa-russions | rédui-sissions | joi-gnissions  
 vous ren- | plussiez | pa-russiez | rédui-sissiez | joi-gnissiez  
 ils ren- | plussent | pa-russent | rédui-sissent | joi-gnissent

ould his mother  
 rity displease a  
 . déplaire à  
 ? Should we

rendered que j'eusse ren-du | pleased plu | appeared par-u | reduced réduit | joined joint

oblige  
 streindre de art.  
 rive your child  
 uire  
 nsure. Would  
 1  
 world ?

every body, is impossible. That he may not reply to such  
 ce répondre un si 2  
 absurd criticism. That he may lead his pupil step by step  
 — f. critique f. 1 conduire élève pas à  
 to a perfect knowledge of the art of speaking and writing. That  
 connaissance f. inf. 1. inf-1  
 we may confound the arts with the sciences. That you may have  
 confondre tendre à  
 the same end (in view.) That they may not depend on any body.  
 but m. \* \* dépendre de personne  
 That they may not increase our sufferings.  
 accroître peines

life. Do  
 re 2 1  
 ther I shall  
 ue re-  
 before thou  
 avant de \*  
 . Let us not  
 ear either too  
 tre ni  
 people happy.  
 p to yourself)  
 taire

IMPERFECT.  
 He did not allow us to answer him. They were obliged  
 Il ne voulait pas que répondre lui Il fallait que  
 o appear in full uniform at dinner. He stayed a fort-  
 grande —forme m. attendre ind-3 \*quinze  
 night in Paris, (in order) that we might rejoin him. That we  
 jours à afin rejoindre  
 might take him to court That you might hear their  
 conduire art. cour f. entendre  
 justification. That you might know your real friends. That they  
 vrai  
 might (wait for) the opinion of sensible persons.  
 attendre art. sensé 2 f. pl. 1

should please  
 à

121. *Pronominal or reflected verbs* are, as it has already been said, conjugated with two pronouns, one the subject and the other the object. In their compound tenses the par-

Participle past agrees in gender and number with the subject.

## EXAMPLES.

je me blesse	<i>I hurt myself</i>
nous nous trompons	<i>we deceive ourselves</i>
elle s'est tuée	<i>she has killed herself</i>

Almost all active verbs may be made reflected, since a person may hurt and deceive himself in the same manner that he hurts or deceives others. This point is common to both languages, but there are two things in which they differ with regard to reflected verbs. First, the compound tenses are conjugated with *to have*, in English, and with *être* in French: *I have hurt myself, je me suis blessé*. Secondly, there are a good many verbs which are used in the reflected form in French which are *neuter* in English; such as *je m'arrête, je me dépêche*, I stop, I make haste. As these latter are very frequently used in conversation we subjoin a list of them.

## 122. LIST OF COMMON REFLECTED VERBS.

s'abstenir	<i>to abstain</i>	s'intéresser	<i>to feel an interest</i>
s'abonner	<i>to subscribe</i>	se lever	<i>to get up</i>
s'apercevoir	<i>to perceive</i>	se méfier	<i>to distrust</i>
s'asseoir	<i>to sit down</i>	se moquer	<i>to laugh at</i>
se coucher	<i>to lie down</i>	se nommer	<i>to be named</i>
se dépêcher	<i>to make haste</i>		
se défaire	<i>to get rid</i>	s'occuper	<i>to be busy about</i>
se désespérer	<i>to despair</i>	promener	<i>to walk</i>
se dispenser	<i>to dispense with</i>	se plaindre	<i>to complain</i>
s'entretenir	<i>to converse</i>	se plaindre	<i>to take pleasure</i>
s'endormir	<i>to fall asleep</i>	se porter	<i>to be (in or well)</i>
s'en aller	<i>to go away</i>	se rappeler	<i>to remember</i>
s'efforcer	<i>to endeavour</i>	se réjouir	<i>to rejoice</i>
s'empêcher	<i>to forbear</i>	se rendre	<i>to go, to repair to</i>
s'emporter	<i>to grow warm</i>	se repentir	<i>to repent</i>
s'enfuir	<i>to run away</i>	se souvenir	<i>to remember</i>
s'enquérir	<i>to enquire</i>	se rire	<i>to laugh at</i>
s'étonner	<i>to feel surprised</i>		
s'éveiller	<i>to wake</i>	se retourner	<i>not to care for</i>
s'évanouir	<i>to faint</i>	se retourner	<i>to turn round</i>
s'enquérir	<i>to enquire</i>	se reposer	<i>to rest</i>
se fâcher	<i>to be angry</i>	se réveiller	<i>to wake</i>
se fier	<i>to trust</i>	se savoir gré	<i>to be glad</i>
se garder	<i>to beware</i>	se servir	<i>to make use of</i>
s'habiller	<i>to dress</i>	se taire	<i>to be silent</i>
s'habituer	<i>to get used</i>	se tromper	<i>to mistake or be mis-</i>
se hâter	<i>to hasten</i>		
s'imaginer	<i>to fancy</i>	se trouver	<i>taken</i>
		se vanter	<i>to be</i>
			<i>to boast</i>

\* There is one exception which will be found noticed in the chapter of the *Participle Past*.

the subject.

123. PARADIGM OF A REFLECTED VERB.

INFINITIVE.

SIMPLE TENSES.		COMPOUND TENSES.	
PRESENT.		PAST.	
<i>se repentir</i>	<i>to repent</i>	s'être	} repenti or repentie
<i>se repentant</i>	<i>repenting</i>		

PARTICIPLES.

PRESENT.		PAST.			
repenti, m. repentie, f. repentis, m. repenties, f.	} repented	s'étant	} repenti or repentie		
				<i>having repented</i>	

INDICATIVE.

SIMPLE TENSES.				COMPOUND TENSES.			
PRESENT.				PRETERIT INDEFINITE.			
<i>I repent.</i>				<i>I have repented.</i>			
je	me	repens		je	me	suis	} repenti or repentie repentis or repenties
tu	te	repens		tu	t'	es	
il, or elle	se	repent		il, or elle	s'	est	
nous	nous	repentons		nous	nous	sommes	
vous	vous	repentez		vous	vous	êtes	
ils, or elles	se	repentent		ils, or elles	se	sont	
IMPERFECT.				PLUPERFECT.			
<i>I did repent.</i>				<i>I had repented.</i>			
je	me	repentais		je	m'	étais	} repenti or repentie repentis or repenties
tu	te	repentais		tu	t'	étais	
il, or elle	se	repentait		il, or elle	s'	était	
nous	nous	repentions		nous	nous	étions	
vous	vous	repentiez		vous	vous	étiez	
ils, or elles	se	repentaient		ils, or elles	s'	étaient	

124. INTERROGATIVE AND NEGATIVE FORMS.

je ne me repens pas	<i>I do not repent</i>
te repens-tu ?	<i>doest thou repent ?</i>
ne nous repentons-nous pas ?	<i>do we not repent ?</i>
je ne me suis pas repenti	<i>I have not repented ?</i>
ne se sont-ils pas repentis ?	<i>have they not repented ?</i>
ne se sont-elles pas repenties ?	<i>have they not repented ?</i>
ma sœur se repent	<i>my sister repents</i>
ma sœur ne se repent-elle pas ?	<i>does not my sister repent ?</i>
vos frères se sont-ils repentis ?	<i>have your brothers repented ?</i>

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VERBS.

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## SIMPLE TENSES.

## PRÆTERIT DEFINITE.

*I repented.*

je	<i>me</i>	repentis
tu	<i>te</i>	repentis
il or elle	<i>se</i>	repentit
nous	<i>nous</i>	repentîmes
vous	<i>vous</i>	repentîtes
ils or elles	<i>se</i>	repentirent

## COMPOUND TENSES.

## PRÆTERIT ANTERIOR.

*I had repented*

je	<i>me</i>	<i>fus</i>	} repenti,
tu	<i>te</i>	<i>fus</i>	
il or elle	<i>se</i>	<i>fut</i>	} repentie
nous	<i>nous</i>	<i>fîmes</i>	} repentis
vous	<i>vous</i>	<i>fîtes</i>	} or
ils or elles	<i>se</i>	<i>furent</i>	} repenties

## INDICATIVE.

## PRESENT.

I often	walk	by	moonlight.	Dost thou not
<i>souvent</i>	<i>se promener</i>	<i>à</i>	<i>art. clair de la lune m.</i>	<i>se</i>
deceive thyself?	He (is never happy)	but	(when he is doing)	
<i>tromper</i>	<i>ne se plaire</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>à faire</i>	
wrong.	I complain	of his	bad conduct.	(Do we
<i>de art. mal m.</i>	<i>se plaindre</i>	<i>mauvais conduite f.</i>		
not take too much care of ourselves)?	How do you	do?	They	
<i>s'écouter trop</i>			<i>se porter</i>	<i>se</i>
intend to travel in the	spring.			
<i>proposer de voyager à</i>	<i>printemps m.</i>			

## PRÆTERIT INDEFINITE.

I (have been)	tolerably well	for some time.	Didst thou not
<i>se porter</i>	<i>assez bien depuis</i>		
lose thyself in the wood?	(It is said) that he killed himself		
<i>s'égarer</i>	<i>on dit</i>	<i>se tuer</i>	
(out of) despair. Have we flattered ourselves without foundation?			
<i>de</i>	<i>se flatter</i>	<i>fondement</i>	
Ladies, have you walked (this morning)?	Did those ladies re-		
<i>Mesdames</i>	<i>promener</i>	<i>matin m.</i>	<i>à me se</i>
cognise themselves in this portrait?	You have mistaken the		
<i>reconnaître</i>	<i>à</i>	<i>se tromper</i>	<i>de</i>
house. We have made as much haste as we could. Has he stopped			
<i>se dépêcher autant que possible</i>		<i>s'arrêter</i>	
(on the) road? I have fallen asleep.			
<i>en</i>	<i>s'endormir</i>		

† It need hardly be remarked that reflected verbs do not belong to one conjugation alone, but to all. The learner must, therefore, be careful to ascertain to which of them, those which come under his consideration belong. *Se promener* is of the first, *se plaindre* is of the fourth and fifth branch; and *se plaire* is fourth conjugation second branch.

## IMPERFECT.

I troubled myself about the affairs of others. You were always  
*se tourmenter pour autrui se*  
 complaining of being too warm, and now you are too cold. Wereé  
*plaindre d'avoir trop chaud avoir trop froid*  
 you not comfortable in his house? My mother did not like the  
*se trouver bien se plaire à*  
 country, because we went to bed so early. He was a very suspicious  
*se coucher de si bonne heure \* très soupçonneux*  
 man, who never trusted anybody. Did you fancy that he would  
 \* *il ne se fier à personne s'imaginer*  
 return early. Did you not laugh at us?  
*revenir cond-1 de si bonne heure se moquer de*

## PLUPERÉËCT.

I had trusted myself to (very uncertain) guides. Didst thou not  
*se livrer peu sûr 2 des m. pl. 1 se*  
 confide too inconsiderately in this man? Had that officer rushed  
*confier légèrement à —cier se précipiter*  
 rashly into this danger? We had condemnéd ourselves. Had  
*témérairement dans —m. se condamner nous-mêmes*  
 you not been engaged with trifles? Had those travellers  
*s'occuper de bagatelle f. pl. voyageurs se*  
 (gone out) of the right way?  
*détourner droit chemin m.*

## PRETERIT DEFINITE.

I repented too late of having taken such a step. Were you  
*tard inf-2 fait 2 1 aémurche ?*  
 not well amused yesterday evening? He suffered  
*s'amuser hier au ne se trouver pas bien*  
 for his imprudence. We met in the street, but we did not  
*de —f. se rencontrer rue.*  
 speak. Did not those rash children go too near the  
*se parler téméraire 2 1 s'approcher trop de*  
 river? They rejoiced when they heard of his great success.  
*ind-3 se rejouir apprendre \* succès m. pl.*

## PRETERIT ANTERIOR.

(As soon as) I had discovered that they sought to deceive  
*Des que s'apercevoir on chercher ind-2 à tromper*  
 me, I was on my guard. What didst thou, when thou  
*se tenir ind-3 garde f. pl. fis ind-3 quand*  
 didst see thyself thus forsaken? When she recollected all the  
*se trouver ainsi abandonné se souvenir de*

FUTURE ABSOLUTE.			FUTURE ANTERIOR.		
<i>I shall repent.</i>			<i>I shall have repented.</i>		
je	<i>me</i>	repentirai	je	<i>me</i>	serai } repenti
tu	<i>te</i>	repentiras	tu	<i>te</i>	seras } or
il or elle	<i>se</i>	repentira	il or elle	<i>se</i>	sera } repentie
nous	<i>nous</i>	repentirons	nous	<i>nous</i>	serons } repentis
vous	<i>vous</i>	repentirez	vous	<i>vous</i>	serez } or
ils or elles	<i>se</i>	repentiront	ils or elles	<i>se</i>	seront } repenties

circumstances, she was quite ashamed. When we had rejoiced  
 f. ind-3 *toute honteux* *se réjouir*

sufficiently, we parted. When you had amused yourself suffi-  
 assez *se séparer* ind-3 *s'amuser*

ciently at his expence, did you not leave him alone?  
 à *dépens* m. pl. *laisser* ind-3 *tranquille*

When they had walked enough, they (sat down) at the foot of a  
*se promener* *s'assirent* à

FUTURE ABSOLUTE.

I will yield, (if they convince me). Wilt thou remember the  
*se rendre si on me convainc* *se souvenir de*

engagement that thou makest? What will not he reproach himself  
*prendre* *se reprocher à lui-même*

for)? We shall not forget ourselves (so far as) to (be wanting)  
 \* *s'oubli* *jusque* *manquer*

in respect towards him. V. you employ the means I (point)  
 de *lui* *servir de* *que* *indi-*

quer out) to you? Will not these flowers fade?  
 f. *se flétrir*.

FUTURE ANTERIOR.

Shall I have betrayed myself? Wilt thou not have degraded  
*se trahir* *moi-même* *s'avilir*

thyself in his eyes? He will have (been proud) of this trifling ad-  
 à *s'énorgueillir* *faible*

vantage. We shall have fatigued ourselves (to no purpose). In  
*avantage* m. *se fatiguer* *inutilement*

the end, you will have been undeceived Will your children have  
*se désabuser*

(loved each other) too much?  
*s'entr'aimer*

CONDITIONAL.

SIMPLE TENSES.

PRESENT.

*I should repent:*

je me repentirais  
tu te repentirais  
il or elle se repentirait  
nous nous repentirions  
vous vous repentiriez  
ils or elles se repentiraient

COMPOUND TENSES:

PAST.

*I should have repented:*

je me serais } repentir  
tu te serais } or  
il or elle se serait } repentir  
nous nous serions } repentir  
vous vous seriez } or  
ils or elles se seraient } repentir

CONDITIONAL.

PRESENT.

Should I suffer myself to (be drawn) into the  
*se laisser* \* *entraîner*  
party of the rebels? Wouldst thou be (so easily)  
*parti m.* \* *de si peu de chose* 2  
frightened? Would not the nation submit to so just a  
*s'effrayer* 1 --f. *se soumettre* 3 4 1  
law? We should not like to see the triumph of guilt.  
*se plaire* à voir *triomphe art. crime m.*  
Would you dishonour yourselves by such an action? Would those  
*se déshonorer* 2 1  
lords avail themselves of their birth and fortune  
*seigneur se prévaloir de naissance f. pron. richesses*  
(in order to) act against our feelings.  
*pour faire violence à sentiment.*

PAST.

Would I not then have devoted myself entirely to the  
*se dévouer* *alors* *entièrement*  
service of my country? (Had it not been for) thy carelessness,  
*pays m.* *sans* *insouciance f.*  
thou wouldst certainly have grown rich. Would this pleasing  
*certainement* *rule 11th* *s'enrichir* *doux*  
here have vanished so soon? Should we have degraded our-  
*espoir m.* *s'évanouir* *se dégrader*  
selves to such a degree? You would have reduced yourselves to  
\* 2 1 *point m.* *se réduire*  
absolute want. They would have been drowned, if (they  
*art. plus grand besoin* *se noyer* *on*  
had not had assistance).  
*ne les avait secourus*

ERIOR.

repented.

repentir  
or  
repentir  
repentir  
or  
repentir

had rejoiced  
*se réjouir*

yourself suffi-

him alone?  
3 *tranquille*

at the foot of a

remember the  
*venir de*

approach himself  
*cher à lui-même*

o (be wanting)  
*manquer*

ns I (point)  
*que indi-*

have degraded  
*s'avilir*

this trifling ad-  
*faible*

o purpose). In  
*utilement*

children have

## IMPERATIVE.

## AFFIRMATIVE.

*Repent (thou).*

repens-toi  
 qu'il or qu'elle *se* repente  
 repentons-nous  
 repentez-vous  
 qu'ils or }  
 qu'elles } *se* repentent

## NEGATIVE.

*Do not repent.*

*ne te* repens  
 qu'il or qu'elle *ne se* repente  
*ne vous* repentons  
*ne nous* repentez  
 qu'ils or }  
 qu'elles } *ne se* repentent

} pas

## SUBJUNCTIVE.

## SIMPLE TENSES.

## PRESENT.

*That I may repent.*

que  
 je *me* repente  
 tu *te* repentes  
 il or elle *se* repente  
 nous *nous* repentions  
 vous *vous* repentiez  
 ils or elles *se* repentent

## COMPOUND TENSES.

## PRÉTERIT.

*That I may have repented.*

que  
 je *me* sois } repenti  
 tu *te* sois } or  
 il or elle *se* soit } repenti  
 nous *nous* soyons } repentis  
 vous *vous* soyez } or  
 ils or elles *se* soient } repenties

## IMPERATIVE.

O man, remember that thou art mortal. Do not flatter  
*se souvenir* *se promettre*  
 thyself (that thou wilt succeed easily.) Let us take an exact  
*un succès facile* *se rendre* — 2  
 account of our actions. Let us not deceive ourselves. Rest  
*compte* 1 *se flatter* *se reposer*  
 yourself in the shade of this tree. Do not expose yourself so  
*à ombre* *s'exposer*  
 rashly.  
*témérement.*

## SUBJUNCTIVE.

## PRESENT.

I must rise to-morrow at an earlier hour. I wish that  
*Il faut que se lever* *de \* meilleur heure f. souhaiter*  
 thou mayest be better. I wish him to conduct himself  
*se porter mieux* *Je désire qu'il \* se conduire*  
 better. Is it not essential that we should contain ourselves? They  
*—tiel* *se contenir* *On*  
 wish that you should early accustom yourselves to industry.  
*désirer* *s'accoutumer de bonne heure* *art. travail m.*  
 It is time that they should rest from the fatigue of business.  
*se délasser* *—i.* *art. affaires, f.*

VE.  
pent.  
repens  
repente  
repentons  
repentez  
repentent

IMPERFECT.				PLUPERFECT.			
<i>That I might repent.</i>				<i>That I might have repented.</i>			
que				que			
je	me	repentisse		je	me	fusse	} repenti or
tu	te	repentisses		tu	te	fusses	
il or elle	se	repentit		il or elle	se	fût	} repentie repentis
nous	nous	repentissions		nous	nous	fussions	
vous	vous	repentissiez		vous	vous	fussiez	} or repenties
ils or elles	se	repentissent		ils or elles	se	fussent	

TENSES.  
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ve repented.  
repenti  
or  
repentie  
repentis  
or  
repenties

**PRETERIT.**

Can	I have been deceived so	grossly?	It is
<i>Se peut-il que</i>	<i>se tromper</i>		<i>grossièrement?</i>
astonishing that	thou hast determined to stay.		It is not said
<i>étonnant</i>	<i>se décider à</i>	<i>rester</i>	<i>On * dit</i>
that he interfered in	this business.	It will never be believed that	
<i>se mêler de</i>		<i>On</i>	<i>croira</i>
we have conducted ourselves so ill.	It is not suspected that you		
<i>se comporter</i>	<i>mal. On *</i>	<i>soupponner</i>	
have disguised yourselves so ingeniously.	(It is not reported) that		
<i>se déguiser</i>	<i>adroitement</i>	<i>On ne dit pas</i>	
they have behaved ill.			
<i>se conduire</i>			

not flatter  
take an exact  
Rest  
pose yourself so

**IMPERFECT.**

They required that I should go to bed at ten o'clock.	
<i>On exigeait</i>	<i>se coucher à heures.</i>
They wish that thou shouldst walk oftener. Did they	
<i>On voudrait</i>	<i>se promener On</i>
not wish that he should practise fencing? Was it ne-	
<i>voulait</i>	<i>s'exercer à faire des armes</i>
cessary that we should have recourse to this method? Did they	
<i>=</i>	<i>se servir de moyen, m. on</i>
wish that you should complain of their want of attention? Did	
<i>voulait</i>	<i>se plaindre manque</i>
they not wish them to make more haste?	
<i>on</i>	<i>désirer ind-2 que ils se hâter davantage</i>

I wish that  
conduct himself  
ourselves? They  
to industry.  
art. travail m.  
of business.  
art. affaires, f.

**PLUPERFECT.**

Could they wish me to revenge myself? I should have	
<i>Aurait-on voulu que</i>	<i>se venger avoir cond-1</i>
wished that thou hadst shewn thyself more accommodating.	
<i>désirer</i>	<i>se montrer moins difficile.</i>
I should have wished that he had been less negligent. Would you	
<i>avoir cond-1 voulu</i>	<i>se négliger moins Auriez-vous</i>
have wished us to have ruined ourselves in public opinion, (in order	
<i>voulu que</i>	<i>se perdre 2 f. 1 pour</i>

to) satisfy your resentment? I might perhaps have wished that  
*satisfaire*      *ressentiment*      *J'aurais pu désirer peut-être*  
you had applied yourselves more to your studies. We could  
*s'appliquer*      *d'avantage*      *Nous aurions*  
have wished that they had extricated themselves more skilfully  
*pu désirer*      *se tirer*      *adroitement*  
from the difficulties (in which) they (had involved themselves).  
*embarras*      *où*      *s'étaient mis*

### 125. CONJUGATION OF PASSIVE VERBS.

A passive verb shows that the action is directed to ourselves, that we *suffer* it; whereas the *active verb* expresses that *we act*, or perform the action, and direct it towards another object, thus: *I love*, is active, *I am loved* is passive. The Greek and the Latin languages have a peculiar form of verbs, called *passive verbs* or *passive voice*, totally distinct from the *active verb* or *active voice*. The French language as well as the English and other modern languages have no such form, and express the passive voice by means of the *participle past* of the active voice with the auxiliary *être*, to be, thus: *je suis aimé*, I am loved. The participle, in that case, being as an adjective, is made to agree in gender and number with the subject of the verb.

#### EXAMPLE.

je suis aimé or aimée	<i>I am loved</i>
tu étais estimé or estimée	<i>thou wast esteemed</i>
ce roi fut chéri de son peuple	<i>that king was beloved by his people</i>
elle fut toujours chérie	<i>she was always beloved</i>
mon père fut respecté	<i>my father was respected</i>
ma mère fut révérencée	<i>my mother was revered</i>
nous serons loués or louées	<i>we will be praised</i>
vous en serez blâmés or blâmées	<i>you will be blamed for it</i>
ils seraient craints et redoutés	<i>they would be feared and dreaded</i>
elles seraient mieux instruites	<i>they would be better informed</i>
afin que mes fils soient connus	<i>that my sons may be known</i>
je voudrais que les portes fussent ouvertes	<i>I should wish the doors were opened</i>

**OBSERVE.**—In future, the tenses of the verbs will be promiscuously intermixed; but directions will be given as to those which it is proper to use; that is, marks like these will be found under the verb, *ind-1*, *ind-2*, *ind-3*, etc. The learner will do well, therefore, to consult the *explanations of the abbreviations* given at the beginning of the grammar, that he may be familiar with those marks.

EXERCISES.

My brother was wounded. They were detested. Has she not  
 ind-3 *blessé* *ils* ind-2 *détesté*  
 been rewarded? The robbers were apprehended in the park. Has  
*récompensé* ind-4 *saisir*  
 not your sister been well received? The boys shall all be punished.  
*recevoir* *écouter* *punir*  
 Is the garden door opened? When were these fruits gathered?  
*porte du jardin* f. *ouvrir* ind-4 —m. *cueillir*  
 The actress has been crowned.  
*actrice* *couronner*

126. OF NEUTER VERBS.

Neuter verbs are of two sorts. 1. Those which express a state, a quality, as : *je languis*, I languish ; *il excelle*, he excels. 2. Those which express an action, which cannot pass over to another object, as : *je dine*, I dine ; *je marche*, I walk ; since we cannot say : *je dine un homme*, I dine a man ; *je marche mon frère*, I walk my brother. Neuter verbs are also sometimes on that account called *intransitive*.

Some neuter verbs admit a substantive after them, as complement, that is to say, as giving full sense to the sentence : *je pense à mon père*, I think of my father ; *je dépends de mon oncle*, I am dependant on my uncle ; *je tremble de peur*, I tremble with fear ; but that substantive is always governed by a preposition.

127. Neuter verbs are not all conjugated with the same auxiliary in their compound tenses ; some have *avoir*, others have *être*.

*avoir*.

J'ai parlé, *I have spoken.*  
 Nous avons ri, *We have laughed.*  
 Ils ont mangé, *They have eaten.*

*être*.

Je suis parti, *I am gone.*  
 Ils sont venus, *They are or have come.*  
 Nous sommes tombés, *We have fallen.*

128. It is important to observe that neuter verbs do not require the same preposition in both languages : Thus, *je pense à mon père*, may not be translated by I think to my father, but of my father. We must also add that a verb,

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*peut-être*  
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*Nous aurions*  
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VERBS.

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which is neuter in French, is sometimes active in English, as: *j'obéis à mon père*, I obey my father, and vice versa. This is one of the most material points of difference in the construction of the two languages. It is not here the place to treat it at full-length, because it properly belongs to the Syntax, where it will be found; meanwhile, it is recommended that the learner should not lose sight of it, and attend to the preposition which, in the course of the exercises, will carefully be affixed to the infinitives of neuter verbs.

## EXERCISE.

We will return at five o'clock. Do you speak to that man?  
*revenir* *parler*

We resist obstacles. I have not accepted of his offers.  
*résister à art.*— *accepter ind-4 \**

Think of my father. They live on vegetables. We will  
*penser à* *vivre ind-1 de légumes*

agree about the price. All at once twenty men entered  
*convenir de* *entrer dans ind-3*

the room. She sleeps. Do not walk so fast. You will fall  
*dormir* *marcher* *tomber ind-7*

They run. We shall arrive in the morning  
*courir ind-1* *arriver \**

## 129. OF IMPERSONAL VERBS.

Impersonal verbs are those which have only the third person singular, such as: *il pleut*, it rains; *il neige*, it snows. We subjoin a list of the most common.

pleuvoir	il pleut	it rains
neiger	il neige	it snows
grêler	il grêle	it hails
tonner	il tonne	it thunders
éclairer	il éclaire	it lightens
geler	il gèle	it freezes
dégeler	il dégèle	it thaws
bruiner	il bruine	it drizzles
importer	il importe	it matters
faire chaud	il fait chaud	it is warm
faire froid	il fait froid	it is cold
faire glissant	il fait glissant	to be slipping
faire crotté	il fait crotté	to be dirty
falloir	il faut	it is necessary, must
y avoir	il y a	there is

These verbs are also called *unipersonal*, from their having only the third person singular. *Falloir*, *y avoir*, being very

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commonly used in French, they are conjugated at full length separately.

The genius of the French language admits of using some active and neuter verbs impersonally, such as *dire, il se dit des choses singulières*, singular things are reported; *arriver, il arrive des choses singulières*, singular things happen. This peculiarity will be found noticed in the Syntax.

EXERCISE.

Does it rain this morning? Did it hail last  
*pleuvoir matin m. grêler ind-4 art. dernier 2*  
 night? It does not snow. I thought it had thundered Does it  
*f. 1 neiger Je croyais que tonner ind-6*  
 not lighten? Do you think it freezes? It is ten o'clock.  
*éclairer croyez que geler subj: 1 heure pl.*  
 It will freeze long. It (is fit) to act so. It (was of great im-  
*long-temps convenir de importer beau-*  
 portance) to succeed. It appears that he has not attended to  
*coup ind-2 de réussir sembler s'occuper de ind-4*  
 that business. It is very slippery in the streets. Is it cold?  
*faire glissant rue f. faire froid*  
 It will be very warm to-day. It was very cold all night. Open  
*bien ind-4 art. ouvrir*  
 the window, for it is too warm in this room. Will it not be too  
*appartement m.*  
 cold? (I put on) thick boots, for I thought it was very dirty  
*mettre ind-4 croire ind-2 ind-2*  
 in the streets.

130. CONJUGATION

OF THE  
 IMPERSONAL VERB, *FALLOIR, IL FAUT*, IT MUST,  
 IT IS NECESSARY.

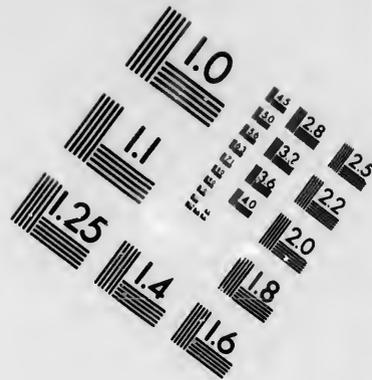
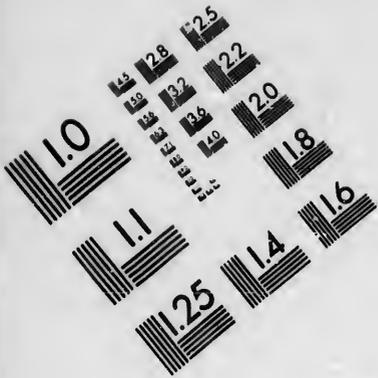
INFINITIVE.

SIMPLE TENSES.		COMPOUND TENSES.	
PRESENT	<i>falloir</i>	PAST	<i>avoir fallu</i>
PARTIC. PRES.	<i>none</i>	PAST	<i>fallu, ayant fallu</i>

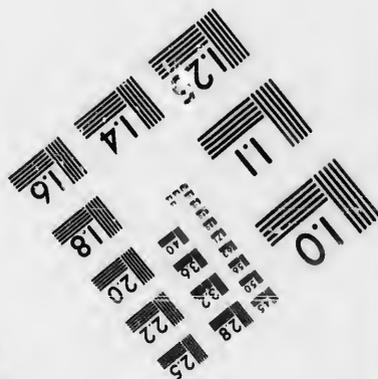
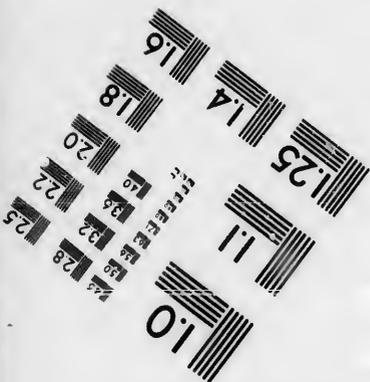
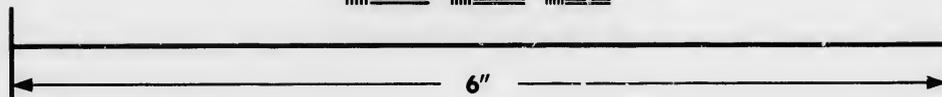
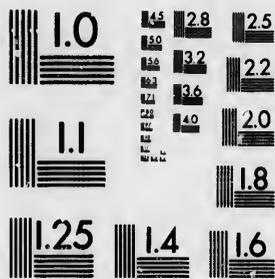
INDICATIVE.

PRESENT	<i>il faut</i>	PRETERIT IND.	<i>il a fallu</i>
IMPERFECT	<i>il fallait</i>	PLUPERFECT	<i>il avait fallu</i>
PRETERIT DEF.	<i>il fallut</i>	PRETERIT ANT.	<i>il eut fallu</i>
FUTURE ABSOL.	<i>il faudra</i>	FUTURE ANT.	<i>il aura fallu</i>





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him to consent to that bargain. We were obliged to (set out  
*il \* sub-2* *marché m.* *ind-3* *partir sub-2*  
 immediately. Children should learn every day something by  
*sur-le-champ art.* *cond-1 sub-2*  
 heart. Shall I suffer patiently such an insult? He must have  
*ind-7* *sub-1* *1 2* *cond-2 être*  
 been a blockhead not to understand such easy rules.  
*sub-2* *soit* *2 pour 1* *comprendre inf-1* *des si 2 3* *règle f. 1*  
 (How much) does your brother want? He does what is requisite.  
*combien*  
 Do that as it (should be). What must he have for his trouble?  
*faites* *falloir ind-1* *que -2 lui 1 \** *peine f.*  
 You are the man I want. Do not give me any more bread,  
*que* *de*  
 I have already more than I want. I need not ask you whether  
*en* *ne m'en \** *inf-1* *si*  
 you will come. I do not think that it is necessary to be a con-  
*venir ind-7* *crois* *sub-1* *\* sor-*  
 jurer to guess his motives. I could not suspect that I  
*cier pour deviner* *motif* *pouvais* *soupçonner*  
 ought to ask pardon for a fault I have not committed.  
*sub-2 \* inf-1* *de* *faute f. que* *commise*

134. CONJUGATION

OF THE

IMPERSONAL VERB, Y AVOIR, THERE IS.

INFINITIVE.

PRESENT	y avoir	there to be
PAST	y avoir eu	there to have been
PARTIC. PRES.	y ayant	there being
PARTIC. PAST	y ayant eu	there having been

INDICATIVE.

PRESENT	il y a	there is or there are
PRET INDEF.	il y a eu	there has been or there have been
IMPERFECT	il y avait	there was or there were
PLUPERFECT	il y avait eu	there had been
PRETERIT DEF.	il y eut	there was or there were
PRETERIT ANT.	il y eut eu	there had been
FUTURE ABSOL.	il y aura	there will be
FUTURE ANTER.	il y aura eu	there will have been

CONDITIONAL.

PRESENT	il y aurait	there would be
PAST	il y aurait eu	there would have been

## SUBJUNCTIVE.

PRESENT	qu'il y ait	that there may be
PRETERIT	qu'il y ait eu	that there may have been
IMPERFECT	qu'il y eût	that there might be
PLUPERFECT	qu'il y eût eu	that there might have been

This verb in English is used in the plural, when followed by a substantive plural; in French it remains always in the singular.

## EXERCISE.

*There must be a great difference of age between those two*  
*il doit* — f.

persons. *There being (so many) vicious people* in this world,  
*tant de = 2 gens m. pl. 1*

is it astonishing that there are so many persons who become the  
*étonnant* sub-1 *devenir*

victims of the corruption of the age? *It is a thousand to*  
*perversité f. siècle m. \* mille à parier contre*

one that he will not succeed. *There would be more happiness if*  
*réussir ind-7 de bonheur*

(every one) knew how to moderate his desires. I did not think  
*chacun savait \* \* modérer désir croire ind-2*

that there could be (any thing) to blame in his conduct. *There*  
*subj-2 rien à reprendre conduite f.*

would not be so many duels, did people reflect that one of the  
 — si *l'on réfléchir ind-2 f.*

first obligations of a Christian is to forgive injuries. Could  
*f. de chrétien de pardonner art. pourrait-il*

there be a king more happy than this who has always been the  
*celui-ci*

father of his subjects?  
*sujet*

## 135. OF THE IRREGULAR VERBS.

## IRREGULAR VERBS OF THE FIRST CONJUGATION.

The only irregular verbs of the first conjugation are **ALLER** and **ENVOYER**.

136. INF. PRES.	ALLER, to go.
INF. PAST.	Avoir été, être allé, e, to have gone.
PART. PRES.	Allant, going.
PART. PAST.	Été, allé, allée, gone.
COMP. PAST.	Étant allé, ayant été, having gone.

INDICATIVE.

PRESENT.

je vais	nous allons	
tu vas		vous allez
il va		ils vont
IMPERF. j'allais, etc.*		
PRET. j'allai, etc. or je fus, etc.		
FUTURE j'irai etc.		
CONDIT. j'irais, etc.		

IMPERATIVE.

va, qu'il aille, allons, allez, qu'ils aillent.

SUBJUNCTIVE.

PRES. que j'aïlle, que tu aïlles, qu'il aïlle, que nous aïllions, que vous aïlliez, qu'ils aïllent.

IMP. que j'allasse, que tu allasses, qu'il allât, que nous allussions, que vous allassiez, qu'ils allassent.

137. S'EN ALLER, to go away; will be given at full length because its conjugation is rather difficult on account of its two pronouns.

INFINITIVE.

SIMPLE TENSES.

PRESENT	s'	en aller
PARTIC. PRES.	s'	en allant
PARTIC. PAST		en allé

COMPOUND TENSES.

s'	en être	} allé, allés
s'	en étant	

INDICATIVE.

PRES.	{	je	m'	en vais*	je	m'	en suis	} allé	
		tu	t'	en vas	tu	t'	en es		or
		il or elle	s'	en va	il or elle	s'	en est		} allée
		nous	nous	en allons	nous	nous	en sommes		} allés
		vous	vous	en allez	vous	vous	en êtes		or
IMP.	{	ils or elles	s'	en vont	ils or elles	s'	en sont	} allées	
		je	m'	en allais	je	m'	en étais	allé &c.	
		je	m'	en allai	je	m'	en fus	allé &c.	
		je	m'	en irai	je	m'	en serai	allé &c.	
		je	m'	en irais	je	m'	en serais	allé &c.	

Or je (m'en) vas.

IMPERATIVE.

AFFIRMATIVE.

qu'il	va	t'	en
		s'	en aille
qu'ils	allons	nous	en
	allez	vous	en aillent

NEGATIVE.

qu'il	ne t'	en va	} pas
	ne s'	en aille	
qu'ils	ne nous	en allons	
	ne vous	en allez	
	ne s'	en aillent	

\* In future the first person only of tenses regularly conjugated will be given.

## SUBJUNCTIVE.

SIMPLE TENSES.				COMPOUND TENSES.			
PRES. que	je	m'	en aille	je	m'	en sois	} allé } or } allée } allés } or } allées
	tu	t'	en ailles	tu	t'	en sois	
	il or elle	s'	en aille	il or elle	s'	en soit	
	nous	nous	en allions	nous	nous	en soyons	
	vous	vous	en alliez	vous	vous	en soyez.	
IMP. que je	m'	en aillent	ils or elles	s'	en soient	} allées	
		en allasse	je	m'	en fusse		allé, &c

## REMARKS.

*Je fus, j'ai été, j'avais été, j'aurais été, are not synonymous of j'allai, je suis allé, j'étais allé, je serais allé.* The former serve to express the fact of having gone, the latter, the fact of being gone.

The imperative *va* takes an *s* when followed by *y*, or by *en*, as: *vas-y, vas en savoir des nouvelles*, go thither, go and make enquiries about it; however it takes no *s* when the *y* is followed by a verb, as: *va y donner ordre*, go and see about it.

*Puer*, to stink; is defective; it has no preterit of the indicative, nor the imperfect of the subjunctive.

*Tisser*, to weave; is only irregular in the participle past, which makes *tissu* instead of *tissé*.

*Envoyer* and *renvoyer*, makes in their future absolute and conditional present, *j'enverrai, j'enverrais*, and *je renverrai, je renverrais*.

## EXERCISE.

Are you going into the country this evening? I am going to  
ind-7 à campagne f. soir m.

pay some visits. Go there with thy brother. Go and do that  
faire \* faire

errand. Go there and put every thing in order. Let him go  
commission f. \* mettre en

to church on holidays. I shall go to London. When  
art. église, f. \* art. jour pl. de fête.

do they go to Italy? My sisters are going away next week. We  
en Italie ind-1

shall go away early. Do not go away yet. Make haste for  
de bonne heure dépêchez-vous

they are going away. I shall send early flowers  
de art. printanier 2 f. pl. 1

to those ladies. I would go to Rome, if I could. We would  
dame f. pl. pouvais

(send back) our horses. Why do they go away so soon? My  
*pourquoi*  
 brother and sister went yesterday to Windsor. I shall not go  
 pron. ind-4  
 (any more) a hunting.  
*plus à \* art. chasse f.*

### 133. IRREGULAR VERBS OF THE SECOND CONJUGATION.

#### BRANCH I. PUNIR.

*Bénir*, to bless; has two participles, *béni*, *bénite*, consecrated, (by prayers or religious ceremonies); *pain béni*, consecrated bread; *eau bénite*, holy water; *béni*, *bénie*, blessed, favored of God. *Peuple béni*, a blessed, happy, Godly nation.

*Fleurir*, in the common acceptation of *to blossom*, *to come to bloom*, is regular; but, in the sense of *to flourish*, it makes, *florissant florissait*.

*In hair*, to hate; the letters *-ai* form throughout two syllables, except in the three persons singular of the present of the indicative, *je hais*, *tu hais*, *il hait*, and in the second person singular of the imperative *hais*, which are pronounced as one syllable, as if written, *je hès*, *tu hès*, *il hèt*.

*Gésir*, to lie, is a defective verb, and has only retained *gisant*, *git*, *nous gisons*, *ils gisent*, *il gisait*, and particularly *ci-git*, here lies.

#### EXERCISE.

May the name of that good king be *blessed* from generation to  
*nom m.* *en*  
 generation. These trees *blossomed* twice every year. The  
 ind-2 *deux fois tout art. an pl.*  
 arts and sciences *flourished* at Athens in the time of Pericles.  
 — art. ind-2 *à Athènes*  
 Horace and Virgil *flourished* under the reign of Augustus. We  
*Virgile* ind-2 *sous règne Auguste.*  
 discovered from the top of the mountain a vast plain full of  
*découvrir* *haut* *plaine f. rempli de*  
*flowery* meadows. The empire of the Babylonians was  
*florissant* 2 *pré m. pl.1* — *rien* ind-3  
 long a *flourishing* one. We did not *hate* the man, but his  
 long-temps \*

VICES. Does she really *hate* that vain pomp and all the display of  
*pompe* f. *appareil*

*grandeur* ?  
 art. \_\_\_\_\_

## 139. BRANCH II, ON SENTIR.

BOUILLIR, *to boil*.

*Part. pres.* bouillant—*Past.* bouilli  
*IND. pres.* bous, bous, bout, bouillons, bouillez, bouillent  
*Imperf.* bouillais—*Pret.* bouillis  
*Future.* bouillirai—*Cond.* bouillirais  
*IMP.* bous, qu'il bouille, bouillons, bouillez, qu'ils bouillent  
*SUB. pres.* bouille—*Imp.* bouillisse

*Rebouillir*, to boil again, and *ébouillir* to boil away, are conjugated like *bouillir*; this latter is only used in compound tenses, and the infinitive, as: *cette sauce est trop ébouillie*, this sauce has boiled a way too much.

FAILLIR, *to fail*.

*Part. pres.* faillant\*—*Past.* failli  
*IND. pres.* faux, \* faux, \* faut, \* faillons, \* faillez, \* faillent\*  
*Imperf.* faillais\*—*Pret.* faillis, etc.—*Fut.* faudrai\*  
*COND.* foudrais\*—*SUBJ. imperf.* que je faillisse

*DEFAILLIR*, *to faint*, has now only the plural of the

*IND. pres.* nous défailions, ils défont—*Imperf.* défailais.  
*Pret.* défailis—*Pret. indef.* j'ai défaili, and *INF. pres.* défailir

N.B. The tenses marked with an asterisk are obsolete.

## EXERCISE.

Take that water off the fire, it *boils* too fast. Do not  
*retirer* f. *de dessus* m. f. *fort*

let the soup (*boil away*) (so much). That sauce has (*boiled*  
*laisser* 1 *pot* 3 *tant* 2 —f. *est* f.

*away*) (too much). *Boil* that meat again; it has not *boiled*  
*trop* *faites rebouillir* *viande* f. \* f. 2

long enough.

\* *assez* 1

FUIR, *to fly, to run away*.

*Part. pres.* fuyant—*Past.* fui.  
*IND. pres.* fuis, fuis, fuit, fuyons, fuyez, fuient.  
*Imperf.* fuyais—*Pret.* fuis—*Fut.* fuirai—*COND.* fuirais.  
*IMP.* fuis, fuie, fuyons, fuyez, fuient.  
*SUBJ. pres.* fuie, fuies, fuie, fuyions, fuyiez, fuient.  
*Imperf.* fuisse, or rather, prise la fuite.

## MOURIR, to die.

*Part. pres.* mourant—*Past.* mort.

*IND. pres.* meurs, meurs, meurt, mourons, mourez, meurent.

*Imp.* mourais—*Pret.* mourus—*Fut.* mourrai—*COND.* mourrais.

*IMP.* meurs, meure, mourons, mourez, meurent.

*SUBJ. pres.* meure, meures, meure, mourions, mouriez, meurent.

*Imperf.* mourusse—*Comp. tenses.* je suis mort, j'étais mort, etc.

**REM.**—*S'enfuir*, to run away, is conjugated after *fuir*. *Mourir* takes the auxiliary *être*; and when reflected, *se mourir* signifies to be dying, or emphatically and figuratively to be dying with. It is seldom used except in the present and imperfect of the indicative.

## EXERCISE.

He (was near) losing his life in that encounter. He (was  
*faillir perdre* \* art. *rencontre f.* *faillir*  
 near) falling into the snare which was laid for him. His  
 ind-4 *donner* *piège m. qu'on avait tendu* \* *lui* \*  
 strength *faills* him. Give us something to eat  
 art. *force f. pl.* *défaillir lui.* *donnez-nous* \* *manger* 2  
 directly; we are fainting with fatigue and hunger. I cannot get at  
 vite 1 *se mourir* de — pr. *faim.* *ne puis rencontrer*  
 him, he shuns me. Would he not avoid flatterers, If he  
*fuir* *fuir art.* *flatteur m. pl.*  
 knew all their falsehood, He died of a (very painful) disease.  
 ind-2 *fausseté f.* de *cruel* 2 *maladie f. l*  
 She died of grief (for the loss of) her son. He is dying  
 ind-4 *chagrin m. d'avoir perdu* *se mourir*  
 She was dying with grief, when the fear of death at last  
*se mourir* de *crainte f. art.* *enfin*  
 wrested her secret from her.  
*arracher* ind-3 —m. \* *lui.*

**Quérir**, to fetch; is used, in familiar conversation, after *venir*, *envoyer*, *aller*, as: *envoyez quérir*, send for; *allez quérir*, go and fetch.

## ACQUÉRIR, to acquire.

*Part. pres.* acquérant—*Past.* acquis.

*IND. pres.* acquiers, acquiers, acquiert, acquérons, acquérez, acquèrent.

*Imper.* acquérais—*Pret.* acquis—*Fut.* acquerrai—*COND.* acquerrais.

*IMP.* acquiers, acquière, acquérons, acquérez, acquièrent.

*SUBJ. pres.* acquièr-e, -es, -e, acquièr-ions, -iez, acquièrent.

*Imperf.* acquisse.

*S'enquérir*, to enquire; and *requérir*, to request; are conjugated as *acquérir*.

*Conquérir*, to conquer, is seldom used but in the IND. *pret.* je conquis, etc., and in the SUBJ. *imperf.* que je conquisse. Its chief use is in the *compound tenses*.

*Oùir*, to hear, is only used in the INF. *pres.* *ouïr Part. past.* ouï. IND. *pret.* j'ouïs, tu ouïs, etc. and SUBJ. *imperf.* que j'ouïssæ, tu ouïsses, etc. Its principal use is in the *compound tenses*, as : *je l'ai* or *je l'avois ouï dire*, I have or I had heard it.

VETIR, to clothe.

*Part. pres.* vêtant\*—*Past.* vêtû.

IND. *pres.* vêts,\* vêts,\* vêt,\* vêtons, vêtez, vêtent.

*Imperf.* vêtâis—*Pret.* vêtis—*Fut.* vêtirai—COND. vêtirais.

IMP. vêts,\* vête,\* vêtons, vêtez, vêtent.

SUB. *pres.* vête—*Imperf.* vêtisse.

N.B.—*Vêtir* is seldom used in the forms marked with an asterisk, and is most frequently used as reflected, *se vêtir*, to dress one's self.

*Revêtir*, to clothe, to invest, is used through all the tenses; *dévêtir*, to divest, is principally used as a reflected verb, and in some forms only.

EXERCISE.

Send for the physician and follow exactly his advice. Go and  
*médecin* *suivez*

fetch my cane. Every day he acquired celebrity by  
*canne f.* *tout art.-jour m. pl.* *ind-3 de art.* = f.

works calculated to fix the attention of an enlightened  
*de art. ouvrage m. pl.* *fait pour* 2

public. Would you have me acquire riches at the expense  
*i* *voudriez-vous que* *subj-2 de art.* *dépens m. pl.*

of my honesty? He had acquired by his merit great influence  
*probité f.* *m. une* — f.

over the opinions of his contemporaries. I have enquired about  
*sing.* *contemporain* *s'enquérir ind-4 de*

that man (every where), and I have not (been able) to hear  
*homme-là* *partout* *pu* *en avoir*

any thing of him). Who has requested it of you?  
*de nouvelles* *Qui est-ce qui* 3 4 *en 2* \* 1

Sesostris, king of Egypt conquered a great part of Asia. The  
*ind-3* *art.*

formidable empire which Alexander conquered did not last  
 2 1 —dre *ind-6* *durer*

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longer than his life. I have heard that he will not return.  
plus long-temps f. ouïr dire ind-4 revenir  
He dressed himself in haste and (went out) immediately.  
se vêtir ind-3 à art. hâte f. sortir ind-3 sur-le-champ.  
I wish she would dress the children with more  
voudrais que vêtir subj-2 de  
care. If his fortune permitted him, he would clothe all the  
permettait 2 le lui 1  
poor of his parish. Two servants clothed him in his ducal  
paroisse f. domestiques revêtir de 2  
mantle. It begins to be very warm; one might  
manteau m. 1 commencer à faire chaud; pourrait  
(throw off some clothing).  
se dévêtir.

140. BRANCH III. OUVRIR.

CUEILLIR, to gather.

Part. pres. cueillant	Past. cueilli	IND. pres. cueille
Imperf. cueillais	Pret. cueillis	Fut. cueillerai*
COND. cueillerais*	IMPER. cueille	SUBJ. cueille
Imperf. cueillisse		

The irregularity of *cueillir*, in the future and the conditional, is remarkable; these two tenses are formed from the old infinitive *cueiller*. Thus *accueillir*, to welcome; *recueillir*, to collect.

*Saillir*, to project, has only *saillant*, *sailli*; a lowering forms: *il saille, il saillait, il saillera, il qu'il saille, qu'il saillit*. But *saillir*, to gush out; largely conjugated like *finir*; *saillissant, je saillis, etc., saillissent*, etc. Its principal use is in the third persons.

ASSAILLIR, to assault.

Part. pres. assaillant	Past. assailli	IND. pres. assaille
Imperf. assaillais	Pret. assaillis	Fut. assaillirai
COND. assaillirais	IMPER. assaille	SUBJ. pres. assaille
Imperf. assaillisse		

*Tressaillir*, to start, conjugated like *assaillir*, makes in the fut. *je tressaillirai, or tressaillirai, etc.*

EXERCISE.

I will gather with pleasure some of these flowers and of these fruits, since you wish to have some. Do not gather these peaches, before they are ripe. That is a country where they neither reap corn, nor (gather) grapes. We

où on ne recueillir ni blé ni vin

shall collect in ancient history important and valuable  
*recueillir* 2 1 *de art.* —2 *précieux* 3  
 facts. He received us in the most polite manner.  
*fait* 1 *accueillir* 3 1 *de* 2 *manière* f. 1  
 Poverty, misery, sickness, persecution, in a word, all  
 art. f. art. f. art. *maladie* f. art. *en*  
 the misfortunes in the world (*have fallen upon*) him If you  
*malheur* m. pl. *de* *accueillir* ind-4  
 give six inches to that cornice, it will project too much.  
*donner* *pouce* m. *corniche* f. *trop*  
 That balcony projected too much; it darkened the dining-  
*balcon* m. ind-2 *trop* *obscurcir* ind-2 *salle* à  
 room. When Moses struck the rock, there gushed  
*manger* f. *Quand Moïse frapper* ind-3 *rocher* m. *il* ind-3  
 out (of it) a spring of (fresh running) water. The blood gushed  
 2 *en* 1 *source* f. *vif* 2 f. 1 ind-2  
 from his vein with impetuosity. We shall assail the enemy  
*veine* f. *assaillir* pl.  
 to-morrow in their entrenchments. Were we not overtaken by a  
*demain* 1 *retranchement* ind-3 *assailli*  
 horrible storm? At every word which they said to him  
*tempête* f. *à* *chaque* *que* *on* *disait* 2 *lui* 1  
 concerning his son, the good (old man) leaped for joy.  
*de* *vieillard* *vressaillir* ind-2 *de* *joie*

### 141. IRREGULAR VERBS OF THE THIRD CONJUGATION.

*Avoir*, to have, is conjugated at length, No. 101.

*Ravoir*, to have again; and *se ravoir*, to recover, are only used in the present of the infinitive.

*Choir*, to fall, has only the participle past, *chu, chue, être chu*.

#### DÉCHOIR, to decay.

(No Part. pres.) Part. past. *déchu*.

IND. pres. *ûchois, déchois, déchoit, déchoyons, déchoyez, déchoient.*

(No Imperf.) Pret. *déchus*—Fut. *décherrai*—COND. *décherrais.*

IMPER. *déchois, déchoie, déchoyons, déchoyez, déchoient.*

SUB. pres. *déchoie, déchoyes, déchoie, déchoy-ions, —iez, déchoient.*

Imperf. *déchusse.*

*Echoir*, to fall to, to expire, has only now in use the IND. pres. *il échoit*, sometimes pronounced *il échet*, the pret. *il échet*, fut. *il écherra*, cond. *il écherrait*, the imperf. SUBJ. *que j'échusse*; INF. and PAST *échoir, échéant, échu*.

*Choir, déchoir, échoir*, take the auxiliary *être* and *avoir*.

*Falloir*, to be necessary, is an impersonal verb, the conjugation of which has been given

EXERCISE.

I had apartments that I liked; I will endeavour to have them  
 ind-2 *un logement* aimer ind-2 *veux essayer de* s.  
 again. Beware of falling. How has he fallen into  
*prenez garde* inf-1 *comment*  
 poverty? Since the publication of his last work, he has  
*pauvreté depuis* *dernier*  
 much fallen in the esteem of the public. If he do not  
*déchoir*  
 alter his conduct, he will gradually lose his reputation  
*changer de* \* *déchoir de jour en jour de* — f.  
 and credit. Ho has put in the lottery, and he hopes  
 pl. pron. —m. *mis à* *loterie f.*  
 that a capital prize will fall (to his share). That bill  
 \* *art. gros* *lot m.* *échoir* *lui* *lettre f.*  
 of exchange has expired on the twenty-fifth. The first term  
*change* *échoir* \* *le vingt-cinq* *terme m.*  
 expires at Midsummer. You have drawn on me a bill of  
*à la Saint-Jean* *tirer* *sur moi*  
 exchange; when is it payable? I did not believe that I must  
*échoir ind-1* *croire ind-2* *falloir sub-2*  
 so soon (have taken) that journey. He must  
*faire* *voyage m.* *ind-4* *que*  
 have sunk under the efforts of (so many) enemies.  
*succomber sub-2* *tant de*

MOUVOIR to move.

*Part. pres. mouvant—Part. past. mu.*  
*IND. pres. meus, meus, meut, mouv-ons, —ez, meuvent.*  
*Imperf. mouvais—Pret. mus—Fut. mouvrai—COND. mouvrais.*  
*IMPER. meus, meuve, mouvons, mouvez, meuvent.*  
*SUBJ. pres. meuv-e, —es, —e, mouv-ions, —iez, meuvent.*  
*Imperf. musse.*

Thus are conjugated *émouvoir*, to move, to excite, stir up; *se mouvoir*, to move, stir; *s'émouvoir*, to be moved, affected.

*Promouvoir*, to promote in rank or office, has only the infinitive, and participle *promu*.

*Démouvoir*, to induce to desist, has the infinitive only.

PLEUVOIR, to rain (impersonal)

*Part. pres. pleuvant* *Past. plu* *IND. pres. il pleut*  
*Imperf. il pleuvait* *Pret. il plut* *Fut. il pleuvra*  
*COND. il pleuvrait* *SUB. pres. qu'il pleuve* *Imperf. qu'il plût*

## EXERCISE.

The spring which moves the whole machine is very ingenious, though very simple. It was passion which moved him to that action. Can you doubt that the soul, though it is spiritual, moves the body at pleasure? That is a man whom nothing moves. We had scarcely lost sight of land, when there arose a violent tempest. We were moved with fear and pity. When the famous d'Aguesseau was promoted to the dignity of chancellor, all France shewed the greatest joy. That bishop well deserved, by his talents and by his virtues, that the king should promote him to the dignity of primate. The people think that it rains frogs and insects at certain seasons. It will not rain to-day, but I (am fearful) of its raining to-morrow.

ressor<sup>m</sup> m. 2 tout 1 —f.  
 = *quoique* — Ce ind-1 art. —; ind-4  
 —f *pouvez* f. \*  
 \* —*tuel* ne sub-1 à sa volonté ce  
 é<sup>m</sup>ouvoir ind-3 à peine perdu vue f. 3 2  
 art. terre, f. 1 que il s'émouvoir ind-3 grand tempête f.  
 ind-3 émus de crainte f. pr. pitié f. quand célèbre  
 ind-3 = f. = f. tout  
 art. f. en témoigner ind-3 évêque  
 mériter ind-2  
 sub-2 2 le 1 primat sing.  
 cro. de art. grenouille f. pl. pr. art. insecte m. pl.  
 en — temps pl. aujourd'hui  
 craindre que \* ne sub-1

## POUVOIR, to be able.

Part. pres. pouvant—Part. past. pu.  
 IND. pres. puis,\* peux, peut, pouv-ons, —ez, peuvent,  
 Imperf. pouvais—Pret. pus—Fut. pourrai—COND. pourrais.  
 (No Imperative). SUBJ. pres. puisse—Imperf. puisse.

\* Conversation and poetry admit also *je peux*, but not *peux-je*?

There is an imperative used, not to express command, but a wish that a thing be, as a sort of imprecation. *Puisse-je, puisses-tu, puisse-t-il, puissions-nous, puissiez-vous, puissent-ils.* Ex: *puissiez-vous arriver à temps*, may you arrive in time.

## SAVOIR, to know.

*Part. pres.* sachant—*Part. past. su.*

*IND. pres.* sais, sais, sait, savons, savez. savent—*Imperf.* savais.

*Pret.* sus—*Fut.* saurai—*COND.* saurais.

*IMPER.* sache, sache, sachons, sachez, sachent.

*SUBJ. pres.* sache—*Imperf.* susse.

*Seoir*, to be becoming, to befit, has *only* the *part. pres. seyant*; and the third persons of the *simple* tenses, *il sied, il siéent, il séyait, il siéra, il siérait, qu'il siée*. But *seoir*, to sit, is used only in the two participles, *séant* and *sis*. This verb is also used impersonally.

## ASSEOIR, to set.

*Part. pres.* asseyant—*Part. past.* assis.

*IND. pres.* assieds, assieds, assied, assey-ons, —ez, —ent.

*Imperf.* asseyais.—*Pret.* assis.—*Fut.* assiérai, or asseyerai.

*COND.* assiérais, or asseyerais.—*IMP.* assieds, assède, assey-ons.

—ez, ent.—*SUBJ. pres.* assède.—*Imperf.* assisse.

N.B. This verb is more frequently reflected, as *s'asseoir*, to sit down. Its compound *rasseoir*, to set again, to calm, or to sit down again, is conjugated in the same manner.

## EXERCISE.

When he arrived at home, he (was quite exhausted).  
*être ind-1 arrivé chez lui n'en pouvoir ind-2 plus*

The minister had (so many) people at his levee, that I  
*ministre ind-3 tant de monde à audience*

could not speak to him. Are you afraid that he cannot  
*ind-3 2 1 craindre, ind-1 pouvoir sub-1*

accomplish that affair? I know that he is not your friend,  
*venir à bout de de pl.*

but I know likewise that he is a man of probity. Let them know  
*aussi \* bien*

that their pardon depends on their submission. I could wish  
*grâce dépendre de soumission désirer cond-1*

that he knew a little better his lessons. Let us see if this new-  
*sub-2 voyons d'un*

fashioned dress becomes you, or not. Be assured that  
*nouveau goût 2 robe f. 1 2 1 non*

colours too rich will not become you. The head-dress which that  
*art. f voyant coiffure f. que*

lady wore did not become her at all. These  
*porter ind-2 seoir ind-2 2 lui 1 du tout*

colours become you so well, you (would do wrong) to wear any  
*inf-3 avoir tort cond-1 de en porter en*

others. Sit that child in this arm-chair, and take care he  
*asseoir m. fauteuil m. prenez garde que*

does not fall. I will sit down on the top of that hill  
*ne subj-1 s'asseoir sommet m. coteau m.*  
 whence I shall discover a prospect (no less) magnificent  
*découvrir scène f. aussi —que*  
 than diversified. We (were sitting) on the banks of the  
*varié s'asseoir ind-6 bord m.pl.*  
 Thames, whence we contemplated myriads of vessels,  
*Tamise f. contempler ind-2 de art. millier vaisseau*  
 which bring, every year, the riches of the two hemis-  
*apporter art. pl.*  
 pheres.

## VOIR, to see.

*Part. pres. voyant.—Part. past. vu.*

*IND. pres. vois, vois, voit, voyons, voyez, voient.*

*Imperf. voyais.—Pret. vis.—Fut. verrai.—COND. verrais.*

*IMPER. vois, voie, voyons, voyez, voient.*

*SUBJ. pres. voie, voies, voie, voyions, voyiez, voient.—Imp. visse.*

*Revoir*, to see again; and *entrevoir*, to have a glimpse of, are conjugated in the same manner; but *prévoir*, to foresee; makes in the future and the conditional, *je prévoirai*, etc. *je prévoirais*, etc.

*Pourvoir*, to provide; makes in the *pret. je pourvus, tu pourvus*, etc. *fut. je pourvoirai*, etc. *COND. je pourvoirais*, etc., and *imperf. SUBJ. que je pourvusse*, etc.

*Surseoir*, to supersede, though a compound of *seoir*; is conjugated like *voir*, except that it makes *fut. je surseoirai*, etc., *COND. je surseoirais*, etc. and *part. past. sursis*.

## VALOIR, to be worth.

*Part. pres. valant.—Part. past. valu.*

*IND. pres. vaux, vaux, vaut, valons, valez, valent.*

*Imperf. valais.—Pret. valus.—Fut. vaudrai.—COND. vaudrais.*

*IMPER. vaux, vaille, valons, valez, vaillent.*

*SUBJ. pres. vaille, vailles, vaille, valions, valiez, vaillent.*

*Imperf. valusse.*

*Revaloir*, to pay off, and *équivaloir*, to be equivalent to, follow *valoir*; but *prévaloir*, to prevail, makes in the *SUBJ. pres. que je prévale, que tu prévalues, qu'il prévale, que nous prévalions*, etc.

## VOULOIR, to be willing.

*Part. pres. voulant.—Part. past. voulu.*

*IND. pres. veux, veux, veut, voulons, voulez, veulent.*

*Imperf. voulais.—Pret. voulus.—Fut. voudrai.—COND. voudrais.*

*SUBJ. pres. veuill-e, —es, —e, voulions, vouliez, veuillent.*

*Imperf. voulusse.*

The imperative is *veuille, veuillons, veuillez*, but the last person only is commonly used, in the sense of *be so kind or so good as, please to*

## EXERCISE.

*Behold the admirable order of the universe. Has he again seen*  
 his country and his friends? (Had he had a glimpse of) the dawn  
 of this fine day? To terminate their affairs, it would be neces-  
 sary for them to (see one another). I clearly foresaw,  
 (from that time), all the obstacles he would have to surmount.  
 Would you have had the judge (put off), the execution  
 of the sentence that he had pronounced? I shall not put off the  
 prosecution of that affair. If men do not provide (for it),  
 God will provide (for it) (But for the cooking), this fish (would be  
 good for nothing) You have not paid for this ground more than  
 it is worth; (are you afraid) that it is not worth six hundred  
 pounds? One ounce of gold is equivalent to fifteen  
 ounces of silver. Doubt not that reason and truth will  
 prevail at last. I can and I will tell the truth. If you  
 are willing, he will be willing too. Let us resolve to resist  
 our passions, and we shall be sure to conquer them. (Be so good as)  
 to lend me your grammar.  
 \* *prêter* 1.

that hill  
*côteau* m.  
 magnificent  
 —*que*

ks of the  
 7 in.pl.  
 ls of vessels,  
*vaisseau*  
 two hemis-

s.  
 visse.  
 glimpse of,  
 to foresee;  
*voirai*, etc.

*pourvus, tu*  
*pourvoirais*,

of *soir*, is  
*surseoirai*,  
*sis*.

udrais.

ivalent to,  
 n the SUBJ.  
*e, que nous*

voudrais.

## 142. IRREGULAR VERBS OF THE FOURTH CONJUGATION.

### BRANCH I. On RENDRE.

#### RESOUDRE, to resolve.

*Part. pres.* résolvant.—*Part. past.* résolu, or résous.

*IND. pres.* résous, résous, résout, résolv-ons, --ez, -ent.

*Imperf.* résolvais.—*Pret.* résolu.—*Fut.* résoudrai.

*COND.* résoudrais.—*IMPER.* résous, résolve, résolv-ons, ez, -ent.

*SUBJ. pres.* résolve.—*Imperf.* résolusae.

This verb has two participles past, *résolu*, in the sense of *to determine, to fix*; *résous*, without a feminine, in the sense of *to resolve into, to turn into*.

*Absoudre*, absolve, is conjugated like *résoudre*; but has neither *pret.* *IND.* nor *imperf.* *SUBJ.*; its participle past is *absous*, m. *absoute*, f.

*Dissoudre*, to dissolve; has the same irregularities, and wants the same tenses as *absoudre*.

#### COUDRE, to sew.

*Part. pres.* cousant.—*Part. past.* cousu.

*IND. pres.* couds, couds, coud, cousons, cousez, cousent.

*Imperf.* cousais.—*Pret.* cousis.—*Fut.* coudrai—*COND.* coudrais.

*IMPER.* couds.—*SUBJ. pres.* couse.—*Imperf.* cousisse.

*Découdre* to unsew; and *recoudre*, to sew again, are conjugated in the same manner.

#### METTRE, to put.

*Part. pres.* mettant.—*Part. past.* mis.

*IND. pres.* mets, mets, met, mettons, mettez, mettent.

*Imperf.* mettais.—*Pret.* mis.—*Fut.* mettrai.—*COND.* mettrais.

*IMPER.* mets.—*SUBJ. pres.* mette.—*Imperf.* misse.

In the same manner are conjugated the derivatives :

admettre	to admit	permettre	to permit
commettre	to commit	promettre	to promise
compromettre	to compromise	remettre	to replace
se démettre	{ to put out of joint	soumettre	to subject
	{ to resign	transmettre	to transmit
omettre	to omit	s'entremettre	to intermeddle

#### EXERCISE.

Wood when burning *resolves itself* into ashes and smoke.  
 art. bois m. que l'on brûle se résoudre en cendre f. .pr. fuméc f

*Have they resolved on* peace or war? The fog has  
 \* art. f. art. f. *brouillard m. se*  
*resolved itself into rain.* Would that judge thus lightly  
*résoudre ind-4 2 pluie f. si légèrement*  
*absolve the guilty?* Strong waters dissolve metals.  
*cond-1 coupable m. pl. art. fort 2 f. pl. 1 art. on 1*  
*Those drugs were dissolved before they were but into*  
*drogue 3 ind-2 avant que de les \* mettre*  
*that medicine. My sister did sew all day yesterday. That piece*  
*remède m. \* hier m.*  
*is not well sewed, it must (be sewed over again) Unpick*  
*falloir la inf-1 découdre*  
*that lace, and sew it again very carefully. Does he*  
*dentelle f. 2 1 avec beaucoup de soin*  
*set a great value upon riches? I never admitted those*  
*mettre prix m. à art. ind-4*  
*principles. Has he committed that fault? If he (would take my*  
*faute f. me*  
*advice), he would resign his charge in favour of his*  
*croyait se démettre cond-1 de f. en =*  
*son. He put his arm out of joint yesterday. I will omit nothing*  
*se démettre le bras ind-4*  
*that depends on me to serve you. God frequently*  
*de ce dépendre ind-7 de pour souvent 2*  
*permits the wicked to prosper. Put this book*  
*1 que méchant m. pl. \* prospérer sub-1 remettre*  
*in its place again. Under whatever form of government*  
*—f. \* quelque gouvernement m. que*  
*you (may live), remember that your first duty is to be*  
*vivre subj-1 se souvenir devoir m. de*  
*obedient to the laws. It frequently happens that fathers transmit*  
*soumis 2 arriver 1 art.*  
*to their children both their vices and their virtues.*  
*et*  
*He has long meddled with public affairs; but his*  
*s'entremettre ind-4 long-temps de art. 2 1*  
*endeavours have not been crowned with success.*  
*effort couronner de art. m.*

MOUDRE, *to grind* (corn, &c.)

*Part. pres. moulant.—Part. past. moulu.*  
*IND. pres. mouds, mouds, moud, moul-ons,—ez,—ent.*  
*Imperf. moulais.—Fut. moulius.—Fut. moudrai.—COND. moudrais.*  
*IMPER. mouds, moule, moulons, moulez, moulent.*  
*SUBJ. pres. moule.—Imperf. moulusse.*

In the same manner are conjugated the derivatives :

émoudre	{ to grind (knives, etc.)		remoudre	to grind again (corn, etc.)
			rémoudre	to grind again (knives, etc.)

PRENDRE, to take.

Part. pres. prenant.—Part. past. pris.

IND. pres. prends, prends, prend, pren-ons, —ez, prennent.

Imperf. prenais.—Pret. pris.—Fut. prendrai.—COND. prendrais.

IMPER. prends, prenne, prenons, prenez, prennent.

SUBJ. pres. prenn-e, —es, —e, pren-ions, —iez, prennent

Imperf. prisse.

In the same manner are conjugated :

apprendre	to learn		entreprendre	to undertake
désapprendre	to unlearn		se méprendre	to mistake
comprendre	to understand		reprendre	to retake, to reply
déprendre	to separate		surprendre	to surprise

ROMPRE, to break.

Part. pres. rompant.—Part. past. rompu.

IND. pres. romps, romps, rompt, romp-ons, —ez, —ent.

Imperf. rompais.—Pret. rompis.—Fut. romprai.—COND. romprais.

IMPER. romps, rompe, rompons, rompez, rompent.

SUBJ. pres. rompe.—Imperf. rompisse.

In the same manner are conjugated *corrompre*, to corrupt ; and *interrompre*, to interrupt.

SOURDRE, to rush out of the ground, as water, has only infinitive, and *il* or *elle* *sourd*.

#### EXERCISE.

I took great pains. Grind those razors with care.  
ind-3 beaucoup de sing. rasoir m.

Those knives (are just) ground. This corn is not sufficiently  
couteau m. venir d'être grain m. assez

ground, it should be ground again. I wish that you would  
falloir ind-1 le vouloir cond-1

take courage. What news have you learnt? Philosophy  
subj-2 f. pl. art.

comprehends logic, ethics, physics, and art.  
art. logique f. art. morale f. art. physique. f. and art.

metaphysics. It is (with difficulty) that he divests himself of  
métaphysique f. Ce difficilement que se dépandre

his opinions. He has forgotten all that he knew. I fear  
désapprendre ce que savoir ind-2 craindre que

you will undertake a task above your strength. Could  
ne subj-1 tâche f. au-dessus de f. pl.

he *have been* mistaken so grossly? I reproved him  
*se méprendre cond-2* *grossièrement* *reprandre ind-2 2 1*  
 continually for his faults, but (to no purpose). We surprised  
*sans cesse de défaut inutilement* *ind-4*  
 the enemy, and cut them to pieces. In the middle of the  
*pl. tailler 2 1 en à*  
 road the axle-tree of our carriage broke. Bad  
*chemin essieu, m. carrosse se rompre ind-3 art. mauvais*  
 company corrupts the minds of young people. Why do  
*compagnie pl. sing. gens pourquoi*  
 you interrupt your brother, when you see him busy?  
*quand 2 1 occupé*

SUIVRE, to follow.

*Part. pres. suivant.—Part. past. suivi.*  
*IND. pres. suis, suis, suit, suivons suivez, suivent.*  
*Imperf. suivais—Pret. suivis—Fut. suivrai—COND. suivrais.*  
*IMPER. suis, suivé, suivons, suivez, suivent.*  
*SUBJ. pres. suive—Imperf. suivisse.*

*Poursuivre*, is conjugated in the same way.

*S'ensuire* also, but it has the third persons singular and plural only.

VAINCRE, to conquer, to vanquish.

*Part. pres. vainquant—Part. past. vaincu.*  
*IND. pres. vaincs,\* vaincs,\* vainc,\* vainqu-ons,\* —ez, —ent.*  
*Imperf. vainquais—Pret. vainquis—Fut. vaincrai—COND. vaincrais.*  
*SUBJ. pres. vainque—Imperf. vainquisse.*

\*All the persons of this verb, marked with an asterisk, are very little used. But its derivative, *convaincre*, to convince, is generally used in all its tenses and persons.

EXERCISE.

(For a long while) we followed that method, which was only  
*long-temps 2 ind-3 1 f. ind-2 ne*

calculated to mislead us. What is the consequence? See the errors  
*propre que à égarer 2 1 que s'ensuire f.*

that have sprung from this proposition, which appeared so  
*s'ensuire ind-4 — f. ind-2*

true. We pursued our course when some cries, which  
*suivre ind-2 chemin lorsque de art. cri, m. pl. \**

came from the midst of the forest brought terror into our  
*sortis fond m. forêt f. porter ind-3 art. = f.*

souls. The Greeks vanquished the Persians at Marathon, Salamis,  
*Grec. Perse à pr. Salamine*

Platea, and Mycale. I have at last convinced him, by  
*pr. pr. convaincre en fin ind-4 2*

such powerful reasons, of the greatness of his fault, that I  
*des si 2 fort 3 f. pl. 1 enorme faule f.*  
 (have no doubt) but he will repair it. It is during  
*ne douter nullement que ne reparer subj-1 2 1 Ce pendant*  
 winter that they thrash the corn in cold countries. The  
*art. on battre froid 2 art. pays m. pl. 1*  
 enemy were so completely beaten in that engagement that they were  
*pl. ind-3 —ment rencontre f.*  
 forced to abandon thirty leagues of the country. The cannon beat  
*de lieue f. \* pays canon abat-*  
 down the tower. They were fighting with unexampled  
*tre ind-3 tour f. ind-2 un sans exemple 2*  
 rage when a panic terror made them take flight,  
*acharnement m. 1 panique 2 = f. 1 ind-3 2 leur 1 art. fuite f.*  
 and dispersed them in an instant. Beat these mattresses  
*2 1 —r. rebattre matelas m.*  
 again. Happy those who live in solitude! Long  
*live that good king! He did not long survive a person who*  
*subj-1 3 2 2 2 art. retraite f. Que 1 long-temps 4*  
*survivre ind-3 à f.*  
 was so dear to him. Fathers live again in their children. He  
*2 1 art.*  
 was in a great dejection of mind; the news which he has received  
*accablement f. pl. f. pl.*  
 has revived him.  
*ont fait inf-1 2 1*

**BATTRE, to beat.**

*Part. pres. battant—Part. pass. battu.*  
*IND. pres. bats, bats, bat, battons, battez, battent.*  
*Imperf. battais—Pret. battis—Fut. battrai—COND. battrais.*  
*IMPER. bats—SUBJ. pres. batte—Imperf. battisse.*

Conjugate in the same manner :

abattre	to pull down	combattre	to fight
rabattre	to abate	débatte	to debate
rebattre	to beat again	s'ébatte	to be merry

**VIVRE, to live.**

*Part. pres. vivant—Part. past. vécu.*  
*IND. pres. vis, vis, vit, vivons, vivez, vivent.—Imperf. vivais.*  
*Pret. vécus—Fut. vivrai—COND. vivrais—IMP. vis.*  
*SUBJ. pres. vive—Imperf. vécusse.*

In the same manner are conjugated *revivre, to revive;*  
 and *survivre, to survive.*

BRANCH II. *Plaire.*

*Braire*, to bray; is used in the third persons only and in the following tenses: *il brait, ils braient, il braira, ils brairont, il brairait, ils brairaient.*

FAIRE, to do.

*Part. pres. faisant—Part. past. fait.*  
 IND *pres.* fais, fais, fait, faisons, fait<sup>es</sup>, font.  
*Imperf.* faisais—*Pret. fis—Fut. iera*—COND. *ferais.*  
 IMPER. fais, fasse, faisons, faites, fassent.  
 SUBJ. *pres.* fasse, fassions—*Imperf. fisse.*

Some authors on account of the similarity of sound, write *nous fesons, fesant*; etc. but it is contrary to the opinion of the French Academy.

In the same manner are conjugated:

contrefaire	to counterfeit	refaire	to do again
défaire	to undo	satisfaire	to satisfy
redéfaire	to undo again	surfaire	to exact
forfaire*	to trespass	méfaire*	to misdo
malfaire	to do ill	parfaire	to perfect

TRAIRE, to milk (defective.)

*Part. pres. trayant—Part. past. trait.*  
 IND *pres.* trais, trais, trait, trayons, trayez, traient.  
*Imperf.* trayais—(No *pret.*)—*Fut. trairai*—COND. *trairais.*  
 IMPER. trais, traye, trayons, trayez, traient.  
 SUBJ. *pres.* traye—(No *imperf.*)

Conjugate in the same manner:

attraire	to allure	rentraire	to finedraw
abstraire	to abstract	retraire	to redeem
distraire	to divert	soustraire	to subtract
extraire	to extract		

All these verbs are principally used in the compound tenses.

EXERCISE.

What will you have him do? Do not make (so much) noise. Do they never exact? That women mimicked all the persons whom she saw. It was with difficulty he (divested himself) *peine que se défaire*

\* These four verbs are only used in this form, and the partic. past, *forfait, malfait, méfait and parfait.*

of the false opinions which had been given him in his infancy.  
 —f. on ind-2\* 2 données 3 lui 1 f.

Is there no chance of our making again another trip to  
*n'est-il donc pas probable que* sub-1 *le voyage*  
 Paris, Rome, and Naples? He says that you have offended him,  
 pr. pr. dit 2 offensé 3 1

and that, if you do not satisfy him quickly, he will find means  
*promptement* art. moyen

to satisfy himself. Every night, she milked her  
 sing. de se lui-même art. soir m. pl. ind-2

cows, which gave her a (great quantity) of wholesome milk.  
*ce qui* ind-2 lui *abondant* 2 \* *et sain* 3 *lait* m. 1

Have you milked your goats? Are the cows milked?  
*chèvre* f. pl. *vache* f. pl. art.

Salt is good to entice pigeons. You will never know the  
*Sel* m. *pour attirer* art. m. pl. *connaître*

nature of bodies, if you abstract not their accessory qualities.  
 art. = 2 = 1 1

from those which are inherent (in them), The least thing (diverts  
 2 leur 1 moindre *le*

his attention). Will you not extract that charming passage? Have  
*distraindre* —m.

you darned your gown? Should he not redeem that land?  
*rentraire* *devoir* cond-1

What! would you have me screen those guilty  
*Quoi!* ind-1 \* *que je soustraire* sub-1 *coupable* m. pl.

persons from the rigour of the laws?  
 \* à *rigueur* f.

BRANCH III. *Paraître*.

NAÎTRE, to be born.

*Part. pres.* naissant—*Part. past.* né.  
 IND. *pres.* nais, nais, nait, naissons, naissez, naissent.  
*Imperf.* naissais—*Prët.* naquis—*Fut.* naitrai—COND. naitrais.  
 IMPER. nais—SUBJ. *pres.* naisse—*Imperf.* naquisse.

This verb takes the auxiliary être; but its derivative, *re-*  
*naître*, to be born again, has no participle past, and, consequently, no compound tenses.

PAÎTRE, to graze (defective).

*Part. pres.* paissant—*Part. past.* pu.  
 IND. *pres.* pais, pais, pait, paissions, paissez, paissent.  
*Imperf.* paissais—(No *prët.*)—*Fut.* paîtrai—COND. païtrais.  
 IMPER. pais—SUBJ. *pres.* païsse—(No *imperf.*)

*Repâître*, to feed, to bait, is, like *paraître*, regular in all its  
 tenses, making in the *prët.* IND. je repus, etc. and in the  
*imperf.* SUBJ. je repusse, etc.

EXERCISE.

Was not Virgil born at Mantua ? It is from that poisoned  
 ind-3 Mantoue Ce empoisonné 2  
 source that have arisen all the cruel wars that have desolated  
 f. 1 que naître f. pl. 2 f. pl. 1 désoler  
 the universe. The fable says that, as soon as Hercules had  
 f. dit aussitôt que Hercules h m. ind-2  
 (cut off) one of the heads of the hydra, others sprang up  
 couper tête f. pl. hydre f. d'autres 2 il en renaître  
 While heir united flocks fed on the  
 ind-2 1 tandis que réuni 2 troupeau m. pl. 1 paître ind-2 \*  
 tender and flowery grass, they sung under the shade of a  
 2 fleuri 3 herbe f. 1 chanter ind-2 à ombre  
 tree the sweets of rural life. Your horses have  
 douceur f. pl. art. champêtre 2 f. 1  
 not fed to-day ; you must have them fed. That is a  
 repaître d'aujourd'hui ; il faut leur faire donner à manger. Ce  
 man who thirsts after nothing but blood and slaughter.  
 ne se repaître de 2 \* que 1 pr. carnage m.

145. BRANCH IV. Réduire.

*Bruire*, to roar, is defective ; it has only the *part. pres.* *broyant*, often used as an adjective, as : *des flots bruycans* ; and the two third persons of the *imperf. IND.* *il bruycail, ils bruycailent*.

*Luire*, to shine ; and *reluire*, to glitter ; make the *part. past.* *lui, relui*, neither the *pret. IND.* nor *imperf. SUBJ.* are in use.

*Nuire*, to hurt ; making *part. pres.* *nuisant*, *past.* *nuir*, is regular in all its tenses.

CONFIR, to pickle or preserve.

*Part. pres.* *confisant*—*Part. past.* *confit*.  
*IND. pres.* *conf-is, —is, it, —is-ions, —is-iez, —is-ent*.  
*Imperf.* *confisais*—*Pret.* *confis*—*Fut.* *confirai*.  
*COND.* *confirais*—*IMP.* *confis*—*SUBJ. pres.* *confisse*.  
*Imperf.* *confisse*.

Its derivative *déconfire*, to disconfit, is rather obsolete.

*Circoncire*, to circumcise, and *suffire*, to suffice, make in the *part. past.* *circoncis* and *suffi*, the rest is as *confire*.

EXERCISE.

The thunder which roared from so far announced  
*tonnerre m. bruire ind-2 dans art. lointain m. ind-2*  
 a dreadful storm. They heard the roaring of the waves of  
*terrible 2 orage m. 1 On ind-2 \* inf-1 \* flot m. pl.*

an agitated sea. That street is too noisy for those who love  
*agité 2 mer f. 1* *rue f.* *bruyant*  
 retirement and study. I (have a glimpse of) some thing  
 art. *retraite f.* art. *entrevoir* *quelque chose*  
 that shines through those trees. A ray of hope shone upon  
*au travers de* *rayon m.* *ind-4 2\**  
 us in the midst of the misfortunes which overwhelmed us. Every  
 I *à milieu* *malheur m. pl.* *accabler ind-2*  
 thing is well rubbed in that house : every thing shines, even to the  
*frotté* *y reluire jusque à*  
 floor. Would he not have hurt you in that affair ? Jesus  
*plancher m.* *cond-2 1*  
 Christ was circumcised a week after his birth. Shall you  
*huit jours* *naissance f.*  
 preserve these peaches with sugar, with honey, or with  
*confire* *à art. sucre m.* *art. miel m.*  
 brandy ? Have you pickled  
 art. *cau-de-vie f.* *de art. concombre m. pr-art.* cucumbers,  
 purslane, and sea-fennel ? If he loses his law-suit, all his  
*pourpier m.* *pr. art. perce-pierre f.* *procès m.*  
 property will not suffice.  
*bien*

## DIRE, to say.

*Part. pres. disant—Part. past. dit.*  
 IND. *pres. dis, dis, dit, disons, DITES,\* disent.*  
 Imperf. *disais—Pret. dis—Fut. dirai—COND. dirais.*  
 IMPER. *dis, dise, disons, DITES,\* disent.*  
 SUBJ. *pres. dise—Imperf. disse.*

## Ecrire, to write.

*Part. pres. écrivant—Part. past. écrit.*  
 IND. *pres. écris, écris, écrit, écriv-ons, —ez, —ent.*  
 Imperf. *écrivais—Pret. écrivis—Fut. écrirai—COND. écrirais.*  
 IMP. *écris—SUBJ. pres. écrive—Imperf. écrivisse.*

\**Redire*, to say again, etymologically to its primitive, makes *redites*, but

<i>contredire</i>	<i>to contradict</i>	} make	{	<i>vous contredisez</i>
<i>dédire</i>	<i>to unsay</i>			<i>vous dédisez</i>
<i>interdire</i>	<i>to forbid</i>			<i>vous interdisez</i>
<i>médire</i>	<i>to slander</i>			<i>vous médisez</i>
<i>prédire</i>	<i>to foretell</i>			<i>vous prédisez</i>

*Maudire* is conjugated like *punir* with the exception of the participle past, which is *mauditi, e. maudissant, je maudis, nous maudissons ; je maudissais ; je maudis ; je maudirai ; je maudirais ; que je maudisse ; que je maudisse ; maudis.*

Conjugate in the same manner.

circonscrire	to circumscribe	proscrire	to proscribe
décrire	to describe	récrire	to write again
inscrire	to inscribe	souscrire	to subscribe
prescrire	to prescribe	transcrire	to transcribe

LIRE, to read.

Part. pres. lisant—Part. past. lu.  
 IND. pres. lis, lis, lit, lisons, lisez, lisent.—Imperf. lisais.  
 Pret. lus—Fut. lirai—COND. lirais—IMPER. lis.  
 SUBJ. pres. lise—Imperf. lusse.

In the same manner are conjugated:

élire | to elect | relire | to read over again

RIRE, to laugh.

Part. pres. riant—Past. ri—IND. pres. ris, ris, rit, rions, riez, rient.  
 Imperf. riais—Pret. ris—Fut. rirai—COND. rirais.  
 IMPER. ris—SUBJ. pres. ris—Imperf. risse.

Sourire, to smile; is conjugated as rire.

Frire, to fry; besides the present of the infinitive, has only the part. past. frit; INDIC. pres. je fris, tu fris, il frit; fut. je frirai, tu, etc.; COND. je frirais, tu, etc.; IMPER. sing. fris. But it has all the compound tenses. The forms that are deficient are fully supplied by faire, prefixed to frire, as: faisant frire, je faisais frire, etc.

EXERCISE.

Always speak the truth, but with discretion. Never contradict  
 dire f.

(any one) in public. You thought you were serving me in  
 personne en penser ind-4 \* \* inf-1 2 1 en

speaking thus: well, (let it be so); you shall not be contradicted  
 parler ainsi eh bien soit en dédire

What! would you forbid him all communication with his friends?  
 Quoi! \* interdire 2 1 f.

That woman slandered every one. You had foretold that event.  
 ind-2 de ind-6

Let us curse no one; let us remember that our laws forbids us  
 ne personne se rappeler défendre

to curse even those who persecute us. Write down every  
 de persécuter art. pl.

day the reflections which you make on the books which you read.  
 ind-2 2 1

Did he not read that interesting history with (a great deal) of  
 ind-2 2 1

pleasure? God is an infinite being who is circumscribed neither  
 2 être m. 1 ni

by time nor place. Shall you not describe that  
 art. ni pr. art. lieu m. pl.  
 dreadful tempest? Have those soles and whittings fried.  
 horrible 2 f. 1 faire 1 — pron. merlan 3 inf-1 2  
 If you wish to form your taste, read the classics over and over  
 vouloir \* lire et relire les anciens  
 He was elected by a great majority of voices. We have laughed  
 ind-4 à — f.  
 heartily and have resolved to (go on). He did not answer  
 de bon cœur nous résolu de continuer répondre  
 him (any thing): but he smiled at him, as a sign of appro-  
 ind-3 lui rien ind-3 2\* lui 1 en \*  
 bation, in the kindest manner.  
 — de gracieux 2 air m. 1.

POIRE, to drink.

Part. pres. buvant—Past. bu.  
 IND. pres. bois, bois, boit, buvons, buvez, boivent.  
 Imperf. buvais—Pret. bus—Fut. boirai—COND. boirais.  
 IMPER. bois, boive, buvons, buvez, boivent.  
 SUBJ. pres. boiv-e, —es, —e, buvions, buviez, boivent.  
 Imperf. busse.

In the same manner are conjugated.

reboire to drink again | s'emboire to imbibe, a technical  
 term used in painting

*Clôre*, to close; has only the part. past. clos; ind.  
 pres. je clos, tu clos, il clôt; fut. je clorai, tu cloras, etc.;  
 cond. je clorais, tu clorais, etc.; and the imp. sing. clos.

*Déclôre*, to disclose, *enclôre*, to enclose, are defective in  
 the same tenses as *clôre*; but *forclore*, to debar, a law  
 term, is only used in the inf. and part. past. forclos.

*Éclôre*, to be hatched, as birds, or to blow like a flower,  
 has only these forms; inf. éclôre; part. past. éclos; ind.  
 pres. il éclôt, ils éclosent; fut. il écloira, ils écloiront; cond.  
 il écloirait, ils écloiraient; and the subj. pres. qu'il éclosse,  
 qu'ils éclosent. But its compound tenses, which are  
 formed with *être*, are much used.

CONCLURE, to conclude.

Part. pres. concluant—Past. conclu.  
 IND. pres. conclus, conclus, conclut, conclu-ons, —ez, —ent.  
 Imperf. concluais—Pret. conclus—Fut. conclurai.  
 COND. conclurais—IMPER. conclus—SUBJ. pres. conclue.  
 Imperf. conclusse,

*Exclure*, to exclude; is conjugated like *conclure*, except  
 that it has two participles past, *exclu*, *e*, *exclus*, *e*.

CROIRE, to believe.

*Part. pres.* croyant—*Past. cru.**IND. pres.* crois, crois, croit, croyons, croyez, croient.*Imperf.* croyais—*Pret. crus*—*Fut. croirai*—*COND. eroirais.**IMPER.* crois, croie, croyons, croyez, croient.*Imperf.* crusse

It has no derivative but *accroire*, which is only used with *faire*, as : *faire accroire* or *en faire accroire*, to impose upon credulity ; and *s'en faire accroire* to be self-conceited.

## EXERCISE.

Seated under the shade of palm-trees, they milked their  
*Assis à art. palmier pl. traire ind-2*  
 goats and ewes, and merrily drank that nectar,  
*chèvre f. pl. pron. brebis f. pl. avec joie 2 ind-2 1 m.*  
 which (was renewed) every day. Would they drink  
*se renouveler ind-2 art. pl. boire cond-1*  
 their wine iced ? This window does not close well ; when you  
*à la glace f.*  
 have made some alterations (in it), it will close better. He  
*ind-8 2 3 réparation f. 4 y 1 mieux*  
 had scarcely closed his eyes, when the noise which they made  
*à peine ind-6 \* art. que que on ind-3*  
 at his door, awoke him. Have they not enclosed the suburbs  
*à réveiller ind-3 on faubourg*  
 within, the city ? Will you enclose your park with a wall,  
*m. pl. ville f. parc de mur m.*  
 or a hedge ? Put the eggs of those silk-worms in the  
*pr. haie f. mettez œuf m. pl. ver-à-soie m. pl. à*  
 sun, that they may hatch. Those flowers just blown  
*soleil m. sub-1 nouvellement*  
 exhale the sweetest fragrance. When did they conclude this  
*répandre doux parfum m. ind-4*  
 treaty ? His enemies managed so well, that he was unanimously  
*traité m. faire ind-3 ind-3 unanimement*  
 excluded from the company. Did you think me capable of so  
*compagnie f. croire ind-1*  
 black an act ? He possesses some kind of knowledge ; but  
*noir 2 trait m. 1 avoir espèce savoir.*  
 (not so much as he thinks).  
*il s'en fait trop accroire.*

146. BRANCH V. *Joindre.*

*Poindre*, to pierce, to peep, to dawn, has only besides the infinitive *il point, il poindra.*

## 147. GENERAL GUIDE TO THE CONJUGATION.

The following Tables, which exhibit at one view all the primitive tenses, both of the regular and irregular verbs, and most of the defective, with references to the pages where the other tenses are to be found, will, it is presumed, prove useful to those who will consult them.

TABLE OF THE PRIMITIVE TENSES OF THE  
FOUR REGULAR CONJUGATIONS.

INFIN.	PARTICIPLES.		INDICATIVE	
	PRES.	PAST.	IND. PRES.	IND. PRETERIT.

## FIRST CONJUGATION.

Parler	Parlant	Parlé	Je parle	Je parlai	137
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## SECOND CONJUGATION.

FIRST BRANCH. *Punir.*

Punir	Pünissant	Puni	Je punis	Je punis	147
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SECOND BRANCH. *Sentir.*

Sentir	Sentant	Senti	Je sens	Je sentis	} 147
Mentir	Mentant	Menti	Je mens	Je mentis	
Se repentir	Se repentant	Repenti	Je me repens	Jeme repentis	
Partir	Partant	Parti	Je pars	Je partis	
Sortir	Sortant	Sorti	Je sors	Je sortis	
Dormir	Dormant	Dormi	Je dors	Je dormis	
Servir	Servant	Servi	Je sers	Je servis	

THIRD BRANCH. *Ouvrir.*

Ouvre	Ouvrant	Ouvert	J'ouvre	J'ouvris	} 147
Offrir	Offrant	Offert	J'offre	J'offris	
Souffrir	Souffrant	Souffert	Je souffre	Je souffris	

FOURTH BRANCH. *Tenir.*

Tenir	Tenant	Tenu	Je tiens	Je tins	} 147
Venir	Venant	Venu	Je viens	Je vins	

FIFTH BRANCH. *Courir.*

Courir	Courant	Couru	Je cours	Je courus	147
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## THIRD CONJUGATION.

Recevoir	Recevant	Recu	Je reçois	Je reçus	} 152
Devoir	Devant	Dû	Je dois	Je dus	

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Pond  
Répon  
Tond  
Perdr  
Mord  
Tord

Plaire  
Taire

Parait  
Croître  
Conna  
Repaît

Rédui  
Instrui

Craind  
Peindr  
Joindre

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Aller

Fleurir  
Hair  
Gésir\*

INFIN.	PARTICIPLES		INDICATIVE.	
	PART. PRES.	PART. PAST.	IND. PRES.	IND. PRETERIT.

FOURTH CONJUGATION.

FIRST BRANCH. *Rendre.*

Répandre	Répandant	Répandu	Je répands	Je répandis	} 156
Rendre	Rendant	Rendu	Je rends	Je rendis	
Fondre	Fondant	Fondu	Je fonds	Je fondis	
Pondre	Pondant	Pondu	Je ponds	Je pondis	
Répondre	Répondant	Répondu	Je réponds	Je répondis	
Tondre	Tondant	Tondu	Je tonds	Je tondis	
Perdre	Perdant	Perdu	Je perds	Je perdis	
Mordre	Mordant	Mordu	Je mords	Je mordis	
Tordre	Tordant	Tordu	Je tords	Je tordis	

SECOND BRANCH. *Plaire.*

Plaire	Plaisant	Plu	Je plais	Je plus	} 156
Taire	Taisant	Tu	Je tais	Je tus	

THIRD BRANCH. *Paraître.*

Paraître	Paraissant	Paru	Je parais	Je parus	} 156
Croître	Croissant	Cru	Je crois	Je crus	
Connaître	Connaissant	Connu	Je connais	Je connus	
Reparaître	Reparaissant	Repu	Je repais	Je repus	

FOURTH BRANCH. *Réduire.*

Réduire	Réduisant	Réduit	Je réduis	Je réduisis	} 156
Instruire	Instruisant	Instruit	J'instruis	J'intruisis	

FIFTH BRANCH. *Craindre.*

Craindre	Craignant	Craint	Je crains	Je craignis	} 156
Peindre	Peignant	Peint	Je peins	Je peignis	
Joindre	Joignant	Joint	Je joins	Je joignis	

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FIRST CONJUGATION.

Aller	Allant	Allé	Je vais	J'allai	176
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SECOND CONJUGATION.

FIRST BRANCH. *Punir.*

Fleurir	Fleurissant	Fleuri	Je fleuris	Je fleuris	} 179
Hair	Florissant	Fleuri	Je fleuris	Je fleuris	
Gésir*	Haisant	Hai	Je hais	Je hais	

*If you love me at first love you you will*

INFIN.	PARTICIPLES.		INDICATIVE.	
PRESENT.	PART. PRES.	PART. PAST.	IND. PRESENT.	IND. PRETERITE.

SECOND BRANCH. *Sentir.*

Bouillir	Bouillant	Bouilli	Je bous	Je bouillis	}
Ebouillir		Ebouilli		Je faillis	
Faillir	Faillant*	Failli	Je faux*	Je défaillis	
Défaillir		Défailli	Nous défail- lons		
Fuir	Fuyant	Fui	Je fuis	Je fuis	} 180
Mourir	Mourant	Mort	Je meurs	Je mourus	
Acquérir	Acquéant	Acquis	J'acquiers	J'acquis	}
Conquérir	Conquérant	Conquis	Je conquiers	Je conquis	
Ouir	Oyant*	Oui		J'ouis	}
Vêtir	Vêtant	Vêtu	Je vêts	Je vêtis	
Revêtir	Revêtant	Revêtu	Je revêts	Je revêtis	

THIRD BRANCH. *Ouvrir.*

Cueillir	Cueillant	Cueilli	Je cueille	Je cueillis	} 183
Saillir	Saillant	Sailli	Il saille	Il saillit	
Tressaillir	Tressaillant	Tressailli	Je tressaille	Je tressaillis	

THIRD CONJUGATION.

*Recevoir.*

Avoir	Ayant	Eu	J'ai	J'eus	} 184
Ravoir		Chu		Je déchus	
Choir		Déchu	Je déchois	Je déchus	
Déchoir		Echu	Il échoit	J'échus	
Echoir	Echéant				}
Falloir		Fallu	Il faut	Il fallut	
Mouvoir	Mouvant	Mu	Je meus	Je mus	} 173
Promouvoir		Promu		Je promus*	
Pleuvoir	Pleuvant	Plu	Il pleut	Il plut	}
Pouvoir	Pouvant	Pu	Je puis	Je pus	
Savoir	Sachant	Su	Je sais	Je sus	} 187 à 189
Seoir*	Seyant		Il sied		
Seoir*	Séant	Sis		J'assis	
Asseoir	Asseyant	Assis	J'assieds	J'assis	
Surseoir		Sursis	Je sursois	Je sursis	}
Voir	Voyant	Vu	Je vois	Je vis	
Prévoir	Prévoyant	Prévu	Je prévois	Je prévis	}
Pourvoir	Pourvoyant	Pourvu	Je pourvois	Je pourvus	
Valoir	Valant	Valu	Je vau	Je valus	}
Vouloir	Voulant	Voulu	Je veux	Je voulus	

N.B.—The forms marked with an asterisk are rather obsolete.

INFIN.	PARTICIPLES.		INDICATIVE.	
	PRESENT.	PART. PRES.	PART. PAST.	IND. PRES.

FOURTH CONJUGATION.

FIRST BRANCH. *Rendre.*

Résoudre	Résolvant	Résous, -lu	Je résous	Je résolus	} 190 à 194
Soudre	Solvant				
Absoudre	Absolvant	Absous	J'absous		
Dissoudre	Dissolvant	Dissous	Je dissous		
Coudre	Cousant	Cousu	Je couds	Je cousis	
Soudre			Il sourt		
Mettre	Mettant	Mis	Je mets	Je mis	
Moudre	Moulant	Moulu	Je mouds	Je moulus	
Prendre	Prenant	Pris	Je prends	Je pris	
Rompre	Rompant	Rompu	Je romps	Je rompis	
Suivre	Suivant	Suivi	Je suis	Je suivis	
S'ensuivre	S'ensuivant	Ensuiwi	Il s'ensuit	Il s'ensuivit	
Vaincre	Vainquant	Vaincu	Je vains	Je vainquis	
Battre	Battant	Battu	Je bats	Je battis	
Etre	Etant	Été	Je suis	Je fus	} 130
Vivre	Vivant	Vécu	Je vis	Je vécus	

SECOND BRANCH. *Plaire.*

Braire			Il braie		} 195
Faire	Faisant	Fait	Je fais	Je fis	
Traire	Trayant	Trait	Je traie		

THIRD BRANCH. *Paraître.*

Naître	Naissant	Né	Je nais	Je naquis	} 196
Reparaître	Renaissant		Je renaiss	Je renaquis*	
Paraître	Paissant	Pu	Je pais		

FOURTH BRANCH, *Réduire.*

Bruire	Bruyant				} 197 à 189
Luire	Luisant	Lui	Je luis		
Nuire	Nuisant	Nui	Je nuis	Je nuisis	
Confire	Confisant	Confit	Je confis	Je confis	
Suffire	Suffisant	Suffi	Je suffis	Je suffis	
Circoncire	Circoncisant	Circoncis	Je circoncis	Je circoncis	
Dire	Disant	Dit	Je dis	Je dis	
Médire	Médissant	Médis	Je médise	Je médise	
Maudire	Maudissant	Maudit	Je maudis	Je maudis	
Ecrire	Ecrivant	Écrit	J'écris	J'écrivis	
Lire	Lisant	Lu	Je lis	Je lus	
Rire	Riant	Ri	Je ris	Je ris	
Frيره		Frit	Je frise		
Boire	Buvant	Bu	Je bois	Je bus	
Clorre, clorre		Clos	Je clos		
Conclure	Concluant	Conclus	Je conclus	Je conclus	
Exclure	Excluant	Exclu or exclus	J'exclus	J'exclus	
Croire	Croyant	Cru	Je crois	Je crus	

INFIN.	PARTICIPLES.		INDICATIVE.	
	PRESENT.	PART. PRES.   PART. PAST.	IND. PRES.	IND. PRETERIT.

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Peindre | | | Il point | | 201

N. B. The derivatives, which are not in this Table, will be found with the primitives, to which we have given references.

## CHAPTER VI.

## OF THE PREPOSITIONS.

149. *Prepositions*, so called, from their being *prefixed* to the nouns, which they govern, serve to show the relation which exists between two words. Thus, in this phrase, *le fruit de l'arbre*, the fruit of the tree, *de* expresses the relation between *fruit* and *arbre*. Likewise in this, *utile à l'homme*, useful to man; *à* shows the relation between the noun *homme* and the adjective *utile*. *De* and *à* are *prepositions*, and the word to which they are *prefixed*, is called their *regimen*.

*Prepositions* being invariable parts of speech, they remain the same whatever be the gender and number of the noun which they precede.

They are generally divided into classes, according to the nature of the relation they serve to express.

Some also require another preposition after them, *de* or *à*, whilst their equivalents in English do not, and *vice versa*.

These peculiarities deserve much attention and will, therefore, be noticed in order.

## 150. PREPOSITIONS DENOTING PLACE.

**CHEZ.** *Il est chez son père*, he is *at the house* of his father, or at his *father's*. *Nous sommes chez lui*, we are in his house. *Il est chez lui*, he is at home.

**DANS.** *Il se promène dans le jardin*; he is walking *in* the garden.

**DEVANT.** *Il est toujours devant mes yeux*; he is always *before* my eyes.

**DERRIÈRE.** *Il ne regarde jamais derrière lui*; he never looks *behind* him.

**PARMI.** *Que de fous parini les hommes!* how many fools among men!

**SOUS.** *La taupe vit sous terre;* the mole lives under ground.

**SUR.** *Il a le chapeau sur la tête;* he has his hat on (his head.)

**VERS.** *L'aimant se tourne vers le nord;* the loadstone point towards the north.

**OUTRE.** *Percé d'outré en outré;* through and through.

EXERCISE.

We find less real happiness in an elevated condition than in  
*On de 2 bonheur 1 2 f. 1.*  
 a middling state. One is never truly at peace but at home.  
*moyen 2 1 véritablement tranquille que soi*  
 He walked before me. There was a delightful grove behind  
*marcher ind-4 avoir ind-2 2 bosquet m. 1*  
 his house. Among (so many) different nations, there is not one  
*tant de 2 1 y en avoir*  
 that has not a religious worship. Nature displays her riches  
*qui sub-1. culte m. 1 art. déployer*  
 with magnificence under the torrid zone. Eternal snows  
*torride 3 f. 1 de art. 3 5 f. pl. 4*  
 (are to be seen) on the summit of the Alps. Towards the  
*on 1 voir ind-1 2 sommet*  
 north, nature presents a gloomy and wild aspect.  
*art. triste 2 sauvage 3 aspect m. 1.*

PREPOSITIONS DENOTING ORDER.

**AVANT.** *La nouvelle est arrivée avant le courrier;* news is come before the courier.

**APRÈS.** *Il est trop vain pour marcher après les autres;* he is too proud to walk after other people.

**ENTRE.** *Elle a son enfant entre les bras;* she holds her child in (for between) her arms.

**DEPUIS.** *Depuis la création jusqu'à nous,* from the creation to the present time.

**DES.** *Dès son enfance;* from his infancy; *dès sa source;* from its source.

EXERCISE.

We (were up) before day-light, (in order to) enjoy the  
*se lever ind-6 art. \* pour jouir de*  
 magnificent spectacle of the rising sun. After such great  
*magnifique 2 —m. 1. levant 2 1 de si*  
 faults, it only remained for us to repair them (as well as  
*faute f. pl. ne rester ind-2 2\* 1 que réparer 2 1 de notre*

we could). *Between* those two mountains is a deep hollow  
*mieux* *profond* 3 et creux 2  
 road. Many very astonishing events (have taken place)  
*chemin* m 1 \* *de* art. 2 4 3 *il s'est passé* 1  
 within these ten years. *From* my earliest infancy I have had an  
*depuis* \* *art. tendre* \*  
 abhorrence for falsehood.  
*horreur* *de* art. *mensonge* m.

## PREPOSITIONS DENOTING UNION.

**AVEC.** *Il faut savoir avec qui on se lie*, we ought to know *with* whom we associate.

**DURANT.** *Durant la guerre*, during the war; *durant l'été*, during the summer.

**PENDANT.** *Pendant l'hiver*, in winter; *pendant la paix*, in time of Peace. This preposition denotes a duration more limited than *durant*.

**SUIVANT.** *Je me déciderai suivant les circonstances*, I shall determine *according to* circumstances,

**SELON.** *Le sage se conduit selon les maximes de la raison*, a wise man acts *according to* the dictates of reason.

## EXERCISE.

*With* wit, politeness, and a little (readiness to  
*de* art. *pr.* art. *peu de prévenance*  
 oblige) one generally succeeds in the world. We are fit for  
*réussir* *on propre à* art.  
 meditation *during* winter. (*In the course of*) that siege the com-  
*f* *pendant* *siège* m.  
 mandant of the city made some very successful sallies.  
*ind.-3* *de* art. *heureux* 2 *sortie* f. pl. 1.  
*Besides* the exterior advantages of figure and the graces of  
 2 1 art. art.  
 deportment, she possesses an excellent heart, a correct judgment,  
*maintien* m. *avoir* 2 1 *sain* 2 *jugement* 1  
 and a kind heart. Always act *according to* the maxims  
*sensible* 2 1 *se conduire* \* *f. pl.*  
 which I have given you.  
*inculquer* f. pl.

## 152. PREPOSITIONS DENOTING OPPOSITION.

**CONTRE.** *Je plaide contre lui*, I plead *against* him.

**MALGRÉ.** *Il l'a fait malgré moi*, he has done it *in spite of* me.

**NONOBTANT.** *Nonobstant ce qu'on lui a dit*, *notwith- standing* what has been said to him.

EXERCISE.

We cannot long act (*contrary to*) our own disposition  
*savoir cond-1 agir contre* \* caractère m.  
*notwithstanding* all the pains we take to disguise it, it shews  
*que pour 2 1 se mon-*  
 itself, and betrays us on many occasions. In vain we  
*trahir 2 1 en bien de art.*  
 dissemble; *in spite of* ourselves, we are known at last.  
*voir beau faire en nous connaît à la longue.*

153. PREPOSITIONS DENOTING PRIVATION,  
SEPARATION.

SANS. *Des troupes sans chefs*; troops without commanders.

EXCEPTÉ. *Excepté quelques malheureux*, except some wretches.

HORS. *Tout est perdu hors l'honneur*, all is lost *save* honour.

HORMIS. *Tous sont entrés hormis mon frère*, they are all come in *except* my brother.

EXERCISE.

(*Had it not been for*) your care, I should have been ignorant all  
*sans pl. un*  
 my life. All the philosophers of antiquity, *except* a few  
*art. très-petit nom-*  
 have held the world to be eternal. All laid down their  
*bre croire \* \* mettre bas \**  
 arms, *except* two regiments, who preferred (making their way)  
*art. se faire jour*  
 through the enemy. Every thing is absurd and ridiculous in  
*au travers de pl.*  
 that work, *except* a chapter or two.

154. PREPOSITIONS DENOTING THE END.

ENVERS. *Il est charitable envers les pauvres*, he is charitable *to* the poor.

TOUCHANT. *Il a écrit touchant cette affaire*, he has written *respecting* that business.

POUR. *Il travaille pour le bien public*, he works for the public good.

EXERCISE.

I have written to you *concerning* that business, in which I take  
*à laquelle*

the most lively interest; and as I know your benevolence *to-*  
*vif* 2 1 *connaître* *bienveillance* f.  
*wards* the unfortunate, I (make not the least doubt) that you  
*ne douter nullement*  
 will carefully attend) (to it) (not so much) for the satisfac-  
*donner tout vos soins* sub-1 2 y 1 *moins*  
 tion of obliging me, as for the pleasure of justifying innocence,  
*inf-1* 2 1 *justifier* inf-1 art.

and confounding calumny.  
*pr. confondre* art. f.

### 155. PREPOSITIONS DENOTING CAUSE, MEANS.

PAR. *Il l'a fléchi par ses prières*, he has softened him  
 by his prayers.

MOYENNANT. *Il réussira moyennant vos avis*, he will  
 succeed by means of your counsels.

ATTENDU. *Il ne peut partir, attendu les vents con-*  
*traires*, he cannot sail on account of contrary winds.

#### EXERCISE.

Is there any man that has never been softened by tears  
*y avoir aucun* sub-1 *fléchir* art. tears  
 or disarmed by submission? Through the precautions which  
*ni désarmer* art. *que*  
 we took we avoided the rocks of that dangerous coast. Owing  
*ind-3* *ind-3* *écueil* m. pl. 2 *côte* f. 1  
 to the bad state of my father's health, I shall not travel this  
 year. *1* *voyager*  
*année* f.

156. The prepositions *à, de, en* are so commonly used  
 in French, that they deserve particular attention.

*À* is generally used to express several relations, *destina-*  
*tion, tendency, place, time, situation*, etc. being often a sub-  
 stitute for various other prepositions, *Ex.*—*destination -to:*  
*aller à Londres*, to go to London.—*Tendency -to, toward:*  
*courir à sa perte*, to hasten to one's ruin.—*Aim -to, for:*  
*aspirer à la gloire*, to aspire to glory.—*Residence -at, in:*  
*être à Rome*, to be at Rome.—*Time -at:* *à midi*, at twelve  
 o'clock.—*Concern -on:* *à ce sujet*, on this subject.—*Man-*  
*ner -with:* *supplier à mains jointes*, to intreat earnestly.—  
*Means -with:* *peindre à l'huile*, to paint in, or with oil; *bas*  
*à trois fils*, three thread-stockings, that is, with three threads.  
 —*Situation -at, with:* *être à son aise*, to be at ease.—*Pur-*  
*pose -for:* *une table à manger*, a dining table.—*Suitable-*

ness—*for, to*: *homme à réussir*, a man likely to succeed:—  
desert, *crime à ne pas pardonner*, a crime not to be forgiven,  
etc.

EXERCISE.

Fathers! give good counsels, and still better examples  
*de* *encore 3 pr. meilleur 1 2*  
to your children. A good minister only aims at the glory of  
*ne aspirer que à*

serving his country well. When we were in the country we de-  
inf-1 2 *pays 3 1* ind-2 *à* *campagne f.* con-  
voted the morning to study, we walked at noon  
*sacrer ind-2* *matinée f.* art. *se promener ind-2* *midi*

and, at three or four o'clock, we went a hunting, or fishing.  
*heure ind-2* art. *chasse f.* pr art. *pêche f.*

Michel Angelo has painted (a great deal) in fresco. It is a  
*Michel Ange* *beaucoup* art. *fresque f.* *ce*

bed with ivory posts, and mahogany feet. That man with his  
*lit m.* *colonne d'ivoire* pr. *piéd d'accajou* \*

gloomy looks and surly behaviour, seems  
*sombre 2 regard m. 1 art* *brusque . 2 maintien m. 1 pr. art. ne semble*

fit only to serve as a scarecrow.  
*propre que* *de \* épouvantail.*

DE is generally used to express *separation, extraction, possession, appurtenance, cause, shift, result*, etc. and supplies the place of several prepositions, as—*from*: *je viens de France*, I come from France; *d'un bout à l'autre*, from one end to the other.—*Of*: *le palais du roi*, the palace of the king; *les facultés de l'ame*, the faculties of the soul; *un homme d'esprit*, a man of talent. In a partitive sense—*of*: *moitié de, quart de*, etc. the half of, the fourth of, etc.: it is used for PAR—*by*: *il est aimé de tout le monde*, he is beloved by every body; *for—through, or by*, etc.: *mourir de faim, de soif*, to die of hunger, of thirst: *on, upon, with*: *vivre de fruits*, to live upon fruit.—*On account of, or for*: *sauter de joie*, to leap for joy.

EXERCISE.

I come from London, where I have spent a week very agreeably.  
*où* *passé huit jours*  
From one end of the horizon to the other, the sky was covered  
*bout m.* *m.* *ciel m. ind-2*  
with thick black clouds. The marble of Paros is not  
*épais 2 et noir 3 nuage m. pl. 1.*

finer than that which we get from Carrara. Montaigne, *Mad. de*  
 72 *qui nous vient Carrare.*  
 Sévigné, and la Fontaine, were writers of truly original ge-  
 ind-2 *de art. écrivain un 2 3 1*  
 nius. One half of the terrestrial globe is covered with water  
*moitié f. terrestre 2 globe m. 1*  
 and above a (third part) of the rest is uninhabited, either through  
*plus de tiers m. inhabité ou par*  
 extreme heat, or through excessive cold. In that happy  
*un 2 chaleur f. 1 un = 2 froid m. 1.*  
 retreat, we lived on the milk of our flocks, and the delicious  
*asile m. ind-2 brebis pr. 2*  
 fruits of our orchards.  
 1 *verger m pl.*

EN serves to mark the relations of time, place, situation,  
 etc. and is variously expressed, as *c'était en hiver*, it was  
*during winter*; *être en Angleterre*, to be *in England*; *aller*  
*en Italie*, to go *into Italy*; *elle est en bonne santé*, she is *in*  
*good health*; *il vaut mieux être en paix, qu'en guerre*, it is  
*better to be at peace than at war*; *il l'a fait en haine de*  
*lui*, he did it out of *hatred to him*, etc.

## EXERCISE.

He had for a (long while) lived in France; the troubles  
 3 \* *depuis 1 \* long-temps 2 vivre ind-2*  
 which agitated that fine kingdom obliged him to retire to Swit-  
 ind-4 *royaume m. ind-4 de se retirer Suisse*  
 zerland, whence he soon after went to Italy. We were  
*d'où 3 1 2 se rendre ind-4 ind-2*  
 at peace, and enjoyed all its blessings, when ambi-  
 pron. *gôter ind-2 en art. charme m. art.*  
 tion kindled again the flames of war, and forced us to put  
*rallumer ind-3 feu s. art. ind-3 de mettre*  
 our frontiers in a state of defence. The savage is almost con-  
*frontière f. pl. \* presque tou-*  
 tir ally at war; he cannot remain at rest. He has acted, on  
*jours pouvoir en repos dans*  
 this occasion, like a great man.  
 en

## CHAPTER VII.

## OF THE ADVERB.

157. The *adverbe* is a word which is generally placed  
 after the verb to express *where*, *when*, and *how* the action

is or was done. *Vous chantez bien*, you sing well; *il partira demain*, he will set out to-morrow, etc. It is often also joined to an adjective, coupled with *être*; *il est vraiment digne d'amitié*, he is truly deserving of friendship.

REMARK. There are adjectives which are sometimes used as adverbs, as, *il chante juste*, he sings right; *elle chante faux*, she sings out of tune; *ils ne voient pas clair*, they do not see clear; *cette fleur sent bon*, this flower has a pleasant smell, etc. The adjectives, *juste*, *faux*; *clair* and *bon*, here supply the place of adverbs.

Adverbs are of different kinds.

The most numerous are those which express manner, and are formed from adjectives, in the following manner.

158. When the adjective ends, in the masculine, with a vowel, the adverb is formed by adding *ment*: as, *modestement*, modestly; *poliment*, politely; *ingénuement*, ingeniously, etc.

EXCEPTIONS. *Impuni* makes *impunément*, and *traître*, *traîtreusement*.

The following six take *é* close before *-ment*, instead of the *e* mute which is in the adjective.

aveuglement	<i>blindly</i>	conformément	<i>conformably</i>
commodément	<i>commodiously</i>	énormément	<i>enormously</i>
incommodément	<i>incommodiously</i>	opiniâtrément	<i>obstinately</i>

159. When the adjective ends with a consonant, in the masculine, the adverb is formed from the feminine termination, by adding *ment*; as, *grand*, *grandement*, greatly; *franc*, *franchement*, frankly; *naïf*, *naïvement*, artlessly, etc.

Observe that the adverbs,

follement	<i>foolishly</i>	bellement	<i>soberly</i>
mollement	<i>effeminately</i>	nouvellement	<i>ably</i>

Are to be considered as coming from the adjectives *fol*, *mol*, *bel*, *nouvel*, and accordingly belong to the foregoing rule.

EXCEPTIONS. *Gentil*, makes *gentiment*, prettily.

The following eighth adverbs,

communément	<i>commonly</i>	importunément	<i>importunately</i>
confusément	<i>confusedly</i>	obscurément	<i>obscurely</i>
diffusément	<i>diffusedly</i>	précisément	<i>precisely</i>
expressément	<i>expressly</i>	profondément	<i>deeply</i>

take before *ment* the *é* close instead of the *e* mute, which is in the feminine of the adjectives, from which they are derived.

REM. The six following adverbs are not derived from adjectives.

comment	<i>how</i>	profusément	<i>lavishly</i>
incessamment	<i>presently</i>	mutamment	<i>by night</i>
notamment	<i>especially</i>	sciemment	<i>knowingly</i>

Adjectives ending in *ant*, *ent*, form their adverbs by changing them into *-ment*, as *consta-nt*, *consta-ment*, constantly; *éloque-nt*, *éloque-ment*. Except *lent* and *présent*, the only two of this class, that follow the 159th rule, and make *lentement*, *présentement*.

160. Most adverbs denoting manner, and a few others, have the three degrees of comparison, as *profondément*, *aussi*, *plus*, or *moins profondément*, *for bien*, or *très-profondément*, and *le plus profondément*.

The following degrees of comparison are irregular.

Positive.	Comparative	Superlative.
bien <i>well</i>	mieux <i>better</i>	le mieux <i>the best</i>
mal <i>bad</i>	pis <i>worse</i>	le pis <i>the worst</i>
peu <i>little</i>	moins <i>less</i>	le moins <i>the least</i>

## EXERCISE.

Bourdaloue and Masillon have both spoken very eloquently *l'un et l'autre* on evangelical truths; but the former has principally (pro-  
*posé* *ind-4* *de convaincre* *se pro-*  
*poser* *ind-4* *de convaincre* posed to himself) to convince the mind; the latter has generally had in view to touch the heart. Several of la Bruyère's cha-  
*en vue de* *art.* *2* *1* racters are as finely drawn as they are delicately expressed. Buf-  
*finement tracé* \* \* fon is one of the best writers of the last century; he thinks deeply,  
*2 siècle m. 1.* describes *forcibly*, and expresses himself (with dignity). Cor-  
*fortement,* *noblement* neille and Racine are the two best French tragic poets; the pieces  
*tragique 2 1* of the former are *strongly* but *incorrectly* written; those of the lat-  
*2 3 1* ter are more *regularly* beautiful, more *purely* expressed, and more  
*beau* delicately conceived.  
*pensé*

161. There are likewise various other sorts of adverbs :

Of {	Affirmation, as <i>certes</i> , certainly ; <i>oui</i> , yes.
	Consent, .. <i>soit</i> . be it so ; <i>volontiers</i> , willingly.
	Doubt, .. <i>peut-être que</i> , perhaps.
	Denial, .. <i>non ne, ne-pas, ne-point</i> , no, not.
	Order, .. <i>premièrement</i> , first : <i>secondement</i> , 2dly, etc.
or	.. <i>D'abord</i> , at first ; <i>ensuite, après</i> , afterwards,
Rank.	.. <i>Avant, auparavant</i> , before.

EXERCISE.

Certainly, either I am mistaken, or the business passed (in  
*ou se tromper se passer ind-4*  
 that manner). Do you think that he listens willingly to this pro-  
*ainsi penser écouter \**  
 posal ? Have you ever read in Racine the famous scene of Phœdra's  
*f. Phèdre 2*

delirium ? Yes, I have read it, and I own it is one of the  
*délire m. 1 lue la avouer que ce*  
 finest of the French theatre. *Perhaps* you will discover, on a se-  
*2 m. 1 dans*

perusal of la Fontaine's fables, beauties which you  
*lecture f. 2 art. 1 de art. f. pl. que*  
 have not perceived at first Will you have some ? No. Will  
*aperçues d'abord 2 1 \* en 1 3*

you not have some ? The man who (is willing) to do good is  
*4 15 \* en 2 vouloir \*\* art. bien m.*  
 not stopped by any obstacle. I will pay him what I owe,  
*arrêté aucun lui ce que lui*

but not all at once.  
*non pas à art. fois f.*

162. Of—place, or distance,

*Où*, where ; *ici*, here ; *là*, there.

*Deçà*, on this side ; *de là*, on that side ; *partout*, every  
 where.

*Près, proche*, near, nigh ; *loin*, far, etc.

EXERCISE.

We ought first to avoid doing evil ; afterwards we ought  
*falloir ind-1 \* de inf-1 art. \**  
 to do good. Read books of instruction first, and afterwards  
*\* art. 1 art. 3 4 2*  
 you may proceed to those of entertainment. If you will (go  
*\* passer ind-7 72 agrément vouloir s'en*  
 away), settle first what is to be done. The painter had  
*aller régler auparavant ce que falloir \*\* inf-1*

(brought together) in the same picture, several different objects :

*rassembler un tableau* 2 1  
 here, a troop of Bacchantes; *there*, a troop of young people; *here*,  
*Bacchante* *gens*

a sacrifice; *there*, a disputation of philosophers. Sesostriis carried  
*dispute* *pousser*

his conquests farther than Alexander did afterwards. Call  
 ind-4 *conquête* *ne* ind-4 *depuis* *passer*

upon your cousin; he lives near here. I cannot see that, if I  
*chez* *loger* 2 *ici* 1 *savoir* cond-1

am not near it. When he knew where he was, he be-  
 ind-1 *aupès* \* *quand* *savoir* ind-3 *ind-2* *com-*

gan to fear the consequence of his imprudence. Contem-  
*mencer* ind-3 *à* *suite*

plate (at a distance) lofty mountains, if you wish to behold  
*de loin* art. *haut* f. *vouloir* \* *découvrir*

prospects ever varied and ever new.  
*de* art. *s'* m.

263. Some express the present, as, *maintenant*, now; *à présent*, at present; *actuellement*, this moment, etc.

—the past, as, *hier*, yesterday; *avant-hier*, the day before yesterday; *autrefois*, formerly, etc.

—the future, as, *demain*, to-morrow, *après-demain*, the day after to-morrow, etc.

—indeterminate time, as, *souvent*, often; *d'ordinaire*, generally; *quelquefois*, sometimes; *malin*, early; *tôt*; soon; *tard*, late, etc.

## EXERCISE.

I have finished the work you prescribed me; what do you  
*achever* *que* *ordonner* ind-6 *que*

wish me to do now? Formerly, education was neglected,  
*vouloir que* *je* \* subj-1

it is now (very much) attended to; it is (to be hoped) that  
 on \* 4 *beaucoup* 3 *s'occuper* 2 *en* 1 *falloir* *espérer*

new views will be adopted soon. They grieved  
 on de 3 4 *adopter* ind-7 1 2 *on* *s'affliger* ind-8

(at it) yesterday; now, they laugh (at it); to-morrow, it will  
 en 1 *aujourd'hui* *rire* 2 *en* 1 *on* 2 \*

no longer (be thought) of. It is one of those accidents which  
*ne plus* 3 *penser* ind-7 2 y 1 *c'est*

it is sometimes impossible to avoid. The evening air incommodes  
*de* *ser* in m. *ind-4*

me (very much); I shall not (in future) walk so late. Rude  
*désormais* *se promener* *mal-*

ent objects :  
 1  
 ung people ; here,  
 gens  
 Sesostris carried  
 pousser  
 afterwards. Call  
 depuis passer  
 ot see that, if I  
 nd-1  
 he was, he be-  
 ind-2 com-  
 dence. Contem-  
 wish to behold  
 ouloir \* découvrir  
 enant, now ; à  
 nt, etc.  
 r, the day be-  
 ès-demain, the  
 ; d'ordinaire,  
 , early ; tôt ;  
 e ; what do you  
 que  
 n was neglected,  
 be hoped) that  
 espérer  
 grieved  
 s'affliger ind-8  
 o-morrow, it will  
 on 2 \*  
 accidents which  
 air incommoded  
 ind-4  
 so late. Rude  
 mal-

and coarse criticism generally (does greater injury)  
*honnête* 2 *grossier* 3 *un* f. 1. *nuire plus*  
 to the person who indulges himself in it, than to him who is  
*se permettre* 2 \* *la* 1 *celle* 2

the object (of it.)  
 3 *en* 1

164. Some express quantity ; as, *peu*, little, *assez*,  
 enough ; *trop*, too much ; *beaucoup*, much ; very much ;  
*tant*, so much, etc. See rule 105.

165. Others express comparison ; as, *plus*, more ; *moins*,  
 less ; *aussi*, also ; *autant*, as much, etc.

EXERCISE.

There are many people who have pretensions ; but very few  
*y avoir beaucoup de* \* \* à  
 who have such as are well founded. To embellish a subject  
*en sub-1* \* \* \* \* *de fondé* f. pl. \* 2 3  
*too much*, frequently betrays a want of judgment and taste. One  
 1 *souvent être faute*  
 very often experiences disgust in the midst of the most riotous  
*trouver art. ennui à* *bruyant* 2  
 pleasures. She is a giddy and thoughtless woman, who speaks  
 1 *ce léger* 2 *inconséquent* 2 1  
*much* and reflects little. She has so much kindness in her, that it  
*réfléchir de bonté* \* \*  
 is impossible not to love her. These stuffs are beautiful ; conse-  
*de ne pas étoffe f. aussi*  
 quently are dear. This book has merit ; but there are  
*elles coûter cher. du y en avoir*  
 others as good. If he has done that, I can do (*as much*). She  
 \* *de en autant*  
 is six years younger than her brother. Nobody is more inte-  
*avoir de moins ne*  
 rested than you are (in the success) of the affair. You do  
 \* *à ce que* 1 *réussir* subj-13 \* 2  
 not offer enough for this garden ; give something more. The more  
*offrir de* 1  
 ignorant we are, the less we (believe ourselves, so.  
 4 *on* 2 3 \* *croire l'être*

## CHAPTER VIII.

## OF CONJUNCTIONS.

166. The conjunction is a word which serves to connect words or sentences, as, *Il pleure et rit en même temps*, he cries and laughs at the same time; the word *et* unites the first sentence, *il pleure*, with the second, *il rit*. Likewise in *Pierre et Paul rient*, Peter and Paul laugh; the word *et* unites these two sentences into one, *Pierre rit and Paul rit*.

167. There are different kinds of conjunctions.

Conjunctions are of different kinds, and serve to different purposes.

1st. To unite two sentences or two words, the same affirmation, or under the same negation, *et* is used for the affirmation, and *ni*, neither, nor, for the negation.

2ndly. To denote an alternative, or distinction, *ou* either, or; *soit que*, whether, or; *tantôt*, sometimes, etc.

3rdly. To restrict an idea; *sinon*, but, except; *quoique*, *encore que*, though, although; *à moins que*, unless, till.

## EXERCISE.

Gold *and* silver are metals less useful than iron. To  
 art. art. de art. art.  
 listen with joy to a slanderer, *and* to applaud him, is to cherish  
 \* *médisant* \* *lui c'est + réchauffer*  
 the serpent who stings, that he may sting more effectually. I  
*piquer afin que* *plus sûrement.*  
 like neither flatterers nor the wicked, Those who have never  
*ne flattereur pl.*  
 suffered, know nothing; they know neither good nor  
*savoir ne connaître art. bien pl.*  
 evil. You may choose either a happy mediocrity, or a  
 art. mal pl. *avoir à choisir de f. de*  
 sphere more elevated, but exposed to many dangers. He is an  
*f. bien de art. ce*  
 inconsistent man; he is *sometimes* of one opinion, and *sometimes*  
*inconséquent 2 1 tantôt avis*  
 of another. I have (nothing more) to say to you, *only that* I  
*ne autre choose sinon que*  
 will have it so. I shall not yet pass to the perusal of the  
*vouloir 2 \* le 1 \* encore lecture f.*  
 authors of the second class, unless you advise me to it.  
*ordre m. ne conseiller sub-1 \**

4thly. To express conviction, *mais*, but; *cependant*, yet nevertheless; *néanmoins*, for all that, however; *pourtant*, however, though; *toutefois*, *bien que*, although.

5thly. To express a condition; *si*, if; *sinon que*, except that; *pourvu que*, save that, *à condition que*, on condition that.

To express consent; *à la vérité*, indeed; *à la bonne heure*, very well.

7thly. To explain: *savoir*, *c'est-à-dire*, viz. that is to say; *comme*, as.

## EXERCISE.

The serpent bites; it is only a bite; *but* from this bite  
*de ne que morsure*  
 venom commuric itself to the whole body; the slanderer  
*venin*  
 speaks; it is but word; *but* this word resounds every  
*ce parole f. retentir*  
 where. (That is) certainly a superb picture; *nevertheless*, there  
*voilà tableau*  
 is some incorrectness in the design. Although Homer, according  
*in correction pl. dessin*  
 to Horace, slumbers (at times), he is *nevertheless* the  
*sommeiller sub-1 quelquefois - ce n'en est pas moins*  
 first of all poets. You will succeed, *provided* you act with  
 art. *réussir pourvu que agir sub-1*  
 vigour. We have within us two faculties seldom united, *viz*:  
*en art.*  
 imagination and judgment.  
 art.

8thly. To express relation, or parity; *comme*, as; *ainsi*, thus, so: *de même*, as, just as; *ainsi que*, as; *autant que*, as much as; *si que*, as, etc.

9thly. To express augmentation, *d'ailleurs*, besides, furthermore.

For diminution, *au moins*, *du moins*, *pour le moins*, at least.

10thly. To express the cause, or the reason of a thing; *car*, for; *comme*, as; *parce que*, because; *puisque*, since; *pour que*, that, in order that, etc.

## EXERCISE.

The most beautiful flowers last but a moment: *thus*, human  
*ne durer que* 2

life passes away. The (greatest part) of mankind have, like  
 art. 3 1 \* *plupart* f. art. *homme* pl.  
 plants, hidden qualities, which chance discovers.  
 art. *caché* 2 de art. *propriété* f. 1 art. *hasard* faire *découvrir*.  
 Mad. de Sévigné's letters are models of elegance, simpli-  
 2 art. f. 1 de art. pr.  
 city, and taste; besides, they are replete with interesting anecdotes.  
 pr. *plein* de 2. f. 1.  
 Nothing is more entertaining than history; besides, nothing is  
 \* de *amusant* art. \*  
 more instructive. Circumstances make us known to others,  
 art. *occasion* pl. *faire* *connaître*  
 and still more to ourselves. I shall always advise you to take  
*encore* *conseiller* de  
 the ancients as your guide, at least, leave but  
*pour* \* *ne s'écarter* que *rarement* de.  
 seldom the way which they have traced for you. We must, at  
*route* f. que *tracée* \* \* *falloir*,  
 least, know the general principles of a language, before (we take  
 2 1 *langue* f. de se  
 upon ourselves) to teach it. Certain people hate grandeur,  
*mêler* de \* *enseigner* f. *gens* art.  
 because it lowers and humiliates them, and makes  
*les rabaisser* pron. que elle 2  
 them feel the privation of the advantages which they love.  
*leur* 1 *bien* pl.

11thly. To draw a conclusion or inference; *or*, now; *donc*, then; *par conséquent*, consequently; *c'est pourquoi*, therefore.

12thly. To express a circumstance; *quand*, *lorsque*, when; *pendant que*, *tandis que*, etc. whilst, while; *tant que*, as long as; *depuis que*, ever since; *avant que*, before; *dès que*, *aussitôt que*, *d'abord que*, as soon as; *enfin*, in fine, finally, to conclude, etc.

13thly. To express a transition; *car*, for; *en effet*, indeed, in effect; *au reste*, besides, otherwise; *à propos*, now I think of it; *après tout*, after all.

## EXERCISE.

We ought to love what is amiable; now, virtue is amiable; *falloir* ind-1 \* *ce qui* art.  
 able; therefore we ought to love virtue. We ought to practise  
 \* \* art. \* *falloir* \*  
 what the gospel commands us; now it commands us, not only  
 que *évangile* m. 2 1 *non*

to forgive our enemies, but also to love them. Despréaux was  
de pardonner à encore de

extremely particular in not coming late, when he was  
de la plus grande exactitude inf-1 trop ind-2  
invited to dinner; he said that all the faults of those who (keep  
ind-2 défaut se

others waiting) present themselves to those who wait for them.  
faire attendre attendre \*

The pride which possesses us, visible as it is, escapes our eyes.  
posséder tout que à

while it manifests itself to the eyes of the public, and displeases  
choquer

every one. After we had examined that singular effect, we  
art. esprit pl. ind-5 2 1

(inquired into) its causes. We had hardly done, when he came  
rechercher ind-3 en art. ind-2 finir que entrer

in. None but an Englishman can (be a judge of) Shak-  
\* il n'y a que qui subj-1 juger de

peare: for, what foreigner is sufficiently versed in the English

language to discover the sublime beauties of that author?  
langue f. pour

168. The conjunction *que* is always placed between two ideas, and serves to connect them, so as to form of the two one preposition, as *je crois que vous vous trompez*, I think you are deceived. The conjugation *that* is almost always understood in English, whereas *que* is not only always expressed in French, but repeated before each member of the preposition. *Je crois que vous vous trompez et que vous ne réussirez pas*, I think you are mistaken, and that you will not succeed.

The frequent use of *que*, under several nouns, and the government of conjunctions in general, form an important chapter of the Syntax, No. 388, which must be read attentively.

## EXERCISE.

(As long as I live), this image will be before my eyes  
tout ma vie —f. peint

and if ever the gods permit me to reign, I shall not forget  
faire \*

after so terrible an example, *that* a king (is not worthy) to go-  
n'est digne de com-

vern (nor) happy in his power (but in proportion as) he  
mander et n'est puissance f. qu'autant que

subjects it to reason. I am very glad to see that you do not  
*soumettre* art. *de* \*  
 love flattery, and that one (runs no risk) in speaking to you with  
 art. *ne hasarder rien à* inf-1 \*  
 sincerity.

## CHAPTER IX.

## OF INTERJECTIONS.

169. Interjections are words which serve to express the sudden emotion of the soul. The only point to be attended to is not to place them between words which custom has made inseparable. There are interjections for every feeling, or passion, viz :—

Of {	<i>pain</i>	ahi! aie! ouf! ah!
	<i>grief</i>	hélas! mon Dieu, etc.
	<i>fear</i>	ha! hé!
	<i>joy</i>	ah! bon, bon! o!
	<i>aversion</i>	f' fi donc! oh, oh!
	<i>disgust</i>	pouah, pouah!
	<i>indignation</i>	foin de
	<i>imprecation</i>	peste de, la peste de
	<i>disbelief</i>	chansons, tararc
	<i>surprise</i>	ouais
	<i>astonishment</i>	oh! bon Dieu! miséricorde! peste!
	<i>warning</i>	gare! hem! holà, ho!
	<i>checking</i>	tout beau! holà.
	<i>encouraging</i>	alerte! allons! ça, courage!
<i>applauding</i>	bravo, vivat!	
<i>encoring</i>	bis, bis	
<i>calling</i>	hola! ho! hem!	
<i>derision</i>	oh! eh! zest! oh! oh! oh!	
<i>silence</i>	chut! paix! st.	

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ing to you with  
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to express the  
to be attended  
h custom has  
every feeling,

peste !

## PART II.

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### SYNTAX,

OR

### GRAMMATICAL CONSTRUCTION

OF

### WORDS IN FRENCH.

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#### CHAPTER I.

##### § I.

#### OF THE SUBSTANTIVE OR NOUN.

The substantive has already been considered as to its individual nature, that is to say, its gender and number; its functions in a sentence are now to be considered.

The noun is either the subject of the verb, or the governing word; or it is governed by the verb, or what is called the regimen.

#### 170. EXPLANATION OF THE TERMS REGIMEN DIRECT, REGIMEN INDIRECT, OR CASES.

In *le père aime ses enfants*, the father loves his children; *le père* is the subject, or governing word, or nominative case: and *enfants* is the governed word, or regimen, or accusative case. *Ses enfants* is also called a direct case, because there is no preposition intervening between it and the verb *aime*.

In *les enfants obéissent au père*, the children obey to the father; *les enfants* is the subject, and *au père*, is the governed noun or regimen; and the regimen is called indirect because it has a preposition (*à*) before it. It is also called the dative case.



eat) to these poor children? Will not James send these  
*envoyer ind-7*  
 books to his cousin when he has read them?  
*avoir ind-7*

## GOVERNMENT OR CASES.

172. By government, is meant the case in which a noun is to be put after the verb, that is, whether it will be direct or accusative, indirect or dative, genitive or ablative, or, to speak more plainly, whether that noun will be preceded by *à* or *de*.

## 173. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO LANGUAGES AS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF VERBS.

To those who are acquainted with the Latin language, this will present little or no difficulty, accustomed as they are to the proper distinction of cases; but to those who are not, and to female learners principally, the distinction is not obviously clear. As in learning the French language, much of the task consists in turning English into French; and also, as, when endeavouring to speak, people first think in English, and then translate, a very natural propensity leads them to translate literally, thereby expressing themselves in a way little in accordance with the peculiar construction of the French language. We cannot devise a more efficacious method to guard them from such erroneous proceeding, than by showing the different cases used in the one or the other language, after the corresponding verb.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>penser à une chose</i>	<i>to think of a thing</i>
<i>obéir à la loi</i>	<i>to obey the law</i>
<i>dépendre de son père</i>	<i>to be dependant on one's father</i>
<i>mourir de peur</i>	<i>to die with fear</i>
<i>répondre à une question</i>	<i>to answer a question</i>
<i>jouir de sa fortune</i>	<i>to enjoy one's fortune.</i>
<i>se réjouir d'une chose</i>	<i>to rejoice at a thing</i>
<i>plaire à ses amis</i>	<i>to please one's friends.</i>
<i>se ressouvenir d'un accident</i>	<i>to remember an accident</i>
<i>jouer du violon</i>	<i>to play on the violin</i>
<i>écouter un avis</i>	<i>to listen to an advice</i>

The list of the instances in which the two languages differ, in respect to the case of the governed words, might easily be extended to several pages, but the few examples here given, must be sufficient to awake the attention and carefulness of

the learner, and to make him sensible of the necessity of mastering this point.

A few more remarks may tend to impress still deeper in his mind the necessity of attending to it.

174. NECESSITY OF ATTENDING TO THE GOVERNMENT,  
WITH REGARD TO THE RELATIVE PRONOUNS.

Sometimes, and even frequently, verbs govern a relative pronoun representing some noun antecedently expressed, and such pronoun must be put in the proper case, according to the preposition which would be placed before the noun. For instance, to translate "such is the law *which* you have not obeyed," *telle est la loi QUE vous n'avez pas obéi*, would be wrong, it must be à LAQUELLE, because we have seen that *obéir* requires the dative, or the preposition à. Again, to say *je vous donne de bons avis AUXQUELS vous n'écoutez pas*, would be literal and wrong, because, as we have seen also, *écouter* is active in French, that is, requires no preposition.

EXERCISE.

I repent my idleness. Do you want this pen? I was  
*se repentir de* Avoir besoin de penser  
thinking of my poor brother. He did not discharge his duty  
à ind-2 *s'acquitter de*, ind-4 *devoir m.*  
to my satisfaction. I advise you to go and change your shoes.  
*conseiller 2<sup>e</sup> d'aller \* changer de \**  
Have we not mistaken the road? We are very grateful for your  
*se tromper de* ind-4 \* *être reconnaissant de*  
kindness. You have gone too near the river. Are you not afraid  
*s'approcher de* ind-4 *craindre*  
of that cruel man? We did not expect such an answer. If you  
\* 2 1 *s'attendre à* ind-2 2 1 3  
come to-night we will agree about terms. I am not fond of  
*ce soir convenir de nos condition aimer \**  
music. I do not know why, but your brother left the  
art. *savoir* *sortir de* ind-3  
room very abruptly. Do not mind his threats.\*  
*faire attention à*

\* The same difficulty occurs with regard to the preposition used before the infinitive in French. See *infinitive*, 394, 397.

175. KING'S PALACE, ETC. ETC.

This form of the genitive case, or of the casemarking possession, is rendered in French in an inverted manner, as if it were *the palace of the king, le palais du roi.*

176. OF COMPOUND WORDS.

SILK-STOCKINGS, DINING-ROOM, ETC. ETC.

These are a sort of compound word of which the order is likewise inverted in French. *Bas de soie, salle à manger.*

Here again also, two different prepositions are used (*à, de*) the choice of which depends upon the nature of the expression.

*De* is used when *made of, composed of, coming from, of the, belonging to,* can be understood.

EXAMPLES.

<i>Silk stockings, i.e. stocking made of silk.</i>	}	Bas de soie.
<i>Burgundy wine, i.e. wine coming from Burgundy.</i>		Vin de Bourgogne.
<i>Chambermaid, i.e. maid of the chamber.</i>		Femme de chambre
<i>Back door, i.e. the door of the back of the house.</i>		Porte de derrière
<i>Garden seat, i.e. seat belonging to the garden.</i>		Banc du jardin.

*A* is used when *for the purpose of, by means of, with,* may be understood.

EXAMPLES.

<i>moulin à vent</i>	<i>wind-mill i. e. mill going by wind</i>
<i>moulin à papier</i>	<i>paper-mill i. e. mill for the purpose of making paper</i>
<i>fille aux yeux bleus</i>	<i>blue eyed girl i. e. girl with blue eyes.</i>

EXERCISE.

My father's house. *père maison* The mayor's authority. *maire* = *Shall you go to aller*  
 Mrs. B's party? *soirée f.* He has bought a gold box. *acheté* or *boîte f.* Go out at the *sortir par*  
 front door. *devant porte* What is that long eared animal? *Qu'est-ce que c'est que longues oreilles* Send  
 me the letter box. *hurie* Where is the oil bottle? *Give me a wine glass, verre*  
 and a tea spoon. *thé cuiller f.* Did you observe that man with the *remarquer ind-4 le*

long cloak ? My sister <sup>2</sup> has <sup>1</sup> given me a penknife with an ivory handle. They have lately discovered a copper mine on his estate. Where is the milk jug ? Is this the hay market ?

manche m. or venir de découvrir cuivre —  
 terre f. lait pot foin marché

## CHAPTER II.

## OF THE INDEFINITE ARTICLE, A, AN.

1. The article *a, an*, used in English before national and professional names, in explanatory sentences, is not rendered in French.\*

## EXAMPLES.

I am a Frenchman	<i>je suis Français</i>
he is a grocer	<i>il est épicier</i>
his father was a barrister	<i>son père était avocat</i>
the Duke of York, a prince of the royal blood	<i>le Duc d'York, prince du sang royal</i>
we went to Caen, a large town of Normandy	<i>nous allâmes à Caen ville considérable de Normandie</i>

2. But it is expressed after *c'est*, and also when an adjective is joined to the noun, or when it is followed by a relative pronoun or some other restrictive circumstance.

## EXAMPLES.

he is an officer	<i>c'est un officier</i>
I am a Frenchman of an illustrious family	<i>je suis un Français d'une illustre famille</i>
I am an unfortunate prince	<i>je suis un prince infortuné</i>

3. The article indefinite is also omitted in French after *quel, quelle*, in admiring sentences, and before titles of books.

## EXAMPLES.

quelle beauté !	<i>what a beauty !</i>
histoire de France	<i>history of France</i>
il dépense beaucoup d'argent, chose qui déplaît à son père	<i>he spends much money, a thing which displeased his father</i>
l'excellent homme que votre frère	<i>what an excellent man your brother is.</i>
la belle ville que Londres	<i>what a fine city London is.</i>

\* See personal pronouns, No. 237.

## EXERCISE.

I am a Frenchman and a merchant; after having (been at) the  
*négociant* inf-1 *parcours*  
 most famous (trading towns) in the Levant, my commercial con-  
 = *échelle* f. pl. *de* — m. *les affaires de mon*  
 cerns have brought me here. I am an unhappy Frenchman  
*commerce* *conduire*

who, a striking example of the vicissitudes of fortune,  
 \* *mémorable* 2 1 art.

seek an asylum where I may end my days in peace. He was a  
*chercher asile* m. *puisse finir*  
 Ce

man of uncommon probity and of tried virtue; (as a)  
*un rare* 2 f. 1 *un éprouvé* 2 1 *pour*

reward for the services he had rendered to the church  
*le récompenser de que* ind-2 m. pl. *église*

and state, the king has made him a bishop. Neoptolemus  
*pr. art.* *évêque Néoptolème*

had hardly told me that he was a Greek, when I (cried out)  
*eut à peine dit que* *s'écrier* ind-3

O! enchanting words, after so many years of silence and  
*doux parole* f. pl. *de*

unceasing pain, O my son, what misfortune, what storm,  
*sans consolation* 2 pr. 1 *malheur* m. *tempête*

or rather, what propitious wind has brought you hither to end  
 f. *pluôt favorable* 2 1 *conduire* ind-4 *pour*

my woes? He replied, I am of the Island of Scyros, I  
*mal* m. pl. *répondre* ind-3 *île*

am returning thither; (I am said) (to be) the son of Achilles.  
*retourner* ind-1 *y on dit que* ind-1

What a noise you make! What a mistake! A letter to Lord L.

We read the account of his death, an event full of interest. He  
*racont*

has not yet returned, a most unaccountable thing. He is modest  
*être revenir fort extraordinaire* 2 chose 1

a rare quality among poets. He is a very rich man.  
 2 1 *chez les* \*

178. The English make use of *a* or *an*, before nouns of  
 measure, weight, and purchase, as: *wheat is sold for a*  
*crown a bushel; butter sells for sixpence a pound; wine*  
*sold yesterday for forty crowns a hogshead, it is more than*  
*a groat a bottle.* The French make use of the article *le, la,*  
 as: *le blé se vend un écu le boisseau; le beurre se vend six*  
*sous la livre; le vin se vendit hier quarante écus le muid,*  
*c'est plus de quatre sous la bouteille.*

179. When speaking of *time*, *a* or *an* is expressed in French by the preposition *par*, as *so much a week*, *tant par semaine*. A head is also rendered *par tête*, but *a piece* is rendered by *la piece*; a man, *par homme* or *chacun*.

## EXERCISE.

Corn sells for eight shillings a bushel, veal and  
 art. blé m. *se vendre* \* *boisseau* art. veau art.  
 mutton cost ten pence a pound. This lace is sold at half a guinea  
*mouton coûter* *livre f.* *se vendre*\* 2 1 3  
 an ell. The best French wines are sold at ten shillings per  
*de France* 2 1 *se vendre* \*  
 bottle. I see him twice a year. How much do you give  
*voir* 2 1 *deux fois* *combien* *donner* 2  
 him a day. She comes twice a week. We had an excellent  
*lui* 1 *faire ind-4*  
 dinner at five shillings a head. What beautiful peaches, how much  
*do they cost a piece ?* *pêche f.*

## OF THE ARTICLE DEFINITE.

180. The definite article is used in French, (*but omitted in English*) before substantives spoken of in a general sense; that is before *names of species, virtues, passions, sciences, metals, etc., etc.*, taken in the abstract.

## EXAMPLES.

l'homme se repaît trop souvent *man too often feeds on vain fancies.*  
 de chimères  
 l'or est un métal précieux *gold is a precious metal*  
 évitons la paresse *let us avoid idleness*

Before nouns specified by an adjective or some particular and individual circumstance.

## EXAMPLES.

les hommes à imagination sont *men of imagination are ever un-*  
 toujours malheureux *happy*  
 l'homme dont vous parlez est *the man of whom you speak is well*  
 instruit *informed*  
 voici la maison de mon père *this is my father's house*

181. It is also used before adjectives used substantively.

## EXAMPLES.

le riche ne donne pas toujours *rich men do not always give*  
 j'aime le vert *I am fond of green*

After *tout* meaning *every*.

## EXAMPLES.

tout le monde le voit *every body sees it*  
 toute la ville était en l'air *the whole town was in a bustle*

## EXERCISE.

1. The moment *elegance*, the most visible image of fine *taste*, appears, it is universally admired: *men* differ respecting the other constituent parts of \* *beauty*, but they all unite without hesitation in acknowledging the power of *elegance*.

2. *Men of superior genius* 2, while 1 they \* see 3 the rest of mankind painfully \* struggling to comprehend obvious 2 truths 1, penetrate themselves \* through \* the most remote 2 consequences 1, like lightning through a track that cannot be measured.

3. *The man who lives* under an habitual 2 sense 1 of the divine 2 presence 1, preserves a perpetual cheerfulness of temper, and enjoys every moment, the satisfaction of thinking himself \* in company with the dearest and best of friends.

4. Come and show me your sister's *room* for I cannot find it.

5. Yellow does not suit you at all.

6. When he returned, he found the whole school in an uproar.

(1.) The moment, *du moment que*; fine, *délicat*; appears, *se montrer*; is, *elle est*; respecting, *sur*; constituent, (*which constitute*); hesitation, *hésiter*; in, *pour*.

(2.) While, *tandis que*; struggling, *se tourmenter*; obvious, *qui s'offrent*; *d'elle-mêmes*; penetrate, *ils pénètrent en un instant*; lightning, *foudre*, f.; through, *traverse*; track, *espace*; that, *qu'on*; be measured, *mesurer*.

(3.) Under, *dans*; sense, *conviction*; preserves, *conserver*; perpetual, *constant*; cheerfulness, *gaieté*; temper, *caractère*; enjoys, *jouir de*; of thinking, *se croire*; in, *dans*; art.; with, *de*.

(4.) Come and show, *venir montrer*; I cannot, *je ne saurais*.

(5.) Yellow, *jaune*; to suit, *convenir*; at all, *du tout*.

(6.) To return, *revenir*, ind-3; to find, *trouver*, ind-3; in an uproar, *dans la confusion*.

182. The article is put before proper names of countries, provinces, islands, regions, rivers, winds, and mountains.\*

\* In speaking of *monts*, we say: *le Parnasse*, or *le Mont Parnasse*; *le Vésuve*, or *le Mont Vésuve*; *l'Etna*, or *le Mont Etna*; *les Pyrénées*, or *les Monts Pyrénées*. But in speaking of *Montagnes*, we say: *les Alpes*, or *les Montagnes des Alpes*, *la Castellane*, or *la Montagne de la Castellane*.

In speaking of some *rivières*, we say: *la rivière de Seine*, *la rivière de Saône*, *la rivière de Lille*, of others we say simply *la Loire*, *la Tamise*, *la Durance*, etc.

In speaking of *fleuves*, we say: *le fleuve du Rhône*, *le fleuve du Tage*, but of others simply *le Vulga*, *le Danube*, etc.

Of *Mers*, we say also: *la Mer Méditerranée*, *la Mer Noire*, *la Mer Blanche*, *la Mer Rouge*, etc.

These are peculiarities which have nothing to do with grammar, but which chiefly depend upon use and custom.

## EXAMPLES.

<p>la France a les Pyrénées et la Méditerranée au sud, la Suisse et la Savoie à l'est, les Pays-Bas au nord, et l'océan à l'ouest</p> <p>le Japon, la Chine, le Mexique, la Martinique, le Mogol, l'Inde la Tamise, le Rhône, l'aquilon, les Alpes, le Cantal</p>	<p>France is bounded on the south by the Pyrenees and the Mediterranean, on the east by Switzerland and Savoy, on the north by the Netherlands; and on the west by the ocean</p> <p>Japan, China, Mexico, Martinique, Mogul, India the Thames, the Rhône, the north wind, the Alps, the Cantal</p>
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## EXERCISE.

1. Europe is bounded on the north by the Frozen Ocean; on the south by the Mediterranean Sea, which separates it from Africa; on the east by the continent of Asia; on the west by the Atlantic Ocean. It contains the following 2 states 1: on the north, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Russia; in the middle, Poland, Prussia, Germany, the United Provinces, the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Bohemia, Hungary, the British Isles; on the south, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Turkey in Europe.
2. The principal rivers in Europe are: the Wolgo, the Don or Tanais and the Boristhenes or Nieper, in Muscovy; the Danube, the Rhine, and the Elbe, in Germany; the Vistula or Wezel, in Poland; the Loire, the Seine, the Rhone, and the Garonne, in France; the Ebro, the Tagus, and the Douro, in Spain; the Po, in Italy; the Thames, and the Severn, in England; and the Shannon, in Ireland.
3. The principal mountains in Europe are the Daarne Fields, between Norway and Sweden; Mount Krapel, between Poland and Hungary; the Pyrenean Mountains, between France and Spain; the Alps, which divide France and Germany from Italy.
4. The bleak north wind never blows here, and the heat of summer is tempered by the cooling 2 zephyrs 1, which come to refresh the air towards the middle of the day.

- (1) Bounded, *borné*; on, *à*; frozen, *mer glaciale*, f.; south, *sud*, or *midi*; Mediterranean sea, *Méditerranée*, f.; east, *est* or *orient*; west, *ouest* or *occident*; Norway, etc. See p. 59; British Isles, *îles Britanniques*; Turkey in, *Turquie de*.
- (2) Muscovy, *Moscovie*; Vistula, *Vistule*, f.; Loire, f.; Seine, f.; Rhone, m.; Garonne, f.; Ebro, *Ebre*; Tagus, *Tage*, m.; Thames, *Tamise*, f.; Severn, *Saverne*, f.
- (3) Pyrenean Mountains, *Pyrénées*.
- (4) Bleak, *rigoureux*; north wind, *aquilon*; heat, *ardeur*; cooling, *rafraichissant*; come, *venir*; to refresh, *adoucir*.

183. EXCEPTIONS. The article is omitted before the names of countries.

1. When these are governed by the preposition *en*, as: *il est en France*, he is in France; *il est en Espagne*, he is in Spain.

2. When those names are governed by some preceding noun, and have the meaning of an adjective, as: *roi de France*, king of France; *vins de France*, French wines; *noblesse d'Angleterre*, the English nobility.

3. When speaking of those countries as of places we come from, as: *je viens de France*, I come from France; *j'arrive d'Italie*, I am just arrived from Italy. However, when speaking of the four parts of the world, custom requires the use of the article, as: *je viens de l'Amérique*, *j'arrive de l'Asie*.

4. The article is also omitted, before proper names of places, and of persons; *Naples, Venise, César*, etc.\*

## EXERCISE.

1. *Naples* may be called a paradise, from its beauty and fertility. From this country 2 some suppose 1 Virgil took the model of the Elysian 2 Fields 1.

2. I have been a \* prisoner in *Egypt*, as a \* Phœnician; under that name I have long suffered, and under that name I have been set at liberty.

3. He has received French and Spanish wines, Italian silks, Provence oil, and English wool.

4. We set sail from *Holland*, to go to the Cape of Good Hope.

5. I was but just arrived from *Russia*, when I had the misfortune to lose my father.

6. I had set off from *America*, when my brother arrived there.

(1.) From, *à cause de*; from this country, *que c'est là, où*; some suppose. *quelques personnes penser que*.

(2.) Prisoner, *captif*, under that name, *c'est sous ce nom que*, (both alike).

(4.) Set sail, *partir*; to go, *se rendre*.

(5.) I was but just, *ne faire que de*.

(6.) Set off, *partir*; there, *y*.

184. The definite article is not rendered in translating the following English sentences or others like them.

## EXAMPLES.

book the tenth, chapter the fifth	livre dix, chapitre cinq
Louis the XIVth.	Louis Quatorze
George the Fourth.	Georges Quatre
he married Mary, the daughter of	il épousa Marie, fille de Louis
Louis Philippe	Philippe

\* There are some proper names of authors, painters, and actors before which the article is used; *Le Tasse, le Dante, le Corrége, la Catalani, le Titien, la Champmeslé, l'Arioste, le Poussin, le Dominiquin, le Carache, l'Albane*. There are also some names of French towns which take the definite article. *La Flèche, la Rochelle, la Ferté, le Havre, le Perche* etc.

*the more you have, the less you give* plus vous avez, moins vous donnez  
*the richer you are, the less generous you are also,* plus vous êtes riche, moins vous êtes généreux  
*the more knowledge a man has, the more modest he is* plus un homme a de connaissance, plus il est modeste.  
 The definite article is never used after *en*, but always after *dans*.

## EXAMPLES.

il n'est pas en France *he is not in France*  
 ce n'est pas dans la France, que *it is not in France, that you will*  
 vous le trouverez *find him*

185. The definite article is not used before the word which qualifies the substantives *espèce, genre, sorte, multitude, genre, amas, quantité, etc.*

## EXAMPLES.

sorte de fruit	<i>a sort of fruit</i>
genre d'ouvrage	<i>a kind of work</i>
monceau d'argent	<i>a heap of money</i>
bande de voleurs	<i>a troop of robbers</i>
pile de livres	<i>a pile of books</i>
meute de chiens, etc.	<i>a pack of dogs</i>

186. The article is not used before substantives preceded by the pronominal adjectives *mon, ton, son, notre, votre, leur, ce, nul, aucun, chaque, tout* (used for *chaque*), *certain, plusieurs, tel, or cent, mille.*

## EXAMPLES.

<i>nos mœurs</i> mettent le prix à nos richesses	<i>our manners fix the value of our riches</i>
<i>toute nation</i> a ses lois	<i>each nation has its laws</i>
<i>cent ignorans</i> , doivent-ils l'emporter sur un homme instruit ?	<i>are a hundred blockheads to be preferred to one learned man ?</i>

## EXERCISE.

1. The roads are bordered with *lawrels, pomegranates, jessamines, and other trees*, which \* are \* ever green, and ever in bloom. The mountains are covered with *flocks*, which yield a fine wool, in great request among all the known 2 nations 1 (of the world.\*)

2. The fleets of Solomon, under the guidance of the Phœnicians, made frequent voyages to the land of Ophir and Tharsis, (of the kingdom of Sophala, in Ethiopia), whence they returned at the end of three years, laden with *gold, silver, ivory, precious 2 stones 1*, and other kinds of *merchandize*.

3. *Costly furniture 2* is not allowed there 1, nor *magnificent attire, nor sumptuous feasts, nor golden palaces.*

4. We contemplated with pleasure the extensive fields covered with yellow ears of corn, the \* *rich gifts* of bounteous Ceres.

5. He was in a kind of ecstasy, when he perceived us.
6. In the most corrupt age, he lived and died a wise man\*.
7. Are you surprised that the worthiest 2 men, 1 are but men, and betray remains of the weakness of humanity, amid the innumerable 2 snares 1 and difficulties which \* are \* inseparable from royalty ?
8. He excited our pity, when we saw him after his disgrace.
9. Hear, then, O nations full of valour ! and you, O chiefs, so wise and so united ! hear what I have \* to \* offer to you.
10. Out of this cavern issued, from time to time, a black 2 thick 3 smoke 1, which made a sort of night at mid-day.
11. Those imitative 2 sounds 1 are infused in all languages, and form, as it were, their \* real basis.
12. Every man has his foibles, his moments of ill \* humour, even his irregularities.
13. Each plant has virtues peculiar to itself, the knowledge 2 of which 1 could not but be infinitely useful.
14. In all his instructions, he is careful to bear in mind that grammar, logic, and rhetoric, are three sisters, that ought never to be disjoined.

(1.) Roads, *chemin*; with *de*; pomegranates, *grenadier*; in bloom, *fleuri*; yield, *fournir*; wool, *laine*, pl.; in great request, *recherché*; among, *de*.

(2.) Made, *faire*, ind-2; end, *bout*; laden charged.

(3.) Is not allowed there, *on n'y souffre ni*; furniture, *meuble*; costly, *précieux*; attire, *ornement*; feasts, *repas*.

(4.) Extensive, *vaste*; fields, *campagne*; cars, *épi*; bounteous, *fécond*.

(5.) In a kind of, *comme en*.

(6.) Age, *siècle*.

(7.) That, *de ce que*; worthy, *estimable*; but, *encore*; betray, *montrer*; remains, *reste*; snares, *piège*; difficulties, *embarras*.

(8.) He excited our pity, *il nous fit pitié*.

(9.) Hear, *écouter*.

(10.) Out of, *de*; issued, *sortir*, ind-2; thick, *et épais*; smoke, *fumée*; f. mid-day, *milieu du jour*.

(11.) Infused, *fondue*; to, *dans*; and form as it were, *et ils en sont comme*; real, *fondamentale*.

(13.) Peculiar, *qui sont propres*; to it, *lui*; could, *cond-1*; not but, *ne que*.

(14.) He is careful to bear in mind, *ne point perdre de vue*; ought, *on devoir*, ind-1; to be disjoined, *séparer*.

187. Proper names of deities, men, animals, towns, and particular places, do not take the article.

## EXAMPLES.

*Dieu a créé le ciel et la terre,      God has made heaven and earth*  
*Jupiter était le premier des dieux      Jupiter was the first of the gods*  
*Bucéphale était le cheval d'Alexandre      Bucephalus was Alexander's horse*

*Rome est une ville d'une grande beauté      Rome is a city of great beauty*

**EXCEPTIONS.** Proper names, however, take the article, when used in a restrictive sense.

**EXAMPLES.**

<i>le Dieu des Chrétiens</i>	the <i>God of Christians</i>
<i>le Dieu de paix</i>	the <i>God of peace</i>
<i>le Jupiter d'Homère</i>	<i>Homer's Jupiter</i>
<i>le Bucéphale d'Alexandre</i>	<i>Alexander's Bucephalus</i>
<i>l'ancienne Rome</i>	<i>ancient Rome</i>
<i>la Rome moderne</i>	<i>modern Rome</i>

**EXERCISE.**

1. *Jupiter* son of *Saturn* and *Cibele* or *Ops*, after having expelled his father from the throne, divided the paternal \* inheritance with his two brothers, *Neptune* and *Pluto*.
2. On a dispute, at a feast of the gods, between *Juno*, *Pallas* and *Venus*, for the pre-eminence of beauty, *Jupiter* not being able to bring them to an agreement, referred the decision to *Paris*, a shepherd of mount *Ida*, with directions that a golden apple should be given to the fairest. *Paris* assigned to *Venus* 2 the golden \* prize 1.
3. *God* said: let there\* be 2 light 1, and there \* was 2 light 1.
4. *The Apollo del Belvidere* and *the Venus di Medicis*, are valuable 2 remains 1 of antiquity.
5. *May* and *September* are the two finest months of the year in the south of France.
6. *The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*, was the only true God.

- (1.) Expelled, *chasser*; divided, *en partager*; inheritance, *héritage*.
- (2.) On, *dans*; at a feast, *qu'il y eut à un festin*; being able, *pouvoir*; to bring to an agreement, *accorder*; referred, *renvoyer*; directions, *ordre*; that a golden, etc. to give a golden apple to; assigned, *adjuger*.
- (4.) *Del Belvidere, du Belvédér*; valuable, *précieux*.
- (6.) Only, *seul*.

**OF THE PARTITIVE ARTICLE *du*.**

188. In the exercises on the verb *avoir*, No. 102, 103, 104, 105, we have already had occasion to notice that *du*, *de la*, *des* are used before a noun, not mentioned, as if speaking of the totality of the species, but only as a part of it, and when, in English, the word *some* may be understood.

**EXAMPLES.**

<i>du pain et de l'eau me feraient</i>	<i>some bread and water would please</i>
<i>plaisir</i>	<i>me</i>
<i>je vis hier des savans qui ne pen-</i>	<i>I yesterday saw some learned men,</i>
<i>sent pas comme vous.</i>	<i>who do not think as you do</i>

And also that *de* alone, without the article, is used when an adjective, an adverb of quantity or a negation precedes

the noun thus spoken of in a partial sense ; no regard being paid then to its gender or number.

## EXAMPLES.

voilà de beaux tableaux	there are beautiful pictures
j'achetai hier beaucoup de livres	I bought yesterday many books
que de livres, j'achetai hier !	how many books I bought yesterday
il n'y eut jamais plus de lumières	there never was more learning
il y a moins d'habitans à Paris	there are fewer inhabitants in Paris
qu'à Londres	than in London
je ne manque pas d'amis*	I do not want for friends

EXCEPTION. *Bien* is the only adverb of quantity which is followed by the article.

## EXAMPLES.

il a bien de l'esprit	he has a great deal of wit
elle a bien de la grâce	she is very graceful

190. OBSERVE. These expressions : *des petits-maitres, des sages-femmes, des petits-pâtés*, etc. are not exceptions to the rule which requires *de* before an adjective, because, in cases of this kind, the substantives are so united with the adjectives, as to form but one and the same word. We must likewise say : *le propre des belles actions, les sentimens des anciens philosophes*. etc. ; because, in expressions of this kind, the substantives, are taken in a general sense.

191. It as been seen that, generally speaking, an article or some other sign precedes the noun in French, so as to point out whether we speak of a thing as to its general kind or merely as to a portion of it. There are however, many phrases in which no article or sign is required before the noun ; we subjoin those which are most commonly used.

avoir faim	faire profession
— soif	— tort
— dessein	— plaisir
— honte	— peur
— coutume	— provision
— pitié	— défense
— compassion	gagner pays
— froid	— chemin
— chaud	mettre fin
— patience	— ordre
— envie	parler français
— besoin	— anglais

\* See rule 109, *bis*.

donner envie	parler allemand
— occasion	porter envie
— leçon	— bonheur
— permission	— malheur
— parole	prendre parti
entendre raison	— plaisir
— raillerie	— leçon
— malice	— patience
	— jour

## EXERCISE.

1. We could not cast our eyes on either shore, Without seeing opulent cities, country houses agreeably situated, lands every year 2 covered 1 with a golden 2 harvest 1, meadows, abounding in flocks and herds, husbandmen bending under the weight of the fruits, and shepherds who made 1 the echoes 5 around them 6 repeat 2 the sweet sounds 3 of their pipes and flutes 4.

2. Provence and Languedoc produce oranges, lemons, figs, olives, almonds, chestnuts, peaches, apricots, and grapes of an uncommon sweetness.

3. The man who has never seen this pure light, is as \* blind as one who was born blind: he dies without having seen any thing; at most, he perceives but *glimmering and false lights, vain shadows and phantoms* that have nothing real.

4. Among the Romans, those who were convicted of having used *illicit or unworthy means* to obtain an office, were excluded from it for ever.

5. Those who govern are like the celestial 2 bodies 1, which have great splendour and no rest.

6. *What beauty, sweetness, modesty, and at the same time what nobleness and greatness of mind!*

7. Themistocles, in order to ruin Aristides, made use of many artifices, which would have covered him with infamy in the eyes of posterity, had 1 not 4 the eminent services 2 which he rendered his country 3 blotted out 5 that stain.

(1.) Could, *pouvoir*, ind-2; our, *les*; either, *les deux*; seeing, *apercevoir*; every year, *tous les ans*; covered with, *qui se couvrir de*, ind-2; abounding in, *remplis de*; flocks and herds, *troupeau*; bending, *qui étaient accablés*; weight, *poids*; shepherds, *bergers*; pipes, *chalambeau*; the echoes, *aux échos*; around them, *d'alentour*.

(3.) Who is born blind, *aveugle-né*; without having, *n'avoir jamais*, inf-3; any thing, *rien*; at most, *tout au plus*; perceives, *apercevoir*; glimmering, *sombre*; lights, *lucur*; real, *de réel*

(4.) Used, *employer*; illicit, or unworthy means, *moyen illicite, ou voie indigne*, pl.; were, ind-2; from it, *en*.

(5.) Great, *beaucoup de*; splendour, *éclat*; no rest, (that have no rest) *repos*.

(6.) What, *que de*.

(7.) Ruin, *perdre*; made use of many, *employer bien*; artifices, *manœuvres*; covered, cond-3; with, *de*; infamy, *opprobre*; in, *à*; had; *si*; rendered, ind-3 *à*; blotted out, *effacer*, cond-3; stain, *tache*.

8. The consequences of great passions are blindness of mind and depravity of heart.

9. Noblemen should never forget that their high birth imposes great duties on \* them.

(8.) Of mind, art. *esprit*; of heart, *de*, art. *cœur*.

(9.) Noblemen, *gentilhomme*; should, *devoir*, ind-1.

## CHAPTER III.

## OF THE ADJECTIVE.

## 192. CONCORD OF THE ADJECTIVE WITH THE NOUN.

It has already been said that the nature of the adjective in French is to agree in gender and number with the noun to which it is joined, thus; *un grand jardin, une grande maison, de bons livres, de bonnes plumes*, and the manner of forming the plural and the feminine of adjectives has also been explained. (No 42.)\*

An adjective referring to two or more substantives singular of the same gender, *all subject of the same verb*, must be in the plural and assume their gender.

## EXAMPLES.

la clémence et la majesté peintes sur son front, sont, etc.	<i>the clemency and majesty imprinted on his countenance, are, etc.</i>
le travail et le courage joints ensemble font surmonter des obstacles.	<i>labour and courage together united make us surmount obstacles.</i>

If the substantives are of different genders, the adjective must be in the masculine.

## EXAMPLES.

votre frère et votre sœur sont peu instruits	<i>your brother and sister are not well informed</i>
la beauté et le vice réunis dans un même individu ne sauraient attacher, etc.	<i>beauty and vice united in the same individual cannot attach, etc.</i>

When in speaking of *things*, (not of persons), an adjective belongs to two or more nouns which are *the object of or governed by a verb*, it is *customary* to make that adjective agree with the last noun, next to which it is placed.

\* See the peculiarities of *feu, nu, demi, bon, court, fort, bas*.

## EXAMPLES.

il avait la bouche et les yeux *his mouth and eyes were open*  
ouverts  
il avait les yeux et la bouche *his eyes and mouth were open.*  
ouverte

We say *customary*, because it is more *grammatical* to attach an idea of numbers to the adjective, when it expresses a quality or state common to several objects and to say,

## EXAMPLES.

il avait les yeux et la bouche *his eyes and mouth were open.*  
ouverts  
c'est un homme d'une valeur, *he is a man of tried valour, virtue*  
d'une vertu et d'une fidélité *and fidelity*  
éprouvées\*

## EXERCISE.

His impetuosity and courage, long restrained, soon surmounted  
= *enchaîné 2 vaincre ind-3 1*  
all obstacles. The king and the shepherd are equal after death.  
This comedian acts with delightful taste and grace. He found  
*acteur jouer charmant 3 1 — 2 ind-3*  
the rivers and ponds frozen over. His whole life (was nothing  
*2 étang m. 1 glacé 3 n'être que*  
but) constant labour and occupation. It was lost time and trouble  
*ind-3 3 1 2 c'était 3 1 peine 2*  
Honours and riches are ever envied. Music and drawing are very  
entertaining. I teach the French and English tongues. Have you  
*amusant enseigner langue f.*  
read the Greek and Roman histories ?  
= f.

## ADJECTIVES OF DIMENSIONS.

193. In speaking of the dimensions of an object, the French make use of a very different form from the English, thus ;

\* There are certain locutions on the correctness of which grammarians are not agreed : this is not the place for discussing such questions but we will give both modes of expression, placing in the second column those which are preferable,

<i>Les cotes personnelle, mobiliare, et foncière.</i>	<i>La cote personnelle, la mobiliare et la somptuaire.</i>
<i>Un cours de langues Française, Italienne, et Espagnole.</i>	<i>Un cours de langue française, italienne, et Espagnole.</i>
<i>Les langues Française et Espagnole</i>	<i>La langue Française et l'Espagnole.</i>



When a noun is accompanied by two adjectives, expressing different qualities incompatible in the same object, the article must be repeated before each adjective.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>les vieux et les nouveaux soldats</i>	<i>the old and the newly raised sol-</i>
<i>sont remplis d'ardeur</i>	<i>diers are full of ardour</i>
<i>il faut fréquenter la bonne com-</i>	<i>we ought to frequent good and</i>
<i>pagnie et fuir la mauvaise</i>	<i>shun bad company</i>

REMARK. But if those qualities be not incompatible, the article is not repeated, as : *le sage et pieux Fénelon* ; if merely expressing different ideas, it is perhaps better to repeat it, as : *le sensible et l'ingénieur Fénelon*.

## EXERCISE.

1. The *antient* 1 and *modern* 3 writers 2 are not agreed upon that point.
2. The wise man preserves the same tranquility of mind in *good* or *bad* fortune.
3. The man who is jealous of his reputation frequents *good* and shuns *bad* company.
4. *Grand* and *vigorous* thoughts were always the offspring of genius.

- (1.) Writers, *auteur* ; are agreed, *s'accorder*.  
 (3.) Vigorous, *fort* ; offspring, *fruit*.

195. The article is used before the adjective which is joined to a proper name, either to express its quality, or to distinguish the person spoken of from those who might bear the same name.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>le sublime Bossuet</i>	<i>the sublime Bossuet</i>
<i>Louis le gros</i>	<i>Louis the fat</i>
<i>le vertueux Fénelon</i>	<i>the virtuous Fenelon</i>
<i>Louis le Juste</i>	<i>Louis the Just</i>
<i>le tendre Racine</i>	<i>the tender Racine</i>
<i>Louis le Grand</i>	<i>Louis the Great</i>

REMARK. If the adjective, which is joined to a proper name, precede that name, it expresses a quality which may be common to many ; but if it follow, it expresses a distinguishing quality. Thus : *le savant Varron*, and *Varron le savant*, do not convey the same meaning : in the first example, *Varron* merely obtains the quality of *savant* ; in the second, *Varron* is distinguished for his learning from all of the same name.

## EXERCISE.

1. The *great Corneille* astonishes by beauties of the first order, and by faults of the worst taste. If the *tender Racine* does not often rise so high, at least, he is always equal, and possesses the art of always interesting the heart.

2. The more we read the fables of the *good and artless La Fontaine*, the more we are convinced they are a book for all ages, and the manual of the man of taste.

3. It was only under the reign of *Louis the Just (XIII.)* that good taste began to show itself in France: but it was under that of *Louis the Great* that it was carried to perfection.

(1.) By, *par des*; order, *ordre*; is always equal, *se soutenir*; possesses, *avoir*.

(2.) The more we, *plus on*; artless, *simple*; are convinced, *on se convainc*; they are, *que c'est*; a, *le*; for, *de*; manual, *manuel*.

(3.) Only, *ne que*; carried, *porter à*.

196. When a superlative relative precedes a substantive, the article is used once only; if it follow, it must be repeated before the noun and the adjective.

## EXAMPLES.

*les plus habiles gens* font quelquefois *les plus grandes fautes* or *les gens les plus habiles* font quelquefois *les fautes les plus grandes*  
the ablest men sometimes commit the grossest blunders\*.

## EXERCISE.

1. It has been said of the *Telemachus* of the virtuous *Fenelon*, that it is the most useful 2 present 1 the muses have made to mankind; for, could the happiness of man be produced by a poem, it would be by that.

2. The smoothest 2 waters 1 often conceal the most dangerous 2 gulfs 1.

(1.) It has been said, *on a dit*; present *que*; have made, subj-3; could, (if the, etc. could, ind-2); be produced by, *naître de*; would be, *naître*, eond-1.

(2.) Smoothest, *tranquille*.

\* OBSERVE. Cette planète est la plus éloignée du soleil. Lorsque cette planète est le plus éloignée du soleil.

There is a difference here with regard to the declinability of the article which must be understood.

If there is a comparison implied the article is declined. Thus, in the first sentence, we speak of the planets which are distant from the sun, and allude to that which is most so; but in the second, our thought bears on one planet alone, independant of all others; *le plus* is merely an adverb to the verb *être éloignée*, and consequently is undeclined as all adverbs are.

These remarks apply also to *le moins, la moins, les moins*.

## REMARKS ON SOME PARTICULAR MODES OF EXPRESSING COMPARISONS.

197. The manner of expressing comparisons of equality and of superiority and inferiority will be explained, (No. 211). But there are some phrases which it is the place to notice here.

*Equally with* is used for *as well as* and is thus rendered.

## EXAMPLES.

He blamed it equally with me	<i>il le blâma aussi bien que moi</i>
He was blamed equally with me	<i>il fut blâmé aussi bien que moi</i>

NOTHING *so pleasant, good, difficult, etc.*, is thus rendered.

## EXAMPLES.

Nothing so easy as to do it	<i>rien de si facile que de le faire</i>
Nothing so pleasant as to meet with friends	<i>rien de si agréable que de rencontrer des amis</i>

QUOI, *what ; quelque chose*, something ; *rien*, nothing ; before adjectives require *de*.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>Quoi de plus agréable que d'être au coin d'un bon feu ?</i>	what is there more pleasant than to sit by a good fire ?
<i>Il n'y a rien de doux dans sa physionomie.</i>	there is nothing sweet in her countenance
<i>J'ai remarqué quelque chose d'extraordinaire</i>	I noticed something extraordinary.

## THE PLACE OF ADJECTIVES.

198. Pronominal and numerical adjectives precede their substantive, as do generally the following sixteen ; *beau, bon, brave, cher, chétif, grand, gros, jeune, mauvais, méchant, meilleur, moindre, petit, saint, vieux, un vrai*, when taken in their literal sense.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>mon père</i>	my father
<i>quel homme</i>	what man
<i>vieille femme</i>	old woman
<i>dix guinées</i>	ten guineas
<i>plusieurs officiers</i>	several officers
<i>grand homme</i>	great man
<i>six arbres</i>	six trees
<i>chétive mine</i>	mean look

EXCEPTIONS. The pronoun *quelconque*.

## EXAMPLE.

*d'une manière quelconque* in whatever manner.

## EXERCISE.

1. There have been ages, when a *great man* was a sort of prodigy produced by a mistake of nature.

2. In almost all nations, the *great geniuses* that have adorned them were contemporaries.

3. *Young people*, says Horace, are open to the enticements of vice, lavish, presumptuous, and equally impetuous and light in their passions; *old people*, on the contrary, are covetous, dilatory, timid, ever alarmed about the future, always complaining, hard to please, panegyrists of times past, censors of the present, and great givers of advice.

4. *What man* was ever satisfied with his condition, and dissatisfied with his abilities.

5. *Thirty chambers*, which have a communication one with another, and each of them an iron door, with six huge bolts, are the places where he shuts himself up.

(1.) Ages, *des siècles*; when, *où*; produced, *enfanter*.

(2.) In, *chez*; nations, *peuple*; adorned, *illustrer*, ind-4.

(3.) Old people, *vieilles gens*; open, *souple*; lavish, *prodigue*; impetuous, *vif*; (all those adjectives are m. pl.); covetous, *avare*; dilatory, *temporiseur*; about, *sur*; complaining, *plaintif*; hard, *difficile*; please, *contenter*; times, *sing.*

(4.) Dissatisfied, *mécontent*; abilities, *esprits*.

(5.) Have a communication, *communiquer*; each of them, *dont chacun avoir*; huge, *gros*; bolts, *verrou*; places, *lieu*, *sing.*; shuts himself, *renfermer*.

199. Adjectives of number, joined to proper names, pronouns, and substantives, are placed after the noun.

## EXAMPLES.

*George Trois*  
*chapitre dix*  
*page trente*

George III.  
chapter 10  
page the 30th

200. The adjectives mentioned 198, when connected by a conjunction with another adjective, which is to be placed after the substantive, are themselves placed after the noun.

## EXAMPLE.

*c'est une femme grande et bien faite* she is tall well-made woman

201. In English, two, or even several adjectives may qualify a substantive, without a conjunction: but in French *et* is always placed before the last adjective *c'est un homme aimable et poli*, he is an amiable, well-behaved man.

OBSERVE that all the adjectives are put after the noun, *un homme riche, jeune et aimable*, except one of them, is one

of those which precede it, *c'est un grand homme sec*, he is a tall thin man.

202. Are placed after the noun, adjectives formed— from the participle present of verbs—*ouvrage divertissant*, entertaining work ;—from the participle past ; all those expressing form, physical qualities, etc. *figure arrondie*, round figure ; *table ovale*, oval table ;—colour, *maison blanche*, white house ;—taste, *herbe amère*, bitter herb ;— sound, *orgue harmonieux*, harmonious organ ;—action, *procureur actif*, active attorney ;—effect, *coutume abusive*, custom founded in abuse ;—arrangement, *ordre grammatical*, grammatical order ; species, *qualité occulte*, occult quality ;—nation, *générosité Anglaise*, English generosity ;—those ending in *-esque, -il, -ule, ic, ique, -in* :

*style burlesque*  
*jargon puéril*  
*ferme crédule*  
*bien public*  
*ris sardonique*  
*voix enfantine*

burlesque style  
childish jargon  
credulous woman  
public welfare  
sardonic grin  
childish voice

but in this, custom is the best guide.

#### EXERCISE.

1. An affected simplicity is a refined imposture.
2. The smiling images of Theocritus, Virgil, and Gessner, excite in the soul a gentle feeling.
3. In that antique palace are to be seen neither wreathed columns, nor gilded wainscots, nor valuable basso-relievoes, nor ceilings curiously painted nor grotesque figures of animals which never had existence but in the imagination of a child or a madman.
4. If human life is exposed to many troubles, it is also susceptible of many pleasures.
5. A ridiculous man is seldom so by halves.
6. Spanish manners have, at first sight, something harsh and uncivilized.
7. French urbanity has become a proverb among foreign nations

- (1.) Refined, *délicat*.
- (2.) Smiling, *riant* ; excite, *porter* ; soft, *doux* ; feeling, *sensibilité, f.*
- (3.) Are to be seen, *on ne voit* ; wreathed, *torse* ; wainscot, *lambris* ; basso-relievoes, *bas-relief* ; ceilings, *plafond* ; curiously, *artistement* ; had existence, *exister*.
- (4.) Many, *bien de* ; troubles, *peine*.
- (5.) So, *le* ; by halves, *à demi*.
- (6.) Spanish, *Espagnol* ; manners, *mœurs* ; at first sight, *au premier abord* ; uncivilized, *sauvage*.
- (7.) Become, *passer en* ; among *chez*.

203. Although it may seem that adjectives expressing moral qualities are placed indifferently before, or after the substantive, yet taste and a correct ear will assign them their proper situation.

In conversation, or in a broken, loose style, it may be indifferent to say *femme aimable* or *aimable femme*; *talents sublimes*, or *sublimes talents*, etc.; but in the dignified style, the place of the adjective may, in a variety of instances, affect the beauty of a sentence.\*

## EXERCISE.

1. An *amiable* woman gives to every thing she says an *inexpressible* grace; the more we hear, the more we wish to hear her.

2. The *majestic* eloquence of Bossuet is like a river, which carries away every thing in its rapid course.

3. The *sublime* compositions of Rubens have made 1 an English traveller 3 say 2, that this *famous* painter was born in Flanders, through a mistake of nature.

(1.) Give to, *répandre sur*; we, *on*.

(2.) River, *fleuve*; carries away, *entraîner*; its rapid course, *la rapidité de son cours*.

(3.) Say, *dire à*; famous, *célèbre*; through, *par*; mistake *méprise*.

## GOVERNMENT OF ADJECTIVES.

204. Adjectives are frequently followed by another substantive than that which they qualify, thus: *un homme digne de récompense*, *un homme enclin au bien*, they are also sometimes followed by an infinitive, *capable d'aimer*, *prompt à bien faire*, etc. In such cases a preposition is used according to the case or regimen which the adjective requires. That is called the government of adjectives.

205. Adjectives which govern the preposition *DE*.

digne	comblé	fou
indigne	taxé	avide
capable	chargé	ennuyé
incapable	plein	libre
aisé	accusé	qualifié
ravi	fatigué	vide
joyeux	las	dépendant
content	contrit	chéri
mécontent	enragé	

\* Such adjectives are more expressive when placed before the noun; but taste and harmony must be consulted. None but those well versed in the French Language can feel the proper place of the adjective; we recommend to the learner always to place it after the noun; which is quite correct, if not elegant.

206. Adjectives which govern the preposition *à*.

adroit	porté	âpre
bon	enclin	lent
beau	adonné	nuisible
laid	sujet	prompt
agréable	propre	prêt
ingénieur.	inexorable	utile
contraire	désagréable	inutile
opposé	agile	sensible
conforme	alerte	aisé
semblable	habile	facile
pareil	ardent	cher

207. Adjectives which require *ENVERS*, *complaisant*, *généreux*, *affable*, *indulgent*, *prévenant*, *cruel*, *bon*, or any other expressing kindness or unkindness of feeling towards individuals.

Are you pleased with your horse? Do not be so greedy  
*content* *avide*  
 after riches. I am not unworthy of his friendship. They say  
*indigne* *on dit que*  
 he is very dissatisfied with his son. We were tired with  
*mécontent* *ind-2 fatigué*  
 running after him. Are we (not at liberty) to go? My  
*courir* *libre* *partir*  
 brother is not fit for the place. Send me some gloves  
*propre* *gant, m.*  
 like those which my sister has. If you are ready to go,  
*pareil*  
 I will order the carriage. Too much exercise may be  
*commander ind-7* *pouvoir être*  
 injurious to the health. You will not find that easy to do  
*nuisible* *cela facile*  
 Let us be kind (to one another). He was so kind to  
*les uns envers les autres* *bon*  
 his sisters.

208. OBSERVE. A noun may be governed by two adjectives, provided they do not require two different prepositions. Thus you may say: *cet homme est utile et cher à sa famille*, that man is useful and dear to his family; but you may not say, *il est utile et chéri à sa famille*, because *chéri*, beloved, requires the genitive, or preposition *de* before a noun. Such sentences must be turned thus, *il est utile à sa famille et en est chéri*, he is useful to his family and beloved of them.

## ÊTRE WITH ADJECTIVES.

209. *Je suis bien aise, fâché, contrarié*, etc., or any other phrase expressing gladness or regret at a thing, requires the subjunctive mood, or the infinitive with *DE*, as:

*je suis enchanté que vous soyez* I am delighted that you have returned  
de retour  
*je suis enchanté d'être de retour* I am delighted that I have returned  
à temps. in time

In the first example, there are two different subjects *je vous*; the verb is on that account put in the subjunctive mood.

In the second example, there is but one and the same subject, the second verb is in the infinitive.

## EXERCISE.

She will be delighted to see you. How sorry I am you  
*enchanté 2 1 que 2 1*  
were not at home last night. Call upon him, he will be  
subj-2 *chez vous hier au soir aller 1 voir 3 2*  
glad to see you. I cannot tell you how vexed I am  
*bien aise je ne saurais contrarié 2*  
at my servant being so slow, and at your not receiving  
*être subj-3 ne recevoir pas subj-3*  
my note. We are all very sorry you cannot come, for  
*billet m. bien fâché pouvoir subj-1*  
we shall have a delightful evening.  
*passer 2 soirée f. 1*

210. *IL EST*, impersonal, joined to an adjective requires *de* before the infinitive. *C'est* requires *a*.

## EXAMPLES.

*il est beau de mourir pour sa patrie* it is noble to die for one's country  
*c'est horrible à voir* it is horrid to be seen

## EXERCISE.

It was amusing to see them. How pleasant it is to  
*il ind-2 que agréable 2 il 1*  
enjoy good health! This is most painful to hear.  
*jouir de ce on ne peut plus pénible*  
It was very disagreeable (for me) to witness all their  
*à 2 ind-2 3 me 1 être présent à*  
quarrels. It may be pleasant to look at, but is it very  
*cela voir \**  
useful?

## ADJECTIVES IN THE COMPARATIVE DEGREE.

211. The verb which follows an adjective in the comparative requires *ne* before it.

## EXAMPLE.

*vous êtes plus heureux que vous n'étiez* you are happier than you were.

But if the first member of the sentence is negative or interrogative the *ne* is suppressed.

## EXAMPLES.

*vous n'êtes pas plus heureux que vous l'étiez* you are not happier than you were  
*peut-on être plus heureux que vous l'êtes?* can any one be happier than you are?

The *ne* is also suppressed after *quand*, *dans le temps*, or any adverb.

## EXAMPLE.

*vous êtes plus heureux que quand vous étiez en France* you are happier than when you were in France.

*Tout autre, autrement, mieux, moins bien, plus mal*, also require the *ne*, before the verb.

## EXAMPLE.

*il est tout autre qu'il n'était* he is quite different from what he was

## EXERCISE.

He is much richer than you think. You sing better than you did. He has been better received than he thought. Sciences are now more cultivated than they were. Since the invention of gun powder battles are less bloody than they were. That war was not less successful than it was just. (Can any one) be more amiable than she is? Is he not much richer than he was? The poor are not so sick, (for want of) food, as the rich are for taking too much.

*faire ind-2*      *croire ind-2*  
*être ind-3*      *heureuse*      *être ind-2*  
*peut-on*      *pl.*      *moins malade*  
*faute de*      *que*      *pl.*      *en prendre*

## ADJECTIVES IN THE SUPERLATIVE DEGREE.

212. An adjective in the superlative degree requires that the verb which follows it should be in the subjunctive mood, or that the noun should be in the genitive case, that is, have the preposition *de* before it.

## EXAMPLES.

*donnez-moi la meilleure plume que vous ayez* give me the best pen you have  
*la plus belle fleur du jardin.* the prettiest flower in the garden

The absolute, *le seul, l'unique, le premier, le dernier, aucun*, must be considered as superlatives, and included in this rule.

## EXERCISE.

You see the largest tree there is in the park. Is he  
*grand arbre y avoir*  
 not the richest man in the town? I give you the only one  
*riche \* donner ind-4*  
 I had. They say he is the cleverest boy in the school.  
*avoir subj-2 on dit que c'est habile*  
 She is certainly the prettiest girl I ever saw. I am not the  
*c'est personne voir subj-3*  
 only one, I believe, who accepted his invitation. There  
*à ce que je crois accepter subj-3 il y*  
 were present some of the most celebrated men in Europe,  
*avait là quelques-uns*  
 but (no one could get a peep at them), so great was the  
*il était impossible d'en approcher tant 1 4 3*  
 crowd.  
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213. *By*, after a comparative, is rendered by *de*.

## EXAMPLE.

*il est plus grand d'un pouce* he is taller by one inch

## ADJECTIVES OF NUMBER.

214. *Unième*, is used only after *vingt, trente, quarante, cinquante, soixante, quatre-vingt, cent* and *mille*. *C'est la vingt-et-unième fois*, it is the twenty-first time.

*Cent*, in the plural takes an *s*, except when followed by another noun of number, as :

*ils étaient deux cents*  
*trois cents hommes*  
*ils étaient deux cent dix*

there were two hundred  
 three hundred men  
 there were two hundred and ten

*Vingt* in *quatre-vingt*, and *six-vingt*, also take an *s*, when followed by a substantive, as :

<i>quatre-vingts hommes</i>	eighty men
<i>six vingts abricots</i>	six score apricots

But it takes no *s*, when followed by another term expressing number, *quatre-vingt-un arbres*, *quatre-vingt-dix hommes*.

The ordinary numbers, collective and distributive, always take the sign of the plural: *les premières douzaines*, the first dozens; *les quatre cinquièmes*, the four fifths.

For dates the French write *mil*, as: *mil sept cent-quatre-vingt-dix-neuf*, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, etc.

REMARK. *Cent* and *mille* are used indefinitely, as,

<i>il lui fit cent caresses</i>	he shewed him a hundred marks of kindness
<i>faites-lui mille amitiés</i>	present him a thousand compliments

#### EXERCISE.

1. It was the *thirty-first* year after so glorious a peace, when the war broke out again with a fury of which history offers few examples.

2. There were only *three hundred*, and in spite of their inferiority in numbers\*, they attacked the enemy, beat and dispersed them.

3. He has sold his country house for\* *two thousand five hundred and fifty pounds*.

4. Choose out of your nursery ground *eighty* fruit trees and *ninety* dwarf-trees, divide them into dozens, and put in the two first dozens of each sort, those whose fruits are most esteemed.

5. When Louis the Fourteenth made his entry into Strasbourg, the Swiss deputies having come to pay their respects to him, Le Tellier, archbishop of Rheims, who saw among them the bishop of Basle, said to one near him: that bishop is apparently some poor beggar.—How, replied the other, he has a *hundred thousand livres* a year—Oh! oh! said the archbishop, he is then a respectable man, and shewed him a thousand civilities.

(1.) Year, *année*; when, *que*; broke out again, *se rallumer*; ind-3.

(2.) Only, *ne que*; in spite of, *malgré*.

(3.) Pounds, *livre sterling*.

(4.) Out of, *dans*; nursery-ground, *pépinière*; fruit-trees, *piéd d'arbre fruitier*; dwarf-trees, *arbre nain*.

(5.) Swiss, (of the Swiss); pay, *présenter*; respect, *hommage*, pi.; one near him, *son voisin*; that bishop, etc. *c'est un misérable apparemment que cet évêque*; a year, *de rente*; shewed, *faire*, ind-3; civilities, *caresses*.

The French say, *le onze, du onze, au onze, sur les onze heures, sur les une heure*, pronouncing the words *onze* and *une*, as if they were written with an *h* aspirated.

215. The cardinal numbers are used for the ordinal.

1. In reckoning time, that is, the *hour* of the day, the *day* of the month, the *year* of an era, as : *il est trois heures*, it is three o'clock ; *le vingt de Mars*, the twentieth of March ; *l'an mil sept cent dix*, etc.,

216. 2. In speaking of the order of succession of sovereigns, as : *Louis seize, George trois*, except the first two of the series, as : *Henri premier, George second*. *Quint* for *cinq* is only said of the *Empereur Charles-quint*, and the *Pape Sixte-quint*.

## EXERCISE.

1. They made in the parish and in the neighbouring places a collection which produces a *hundred and twenty-one guineas*.

2. William, surnamed the Conqueror, king of England and duke of Normandy, was one of the greatest generals of the *eleventh* century : he was born at Falaise, and was the natural son of Robert, duke of Normandy, and of Arlotte, a furrier's daughter.

3. Make haste ; it will soon be *ten* o'clock. We shall have a great difficulty to arrive in time.

4. The winter was so severe in *one thousand seven hundred and nine*, that there was but one olive tree that resisted it\*, in a plain where there had been more than ten thousand.

5. It was the *twenty-first* of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, that the unhappy Louis the *sixteenth* was led to the scaffold.

(1.) They, *on* ; neighbouring places, *voisinage*, sing. ; collection, *quête*.

(2.) William, *Guillaume* ; furrier, *fourreur*.

(3.) Make haste, *se dépêcher* ; will be, ind-1 ; great difficulty, *bien de la peine* ; in *à*.

(4.) Severe, *rude* ; but, *ne que*, had been, *y en avoir*, ind-2.

## CHAPTER IV.

## PRONOUNS.

## § I.

## PERSONAL PRONOUNS,

## DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE SUBJECT AND THE OBJECT.

217. Personal pronouns, like the substantives which they represent, whether persons or things, are either the *subject* or *object* of a verb.

As object or regimen, they are also *direct* or *indirect*.  
See 170, 173.

## SUBJECT.

Common to persons and things *tu, je, il, elle, nous, vous, ils, elles*.

Also *moi, toi, lui, eux*.

## OBJECT DIRECT.

Common to persons and things, *me, te, le, la, nous, vous, les*, m. f.

Also *moi, toi*.

## OBJECT INDIRECT. (DATIVE.)

Of persons, *me te, lui*, m. f. *nous, vous, leur*, m. f.

Also, *moi, toi*.

Also *à moi, à toi, à lui, à elle, à nous, à vous, à eux, à elles*.

Of things, *y* of both genders and numbers.

OBJECT INDIRECT, (*genitive or ablative*.)

Of persons *de moi, de toi, de lui, d'elle, de nous, de vous, d'eux, d'elles*; sometimes *en*.

Of things, *en* of both gender and number.

## PRONOUNS GOVERNED BY PREPOSITIONS.

*Moi, toi, lui, elle, nous, vous, eux, elles*.

## PRONOUN SUBJECT.

218. The place of the subject is before the verb, if affirmative, after it, if interrogative.

## EXAMPLES.

je parle	<i>I speak</i>
il raconta son histoire	<i>he related his history</i>
est-il heureux ?	<i>is he happy ?</i>

219. Sometimes there are two or more subjects to the verb, such as *you, he, and I are agreed to go*; in such cases, *moi, toi, lui, eux*, are used instead of *je, tu, il, ils*, and it is polite to place the first person last.

## EXAMPLE.

*vous et moi, nous irons*      *you and I we shall go.*

## EXERCISE.

My sister and I we were walking by the last rays of the  
*se promener ind-2 à rayons m. pl.*

setting sun, and we were saying, what a soft splendour does it  
*couchant* 2 1 *dire* ind-2 *aux éclat* m. \* 2

still spread over all nature! In the long winter even-  
*vas* 3 4 *ne répand* 1 art. *de* 2 *soi-*

ings, my father, my brothers, and I used (to spend) two  
*ne* f. pl. 1 *nous passer* ind-2

hours in the library, and to read there, (in order to)  
*bibliothèque* f. *nous lire*, ind-2 *y* *pour*

(bend our minds) from the serious studies of the day, those  
*se délasser* = 2 1

amiable poets who interest most the heart, by the charms of a lively  
 2 1 *le plus* *riant* 2

imagination, and make us love truth, by disguising it under the  
 2 1 art. *en déguiser*

mask of an ingenious fiction. You and your friend shall  
*trait* m. pl. = 2 f. 1

accompany me to the museum, where we shall study nature in her  
*—pagner* 2 1 *musée* m. *où*

kingdoms.  
*règne* m. pl.

220. *Moi, toi, lui, eux* are also used instead of *je, tu, il, ils*.

1st. After *que* in comparisons.

EXAMPLE:

*vous êtes plus grand que moi* *you are taller than I.*

2nd. After *c'est*, and in answer to a question.

EXAMPLES.

*ce n'est pas moi qui l'ai fait* *it is not I who did it*  
*que vous reste-t-il? Moi* *whom have you left? I*

3rd. Before a relative pronoun or an infinitive, speaking emphatically and by apposition.

EXAMPLES.

*moi, dont il déchire la réputation* *I whose reputation he destroys*  
*toi, qui fais le brave* *thou who lookest so valiant*  
*moi, trahir le meilleur de mes amis!* *I, betray my best friend?*  
*voudrez-vous me perdre, moi votre allié?* *would you ruin me, who am your ally?*  
*eux m'ont relevé, et lui m'a pansé* *they picked me up, and he dressed my wounds.*

OBSERVE. In English, it is allowed to place the adverb between the subject and the verb, *I certainly do not think he would come*. The adverb must always come last in French, *Je ne pensais certainement pas qu'il viendrait*.

## EXERCISE.

You write (a great deal better) than I do. If you are not so rich  
*beaucoup mieux*

as he is, I think you are as happy Who calls? I do  
*que* \* *tout aussi heureux* \*

Is it you or he who said so? It is not I. I! stoop to the  
*l'avez dit* *m'abaisser devant*

man who dipped his hands in the blood of his king! Your  
*tremper* ind-4

brothers and mine undertake it. They find the money and he  
*s'en charger* *fournir*

will manage the work. It is I who have prevailed upon him to un-  
*conduire* 2 *engagé* 3 \* *le* 1 à

dertake that journey. Can you act so towards him, he who ever  
 was your best friend?  
 ind-3 1

## THINGS MASCULINE OR FEMININE.

221. It is almost useless to repeat that inanimate things in French are either masculine or feminine, and consequently that the pronouns *il, elle, ils, elles*, are used accordingly in speaking of such.

Thus speaking of a rose, *rose f.* we say

## EXAMPLES:

elle est belle *it is beautiful*  
 ne sent-ello pas bon? *does it not smell nice?*

Of a book, *livre, m.*

## EXAMPLES.

il est bien écrit *it is well written*  
 vous a-t-il amusé? *has it amused you?*

## EXERCISE.

(Look at) that magnificent building; *it unites grace to*  
*Regarder* — *si*que bâtiment m. réunir art. grâce f. art.  
 beauty, and elegance to simplicity. Ignorance is jealous,  
 = f. art — f. art. = f. — f.

presumptuous, and vain: *it sees difficulties in nothing, (is*  
*présomptueux* — *ne de = f. pl. à rien ne*  
 surprised) at nothing, and stops at nothing. Let us gather  
*s'étonner de* *ne s'arrêter à* *cueillir*

these roses; what a sweet fragrance they exhale! Never judge  
*quel \** *parfum* — *ler*

from appearances; they are often deceitful: the wise man examines them, and does not decide upon them, till he has had time to fix his judgment.

sur art. f. *se décider d'après* f. *que lorsque*  
 art. m. *de fixer*

AUSSI, ENCORE, PEUT-ETRE, ETC. FOLLOWED BY THE INTERROGATIVE FORM:

222. Although placing the personal pronoun *subject*, after the verb, is the sign of a question, there are some cases in which custom requires or admits, that the pronoun should be so placed, though no interrogation is meant.

1st. After *aussi*, and on that account, and for this reason, *peut-être*, may be, perchance; *encore*, and yet, besides, with all that; *toujours*, still; *en vain*, in vain, *du moins*, *au moins*, at least.

2nd. In narrations, as in English, said I, *dis-je*; replied I, *répondis-je*.

3rd. In the imperative mood of *pouvoir*, *devoir*.

## EXAMPLES.

puissè-je le voir!	<i>oh that I may see him</i>
dussè-je mourir	<i>were I to die</i>

## OF PRONOUNS BEING DIRECT AND INDIRECT REGIMEN.

223. It has been shown (No. 170), in speaking of the government of the substantive, that the use of the proper preposition before the noun, or the using no preposition at all, entirely depends upon the knowledge of the regimen of the verb; and it has also been shown, by comparison, that the two languages are far from agreeing in that respect, because the French equivalent of an active English verb, may be neuter, and vice versâ; *obéir*, for instance, requires *à*, *obéir à la loi*, whereas in English *to obey*, is active, *to obey the law*. Now, if instead of a noun, a pronoun is used, as the object of a verb, it must necessarily be put in the same case as the noun itself would; pains must therefore be taken to ascertain whether the governing verb requires a direct or an indirect case. *I resist him*, for example, must not be rendered by *je le résiste*, but by *je lui résiste*, because *to resist a man*, is, in French, *résister à un homme*. *I want them*, cannot be *je les ai besoin*, but *j'ai besoin d'eux*, because *to want a person*,

is *avoir besoin d'une personne*. Again, the English make no difference between the *direct* and *indirect* case; *him*, *her*, *them*, serve for both; not so in French, *him* is rendered by *te* or *lui*, not indifferently, but according to circumstance. Thus we say, *I see him*, *je le vois*, and *I send him a book*, *je lui envoie un livre*, because *him* being the case direct or accusative of *I see*; so is *le* of *je vois*; but *him* is the indirect case or dative of *I send*, and book the direct case, consequently *lui* must be used in French, to show that difference.

Having endeavoured to point out the different manner of using personal pronouns in French and in English, we will now give rules as to the place they are to occupy in French, as direct and indirect cases of the verb.

In order to give every assistance to the learner, the proper preposition will be placed after the infinitive, in the exercises.

224. The pronouns *me*, *te*, *se*, *lui*, *leur*, *le*, *la*, *les*, *nous*, *vous*, *y* and *en*, are generally placed before verbs.

## EXAMPLES.

Il me dit	<i>He tells me</i>	Je lui parle	<i>I speak to him</i>
Je le vois	<i>I see him</i>	J'y songerai	<i>I will think of it</i>
Je les écoute	<i>I listen to them</i>	J'en suis ravi	<i>I am delighted at it</i>

## EXERCISE.

(As soon as) he had explained to us the maxims of Socrates,  
*Dès que* *expliquer* ind-5 \* *Socrate*  
 he said: you see that it is not without reason he (is looked  
 ind-3 *ce* *que on* *regarde*  
 upon) as truly wise. He was continually saying to me, yet a little  
*un vrai* *ind-2* \*  
 patience, and you will disarm even envy itself. You have  
*de* *désarmer* \* art. *être*,  
 no doubt (some ground) for reproaching him with faults; but is  
*sans doute* *fonde* *à reprocher* inf-1 *des* m pl.  
 there (any man) on earth that is exempt (from them)? To  
*quelqu'un* art. *qui* subj-1 *en* *pour*  
 please her, you must never flatter her. To abandon ones self to  
*lui* *falloir* *flatter*  
 metaphysical abstractions, is to plunge into an unfathomable  
*des métaphysique* 2 — 1 *ce* \* *se jeter* *sans fond* 2  
 abyss.  
*abîme* m. !

225. The pronouns *moi, toi, soi, nous, vous, lui, eux, elle, and elles*, are placed after verbs, when they are preceded by a preposition.

## EXAMPLES.

cela dépend de moi	that depends on me
je pense à toi	I think of thee
on s'occupe trop de soi	we think too much about ourselves
que dites-vous d'eux ?	what do you say of them.

## EXERCISE.

My father loved me so tenderly, that he thought of none but  
*ind-2 ne penser ind-2 à \* que*  
*me*, (was wholly taken up) with *me*, and saw none but *me*, in the  
*ne s'occuper ind-2 que de voir ind-2 \* que à*  
 universe. If you wish to obtain that favour, you must speak to *him*  
*de \* falloir*  
*himself*. It depended on you to excel your rivals, but you  
*ind-2 de de l'emporter sur*  
 would not. Philip, father of Alexander being advised  
*vouloir ind-4 Philippe 2 comme on conseil-*  
 to expel from his dominions a man, who (had been speaking)  
*lait à de chasser état m. pl. parler ind-6*  
 ill of *him*; I shall take care not to do that, said he, he would go and  
*se garder bien \* \* \* en ind-3 aller \**  
 slander *me* every where.  
*médire de*

225\* In imperative phrases, when affirmative, *moi, toi, nous, vous, lui, leur, eux, elle, elles, le, la, les, y* and *en*, are placed after the verb; but, when negative, *me, te, se, nous, vous, lui, leur, ie, la, les, y, and en*, are placed before it.

## EXAMPLES.

dites-moi	tell me	ne me dites pas	do not tell me
donnez-m'en	give me half	ne m'en donnez	do not give me
la moitié	of it	point	any
songez-y sérieusement	think of it seriously	n'y songez pas	do not think of it

REMARK. If the pronouns *me, te, moi, toi*, intervene betwixt an imperative and an infinitive, *me, te*, are used when the imperative is without a regimen direct.

## EXAMPLES.

venez me parler,	come and speak to me
va te faire coiffer	go and get thy hair dressed.



aurez-vous la force de *le leur* will you have resolution enough to  
dire ? tell it them ?  
il n'a pas voulu *vous y mener* he would not take you there  
je *vous y en* porterai I will bring you some there

EXCEPTION. In an imperative sentence, when affirmative, *le, la, les*, are always placed first, as, *donnez-le-moi*, give it me, *offrez-la-lui*, offer it to him; *conduisez-les-y*, conduct them thither; and *moi* is placed after *y*, as *menez-y-moi*, carry me thither: but *nous* must precede *y*, as, *menez-nous-y* carry us thither.

## EXERCISE.

You wish to make a present to your sister. (There is) a beautiful fan you should present her with it. (How many) *eventail* m. *devoir* cond-1 *offrir lui* \* *que de*  
people are there without merit and without occupation, who (would) *gens* \* \* *ne tenir*  
be mere nothings) in society, did not gaming introduce  
*à rien* cond-1 art. *si* art. *jeu* m. *introduire* ind-2  
them (into it). I shall speak to them (about it) and give you a  
*y* *en* *je rendre* ind-7  
faithful account of it. It is certain that old Geronte has re-  
*exact* 2 *compte* m. 1 art.  
fused his daughter to Valere; but because he does not give her to  
him, it does not follow. That he will give her to you.  
*s'en suivre*

229. REMARK. The word *même* is sometimes added to the pronouns, *moi, toi, soi, nous, vous, eux, lui, elle, elles*, to assist in specifying more particularly the person or thing spoken of.

## EXAMPLES.

*ils se sont perdus eux mêmes* they have ruined themselves  
*le monde estime bien des choses* the world prizes many things  
*qui, en elles-mêmes, sont fort méprisables* which, in themselves, are worthless

## DIRECTIONS ON THE USE OF THE PROPER PERSONAL PRONOUNS.

230. The direct regimen *me, te, le, la, nous, vous, les*, m. f. are used when the verb is active, i.e. when it requires no preposition before the noun which it governs, such as *donner un livre*.

## EXAMPLES.

*je le donne* I give it  
*vous le donnerez* you will give it  
*ne le donnez pas* do not give it

*Aimer une personne.*

## EXAMPLES.

je le donne	<i>we love him</i>
aimez-la	<i>love her</i>
il ne les aime pas	<i>he does not like them</i>
aimez-moi	<i>love me</i>

INDIRECT, (*dative.*)

231. The indirect *me, te, lui, m. f. nous, vous, leur, m. f.* are used when the preposition *à* must be placed before the noun they represent.

Thus, *donner une chose à une personne.*

## EXAMPLES.

nous lui donnerons un gâteau	<i>we will give her a cake</i>
lui avez-vous envoyé la lettre ?	<i>have you sent him the letter ?</i>
ne me donnez pas de vin	<i>do not give me any wine</i>

*À moi, à toi, à lui, à elle, à nous, à vous, à eux,* serve also to express the dative ; but in four cases only.

1st. After *penser, aller, courir, venir, boire, en avoir.*

## EXAMPLES.

nous penserons à lui	<i>we will think of him</i>
ils coururent à elle	<i>they ran to her</i>
en avez-vous à moi ?	<i>are you speaking to me ?</i>

2nd. After reflected verbs,

adressez-vous à lui *apply to him*

3rd. After *c'est.*

## EXAMPLES.

<i>c'est à moi à y aller</i>	<i>it is my turn to go</i>
<i>est-ce à vous à parler ainsi ?</i>	<i>is it for you to speak to me in this manner ?</i>

4. When there are two datives

## EXAMPLES.

je l'enverrai à vous et à elle	<i>I will send it to you and her</i>
il parlait à mon frère et à moi	<i>he was speaking to my brother and me</i>

232. *Y* is used in speaking of things in all cases, and is of both genders and numbers.\* Thus, of a *lettre f.* we say .

mettez-y l'adresse	<i>put the direction to it</i>
j'y ajouterai un mot	<i>I will add a word to it</i>

\* There are one or two exceptions mentioned in the following pages.

Of a project, *projet* m.

## EXAMPLES.

*vous n'y réfléchissez pas assez*      *you do not sufficiently think upon it ?*  
*pensez-y un peu plus*                      *consider it a little more*

Of threats, menaces, f. pl.

## EXAMPLE.

*je n'y fais aucune attention*                      *I do not mind them*

## EXERCISE.

1. He has been speaking *to them* with such energy, as has astonished *them*.

2. Women ought to be very circumspect ; for a mere appearance is sometimes more prejudicial *to them* than a real fault.

3. He comes up to me with a smiling air, and pressing my hand, says : My friend, I expect you to-morrow at my house.

4. He said *to me* : Wilt thou ever torment thyself for advantages, the enjoyment 2 of which I could not render *thee* more happy ? Cast thy eyes round thee : see how every thing smiles on *thee*, and seems to invite *thee* to prefer a retired and tranquil life to the tumultuous pleasures of a vain 2 world 1.

5. The ambitious man \* agitates, torments, and wastes *himself* to obtain the places or the honours to which he aspires ; and when he has obtained *them*, he is still dissatisfied.

6. I have known *him* since his childhood, and I always loved *him* on account of the goodness of his temper.

7. That woman is always engaged in doing good works : you see *her* constantly consoling the unhappy, relieving the poor, reconciling enemies, and promoting the happiness of every one around *her*.

8. The more you live with men, the more you will be convinced that it is necessary to know *them* well before you \* form a connection with them.

9. Enjoy the pleasures of the world, I consent *to it* ; but never give yourself up *to them*.

(1.) Such energy as, *une force qui*.

(2.) Mere, *simple* ; to be more prejudicial, *faire plus de tort*.

(3.) Comes up with, *aborder de* ; pressing, *server* ; my hand, *la main* ; says, *il me dit* ; at my house, *chez moi*.

(4.) Incessantly, *sans cesse* ; advantages, *des biens* ; could, *savoir*, cond-1 ; cast, *porter* ; thy, *art* ; smiles, *sourire à*.

(5.) Destroys, *consumer* ; to, *pour*.

(6.) Have known, *connaître*, ind-1 ; loved, ind-4 ; on account, *cause* ; the goodness of his, (*his good*) ; temper, *caractère*, m.

(7.) In, *à* ; works, *œuvres*, f. pl. ; constantly, *sans cesse* ; consoling, etc. inf-1 relieving, *assister* ; promoting, *faire* ; every one around her, *tout ce qui l'environne*.

(8.) Live, ind-7 ; be convinced, *se convaincre*, ind-7 ; before, *avant de* ; form a connection, *vous lier*.

(9.) Enjoy, *jouir de* ; give yourself up, *se livrer*.

233. The regimen indirect *de moi, de toi, de lui, d'elle, de nous, de vous, d'eux, d'elles*, (the genitive and ablative cases) are used when the proposition *de* comes before the noun they represent. Thus,

*Parler d'une personne, d'un homme.*

## EXAMPLES.

nous ne parlons pas de lui      *we do not speak of him*  
*Dépendre de son père.*

## EXAMPLES.

je dépends de lui      *I am dependant on him*  
 ils n'ont pas le droit de me parler      *they have no right to speak to me*  
 ainsi, puisque je ne dépends pas      *in this manner, I am not their*  
 d'eux.      *dependant.*

234. *En* is used in speaking of things, and is of both genders and numbers; as *s'abstenir de vin*.

## EXAMPLES.

le vin m'est contraire, je m'en      *wine is bad for me I will abstain*  
 abstiendrai      *from it*  
 vous devriez vous en abstenir      *you should abstain from it*

## EXERCISE.

1. He was suddenly taken ill of the cholera and died of it.
2. He is so absurd that every one laughs at him.
3. What reason has he to complain of me, what harm have I done him ?
4. His fortune is very large, it is true, but he does not know how \* to enjoy it.
5. Those are things which make a deep impression on the mind, I will remember them as long as I live.
6. Your things are exactly as they were when you left, no one has used them.
7. If you meet my brother, have the goodness to tell him that I shall want him at 5 o'clock precisely.
8. She must not be uneasy; we will think about her, but she must have patience.

- (1.) *Avoir une attaque soudaine de*, ind-4; *mourir de*, ind-4.
- (2.) *Ridicule, se moquer de*.
- (3.) *Se plaindre de*; harm, mal.
- (4.) It is true, *j'en conviens*; to enjoy, *jouir de*.
- (5.) Those are things, *ce sont de ces choses*; to remember, *se souvenir de*; to live, *vivre*, ind-7.
- (6.) Things, *affaires*; as they were, *dans l'état où elles étaient*; to leave, *partir*, ind-4; to use, *se servir de*, ind-4.
- (7.) To tell, *de dire*; to want, *avoir besoin de*.
- (8.) To be uneasy, *s'inquiéter*; to think about, *s'occuper de*; to have patience, *patienter*.

PARTICULAR USE OF *y* AND *en*.

235. These two pronouns are very frequently used in French, in cases when they have no equivalent in English, or at least when it is almost ever understood; they may be then considered as relative personal pronouns.

## EN.

*En* stands for *some of them, some of it, any of them, one, any,* and refers to a noun antecedently named.

## EXAMPLES.

si vous n'avez pas de manteau, *if you have no cloak, I will lend*  
 je vous *en* prêterai un *you one*  
 avez-vous un canif ? oui, j'*en* ai *have you got a pen-knife ? yes, I*  
 un *have*  
 ces oranges sont fort bonnes, *these oranges are very good, send*  
 envoyez-m'*en* deux douzaines *me two dozen*  
 à propos de fleurs, j'*en* ai de *talking of flowers, I have beautiful*  
 bien belles à vous montrer *ones to show you*

## Y.

236. *Y* has generally been called an adverb because it may commonly be rendered by *these, here,* always understood; but it is frequently used for *in it, into it,* when it relates to *things* as well as to *places*.

## EXAMPLES.

cette affaire est fort obscure, je *this is a very obscure affair, I can*  
 n'y conçois rien *make nothing of it*  
 cela ne m'intéresse nullement, *this does not at all concern me, I*  
 je n'y suis pour rien *have nothing to do with it*  
 si vous allez au spectacle, je serai *if you go to the play, I shall be*  
 bien aise d'y aller avec vous *glad to go with you*

*Y* is used in speaking of persons with the verb *se fier,* and with *penser* in reference to a dead person.

## EXAMPLES.

c'est un honnête homme, vous *he is honest man, you may trust*  
 pouvez vous y fier *to him*  
 il est mort, on n'y pense plus *he is dead, no one thinks of him any*  
*more*

## EXERCISE.

1. Do you want a pen ? here is a very good one.
2. He was in the garden then, but I do not think he is now.
3. Since you like game, I will send you a basket.
4. As to their father, although he has not been dead six months, they think no more of him.

## Y

5. I never could play chess ; I cannot imagine, what pleasure you find in it.

(1.) To want, *falloir à* ; here is, *voici*.

(2.) *Être*, ind-2 ; he is, *être*, subj-1.

(3.) Game, *gibier*, m.

(4.) Although, etc., *quoiqu'il y ait six mois qu'il est mort*.

(5.) Could, *pouvoir*, ind-4 ; I cannot, *je ne saurais*.

USE OF *ce* INSTEAD OF *il, elle, ils, elles*, IN DESCRIPTIVE AND EXPLANATORY SENTENCES.

237. When we speak in reference to an object already named, *il, elle, ils, elles*, are used according to its gender and number ; but when we define objects, when we express what they are, *ce* must be used, as well of persons as of things, thus :

qu'est-ce que c'est que ce grand bâtiment, est-ce une église ?

*what is that large building, is it a church ?*

non, c'est la maison commune savez-vous qui est ce monsieur ?

*no, it is the town-hall*

*do you know who that gentleman is ?*

oui, c'est un Allemand

*yes, he is a German*

chacun admire Cicéron et Démosthènes ; ce sont les plus grands orateurs de l'antiquité

*every one admires Cicero and Demosthenes, they are the greatest orators of antiquity*

EXERCISE.

1. White negroes are degenerated blacks, but they are not a distinct species of men.

2. I will not trouble myself about them, they are ungrateful children.

3. What flowers are those ? they are tulips just come from Holland ; they cost me ten guineas each.

4. I do not know him, but they tell me he is a clever architect.

5. Have you noticed this box ? it is a snuff-box which belonged to my grand-father.

6. She is certainly the prettiest girl in the room.

(1.) Distinct *particulière*.

(2.) To trouble one's self about, *s'occuper de*.

(3.) What, etc., *comment nommez-vous ces fleurs-là ?* just, *frâchement*.

(4.) They tell me, *on me dit que*.

(5.) Noticed, *remarqué* ; to belong, *appartenir*, ind-2.

(6.) Certainly, *bien certainement*.

CASES WHERE THE PRONOUNS *lui, eux, elle, elles*,

MAY APPLY TO THINGS.

238. The personal pronouns *lui, elle, eux, elles*, after some prepositions, apply to persons only. Thus in speaking of a woman, we must say : *je m'approchai d'elle, je m'assis*

*près d'elle* ; but in speaking of a table : *je m'en approchai, je m'assis auprès.*

However with the prepositions *avec, après, à de, pour, en, etc. lui, elle, eux, elles*, may be applied to things. Thus it is correct to say of a river.

## EXAMPLE.

cette rivière est si rapide quand elle déborde, qu'elle entraîne avec elle tout ce qu'elle rencontre ; elle ne laisse après elle que du sable et des cailloux.

*that river is so rapid when it overflows, that it carries away every thing it meets with in its course it leaves nothing behind but sand and pebbles.*

Of an enemy's army.

## EXAMPLE.

nous marchâmes à elle

*we marched up to them*

Of things, reasons, truth, virtues and vices personified, etc. as :

ces choses sont bonnes d'elles-mêmes

*these things are good in themselves*

j'aime le vérité au point que je sacrifierais tout pour elle  
ces raisons sont solides en elles-mêmes

*I love truth to that degree, that I would sacrifice every thing for it  
those reasons are solid in themselves*

239. After the verb, *être*, they are applied only to persons, and likewise when they are followed by the relatives *qui* and *que*, as : *c'est à elle, c'est d'elles que je parle, c'est elle-même qui vient.*

The same may be said of the pronoun *eux*, which is also generally applied to persons only, yet custom allows us to say,

ce chien et ces oiseaux font tout mon plaisir, je n'aime qu'eux ; eux seuls sont mon amusement, je ne songe qu'à eux

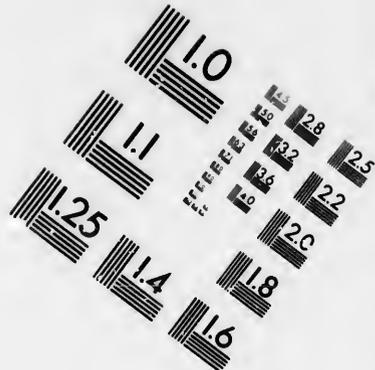
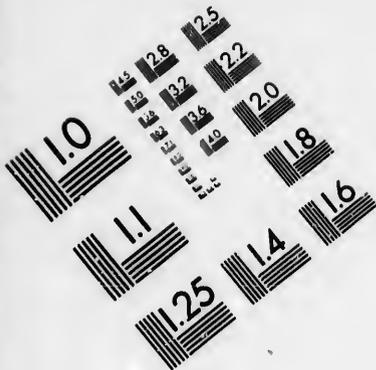
*this dog and these birds are all my pleasure, I love nothing but them ; they alone are my diversion, I think of nothing else*

240. *Lui* and *leur* are generally applied to persons, but are sometimes used in speaking of animals, plants, and even inanimate objects with *donner, rendre, être redevable, devoir*, etc. as :

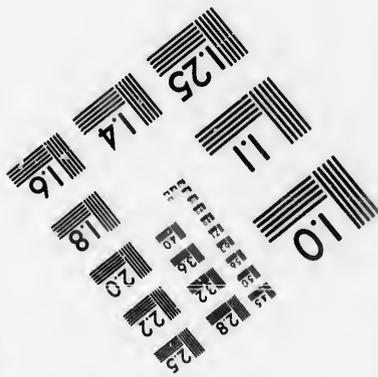
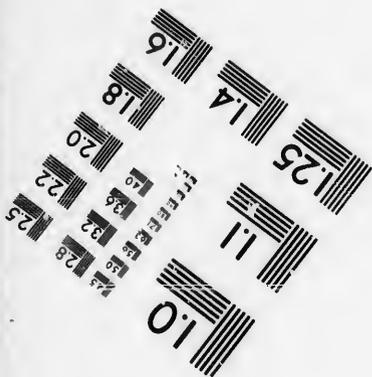
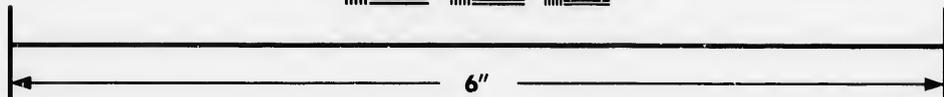
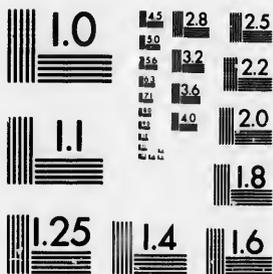
ces chevaux sont rendus, faites leur donner un peu de vin  
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*those horses are exhausted, give them a little wine  
these orange-trees will die unless they have a little water  
those walls are badly built, they have not sufficient inclination*





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## EXERCISE.

1. Virtue is the first of blessings ; it is *from it* alone we are to expect happiness.
2. The labyrinth had been built upon the lake Meris, and they had given *it* a prospect proportioned to its grandeur.
3. Mountains are frequented on account of the air one breathes on them : how many people are indebted *to them* for the recovery of their health ?
4. War brings in its train numberless evils.
5. It is a delicate affair which must not be too deeply investigated, it must be lightly passed over.
6. I have had my house repaired, and have given *it* an appearance quite \* new.
7. Those trees are too much loaded : strip *them* of part of their fruit.
8. This book cost me a great deal, but I am indebted *to it* for my knowledge.
9. Self-love is captious ; we, however, take *it* for our \* guide ; *to it* are all our actions directed, and *from it* we take counsel.
10. These arguments, although very solid in themselves, yet made no impression upon him, so strong a *tie* is habit.
11. These reasons convinced me, and *by them* I formed my decision.
12. I leave you the care of that bird, do not forget to give *it* water.

- (1.) Blessings, *bien* ; are, *avoir*.
- (2.) Had been built, *on bâtit*, ind-6 ; prospect, *vue*.
- (3.) On account, *à cause* ; breathes, *respirer* ; on them, *y* ; are indebted for, *devoir* ; recovery, *rétablissement*.
- (4.) Brings, *entraîner* ; in its train, *avec elle* ; numberless, *bien de*.
- (5.) Affair, *matière* ; must, ind-1 ; be deeply investigated, *approfondir*, inf-1 ; be passed, *glisser* ; over, *dessus*.
- (6.) Have had, *faire*, ind-4 ; appearance, *air*.
- (7.) Strip, *ôter à* ; of part, *une partie*.
- (8.) A great deal, *cher* ; knowledge, *instruction*.
- (9.) We (*it is it that we*) ; to it, (*it is to it that we direct all, etc.*) ; direct, *rapporter* ; from it, (*and it is from it that etc.*)
- (10.) No, *ne aucun* ; so strong, etc. (*so much habit is a, etc.*) habit, *habitude*.
- (11.) And from, (*and it is from them that*) ; by, *d'après* ; formed my decision, *se décider*.

DIFFICULTY RESPECTING THE SUPPLYING PRONOUN  
*le* EXPLAINED.

241. *LE* is used in French to supply the place of an antecedent phrase, of a substantive or an adjective. In such case, its equivalent in English is *so* or *it*, which is almost ever understood.

## EXAMPLES.

je suis père, et vous *le* serez  
aussi un jour

*I am a father and some day, or  
other, you will be (one) also*

ils ne sont pas aussi riches que nous *le* sommes *they are not so rich as we are (it, i. e. rich)*  
 je le ferai, si je *le* puis *I will do it, if I can (do it)*

*LE*, thus used, is declined in some cases, and not in others.

When *le* supplies the place of a substantive, it then assumes the gender and number of that substantive, as :  
*Madame, êtes-vous la mère de cet enfant ?—Oui, je la suis ;* Madam, are you the mother of that child ?—Yes, I am. *Mesdames, êtes-vous les parentes dont Monsieur m'a parlé ?—Oui, nous les sommes.*

## EXERCISE.

1. The laws of nature and decency oblige us equally to defend the honor and interest of our parents, when we can do *it* without injustice.
2. We ought not to condemn, after their death, those that have not been *condemned* during their life.
3. Is that your idea ?—Can you doubt that it is ?
4. Are you Mrs. Such-a-one ?—Yes, I am.
5. Are those your servants ?—Yes, they are.
6. Ladies, are you glad to have seen the new piece ?—Yes, we are.
7. I, a \* slave ! I, born to command ! alas ! it is but too true that I am *so*.
8. She was jealous of her authority, and she must be *so*.
9. Was there ever a girl more unhappy, and treated with more ridicule than I am ?
10. You have found me amiable : why have I ceased to appear *so* to you ?
11. Have we ever been so quiet as we are ?
12. Madam, are you married ?—Yes, I am.
13. Madam, are you the bride ?—Yes, I am.

- (1.) Decency, *bienséance*.
- (2.) We ought, *falloir* ; condemned, *le*.
- (3.) Idea, *pensée* ; that it is, *ce être*, subj-1.
- (4.) Mrs. *madame* ; such-a-one, *un tel*.
- (5.) Those, *ce là* ; they, *ce*.
- (6.) Ladies, *mesdames*.
- (7.) Slave, *esclave* ; but, *ne que*.
- (8.) Must, *devoir*, ind-2.
- (9.) With more ridicule, *plus ridiculement*.

242. When *le* supplies an antecedent, adjective or a verb, it is undeclined.

## EXAMPLES.

je le ferai si je le puis (le faire) *I will do it if I can.*  
 Madame, êtes-vous enrhumée ?—Oui, je le suis.  
 Mesdames, êtes-vous contentes de ce discours ?—Oui, nous le sommes.  
 Fut-il jamais une femme plus malheureuse que je le suis ?

REMARK. The *le* is also undeclined, when substantives are used adjectively, as :

Madame, êtes-vous mère ? —Oui, je le suis.

Mesdames, êtes-vous parentes ? —Oui, nous le sommes.

Elle est fille, et le sera toute la vie.

But it is declined if the adjectives be used substantively, as :

Madame, êtes-vous la malade ? —Oui, je la suis.

Therefore this question : *êtes-vous fille de M. le duc !* is to be answered, *oui, je le suis* ; but this, *êtes-vous la fille de M. le duc ?* it is to be by *Oui, je la suis*.

REPETITION OF THE PERSONAL PRONOUNS.

243. Pronouns in the first and second persons, when the subject, must be repeated before every verb, if each of them is in different tenses. It is always even preferable to repeat them, when the verbs are in the same tense.

EXAMPLES

je soutiens et je soutiendrai toujours	<i>I maintain, and (I) will always maintain</i>
vous dites, et vous avez toujours dit	<i>you say, and (you) have always said</i>
accablé de douleur, je m'écriai, et je dis	<i>overwhelmed with sorrow, I exclaimed and (I) said</i>
nous nous promenions sur le haut du rocher, et nous voyions sous nos pieds, etc.	<i>we were walking upon the summit of the rock, and we saw under our feet, etc.</i>

In all cases, these pronouns must be repeated, though the tenses of the verbs be the same, if the first is followed by a regimen, or accusative.

EXAMPLE.

vous aimerez le seigneur votre Dieu, et vous observerez sa loi	<i>you shall love the Lord your God, and (you shall) observe his law.</i>
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244. The pronouns of the third person, when the subject, are hardly ever repeated before verbs, except those verbs be in different tenses.

EXAMPLES.

la bonne grâce ne gâte rien ; elle ajoute à la beauté, relève la modestie, et y donne du lustre	<i>a graceful manner spoils nothing ; it adds to beauty, heightens modesty, and gives it lustre</i>
il n'a jamais rien valu, et ne vaudra jamais rien	<i>he never was good for any thing, and never will be</i>
il est arrivé ce matin, et il repartira ce soir	<i>he is arrived this morning, and (he) will set off again this evening</i>

## EXERCISE.

1. My dear child, *I* love you, and *I* shall never cease to love you : but it is that very love that I have for you which obliges me to correct you for your faults, and to punish you when you deserve it.

2. *I* heard and admired these words, which comforted me a little, but my mind was not sufficiently free to make him a reply.

3. *Thou* art young, and *thou* aimest, no doubt, at the glory of surpassing thy comrades.

4. God has said : *you* shall love your enemies, bless those that curse you, do good to those that persecute you, and pray for those who slander you. What a difference between these morals and those of philosophers !

(1.) Correct for, *réprendre de*.

(2.) Heard, *écouter* ind-2; words, *discours*, sing.; my mind., etc. (*I had not the mind*, etc.); sufficiently free, *assez libre*; to make a reply, *répondre à*.

(3.) Aimest at, *aspirer à*; surpassing, *l'emporter*, etc.

(4.) Slander, *calomnier*; between, *de*; morals, *morale*, f.; and that, *à celle*.

However, perspicuity requires the repetition of the pronoun, when the second verb is preceded by a long incidental phrase, as : *il fond sur son ennemi, et, après l'avoir saisi d'une main victorieuse, il le renverse, comme le cruel aquilon abat les tendres moissons qui dorent la campagne.*

## EXERCISE.

1. *He* took the strongest cities, conquered the most considerable provinces, and overturned the most powerful empires.

2. *He* takes a hatchet, completely cuts down the mast which was already broken, throws it into the sea, jumps upon it amidst the furious billows, calls me by my name, and encourages me to follow him.

4. *He* marshals the soldiers, marches at their head, advances in good order towards the enemy, attacks and routs them, and after having entirely routed them, (he) cuts them to pieces.

(1.) Overturned, *renverser*.

(2.) Completely cuts down, *achever de couper*; jumps upon it *s'élan- cer dessus*; billows, *onde*.

(3.) Marshals, *ranger en bataille*; routs, *renverser*; entirely routed *achever de mettre en désordre*; cuts, *tailler*

245. A personal pronoun, when the *subject*, must be repeated before verbs, when passing from an affirmation to a negation, and *vice versa*, or when the verbs are joined by a conjunction, except *et* and *ni*.

## EXAMPLES.

il veut, et il ne veut pas  
il donne d'excellents principes,  
parce qu'il sait que les progrès  
ultérieurs en dépendent

he will and he will not  
he lays down excellent principles,  
because he knows that upon them  
depends all further progress

il donne et reçoit  
il ne donne ni ne reçoit

he gives and receives  
he neither gives nor receives.

Pronouns, when the regimen, or the object are repeated before any verb.

l'idée de ses malheurs le poursuit, le tourmente et l'accable  
the idea of his misfortunes pursues (him), torments (him), and overwhelms him

il nous ennuie et nous obsède sans cesse.  
he wearies (us) and besets us unceasingly.

EXCEPTION. They are not repeated before such compound verbs as express the repetition of the same action, and when the verbs are in the same tense, as :

Je vous le dis et redis, il le fait et refait sans cesse.

#### EXERCISE.

1. It is inconceivable how whimsical she is; from one moment to another *she* will and *she* will not.

2. The Jews are forbidden to work on the sabbath; *they* are as it \* were \* locked in slumber; *they* light no fire, and carry no water.

3. For nearly a week *she* has neither eaten nor drunk.

4. The soldier was not repressed by authority, but stopped from satiety and shame.

(1.) (*She is of a whimsical cast inconceivable*) whimsical cast, *bizarrierie* f.

(2.) (*It is forbidden to*), forbidden, *défendre*; sabbath, *jour du sabbat*; locked, *enchaîné*; slumber, *repos*; light, *allumer*.

(3.) For, *depuis*; nearly, *près de*, a week, *huit jours*; has eaten . . . drunk, *ind-1*.

(4.) Repressed, *réprimer*; stopped, *s'arrêter*, *ind-3*; from, *par*.

#### RELATION OF THE PRONOUN OF THE THIRD PERSON TO A NOUN EXPRESSED BEFORE.

246. The pronouns of the third person, *il ils, elle, elles, le, la, les*, must always relate to a noun, whether subject or regimen, taken only in a definite sense, antecedently expressed; but they must not be applied to a subject and regimen, at the same time.

#### EXAMPLES.

la rose est la reine des fleurs, the rose is the queen of flowers;  
aussi est-elle l'emblème de la beauté therefore it is the emblem of beauty

j'aime l'ananas; il est exquis I like the pine-apple; it is delicious

#### EXERCISE.

1. It is taste that selects the expressions, that combines, arranges, and varies *them*, so as to produce the greatest effect.

2. Horace answered his stupid critics not so much to instruct *them*, as to shew their ignorance, and let *them* see that they did not even know what poetry was.

3. Man embellishes nature itself: he cultivates, extends, and polishes it.

4. The Messiah is expected by the Hebrews; *he* comes and calls the Gentiles, as had been announced by the prophecies; the people that acknowledges *him* as come, is incorporated with the people that expected *him*, without a single moment of interruption.

(1.) So as to, *de manière à ce qu'elles*, subj. 1.

(2.) Stupid, *sot*; not so much, *moins*; as to, *pour*; show, (*to them*); their, etc.; let see, *faire entendre*; was *c'était que*.

(4.) Gentiles, *Gentil*; (the prophecies had announced it); acknowledges, *reconnaître*; with, *à*; without, *sans qu'il y ait*; single, *seul*.

But the two following sentences would be equivocal:

*Racine* a imité *Euripide*, en tout ce qu'il a de plus beau dans sa *Phèdre*

*Racine* has imitated *Euripides* in all that he has most beautiful in his *Phædra*

le légat publia une sentence d'interdit; il dura trois mois

the legate published a sentence of interdiction; it lasted three months

because, in the first of these two sentences, *il* may relate, either to *Racine*, or to *Euripides*; and, from the construction of the second sentence, *il*, relating to *interdit*, appears also to relate to *légat*. Again, it is not altogether correct to say:

nulle paix pour l'impie; il la cherche, elle fuit

no peace for the wicked: he seeks it, it flies

Because, from the construction, the pronouns *la* and *elle* seem to relate to *nulle paix*, whereas their royal antecedent is the substantive *paix*, but without the negative *nulle*.

EXERCISE.

1. Poetry embraces all sorts of subjects; *it* takes in every thing that is most brilliant in history; *it* enters the fields of philosophy; *it* soars to the skies; *it* plunges into the abyss; *it* penetrates to the dead; *it* makes the universe its domain; and if this world be not sufficient, *it* creates new ones, which *it* embellishes with enchanting abodes, which *it* peoples with a thousand various inhabitants.

2. Egypt aimed at greatness; and wished to \* strike the eye at a distance, always pleasing *it* by the justness of proportion.

3. Egypt, satisfied with its own territory, where every thing was in abundance, thought not of conquests; *it* extended itself in another manner, by sending colonies to every part of the globe, and with them politeness and laws.

(1.) Subjects, *matière*; takes in *se charger de*; that is, *y avoir de*; (in) the fields, soars to, *s'élançer dans*; plunges, *s'enfoncer*; to *chez*;

(its domain of the universe); be sufficient, *suffire*; ones, *monde*; enchanting, *enchanté*; abodes, *demeure*; various, *divers*.

(2.) Greatness, *grand*; wished, *vouloir*; eye, pl.; at a distance, *dans l'éloignement*; (in) pleasing, *contenter*.

(3.) Was in abundance, *abonder*; thought of, *songer à*; in, *de*; by, *en*; to, *par*; part of the globe, *terre*.

#### ON THE PRONOUN *soi*.

247. *Soi* is generally accompanied by a preposition, and is used in phrases, where there is an indeterminate pronoun either expressed, or understood: *on doit rarement parler de soi*; *il est essentiel de prendre garde à soi*. In this case, it is the regimen indirect; but it may be employed without a preposition.

1. With the verb *être*, as: *en cherchant à tromper les autres, c'est souvent soi qu'on trompe* or *on est souvent trompé soi-même*, in attempting to deceive others, we frequently deceive ourselves. In this situation it is the subject

2. After *ne que*, or by apposition, as :

<i>n'aimer que soi, c'est n'être bon à rien</i>	<i>to love only ourselves, is being good for very little.</i>
<i>penser ainsi, c'est s'aveugler soi-même</i>	<i>to think in this manner, is to blind one's-self</i>

It is, in these examples, the regimen; but when *de soi* and *en soi* are used in a definite sense, in speaking of things, they mean *de sa nature* and *dans sa nature*.

#### EXERCISE.

1. To excuse in *one's-self* the follies which one cannot excuse in others, is to prefer being a fool *one's-self* to seeing others so.
  2. To be too much dissatisfied with *ourselves* is a weakness; but to be too much satisfied (*with ourselves*) is (a) folly.
  3. We ought to despise no one: how often have we needed the assistance of one more insignificant than *ourselves*?
  4. If we did not attend so much to *ourselves*, there would be less selfishness in the world.
  5. Vice is odious in *itself*.
  6. The loadstone attracts iron (*to itself*).
- (1.) Follies, *sottises*; others, *autrui*; prefer, *aimer mieux*; fool, *sot*; to seeing, *que de voir*; so, *tel*.
- (3.) We ought, *falloir*, ind-1; how often, *combien de fois*; we, *on*; needed the assistance, *n'avoir pas besoin*; insignificant, *petit*.
- (4.) We, *on*; attend to, *s'occuper de*; selfishness, *égoïsme*.
- (6.) Loadstone, *aimant*.

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## POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS.

248. Possessive pronouns, conjunctive as : *mon, ma, mes* ; relative, as : *le mien, la mienne, les miens, les miennes*, agree in gender and number with the noun to which they are joined or are related.

*Its, their, (his, her,)* which, in English, are used in reference to things, are rendered by *son, sa, ses*, according as the case requires ; thus, in speaking of England, we say :

*son parlement est le sanctuaire  
de la plus sage politique  
son roi n'a de pouvoir que pour  
faire le bien  
elle envoie ses flottes dans toutes  
les mers*

*her parliament is the seat of the  
wisest policy  
her king possesses power only to do  
good  
she sends her fleet in all the seas*

249. But, sometimes by the construction of the phrase, *its* may be turned by *of it* ; then, it is not rendered by a possessive pronoun, but by the personal pronoun *en*, which, as it has been explained, is placed before the verb. Thus, speaking again of England, we say :

*tout enfin contribue à m'en faire  
aimer le séjour ; j'en admire  
surtout l'exacte police, en  
même temps que les lois m'en  
paraissent extrêmement sages*

*in short every thing conspires to  
make me love its sojourn ; I par-  
ticularly admire the strictness of  
her police, at the same time that  
her laws appear to me extremely  
wise*

*regardez cet arbre, n'en admi-  
rez-vous pas la fraîcheur ?*

*look at that tree, do you not admire  
its freshness ?*

## EXERCISE.

1. A new custom was a phenomenon in Egypt ; for which reason, there never was a people that preserved so long *its* customs, *its* laws, and even *its* ceremonies.
2. Solomon abandons himself to the love of women : *his* understanding fails, *his* heart weakens, and *his* piety degenerates into idolatry.
3. That superb temple was upon the summit of a hill : *its* columns were of Parian marble, and *its* gates of gold.
4. Laocoon is one of the finest statues in France : not only the whole, but all *its* features, even the least, are admirable.
5. The Thames is a magnificent river : *its* channel is so wide and so deep, below London Bridge, that several thousands of vessel lie at their ease in it.
6. This fine country is justly admired by foreigners : *its* climate is delightful, *its* soil fruitful, *its* laws wise, and *its* government just and moderate.
7. The trees of that orchard have sun enough, yet *its* fruits are but indifferent.
8. The Seine has *its* source in Burgundy, *its* mouth is at Havre-de-Grace.

9. The pyramids of Egypt astonish, both by the enormity of *their* bulk, and the justness of *their* proportions.

10. Egypt alone could erect monuments for posterity : *its* obelisks are to this day, as well for *their* beauty as for *their* height, the principal ornaments of Rome.

11. History and geography throw mutual light on each other : a \* perfect knowledge of *them* ought to enter into the plan of good education.

(1.) Phenomenon, *prodige*; for which reason, *aussi*; a *de* preserved; subj-3.

(2.) Understanding, *esprit*; declines, *baisser*; weakens, *s'affaiblir*.

(3.) Summit, *haut*; hill, *colline*; Parian, *de Paros*.

(4.) In, *qu'il y ait en*; the whole, *l'ensemble*; even, *jusqu'à*.

(5.) Magnificent, *superbe*; channel, *lit*; below, *au-dessous de*; lie at; être à; their, *art.*; in it, *y*.

(6.) Justly, *avec raison*; soil, *sol*; the verb être must be repeated.

(7.) Have sun enough, *être bien exposé*; but indifferent, *assez mauvais*.

(8.) Mouth, *embouchure*; Havre, *le Havre*.

(9.) Both, *également et*; bulk, *masse*; and *et par*.

(10.) Egypt alone could, *il n'appartenait qu'à l'Égypte de*; erect, *élever*; to this day, *encore aujourd'hui*; as well for, *autant par*; height, *hauteur*.

(11.) Throw mutual light, etc. *s'éclairer l'une par l'autre*; of them (their.)

250. *Mine, thine, his, hers, ours, yours, theirs*, which, in English, are used with *to be*, in the sense of *to belong*, are expressed, in French, by *à moi, à toi, à lui, à elle, à nous, à vous, à eux, à elles*.

## EXAMPLES.

ce cheval est-il à vous? *is this horse yours?*  
on dirait à l'entendre que le monde est à lui. *he talks as if the world were his*

251. The forms *my father's, your uncle's, etc.*, etc. are also rendered *à mon père, à votre oncle*.

## EXAMPLE.

la maison que nous habitons est *the house we inhabit is Mr. B's.*  
(ou appartient) à Monsieur B.

## EXERCISE.

The carriage is not theirs, it is their uncle's. If this house was mine I would sell it, for I do not like its situation. You have no right to give what is not yours. This pretty dog is my sister's, I have promised to take care of it in her absence.

No right, *le droit de*.

In, *pendant*.

252. *Les miens, les tiens, les siens, les nôtres, les vôtres*, are used to express one's family, relations, clients, etc.

## EXAMPLES.

il est allé en Amérique avec tous les siens *he has gone to America with all his family*  
 toi et les tiens vous avez toujours mal parlé de moi *you and your whole race have always spoken ill of me*

253. *A friend of yours, a horse of mine, and such phrases, are turned in this manner in French, un de vos amis, un de mes chevaux.\**

## EXAMPLE.

c'est un de ses tours *this is a trick of his*

254. in speaking to a person of his own relations, politeness requires that we put: *monsieur, madame, mademoiselle, messieurs, mesdames, mesdemoiselles*, before the possessive pronoun.

## EXAMPLES.

j'ai rencontré Monsieur votre père *I met your father*  
 Messieurs vos frères sont-ils arrivés ? *are your brothers come ?*

255. Custom requires the use of the possessive pronoun before the names of relations. in addressing them.

ma sœur, venez ici que je parle *come here, I want to speak*  
 mon oncle, quand partez-vous ? *when do you go ?*

EXCEP. *Papa, maman*

256. Possessive pronouns are placed before every noun of the same sentence.

## EXAMPLE.

mon père et ma mère sont venus. *my father and mother have come.*  
 donnez-moi mon habit et mon chapeau. *give me my coat and hat.*

257. When two adjectives qualify the same noun, the pronoun possessive is repeated, if they express opposite or

\* *This is no business of yours, must be rendered by ce n'est pas là votre affaire, or cette affaire là ne vous regarde pas. This is applicable to any sentence which may not be turned, like the above, by this is one of his tricks; that brother of yours must, therefore, be turned by your brother.*

† Custom admits *mes père et mère*, My father and mother, instead of *mon père et ma mère*; it admits also. *ses père et mère, vos père et mère.*

incompatible qualities; it is not repeated, in the contrary case.

## EXAMPLE.

je lui ai montré mes beaux et mes vilains habits. *I showed him both my fine and ugly dresses.*  
 je lui ai montré mes beaux et magnifiques habits. *I showed him my beautiful and magnificent dresses.*

## EXERCISE.

1. I fear neither you nor yours.
2. He left France with all his family at the time of the revolution.
3. A friend of mine told me this morning that Parliament is to be dissolved.
4. That son of yours will give you a great deal of trouble.
5. Is your mother returned from the country?
6. Allow me to congratulate you on your brother's appointment.
7. Cousin, I am glad to see you, when did you return?
8. I believe that his father and mother are dead.

- (1.) *Ne craindre ni.*
- (2.) To leave, *abandonner.*
- (3.) *Dire*, ind-4; is to be, etc., *que l'on va dissoudre le.*
- (4.) Trouble, *embarras.*
- (5.) Appointment, *nomination.*
- (7.) When did you, etc., *depuis quand êtes vous de retour?*

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258. There is peculiarity of construction with regard to these, which require particular attention and notice. The French in speaking of them do not, generally, make use of the possessive pronoun, but of the definite article.

## EXAMPLES.

j'ai mal à la tête\*, *I have a pain in my head.*  
 j'ai reçu un coup de feu au bras droit, *I received a shot in my right arm.*  
 il a perdu l'esprit. *he has lost his senses.*  
 mieux vaut perdre la vie que l'honneur. *better lose one's life than one's honour.*  
 la tête me fait mal, *my head aches*

259. When speaking of any thing done to any part of the body, or of the understanding, such as *to wash one's hands*,

\* The reason of this custom is that there cannot be any ambiguity as to whose head is aching, and, consequently, that the definite article is sufficient.

to improve one's mind, a pronoun, in the dative case, is placed in conjunction with the verb, in order to show whose hands, whose understanding are thus affected; *me laver les mains, lui former l'esprit*, to wash my hands, to form his mind.

If the thing is done to ourselves, and by ourselves, the verb is reflected.

## EXAMPLES,

je me lave les mains,	<i>I wash my hands, or I wash the hands to myself.</i>
tu te coupes le doigt,	<i>you cut your finger.</i>
il se rait la barbe,	<i>he shaves his beard.</i>
nous nous rinçons la bouche,	<i>we wash our mouths.</i>
nous nous sommes lavés les mains,	<i>we have washed our hands.</i>
vous vous formez l'esprit,	<i>you improve your mind.</i>
ils s'enrichissent la mémoire,	<i>they enrich their memory.</i>

260. If the thing is done to another, the indirect regimen, *me, te, lui, nous, vous, leur*, are used with the verb, according to the rules 224, 225, and 225\*.

## EXAMPLES.

vous me blessez la main,	<i>you hurt my hand, or you hurt the hand to me.</i>
tenez-moi la tête,	<i>hold my head.</i>
vous lui avez cassé le bras,	<i>you have broken his arm</i>
ils nous ont fendu la tête,	<i>they split our head.</i>
vous ai-je marché sur le pied?	<i>did I tread on your foot?</i>
ou leur a arraché les yeux,	<i>they tore their eyes out.</i>

## EXERCISE.

1. Our carriage passed over his body, and broke two ribs.
2. Writing so long makes\* my hand ache.
3. She was so shocked by the sudden death of her husband, that she lost her mind.
4. Come give me your hand, let us be friends.
5. Do not cut your nails with my penknife, you will spoil it.
6. Where did he lose his leg?
7. You have not washed your face.
8. Who has cut your hair?
9. Have you not cut your finger?
10. Last year, I sprained my foot, by leaping over a ditch.
11. The wound is so bad that they say they will be obliged to amputate his leg.
12. She took my hand, and put a pretty ring on my little finger.

- (1.) To pass over, *passer*.
- (2.) A *force d'écrire*; to ache, *faire mal*.
- (3.) Shocked, *affecté*; to lose *en perdre*, ind-3.
- (5.) Nails, *ongles*.

- (6.) To lose, *perdre* ind-4.  
 (8.) Hair, *les cheveux*.  
 (10.) To sprain, *se donner une entorse à*.  
 (11.) They will be obliged, *il faudra*.  
 (12.) Put, *mettre*, ind-3; on, *à*.

261. If however, the part of the body spoken of is the subject of the verb, it is then necessary to use the possessive pronoun, otherwise there would be imbiguity.

## EXAMPLES.

*je vois que ma jambe enfle,*      *I see my leg is swelling.*  
*son esprit succomba,*              *his mind failed.*

In some other cases, it is also necessary to use the possessive pronoun for the sake of clearness.

## EXAMPLES.

*il lui donna sa main à baiser,*      *he gave him his hand to kiss.*  
*elle a donné hardiment son bras au*      *she courageously presented her*  
*chirurgien,*                              *arm to the surgeon.*

## EXERCISE.

1. In this interview, they made each other presents; she gave him *her* portrait, and he gave her his finest diamond.

2. A young surgeon preparing to bleed the great Condé, this prince said to him smiling, do not you tremble to bleed me? I, my lord, no, certainly; it is not I, it is you who ought to tremble. The prince, charmed with the reply, immediately gave him *his* arm.

(1.) Interview, *entrevue*; made each other, *se faire mutuellement*.

(2.) Preparing, *se disposer*; bleed, *saigner*; smiling, *d'un air riant*; it is not I, (it is not to me); it is you, (it is to you); who ought to, *de*; reply, *repartie*. £

262, Although verbs which are conjugated with two pronouns of the same person generally remove every kind of amphibology, yet custom authorizes some familiar expressions, although the possessive pronoun seems to be redundant, as :

*il se tient ferme sur ses pieds,*      *he stands firm upon his feet.*  
*je l'ai vu, de mes propres yeux,*      *I have seen it with my own eyes.*

When speaking of an habitual complaint, the possessive pronoun is also properly used, as :

*Sa migraine l'a repris,*              *his head-ache is returned.*

## EXERCISE.

1. Whatever he may do, he always finds himself safe.

2. Can you still doubt the truth of what I tell you? Would you ask a stronger proof than that I give you, it is that I heard it, yes, heard it with *my* own ears.

3. *My* gout does not allow me a moment's repose.  
 4. It is in vain that I exhort you to work and study; *your* idleness, that cruel disease under which you labour, renders useless all the exhortations of friendship.

- (1.) Finds himself, *se retrouver*; safe, *sur ses jambes*.  
 (2.) Can, *cond-1*; doubt, *douter de*; ask, *exiger*.  
 (3.) Allow, *laisser*.  
 (4.) It is in vain that I, *je avoir beau*; you labour, *qui vous travaille*.

DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS.

For their concord with the noun, see Nos. 70, 71, 72.

263. **ETRE**, used in conjunction with *ce*, must be in the singular, although relating to the first and second person plural.

EXAMPLES :

c'est moi qui l'ai dit,	<i>it is I who said so</i>
ce sera vous qui en jouirez,	<i>you will be the person to enjoy it.</i>
est-ce nous qui vous avons trompé ?	<i>is it we who deceived you ?</i>
ce n'est pas lui que j'ai envoyé chercher,	<i>he is not the person I sent for.</i>

264. With regard to the third person plural, the verb *être* is sometimes plural, sometimes singular; this difference does not arise from any rule or principle, but merely from custom, and, as it cannot be explained, an example of each case is given for reference.

**C'EST** with *eux, elles*.

EXAMPLES.

ce sont eux,	est-ce eux ?
ce sont elles,	est-ce elles ?
ce furent eux,	est-ce que ce furent-eux ?
ce seront eux,	sera-ce eux ou elles ?
que ce soient eux,	seraient-ce eux ou elles ?
que ce fussent eux,	

265. **C'EST** with nouns substantives.

EXAMPLES.

ce sont les français qui,	sont-ce les français qui,
c'étaient les gardes qui,	étaient-ce les gardes ?
ce seront les anglais qui,	est-ce que ce seront les anglais ?
ce furent les allemands qui,	est-ce que ce furent les allemands ?
ce sont ses élèves, qui lui ont fait ce présent,	<i>his pupils have made him this present.</i>
on dit que ce seront les grenadiers, qui feront le service du château,	<i>they say the grenadiers are to be on duty at the castle.</i>
sont-ce les honneurs que vous cherchez ?	<i>is it honours that you seek ?</i>

266. *CE* is used before *être*, instead of the pronouns *il*, *elle*, *ils*, *elles*, in reference to a noun, singular or plural, antecedently named, at the beginning of the sentence which declares the nature or the actions of such a noun. Thus, having mentioned the Phenicians, we say :

ce furent eux qui inventèrent l'écriture.	<i>they were the inventors of writing.</i>
lisez Homère et Virgile : ce sont les plus grands poètes de l'antiquité.	<i>read Homer and Virgil : they are the best poets of antiquity.</i>
la douceur l'affabilité et une certaine urbanité, distinguent l'homme qui vit dans le grand monde ; ce sont là les marques auxquelles on le reconnaît.	<i>gentleness, affability, and a certain urbanity, distinguish the man that frequents polite company ; these are marks by which he may be known.</i>
avez-vous lu Platon ? c'est un des plus beaux génies de l'antiquité.	<i>have you read Plato ? he is one of the greatest geniuses of antiquity.</i>

But when the verb *être* is followed by an adjective, or by a substantive taken adjectively, *il* or *elle*, must be used.

lisez Démosthènes et Cicéron ; ils sont très-éloquents,	<i>read Demosthenes and Cicero ; they are very eloquent.</i>
j'ai vu l'hôpital de Greenwich ; il est magnifique et digne d'une grande nation,	<i>I have seen Greenwich Hospital ; it is superb and worthy of a great nation.</i>
compteriez-vous sur Valère ? ignorez-vous qu'il est homme à ne jamais revenir de ses premières idées ?	<i>would you rely upon Valère ? do you not know that he is a man who will never abandon his first opinions ?</i>

267. A distinction is made in English, as to the singular or the plural, in sentences like these, *this is my horse*, *these are my children* ; *ce* is again used in French before both numbers.

#### EXAMPLES.

c'est-là mon cheval,	<i>or,</i>	ce sont mes enfans
voici <i>or</i> voilà mon cheval,		voici mes enfans,

#### EXERCISE.

1. It is *we* who have drawn that misfortune upon \* us, through our thoughtlessness and imprudence.
2. *It was* the Egyptians that first observed the course of the stars, regulated the year, and invented arithmetic.
3. Peruse attentively Plato and Cicero : *they are* the two philosophers of antiquity who have given us the most sound and luminous ideas upon morality.

4. If you are intended for the pulpit, read over and over again Bourdaloue and Massillon : *they are* both very eloquent ; but the aim of the former is to convince, and that of the latter to persuade.

5. Are not these the gloves you bought yesterday ? This is not my house. These are not my books ; mine are in another room.

(1.) Have drawn, *s'attirer* ; thoughtlessness, *légèreté*.

(2.) First, *les premiers* ; stars, *astres*,

(3.) Peruse, *lire* ; sound, *sain* ; morality, *morale*.

(4.) Are intended for, *se destiner à* ; pulpit, *chaire* ; read over and over again, *lire et relire sans cesse* ; aim but.

(5.) To buy, *acheter*, ind-4.

268. *Ce* is much used in conjunction with *qui*, *dont*, *à quoi*, *que*, in the sense of *what*, *that which*, *that thing which*. It is used in speaking of things only, and the adjective which relates to it, is of the masculine gender singular.

## EXAMPLE.

*ce qui flatte est plus dangereux*      *what flatters is more dangerous*  
*que ce qui offense,*      *than what offends.*

*Ce*, joined to the relative pronouns, *qui*, *que*, *dont* and *quoi*, has, in some instances, a construction peculiar to itself. Both *ce* and the relative pronoun that follows it, form with the verb which they precede, the subject of another phrase, of which the verb is always *être*. Now, *être* may be followed by another verb, an adjective, or a noun.

When *être* is followed by another verb, the demonstrative *ce* must be repeated, as :

*ce que j'aime le plus, c'est d'être*      *what I like most is to be alone.*  
*seul*

When followed by an adjective, the demonstrative *ce* is not repeated, as :

*ce dont vous venez de me parler*      *what you have been mentioning to*  
*est horrible*      *me is horrid.*

When *être* is followed by a substantive, the demonstrative may either be repeated, or not, at pleasure, except in the case of a plural, or of a personal pronoun, Thus :

*ce que je dis, est la vérité, or c'est*      *what I say is true*  
*la vérité*

*ce qui m'indigne, ce sont les in-*      *what provokes me, are the injuries*  
*justices, qu'on ne cesse de*      *which are continually commit-*  
*faire*      *ted*

*ce qui m'arrache au sentiment*      *what alleviates the grief that op-*  
*qui m'accable, c'est vous*      *presses me, is you*

## EXERCISE.

1. *What is astonishing is not what is pleasing.*
2. *What the miser thinks least of, is to enjoy his riches.*
3. *What pleases us in the writings of the ancients, is to see that they have taken nature as a model, and that they have painted her with noble simplicity.*
4. *What that good king has done for the happiness of his people, deserves to be handed down to the remotest posterity.*
5. *What constitutes poetry is not the exact number and regular cadence of syllables: but it is the sentiment which animates every thing, the lively fictions, bold figures, \* beauty and variety of the imagery: it is the enthusiasm, fire, impetuosity, force, a something in the words and thoughts which nature alone can impart.*
6. *What we justly admire in Shakespeare are those characters always natural and always well \* sustained.*
7. *What keeps me attached to life, is you, my son, whose tender age has still need of my care and advice.*

- (1.) To be astonishing, *étonner*; to be pleasing, *plaire*.
- (2.) What, (that to which); miser, *avare*.
- (3.) As a, *pour*.
- (4.) Deserves, *être digne*; to be handed down, *être transmis*; remotest, *la plus reculée*.
- (5.) Constitutes, *faire*; exact, *fixe*; lively, *vif*; imagery, *image*, pl; a something, *un je ne sais quoi*; words, *parole*; impart, *donner*.
- (6.) We, *on*; justly, *avec justice*; natural, *dans la nature*; sustained, *soutenu*.
- (7.) Keeps attached, *attacher*; care advice, pl.

269. *Celui, celle, ceux, celles* are frequently used in conjunction with the relatives *qui, dont, auquel, à laquelle*, and *que* in the sense of *he who, she who, they who, or whom, whichever, whoever, and that which*, etc.

## EXAMPLES.

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| <i>celui qui</i> no pense qu'à lui seul,<br>dispense les autres d'y penser | <i>he who</i> thinks of nobody but himself, excuses others from thinking of him.     |
| <i>votre nouvelle</i> est plus sûre que celle qu'on débitait hier,         | <i>your intelligence</i> is more authentic than that which was circulated yesterday  |
| <i>celui qui</i> arrivera le premier l'aura,                               | <i>whichever</i> comes first shall have it.  |
| <i>ce n'est pas là</i> celui dont nous parlions,                           | <i>this is not the one</i> we were speaking of. It was not this we were speaking of. |

In these two cases it is applied both to persons and things.

270. *Celui, celle, etc.* are also followed by a genitive case.

## EXAMPLE.

cette maison ne m'appartient pas, *this house does not belong to me,*  
 c'est celle de mon oncle, *it is my uncle's.*

271. WHICH, standing for *that which, a thing which,* and having a sentence for its antecedent, is rendered by *ce qui* in French.

## EXAMPLES.

il a plu toute la nuit, ce qui nous *it rained all night, which pre-*  
 a empêchés de sortir ce matin *vented our going out this morn-*  
*ing.*

272. *This day week, this day month, this day twelve months,* are rendered thus : *d'aujourd'hui en huit, dans huit jours, dans un mois, au bout d'un an.*

273. *Celui* is sometimes omitted, and this turn gives strength and elegance to the expression, as :

qui veut trop se faire eraindre, se *he who wishes to make himself too*  
 fait rarement aimer *much feared, seldom makes him-*  
*self beloved.*

274. *Ceci* and *cela* apply only to things, and when they have not been named, and are mentioned in an indeterminate manner.

ne touchez pas à cela *do not touch that*

However, in the familiar style, custom authorizes us to say, in speaking of one person individually, or of many collectively ; *cela est heureux ! cela croupit dans la fange ; cela est gueux et fier, etc.*

## EXERCISE.

1. *Whichever of you* shall be found to excel the others both in mind and body, shall be acknowledged king of the island.

2. These are admirable pictures ; *these* are after the manner of Rubens, and *those* after the manner of Van-Huisum.

3. Why are the statues of the most celebrated modern sculptors, notwithstanding the perfection to which the arts have been carried, so much inferior to *those* of the ancients ?

4. *He* whose soul, glowing, as it were, with divine fire, shall represent to himself the whole of nature, and shall breathe into objects that spirit of life which animates them, those affecting traits which delight and ravish us, will be a man of real genius.

5. *He that* judges of others by himself, is liable to many mistakes.

6. *He that* is easily offended, discovers his weak side, and affords his enemies an opportunity of taking advantage of it.

7. *He who* loves none but himself, deserves not to be loved by others.

8. I have shown my flowers to you, but you have not seen my sister's yet.

9. I cannot lend you my horse to-day, but you may ride my brother's, he is not going out.

10. Come this day week, and I will pay you.

(1.) Be found to excel the other, *on juger vainqueur*; both in, *et pour* (repeated.)

(2.) These are, *voilà de*; picture, *tableau*; are after, *être dans*; manner, *genre*.

(3.) Are, (to be placed before *so much inferior*); have been carried (active voice), with, *on*; inferior, *au-dessous*.

(4.) Glowing with, *enflammé de*; as it were, *pour ainsi dire*; the whole of, *tout*; shall breathe into, *répandre sur*; affecting, *touchant*; delight, *séduire*; real, *vrai*.

(5.) By, *d'après*; liable, *exposé*; mistake, *méprise*.

(6.) Is offended, *s'offenser*; weak side, *faible*; affords, *fournir à*; of taking advantage, *profiter*.

275. It signifying *that, that thing*, is also expressed by *cela*.

*vous rentrez tard, et cela lui dé-*  
*plait,*

*you keep late hours, and it dis-*  
*pleases him.*

#### RELATIVE PRONOUNS.

276. *Qui*, when it is the subject, relates equally to persons and things, of both numbers and genders.

##### EXAMPLES.

*l'homme qui joue perd son temps,* *the man who games loses his time.*  
*le livre, qui plait le plus, n'est,* *the book which pleases most is not*  
*pas toujours le plus utile,* *always the most useful.*

But when *qui* is the regimen, that is, the object or accusative of a verb, or when it is governed by a preposition, such as *de, à, sans, par,* etc, it can only be used of persons, or of things personified.

##### EXAMPLES.

*quand on est délicat et sage dans* *he who is wise and discriminate in*  
*ses goûts, on ne s'attache pas,* *his choice, does not form an attach-*  
*sans savoir qui l'on aime,* *ment, without knowing whom he*  
*loves.*

*l'homme à qui appartient ce beau* *the man to whom this fine garden*  
*jardin est très-riche,* *belongs, is very rich.*  
*de qui parlez-vous ?* *of whom do you speak ?*  
*à qui en enverrez-vous ?* *to whom will you send some ?*  
*ne voulez-vous pas me dire* *will you not tell me whom you were*  
*avec qui vous étiez ?* *with ?*  
*qui inviterons-nous ?* *whom shall we invite ?*

277. *Qui* for *whom* is particularly used in interrogative sentences. In any other, as in the second of these examples, *auquel* may properly be substituted to it.

278. *What*, as the object or direct regimen of an interrogative verb, is rendered by *que*.

## EXAMPLES.

que faites-vous ?  
que dit-il ?

what are you doing ?  
what is he saying ?

279. When the regimen indirect is expressed by the preposition *de*, then *dont* should be preferred to *de qui*. It is better to say : *la femme dont vous parlez*, than *de qui* ; however, when the verb expresses transmission from one individual to another, *de qui* must be used, as,

celui de qui je tiens cette nouvelle *the person from whom I had that intelligence.*

280. Relative pronouns must not be separated from their antecedent, when that antecedent is a noun.

## EXAMPLE.

*un jeune homme qui est docile aux conseil qu'on lui donne, et qui aime à en recevoir, aura infailliblement du mérite,* *a young man who is obedient to the advice that is given him and who loves to receive some, will infallibly acquire merit.*

REMARK. In some phrases, *qui* may be separated from the substantive by several words, when these words serve to qualify the substantive, and are so connected with it, as to give the idea of one thing only, as

Il a fallu, avant toute chose, vous faire lire dans l'écriture sainte, *l'histoire du peuple de Dieu, qui fait le fondement de la religion.*

This sentence is very correct, because as *du peuple* determines the kind of history, and *de Dieu* the kind of people, the mind necessarily goes back to the substantive *histoire*, to which the incidental phrase, *du peuple de Dieu*, refers.

## EXERCISE.

- 1 I will show you a watch, which did not cost me half so much as yours, and which is a great deal better,
2. If you buy any furniture, buy that which will be durable, in preference to that which is elegant only.
3. Could I ever expect that a man for whom I made such sacrifices, and to whom I devoted so much of my time, would thus abandon me in the moment of need ?
4. I cannot name the man whom I have this report from, but I can tell you he is trustworthy.
5. Whom is this letter for ?
6. Pray, what have you done with the pencil case which was upon the table this morning ? I cannot find it any where.
7. That man is truly happy who can be content with his lot.

[1.] Cost, *coûter*, ind-4 ; half so much as, *la moitié de la* ; to be better, *valoir mieux*.

(2.) Any furniture, *des meubles*. m. ; in, *de* ; only, *ne-que*.

(3.) *Pouvoir*, ind-2 ; to expect, *s'attendre que* ; to make, *faire*, ind-4 ; such, *tant de* ; to devote, *consacrer*, ind-4 ; so much of, *une si grande partie de* ; would abandon, *abandonner*, subj-3 ; in the, *au*.

(4.) Cannot, *savoir*, cond-1 ; man, *personne*, f. ; trust-worthy, *digne, de confiance*.

(6.) Pray, *dites-donc* ; with, *de* ; to be, *être*, ind-2 ; any where, *nulle part*.

[7.] To be content with, *se contenter de*.

280. *Qui*, may likewise be separated from its antecedent, by the verb, when the antecedent is a pronoun used as the regimen direct, or object of the verb.

EXAMPLE.

Il la trouva *qui* pleurait à chaudes larmes,  
je le vois *qui* joue, *I see him playing.\**

281. A whole sentence may also be the antecedent of the relative pronoun *qui*.

EXAMPLE.

*ceux-là ne sont pas les plus malheureux, qui se plaignent le plus,* *those are not the most unhappy, who complain the most.*

But it is more according to grammar to say, *ceux qui se plaignent le plus ne sont pas les plus malheureux*. Observe also that the first manner of construing would be incorrect without the addition of the particle *là*.

EXERCISE.

1. A young man *who* loves vanity of dress, like a woman, is unworthy of wisdom and glory ; glory is only due to a heart *that* knows how \* to \* suffer pain and trample upon pleasure.

2. Thyself, O my son, my dear son, thou \* thyself *that* now enjoyest a youth so cheerful and so full of pleasure, remember that this delightful age is but a flower *which* will be 1 withered 3 almost as soon 2 as blown.

3. Men pass away like flowers, *which* open in \* the morning, and at night are withered and trampled under foot.

4. You must have a man *that* loves nothing but truth and you, *that* will speak the truth in spite of you, *that* will force all your entrenchments ; and that indispensable being is the very man whom you have sent into exile.

5. We perceived him waiting for us, quietly sitting under the shade of a tree.

\* See manner of rendering the English participle present, No. 398, 399.

(1.) Vanity of dress, *à se parer vainement*; trample upon, *fouler aux pieds*.

(2.) Cheerful, *vis*; full of, *féconde en*; remember, *se souvenir*; delightful, *bel*; withered, *sécher*; blown, *écloré*.

(3.) Open, *s'épanouir*; and (which); at night, *le soir*; withered, *fêtrir*; under, *à*; foot, art. pl. *pied*, m.

(4.) You must have, *il vous falloir*; nothing but, *ne que*; will speak, will force, subj-1; entrenchments, *retranchement*; indispensable being, *être si utile*; very man, *homme même*; sent into exile *exiler*.

(5.) Waiting for, (who waited), *attendre*, ind-2. under, *à*.

282. The relative *qui* must always have reference to a noun taken in a determinate sense.

EXAMPLES.

*L'homme est un animal raisonnable, qui etc. Il me reçut avec une politesse, qui, etc.*

But we cannot say, *l'homme est animal raisonnable, qui, etc. Il me reçut avec politesse, qui, etc.*

283. When the antecedent of *qui* is the subject of a verb in the negative or the interrogative form, the following verb must be in the subjunctive mood.

EXAMPLES.

il n'a point de livre, qui ne soit de son choix;	<i>he has not a book that is not of his own selecting.</i>
il y a-t-il ville dans le royaume qui soit plus favorisée ?	<i>is there a city in the kingdom that is more favoured ?</i>

284. *Que* relates both to person and things. It is always the regimen direct, and always follows its antecedent.

EXAMPLES.

*l'homme que je vois, the man whom I see.*  
*les pêches que je mange, the peaches which I eat.*

The antecedent of *que* may also be a noun, qualified or determined by several words, which separate it from the relative; as

*Qu'est-ce qu'une armée ?—c'est un corps animé d'une infinité de passions différentes, qu'un homme habile fait mouvoir pour la défense de la patrie.*

EXERCISE.

1. He received us with such *goodness, civility and grace*, as charmed us, and made us forget all we had suffered.

2. There is no *city* in the world *where* there are more riches and a greater population.

3. Is there a *man* can say, I shall live till to-morrow ?

4. He has not a *friend* but would make for him every kind of sacrifice.

5. He is surrounded by *enemies*, who are continually watching him, and would be very glad to detect him in a \* fault.

6. In his retreat, he lives like a *philosopher* who knows mankind and mistrusts them.

7. The pine-apple is a sort of fruit which, in Europe, ripens only in hot-houses.

8. That man is a sort of *pedant*, who takes words for ideas, and facts confusedly heaped up for knowledge.

- (1.) Civility, *politesse*; such, *une*; as, *qui*.
- (2.) There are, *y avoir*, subj-1.
- (3.) Man, (who); *can*, subj 1. to live, *vivre*.
- (4.) But, *qui ne*; would make, subj-2.
- (6.) Like a, *en*; philosopher, *sage*; mistrusts, *se défier de*.
- (7.) Pine apple, *ananas*; hot-houses, *serre chaude*.
- (8.) Heaped up, *entasser*; knowledge, *savoir*.

285. Observe that the relative *whom*, *which*, *that*, being the object or accusative, are almost ever understood in English, but *que* is always expressed in French.

#### EXAMPLES.

les hommes que nous avons vus, *the men we saw.*  
le vin que nous avons bu, *the wine we drank.*

286. There are some cases in which it is customary to use *que* for *à qui*, or *dont*, as: *C'est à vous que je parle; de la façon que j'ai dit la chose.* *That* is used in the same way, in English it is to you *that* I speak; in the way *that* I did the thing. See 295.

287. *Lequel* and *dont* relate both to persons and things. But *lequel*, *duquel*, ought never to be used either as a subject or object, except in cases when a distinction is to be made between objects of the same nature, and to avoid ambiguity; for whenever the sense is clear, *qui* or *que* must be used, thus:

la Tamise *dont* le lit, and not, *de laquelle*.  
le prince *dont* la protection, and not, *duquel*.

288. Sometimes, *duquel*, *de laquelle*,\* (common to persons and things,) and *de qui*, are separated from their antecedent by another noun substantive governed by a preposition.

\* It is generally allowed, in English, to place the preposition governing *which* last; *The thing you think of*, for *the thing of which you think*; that must not be the case in French, the preposition must be first, *la chose à laquelle vous pensez*.

## EXAMPLES.

la Tamise dans le lit de laquelle *the Thames in the bed of which*  
 mille poissons se jouent, *myriads of fish are playing.*  
 le prince à la protection duquel *the prince to whose protection I*  
 je dois ma place, *owe my place.*

## EXERCISE.

1. The God whom the Hebrews and Christians have always served, has nothing in common with the deities full of imperfection and even of vice worshipped by the rest of the world.

2. The Epic Poem is not the panegyric of a hero who is proposed as a \* pattern, but the recital of great and illustrious actions, which are exhibited for imitation.

3. The good which we hope for \* presents itself to us, and disappears like an empty dream, which vanishes when we awake: to teach us, that the very things which we think we hold fast in our hands, may slip away in an instant.

4. Plato says, that, in writing, we ought to hide ourselves, to disappear, to make the world forget us, that we may present nothing but the truths we wish to impress,

She is a woman on whose character nothing can be said.

6. The sheep to the spoils of which men are indebted for their garments.

7. Religion, whose maxims we despise, is, however, our greatest comfort in adversity.

8. The grand principle on which the whole turns is, that all \* the world is but one republic, of which God is the common father, and in which every nation forms, as it were, one great family.

9. Homer, whose genius is grand and sublime like nature, is the greatest poet, and perhaps the most profound moralist of antiquity.

10. The celebrated Zenobia, whose noble firmness you have admired, preferred dying with the title of queen, rather \* than accept the advantageous offer which Aurelian made her.

11. The Alps on the summit of which the astonished eye discovers perpetual snow and ice, present, at sun-set, the most striking and most magnificent spectacle.

12. A king, to whose care we owe a good law, has done more for his own glory, than if he had conquered the universe.

(1.) (That the rest of the world worshipped.)

(2.) Is proposed, *on propose*; as, *pour*; pattern, *modèle*; is exhibited, *on donner*; imitation, *exemple*.

(3.) Good, *bien*; disappears, *s'envoler*; empty, *vain*; vanishes, etc. *le réveil fait évanouir*; we \* hold fast, *tenir le mieux*; in our hands \*; slip away, *nous échapper*.

(2.) We, *on*; to make the world forget, *se faire oublier*; that we may present but, *pour ne produire que*; wish, *vouloir*; impress, *persuader*.

(5.) She is, *c'est*; character, *compte*; nothing can be said, *on ne saurait rien dire*.

(6.) Spoils, *dépouille*, f.; to be indebted, *devoir*.

(7.) However, *pourtant*.

(8.) Turns, *rouler*; every, *chaque*; as it were, *comme*.

(9.) Preferred, *aimer mieux*; than, *que à*.

*French from the ...*

(10.) Perpetual, *éternel*; snow, ice, pl.; sun-set, *soleil couchant*; striking, *irposant*.

(11.) Care, *solicitude*.

289. *Lequel, laquelle*, are used in conjunction with prepositions, in speaking of things, but *qui* is preferable, in speaking of persons.

EXAMPLE.

la place à laquelle il aspire, *the situation he aims at.*  
les rois à qui on doit obéir, *the kings to whom one must obey.*

EXERCISE.

1. The ambitious man \* sees nothing but pleasure in the possession of the places *to which he aspires* which so much eagerness, instead of seeing the trouble that is inseparable from them.

2. Kings, *whom religion makes it our duty to obey*, are, upon earth, the true representation of the providence of God.

(1.) (To) whom; makes it our duty to, *faire un devoir de*; representation, *image*.

290. *Quoi* is said of things, and when speaking in a vague or indefinite manner; that is, when the object is not specifically named. It is generally preceded by a preposition, and rendered by *what* in English.

EXAMPLE.

c'est de quoi je m'occupe sans *this is what I am always thinking*  
cesse, *about.*  
à quoi pensez-vous? *what are you thinking of?*  
avec quoi fait-on l'encre? *what is ink made of?*

*Quoi* is sometimes used relatively to a thing named and of which the gender is known; but *lequel, laquelle* would be more correct.

EXAMPLE.

la chose à quoi on pense, *the thing of which they are thinking.*  
voilà les conditions sans quoi la chose ne peut se faire. *these are the terms without which the thing cannot be done.*

WHOSE.

291. *Whose is, whose are*, are generally rendered by *à qui est, à qui sont*, or *à qui appartiennent, à qui appartiennent*, etc. etc.

EXAMPLES.

whose house is this? I cannot tell *à qui est cette maison? je ne saurais vous dire à qui elle appartient.*  
yeu whose it is,

*Quoi se rapporte à un nom*

whose gloves are these?  
 God, whose we are,  
 God, whose creatures we are,

à qui appartiennent ces gants?  
 Dieu à qui nous sommes,  
 Dieu dont nous sommes les créatures.

that man, on whose account I came, disappointed me,

cet homme pour le compte duquel, à cause de qui, pour l'affaire duquel je suis venu, m'a trompé.

292. Which is used antecedently, as a sort of demonstrative pronoun, in which case it is rendered as follows:

I had some business, on which account (on account of which) I came to town, j'avais quelques affaires pour lesquelles, à cause desquelles, ou de quoi, je suis venu à Londres.

he might come to-night, in which case we had better not go out, il pourrait se faire qu'il viût ce soir, dans ce cas-là nous ferons bien de ne pas sortir.

I had determined to go to Paris, for which purpose I saved all the money I could, j'avais résolu d'aller à Paris; à ce dessein, je faisais toutes les épargnes possibles.

EXERCISE.

1. Do you know whose beautiful carriage this is?
2. This dog was found this morning in the stable, and no one knows whose it is.
3. That man, whose slave you have been, despises you, and will cast you off when you are no longer useful to him.
4. His poor daughter, on whose account he had undertaken a journey to Italy, died at Genoa, almost immediately on landing.
5. He wished to get up early, in which intention he had desired his servant to call him up at four o'clock.

- (1.) *Savoir.*
- (2.) To find, *trouver*; pass. voir; ind-2.; no one, *personne.*
- (3.) To cast off, *abandonner*; you are, *être*, ind-7.; no longer, *ne plus.*
- (4.) A journey to, *le voyage de*; to die, *mourir*, ind-3.; on landing, *après avoir débarqué*
- (5.) To wish, *avoir le désir de*, ind-2.; to desire, *dire à*, ind-6.; to call up, *de réveiller.*

293. Où, d'où, par où, relate only to things. They are never used, but when the nouns, to which they refer, express some kind of motion, or rest, at least metaphorically they stand for *auquel, duquel*, thus:

voilà le but, où (auquel) il tend, *that is the end he aims at*  
 c'est une chose d'où (de laquelle) *it is a thing upon which the public*  
 dépend le bonheur public, *happiness depends*  
 les lieux par où (lesquels) il a *the places through which he has*  
 passé, *passed.*  
 par où commencerons-nous (par *what shall we begin with?*  
 quelle chose?)

- par où a-t-il passé ? (par quel endroit, quel chemin) *which way has he passed ?*  
 par où, êtes-vous venu ? *which way have you come ?*  
 d'où venez-vous ? (de quel endroit, de quelle place) *whence are you coming ? what place are you coming from ?*

## EXERCISE.

1. What a young man, who begins the world ought principally to attend to, is not to give it a high opinion of his understanding, but to gain numerous friends by the qualities of his heart.
  2. A youth, passed in idleness, effeminacy, and pleasure, lays up for \* us nothing but sorrow and disgust in old age : this, however, is what we little think of when we are young.
  3. There is nothing *by which* we are more affected than the loss of fortune, although, being frail and perishable by its nature, it cannot contribute to our happiness.
  4. A grove *in which* I defy the ardours of the dog-days, a retired alley *where* I can meditate in peace, a high hill *whence* my eye extends over immense plains, are the places *where* I spend the happiest moments of my life.
  5. No one could tell which way he had come into the room.
  6. This is what we are to begin with.
- (1.) To what, *ce à quoi* ; begins, *entrer dans* ; to attend, *s'attacher* ; it *y* ; opinion, *idée* ; understanding, *esprit* ; to gain, *se faire* ; numerous *beaucoup de*.  
 (2.) Idleness, *inutilité* ; effeminacy, *mollesse* ; pleasure, *volupté* ; lays up, *préparer* ; of, *à* ; we *on*.  
 (3.) By, *à* ; we, *on* ; affected, *sensible* ; frail, *frêle* ; by, *de* ; cannot, subj. 1. our, (the).  
 (4.) Grove, *bosquet* ; defy, *braver* ; dog-days, *canicule* ; spend, *passer*.  
 (5.) Had come, *était entré*.  
 (6.) We are, *il faut*.

## IV.

## ABSOLUTE PRONOUNS.

294. *Qui* is used in interrogations, with reference to persons, in a vague and indeterminate way.

## EXAMPLES.

*Qui* sera assez hardi pour l'attaquer ? *who will be bold enough to attack him ?*

It is likewise used in the feminine, and in the plural, as,

*Qui* est cette personne-là ? *who is that person ?*  
*Qui* sont ces femmes-là ? *who are those women ?*

*Que* and *quoi* relate to things only, as,

*Que* pouvait la valeur en ce combat funeste ? *what could valour in that fatal combat ?*  
*A quoi* pensez-vous ? *what are you thinking of ?*

(1.)  
 (2.)  
 (3.)  
 nûre.

295. *Que* is sometimes used for *à quoi, de quoi, as,*

*Que sert la science sans la vertu ?* what avails learning without virtue?  
(*à quoi sert*)

*Que sert à l'avare d'avoir des trésors ?* (de *quoi sert*) what use is it to the miser to possess treasures?

*Quoi, de quoi, à quoi,* may be used in reference to a sentence antecedent, as a sort of pronoun *neuter*, the thing to which it refers being neither *masculine* nor *feminine*.

la vic passe comme un songe : c'est cependant à *quoi* on ne pense guères.

296. *Que* and *quoi* require the preposition *de* before the adjective or substantive that follows them, having then the force of an adverb of quantity, as :

*Que dit-on de nouveau ?* *quoi de plus agréable !*  
*Que d'inconséquences dans sa conduite !*

*Quel* relates both to persons and things, as :

*Quel homme peut se promettre un bonheur constant ?*  
*Quelle grâce ! quelle beauté ! mais quelle modestie !*

## EXERCISE.

1. *Who* could ever persuade himself, did not daily experience convince us of it, that, out of a hundred persons, there are ninety who sacrifice, to the enjoyment of the present, all the best founded hopes of the future ?

2. *Who* would not love virtue for its own sake, could he see it in all its beauty ?

3. He who does not know how \* to apply himself in his youth, does not know *what* to do when arrived at maturity.

4. He was a wise legislator, who, having given to his countrymen laws calculated to make them good and happy, made them swear not to violate any of those laws during his absence : after *which*, he went away, exiled himself from his country, and died poor in a foreign land.

5. *What* people of antiquity ever had better laws than the Egyptians ? *What* other nation ever undertook to erect monuments calculated to triumph over both time and barbarism ?

6. *What* more instructing and entertaining than to read celebrated authors in their own language ? *What* beauty, *what* delicacy and grace which cannot be thrown into a translation, are discovered in them !

7. When Ménage had published his book on the Origin of the French Language, Christina, queen of Sweden, said : "Ménage is the most troublesome 3 man 1 in the world 2 : he cannot let one word 2 go 1 without its passport : he must know *whence* it comes, *where* it has passed *through*, and *whither* it is going."

(1.) Did, *si* ; out of, *sur* ; future, *avenir*.

(2.) Its own sake, *elle-même* ; could he, *si on pouvoir*, ind-2

(3.) (To) what ; to do, *s'occuper* ; when arrived, etc., *dans l'âge mûre*.

- (4.) He, *ce*; calculated, *propre*; not to, (that they would not); went away, *partir*.
- (5.) Calculated to, *fait pour*; both, *également*; over, *de*.
- (6.) Language, *langue*; delicacy, *finesse*; which cannot, *qu'on ne peut*; be thrown, *faire passer*; translation, *traduction*; are, etc. *n'y découvre-t-on pas*.
- (7.) When, *après que*; Christina, *Christine*; troublesome, *incommode*; the, *de*, art.; cannot, *ne saurait*; go, *passer*; must, *vouloir*.

## V.

## PRONOUNS INDIFINITE.

297. These pronouns have been divided into four classes in the grammar, (No. 85). The following remarks are arranged in the same order.

## FIRST CLASS.

Of these which are never joined to a noun substantive.

## ON

298. Examples have already been given, (No. 86) of the use of *on*, in French, with an explanation of its reasonably supposed etymology. As it is a word which frequently occurs, and in a manner totally different from the English idiom, it has been thought necessary to devote another chapter to it, in which its use will be more fully explained.

The general meaning of *on* is: one, people, men, we.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>on</i> secourt plus volontiers les malheureux quand on l'a été soi-même,	<i>we succour the unfortunate more readily when we have been so ourselves.</i>
<i>on</i> ne doit pas attribuer à la religion les défauts de ses ministres,	<i>man ought not to charge religion with the faults of her ministers.</i>
<i>on</i> relit tout Racine, <i>on</i> choisit dans Voltaire,	<i>people read the whole of Racine again, they choose in Voltaire.</i>
<i>on</i> fait du bruit dans la rue,	<i>people are making a noise in the street.</i>
<i>on</i> n'est pas toujours heureux, <i>on</i> dit qu'il va se marier,	<i>people are not always fortunate. people say, they say, he is going to be married.</i>

OBSERVE. That the adjective referring to *on* is in the masculine gender, when that pronoun is taken in a vague and indeterminate sense; but when it applies to any person in particular, as in the case stated No. 298, then the adjective agrees with the person understood. Thus, a

woman would say. *on n'est pas toujours jeune et jolie*, we cannot be young and pretty for ever.

Observe also that we must not say *qu'on*, *et on*, *aussi on*, but *que l'on*, *et l'on*, *aussi l'on*. Ex: *je crois que l'on frappe*. The *l'* thus prefixed is for euphony's sake. But if the word following begins with an *l*, then we say: *je crois qu'on l'appelle*, because *je crois que l'on l'appelle* would equally be disagreeable.

298. ON, according to the above examples, has a vague and indefinite meaning; it is indeed the subject of the verb, but not specified, not applied to any one person in particular:

There are, however, two cases in which *on* is very significantly used in French, in a definite sense, and as applicable to one individual alone.

1. A master speaking to his servants, a father to his child, a tutor to his pupil, says *on*, instead of *vous* or *tu*, either to put greater distance between the persons, or to assume a more serious tone, or also a sort of mock gravity.

## EXAMPLES.

a-t-on passé chez le Colonel *did you call at the house of Colonel Sainville?*  
 eh bien, a-t-on été bien sage en *well, have you been good in my mon absence?*  
 finira-t-on ce bruit-là bien-tôt? *will you put an end to that noise?*

2. A person, speaking of himself, says *on*, as the English sometimes say *we*; or applies it to another, also in the same manner as the English use *we* for *you*.

## EXAMPLES.

on n'est pas des esclaves pour *we are not slaves (I am not a slave)*  
 essayer de si mauvais traite- *to bear such ill usages.*  
 ments,  
 on vous l'a dit mille fois, *I have told you so a thousand times.*  
 depuis quand est-on de retour? *how long have we (you) been back?*

299. ON is also much used in French as the subject of an active verb, when the passive voice is used in English. (See 95.)

## EXAMPLES.

on me trompe, *I am deceived.*  
 on m'a dit ce matin que le roi *I have been told this morning that*  
 va en Irlande, *the king is going to Ireland*

This form is adopted in almost every case, except when the verb expresses *love, esteem, hatred, feeling*.

## EXAMPLE.

they are much loved, *il sont très-aimés.*

## EXERCISE.

1. If we knew how to limit our wishes, we would spare ourselves many troubles and we should be happier.
2. At the last judgment we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done.
3. I will not have him be teased.
4. The people do not come to the world musicians.
5. When men regulate their wants on nature, they save themselves many cares and difficulties.
6. They praise him, they threaten him, they caress him; but whatever they do, they cannot conquer him.
7. They say the town has been taken.
8. My father has been robbed.

- (1.) To limit, *borner*; to spare, *s'épargner*; troubles, *maux*.
- (2.) To ask, *demander*.
- (3.) To will, *vouloir que*; to tease, *tourmenter*.
- (4.) To come to the world, *naître*.
- (5.) To save one's self, *s'épargner*; difficulties, *travaux*.
- (6.) Whatever they do, *quoique l'on fasse*; cannot, *savoir*, *cond-I*.

300. *Quelqu'un* is relative, and agrees in gender, with the noun to which it refers.

## EXAMPLES.

nous attendons des hommes, il *we expect men, some of them will*  
 en viendra quelqu'un, *come.*  
 plusieurs femmes m'ont promis *several ladies have promised me to*  
 de venir, il en viendra quel- *come, some one of them will come.*  
 qu'une.  
 quelques-uns assurent, *some people affirm.*  
 entre les nouvelles qu'il a débi- *among the reports he has circulated,*  
 tées, il y en a quelques-unes *there are some which are true.*  
 de vraies,

*Quelqu'un* taken absolutely and substantively, is of the masculine gender.

## EXAMPLES.

j'attends ici quelqu'un, *I wait here for somebody.*  
 quelqu'un en doute-t-il ? *does any one doubt it ?*

*Quiconque*, whoever, signifies *quelque personne que ce soit, qui que ce soit*, any person whatever; the verb which it governs is in the singular, and the adjective which refers to it, is masculine.

## EXAMPLE.

ce discours s'adresse à quiconque est coupable, *this speech is addressed to whoever is guilty.*

*Quiconque* is also used for *celui qui, celle qui, celui de nous, de vous, celle de nous, de vous.*

## EXAMPLE.

quiconque (de vous) fera du bruit, *whoever makes a noise, I shall*  
je l'en punirai, *punish him.*

301. *Chacun*, each, every one, is used either distributively, or collectively.

Distributively, it means *chaque personne, chaque chose*, each person or thing. It is then of both genders.

## EXAMPLES.

chacun de nous vit à sa mode, *each of us lives as he pleases.*  
donnez à chacune sa part,\* *give to each his share.*

Collectively, it signifies *toute personne*, every person.

## EXAMPLE.

chacun a ses défauts, *every body has his faults.*

## EXERCISE.

Can *any one* (be still ignorant) that it is from the  
*pourrait-il 2 1 ignorer encore ce dès*  
earliest infancy we ought to form the mind, the heart and  
*tendre enfance f. que l'on doit \* former*  
the taste? Will not *some one* of these ladies be of the party?  
*f. partie f.*  
*Some people* like to read (every thing new). (These are) beautiful  
*aimer à toutes les nouveautés voila de superbe*  
pictures; I would wish to buy *some*. *Whoever* has studied  
*tableau m. vouloir en \* acheter*

\* There is apparently some difficulty in determining whether the possessive pronoun after *chacun* is to be plural or singular; some examples will illustrate and explain the case.

*il a donné à chacun sa part,* each man can have but *one* share.

*toute la compagnie se retira chacun*  
*chec soi,* each to his own house.

*ils apportaient des offrandes chacun*  
*suivant sa dévotion,* according to the devotion of each.

*Ils ont apperté chacun leur offrande.* *Chacun*, is here taken collectively, and may be considered as an adverb having the sense of *all, generally.*

the principles of an art, knows that it (is only) (by length of time)  
 —pes —m. savoir ce n'est que à la longue  
 and by deep reflections, that he can succeed in making it  
 de profond réflexion f. réussir à se 1 rendre 3 le 2  
 his own. All the ladies of the ball were very finely dressed,  
 \* propre 4 balm. ind-2 \* superbement paré  
 and each differently. Every one should for  
 avait une parure différente. devrait, pour  
 (the sake of) his own happiness, listen only to the voice of  
 \* propre m. n'écouter que \* voix f. art.  
 reason and of truth. What is the price of each of these medals?  
 raison f. art. vérité f. prix m. f. médaille

*Autrui*, others, only applies to persons, is never joined to an adjective, has no plural, and is always preceded by a preposition.

## EXAMPLE.

la charité se réjouit du bonheur d'autrui, *charity rejoices in the happiness of others.*

302. *Personne* as an indeterminate pronoun, and signifying *no one, nobody*, is always masculine. It requires *ne* before the verb.

## EXAMPLES.

personne n'est venu ? *no one has come ?*  
 n'est-il venu personne ? *has nobody come ?*  
 nous ne voyons personne, *we see nobody ?*

When it is used substantively it is feminine.

c'est une personne active, *he is an active person.*  
 ces personnes sont-elles riches ? *are those people rich ?*

In interrogative phrases not a negative, or in those expressing doubt, *personne* signifies *quelqu'un* any body.

## EXAMPLES.

personne oserait-il nier ? *would any body dare deny ?*  
 Je doute que personne soit assez hardi, *I doubt whether any body be bold enough.*

When *personne* is placed in the second member of a comparison, it also means *any body*.

## EXAMPLE.

cette place lui convient mieux qu'à personne, *that place suits him better than any body*

303. *Rien*, nothing; which is masculine and singular, generally requires the negation, before the verb; in which case it signifies *nulle chose*, nothing.

## EXAMPLE.

il ne s'attache à rien de solide, *he applies himself to nothing solid.*

When used without a negation, it means *quelque chose*, something.

## EXAMPLE.

je doute que rien soit plus propre à faire impression que, *I doubt whether any thing be more suited to make an impression, than etc.*

*Rien* is sometimes used absolutely, in answer to a question; *que vous a coûté cela? rien*, how much did you pay for it? nothing.

It always requires the preposition *de* before the adjective, or participle that follows it, and then the verb is understood, as is likewise the negation, as: *rien de beau que le vrai*, nothing is noble but truth; as if it were, *il n'y a rien de beau que le vrai*.

304. *NIL L'UN NI L'AUTRE*, require *ne* before the verb.

## EXAMPLES.

ni l'un ni l'autre n'ont fait leur devoir, *they have not either of them done their duty.*  
 ni l'un ni l'autre ne l'aura, *neither of them shall have it.*  
 ils ne sont morts ni l'un ni l'autre, *they are not dead either of them.*  
 ni l'un ni l'autre n'est mort, *neither of them is dead.*

305. *TOUT* means every thing, *all*.

## EXAMPLES.

il rit de tout *he laughs at every thing.*  
 il ne lui a pas tout dit, parce que *he did not tell him all, because every*  
 tout n'est pas bon à dire, *thing is not to be told.*

*Tout* is adverb and adjective, see No. 44.

## EXERCISE.

To most men, the misfortunes of others are but  
*Pour la plupart de art. mal m. ne que*  
 a dream. Do not to others what you would not wish  
*songe m. ne vouloir pas que cond-1 on*  
 done to you. *No one* knows whether he deserves love or  
*faire sub-3 savoir si être digne*  
 hatred. An egotist loves *nobody*, not even his own children;  
*égoïste pas même propre*

in the whole universe he sees no one but himself. He is more  
*dans* \* *univers* *ne voit* \* *que lui seul*  
 than (anybody) worthy of the confidence with which the king  
*digne* *confiance* f.

honours him. I doubt whether any one ever painted  
*honorer de* *que* *ait jamais* *peint*  
 nature, in its amiable simplicity, better than the feeling Gessner.  
 —f. = f. *sensible*

Has any body called on me this morning? Nobody. There  
*venir* ind-1 2 1 *chez* *matin* in. *y avoir*  
 was nothing (but what was great) in the designs and  
 ind-2 *que de grand* *dans* *dessin*, m. pl. *art*.

works of the Egyptians. I doubt whether there is  
*ouvrage* m. pl. —*tiens* *que* \* *subj-1* 2  
 any thing better calculated to exalt the soul than the contemplation  
 of the wonders of nature. —f.

*merveille* f. art. —f.

## SECOND CLASS.

OF THOSE WHICH ARE ALWAYS JOINED TO A SUBSTANTIVE.

306. *Quelque*, some ; signifies, *un, une entre plusieurs*, one out of several ; it is of both genders, and takes the number of the substantive, before which it is placed.

### EXAMPLE.

adressez-vous à quelque autre per- *apply to somebody else.*  
*sonne*, ▲

*Quelque, quel que*, may be considered as adjectives on account of their being declinable, see, No. 44.

307. *Chaque*, each, every ; which is of both genders, has no plural.

### EXAMPLE.

*chaque pays a ses coutumes,* *each country has its customs.*

308. *Aucun*, followed of *quelconque* or *que ce soit*, agrees in gender with the noun to which it is joined ; it is always used with a negative phrase.

### EXERCISE.

il ne veut se soumettre à aucune *he will submit to no authority what-*  
*autorité quelconque,* *ever.*

309. *Quelconque*, is sometimes used as synonymous with *que ce soit, quel qu'il soit*, and with an affirmative phrase ; it takes the sign of the plural.

EXAMPLE.

deux points quelconques étant donnés, any two points being given.

310. *Certain*, certain, some; in this sense is used alike of persons and things, with which it agrees in gender; but it is always placed before the substantive.

EXAMPLE.

j'ai oui dire à certain homme, I have heard some man, or woman  
ou, à une certaine femme, say.

311. *Un, une*, a or an; when used indeterminately for *quelque, certain*, some person, or some thing, takes the gender of the substantive with which it is joined.

EXAMPLES.

j'ai vu un homme qui courait, I saw a man who was running.  
je me suis promené dans une grande et belle prairie, I walked in a large and beautiful meadow.

EXERCISE.

Some enlightened people among the Egyptians preserved  
éclairé 2 esprit m. pl. 1 parmi — tiens conserver  
the idea of a first being, whose attributes they  
idée être art. — but m. pl. 3 1  
represented under various symbols; this (is proved)  
représenter ind-2 2 différent symbole m. c'est ce que prouve  
by the following inscription upon a temple, "I am al' that  
\* \* celle \* \* — f. de — m. ce qui  
has been, is and shall be; no mortal ever removed the veil that  
3 mortel 2 1 lever ind-4 voile m.

covers me." Every nation has (in its turn) shone on the  
f. à son tour 2 brillé 1  
stage of the world. There is no reason whatever that can  
théâtre raison f.

bring him to it. Some figures appear monstrous and  
déterminer le 1 y 2 — f. — trueux

deformed, considered separately, or too near; but, if they are  
difforme f. pl. séparément de too près on les

put in their proper light and place, the true point of view  
met \* jour à leur — r. vue f.

restores them to beauty and grace. Yesterday I say  
leur rendre \* art. = f. art. — f. 2 voir

a lady remarkably beautiful.  
ind-4 1 d'une rare 2 beauté 1.

## THIRD CLASS.

OF THOSE WHICH ARE SOMETIMES JOINED TO A  
SUBSTANTIVE, AND SOMETIMES NOT.

312. *Nul* and *pas un*, no, not any, not one; are used either relatively to, or with a substantive, with which they agree in gender, and require *ne* before the verb which they govern.

## EXAMPLES.

*nul* de tous ceux qui y ont été, *not one of those who went there has*  
*n'en est revenu,* *returned.*  
*pas un* ne croit cette nouvelle, *not one believes that intelligence.*  
*je n'en ai nulle connaissance,* *I have no knowledge of it.*  
*il n'y a pas une seule personne* *there is not a single person that be-*  
*qui le croie,* *lieves it.*

313. *Aucun* signifies *nul*, no, not any, when accompanied by a negation, and may be followed by the preposition *de*.

## EXAMPLE.

*vous n'avez aucun moyen de* *you have no means of succeeding in*  
*réussir dans cette affaire,* *that affair.*

This pronoun is seldom used in the plural, except before substantives, which, in some particular sense, are better employed in that number.

## EXAMPLE.

*il n'a fait aucunes dispositions,* *he has made no preparations.*

REM. *Aucun* may be used without the negation in interrogative sentences, or in those which express doubt, or exclusion.

## EXAMPLES.

*aucun homme fut-il jamais plus* *was ever any man more successful?*  
*heureux?*  
*on doute qu'aucune de ces af-* *they doubt whether any of those*  
*aires réussisse,* *affairs will succeed.*  
*le plus beau morceau d'élo-* *the finest piece of eloquence that*  
*quence qu'il y ait dans au-* *exists in any language, etc.*  
*cune langue, etc.*

## EXERCISE.

*No one* likes (to see himself) as he is. *No expression, no*  
*se voir* *tel que* *—f.*  
truth of design and colouring, *no* strokes of genius in that great  
*f. dessin de coloris* *trait*

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work. He is as learned as any one. Not one of these en-  
 ouvrage m. savant  
 gravings announces any great skill. None of his works will  
 gravure f. pl. annoncer un talent m.  
 descend to posterity. He is so ignorant, and at the same  
 passer art. = f. en \* même  
 time so obstinate, that he will not (be convinced) by any  
 temps obstiné \* se rendre ind-1 à  
 reasoning. Did any man ever attain to such a  
 raisonnement m. jamais ? parve:ir ind-4 1 es \*  
 piece of glory! I doubt whether there be in any science a  
 comble m. = que y avoir subj-1 f.  
 more evident principle.  
 plus lumineux 2—pe m. 1

314. *Autre*, other, expresses a difference between two objects, or between one and several, as: *quelle autre chose souhaitez-vous de moi?* what else do you wish of me?

REM. *Autre* is sometimes used relatively of persons, but in an indeterminate manner, as: *j'aime mieux que vous l'appreniez de tout autre que de moi*, I had rather you learn it of any other person than me.

315. *L'un l'autre*, is of both genders and numbers, *l'un l'autre, les uns les autres, les unes les autres*, each other, one another.

## EXAMPLE.

il faut se secourir l'un l'autre, *we ought to assist one another.*

*Of one another, to one another, of each other, to each other*, are rendered by, *l'un de l'autre, l'un à l'autre*, the preposition being placed before *l'autre*.\*

When used separately, they denote a difference.

## EXAMPLE.

les passions s'entendent les unes avec les autres; si l'on se laisse aller aux unes, on attire bientôt les autres, *our passions correspond with one another; if we abandon ourselves to the ones, the others will soon follow.*

REM. In the latter case *l'un* is used for the person, or thing first mentioned, and *l'autre*, for the person, or thing last spoken of.

\* This is according to common rules of grammatical construction; *l'un* being the subject and *l'autre* the object. *Ils méditent l'un de l'autre*, that is, *l'un médit de l'autre*.

316. *L'un et l'autre*, both; these two words mark union; *l'une et l'autre sont bonnes*, both are good.\*

## EXERCISE.

Ask another. Would any other have been so  
 Demande: à avoir cond-2 assez  
 self-conceited as to think that his private opinion could  
*d'amour-propre* \* pour penser que particulier 2—f. 1 pouvoir  
 counterbalance the public sentiment? Reason and faith  
 sub-3 balancer 2 opinion f. 1 Raison f. foi f.  
 equally demonstrate that we were created for another life  
 2 démontrer 1 créer ind-4 f.  
 They speak ill of one another. The happiness of the people con-  
 parler mal de m.  
 stitutes that of the prince; their true interests are connected with  
 faire. —m. intérêt m. lié à  
 each other. Presumption and pride easily insinuate them-  
 pl. pl. art. présomption f. art. orgueil 2 se glis-  
 selves into the heart; if we allow one admission, it is  
 ser 1 m. l'on y donne à 2 f. 3 entrée 1  
 much to (be feared) that we shall soon (abandon ourselves) to the  
 bien craindre on \* bientôt 2 ne se livre 1  
 other. Both relate the same story, though neither believes  
 rapporter fait m. ne penser  
 it to be true.  
 que \* soit

317. *Le même, la même, les mêmes*, the same, the very same, are used relatively to, or with a noun, and agree in gender and number with it.

ce sont les mêmes raisons, they are the same reasons,  
 ce poëme est le même que celui this poem is the same that I was  
 dont je vous ai parlé, mentioning to you

318. *Tel, telle*, although properly adjectives, may also be used relatively in speaking of persons.

\* *L'un et l'autre, ni l'un ni l'autre*. In the new edition of the *Dictionnaire de l'Académie*, the following examples are given.

*L'un et l'autre y a manqué,* each of them has failed.  
*L'un et l'autre sont venus,* both have come.  
*ni l'un ni l'autre ne viendront* they will not come either of them.  
*ni l'un ni l'autre ne viendra,* neither of them will come.

It seems that the verbs in the plural when *l'un et l'autre, ni l'un ni l'autre*, may be transferred after the verb, as an adverb, *ils sont venus l'un et l'autre*, but when there is no distinction, but union in the action.—See *Peculiarities* No 32C.

EXAMPLE.

tel fait des libéralités, qui ne paie pas ses dettes, *such is liberal in giving who does not pay his debts*

319. *Plusieurs*, which is always, as an adjective, joined to a noun plural, may also be used absolutely in reference to persons. The verb which it governs must be in the third person plural.

EXAMPLE.

plusieurs ont cru le monde éternel, *some or several have thought the world to be eternal*

EXERCISE.

Does he always maintain the same principles? Yes, they are absolutely the same. That general is the same who commanded last year. Such a conduct is inexplicable. There are no such customs in this country. I never heard (any thing) like it. Such a man sows who often reaps nothing. I this morning received several letters Of those manuscripts, there are several much esteemed. Many by endeavouring to injure others injure themselves more than they think.

*tenir* *soutenir* *pe* *oui* *se*  
*—ment* *pl.* *—* *—der* *ind-2*  
*art. dernier* 2 *année* f. 1 *?* 1 *conduite* f. *—*  
*de* *coutumes* f. *pays* m. *ai*  
*entendu dire* *rien* *de* \* \* *sem*  
*recueillir* 1 3 *matin* 4 *recevoir* *ind-4* 2  
*—crits* *y en avoir* *qu'on beau-*  
*coup* 2 *estime* 1 *en* *s'efforcer* *de nuire* à *art.*  
*se nuire* à *ne penser*

FOURTH CLASS.

320. OF THOSE WHICH ARE FOLLOWED BY THE CONJUNCTION *que*, AND WHICH REQUIRE THE SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

They are *qui que ce soit*, *quoi que ce soit*, *quoi que*, *quel que*, *quel que*.

*Qui que*, whoever, is only said of persons, and signifies *quelque personne que*, whatever person; it requires the verb following to be in the subjunctive.

EXAMPLES.

*qui que ce soit* *qui ait fait cela*, *whoever has done that, is a man of talents.*  
*c'est un habile homme,*  
*qui que je sois,* *whoever I may be.*  
*qui que j'ai été,* *whoever it may have been.*  
*qui que c'eût été,* *whoever it might have been.*

qui que ce puisse être,  
je n'ai vu qui que ce soit,

whoever it may be.  
I saw nobody; I did not see any-  
body whatever.

quoi que ce soit qu'il fasse, ou  
qu'il dise, on se défie de lui,  
quoi que vous disiez, je le ferai,  
sans application, on ne peut réus-  
sir en quoi que ce soit,

whatever he docs or says, he is dis-  
trusted.  
whatever you may say, I will do it.  
without application, it is impossible  
to succeed in any thing whatever.

## EXERCISE.

Whoever *ce soit qui* has told you so, he is mistaken. Pas-  
senger, whoever thou be, contemplate with religious veneration, *le se tromper ind-4 Pas-*  
*sant contempler un = 2 respect m.1*  
this monument erected by gratitude; it is the tomb  
— m. *élevé art. reconnaissance f. ce tombeau m.*  
of a just and benevolent man How can he hope to be  
2 *bienfaisant 3 1 Comment espérer de*  
beloved who has regard for no one? Whatever he  
*lui ne d'égards*  
may do or say, he (will find it) very difficult to destroy  
*qu'il aura bien de la peine détruire*  
prejudices so deeply rooted. A vain, presumptuous  
*des préjugé m. si profondément enraciné — présomptueux*  
and inconsistent mind will never succeed in any thing whatever.  
*sans consistance réussir*  
Whatever a frivolous world may think of you, never swerve  
*frivole 2 monde 1 puisse se détourner*  
from the path of virtue.  
*chemin m. art f.*

## CHAPTER V.

## OF THE VERB.

## 321. CONCORD BETWEEN THE VERB AND THE SUBJECT.

The subject is that of which something is affirmed, and may always be known by the answer to this question, *qui est-ce qui?* who, or what is it? as: *Pierre vit*, Peter lives; *l'oiseau vole*, the bird flies; if it be asked, *qui est-ce qui vit?* who is it that lives? *qui est-ce qui vole?* what is it that flies? The answers *Pierre* and *l'oiseau*, shew that *Pierre* and *l'oiseau* are the subjects of the verb *vit* and *vole*.

There are three subjects or persons, *je, tu, il, elle, I, thou, he, she*, singular; *nous, vous, ils, elles*, plural.

The verb must be of the same number and person as its subject.

EXAMPLES.

je ris	<i>I laugh</i>	nous parlons	<i>we speak</i>
tu joues	<i>thou playest</i>	vous plaisantez	<i>you jest</i>
il aime	<i>he loves</i>	ils sont fous	<i>they are mad</i>

la vertu est aimable, *virtue is amiable.*

*Ris* is in the singular number, and the first person, because *je*, its subject, is in the singular, and the first person. *Joues* is in the singular, and the second person, as *tu*, is in the singular, and the second person, etc.

EXERCISE.

The most free of men is he who can be free even in  
*libre art. celui même*  
 slavery. Are we not often blind to our defects?  
*art. esclavage m. \* s'aveugler ind-1 sur défaut*  
 All men (are inclined) to laziness, but the savages of hot  
*art. tendre ind-1 art. sauvage chaud 2*  
 countries are the laziest of all men. Do you think of imposing  
*art. pays 1 \* en imposer*  
 long on the credulity of the public! Thou canst not deny  
*long-temps à = f. —m. pouvoir nier*  
 that he is a great man.  
*ne subj-1*

When a verb is governed by two or more nouns, in the singular, it must be in the plural.

EXAMPLE.

mon père et ma mère m'aiment *my father and mother love me*  
 tendrement, *tenderly.*

EXERCISE.

His uprightness and honesty, make him courted by  
*droiture f. pron. honnêteté faire rechercher de*  
 every body. Strength of body and of mind meet  
*art. f. art. celle art. se rencontrer*  
 not always together. A good heart and a noble soul are  
*ensemble. m. beau f. de art.*  
 precious gifts of nature.  
 = 2. *don m. pl. 1 art —f.*

322. When a verb relates to subjects of different persons, it agrees with the first, rather than with the other two, and with the second rather than the third. The person addressed is named *first*, and the person addressing *last*. On this occasion, the pronoun plural *nous*, is generally placed before

the verb, as its principal subjects, if one of the several subjects, is in the first person, and the pronoun plural *vous*, if there is no first person.

## EXAMPLES.

*vous, votre frère et moi, nous lisons ensemble la brochure nouvelle,* *you, your brother, and I, read together the new pamphlet.*  
*vous et votre ami, vous viendrez avec moi,* *you and your friend will come with me.*

## EXERCISE.

You, your friend, and I, have each a different opinion. In  
*chacun 2 f. 1.*  
 our childhood, you and I (were pleased) with playing toge-  
*enfance f. se plaire ind-2 à inf-1*  
 ther. Neither I, nor (any one else) have been able to un-  
*ni ni d'autres ne pouvoir ind-4 \* com-*  
 derstand (any thing) in that sentence, (Take good care), you  
*prendre 2 rien 1 à phrase f. se garder bien*  
 and your brother, not to (give way) to the impetuosity of your  
*\* de s'abandonner =*  
 disposition.  
*caractère m.*

323. When a verb has the relative pronoun *qui* for its subject, it is put in the same number and person as the noun, or pronoun, which is the antecedent of that relative.

## EXAMPLES.

*est-ce moi qui ai dit cette nouvelle ? is it I who told this news ?*  
*est-ce nous qui l'avons voulu ? is it we who desired it ?*  
*ceux qui aiment sincèrement la vertu sont heureux, those who sincerely love virtue are happy.*

## EXERCISE.

He that complains most of mankind, is not always he  
*celui se plaindre le plus art. homme pl.*  
 that (has most reason) to complain (of them). You that wish  
*être le plus fondé en vouloir*  
 to enrich your mind with thoughts vigorously conceived and  
*\* enrichir esprit de f. pl. fortement conçu f. pl.*  
 nobly expressed, read the works of Homer and Plato.  
*noblement exprimé ouvrage*

324. There are some cases in which a verb, although governed by several nouns in the singular, is not put in the third person plural. A few examples of such cases are here given, with remarks on the cause and nature of their deviation from the rule given, No. 322.

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## EXAMPLES.

le roi <i>aussi bien que</i> son ministre, <i>veut le bien public,</i>	<i>the king as well as his minister,</i> <i>wishes for the public good.</i>
son honnêteté, <i>autant que</i> son esprit, <i>le fait rechercher,</i>	<i>his honesty, as much as his wit,</i> <i>makes him courted.</i>
l'envie, <i>comme</i> l'ambition, <i>est une</i> <i>passion aveugle</i>	<i>envy, like ambition, is a blind pas-</i> <i>sion.</i>
la séduction, <i>où</i> la terreur l'a en- <i>traîné dans le parti des rebelles,</i>	<i>either persuasion, or terror, has</i> <i>drawn him into the party of the</i> <i>rebels.</i>

OBSERVE. First, that : *aussi bien que son ministre, autant que son esprit, comme l'ambition,* are, as it were, adverbial phrases, which might be placed at the end of the sentence *le roi veut le bien public, aussi bien que son ministre,* etc. and consequently that, although there are apparently two subjects, there is really but one.

Secondly, we do not affirm that *la séduction* in conjunction with *la terreur* has acted, but that either the one or the other has done so. There is consequently no unity in the action, no collective effort.

325. A verb may be in the singular, when preceded of nouns substantives in the plural.

<i>biens, dignités, honneurs, tout dis-</i> <i>paraît, à la mort,</i>	<i>riches, dignities, honours, every</i> <i>thing vanishes at death.</i>
<i>jeux, conversations, spectacles,</i> <i>rien, ne la distraît,</i>	<i>games, conversations, shows, no-</i> <i>thing diverts her.</i>
<i>perfidies, noirceurs, incendies, mas-</i> <i>sacres, ce n'est là qu'une faible</i> <i>image, etc.</i>	<i>perfidies, enormities, conflagrations,</i> <i>massacres, all this is but a feeble</i> <i>representation, etc.</i>
<i>non-seulement toutes ses richesses</i> <i>et tous ses honneurs, mais toute</i> <i>sa vertu s'évanouit,</i>	<i>not only all his riches and honours,</i> <i>but all his virtue vanishes.</i>

In the three first examples, all the things enumerated *biens, dignités, honneurs, jeux, conversations, spectacles,* are summed up in the words *tout, rien, ce n'est-là,* which, being singular, must necessarily have the verb they govern in the same number.

## EXERCISE.

1. Fear or inability prevented them from moving.
2. The fear of death, or rather, the love of life, began to revive in his bosom.
3. Alcibiades, as well as Plato, was among the disciples of Socrates.
4. Lycurgus, like Solon, was a wise legislator.
5. Euripides, as much as Sophocles, contributed to the glory of the Athenians.

6. Riches, dignities, honours, glory, pleasure, every thing loses its charms from the moment we possess it, because none of those things can fill the heart of man.

- (1.) Inability, *impuissance* ; moving, *remuer*.  
 (2.) Began to revive, *se réveiller* ; in, *au fond de* ; bosom, *cœur*.  
 (3.) Among *au nombre de*.  
 (6.) We, *on* ; none, *rien* ; those things, *tout cela*.

## 326. PECULIARITIES.

La gloire et la prospérité des méchants est courte.

It might have been *sont courtes* ; but as each subject may form a separate proposition, *la gloire des méchants est courte, la prospérité des méchants est courte*, Fénelon has put the verb in the singular as being applicable to each subject.

Racine has said :

Quelle était en secret ma honte et mes chagrins.

*Quels étaient* would have been more regular, but in point of elegance, and as a latinism, the verb has been made to agree with the first noun.

Ni l'un ni l'autre ne sera l'ambassadeur.

Ni la force ni la douceur n'y peuvent rien.

One alone can be the *ambassadeur*, and consequently the verb can only be applicable to one of them.

*Force* and *douceur* are both unavailing, consequently the verb is in the plural.

## 327. NOUNS OF MULTITUDE AND NOUNS COLLECTIVE PARTITIVE.

1. The words *armée*, army ; *peuple*, people ; *nation*, nation ; *parlement*, parliament ; *flotte*, fleet ; *assemblée*, assembly ; or any other nouns of multitude have the verb which they govern in the singular, especially when preceded of the definite article.

## EXAMPLES.

l'assemblée a été tumultueuse,	<i>the assembly has been tumultuous.</i>
le peuple veut la paix,	<i>the people wish for peace.</i>
la nation aime son roi elle le	<i>the nation love their king they will</i>
protégera,	<i>protect him.</i>
un peuple de héros va naître,	<i>a nation of heroes will spring.</i>

2. Nouns collective partitive as *la plupart*, most part ; *quantité*, quantity ; *multitude*, multitude ; *nombre*, number ; *beaucoup*, much ; *peu*, few ; etc., etc., have the verb in the

plural, if they are qualified by a noun in the plural, otherwise the verb is in the singular.

## EXAMPLES.

la plupart du monde le croit, *most people believe it.*  
 la plupart des hommes le pensent, *most men think so.*  
 une troupe de jeunes gens couraient après lui, *a crowd of young people ran after him.*

Whatever be the noun which follows *la moitié, le tiers, le quart*, the verb must be in the singular.

328. The words *infinité* and *la plupart*, used by themselves, require the verb to be in the plural, as ; *une infinité pensent, la plupart sont d'avis*, whenever *de personnes, or des hommes*, etc. are understood.

## EXERCISE.

1. *Many persons* experience that human life is, every where, a state in which much is to be endured, and little to be enjoyed.
  2. *Many poets* think that poetry is the art of uniting pleasure with truth, by calling imagination to the help of reason.
  3. *Few persons* consider that time, like money, may be lost by unreasonable avarice.
  4. *So many years* of familiarity were as \* chains of iron which linked me to those men who beset me every moment.
  5. *How many wise men* \* have thought that, to seclude one's self from the world, was to pull out the teeth of devouring animals, to take away from the wicked the use of his poniard, from calumny its poisons, and from envy its serpents !
  6. *A company of young Phœnicians* of uncommon beauty, clad in fine linen, whiter than snow, danced a \* long while the dances of their own \* country, then those of Egypt, and lastly, those of Greece.
  7. *A troop of nymphs*, crowned with flowers, whose lovely tresses flowed over the shoulders and played in the wind, swam in multitudes behind her car.
  8. At the time of the invasion of Spain by the Moors, an *innumerable multitude of people* retired into the Asturias, and there proclaimed Pelagius king.
  9. *A third part of the enemy* was left dead on the field of battle ; the rest surrendered at discretion.
  10. *The innumerable crowd of carriages* which are to be seen in London during the winter, astonishes foreigners.
- (1.) Much is, etc. (*one has a great deal of pains, and little of real enjoyments.*)  
 (3.) To be lost, *se perdre* ; unseasonable, *hors de propos*.  
 (4.) Familiarity, *habitude* ; linked, *lier* ; beset, *obséder*.  
 (5.) How many, *que de* ; to seclude one's self, *se retirer* ; pull out of, *arracher à* ; to take away from, *ôter à*.  
 (6.) Company, *troupe* ; clad in, *et vêtu de* ; linen, *lin*.  
 (7.) Lovely, *beau* ; tresses, *cheveu* ; flowed, *pendre* ; to play, *flotter* ; with, *au gré de* ; swam, *nager* ; shoals, *foule* ; car, *char*.

- (8.) Moors, *Maure*; retired, *se retirer*; Asturias, *Asturies*; Pelagius, *Pélagé*.  
 (9.) A third part, *un tiers*; enemy, pl.; surrendered, *se rendre*.  
 (10.) Crowd, *quantité*; which are, (*active voice on*).

## PLACE OF THE SUBJECT WITH REGARD TO THE VERB.

329. The subject of the verb when a noun must always precede the verb, and cannot be separated from it, except by a negation, or personal pronoun in the dative or the accusative case.

## EXAMPLES.

le roi est revenu,  
 le roi ne reviendra pas,  
 le roi lui a parlé,  
 le roi le lui a donné,  
 le roi reviendra t-il ?  
 le roi le lui a-t-il donné ?  
 le roi ne le lui a-t-il pas donné ?

*the king has returned.*  
*the king will not return.*  
*the king has spoken to him.*  
*the king has given it to him.*  
*will the king return ?*  
*has the king given it to him ?*  
*has not the king given it to him ?*

330. When the subject is a pronoun, it precedes the verb, in the affirmative form, and follows it in the negative.

## EXAMPLES.

je parle,  
 parle-t-il ?\*  
 ne lui a-t-il pas parlé ?

*I speak.*  
*does he speak ?*  
*has he not spoken to him ?*

## EXERCISE.

1. *Youth* is full of presumption; *it* expects every thing from itself: although frail, *it* thinks itself all-sufficient, and that *it* has nothing to fear.
  2. *Commerce* is like certain springs; if *you* attempt to \* divert their course, *you* dry them up.
  3. *It*, is enough that falsehood is falsehood, to be unworthy of a man who speaks in the \* presence of God, and who is to sacrifice every thing to truth.
  4. The *ambition* and *avarice* of man are the sources of his unhappiness.
  5. *They* punish, in Crete, three vices, which have remained unpunished in all other nations: ingratitude, dissimulation, and avarice.
  6. Like the Numidian lion, goaded by cruel hunger, and rushing upon a flock of feeble sheep, *he* tears, *he* slays, *he* wallows in blood.
- (1.) Full of presumption, *présomptueux*; expects, *se promettre*; itself all sufficient, *pouvoir tout*; that it has, *avoir*.  
 (2.) Springs, *source*; attempt, *vouloir*; dry up, *faire tarir*.  
 (3.) It is enough, *suffire*; falsehood, *mensonge*; is, *subj. in, en*; is to sacrifice, *doit*.

\* The use of the hyphen has been explained, No. 4.

(5.) Punished, *ind-2*; have remained, *être*; in, *chez*.  
 (6.) Liko the, *semblable à un*; Numidian, *de Numidie*; goaded by,  
 etc. (that cruel hunger goads) *dévoré*; rushing, (*which rushes upon*),  
*entrer dans*; tears, *déchurer*; slays, *égorger*; wallows, *nager*.

331. When an interrogation begins with *que*, *où*, *combien*,  
*à quoi*, the noun subject may be placed after the verb, and  
*il*, *elle*, *ils*, *elles* are suppressed.

## EXAMPLES.

Que dit votre ami ? à quoi s'occupe votre frère ? où demeure votre  
 cousin ? combien coûte cet habit ?

332. Verbs of the first conjugation require the acute  
 accent before *je*, in interrogations, *parlé-je*, *aimé-je*.

*Cours-je*, *dors-je*, *sens-je*, would be harsh; such questions  
 are to be turned thus, *est-ce que je cours ? est-ce que je  
 dors ?*

## EXERCISE.

1. *Have you* forgotten all that Providence has done for you ? how  
*have you* escaped the shafts of your enemies ? how *have you* been  
 preserved from the dangers which surrounded you on all sides ? *could  
 you be* so blind as not to acknowledge and adore the all powerful hand  
 that has miraculously saved you ?

2. What *will posterity* say of you, if instead of devoting to the happi-  
 ness of mankind the great talents which you have received from  
 nature, you make use of them only to deceive and corrupt them.

3. Do not the *misfortunes* which we experience often contribute to  
 our \* prosperity.

4. Why are the *works of nature* so perfect ? Because each work is  
 a whole, and because she labours upon an eternal plan, from which  
 she never deviates. Why, on the contrary, are the *productions* of man  
 so imperfect ? It is because the human mind being unable to create  
 any thing, and incapable of embracing the universe at a single glance,  
 can \* produce only after having been enriched by experience and me-  
 ditation.

(1.) Escaped, *échapper à*; shafts, *trait*; preserved, *garantir*; on all  
 sides, *de toutes parts*; so as, *assez pour*; saved, *conserver*.

(2.) Devoting, *consacrer*; mankind, *homme*, pl.; deceive, *égarer*.

(3.) Experience, *éprouver*; contribute to, *tourner en*.

(4.) Because, *c'est que*; and because, *et que*; being unable, *ne pou-  
 voir*; incapable, (*not being able*) *at, de*; glance, *vue*; enriched, *fé-  
 conde*.

*Replied I*, *said I*, *says he*, used in narrations, are literally  
 translated in French.

## EXAMPLES.

je meurs innocent, a dit Louis  
 XVI.

*I die innocent, said Louis XVI.*

je le veux bien, dit-il,

*I am very willing said he.*

The subject of impersonal verbs is placed after the verb.

## EXAMPLES.

il est arrivé de grands malheurs, *great misfortunes have happened.*  
 il vint à ma voix un bon vieillard, *at my call, there came an old man.*

333. When the adverb and adjective *ainsi, tel*, begin the sentence, the subject is placed after the verb.

## EXAMPLES.

tel était l'acharnement du soldat, *such was the fury of the soldier*  
 que, etc. *that, etc.*  
 ainsi finit cette sanglante tragédie, *thus ended that bloody tragedy.*

## EXERCISE.

1. True glory, *said he* is founded on humanity; whoever prefers his own glory to the feelings of humanity, is a monster of pride, and not a man.

2. There have happened, for these \* ten years, *so many events* exceeding all probability, that posterity will find it very difficult to credit them.

3. *Such was that incorruptible Phocion*, who answered the deputies of Alexander, who were telling him that this powerful monarch loved him as the only honest man; well, then 2, let him allow me 1 to be and to appear so.

4. *Thus ended*, by the humiliation of Athens, *that dreadful war* of twenty-seven years, to \* which ambition gave rise, which hatred made atrocious, and which was as fatal to the Greeks, as their ancient confederation had proved advantageous to them.

(1.) Is founded, *ne se trouver pas hors de*; feelings, *sentiment*.

(2.) There have happened for, *il se passer depuis*; exceeding, *hors de*; probability, *vraisemblance*; will find very difficult, *avoir bien de la peine*; to credit, *ajouter foi à*.

(3.) Loved, *chérir*; honest man, *homme de bien*; well ho! to be so, *d'être tel*; appear so, *le paraître*.

(4.) Ended, *se terminer*; gave rise, *faire naître*; made, *rendre*; had proved, *être*.

After *aussi, peut-être, aussi bien*, the verb assumes the interrogative form. *Il est riche, aussi est-il recherché*, he is rich, and therefore sought after.

334. The noun or pronoun subject comes also after the imperative of *pouvoir, devoir, and faire*.

## EXAMPLES.

puissent tous les peuples se convaincre de cette vérité, *may all nations be convinced of this truth.*  
 dussé-je y périr, j'irai, *though I perish there, I will go.*  
 fasse le ciel que . . . . *heaven grant that . . . .*

There are some other cases in which the subject may be placed after the verb, but only as a matter of taste and elegance. Such transpositions must be left to the experienced writer.

## EXERCISE.

1. The gods grant that you may never experience such misfortunes!
2. May, you, oh wise old man, enjoy the happiness you deserve.
3. Though I were to perish in this enterprize, I will not give it up.

- (1.) Grant, *faire*; experience, *éprouver de*.  
 (2.) To enjoy, *jouir de*; happiness, *le bonheur que*.  
 (3.) To give up, *renoncer à*.

335. The distinction between the active, passive, and neuter verbs has already been explained, No. 94, 95, the regimen direct and indirect have also been explained, No. 170.

The noun, which is the object or accusative case of a verb active, as also the indirect cases, are all placed after the verb.

## EXAMPLES.

une mère chérit ses enfants, *a mother cherishes her children.*  
 un père donne tous ses soins à sa famille, *a father gives all his attention to his family.*  
 je reçois une lettre de mon frère *I receive a letter from my brother.*

N.B. The place of personal pronouns has also been fully explained, No. 223 and following.

## EXERCISE.

He has discovered to all other nations his ambitious  
*montrer art. \* peuple m. pl. = 2*

design of enslaving them, and has left  
*dessein m. 1 mettre dans l'esclavage inf-1 ne laisser*

us no means of defending our liberty, but by endeavouring  
*aucun moyen inf-1 que en tâcher inf-3*

to overturn his new kingdom. Homer represents Nestor as  
*de renverser royaume m.*

the man who restrained the ungovernable wrath of Achilles,  
*celui modérer ind-2 bouillant courroux m.*

the pride of Agamemnon, the haughtiness of Ajax, and the  
*fierté f.*

impetuous courage of Diomèd. He dared not lift up  
 = —m. 1 *Diomède oser ind-2 lever*

his eyes, lest they should meet the of his  
 \* art. *de peur de \* rencontrer inf-1*

friend, whose very silence condemned him. Ho carcasses  
 art. même 2 m. 1 ind-2  
 them, because he loves them.

336. When an interrogative sentence begins with *quel*,  
*de quel*, the object comes before the verb.

## EXAMPLES.

quel objet voyez-vous ? *what object do you see ?*  
 à quelle science vous appliquez-vous ? *to what science do you apply your-  
 self.*  
 de quelle affaire s'occupe votre frère ? *what is brother about ?*

337. Though the natural order of the ideas seems to require that the regimen direct be placed before the indirect, the perspicuity of the sentence does not allow it in all cases.

When a verb has two regimens, the shorter is generally placed first; but if they be of equal length, the regimen direct will precede the indirect.

## EXAMPLES.

les hypocrites s'étudient—à parer *hypocrites make it their study to*  
 le vice—des dehors de la *deck vice with the appearance of*  
 vertu, *virtue.*  
 les hypocrites s'étudient à parer—des dehors de la vertu—  
 les vices les plus honteux et *hypocrites make it their study to*  
 les plus décriés, *deck with the appearance of virtue*  
 l'ambition sacrifie—le présent— *the most shameful and most odi-*  
 à l'avenir, mais la volupté sac- *ous vices.*  
 rifie—l'avenir—au présent, *ambition sacrifices the present to*  
*the future, but pleasure sacri-*  
*fices the future to the present.*

1. Illustrious examples teach us, that God has hurled *from their throne* princes who condemned his laws: he reduced *to the condition of a beast* the haughty Nebuchadnezzar, who wanted to usurp divine honours.

2. Wretched is \* the man who feeds his minds with chimeras.

3. Our interest should prompt us to prefer *virtue* to vice, *wisdom* to pleasure, and *modesty* to vanity.

(1.) Illustrious, *fameux*; teach, *apprendre*; hurled, *renverser*; haughtiness, *superbe*; Nabuchodonosor; wanted, *vo loir*.

(2.) Feeds, *repaitre*.

(3.) Should, *devoir*. ind-1; prompt, *prompter*; pleasure, *volupté*.

338. A noun may be governed at the same time by two verbs, provided those verbs do not require different regimens.

## EXAMPLES.

on doit aimer et respecter les *we ought to love and respect kings.*  
 rois,

ce général attaquâ et prit la ville, *that general attacked and took the city.*

But we must not say :

cet officier attaquâ et se rendit maître de la ville, *that officer attacked and made himself master of the city.*

But turn the sentence thus :

cet officier attaquâ la ville et s'en rendit maître, *that officer attacked the city and made himself master of it.*

because *attaquer* is active, and *se rendre* requires *de*.

## EXERCISE.

1. Luxury is like a torrent, which carries away, and overthrows every thing it meets.

2. Nothing can resist the operation of time ; it, at length, undermines, alters or destroys every thing.

3. Among the Spartans, public education had two objects : the first, to harden their bodies by fatigue ; the second, to excite and nourish, in their minds, the love of their country. and an enthusiasm for what is great.

(1.) Carries away, *entraîner* ; overthrows, *renverser* ; every thing, *tout ce que*.

(2.) Operation, *action* ; at length, *à la longue* ; undermine, *miner*.

(3.) Among the Spartans, *à Sparte* ; to, *de* ; harden, *endurcir* ; by *à* ; their must be rendered by the article ; for what is great, *des grandes choses*.

## 339. PASSIVE VERBS.

Passive verbs require the prepositions *de* or *par*, generally *de* with those verbs which express a moral action, and *par* with those which express a physical one.

## EXAMPLES.

un jeune homme vertueux est estimé de tout le monde, *a virtuous young man is esteemed of all.*

la poudre à canon fut inventée par Berthold Schwartz, *gun powder was invented by B. Schwartz.*

In this sentence *votre ouvrage a été loué d'une manière fort délicate par un grand académicien*, *par* is used to avoid the repetition of *de*.

*Puristes* pretend we ought not to say *le monde à été créé par Dieu*, but *de Dieu*. This opinion has for its object to avoid an equivocation, with the oath or, rather, interjection, *pardieu* ! this is being over nice, as the words *par Dieu*, in the above sentence, convey no idea of irreverence, but on the contrary of admiration to God.

## EXERCISE.

The city of Troy was taken, plundered, and destroyed by the  
*Troie pris f. saccager détruit*  
 confederate Greeks, 1184 years before the Christian era: this  
*confédéré 2 1 ans avant 2 ère f. 1*  
 event has been celebrated by the two great poets of Greece  
 and Italy. You will only be beloved, esteemed, and  
 pr. art. *ne*  
 courted by men, (in proportion as) you join the  
*rechercher de que autant que joindre ind-7*  
 qualities of the heart to those of the mind. God pu-  
 = f. pl. pr. 3 pu-  
 nished the Jews every time that,  
*nir (passive voice ind-3 2) peuple Juif 1 toutes les fois*  
 deaf to the voice of the prophets, they fell into  
*sourd prophète sing. tomber ind-3 dans*  
 idolatry and impiety.  
 art. = art. =

## 340. NEUTER VERBS.

The nature of these verbs has been explained at full length, No. 96, 126. Their chief difficulty consists in the preposition which they require before the noun coming after them; pains must be taken to ascertain it, especially as it almost always differs from that which is used in English.

341. Some neuter verbs are used absolutely, as: *je dors*, I sleep; *je marche*, I walk.

## EXAMPLES.

*vous plaisez à cette dame, you please that lady.*  
*avez-vous pensé à mon affaire? have you thought of my affair?*

342. Some govern the proposition, *à*, such as: *plaire, obéir, résister, applaudir, croire, penser*, etc. etc.\*

343. Others govern the proposition, *de*, such as: *jouir, se moquer, se servir, se tromper, se repentir, mourir, dépendre, avoir besoin*, etc., etc.\*

\* The government of verbs is the greatest difficulty the English learner has to encounter in his study of the French language, as the correct construction of the whole sentence depends upon it. Suppose, for instance, you had to translate, *you have resisted orders on the execution of which our success depended*. If you have previously ascertained that *résister* governs the *dative* and *dépendre* the *genitive*, then you will say correctly, *vous avez résisté à des ordres de l'exécution desquels notre succès*

il jouit d'une bonne santé  
la fortune dont il jouit.

he enjoys good health.  
the fortune which he enjoys.

**OBSERVE.** That many neuter verbs have the reflected form, thus: *s'arrêter*, to stop; *se plaire à*, to take pleasure in.

**EXERCISE:**

This sentiment has pleased the king and all the nation.  
à à

In his retirement he enjoys the faculties of his  
dans retraite f. jour de tout = f. pl.

soul. To slander (any one) is to assassinate him in cold blood.  
\* médire de quelqu'un c'est \* de 2 sang 1

The honest man seldom (permits himself) to jest  
rarement 2 se permettre 1 de \* art. plaisanterie

because he knows the most innocent jests may  
A. parce que savoir que f. pl. \* pouvoir

sometimes hurt his reputation. It is only in retirement  
quelquefois nuire à f. ce ne que art.

that one truly enjoys one's self. His work has  
on véritablement 2 jour 1 de soi ouvrage m.

pleased every one, because it unites to real utility  
à art. mond joindre un 2 = f. 1

the charms of style, and the beauties of senti-  
agrément m. pl. art. m. sing. art. pl.

ment.

344. *Neuter verbs*, do not all take the same auxiliary; some have *avoir*, others have *être*.

**EXAMP. ES.**

ils sont partis,  
les soldats ont couru,

They have gone  
the soldiers have ran.

Some in one sense, take the auxiliary, *être*, and in another, *avoir*.

**EXAMPLES.**

1. ils ont échappé.

2. ils sont échappés.

*dépendait.* Neglect to ascertain this point, and you will translate literally thus: *vous avez résisté les ordres sur l'exécution desquels dépendait notre succès.*

The Dictionnaire des Verbes or Dictionary of French Verbs, showing their regimen, 1 vol. 12mo. will it is hoped, be found a great assistance to those who wish to write correctly.

The Familiar and Conversational exercises, containing a selection of about 150 pages of English sentences, chosen on account of their peculiarity of construction and frequent recurrence in every day's conversation, will also afford good and useful practice on this subject.

The first implies the *actual fact* of some people having escaped, the second implies the *state or position* of people having escaped.

These are points which require much attention, and we subjoin three lists of examples which the learner will do well to consult.\*

345. The neuter verbs which take the verb *être* are *aller, arriver, choir, convenir, déborder, (to overflow) décevoir, devenir, échoir, éclore, intervenir, mourir, naître, partir, provenir, repartir, (to set off again), resulter, retourner, revenir, survenir, tomber* and *venir*.

## EXAMPLES.

les enfants <i>sont</i> allés au jardin,	<i>the children are gone to the garden.</i>
elle <i>était</i> arrivée avant moi,	<i>she had arrived before me.</i>
nous <i>sommes</i> convenus de nos torts,	<i>we have confessed our wrongs.</i>
la rivière <i>est</i> débordée,	<i>the river has overflowed.</i>
ces grands hommes <i>sont</i> tous dé-cédés,	<i>those great men are all dead.</i>
les vrais littérateurs <i>sont</i> devenus rares,	<i>true leared men have become scarce.</i>
votre billet <i>sera</i> échu avant votre retour,	<i>your bill will fall due before you return.</i>
ces œufs <i>sont</i> éclos,	<i>those eggs are hatched.</i>
il <i>est</i> intervenu dans cette affaire,	<i>he has interfered in that affair.</i>
on dit que son père et sa mère <i>sont</i> morts,	<i>they say that his mother and father are dead.</i>
nos malheurs <i>sont</i> nés de nos dis-sensions,	<i>our misfortunes have sprung from our dissentions.</i>
ma sœur <i>était</i> partie avant lui,	<i>my sister had set off before him.</i>
elle <i>est</i> enfin parvenue à son but,	<i>she has at last obtained her end.</i>
les enfants qui <i>sont</i> provenus de ce mariage,	<i>the children that are issued from that marriage.</i>
ils <i>sont</i> repartis pour la cam-pagne,	<i>they are gone into the country again.</i>
il en <i>est</i> résulté un grand incon-vénient.	<i>a great inconvenience has been the result of it.</i>
nous <i>étions</i> retournés au château,	<i>we had all gone back to the castle.</i>
elles <i>seraient</i> revenues avec nous,	<i>they would have come back with us.</i>
cette agréable nouvelle <i>est</i> sur-venue ce matin,	<i>this agreeable news came this morn-ing</i>
il a voulu courir et il <i>est</i> tombé,	<i>he would run, and he fell</i>
pourquoi <i>sont</i> ils venus ici ?	<i>why did they come hither ?</i>

346. Neuter verbs, which take the verb *avoir*, are *com-paraitre, contrevenir, convenir, courir, échouer, paraître, subvenir*.

\* These lists are taken from Mr. Sievrac's edition.

## EXAMPLES.

les témoins ont comparu ce matin *the witnesses have appeared this morning.*  
ils ont contrevenu au principaux articles du traité, *they have infringed the chief articles of the treaty.*  
cette maison et cet ameublement m'auraient bien convenu, *that house and furniture would have suited me much.*  
les soldats ont couru vers leur général, *the soldiers have run towards their general.*  
un vaisseau américain a échoué devant le port, *an American vessel has run aground near the port.*  
nous avons paru quand on nous a appelés, *we appeared, when we were called for.*  
mon bon père a subvenu à tous mes besoins, *my good father has provided for all my exigencies.*

847. Neuter verbs which take either of the auxiliaries according to the idea expressed, *accoucher, accourir, accroître, apparaître, cesser, changer, commencer, croître, déchoir, demeurer, descendre, diminuer, disparaître, échapper, embellir, entrer, expirer, grandir, rajeunir, monter, passer, périr, rester, sonner, and vieillir.*

## EXAMPLES.

With AVOIR (fact).

j'ai accouru sur-le-champ à son secours,  
*I immediately ran to his assistance.*

il a accru sa fortune en bien peu de temps,  
*he has increased his fortune in a short time.*

il dit qu'un spectre lui a apparu pendant la nuit,  
*he says that a ghost has appeared to him during the night,*

la fièvre a cessé pendant une heure,  
*the fever has ceased for an hour.*

les circonstances ont changé la face des affaires,  
*circumstances have altered the face of affairs.*

le bal a commencé vers minuit,  
*the ball began towards midnight.*

cet enfant a crû pendant sa maladie,  
*that child has grown during his illness.*

With ÊTRE (state).

la garde est accourue sur-le-champ,  
*the guard ran up in all haste.*

son orgueil est accru avec ses richesses,  
*his pride has increased with his riches.*

Dieu est apparu à Moïse,  
*God has appeared to Moses.*

la fièvre est cessé depuis une heure,  
*the fever has ceased an hour ago.*

cette femme est changée à faire peur,  
*that woman is so altered as to frighten one.*

le bal était commencé lorsque nous entrâmes,  
*the ball had begun when we came in.*

cette plante est crûe prodigieusement,  
*that plant is prodigiously grown.*

depuis ce moment il a déchu de jour en jour,  
*he has been on the decay ever since.*  
 j'ai demeuré vingt ans à Paris,  
*I have lived twenty years in Paris.*

ils ont descendu la montagne beaucoup plus vite qu'ils ne l'avaient montée,  
*they have descended the hill much quicker than they had ascended it.*

le prix du blé n'a pas diminué depuis six mois,  
*the price of wheat has not fallen for these six months.*

elle a disparu subitement,  
*she has disappeared all on a sudden.*

ils ont échappé au danger,  
*they have escaped danger.*

elle a fort embelli pendant son voyage,  
*she is grown handsome on her journey.*

j'ai entré en ce lieu,  
*I have entered that place.*  
 Jésus-Christ a expiré sur la croix,  
*Jesus-Christ expired on the cross.*

ce jeune homme a grandi depuis peu de temps,  
*that young man has grown very lately,*

vous avez rajeuni dans votre voyage,  
*you are grown younger in your journey.*

il a monté quatre fois à sa chambre pendant la journée,  
*he went up into his room four times in the course of the day.*

la procession a passé sous mes fenêtres,  
*the procession has passed under my window.*

ces malheureux ont tous péri dans le combat,  
*those unfortunate men have all perished in the battle.*

il est bien déchu de son crédit,  
*he has lost much of his credit.*

il est demeuré à Paris pour a étudier la médecine,  
*he has remained in Paris to study physic.*

ils sont descendus,  
*they have come down.*

il est enfin diminué de moitié,  
*it has at last fallen by half,*

elle est disparue depuis quinze jours,  
*it is now a fortnight since she has disappeared.*

ils sont échappés depuis hier,  
*they have made their escape since yesterday.*

on croirait qu'elle est embellie,  
*one would think that she is grown handsomer.*

vous êtes entré, restez-y,  
*you are in, stay.*

la trêve est expirée,  
*the truce has expired.*

assurément vous êtes bien grandi,  
*indeed you are much grown.*

vous êtes rajeuni à mes yeux de dix ans,  
*you are grown younger in my eyes by ten years.*

il est monté dans sa chambre et il y est resté,  
*he is gone up into his room and has remained there.*

la procession est passée,  
*the procession has gone by.*

que sont devenus ces malheureux qu'on avait entassés dans vos prisons ? ils sont périés.

*what has become of those unfortunate men who had been heaped in your dungeons ? they are dead.*

combien de temps avez-vous  
resté en Angleterre ?

*what stay did you make in Eng-  
land ?*

la pendule a sonné cinq heures,  
*the clock has struck five.*

cent combattants sont restés sur  
la place,

*one hundred combatants have re-  
mained on the field of battle.*

trois heures étaient sonnées, lors-  
qu'on s'est mis a table,  
*it had struck three, when we sat  
down at meat.*

j'ai bien vieilli depuis deux ans,  
*I am grown much older within  
these two years.*

avouez que nous sommes bien  
vieillis,  
*confess that we are grown very old.*

## OF THE VERB BEING REGIMEN.

348. When two verbs come together the second may be, 1st, in the infinitive ; 2dly, in the indicative mood ; 3dly, in the subjunctive.

## OF THE VERB IN THE INFINITIVE AFTER ANOTHER.

349. The second verb is in the infinitive, when we speak of one person only, *i. e.* when the subject of both verbs is the same.

## EXAMPLES.

je veux sortir,  
nous espérons voir le roi,

*I wish to go out.  
we hope to see the king.*

The subject of *vouloir* and *sortir* is the same ; *I wish I* may go out ; so of *espérer*, *we hope we* shall see the king.

350. But here again is a difficulty for the learner ; the infinitive following is sometimes governed by the preposition *à*, sometimes by *de*, sometimes by *pour*, and sometimes there is no preposition at all.

## EXAMPLES.

j'aime à lire,  
je crains de tomber,  
je travaille pour vivre,  
je dois partir,

*I like to read.  
I fear to fall.  
I work to get my living.  
I am to go.*

This difference depends on the preceding verb of which the government must be ascertained.

351. *Aimer mieux, valoir mieux, aller, espérer, falloir, devoir, pouvoir, savoir, vouloir*, etc., require no preposition before the following infinitive.

## EXAMPLES.

j'aimerais mieux mourir,  
vous devriez sortir,

*I had rather die.  
you ought to go out.*

352. *Achever, finir, affecter, se dépêcher, se hâter, craindre, appréhender, désirer, etc.*, require the preposition *de*.

## EXAMPLES.

il affecte de l'aimer, *he affects to like it.*  
elle craignait de tomber, *she feared to fall.*

353. *Aimer, apprendre, consentir, se plaire, s'apprêter, etc.* require *à*.

## EXAMPLES.

j'aime à danser, *I like dancing.*  
consentez-vous à l'épouser ? *do you consent to marry her ?*

The preposition *pour* is used when *in order to*, is either expressed or understood in English.

## EXAMPLE.

il va à la campagne pour chasser, *he is going in the country to shoot.*

354. Verbs generally require, before the infinitive, the same preposition which they require before the noun.

## EXAMPLES.

je vous blâme de votre refus, *I blame you for your refusal.*  
je vous blâme de refuser. *I blame you for refusing.*

355. Sometimes a verb governs two different prepositions, because it has two different acceptations.

*S'efforcer de*, to endeavour, is taken in the moral sense ; *s'efforcer à*, in the physical.

## EXAMPLES.

il s'efforce de plaire, *he tries to please.*  
il s'efforce à parler, *he exerts himself to speak.*

These peculiarities of the language cannot be taught by rule ; they belong to individual words which must be consulted. See *Dictionnaire des verbes*.

## EXERCISE.

1. Do you prefer living\* in the country ?
2. Come, when you have done writing.
3. Are you afraid of falling ?
4. He cannot walk.
5. Does he not like travelling ?
6. She takes delight in teasing.
7. Has he not consented to pay you ?
8. They are gone to London to see if they can find a house for the season.
9. My sisters learn drawing.

10. I was getting ready to go out when he came.

11. They hope to arrive in time.

12. Make haste to get up and to dress.

(1.) Préférer, vivre ; *in, à.*

(3.) Craindre.

(5.) Aimer voyager.

(7.) Consentir.

(9.) Apprendre, dessiner.

(2.) Finir, *ind-8.*

(4.) Pouvoir.

(6.) Se plaire, tourmenter.

(8.) Aller, voir, pouvoir.

(10.) S'apprêter, sortir, venir, *ind-4.*

(11.) Espérer ; *in time, à temps.* (12.) Se dépêcher, se lever, s'habiller.

OF THE VERB IN THE INDICATIVE AND THE SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

356. When the subjects of the two verbs are different, the second verb must be in the indicative mood or in the subjunctive.

EXAMPLES.

je crois que vous avez raison, *I think you are right.*

je doute que vous ayez raison, *I doubt your being right.*

Here are two persons or subjects ; the one *thinking* and the other *not being right*.

357. The indicative mood is used after all verbs expressing an act of the mind, and when speaking *in an affirmative and positive manner* ; among such may be enumerated *croire, imaginer, concevoir, réfléchir, considérer, observer, remarquer, compter, espérer, démontrer, etc., etc.*

EXAMPLES.

je crois qu'il est venu,

*I believe he has arrived.*

espérons que la chose ira bien,

*let us hope the thing will succeed.*

OBSERVE. That the conjunction *que* is never omitted in French.

358. If the same verbs are used interrogatively or negatively, they require the subjunctive mood after them.

EXAMPLES.

je ne crois pas qu'il soit venu

*I do not think he is come*

espérez-vous que la chose aille bien ?

*do you expect the thing will go on well ?*

359. There are some verbs expressive of *fear, doubt, apprehension, desire*, which always have the subjunctive mood after them, whether in the affirmative or the negative form.\*

\* This is more fully explained at the article, subj. mood, No. 384.

## EXAMPLES.

je doute qu'il vienne                    *I doubt his coming*  
 je crains que cela ne soit            *I fear its being so*

## EXERCISE.

1. She thinks you have not sufficiently attended to her interest ?
2. Do you imagine it is an easy thing to convince him ?
3. They say he is going abroad.
4. Do you imagine I have done it on purpose ?
4. I wish you may succeed, but I doubt it.
6. We fear he will come in our absence, and he will be vexed not to find us at home.

- (1.) Croire; *to have attended, s'être occupé de; interest, intérêts.*
- (2.) S'imaginer, chose facile, convaincre.
- (3.) Abroad, à l'étranger.
- (4.) *To do on purpose, faire exprès.*
- (5.) Désirer, réussir, douter de.
- (6.) Craindre, venir; *vexed, contrarié de.*

## OF THE NATURE AND USE OF MOODS AND TENSES:

## OF THE INDICATIVE:

360. *The indicative* is the mood which declares affirmatively or negatively. It has eight tenses which are :

<i>the present</i>	je parle.
<i>the imperfect</i>	je parlais
<i>the preterit definite</i>	je parlai
<i>the preterit indefinite</i>	j'ai parlé
<i>the preterit anterior</i>	j'eus parlé
<i>the pluperfect</i>	j'avais parlé
<i>the future simple</i>	je parlerai
<i>the future anterior</i>	j'aurai parlé

361. *The present* marks that a thing is *now* passing, that is, either existing or doing.

## EXAMPLES.

j'aime,                                    *I love, do love, am loved.*  
 ils jouent,                            *they play, do play, are playing.*

361. *The present* may be used in speaking of a thing that is going to be done, or take place, as being more expressive than the future.

## EXAMPLE.

je suis de retour dans un moment,    *I shall be back in an instant.*

It is also used, in a narrative, instead of the preterit, in order to give more force and vivacity to the description, and to make the thing, as it were, present.

## EXAMPLE.

le cheval blessé se démène et secoue son maître ; Cyrus tombe.  
*the horse being wounded, struggled, shook off his rider ; Cyrus fell.*

## EXERCISE.

1. *Hé* is in his chamber, where he is relaxing his mind from the fatigue of business, by some instructive and agreeable reading.

2. Truth, eternal by its nature, is immutable as God himself.

3. I never let a day pass without devoting an hour or two to reading the ancients.

4. It is this week that the new piece comes out.

5. The armies were in sight : nothing was heard on all sides but dreadful cries : the engagement began. Immediately a cloud of arrows darkens the air and covers the combatants ; nothing is heard but doleful cries of the dying, or the clattering of the arms of those who fall in the conflict ; the earth groans beneath a heap of dead bodies, and rivers of blood stream every where ; there is nothing in this confused mass of men enraged against one another but slaughter, despair, revenge, and brutal fury.

(1.) Is unbending, *délasser* ; reading, *lecture*.

(2.) By, *de* ; immutable, *immuable*.

(3.) Let devoting, *consacrer* ; reading, *la lecture de*.

(4.) Come out, *en donner*.

(5.) Sight, *présence* ; nothing was, etc., *on ne que*, ind-2 ; engagement began, *on en venir aux mains*, ind-3 ; cloud, *nuée* ; arrows, *trait* ; darkens, *obscurcir* ; nothing is etc., *on ne plus que* ; doleful, *plaintif* ; clattering, *bruit* ; conflict, *mêlée* ; groans, *gémir* ; beneath, *sous* ; heap, *monceau* ; rivers, *ruisseau* ; stream, *couler* ; there is nothing in, etc. *ce ne être dans* ; mass, *amas* ; enraged, *acharné* ; but, *que* ; slaughter, *massacre*.

362. The imperfect *je parlais*, I was speaking, I did speak, I used to speak, I spoke ; expresses a thing being done at the moment another takes place.

## EXAMPLE.

j'entrais au moment où vous êtes entré,  
*I came in at the moment you entered.*

The imperfect expresses also repetition, habit, description of things habitual and stationary.

## EXAMPLES.

je recevais de ses nouvelles toutes les semaines,  
*I heard from him every week.*

quand j'étais à Paris, j'allais souvent aux Champs Elysées,  
*when I was in Paris I often went to the Champs Elysées.*

voilà la place où elle aimait à s'asseoir, *this is the place where she liked to sit down.*  
 son père était fier, *his father was very proud.*  
 le livre était sur la table ; quel- *the book was laying upon the table,*  
 qu'un l'aura pris, *somebody must have taken it.*

## EXERCISE.

1. When I *was* at Paris I *went* every morning to take a walk in the *Champs Elysées*, or the *Bois de Boulogne* ; afterwards I *came* home, where I employed myself till dinner, either in reading or writing ; and, in the evening, I generally *went* for amusement to the French Theatre or the Opera.

2. When I *was* in the prime of life, like the light butterfly, I *fluttered* from object to object, without being able to settle to any thing : eager for pleasure, I *seized* every thing that *had* its appearance : alas ! how far *was* I then from foreseeing that I should deplore with so much bitterness the loss of that precious time.

3. For a short time after Abraham, the knowledge of the true God still *appeared* in Palestine and Egypt. Melchisedec, king of Salem, *was* the priest of the Most High God 1. Abimelech, king of Gerar, and his successor of the same name, *feared* God, *swore* by his name, and *reverenced* his power. But in Moses' time, the nations *adored* even beasts and reptiles. Every thing *was* God but God himself.

(1.) Take a walk, *se promener* ; in à ; came home, *rentrer chez soi* ; was busy, *s'occuper* ; reading, *(by the verb)* ; for amusement, *me délasser* ; French Theatre, *Comédie Française*.

(2.) Prime of life, *flour de l'âge* ; butterfly, *papillon* ; fluttered, *voler* ; being able, *pouvoir* ; settle, *me fixer* ; eager for, *avide de* ; had its appearance, *m'en présentait l'image* ; how, *que* ; with so much bitterness, *(so bitterly.)*

(3.) Swore, *juré* ; reverenced, *admirer* ; the nations, *on* ; even, *jusqu'à* ; but, *excepté*.

363. The *preterit definite*, *je parlai*, is used in speaking of things done during a period, *a year, a month or a week*, entirely elapsed, and when the precise moment is specified or understood in which the action took place.

## EXAMPLES.

je lui écrivis à mon arrivée à Bath, *I wrote to him on my arrival at Bath.*  
 nous nous rencontrâmes l'année dernière aux eaux, *we met last year at a watering place.*

This preterit has been called the *historical tense*, on account of its serving to express things which have happened at a period distant from the present.

## EXERCISE.

Amenophis *conceived* the design of making his son a conqueror. He *set about* it, after the manner of the Egyptians, that is, with great

ideas. All the children who were born on \* the same day as Sesostris, were brought to court by order of the king : he had them educated as his own children, and with the same care as Sesostris. When he was grown up, he made him serve his apprenticeship in a war against the Arabs : this young prince learned there to bear hunger and thirst, and subdued that nation, till then invincible. He afterwards attacked Lybia, and conquered it. After these successes, he formed the project of subduing the whole world. In consequence of this \*, he entered Ethyopia, which he made tributary. He continued his victories in Asia. Jerusalem was the first to feel the force of his arms : the rash Rehoboam could not resist him, and Sesostris carried away the riches of Solomon. He penetrated into the Indies, farther than Hercules and Bacchus, and farther than Alexander did afterward. The Scythians obeyed him as far as the 'Tanais ; Armenia and Cappadocia were subject to him. In a word, he extended his empire from the Ganges to the Danube.

Making, *faire de* ; set about it, *s'y prendre* ; after, *à* ; ideas, *pensée* ; brought, *amener* ; had educated, *faire élever* ; grown up, *grand* ; made serve, *fit faire* ; apprenticeship, *apprentissage* ; in, *par* ; entered, *entrer dans* ; made, *rendre* ; as far as, *jusqu'à* ; Cappadocia, *Cappadoce*.

364. *The preterit indefinite, j'ai parlé*, is the tense which is the most used in French ; it expresses things done, or which have happened in the course of the day, recently, within the week, the month or the year in which we are.

## EXAMPLE.

*j'ai rencontré votre frère ce matin, I met your brother this morning.*

The preterit indefinite is used also to express assertion of a thing having been done, without any reference to time.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>j'ai voyagé en Italie,</i>	<i>I travelled in Italy.</i>
<i>j'en ai parlé à votre oncle,</i>	<i>I have mentioned it to your uncle.</i>
<i>n'avez-vous remarqué aucune</i>	<i>have you noticed no mistakes ?</i>
<i>faute ?</i>	

It is also used figuratively instead of the future.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>avez-vous bientôt fini ?</i>	<i>shall you have done soon ?</i>
<i>oui, j'ai fini dans un moment,</i>	<i>yes, I shall have done in a minute.</i>

## EXERCISE.

1. Enflamed with the desire of knowing mankind, *I have travelled*, not only among the most polished nations, but even among the most barbarous, *I have observed* them in the different degrees of civilization, from the state of simple nature to the most perfect state of society, and wherever I went, the result was the same : that is to say, *I have* every where seen beings occupied in drying up the different sources of happiness that nature had placed within their reach.

2. I have travelled this year in Italy, where I had an\* opportunity of seeing several master-pieces of antiquity, and where I made a valuable collection of scarce medals. I there admired the perfection to which they have brought architecture, painting, and music; but what pleased me most there, was the beauty of the climate of Naples.

(1.) With, *de*; mankind, *homme, pl. to chez*; polished nations, *peuple policé*; barbarous, *nation sauvage*; from, *depuis*; simple, *pur*: to, *jusqu'à*; wherever I went, *dans tous les pays*; the result was the same, (*I had the same result*) in drying up *à tarir*; within their reach, *à leur portée*.

(2.) Opportunity, *occasion*; master-pieces, *chef-d'œuvres*; scarce, *rare*; pleased me most, *faire le plus de plaisir*; was, *ind-1*.

355. The two preterit anterior, *j'eus parlé, j'ai eu parlé*, are commonly used after an adverb of time, such as *dès que, aussitôt que, quand*.

## EXAMPLES.

dès que j'eus diné je sortis, *as soon as I had dined I went out.*  
dès que j'ai eu diné je suis sorti, *I did go out as soon as I had done dinner.*

There is the same difference between these two tenses as between the preterit definite and the preterit indefinite. The first, *j'eus parlé*, is principally used in reference to time long past; the second, *j'ai eu parlé*, is said of things recently occurred. The latter expresses also assertion of facts, as: *j'ai parlé*.

## EXAMPLE.

aujourd'hui j'ai eu déjeuné en dix minutes, *I was not more than ten minutes about my breakfast to day*

366. The pluperfect, *j'avais parlé*, expresses the completion of an action, at the moment another took place.

## EXAMPLE.

j'avais soupé quand il entra, *I had done supper when he entered.*

It is generally preceded of *dès que, quand, lorsque, aussitôt que*, and, like the imperfect, serves to express habitual thing, repetition, and to describe.

## EXAMPLES.

j'allais à la chasse dès que j'avais déjeuné, *I went out shooting as soon as I had done breakfast.*

## EXERCISE.

1. As soon as I had examined this phenomenon, I tried to find out its causes.

2. As soon as we had crossed the river, we found ourselves in a wood where there was not a single foot-path traced.

3. As soon as the great Sesostris *had satisfied* his ambition by the conquest of so many empires, he returned into Egypt, where he devoted the whole of the day to administering strict justice to his people, and, in the evening, he recreated himself by holding conferences with the learned, or by conversing with the most upright people of his kingdom.

4. I *had only received*, like most of the *grandees*, an education in which I *had imbibed* nothing but sentiments of pride and insensibility; that is, they *had done* every thing in their power, to stifle in me the happy and benevolent dispositions which I *had received* from nature.

(1.) As soon as, *dès que*; tried to find out, *en rechercher*,

(2.) Crossed, *traverser*; found ourselves, *se trouver engagé*; foot-path, *sentier de*.

(3.) The whole of the day, *jour entier*; administering, *rendre*; inf-1; strict, *exact*; recreated, *délasser*; by holding conferences, *à s'entretenir*; upright, *honnête*; people, *gens*.

(4.) Grandee, *grand*; imbibed, *puiser*; they, *on*; in their power, *ce qu'on pouvoir*, ind-6; stifle, *étouffer*; benevolent, *bienfaisant*.

367. The *future absolute*, *je parlerai*, is that tense which expresses that an action or event will take place, at a time which does not yet exist.

## EXAMPLE.

*j'irai demain à la campagne, I shall go to-morrow into the country.*

The *future anterior* is the tense which expresses that at a time when a thing will take place, another thing will have already taken place.

## EXAMPLE.

*quand j'aurai fini je sortirai, when I have done, I shall go out.*

368. It is customary in English, to put the *present tense* after *when*, it is not so in French, the *future tense* must always be used, if speaking of things to come.

## EXAMPLES.

*I will show it to you when I have done, je vous le montrerai, quand je l'aurai fini.*  
*when he comes, do let me know, quand il viendra, faites le moi savoir.*

369. The future is also used after *si*, when it means *wether*, that is, when a doubt is expressed.

## EXAMPLE.

*je ne sais si mon père viendra, I do not know whether my father will come.*

When *si* means *if* the future must not be used.

## EXAMPLE.

*nous irons à la campagne demain, we shall go into the county to-morrow*  
*s'il fait beau temps, if it is fine.*

The future is used in French in rendering sentences like these, do as you please, *faites comme il vous plaira* or *comme vous voudrez*.

## EXERCISE.

1. Remember that youth is but a flower, which will wither almost as soon as it \* opens. Thou will see thyself gradually changed. Smiling graces, sweet pleasures, strength, health, and joy, will vanish like a pleasing dream; nothing but the sad remembrance will be left thee.

2. I shall next year take a journey into Greece, and I am preparing myself for it by reading the travels of the young Anacharsis.

3. When you have read the celebrated discourse of Bossuet on Universal History, and studied it in the causes of the rise and fall of states, you will be less astonished at the revolutions, more or less sudden, that modern empires have experienced, which appeared to you in the most flourishing state.

(1.) Will wither, (*will be almost as soon withered as*, 47), *sécher*; opens, *éclore*; gradually, *insensiblement*; lively, *riant*; pleasing, *beau*; nothing will be left, *il n'en restera*.

(2.) Take, *faire*; for it, *y*; reading, *lecture de*; (*the travels*, *celui*.)

(3.) Have read, *ind-8*; and, *que vous*, *ind-8*; in it, *y*; rise, *grandeur*; fall, *chute*; sudden, *subite*; (*that have experienced the modern empires*, *which etc.*) appeared, *ind-2*.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF *JE PARLAIS, JE PARLAI, J'AI PARLÉ*

370. The choice of the proper tense, between *je parlais*, *j'ai parlé*, *je parlai* is so difficult for the learner, it requires such perfect understanding of the peculiar acceptation of each of them, that the following passages selected and analysed for their illustration, may prove useful in addition to the foregoing rules.

We read in Marmontel—

Célicour, à l'âge de quinze ans, *Célicour at the age of fifteen*, had *avait été* dans le monde ce *was in the world* what is called *qu'on appelle un petit prodige*, *a little prodigy*.

The author uses the pluperfect, because he describes what was at a period of time anterior to all those which he is going to mention.

Again,

*il faisait des vers les plus galants* he composed the most agreeable *du monde*; *il n'y avait pas* love-sonnets imaginable: there *dans le voisinage* une jolie was not a pretty woman in the *femme qu'il n'eût célébrée*: neighbourhood that he had not *e'était dommage de laisser tant* celebrated; it was a pity to let *de talents enfouis dans une* so many talents be buried in a *petite ville*; Paris *devait en être* little town; Paris was the stage *le théâtre*, on which they ought to be exhibited.

Here the author makes use of the imperfect, because he speaks of the habitual occupation of Cécicour.

## EXAMPLE.

et l'on fit si bien, que son père and they contrived matters so, that  
se résolut de l'y envoyer; his father determinéd to send him  
there.

Now, the author passes to the preterit definite, because he is no longer speaking of what was habitual or repeated, but of an action which once occurred, and long ago.

## EXAMPLE.

ce père était un honnête homme, this father was a good sort of man,  
qui aimait l'esprit sans en a- who was fond of wit, without  
voir, et qui admirait, sans a- having any, and admired, with-  
voir pour quoi, tout ce qui ve- out knowing why, every thing  
nait de la capitale. Il avait that came from the metropolis.  
même des relations littéraires. Nay, he even had some literary  
et du nombre de ses correspon- connexions, and among his corres-  
dants était un connaisseur pondents was a connaisseur of the  
nommé M. de Fintac, name of Fintac.

Here again, the author resumes the form of the imperfect, as he is now speaking of the habitual state of Cécicour's father, in his little town,

## EXAMPLE.

ce fut principalement à lui que it was particularly to him that  
Cécicour fut recommandé Cécicour was recommended

The form of the preterit definite is now resumed, because this is said of action passed at a time long elapsed.

And in Molière's *Fourberies de Scapin*, we read

comme nous sommes grands as we are great friends, he imme-  
amis, il me fit aussitôt confi- diately imparted the secret of his  
dence de son amour, et me love to me, and took me to see  
mena voir cette fille que je that girl whom I certainly thought  
trouvai belle, à la vérité, mais pretty, but not so much as he wished  
non pas tant qu'il voulait que me to do.  
je la trouvasse,

Here *fit*, *mena*, *trouvai* are all referring to actions past long ago, and they serve also to state facts but not to describe permanent things. *Voulait*, on the contrary, is in the imperfect, because it expresses the constant and continued desire of Léandre that his mistress should be thought pretty.

Again Scapin says :

c'est ce que je lui ai dit. J'ai réjeté bien loin de pareilles propositions, et je lui ai bien fait entendre que vous n'étiez point une dupe, pour vous demander des cinq ou six cents pistoles. Enfin, après plusieurs discours voici où s'est réduit le résultat de notre conférence.

*that is what I said to him. I would not hear of such proposals, and I gave him to understand that you were not a dupe to ask you five or six hundred pistols. Finally, after several speeches, this is what has been the result of our interview.*

Here the preterit indefinite, *j'ai parlé* is used, because Scapin relates what he has done since he saw Argante, consequently in the course of the day in which he is speaking. There is no description of a continued state of things, except in *étiez*, which refers to the general character of Argante.

#### OF THE CONDITIONAL.

371. The *conditional* is the mood which affirms a thing would be on some conditions ; it has two tenses, the *present* and the *past*.

The *present of the conditional* (*je parlerais*) is that tense which expresses that a thing would take place on certain conditions.

#### EXAMPLE.

je ferais votre affaire avant peu, si elle dépendait uniquement de moi, *I would settle your business before long, if it only depended upon me.*

The *past of the conditional* (*j'aurais parlé*) is that tense which expresses that a thing would have taken place at a time which no longer exists, dependant on certain conditions.

#### EXAMPLE.

j'aurais, ou j'eusse \* fait votre affaire, si vous m'en aviez, ou m'en eussiez parlé, *I would have settled your business if you had mentioned it to me.*

372. The conditional is used to express a wish, as, que je serais, or, que j'aurais été content si j'avais réussi ! *how glad I should be, or should have been had I succeeded!*

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\* Some writers, and Voltaire especially, often make use of this form, *j'eusse parlé*, for *j'aurais parlé*. It is here given as an example, but it will be well to follow the first.

AND after *si*, whether, expressing a doubt, as,

demandez-lui s'il serait venu avec nous, supposé qu'il n'eût pas eu affaire? *ask him whether he would have come with us, had he not been engaged?*

373. It is used also before, or after the imperfect, or pluperfect of the indicative, when they are preceded by *si*, as,

nous nous épargnerions bien des peines, si nous savions modérer nos désirs, *we should spare ourselves much pain did we know how to moderate our desires.*

vous auriez été plus heureux, si vous aviez suivi mes conseils, *you would have been more happy, if you had followed my advice.*

374. After *quand*, *quand même*; in the sense of *though even, were I to*.

## EXAMPLE.

quand l'avare posséderait tout l'or du monde, il ne serait pas encore content, *were the miser to possess all the gold in the world, he would not be satisfied.*

And in questions like the following, in the sense of *is it possible that, could I? could you? really*.

## EXAMPLES.

croiriez-vous votre fils ingrat? *could you think your son ungrateful?*

l'auriez-vous soupçonné d'un tel vice? *could you have suspected him of such a vice?*

which means, *croyez-vous, pouvez-vous croire*, etc. *auriez-vous pu*, etc.

## EXAMPLE.

serais-tu\* vraiment son fils? *can it really be that you should be his son?*

tu n'aurais\* employé qu'une juste défense, *really, you had only recourse to self-defence.*

## EXERCISE.

1. If it *were* even possible for men always to act conformably to equity, as it is the multitude that must judge their conduct, the wicked would always blame and contradict them from malignity, and the good sometimes from mistake.

2. What false steps I *should have made* but for you, at my entrance into the world!

3. But for your counsels, I *should have failed* in this undertaking.

\* This is again a form much used by Voltaire it is not simply a question, but it expresses a feeling of surprise, of dread or of joy at the thing asserted.

4. How satisfied I *should have been*, if you had sooner informed me of your happiness!

5. If we give to infancy none but just and clear notions, *there would be* a much less considerable number of false wits in the world.

6. *Had Alexander conquered the whole world, his ambition would not have been satisfied*: he would still have found himself straitened in it.

7. *Could you believe him vain enough to aspire to that high degree of honour?*

8. *Could you ever have thought him capable of deserting the good cause, to go and side with rebels?*

9. *Would you renounce being useful to the present generation because envy fastens on you?*

(1.) If even, *quand même*; were, *cond-I*; for men, (that men); to act, *subj-2*; judge, *juger de*; would blame, *ind-7*; contradict, *croiser*, *ind-7*.

(2.) What *que de*; steps, *démarche*; but for, *sans*.

(3.) But for, *sans*; failed, *échouer*.

(4.) How, *que*.

(5.) We, *on*; a much less considerable number, *bien moins*.

(6.) (When Alexander would have conquered); straitened, *trop à l'étroit*.

(8.) Deserting, *abandonner*; to go and side with, *pour se ranger sous les drapeaux de*.

(9.) Renounce, *renoncer à*; fastens, *s'attacher*; on you, *à vos pas*.

375. Foreigners are very apt to use the conditional after *si*, when meaning *supposé que*. They say,

*vous auriez vu le roi, si vous seriez venu,* *you would have seen the king if you had come.*

This mistake cannot be made if attention is paid to the actual meaning of *si*, which signifies both *if* and *whether*; when it is taken in the acceptation of *whether* the conditional is used, not otherwise.

#### EXAMPLES.

*je ne savais si nous irons ou non,* *I did not know whether we should go or no.*  
*si nous allions à la campagne, je vous en prévienrais,* *if we went into the country, I would tell you of it.*

#### OF THE IMPERATIVE.

376. The *imperative* is that mood which commands, exhorts, entreats, forbids or reproves.

In many verbs a compound of the imperative may be used to express an injunction to have a thing done previously to another, as, *ayez diné avant que je revienne*, have dined before I return.

EXERCISE.

Be not fond of praise; but seek virtue, which  
 sing. *passionné pour art. louange f. art.*  
 procure it. Let us remember that unless virtue guide  
*attirer se souvenir à moins que art.*  
 us, our choice must be wrong. Let us not be deceived by  
*devoir ind-1 mauvais se laisser prendre à*  
 the first appearances of things; but let us take time, to  
*art. se donner art. de*  
 fix our judgment. Arbiters of the destinies of men, do good  
*arbitre — née art. art. bien*  
 if you wish to be happy; do good, if you wish that your memory  
*vouloir \**  
 should be honoured; do good, if you wish that heaven should  
 subj-1 *art. sub.*  
 open to you its eternal gates.  
 1 2 *porte f. 1.*

OF THE SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

377. Remarks have already been made (No. 113) on the use of the subjunctive mood in French, and some examples have been given, by way of comparison, to show that the two languages by no means agree on this point. Many verbs in English, are put in the *future*, the *conditional* and the *present tense* which, in French, must be in the *subjunctive mood*. Thus,

je ne crois pas qu'il soit si âgé,	<i>I don't think he is so old.</i>
je ne crois pas qu'il vienne,	<i>I don't think he will come.</i>
je craignais qu'il ne vint,	<i>I feared he would come.</i>
elle est la plus jolie que je connaisse.	<i>she is the prettiest I know.</i>

Observe that the *present* and *future* are the same in the subjunctive mood, the context alone shows of which of the two we speak.

EXAMPLES.

je ne crois pas qu'il vienne,	<i>I do not think he is coming.</i>
je ne crois pas qu'il vienne,	<i>I do not think he will come.</i>

The use of the present or of the past tenses of the subjunctive is determined by the preceding verb, as will be seen No. 388.

378. The subjunctive mood is used in French after the following conjunctions.

à moins que*	<i>unless</i>
afin que	<i>in order that</i>
à Dieu ne plaise que	<i>God forbid that</i>
au cas que	<i>in case</i>
avant que	<i>before</i>
bien que	<i>although</i>
bien loin que	<i>far from</i>
ce n'est pas que	<i>it is not that</i>
de crainte que*	<i>for fear that, lest</i>
de manière que	<i>so that, in a manner that</i>
de peur que*	<i>for fear that</i>
Dieu veuille que	<i>God grant that</i>
encore que	<i>although</i>
excepté que	<i>except</i>
jusqu'à ce que	<i>until</i>
loin que	<i>far from</i>
malgré que	<i>although, spite of</i>
moyennant que	<i>on consideration that</i>
non pas que	<i>not that</i>
plût à Dieu que	<i>would to God that</i>
posé le cas que	<i>suppose</i>
pour que	<i>in order that, that</i>
pour peu que	<i>ever so little</i>
pou.vu que	<i>provided that</i>
que	<i>(in the place of another conjunction)</i>
quelque	<i>whatever, however</i>
quoique	<i>although</i>
sans que	<i>without</i>
si ce n'est que	<i>except that</i>
si non que	<i>but that</i>
soit que	<i>whether, or</i>
supposé que	<i>suppose</i>
tant s'en faut que	<i>far from it that</i>

## EXAMPLES.

entrez sans qu'il vous voie, *get in without his seeing you.*  
 à Dieu ne plaise qu'il en soit ainsi, *God forbid it should be so.*

Those conjunctions which are marked \* require *ne* before the verb, though not having a negative sense.

## EXAMPLE.

allez doucement de peur qu'il ne vous entende, *go gently lest he should hear you.*

## EXERCISE.

Get up early to-morrow morning, that we start in good time. Shall the day pass away without my seeing you? God forbid that I should

\* *Ne* is frequently put before the verb which follows *avant que*; yet I believe it ought to be only whenever *avant que* may be rendered by *lest*, and when there is an apprehension that a thing should happen before another.

wrong a man who has ever showed me so much kindness. Make haste, lest he should set off without you. I shall wait until you have done.

379. It has been observed, (No. 357) that the conjunction *que*, used before the indicative mood, coming after a verb, expressing an act of the mind in the affirmative form is never to be omitted in French. This shows that that conjunction does not *in itself* govern the subjunctive mood, as is erroneously thought by most learners; but there are, however, several cases in which *que* requires that mood after it. They are when *que* is used instead, or in the sense, of the following conjunctions: *à moins que*, *avant que*, *sans que*, *jusqu'à ce que*, *quoique*, *soit que*, which are themselves always followed by the subjunctive.

## EXAMPLES.

- j'attendrai *que* la pluie soit passée I shall wait until the rain be over.  
(*jusqu'à ce que*)  
je ne sortirai pas *que* vous ne I shall not leave the house before  
m'avez payé (*avant que*) you pay me.

## EXERCISE.

1. Give me your letter *that* I may send it to the post-office.
2. He says he will not marry *until* he has a profession.
3. He cannot play, but he hurts himself.
4. We shall not go into the country, *unless* he consents to come with us.

- (1.) *Que* for *afin*, *que*; to send, *envoyer*.
- (2.) To marry, *se marier*, *que* for *avant que ne*; profession, *état m.*
- (3.) Cannot, *il ne saurait*, *que* for *sans que-ne*.
- (4.) *Que* for *à moins que-ne*; to consent, *consentir à*; to come *y aller*.

380. When the conjunction *si* governs two verbs, the second must be in the subjunctive mood.

## EXAMPLE.

*si* votre frère vient demain, et qu'il *il* your brother comes to-morrow,  
fasse beau temps, nous le mènerons à la chasse, and the weather is fine, we will  
take him hunting.

## EXERCISE.

1. If men were wise and followed the lights of reason, they would save themselves many troubles.
2. If you go to Paris, and will take me with you, I shall be most happy.

- (1.) *Être*, ind-2, *suivre*; to save, *s'épargner*.
- (2.) To take, *mener*; to be happy, *en être enchanté*.

381. An adjective in the superlative degree, requires that the verb following be in the subjunctive.

## EXAMPLE.

donnez-moi la meilleure plume que *give me the best pen you have.*  
vous avez,

Obs. Among such adjectives must be included *le premier, le dernier, le seul, l'unique, personne.*

See No. 212.

382. The relative pronouns *que, qui*, following a negative phrase, govern the subjunctive mood.

## EXAMPLES.

il n'y avait là personne que je *there was there no one that I*  
connusse, *knew*  
ne pourriez-vous m'indiquer un *could not you recommend some*  
homme qui voulut se charger *man to me who would under-*  
de cette affaire. *take that business.*

383. *Qui, que*, require also the subjunctive when following a sentence expressing a *wish* or a *doubt* : *où*, for in which, has the same power.

## EXAMPLES.

indiquez-moi un endroit où l'on *tell me of a place where that can*  
puisse trouver cela, *be found.*  
choisissez une femme qui soit *choose a woman who is prudent.*  
prudente,

## EXERCISE.

1. The largest stage there is for virtue, is conscience.
2. The motions of the planets are the most regular that we know.
3. There is no one who, in such case, would neglect so important a matter.
4. It may be said that the dog is the only animal whose faithfulness be proof.
5. This is the largest elephant that ever was seen.
6. Show me a man who calls himself perfectly happy.

- (1.) Stage, *théâtre*, m. there is, *y avoir*.
- (2.) Motions, *mouvement*, m.
- (3.) To neglect, *négliger*; matter, *intérêt*, m.
- (4.) *On peut dire*, to be proof, *soit à l'épreuve*.
- (5.) *Turn*, that one has ever seen.
- (6.) To call one's self, *se dire*.

384. There are also a great many verbs which govern the subjunctive mood; they generally express *wish, determination, permission*, such as *désirer, souhaiter, prier, prétendre, vouloir, entendre, aimer, mieux que, souffrir, s'étonner, ordonner*, etc.

## EXAMPLES.

permettez que je vous dise ce qui *allow me to tell you what has*  
 est arrivé, *happened.*  
 je veux qu'il le fasse à l'instant, *I will have him do it this moment.*

*Nier, douter,* require the subjunctive, and, when used interrogatively or negatively, *ne* must precede the verb.

## EXAMPLES.

je nie que cela soit, *I deny its being so*  
 je ne nie pas que cela ne soit, *I do not deny but that it may be so.*  
 doutez-vous qu'il ne le fasse ? *do you question his doing it?*

*Craindre, appréhender, avoir peur, empêcher, trembler,* have also *ne* before the subjunctive except when they are in the negative form.

## EXAMPLES.

j'ai peur que cela ne vous fasse *I fear that will give you pain.*  
 de la peine,  
 je n'ai pas peur que cela vous *I do not fear that it will give you*  
 fasse de la peine, *pain.*

## EXERCISE.

1. Do you doubt his coming ? No, I do not doubt but he will come after so pressing an invitation.
2. I am afraid he will see me.
3. Do not let that child ride this horse, I am afraid he will throw him down.
4. The rain prevented us from going out.
5. Can you prevent his doing what he pleases.
6. We all pray that he be soon relieved from his sufferings.
7. I do not like people to talk when I am reading.
8. Shall I read the letter aloud.

- (1.) *Douter que ; to come, venir.*
- (2.) To be afraid, *craindre.*
- (3.) To let, *permettre que ; to ride, monter ; to throw down, jeter à bas.*
- (4.) To prevent, *empêcher que ; to go out, sortir.*
- (5.) What he pleases, *ce que bon lui semble.*
- (6.) Relieved, *délivré ; sufferings, peines.*
- (7.) People, *on.*
- (8.) Shall I, *voulez-vous que.*

385. *Etre ravi, bien aise,* etc. etc. have been noticed, No. 209.

REMARKS ON THE ENGLISH SIGNS OR AUXILIARIES  
*DO, DID, WILL, WOULD, SHOULD, CAN, COULD,*  
*MAY, MIGHT.\**

386. *Do, did, will, would, should, can, could, may, and might*, are sometimes to be considered as being, simply signs of tenses ; in other cases, they are real verbs.

There can be no difficulty about *do* and *did*; these are mere expletives, denoting interrogation, negation, or merely emphasis, when they are joined to a verb.

EXAMPLES.

j'aime,	<i>I do love.</i>
j'aimais, or j'aimai,	<i>I did lov<sup>r</sup>.</i>
aimé-je?	<i>do I love?</i>
aimais-je, or aimai-je ?	<i>did I love?</i>
je n'aime pas,	<i>I do not love.</i>
je n'aimais pas, or, je n'aimai pas,	<i>I did not love.</i>

In all these cases, they are not expressed in French.

But when they are followed by a noun, or a pronoun, in short, by any thing else, except the verb, with which they are connected, then they are real verbs, and mean, *faire*.

EXAMPLES.

faites-moi ce plaisir,	<i>do me that favour.</i>
il le fit,	<i>he did it.</i>
il fit plus qu'en n'eût pu espérer,	<i>he did more than could have been expected.</i>

*Should* is only a sign of the conditional, when it expresses a thing which may happen upon some condition, and, in fact, it is used for *would*.

EXAMPLE.

j'aimerais la vie champêtre, si mes affaires me permettaient de suivre mon goût,	<i>I should like a country life, if my affairs would permit me to in- dulge my inclinations.</i>
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But when it implies duty or obligation, it is a distinct verb, and must be expressed by *devoir*, as,

nous ne devrions jamais nous écarter du sentier de la vertu,	<i>we should never swerve from the path of virtue.</i>
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*Can, could, may and might*, are not so difficult as they appear at first sight ; because, in almost every instance, there is no impropriety in rendering them by the verb,

\* See the manner of rendering *might, should, ought*, No. 13 of Model Phrases on Difficulties, at the end.

*pouvoir*. In general, the first two imply a power, a possibility, a capability, etc. and the others a permission, probability, etc.

## EXAMPLES.

je puis le faire,	<i>I can do it.</i>
il pourrait le faire,	<i>he could do it.</i>
elle pourrait venir,	<i>she might come.</i>
elle aurait pu venir,	<i>she might have come.</i>
puis-je vous parler ?	<i>may I speak to you ?</i>

*Can* is rendered by *savoir*, when it is used for *to know how*.

## EXAMPLE.

elle sait chanter,	<i>she can sing.</i>
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*Do, did, shall, will*, etc. in English, are sometimes used elliptically in answer to an interrogation, or in an affirmation. In such cases the full sense is always given in French, that is, the verb, which is understood in English, is repeated.

See No. 20 of models of phrases, at the end.

## EXAMPLE.

ferez-vous votre thème aujourd'hui ?—Oui, je le ferai,	<i>shall you do your exercise to-day ?</i> <i>yes, I shall.</i>
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## CONCORD BETWEEN THE TENSES OF THE INDICATIVE.

387. When the first verb is in the imperfect, the preterit, or the pluperfect, the second verb is put in the imperfect, if we speak of the present time.

## EXAMPLE.

je croyais, j'ai cru, j'avais cru	<i>I thought, I have thought, I had thought</i>
que vous étudiez les mathématiques,	<i>that you were studying the mathematics</i>

And in the pluperfect, if we speak of past time,

## EXAMPLE.

il m'assura qu'il n'avait jamais tant ri,	<i>he assured me that he had never laughed so much.</i>
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And in the present of the conditional, if we speak of a future time.

## EXAMPLE.

on m'a dit que votre frère viendrait à Londres l'hiver prochain,	<i>I was told your brother would come to London next winter.</i>
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But, although the first verb may be in some of these tenses, the second must be put in the present, when it relates to things of common occurrence, or states a fact of general application.

## EXAMPLE.

je vous disais, je vous ai dit, je vous avais dit, que la santé fait la félicité du corps, et le savoir celle de l'ame, *I told you, I have told you, I had told you, that health constitutes the happiness of the body, and knowledge that of the soul.*

In phrases where the imperfect is preceded by *que*, it denotes, sometimes a thing past, sometimes a thing present. It denotes a thing past, when the verb which is joined to it by the conjunctive *que*, is in the present of the future.

## EXAMPLE.

vous savez, ou vous saurez que le peuple Romain était aussi avide qu'ambitieux *you know or you must know that the Romans were a people as covetous as they were ambitious.*

But it denotes a thing present, when the verb, which precedes it, is in the imperfect, the preterit, or the pluperfect.

## EXAMPLES.

on disait, on a dit, on avait dit que Phocion était le plus grand et le plus honnête homme de son temps, *it was said, it has been said, it had been said, that Phocian was the greatest and most upright man of his age.*

dès qu'on eut appris à Athènes qu'Alcibiade était à Lacédémone, on se repentit de la précipitation avec laquelle on l'avait condamné, *as soon as it was known at Athens that Alcibiades was at Lacedemon, the Athenians repented the precipitation with which they had condemned him.*

Nevertheless, the imperfect denotes the past, in this last instance, when it signifies an action which was past before that, which is expressed by the first verb.

## EXAMPLE.

en lisant l'histoire des temps héroïques, vous devez avoir remarqué que ces hommes, dont on a fait des demi-dieux, étaient des chefs féroces et barbares, dignes à peine du nom d'homme, *in reading the history of heroic times, you must have remarked that those men who have been made demigods, were ferocious and barbarous chiefs, scarcely deserving the name of men.*

## EXERCISE.

1. *I thought you were not ignorant that, to teach others the principles of an art or science, one needs to have experience and skill.*

2. I have been told that your dearest occupation was to form your taste, your heart and your understanding.

3. Darius, in his flight, being \* reduced to the necessity of drinking water muddy and infected by dead bodies, affirmed that he never had drunk with so much pleasure.

4. Care has been taken to inculcate in me, from infancy, that I should succeed in the world, only in proportion as I should unite with the desire of pleasing, a great deal of gentleness and civility.

5. Ovid has said, that study softens the manners, and corrects every thing that is found in us rude and barbarous.

6. You know that those pretended heroes, of whom Pagan antiquity has made gods, were only barbarous and ferocious kings, who overran the earth, not so much to conquer as to ravage it, and who left every where traces of their fury and of their vices.

7. It has been said of Pericles, that his eloquence was like a thunderbolt, which nothing could resist.

8. As soon as Aristides had said, that the proposal of Themistocles was unjust, the whole people exclaimed, that they must not think of it any longer.

2. Had you read the history of the early ages, you would know that Egypt was the most enlightened country in the universe, and that whence knowledge spread into Greece and the neighbouring countries.

(1.) Were ignorant, *ignorer*; teach, *instruire dans*; needs, *avoir besoin*; skill, *habileté*.

(2.) I have, etc. (by the active voice) *on*.

(3.) Flight, *déroute*; muddy, *bourbeux*; affirmed, *assurer*.

(4.) Care has, etc. (active voice) *on avoir*; in me, *me*; in proportion, *autant*; civility, *honnêteté*.

(5.) Corrects, *effacer*; is found, *se trouver de*.

(6.) Overran, *parcourir*; not so much, *moins*.

(7.) It, *on*; thunderbolt, *foudre*, m.; (to) which.

(8.) Exclaimed, *s'écrier*; they must, *falloir*, ind-2; of it, *y*; any longer, *plus*.

(9.) Ages, *temps*; whence, *celui d'où*; neighbouring, *circonvoisin*; countries, *lieu*.

### CONCORD BETWEEN THE TENSES OF THE SUBJUNCTIVE AND THOSE OF THE INDICATIVE.

388. When the verb of the principal proposition is in the present, or future, that of the subordinate proposition is put in the present of the subjunctive, to express a thing present, or future; but in the preterit, to express a thing past, we say,

il faut que celui qui parle se mette à la portée de celui qui l'écoute, he that speaks should accommodate himself to the understanding of him that listens.

il voudra que votre frère soit de la partie, he will wish your brother to be one of the party.

But we must say,

pour s'être élevé à ce point de grandeur, il faut que Rome ait eu une suite non interrompue de grands hommes, *to have risen to that pitch of grandeur, Rome must have had an uninterrupted succession of great men.*

**EXCEPTION.** Though the first verb be in the present, or future, yet the second may be put in the imperfect, or pluperfect of the subjunctive, when some conditional expression is introduced into the sentence.

**EXAMPLES.**

il n'est point d'homme, quelque mérite qu'il ait, qui ne fût très-mortifié, s'il savait tout ce qu'on pense de lui, *there is no man, whatever merit he may have, that would not feel very much mortified, were he to know all that is thought of him.*

où trouvera-t-on un homme qui ne fût la même faute, s'il était exposé aux mêmes tentations ? *where will you find the man who would not have committed the same error, had he been exposed to the same temptations?*

je doute que votre frère eût réussi sans votre assistance. *I doubt whether your brother would have succeeded, had it not been for your assistance.*

**EXERCISE.**

1. He who wishes to teach an art, must *know it* thoroughly, he must *give* none but clear, precise, and well-digested notions of it; he must *instil* them, one by one, into the minds of his pupils, and, above all, he must not overburthen their memory with useless, or unimportant rules.

2. He must *yield* to the force of truth, when they shall have suffered it to appear in its real light.

3. There is no work, however perfect people may suppose it, that would not be liable to criticism, if it were examined with severity and in every point of view.

4. I doubt whether his piece would have had the approbation of *connaisseurs*, if he had not determined to make in it the changes you judged necessary.

(1.) It must (that he who; etc. know it); he must (not repeated), *qu*, instil, *faire entrer*; by *à*; overburthen, *surcharger*; unimportant, *insignifiant*.

(2.) (It must, ind-7, that he); yield, *se rendre*; suffered, *permettre*; it to appear. (that it appear); real light, *vrai jour*.

(3.) Would be liable, *prêter*, subj-2; with severity, *à la rigueur*; in sous; point of view, *face*.

(4.) Approbation, *suffrage*; had determined, *se décider*; in it, *y*; judged, ind-4.

When the first verb is in the imperfect, the preterit, the pluperfect or the conditional, the second is put in the imperfect of the subjunctive, if we mean to express a thing present.

or future ; but it is put in the pluperfect, if we wish to express a thing that is past.

*Je voulais, j'ai voulu, j'étais voulu, je voudrais, or j'eusse voulu qu'il finisse cette affaire.*

*Je ne savais pas, je n'ai pas su, etc. que vous eussiez étudié les mathématiques.*

REMARK. With the preterit indefinite, the second verb is put in the present, if it expresses a thing of common occurrence.

## EXAMPLES.

Dieu a entouré les yeux de tuniques fort minces, transparentes au dehors, afin qu'on puisse voir à travers, *God has surrounded the eyes with very thin tunics, transparent on the outside, that we may see through them.*

And in the preterit, if we mean to express a thing past, as,

il a fallu qu'il ait sollicité ses juges *he must have been obliged to solicit his judges*

## EXERCISE.

1. Mr. de Turenne never would buy any thing on credit, of tradesmen, for fear, said he, they should lose a great part of their demand, if he happened to be killed. All the workmen who were employed about his house, had orders to bring in their bills, before he set out for the campaign, and they were regularly paid.

2. It would be better, for a man who truly loves himself, to lose his life, then to forfeit his honour by some base and shameful action.

3. Lycurgus, in one of his laws, had forbidden the lighting of those who came from a feast in the evening, that the fear of not being able to reach their houses might prevent them from getting intoxicated.

4. People used the bark of trees, or skins, to write upon,\* before paper was known.

5. Go and \* ask that old man : for whom are you planting ? he will answer you : for the immortal gods, who have ordered both that I should profit by the labour of those that have preceded me, and that those who should come after me, should profit by mine.

(1.) Would, *vouloir*, ind-2 ; buy on credit, *prendre a crédit* ; of, *chez* ; happened, *venir* ; were employed, *travailler* ; about, *pour* ; bills, *mémoire* ; he, *on* ; set out for, *se mettre en*.

(2.) To lose, (that he would lose) ; forfeit, *ternir*.

(3.) In, *par* ; the lighting of, *que on éclairer*, subj-2 ; that, *afin que* ; reach their houses, *se rendre chez eux* ; getting intoxicated, *s'enivrer*.

(4.) People, *on* ; bark, *écorce* ; skins, *peaux* ; known, *en usage*.

(5.) Have, ordered, *vouloir* ; both, *et* ; by, *de*.

The subjunctive is elegantly used in elliptical phrases, where the principal proposition is omitted, as,

qu'il vive ( <i>je souhaite qu'il,</i> )	<i>may he live!</i>
qu'il se soit oublié jusqu'à ce point! ( <i>je suis surpris qu'il</i> )	<i>that he should so forget himself.</i>
qui m'aime, me suive! ( <i>je veux que celui qui</i> )	<i>whoever loves me, let him follow me.</i>
heureux l'homme qui peut, ne fût-ce que dans sa vieillesse, jouir de toute la force de sa raison! ( <i>quand ce ne serait que,</i> )	<i>happy the man that can, were it only in his old age, enjoy the whole strength of his reason.</i>

CONCORD BETWEEN THE TENSES OF THE DIFFERENT MOODS.

389. REMARK. Our intention is not to give the concord of all the tenses, but simply to mention some of the principal.

THE INDICATIVE

After the imperfect may come three tenses.

EXAMPLES.

*Je lisais* { *quand vous écriviez.*  
*quand vous avez écrit.*  
*quand vous écrivîtes.*

The preterit anterior requires the preterit definite, as, *quand j'eus fini, vous entrâtes.*

After the pluperfect may come, the preterit definite, the preterit indefinite, the preterit anterior, and the imperfect.

EXAMPLES.

*J'avais lu* { *quand vous entrâtes*  
*quand vous êtes entré*  
*quand vous fûtes entré*  
*quand vous entriez*

After the preterit anterior indefinite, comes the preterit indefinite, as, *quand j'ai eu diné, vous êtes entré.*

In conjunction with *si* for *supposé que*, the future absolute requires the present, and the future anterior, the preterit indefinite.

EXAMPLE.

*Vous partirez, si je veux*  
*Il sera parti, si vous l'avez voulu*

CONCORD BETWEEN THE CONDITIONAL AND THE IMPERFECT AND THE CONDITIONAL.

The conditional, first and second, are used in conjunction with the imperfect, and the pluperfect governed by *si*.

## EXAMPLE.

*Vous partiriez, si je le voulais.*  
*Vous seriez parti* } *si je l'avais voulu*  
                           } *si je l'eusse voulu*

The present of the conditional and the two past tenses of the conditional may be used in conjunction with each other.

## EXAMPLES.

*Quand l'avare posséderait tout l'or du monde, il ne serait pas encore content.*  
*Quand Alexandre aurait conquis tout l'univers, il n'aurait pas été content.*  
*Vous fussiez parti, si je l'eusse voulu.*

CONCORD BETWEEN THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE AND THE OTHER TENSES OF THE INDICATIVE MOOD.

391. These two tenses may be joined to all the tenses of the indicative and conditional.

## EXAMPLES.

		{	<i>vous partez aujourd'hui.</i>	
			<i>vous partirez demain.</i>	
			<i>vous serez parti, quand, etc.</i>	
			<i>vous partiez hier.</i>	
			<i>vous partîtes hier.</i>	
<i>On dit</i>	}	que	{	<i>vous êtes parti ce matin.</i>
<i>On dira</i>				<i>vous fûtes parti hier, quand, etc.</i>
				<i>vous étiez parti hier, quand, etc.</i>
				<i>vous parleriez aujourd'hui, si, etc.</i>
				<i>vous seriez parti hier, si, etc.</i>
				<i>vous fussiez parti plutôt, si, etc.</i>

REMARK. The same concord exists when the sentence is negative; except that for the present absolute of the indicative, the present of the subjunctive is substituted. Instead of, *on ne dit pas que vous partez aujourd'hui*, the genius of the French language requires that we should say, *on ne dit pas que vous partiez aujourd'hui*.

The imperfect, the preterit definite, the preterit indefinite, and the pluperfect, are followed either by the imperfect, or the pluperfect.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>On disait</i>	}	que	{	<i>vous partiez aujourd'hui.</i>
<i>On dit hier</i>				<i>vous étiez parti.</i>
<i>On a dit</i>				
<i>On avait dit</i>				

The future anterior requires the preterit indefinite, as, *on aura dit que vous avez menti.*

The conditional present may be followed by the present, the imperfect, the preterit indefinite, the pluperfect, the future of the indicative, as well as by the three conditionals.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>On croirait</i>	}	<i>qu'il se trompe</i>
		<i>qu'il se trompait</i>
		<i>qu'il s'est trompé</i>
		<i>qu'il s'était trompé</i>
		<i>qu'il se trompera</i>
		<i>qu'il se tromperait, si, etc.</i>
		<i>qu'il se serait trompé, si, etc.</i>
		<i>qu'il se fût trompé, etc.</i>

The first conditional past may be followed by the imperfect, the pluperfect, as well as by the two other conditionals.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>On aurait cru</i>	}	<i>qu'il tombait</i>
		<i>qu'il était tombé</i>
		<i>qu'il serait tombé</i>
		<i>qu'il fût tombé.</i>

The second conditional past may be joined to the same tenses.

## PRINCIPAL CONCORD WITH THE TENSES OF THE SUBJUNCTIVE

392. To the present, the future absolute, and the future anterior of the indicative is generally joined the present of the subjunctive.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>il veut</i>	}	<i>que vous partiez.</i>
<i>il voudra</i>		
<i>il aura voulu</i>		

To the imperfect, the preterit definite, the preterit indefinite, the pluperfect, and the preterit anterior may be joined the imperfect of the subjunctive.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>je voulais</i>	}	<i>que vous partissiez.</i>
<i>je voulais</i>		
<i>j'ai voulu</i>		
<i>j'avais voulu</i>		
<i>j'eus voulu</i>		

To the future anterior the preterit of the subjunctive, as, *il aura voulu qu'il soit parti.*

The conditional present is accompanied either by the imperfect, or by the pluperfect of the subjunctive.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>je voudrais que</i>	}	<i>vous partissiez</i>
<i>j'aurais voulu</i>		<i>vous fussiez parti</i>
<i>j'eusse voulu</i>	}	<i>que vous fussiez parti.</i>

## OF THE INFINITIVE.

393. The *infinitive* is that mood which conveys the abstract idea of an action unconnected with time or persons; thus, *aimer, parler*. The use of the infinitive after another verb, the prepositions *de, a, pour*, placed before it according as the case requires, etc. have been noticed No. 350, which see.

394. The participle present is used in English in many cases which require the infinitive in French. The principal and most common, are when the English participle is governed by a preposition. See Exception, 400.

## EXAMPLES.

<i>I blame you for having refused,</i>	<i>je vous blame d'avoir refusé.</i>
<i>he has gone without speaking to</i>	<i>il est parti sans me parler.</i>
<i>me,</i>	
<i>she takes delight in teasing,</i>	<i>elle se plaît à tourmenter.</i>
<i>I like dancing,</i>	<i>j'aime à danser.</i>

Observe that the same, or the corresponding, prepositions are not always used, because, as it cannot too often be repeated; the two languages differ essentially in this point.

## EXERCISE.

We only shut our eyes to truth because we fear to  
*ne \* art. art. que parce que de*  
 see ourselves as we are. We were yet far from the castle,  
 2 *nous 1 tel que ind-2 encore*  
 when one of our friends came to join us. I did not think I was  
*ind-3 \* ind-2 \* devoir*  
 to set out so soon. He promises every day that he will  
 \* *art. pl. de \* \**  
 amend, but I do not rely upon his promises. They talk  
*se corriger correcter promesse f. pl. on*  
 of a secret expedition; he hopes to be (in it). He relies upon  
 2 -f. 1 \* *en*

seeing you very soon to terminate amicably his affair  
 inf. 1 *au premier jour pour à l'amiable*  
 with you. You expected to take a journey this year; but  
*s'attendre ind-2 faire voyage m.*  
 your father has changed his mind. He threatens to punish us se-  
*de \* avis de sé-*  
 verely, if we (fall again) into the same error.  
*vèrement retomber faute*

## OF THE PARTICIPLE.

395. The *participle* is a part of the verb which partakes of the properties both of a verb and adjective; of a verb, as it signifies action and state, of an adjective, as it expresses the quality of a person, or thing.

There are two participles, the *participle present*, and the *participle past*.

## OF THE PARTICIPLE PRESENT.

The *participle present* always terminates in *ant*: as *aimant, finissant, recevant, rendant*.

396. The *participle present* is undeclined, that is takes neither gender nor number, when it expresses an action, and may be turned by the present or the imperfect of the indicative mood, *une montagne*, or *des montagnes dominant* (i.e.) *qui dominant ou dominaient*) *sur des plaines immenses*, a mountain or mountains commanding immense plains; *un homme, des hommes, une femme, des femmes lisant, parlant, marchant, (qui lisent, qui parlaient, qui marchent)* a man, men, a woman, women reading, speaking, walking. But when, like an adjective, it expresses simply a quality, it takes both the gender and number of its substantive; as *un homme obligeant*, an obliging man; *une femme obligeante*, and obliging woman; *des tableaux parlants*, speaking portraits; *la religion dominante*, the established religion; *à la nuit tombante*, at night falling. It is known to partake of the nature of the adjective when it is put before the noun in English.

What grammarians call *gerund*, is nothing but the *participle present*, to which the word *en* is prefixed; *on se forme l'esprit en lisant de bons livres*, we form our minds by reading good books.

## EXERCISE.

That mountain being very high, and thus commanding a vast  
*élevé ainsi dominer sur grand*

extent of country, was very well calculated for our observations.  
*étendu pays ind-2 \* propre à*

This woman is of a good disposition, obliging every one, when  
*caractère m. tout le monde quand*

ever she (has it in her power). They go cringing before the great,  
*le pouvoir ramper devant pl.*

that they may be insolent to their equals. The state of pure  
*afin de \* \* inf-1 pl. avec égal*

nature is the savage living in the desert, but living in his family,  
*famille f*

knowing his children, loving them, (making use) of speech, and  
*connaître user art. parole*

(making himself understood.) An agreeable languor impercep-  
*se faire entendre 2 langue f. 1. insensi-*

tibly (laying hold) of my senses, suspended the activity of my  
*blement s'emparer sens suspendre ind-3*

soul, and I fell (asleep). Time is a real blunderer, placing,  
*s'endormir ind-3 art. vrai brouillon mettre,*

replacing, ordering, disordering, impressing, erasing, approaching,  
*remettre, ranger déranger imprimer effacer approcher*

removing, add making all things good and bad; and almost always  
*éloigner rendre f. pl. quasi*

(impossible to be known again).  
*méconnaissable*

397. The participle present is frequently used in English as a substantive, which is not the case in French.

## EXAMPLE.

his ruling passion is hunting, *sa passion dominante est la chasse.*

When governed by a preposition, it is rendered in French by the infinitive. (No. 394.)

## EXAMPLES.

prevent him from doing mischief, *empêchez-le de faire le mal.*  
 there is a pleasure in silencing great talkers. *il y a plaisir à fermer la bouche aux grands parleurs.*

398. The participle present frequently takes the place of the *indicative* in English; it must not then be rendered literally, but in the following manner.

## EXAMPLE.

I met them riding post, *je les ai rencontrés qui couraient la poste.*

399. Sometimes also it is used substantively with a possessive pronoun; then, it must be rendered in French by

the indicative or the subjunctive, according as the case requires.

## EXAMPLES.

*the fear of his coming (lest he should come) harrassed us,*  
*I doubt his being faithful.*  
*what do you think of his writing to me?*

la crainte qu'il ne vint nous harrassait.  
 je doute qu'il soit fidèle, etc.  
 que pensez-vous de cela? il m'a écrit. Savez-vous qu'il m'a écrit? qu'en pensez-vous?

400. In No. 394, it has been said that the infinitive is used after prepositions in French, and not the participle present. The only exception to this rule is *en*.

## EXAMPLES.

nous en parlerons en marchant, *we will talk about it as we walk.*  
 on apprend en enseignant, *we learn by teaching others.*

401. The participle present always forming a phrase incidental and subordinate to another, must necessarily relate to the subject of the principal phrase, when it is not preceded by another noun, as in this sentence:—

je ne puis vous accompagner à la campagne, ayant des affaires qui exigent ici ma présence, *I cannot accompany you into the country, having some business that requires my presence here.*

The participle present *ayant* relates to the subject *je*, since the subordinate proposition, formed by *ayant*, could have no kind of relation to the principal proposition, if it could not be resolved into this *parce que j'ai des affaires qui, etc.* But, in this sentence:

combien voyons-nous de gens, qui, connaissant le prix du temps, le perdent mal-à-propos! *how many people do we see, who, knowing the value of time, waste it improperly!*

*Connaissant* relates to the substantive *gens*, because this is the word which it modifies, and because the relative *qui*, placed between that substantive, and the regimen, and the participle present, obviates every kind of ambiguity.

REMARKS. Two participles ought never to be used together without being united by a conjunction, as, etc,

## EXAMPLE.

c'est un homme aimant et craignant Dieu, *he is a man loving and fearing God.*

2. The relative *en* ought never to be put either before a participle present, or before a gerund. We cannot say,

*Je vous ai remis mon fils entre les mains, en voulant faire quelque chose de bon,*

because the sense would be ambiguous : for, the meaning is not :

*As I wish to do something good, or, as I wish to do well, I have put my son into your hands.*

But,

*I have put my son into your hands, as I wish to make something of him.*

We should say : *Voulant en faire*, etc.

Likewise this sentence would be improper :

*Le prince tempère la rigueur du pouvoir, en en partageant les fonctions.*

On account of the repetition of the word *en*, used in two different senses, viz., as a preposition and a relative. Another turn must be then adopted, as,

*C'est en partageant les fonctions du pouvoir, qu'un prince en tempère la rigueur.*

#### OF THE PARTICIPLE PAST.

The participle past has various terminations ; as, *aimé fini, ouvert, dissous*, etc.

402. The participle past is sometimes declined, sometimes not, thus,

*Avez-vous mangé toutes les fraises que vous avez cueillies ce matin.*

*Avez-vous mangé, vous avez cueillies* are two verbs in the same tense, and person, yet one participle *mangé*, is undeclined, the other, *cueillies*, is feminine plural. This difference, apparently contradictory, is grounded upon a principle which must be explained.

#### OF THE PARTICIPLE WITH ETRE.

403. The participle past, when accompanied by the auxiliary verb *être*, agrees with its subject in gender and number.

#### EXAMPLES.

mon frère est tombé,  
mes frères sont tombés,  
ma sœur est tombée,  
mes sœurs sont tombées,  
la nuit sera bientôt passée,

*my brother is fallen.  
my brothers are fallen.  
my sister is fallen.  
my sisters are fallen.  
the night will soon be over.*

les spectacles sont fréquentés, *the theatres are frequented.*  
 cette fleur est fort recherchée, *this flower is much sought after.*  
 ils sont fort estimés, *they are very much esteemed.*

There is an exception which is explained at No. 410;  
*participle past of Reflective Verbs.*

## EXERCISE.

Fire-arms were not known to the ancients. Ishmael, the  
 art. *arme à feu* f. pl. ind-4 *connu de* *Ismâel*  
 son of Abraham, is known among the Arabs, as (the man) from  
 -- -- *parmi* *Arabe* *celui*  
 whom they sprung, and circumcision has remained (among  
*être sorti* art. f. *être demeuré* *leur*  
 them) as the mark of their origin. Heaven is that prominent  
 f. art. -- 2  
 city, (into which) the just are to be received after this life.  
 *cité* f. 1 *où* pl. *devoir* \* *après*  
 In Abraham's time, the threatenings of the true God were  
*du* 2 art. 1 *menace* f. pl. ind-2  
 dreaded by Pharaoh, king of Egypt; but, in the time of Moses, all  
*redouté de Pharaon* *Moïse* art.  
 nations were corrupted, and the world, which God has made to  
 f. *perversi* *pour*  
 manifest his power, was become a temple of idols. That dread-  
*pouvoir* in. *devenu* *ter-*  
 ful crisis which threatened the state with instant destruc-  
*tion* 2 *crise* f. 1 ind. *de prochain* 2 f. 1  
 tion, was happily soon over. She is come to bring us all  
 ind-3 *heureusement* *passé* \*  
 kinds of refreshments. The sciences have always been pro-  
*sorte* f. sing. *rafraîchissement* f. *pro-*  
 tected by enlightened governments.  
*tégé* art. *éclairé* 2 1

## PARTICIPLE PAST WITH AVOIR.

404. A participle past with *avoir*, may be the compound  
 tense of a *neuter verb*, or of an *active verb*.

405. The participle past of a *neuter verb* is invariable.

## EXAMPLE.

elle a dormi, *she has slept.*  
 nous avons ri, *we have laughed.*  
 ils ont pensé, *they have thought*

406. The participle past of an *active verb* is declined in  
 one case, and not in the other.

*avez-vous mangé les fraises que vous avez cueillies.*

1. The participles never agree with the subject or nomi-  
 native of the verb.

## EXAMPLES.

mon frère a écrit,	<i>my brother has written.</i>
mes frères ont écrit,	<i>my brother have written.</i>
ma sœur a écrit,	<i>my sister has written.</i>
les Amazones ont acquis de la célébrité,	<i>the Amazons have acquired celebrity.</i>
j'ai contraint les soldats à marcher,	<i>I have forced the soldiers to march.</i>

2. When it agrees it is with the accusative case or object. If it precede, it is not declined.

## EXAMPLES.

les soldats ont attaqué la ville,	<i>the soldiers have attacked the town.</i>
mes filles ont dessiné ces fleurs,	<i>my daughters have painted these flowers.</i>

## EXERCISE.

The Romans successively triumphed over the most warlike nations. Lampridius relates that Adrian erected temples, which (were still to be seen) in his time. Happy those princes who have never (made use) of their power but to do good! We have spent the whole day in tormenting ourselves. One has seldom seen a great stock of good sense in a man of imagination. The errors of Descartes proved very useful to Newton.

*Romain successivement 2 ind-4 1 de belliqueux 2*  
*1 raconter Adrian élever ind-6*  
*de art. on encore 2 voir ind-1 1 de*  
*\* art. user*  
*pouvoir que pour art. bien journée f.*  
*à inf-1 à nous 1 rarement fonds m.*  
*sens = \**  
*beaucoup servir ind-4*

407. The participle past of an active verb agrees with the object or accusative when it follows it; that is, it agrees with the noun substantive, which is the antecedent of *que, me, te, se, le, la, nous, vous, les*.

## EXAMPLES.

les livres que j'ai lus	<i>the books which I have read.</i>
la lettre que j'ai écrite,	<i>the letter which I have written.</i>

*lus* agrees with *que* of which the antecedent is *livres*, m. pl.  
*Ecrit* agrees with *que* of which the antecedent is *lettre* f. s.

*Nous avons cueilli des fraises et nous les avons mangées.*

*Cueilli* is undeclined, because it precedes the object

*fraises* : *mangées* is feminine plural, because it follows *les* antecedent *fraises*.

A woman says,

vous m'avez trompée, *you have deceived me.*

*Trompée* agrees with *me* of which the antecedent *femme* is understood.

In admirative and interrogative sentences, the participle agrees with the noun following *que de*, *combien quel*.

EXAMPLES.

que de soins elle a eus ! *what attentions she has met with !*  
 quelle affaire avez-vous entre-prise ? *what affair have you undertaken ?*

EXERCISE.

All the letters which I have received confirm that important news  
 f. pl. *confirmer* 2 s. 1  
 The agitated life which I have led till now, makes me sigh.  
 agité 2 f. 1 *mener jusqu'à présent*  
 for retirement. The sciences which you have studied, will  
 après art. *retraite* f. f. pl.  
 prove infinitely useful (to you). The persons whom you have  
 être f. pl.  
 instructed appear to me possessed of reason and taste. Nothing can  
*plein* pr.  
 equal the ardour of the troops which I have seen (setting off). What  
 égalier f. pl. inf-1  
 measures have I not taken ! What fortunes has not this revolu-  
 démarches f. pl. *faire* f. pl.  
 tion ruined ! What tears has she not shed ; what sighs has she  
 renverser *que de* f. pl. *verser* m. pl.  
 heaved ! I have thought her agitated by the furies. This day is one of  
 poussé croire =  
 those which they have consecrated to tears. The language in  
 m. pl. *consacrer* art. *langue* f. \*  
 which Cicero and Virgil have written, will live in their works  
 Cicéron par ouvrage  
 I could have wished to avoid entering into those details, but I  
 \* *vouloir* \* *éviter d'entrer* —m.  
 thought them necessary. The tribunes demanded of Claudius  
 croire ind-4 *tribun* m. pl. ind-3 à  
 the execution of the promises which the Consul Valerius had  
 f.  
 given them.  
 faire leur

408. The participle past takes neither gender nor number, either when the participle and the auxiliary verb to which

it is joined are used impersonally, or when that participle is followed by the verb, which governs the noun, or pronoun preceding it.

## EXAMPLES.

les chaleurs excessives qu'il a fait cette été, ont beaucoup nui à la récolte,	<i>the excessive heats, which we have had this summer, have done great injury to the corn.</i>
quelle fâcheuse aventure vous est-il arrivé ?	<i>what unpleasant adventure have you met with ?</i>
la maison que j'ai fait bâtir,	<i>the house which I have ordered to be built.</i>
imitiez les vertus que vous avez entendu louer,	<i>imitate the virtues which you have heard praised.</i>
les mathématiques que vous n'avez pas voulu que j'étudiasse,	<i>the mathematics which you would not permit me to study.</i>

To make a right application of the second part of this rule, we ought to examine whether we can put the regimen immediately after the participle. As we cannot say ; *J'ai fait la maison, vous avez entendu les vertus, vous n'avez pas voulu les mathématiques*, it follows that the regimen belongs to the second verb. Sometimes, however, the regimen may relate either to the participle, or to the following verb, according to the meaning of the speaker.

Thus, *je l'ai vu peindre*, means, I saw her picture drawn ; but *je l'ai vue peindre*, signifies, I saw her painting.

Sometimes it happens likewise, that, in sentences which seem to resemble each other, the regimen in one belongs to the participle, and in the other to the verb which follows it. For instance, this question, *avez-vous entendu chanter la nouvelle actrice ?* Have you heard the new actress sing ? Should be thus answered, *oui, je l'ai entendu chanter*, yes, I have : (I have heard her when she sang) but this question *avez-vous entendu chanter la nouvelle ariette ?* have you heard the new air sung ? must be answered, *oui je l'ai entendue chanter*, yes, I have. (I have heard it to be sung).

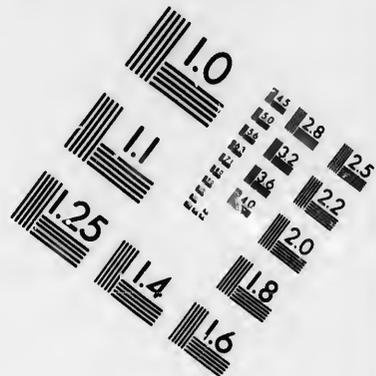
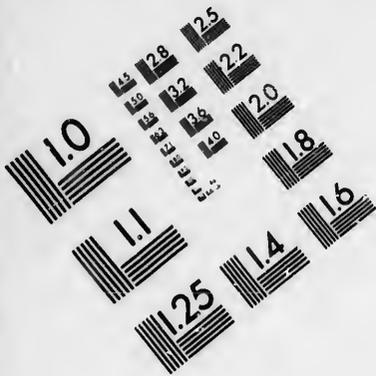
409. The participle past does not agree with the antecedent of *en*.

## EXAMPLE.

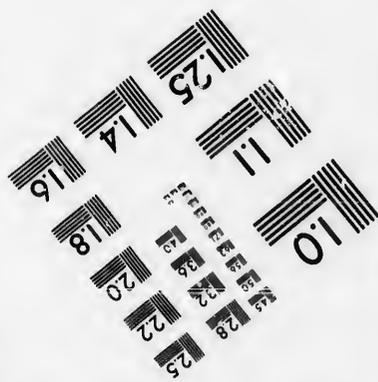
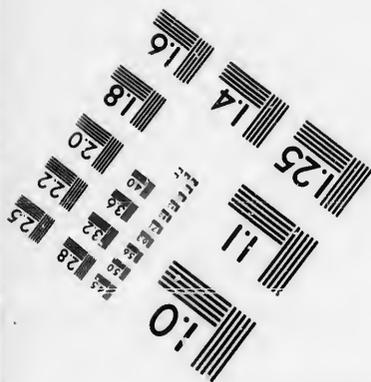
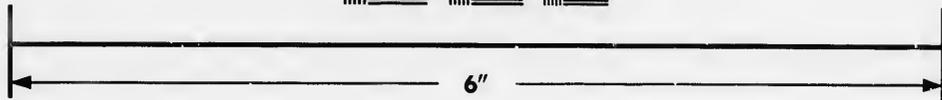
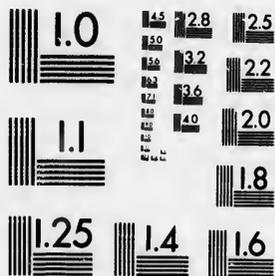
sachant que nous aimions le gibier, il nous en a envoyé un panier,

*knowing that we were fond of game, he sent us a basket full of*





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## EXERCISE.

The great changes which (have taken place) in administration, have astonished many people. The heavy rains which we have had in the spring, have been the cause of many diseases. The scarcity which there was last winter, has afforded the opportunity of doing much good; What news has reached you? How many imprudent steps were taken on that occasion! How many large ships have been built in England within these fifty years! The figures which you have learned to draw are of great beauty. We ought never to swerve from the good path which we have begun to follow. The measures which you advised me to adopt, have not succeeded. The rule, which I have begun to explain, seems to me very easy to (be understood). You see that I have not (been mistaken) respecting the affairs which I had foreseen you would have in hand. I asked for some pencils, and he has sent me some very good ones.

*changement ind-4 art.*  
*bien des personnes grand*  
*pluie f. pl. \* il faire ind-4*  
*maladie f. pl. disette f. ind-4*  
*art. dernier 2 1 donner occasion inf-1*  
*rien est-il venu que de*  
*faux démarche f. pl. il s'est faire en*  
*gros il se construire ind-4 depuis \**  
*— apprendre dessiner*  
*un \* falloir ind-1 \* s'éloigner*  
*route f. on mesure f. pl.*  
*conseiller ind-4 de prendre ré ussir*  
*règle f. exptiquer sembler*  
*saisir se tromper ind-4*  
*prévoir que*  
*\* demander ind-4 envoyer*  
*en*

## PARTICIPLE PAST WITH REFLECTED VERBS.

410. It has been said, No. 121, that all active verbs may be used reflectedly.

The participle past of such verbs agrees with the subject or nominative.

## EXAMPLES.

elle s'est blessée, she has hurt herself.  
 nous nous sommes ennuyés, we have got tired.

Here *blessée, ennuyés*, agree with *se, nous*, of which *elle*,

*nous*, are the antecedents; *se*, *nous* being also besides the accusative of *blessier*, *ennuyer*.

But here,

il s'est cassé la jambe,  
Luerèce s'est donné la mort,

he has broken his leg.  
Lucrecia destroyed herself.

*Cassé*, *donné* are undeclined, because they precede *jambe*, *mort*, which are the objects or accusatives of the verbs *casser*, *donner*. *Se*, is also in both examples an indirect case or dative. But, speaking of the *broken leg* we say,

je ne sais comment il se l'est cassée, I don't know how he broke it.

Because *cassée* follows *la*, of which *jambe* is the antecedent.

## EXERCISE.

Our troops have fought with great courage. They have not sufficiently made haste. Did not our sisters stop (on the) road. I have put my shoulder out of joint. Show me the hand which you have cut. The Amazons have made themselves famous by their courage. What strange fancies she has got into her head! I don't think you have cleaned your teeth this morning? Indeed I have cleaned them before I went out.

## CHAPTER VI.

## GENERAL REMARKS ON THE USE AND MEANING OF SOME OF THE FRENCH PREPOSITIONS.

411. The office of prepositions is to connect two nouns substantives, and show the relation which they bear to one another.

412. Those who know Latin are apt to mistake the meaning of *à* and *de*; the former never means *from*, but *to*; it is the sign of the dative case; *de* means *of*, *from*, *with*, and is the sign of what is called the genitive and ablative cases; that is, it expresses, *possession*, *source*, *accompaniment*, *instrumentality*.

## EXAMPLES.

approchez-vous du feu,  
éloignez-vous du feu,  
il le fait de bon cœur,  
écrivez à Jean,

come near the fire.  
go from the fire.  
he does it with readiness.  
write to John.

*En* and *dans* have nearly the same meaning; but they differ in this, that former is used in a more vague, the latter in a more determinate sense.

## EXAMPLE.

*J'étais en Angleterre, dans la province de Middlesex.*

*À, en,* are rendered by *to* or *in* before names of countries and places, but they must not be used indifferently. *À* is used before proper names of places, *en* before names of countries, provinces.

## EXAMPLES.

il est allé en France,  
elle est allée à Rome,  
ils demeurent en Normandie,  
elles résident à Rouen.

he is gone to France.  
she is gone to Rome.  
they live in Normandy.  
they live in or at Rouen.

From what has just been said, it follows then that *en*, on account of its indeterminate nature ought not to be followed by the article, except in a small number of phrases sanctioned by usage.

## EXAMPLES.

*En la présence de Dieu; en la grand' chambre du parlement, en l'absence d'un tel; en l'année mil huit cent dix-sept, etc.*

with respect to the expressions.

*En l'honneur, en l'âge,* it is better to say, *à l'honneur, à l'âge.*

413. *Avant* is a preposition in this phrase.:

avant le jour,

before day-light.

But it is an adverb in this:

n'allez pas si avant,

do not go so forward.

*Autour* and *alentour*, must not be confounded; *autour* is a preposition, and *alentour* an adverb.

## EXAMPLES.

tous les grands étaient autour  
du trône,  
le roi était sur son trône, et les  
grands étaient alentour,

all the grandees stood round the  
throne.  
the king was upon the throne, and  
the grandees stood round,

*Avant* and *aparavant* are not used indifferently.  
*Avant* is followed by a regimen.

## EXAMPLES.

avant Pâques,  
 aparavant,

before Easter,  
 before that time.

*Aparavant* is followed by no regimen.

## EXAMPLE.

si vous partez, venez me voir if you set off, come and see me  
 aparavant, first.

*Prêt à* and *près de*, are not the same expressions. *Prêt* is an adjective.

je suis prêt à faire ce que vous voudrez, I am ready to do what you please.

But *près* is a proposition :

mon ouvrage est près d'être fini, my work is nearly finished.

*Au travers* and *à travers* differ in this: the first is followed by the preposition *de*, the second is not.

## EXAMPLE.

il se fit jour au travers des ennemis, } he fought his way through the  
 il se fit jour à travers les ennemis, } enemy.

*Avant* denotes priority of time and order.

## EXAMPLE.

Il est arrivé avant moi, l'article se met avant le nom.

*Devant* is used for *en présence*, *vis-à-vis*.

## EXAMPLE.

Il a paru devant le juge; il loge devant l'église.

*Devant* is likewise a preposition marking order, and is the opposite of *après*.

## EXAMPLES.

il a le pas devant moi,

he has precedence of me.

si vous êtes pressé, courez devant,

If you are in a hurry, run before.

*Envers* and *vers*, towards, are also different as to their meaning, the former is put before names of persons, with a moral sense, the other expresses motion, and is put before names of places and persons.

## EXAMPLES.

comportez-vous bien envers lui, *behave well towards him, with regard to him.*  
 ils marchaient vers la ville, *they were marching towards the city.*  
 elle s'avança vers moi, *she advanced towards me.*

## THE USE OF THE ARTICLE WITH PREPOSITIONS.

414. Some prepositions require the article before their regimen; others do not; and others again, sometimes admit, sometimes reject it.

The following prepositions generally require the article before the noun, which they govern.

ayant,	depuis,	envers,	nonobstant,	selon,
après,	devant,	excepté,	parmi,	suisant,
chez,	derrière	hors,	pendant,	touchant,
dans,	durant	hormis,	pour,	vers,
avant l'aurore,		chez le prince,		envers les pauvres,
après la promenade,		dans la maison,		devant l'église, etc.

There are, however, exceptions.

## EXAMPLES.

avant terme,	avant diner,	pour lit une pailleuse,
avant midi,	après midi,	depuis minuit, etc.

A noun governed by the preposition *en*, is not, in general, preceded by the article.

## EXAMPLE.

En ville, en campagne, en extase, en songe, en pièces, etc.

*L'armée est entrée en campagne*, means the army has taken the field; but *M. N. est allé à la campagne*, means, Mr. N. is gone into the country.

These eleven prepositions *à, de, avec, contre, entre, malgré, outre, par, pour, sur, sans*, sometimes admit, sometimes reject the article before their regimen.

If the article is used in these phrases:

Jouer *sur* le velours.

St. Paul veut de la subordination *entre* la femme et le mari.

*Sans* les passions, où serait le mérite?

It is suppressed in,

Etre *sur* pied; un peu de façons ne gêne rien *entre* mari et femme.

Vivre *sans* passions, c'est vivre *sans* plaisirs, et *sans* peines.

This difference arises of course from the noun being taken in a general and definite sense, or in a partial and restricted signification.

## REPETITION OF THE PREPOSITIONS.

415. The prepositions *de*, *à* and *en*, must be repeated before all nouns which they govern.

## EXAMPLES.

voyons qui l'emportera <i>de</i> vous,	<i>let us see which of us will excel,</i>
<i>de</i> lui, ou <i>de</i> moi,	<i>you, he, or I.</i>
elle a <i>de</i> l'honnêteté, <i>de</i> la douceur, <i>des</i> grâces, et <i>de</i> l'esprit.	<i>she has politeness, sweetness, grace, and abilities.</i>
la loi, que Dieu a gravée au fond de mon cœur, m'instruit de tout ce que je dois à l'auteur de mon être, <i>au</i> prochain, à moi-même,	<i>the law which God has deeply engraved on my heart instructs me in every thing I owe to the author of my being, to my neighbour, and to myself.</i>
<i>en</i> Asie, <i>en</i> Europe, <i>en</i> Afrique, et jusqu' <i>en</i> Amérique, on trouve le même préjugé	<i>in Asia, in Europe, in Africa, and even in America, we find the same prejudices.</i>

The other prepositions, especially those consisting of two syllables, are generally repeated—before nouns, which have meanings totally different; but seldom before nouns, that are nearly synonymous.

## EXAMPLES.

rien n'est moins <i>selon</i> Dieu et <i>selon</i> le monde,	<i>nothing is less according to God and according to the world.</i>
cette action est contre l'honneur et contre toute espèce de principes,	<i>that action is contrary to honor and every kind of principle.</i>

But we ought to say,

il perd sa jeunesse <i>dans</i> la mollesse et la volupté,	<i>he wastes his youth in effeminacy and pleasure.</i>
notre loi ne condamne personne <i>sans</i> l'avoir entendu et examiné,	<i>our laws condemned nobody without having heard and examined him.</i>

## OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PREPOSITIONS.

417. Some prepositions govern nouns without the help of another preposition.

## EXAMPLES.

devant la maison,	<i>before the house.</i>
hormis son frère,	<i>except his brother.</i>
sans son épée,	<i>without his sword, etc.</i>

Others require the help of the preposition *de*.

## EXAMPLES.

près de la maison,  
à l'insu de son frère,  
au-dessus du pont,

near the house.  
unknown to his brother.  
above the bridge, &c.

These four, *jusque*, *par rapport*, *quant* and *sauf* are followed by the preposition *à*.

## EXAMPLES.

jusqu'au mois prochain,  
quant à moi,

till the next month.  
as for me, etc.

Practice alone can teach these different regimens.

A noun may be governed by two prepositions, provided they do not require different regimens; thus we may say with propriety,

celui qui écrit selon les circon-  
stances, *pour et contre* un  
parti, est un homme bien mé-  
prisable,

he who writes according to circum-  
stances, both for and against  
a party, is a very contemptible  
man.

But it would be wrong to say,

Celui qui écrit *en faveur* et *contre* un parti, etc.

because *en faveur* requires the preposition *de*.

Prepositions which, with their regimen, express a circumstance, are generally placed as nearly as possible to the word to which that circumstance relates.

## EXAMPLES.

on voit des personnes qui, avec  
*beaucoup d'esprit*, commettent de  
très-grandes fautes,  
j'ai envoyé à la poste les lettres que  
vous avez écrites,  
croyez-vous pouvoir ramener *par la*  
*douceur* ces esprits égarés?

we see persons who, with a great  
deal of wit, commit very great  
faults.

I have sent to the post-office the  
letters which you have written.

do you think you can reclaim by  
gentleness, those mistaken peo-  
ple?

If we attempt to alter the place of these prepositions, we shall find that the sentences will become ambiguous.

## CHAPTER VII. OF THE ADVERBS.

### PLACE OF ADVERBS.

418. In simple tenses, the adverb is generally placed after the verb; and, the compound tenses, between the auxiliary and the participle.

## EXAMPLES.

l'homme le plus éclairé est ordinairement celui qui pense le plus modestement de lui-même, *the man who is most learned is generally he who thinks most modestly of himself.*  
 avez-vous jamais vu un pédant plus absurde et plus vain ? *have you ever seen a pédant more absurd and more vain ?*

Compound adverbs, or adverbial phrases are placed after the verb, and even after the participle past in a compound tense.

## EXAMPLE:

c'est à la mode, *that is fashionable.*  
 il eût fallu se lever plus matin, *it would have been necessary to rise earlier.*  
 nous nous sommes levés à la hâte, *we got up hastily.*

EXCEPTIONS. 1.—Adverbs of order, rank, and those which express a determinate time, are placed either before, or after the verb.

## EXAMPLES.

nous devons *premièrement* faire notre devoir ; *secondement* chercher les plaisirs permis, *we ought, first, to do our duty ; secondly, enjoy lawful pleasures.*  
 aujourd'hui il fait beau ; il pleuvra peut-être demain. *to day, it is fine ; it will rain perhaps to-morrow.*

2. These adverbs, *comment, où, d'où, par où, combien, pourquoi, quand*, used with, or without interrogation, are always placed before the verb which they modify.

## EXAMPLES.

comment vous portez-vous ? *how do you do ?*  
 où allez-vous ? *whither are you going ?*  
 il ne sait comment s'y prendre, *he does not know how to set about it.*

The adverbs *très, fort, infiniment*, etc. are always placed before the adjective which they modify.

## EXAMPLE.

c'est une femme *fort* belle, *très-sensible*, et *infiniment* sage, *she is a woman very beautiful, of great sensibility, and infinitely prudent.*

Adverbs of quantity and comparison and the adverbs of time *souvent, toujours, jamais*, are placed before the other adverbs.

## EXAMPLES.

si poliment, fort poliment, *so politely, very politely.*  
 très-heureusement, *very happily.*

le plus adroitement, *the most skilfully.*  
 ils ne seront jamais étroitement unis, *they never will be intimately united.*  
 ils sont toujours ensemble, *they are always together.*  
 c'est souvent à l'improviste qu'il arrive, *he often comes unexpectedly.*

*Souvent* may, however, be preceded by an adverb of quantity, or comparison, as *si souvent, assez souvent, fort souvent, plus souvent, moins souvent, trop souvent.*

When adverbs of quantity and comparison meet together in a sentence, the following is the order, which custom has established.

si peu,	bien peu	beaucoup* trop,	tant mieux,
trop peu,	bien plus,	beaucoup plus,	tant pis, etc.
très-peu,	bien davantage,	beaucoup moins,	

*Bien* before another adverb means *very much, quite.*

## EXAMPLES.

bien assez,	<i>quite enough.</i>
bien tard,	<i>very late.</i>
bien moins,	<i>much less.</i>

When after the verb it signifies *well.*

## EXAMPLES.

assez bien,	<i>pretty well.</i>
fort bien,	<i>very well.</i>

OF THE NEGATIVE *ne.*

419. It is customary to use two negatives in French, *ne* comes before the verb; *pas* or *point* comes after it. The French Academy have discussed the four following questions.

1. Which is the place of the negatives?
2. When is *pas* to be used in preference to *point* and *vice versa*?
3. When may both be omitted?
4. When *ought* both to be omitted?

As this subject is of very material importance, we shall treat it upon the plan of the Academy, and agreeably to their views.

\* *Beaucoup* is not, as the English *much* susceptible of being modified by any adverb preceding, thus *très-beaucoup, trop heureux, etc.*, would be barbarisms.

**FIRST QUESTION.** Where is the place of the negatives ?  
*Ne* is always prefixed to the verb ; but the place of *pas*  
 and *point* is variable.

When the verb is in the infinitive, these are placed  
 indifferently before, or after it ; for we say,

Pour ne point voir, or, pour ne voir pas.

In the other moods, except the imperative, the tenses are  
 either simple, or compound. In the simple tenses, *pas* or  
*point* is placed after the verb.

## EXAMPLE.

Il ne parle pas ; ne parle-t-il pas ?

In the compound tenses, it is placed between the auxili-  
 ary and the participle.

## EXAMPLE.

Il n'a pas parlé ; n'a-t-il pas parlé ?

In the imperative, it is placed after the verb.

## EXAMPLE.

Ne badinez pas. Ne vous en allez pas.

**SECOND QUESTION.** When is *pas*, to be used  
 in preference to *point*, and *vice versa* !

*Point* is a stronger negative than *pas* : besides, it denotes  
 something permanent : *il ne lit point*, means he never  
 reads.

*Pas* denotes something accidental ; *il ne lit pas*, means,  
 he does not read now, or he is not reading.

*Point de* denotes an absolute negation. To say :  
*Il n'a point d'esprit*, is to say, he has no wit at all.

*Pas de*, allows some sort of restriction. To say :

*Il n'a pas d'esprit*, is to say, he has nothing of what can  
 be called wit.

Hence the Academy concludes, that *pas* is more proper.

1. Before *plus*, *moins*, *si*, *autant*, and other words  
 denoting comparison.

## EXAMPLE.

Milton n'est pas moins sublime qu'Homère, Milton is not less sublime than  
 Homer.

## 2. Before nouns of number.

## EXAMPLE.

il n'y a pas dix ans, *It is not ten years, ago.*

*Point* is elegantly used,

## 1. At the end of a sentence.

## EXAMPLE.

on s'amusait à ses dépens, et il ne s'en apercevait point, *they were amusing themselves at his expense, and he did not perceive it.*

## 2. In elliptical sentences.

## EXAMPLE.

je croyais avoir à faire à un honnête homme; mais point, *I thought I had to deal with an honest man; but no.*

## 3. In answer to interrogative sentences.

## EXAMPLE.

irez-vous ce soir au parc?— point, *shall you go this evening to the park?—no.*

The Academy also observes, that when *pas* or *point* is introduced into interrogative sentences, it is with meanings somewhat different. We make use of *point*, when we have any doubt on our minds.

## EXAMPLE.

n'avez-vous point été là? *have you not been there?*

But we use *pas*, when we are persuaded.

## EXAMPLE.

n'avez-vous pas été là? *but you have been there; have not you?*

**THIRD QUESTION:** When may both *pas* and *point* be omitted?

They may be suppressed,

1. After the words *cesser*, *oser*, and *pouvoir*; but this omission is only for the sake of elegance.

## EXAMPLES.

je ne cesse de m'en occuper, *I incessantly think about it.*  
 je n'ose vous en parler, *I dare not speak to you about it.*  
 je ne puis y penser sans frémir, *I cannot think of it without shuddering.*

We likewise say, but only in familiar conversation,  
ne bougez, *do not stir.*

2. In expressions of this kind,

y a-t-il un homme dont elle ne *is there a man that she does not*  
médise ? *stander ?*  
avez-vous un ami qui ne soit *have you a friend but is not like-*  
des miens ? *wise mine ?*

FOURTH QUESTION. When ought both *pas* and *point* to be omitted ?

They are omitted,

420. When the extent which we mean to give to the negative is sufficiently expressed either by the words which restrict it, by words which exclude all restriction, or when the verb is joined to an adverb, or pronoun having a negative sense, as, *jamais, plus, aucun, personne, rien, nul, nullement*; and also to the words *bien, goutte, mot*, which in some cases, have been through custom considered as negatives.

To exemplify the first part of this remark, we say,

EXAMPLES.

je ne sors guère, *I go out but seldom.*  
je ne sortirai de trois jours, *I shall not go out for three days.*

To exemplify the second, we say,

EXAMPLES.

je n'y vais jamais, *I never go there.*  
je n'y pense plus, *I think no more of it.*  
nul ne sait s'il est digne d'a- *nobody knows whether he be de-*  
mour, ou de haine, *serving of love, or hatred.*  
n'employez aucun de ces strata- *use none of these stratagems.*  
gèmes,  
il ne plaît à personne, *he pleases nobody.*  
rien n'est plus charmant, *nothing is more charming.*  
je n'y pense nullement, *I do not think of it at all.*

To exemplify the third, we say,

EXAMPLES.

il n'y voit goutte, *he cannot see at all.*  
je n'en ai cueilli brin, *I did not gather a sprig.*  
il ne dit mot, *he speaks not a word.*

But if to *mot* we join an adjective of number, *pas* must be added, as

## EXAMPLES.

il ne dit pas un mot qui n'inté- *he speaks not a word but what is*  
resse, *interesting.*  
dans ce discours, il n'y a pas *in that speech, there are not three*  
trois mots à reprendre, *words that are exceptionable.*

421. The substantive which follows a negative phrase is governed by the preposition *de*.

## EXAMPLES.

il n'a jamais d'argent, *he never has any money.*  
n'avez-vous pas de cheval ? *have you got no horse ?*  
il ne fait pas de démarche inu- *he does not take any useless step.*  
tile,

If, after such sentences as we have just mentioned, either the conjunction *que*, or the relative pronouns *qui* or *dont*, should introduce a negative sentence, then in this last, *pas* and *point* are omitted.

## EXAMPLES.

je ne fais jamais d'excès que je *I never committed any excess, without*  
n'en sois incommodé, *being ill after it.*  
je ne vois personne qui ne vous *I see nobody but what commends*  
loue, *you.*

422. When two negatives are joined by *ni*, *pas* is omitted.

## EXAMPLE.

je ne l'aime ni ne l'estime, *I neither love nor esteem him.*

When the conjunction *ni* is repeated, *pas* is also left out.

## EXAMPLES.

ni l'or ni la grandeur ne nous ren- *neither gold nor greatness can*  
dent heureux, *make us happy.*  
il n'est ni prudent ni sage, *he is neither prudent nor wise.*  
il n'a ni dettes ni procès, *he has neither debts nor lawsuits.*

*Pas* is used, when *ni* is not repeated, and when it serves only to unite two members of a negative sentence.

## EXAMPLE.

je n'aime pas ce vain étalage *I do not like that vain display of*  
d'érudition prodiguée sans choix *erudition lavished without choice*  
et sans goût, ni ce luxe de *and without taste, nor that pomp*  
mots qui ne disent rien, *of words which have no meaning.*

*Pas* is omitted when the question used for *pourquoi* begins with *que*, and after *à moins que*, *si*, instead of *pourquoi*, and with *à moins que*, or *si* used instead of it.

## EXAMPLES.

que n'êtes-vous aussi posé que *why are you not as sedate as your*  
 votre frère ? *brother ?*  
 je ne sortirai pas à moins que *I shall not go out, unless you come*  
 vous ne veniez me prendre, *to fetch me.*  
 je n'irai pas chez lui, s'il ne m'y *I shall not go to his house, if he*  
 engage, *do not invite me.*

With *ne*—*que* used instead of *seulement*, and in the sense of *only, but, pas* is not used.

## EXAMPLE.

une jeunesse qui se livre à ses *youth, which abandons itself to its*  
 passions, ne transmet à la vieil- *passions, transmits to old age*  
 lesse qu'un corps usé, *nothing but a worn-out body.*

*Ne*, before; and *que*, after the verb in the sense of *nothing but* does not require *pas*.

## EXAMPLE.

il ne fait que rire, *he does nothing but laugh.*

*Pas* is again omitted when that conjunction may be changed into *sinon*, or *si ce n'est*.

## EXAMPLES.

il ne tient qu'à vous de réussir, *the success wholly depends upon*  
*you.*  
 trop de maîtres à la fois ne ser- *too many masters at once only serve*  
 vent qu'à embrouiller l'esprit, *to perplex the mind.*

With a verb in the preterit, preceded by the conjunction *depuis que*, or by the verb *il y a*, denoting a certain duration of time, *pas* and *point* are omitted.

## EXAMPLES.

comment vous êtes-vous porté *how have you been since I saw*  
 depuis que je ne vous ai vu ? *you ?*  
 il y a trois mois que je ne vous ai *I have not seen you for these three*  
 vu, *months.*

But they are not omitted, when the verb is in the present.

## EXAMPLES.

comment vit-il depuis que nous *how does he live now we do not see*  
 ne le voyons point ? *him ?*  
 il y a six mois que nous ne le *we have not seen him these six*  
 voyons point, *months.*

It has been seen, No. 211, that *ne* is used in comparative sentences, but as it has not then a negative sense, *pas, point* are of course omitted.

## EXAMPLES.

on méprise ceux qui parlent au- *we despise those who speak diffe-*  
 trement qu'ils ne pensent, *rently from what they think.*  
 il écrit mieux qu'il ne parle, *he writes better than he speaks.*  
 c'est pire qu'on ne le disait, *it is worse than was said.*  
 c'est autre chose que je ne *it is different from what I thought.*  
 croyais,  
 peu s'en faut qu'on ne m'ait *I have been very near being de-*  
 trompé, *ceived.*

*Ne* is also used before the subjunctive mood after certain verbs noticed No. 384, in which case *pas*, *point*, are also omitted.

## EXAMPLES.

je ne doute pas qu'il ne vienne, *I doubt not that he will come.*  
 ne désespérez pas que ce moyen, *do not despair of the success of*  
 ne vous réussisse, *these means.*  
 je ne nie pas, *ou*, je ne discon- *I do not deny but that it may be so.*  
 viens pas que cela ne soit,  
 j'empêcherai bien que vous ne *I shall prevent your being of the*  
 soyez du nombre, *number.*  
 prenez garde qu'on ne vous sé- *take care that they do not corrupt*  
 duise, *you.*  
 prenez garde que vous ne m'en- *mind you do not understand what*  
 tendiez pas, *I mean.*  
 il craint que son frère ne l'aban- *he is afraid his brother should for-*  
 donne, *sake him.*  
 je crains que mon ami ne meure, *I fear my friend will die.*

The Academy says, that after *nier*, *douter*, *disconvenir*, *ne* may be omitted.

## EXAMPLES.

Je ne nie pas, *ou*, je ne disconviens pas que cela soit.

When we say, *de crainte qu'il ne perde son procès*, we express a fear lest he should lose his law-suit.

When we say, *de crainte qu'il ne soit pas puni*, we express an apprehension, lest he should escape punishment.

REMARK. In these phrases,

je crains que mon ami ne meure, *I am afraid my friend will die.*  
 vous empêchez qu'on ne chante, *you prevent them from singing.*

*Ne* has the meaning of the *ne* of the Latin language, which equally governs the subjunctive mood.

423. The conditional of *savoir* is frequently used negatively, instead of *pouvoir* in which case *pas*, *point* are omitted.

## EXAMPLE.

je ne saurais en venir à bout *I cannot accomplish it.*

When *ne savoir* means *être incertain*, it is best to omit *pas* and *point*.

## EXAMPLES.

je ne sais où le prendre,  
il ne sait ce qu'il dit,

*I do not know where to find him.  
he does not know what he says.*

But *pas* and *point* must be used when *savoir* is taken in its true meaning, to know.

## EXAMPLE.

je ne sais pas le Français,

*I do not know French.*

We also say, without *pas* or *point*,

ne vous déplaît, ne vous en dé- *by your leave, under favour, or  
plaît, let it not displease you.*

*Plus* and *davantage* must not be used indifferently. *Plus* is followed by the preposition *de*, or the conjunction *que*.

## EXAMPLES.

il a plus de brillant que de solide, *he has more brilliancy than solidity.*  
il se fie plus à ses lumières qu'à *he relies more upon his own know-  
celles des autres, ledge than upon that of others.*

*Davantage* is used alone and at the end of sentences.

## EXAMPLE.

la science est estimable, mais la *learning is estimable, but virtue is  
vertu l'est davantage, still more so.*

Although *davantage* cannot be followed by the preposition *de*, it may be preceded by the pronoun *en*.

## EXAMPLE.

je n'en dirai pas davantage,

*I shall not say any more about it,*

It is incorrect to use *davantage* for *Je plus*. We must say,

de toutes les fleurs d'un parterre, *of all the flowers of a parterre, the  
l'anémone est celle qui me plaît le anemone is that which pleases me  
plus. most.*

424. *Si, aussi, tant, and autant*, are always followed by the conjunction *que*, expressed or understood.

*Si*, and *aussi* are joined to adjectives, adverbs, and participles; *tant* and *autant*, to substantives and verbs.

## EXAMPLES.

L'Angleterre n'est pas si grande que la France, *England is not so large as France.*  
 il est aussi estimé qu'aimé, *he is as much esteemed as he is beloved.*  
 elle a autant de beauté que de vertu, *she has as much beauty as virtue.*

REMARK. *Autant* may, however, be substituted for *aussi*, in comparisons of equality.

## EXAMPLE.

il est modeste autant que sage, *he is as modest as wise.*

It has been said, No. 47. that, in comparisons, *aussi* is used with the affirmative, and *si*, with the negative; *si*, may, however, be used in an affirmative sentence, in the sense of *tellement*.

## EXAMPLE.

il est devenu si gros, qu'il a de la peine à marcher, *he is become so bulky that he can hardly walk.*

*Jamais* takes sometimes the preposition, *à*, and *toujours* the preposition *pour*.

## EXAMPLES.

soyez à jamais heureux, *be for ever happy.*  
 c'est pour toujours, *it is for ever.*

## CHAPTER VIII.

## OF THE CONJUNCTIONS.

425. *QUE* is a conjunction so much used in French that, although it has been already noticed in every part of this grammar with which it might have reference, it may not be unnecessary to present here a series of examples of the various ways in which it is used.

EXAMPLES.

<p>QUE</p>	<p>expressing com- parison</p>	<p>{ l'Asie est plus grande que l'Eu- rope. }</p>	<p>Asia is larger than Europe.</p>
	<p>for rien que</p>	<p>{ on ne parle que de la nouvelle victoire. }</p>	<p>they talk of no- thing but the new victory.</p>
	<p>je souhaite que</p>	<p>{ qu'il vive pour, je souhaite qu'il vive. }</p>	<p>may he live, for, I wish that he may live.</p>
	<p>à moins que avant que sans que dès que</p>	<p>{ cela ne finira pas qu'il ne vienne. }</p>	<p>there will be no end to it, unless he come.</p>
	<p>— aussitôt que — si, or quand</p>	<p>{ qu'il fasse le moi- dre excès, il est malade. }</p>	<p>if he commits the least excess, he is ill.</p>
	<p>— soit que</p>	<p>{ qu'il perde, ou qu'il gagne son procès, c'est un homme rui- né. }</p>	<p>whether he gains, or loses his law- suit, he is a ruin- ed man.</p>
	<p>— jusqu'à ce que</p>	<p>{ attendez qu'il vien- ne. }</p>	<p>wait till he comes.</p>
	<p>— pourquoi?</p>	<p>{ que ne se corrige- t-il pas méchant qu'il est. }</p>	<p>why does he not reform? wicked as he is.</p>
	<p>— comme</p>	<p>{ que Dieu est grand! }</p>	<p>how great is the Almighty!</p>
	<p>— combien</p>	<p>{ que je hais les mé- chants! }</p>	<p>how much I hate the wicked!</p>

Another very frequent use of this conjunction is to save the repetition of *comme*, *parce que*, *puisque*, *quand*, *quoique*, *si*, etc. when, to phrases beginning with these words, others are added under the same regimen, by means of the conjunction *et*.

EXAMPLE.

si l'on aimait son pays et qu'on en désirât sincèrement la gloire, on se conduirait de manière, *if we loved our country, and sincerely wished its glory, we should act so as, etc.*

426. Particular construction with *que* before a noun or an infinitive.

EXAMPLE.

c'est un homme singulier que votre frère, *your brother is a strange man.*

For. *votre frère est un homme singulier.*

## EXAMPLE:

c'était quelque chose que d'avoir *having begun was already some-*  
commencé, *thing.*

For avoir commencé était déjà quelque chose.

## EXERCISE.

We have every thing to fear from his wisdom, even more  
than from his power. What men term greatness, glory,

power, profound policy, is in the eyes of God *only*  
*profond politique, f. à*

misery, weakness, and vanity. May they understand, at last,  
that without internal peace there is no

happiness. *avec soi-même 2 art. 1* May she be as happy as she deserves to be.  
*de de le*

Never write before you have thoroughly examined  
the subject which you propose to treat. *sous toutes ses faces 2 1* Let him but hear

the least noise, his terrified imagination presents to him nothing  
*bruit effrayé 2 f. 1 \* \**

but monsters. Do not sift this question, *till*  
*ne que de art. approfondir*

I can (be your guide). Do not go out *till* your brother  
*ne subj-1 vous mettre sur la voie*

comes in. Why does he not (take advantage) of his youth,  
*ne rentrer, \* profiter*

(in order to) acquire the knowledge he wants? This  
*pour connaissance pl. dont avoir besoin ?*

town is a very pretty place. My uncle was a terrible man when  
he was in a passion.

Full as he was of his prejudices, he would not own  
*Rempli ind-2 préjugé ind 3 convenir de*

(any thing). Full of self-love (as he is), expect nothing  
*rien pétri 1 3 2 de*

good (from him). How beautiful is that cultivated nature  
*en 1 6 5 2 4 3*

How, by the care of man, is it brilliantly and richly adorned!  
*par f. pompeusement orné*

Had profound philosophy presided at the formation of  
*si \* de ind-6 à*

languages, and had they carefully examined the elements of  
art. *langue avec soin subj-4 —m.*

speech, not only in their relations (to one another), but also  
 art. *discours non* *entr'eux* *encore*  
 in themselves, it is not (to be doubted) that languages  
*en* *m.* *douteux* *art.*  
 would present principles more simple, and at the  
*offrir subj-2 de art.*  
 same time, more luminous.

GOVERNMENT OF CONJUNCTIONS.

427. The conjunctions which unite sentences to one another, are followed either by the *infinitive*, the *indicative*, or the *subjunctive*.

Those that are followed by an infinitive, are,

1. Such as are distinguished from prepositions, only by being followed by a verb.

EXAMPLE.

il faut se reposer après avoir *one ought to rest after having laboured.*  
*travaillé,*

2. Those which have the preposition *de* after them.

EXAMPLE.

il travaille afin de vous surpasser, *he works that he may surpass you.*

EXERCISE.

They were going to spend a few days in town,  
*ne \* ind-2 \* passer \* quelques à art.*  
 only that they might return with more pleasure to  
*que pour \* \* se retrouver inf-1 dans*  
 their charming solitude. Many persons work only (in order to)  
*ne que afin de*  
 acquire consideration and riches, but the honest and  
*de art. pr. art. 2 et*  
 human man spends (so much) time in study, only  
*sensible 3 1 ne employer tant de à art. que*  
 to be useful to his fellow-creatures. I reveal to you the  
*pour semblables dévoiler*  
 plot which your enemies have concerted in secret in  
*trame f. ourdir art. ténébreux f. pl. in*  
 order to warn you against their artifices.  
*prémunir*

428. Conjunctions that govern the indicative,

bien attendu que,	autant que,	puisque,	peut-être que,
à condition que,	non plus que,	lorsque	
à la charge que,	outré que,	pendant que,	
			comme si

de même que, ainsi que, aussi bien que,	parce que attendu qu' vu que,	tandis que, durant que, tant que,	quand, pourquoi comment, etc.
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They are followed by the indicative, because the principal sentence, which they unite with that which is incidental, expresses the affirmation in a direct, positive and independent manner.

The use of the six following conjunctions,

si non que si ce n'est que,	de sorte que, en sorte que,	tellement que, de manière que,
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varies according to the meaning expressed by the principal sentence.

## EXAMPLE OF THE INDICATIVE.

je ne lui ai répondu autre chose,  
*si non que* j'avais exécuté ses  
ordres,

*I made him no other answer, but  
that I had executed his orders.*

## EXAMPLE OF THE SUBJUNCTIVE.

je ne veux autre chose, *si non que*  
vous travailliez avec plus d'ar-  
deur.

*I desire nothing else but that you  
would study with greater ardour.*

The indicative is required, in the first sentence, by the verb *j'ai répondu* expressing a positive affirmation, and the subjunctive in the second, because *je veux* expresses a command, or desire.

## EXERCISE.

When you have a more extensive knowledge of geometry,  
ind-7 2 1 art, f.  
and algebra, I shall give you a few lessons in astro-  
pr. art. algèbre f. \* quelque de  
nomy, and optics. From your mind, heart, and taste  
pr. optique pron. pron.  
*while* you are still young. Do not keep truth a prisoner,  
encore retenir art. \* captive  
*though* you should (draw upon you) a cloud of enemies.  
quand devoir cond-1 s'attirer nuée f.  
I will give you this fine picture upon condition that you  
tableau m. à  
keep it as a testimony of my friendship.  
conserver ind-7 témoignage m.

429. The conjunctions which govern the subjunctive are,

soit que, sans que, pour que, quoique,	jusqu'à ce que, encore que, à moins que, pourvu que	supposé que, au cas que, avant que, non pas que	afin que, de peur que de crainte que, etc.
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They require the conjunctive, as they always imply doubt, desire, ignorance. See No. 378.

EXERCISE.

You know too well the value of time, to make  
*connaître* *priz* m. art. *pour que être* 2  
 it necessary to tell you to (make a good use of) it. Study only  
*il* 1 *de* *de* *bien employer*  
 great models, lest those which are but middling  
 art. *de peur que* \* *médiocre* *ne*  
 should spoil your taste, before it be entirely formed. I  
*gâter* subj-1  
 (make not the least doubt) that your method will succeed,  
*ne douter nullement* f. *ne* *subi*-1  
 provided it be well known. Several phenomena of nature are  
 f. art.  
 easy (to be explained), supposing the principle of universal  
 (by the active) art. 2  
 gravitation to be true.  
 f. 1 \*

PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES ON THE NINE PARTS OF SPEECH.

The Good Mother.

What a fine morning! said the amiable Charlotte to her  
*matinée* f. ind-3  
 brother George. Come let us go into the garden and enjoy  
 sing. \* inf-1  
 the magnificent sight of rich and abundant nature.  
*de* 2 *spectacle* m. 1 *une* 2 *fertile* 3 1  
 We will gather the freshest and sweetest flowers. We  
*y* *cueillir* *frais* 2 art. adv. *odorant* 3. f. pl. 1.  
 will make a nosegay, which we will offer to mamma. You  
*bouquet* m. *maman* sing.  
 know she is fond of flowers. This attention will give her  
*savoir que* *aimer* *faire lui*  
 pleasure. Ah! brother, it will obtain us a smile, a caress,  
*mon* f. *valoir* *sourire* m. f.  
 perhaps even a kiss. Ah! sister, replied George, your  
*baiser* m. *ma* *répondre* ind-3 sing.  
 proposal delights me; let us run, let us hasten, that we may  
*projet enchanter* *courir* *voler* *afin de* \* \*  
 offer her, (when she gets up), this tribute of our gratitude and our  
*lui* *à son lever* *hommage*  
 love. Full of this idea, Charlotte and George hastened  
*plein* *se hâter* ind-3 *de se ren-*  
 into the garden. Charlotte gathered violets jessamine  
*dre* ind-3 *de art.* pr. art.

and young rose-buds which (had but just begun) to  
 pr. *de 2 bouton m. 1 ne commencer que ind-2*  
 open their purple cups, while George prepared  
*entr'ouvrir de pourpre 2 calice 1 ind-2 de art.*  
 green spigs of myrtle and thyme, intended to hold up the  
*verdoyant 2 je i m. 1 myrte pr. thym destiné soutenir*  
 flowers. Never had these amiable children exerted themselves  
*1 ind-2 3 2 travailler*  
 with (so much) zeal and ardour. Satisfaction and pleasure were  
*tant de zèle pr. art. f. art. m. ind-2*  
 painted in all their features, sparkled in their eyes, and added still to  
*peint trait m. pétiller*  
 their beauty.

While they (were engaged) (in this manner), their mother, who  
*s'occuper ind-2*  
 had seen them in the garden, came to join them. (As soon as)  
*ind-3 \* joindre dès que*  
 they perceived her, they flew to her, and said: (Ah! mamma, how  
*ind-3 ind-3 elle lui que*  
 glad we are to see you! how (impatient we were) for this  
*aise 3 1 2 de il tardait à notre impatience d'avoir*  
 pleasure. In the pleasing expectation (of it) we (were preparing) this  
*ce doux attente f. \* ind-2*  
 nosegay for you. What satisfaction should we have had in  
*f. ne pas à*  
 presenting it to you! Look at these rose-buds, these violets, this jes-  
*offrir voir \**  
 samine, this myrtle, and this thyme. Well, we intended them  
*Eh! bien, destiner ind-2*  
 for you. These flowers, coming from us, would have been dear to you.  
*\* cher*  
 In wearing them, you would have said: My children (were think-  
*En porter inf. 2 s'occuper*  
 ing) of me while I slept. I am always as present to their  
*ind-2 dormir ind-2*  
 minds as to their hearts. They love me, and it is by giving me every  
*s.*  
 day new proofs of their affection, that they acknowledge the  
*art. pl. de preuve f. reconnaître*  
 care I have taken of them in their childhood, and all the  
*soin m. pl. que*  
 marks of tenderness I am unceasingly giving them.  
*que ne cesser de inf-1 leur.*  
 My dear children, replied the mother, embracing them,  
*répondre ind-3 en embrasser*  
 how happy you make all my day! your gratitude, your tender-  
*quel charme répandre sur \**

ness, your attention to me, make me forget my former misfortunes,  
 pl. *pour* *oublier* *ancien malheur* m.  
 and open my heart again to the sweet impressions of pleasure.  
*rouvrir* \* f. art.

May Heaven continue to bless my labour! May it be  
*Pouvoir* subj-1 art. *continuer de* *soin* *Pouvoir*  
 your guide and your support in the career which (will soon be opened)  
 = *soutien* *carrière* f. *aller* ind-1 *s'ouvrir*  
 to you! may it complete its kindness by preserving you  
*devant* *me* *re le comble à* *bienfait* pl. *en garantir* inf-2  
 from the dangers to which you cannot fail to be soon  
*de* \* *ne pas tarder* ind-7  
 exposed! Alas! I shudder (at them) beforehand, my dear children;  
*frémir* *en* *d'avance*

the moment is come when you must enter the world. Your  
*où* *devoir* *dans*

persons, your birth, and your fortune call you there, and insure  
*figure* sing. *naissance* *appeler* *y* *assurer*  
 you a distinguished rank (in it), I cannot always be your guide.  
 2 m. 1 *y* ind-7

Young and inexperienced, you will find yourself surrounded  
*sans expérience* *aller* ind-1 inf-1 *entouré*  
 by every kind of temptation. (Every thing), even  
*sorte* f. *séduction* *tout* *jusque à* art. m.  
 vice, presents itself there under an agreeable form, and  
*offrir* *y* *sous* \* *de* art. \* *pl.* 1  
 almost always in the shape of pleasure, which has (so many)  
*sous* *image* art. *tant de*

attractions for youth. They will try to mislead you, to  
*attrait* f. art. *jeunesse* f. *On* *chercher* *égarer*  
 corrupt you; they (will make use of) artifice, raillery, and  
*employer* art. art. =  
 even the mask of virtue. If you abandon yourselves  
*jusque à* *masque* m. art. *se laisser aller*  
 to first impressions, you are lost. The poison of example will  
 art.

insinuate itself into your hearts, will corrupt the innocence and  
*se glisser* *alléer*.

purity (of them) and will substitute violent passions for  
*en* *de* art. *déchirant* 2 f. pl. 1 *à*  
 the sweet affections which have hitherto made your happiness.  
*doux* *faire*

Do not imagine, my dear children, that, in placing before your  
*croire* *en mettre soit*

eyes a picture of the dangers of the world, my intention  
*le tableau* m.  
 is to prohibit you every kind of pleasure. God for-  
 subj-1 *de interdire* *espèce* f. *d* *ne plaire*

bid sub-1 Pleasure is necessary to man; without it, our  
 art. art. *lui*  
 existence would be dreadful; (and therefore) Providence, al-  
*affreux aussi art. f.*  
 ways attentive to our wants, has multiplied the sources of  
*besoin a-l-elle*  
 it, both in and out of ourselves. But, in tasting the pleasures  
 \* *en nous en goûter*  
 of the world, never (abandon yourselves) (to them). Take care  
*se livrer y Avoir*  
 they do not govern you; know how to quit them the mo-  
*dominer subj. 1 savoir \* \* de*  
 ment they have acquired (too much) empire over you. It is  
*que prendre ind-7 trop de Ce*  
 the only way to enjoy with delight that exquisite plea-  
*moyen de volupté de délicieux 2*  
 sure which we can only find in ourselves, and which has its  
*1 en*  
 source in an upright and pure conscience. Ah! why cannot I  
*dans droit 2 3 f. 1 que*  
 give all my experience? why cannot you like me read the  
*dans*  
 depths of the heart? With what astonishment would you often  
*abîme sing. pl.*  
 see vexation, agitation, and trouble, disguised under the  
 art. -m. art. art. -m. *déguisé sous*  
 appearance of joy and tranquillity; hatred and envy  
*apparence pl. art. pr. art. calme art. f. art. f.*  
 concealed under the air of confidence and friendship;  
*caché art. confiance f. pr. art.*  
 indifference and selfishness, affecting the most lively interest;  
 art. *égoïsme vil*  
 the most dreadful and perfidious plots contrived  
 2 art. adv. 3 *trame f. pl. 1 ourdi*  
 deliberately in the dark; in a word, the most odious  
*de sang froid et ténèbres f. pl. en 2*  
 vices endeavouring to show themselves under the features  
 art. 1 *s'efforcer de traits*  
 of (their opposite) virtues! In the world there is but  
*qui leur être opposé 2 art. 1 ne que*  
 one (moving principle); that is self-interest. To that  
*seul mobile m. ce art. personnel 2 1 C'est à lui que*  
 every action refers, every thing tends to that as to its  
 art. pl. *se rapporter lui*  
 end. I know very well, my dear children, that your hearts  
*fin f. savoir*  
 will not be infected by this vice. The sentiments of universal  
*de*

benevolence with which I (have always) inspired you and  
*bienveillance 1 \* ne print cesser ind-4 de inf-1*  
 of which I have seen you give (so many) proofs, (remove  
*tant de preuve rassurer 1*  
 already every fear) (I might have) upon that subject: but will  
*d'avance 3 me 2 sur point m.*  
 you not yield to other vices not less dangerous? Cruel idea,  
*de non f.*  
 terrible uncertainty? If this misfortune were to happen,  
*affreux f. \* arriver ind-2*  
 ah! my dear children, instead of being the joy and conso-  
*art. f.*  
 lation of my life, you would be the torment, the shame and the  
*honte f.*  
 disgrace (of it). You would poison my days, and you  
*opprobre. en empoisonner*  
 would plunge a dagger into the very bosom which gave  
*porter art. mort f. même 2 sein m. 1 ind-3*  
 you life. But whither is my tenderness for you carrying me?  
*art. où \* emporter*  
 No, my children, no, I have nothing to fear; you love me (too  
*Non*  
 much) to wish to grieve me so cruelly; and I shall have  
*trop pour vouloir \**  
 this pleasure, (as long as) I live, of seeing you walk in the ways  
*tant que ind-7 sentier*  
 of honour and virtue.  
*art. pr. art.*

## CHAPTER IX.

## OF GRAMMATICAL CONSTRUCTION.

430. Grammatical construction is the order which the  
 genius of a language has assigned, in speech, to the different  
 sorts of words into which it is distinguished. Construction  
 is sometimes mistaken for syntax; but there is this differ-  
 ence: the latter consists in the rules which we are to ob-  
 serve, in order to express the relations of words one to  
 another, whereas grammatical construction consists in the  
 various arrangements which are allowed while we observe  
 the rules of syntax. Now this arrangement is irrevocably  
 fixed, not only as phrases may be interrogative, imperative,  
 or expositive, but also as each of these kinds may be affir-  
 mative, or negative.

In sentences simply interrogative, the subject is either a noun, or pronoun.

If the subject, be a noun, the following is the order to be observed : first, the noun, then the verb, then the corresponding personal pronoun, the adverb, if any, and the regimen in the simple tenses : in the compound tenses, the pronoun and the adverb are placed between the auxiliary and the participle.

## EXAMPLE.

les lumières sont-elles un bien pour les peuples ? ont-elles jamais contribué à leur bonheur ? *are sciences an advantage to nations? Have they ever contributed to their happiness?*

If the subject be a pronoun, the verb begins the series, and the other words follow in the order already pointed out.

## EXAMPLES.

vous plairez-vous toujours à médire ? *will you always take pleasure in slandering?*  
 aurez-vous bientôt fini ? *shall you have soon done?*

N. B.—[When the verb is reflected, the pronoun forming the regimen begins the series, this pronoun always preserves its place before the verb, except in sentences simply imperative.]

In interrogative sentences, with a negation, the same order is observed ; but *ne* is placed before the verb, and *pas* or *point*, after the verb in the simple tenses, and between the auxiliary and the participle in the compound tenses.

## EXAMPLES.

votre frère ne viendra-t-il pas demain ? *will not your brother come to-morrow?*  
 n'aurez-vous pas bientôt fini ? *shall not you have soon done?*

REMARK.—There are in French several other ways of interrogating.

## 1. With an absolute pronoun.

## EXAMPLE.

qui vous a dit cela ? or qui est-ce qui vous a dit cela ? *who told you that?*

2. With the demonstrative pronoun *ce*.

## EXAMPLES.

est-ce vous ? *is it you?* | est-ce qu'il pleut ? *does it rain?*

## 3. With an interrogative verb.

## EXAMPLES.

pourquoi ne vient-il pas ? *why does he not come?*  
 comment vous trouvez-vous ? *how do you find yourself?*

Hence we see that the absolute pronouns and the interrogative adverbs always begin the sentence: but the demonstrative pronoun *ce* always follows the verb.

In sentences, simply imperative, the verb is always placed first, in the first and second persons; but in the third, it comes after the conjunction *que* and the noun or pronoun.

## EXAMPLES.

allons là, *let us go there.*  
 venez ici, *come here.*  
 qu'ils y aillent, *let them go there.*  
 que Pierre aille à Londres, *let Peter go to London.*

With negation, *ne* and *pas* are placed as in interrogative sentences.

For the place of the pronouns, No. 218.

Sentences are expositive, when we speak without either interrogating, or commanding. The following is the order of the words in those which are affirmative: the subject, the verb, the adverb, the participle, and the regimen.

## EXAMPLES.

un bon prince mérite l'amour de ses sujets et l'estime de tous les peuples, *a good prince deserves the love of his subjects, and the esteem of all nations.*  
 César eût inutilement passé le Rubicon, s'il y eût eu de son temps des Fabius, *Cæsar would have crossed the Rubicon to no purpose, had there been Fabii in his time.*

The negative sentences differ from this construction, only as *ne* is always before the verb, and *pas*, or *point*, either after the verb, or between the auxiliary and the participle.

## EXAMPLES.

un homme riche ne fait pas toujours le bien qu'il pourrait, *a rich man does not always do all the good he might.*  
 Cicéron n'eût pas peut-être été un si grand orateur, si le désir de s'élever aux premières dignités n'eût enflammé son âme, *Cicero would not perhaps have been so great an orator, had not the desire of rising to the first dignities inflamed his soul.*

Sentences are either simple, or compound. They are simple when they contain only one subject and one attribute.

## EXAMPLES.

vous lisez,  
vous êtes jeune,

*you read.*  
*you are young.*

They are compound, when they reunite several subjects with one attribute, or several attributes with one subject, or several attributes with several subjects, or several subjects with several attributes.

This sentence, *Pierre et Paul sont heureux*, is compound by having two subjects; this, *cette femme est jolie, spirituelle et sensible*, is compound by having more than one attribute; and this, *Pierre et Paul sont spirituels et savants*, is composed at once of several subjects and several attributes.

A sentence may be compound in various other ways; by the subject, by the verb, or by the attribute.

By the subject, when this is restricted by an incidental proposition.

## EXAMPLE.

Dieu, qui est bon.

By the verb, when it is modified by some circumstance of time, order, etc.

## EXAMPLE.

Dieu, qui est bon, n'abandonne jamais.

By the attribute, when this attribute is modified by a regimen which is itself restricted.

## EXAMPLE.

Dieu, qui est bon, n'abandonne jamais les hommes, qui mettent sincèrement leur confiance en lui.

These simple, or compound sentences may be joined to others by a conjunction.

## EXAMPLES.

quand on aime l'étude, le temps *when we love study, time flies without*  
passe sans qu'on s'en aper- *our perceiving it.*  
çoive,

The two partial phrases here form but one.

When a sentence is composed of two partial phrases, joined by a conjunction, harmony and perspicuity generally require the shortest to go first.

## EXAMPLES.

- quand les passions nous quit- *when our passions leave us, we in-*  
tent, nous nous flattons en *vain flatter ourselves that it is*  
vain, que c'est nous qui les *we that leave them.*  
quittons,  
on n'est point à plaindre, quand, *he is not to be pitied, who for*  
au défaut de plaisirs réels, on *want of real pleasure, finds*  
trouve le moyen de s'occuper *means to amuse himself with*  
de chimères, *chimeras.*

Periods result from the union of several partial phrases, the whole of which make a complete sense. Periods, to be clear, require the shortest phrases to be placed first. The following example of this is taken from Fléchier.

N'attendez pas, Messieurs,

1. Que j'ouvre une scène tragique ;
2. Que je représente ce grand homme étendu sur ses propres trophées ;
3. Que je découvre ce corps pâle et sanglant, auprès duquel fume encore la foudre qui l'a frappé ;
4. Que je fasse crier son sang, comme celui d'Abel, et que j'expose à vos yeux les images de la religion et de la patrie éplorée.

This admirable period is composed of four members, which go on gradually increasing. It is a rule not to give more than four members to a period, and to avoid multiplying incidental sentences.

Obscurity in style is generally owing to those small phrases which divert the attention from the principal sentences, and make us lose sight of them.

The construction which we have mentioned is called direct, or regular, because the words are placed in those sentences according to the order which has been pointed out. But this order may be altered in certain cases, and then the construction is called indirect, or irregular. Now, it may be irregular, by *inversion*, by *ellipsis*, by *pleonasm*, or by *syllipsis*; these are what are called the four figures of words.

## INVERSION.

431. *Inversion* is the transposition of a word into a place, different from that which, by usage, is properly assigned to it. This ought never to be done except when it introduces more perspicuity, energy, or harmony into the language; for it is a defect in construction, whenever the connexion subsisting between words is not easily perceived.

There are two kinds of inversion: the one, by its boldness seems to be confined to poetry: the other is frequently employed even in prose.

We shall speak here of the latter kind only:

The following inversions are authorized by custom.

The subject by which a verb is governed may with propriety be placed after it.

EXAMPLE.

tout ce que lui promet l'amitié *all that the friendship of the Ro-*  
des Romains, *mans promises him.*

REMARK. This inversion is a rule of the art of speaking and writing, whenever the subject is modified by an incidental sentence, long enough to make us lose sight of the connexion between the verb governed and the subject governing.

The noun governed by the prepositions *de* and *à* may likewise be very properly placed before the verb.

EXAMPLES.

d'une voix entrecoupée de san- *in a voice interrupted by sobs, they*  
glots, ils s'écrièrent, *exclaimed,*  
tant d'injures, qu'a-t-elle ré- *to so much abuse, what answer did*  
pondu ? *she give.*

The verb is likewise elegantly preceded by the prepositions *après, dans, par, sous, contre,* etc. and the nouns which they govern, as well as by the conjunctions *si, quand, parce que, puisque, quoique, lorsque,* etc.

EXAMPLES.

par la loi du corps, je tiens à ce *by the law of the body, I am con-*  
monde qui passe, *nected with this passing world.*  
puisqu'il le veut, qu'il le fasse, *since he wishes it, let him do it.*

OF THE ELLIPSIS.

432. *Ellipsis* is the omission of a word, or even several words, which are necessary to make the construction full and complete. An ellipsis is bad, if the mind does not easily and rapidly supply the words omitted.

EXAMPLE.

j'accepterais les offres de Da- *I would accept the offers of Da-*  
rius, si j'étais Alexandre:— *rius, if I were Alexander:—*  
et moi aussi, si j'étais Par- *and so would I, if I were Par-*  
ménion, *menio.*

Here the mind easily supplies the words, *je les accepterais* in the second member.

The ellipsis is very common in answers to interrogative sentences.

## EXAMPLE.

quand viendrez-vous ?—demain, *when will you come ?—to-morrow.*  
that is, *je viendrai demain.*

In order to know whether an ellipsis be good, the words that are understood must be supplied. It is correct, whenever the construction completely expresses the sense denoted by the words which are supplied ; otherwise it is not exact.

## OF THE PLEONASM.

433. *Pleonasm*, in general, is a superfluity of words : in order to constitute this figure good, it must be sanctioned by custom, which never permits its use, except it give greater energy to language, or express, in a clearer manner, the internal feeling with which we are affected.

## EXAMPLES.

Et que m'a fait à moi cette Troie où je cours !

Je me meurs. S'il ne veut pas vous le dire, je vous le dirai, moi.

Je l'ai vu de mes propres yeux.

Je l'ai entendu de mes propres oreilles.

—*A moi*, in the first sentence ;—*me*, in the second ;—*moi*, in the third ;—*de mes propres yeux*, in the fourth ; and—*de mes propres oreilles*, in the fifth, are employed merely for the sake of energy, or to manifest an internal feeling ; but this manner of speaking is sanctioned by custom.

REMARK. Expletives must not be mistaken for pleonasms.

## EXAMPLE.

c'est une affaire, où il y va du salut de l'état, *it is an affair in which the safety of the state is concerned.*

Which is better than *c'est une affaire, où il va*, etc. that is, than omitting *y*, which is in reality useless on account of *où* : this is a mode of expression from which it is not allowed to deviate.

## OF THE SYLLEPSIS.

434. The syllepsis is a figure by which a word relates more to our meaning, than to the literal expressions, as in these phrases :

Il est onze heures ; l'an mil sept cent quatre-vingt-dix-neuf.

When using them, the mind, merely intent upon precise meaning, pays no attention to either the number, or the gender of *heure* and *an*.

There is likewise a syllepsis in these sentences :

Je crains qu'il ne vienne.

J'empêcherai qu'il ne vous nuise.

J'ai peur qu'il ne m'oublie, etc.

Full of a wish that the event may not take place, we are willing to do all we can, that nothing should present an obstacle to that wish. This is the cause of the introduction of the negative, which, although unnecessary to complete the sense, yet must be preserved for the sake of the idiom.

There is again a very elegant syllepsis in sentences like the following from Racine :

Entre le *peuple* et vous, vous prendrez Dieu pour juge ;

Vous souvenant, mon fils, que caché sous ce lin,

Comme *eux* vous fûtes pauvre, et, comme *eux*, orphelin.

The poet forgets that he has been using the word *peuple* : nothing remains in his mind but *des pauvres* and *des orphelins*, and it is with that idea of which he is full that he makes the pronoun *eux* agree. For the same reason, Bossuet and Mézengui have said,

Quand le *peuple Hébreu* entra dans la terre promise, tout y célébrait *leurs* ancêtres.—BOSSUET.

Moïse eut recours au Seigneur, et lui dit : que ferai-je à *ce peuple* ? bientôt *ils* me lapideront.—MÉZENGUI.

*Leurs* and *ils* stand for *les Hébreux*.

## CHAPTER X.

## OF GRAMMATICAL DISCORDANCES, AMPHIBOLOGIES, AND GALLICISMS.

435 We have chiefly to take notice of two incorrect modes of construction, which are contrary to the principles laid down in the preceding chapters—grammatical discordances, and—amphibologies.

## OF DISCORDANCES.

In general, there is a discordance in language, when the words, which compose the various members of a sentence, or period, do not agree with each other, either because their construction is contrary to analogy, or because they bring together dissimilar ideas, between which the mind perceives an opposition, or can see no manner of affinity.

The following examples will serve to illustrate this :

Notre réputation ne dépend pas des louanges qu'on nous donne, mais des actions louables que nous faisons.

This sentence is not correct, because the first member being negative, and the second affirmative, cannot come under the government of the same verb. It ought to be :

notre réputation dépend, non *our reputation depends, not upon*  
des louanges qu'on nous *the praises which are bestowed*  
donne, mais des actions, etc. *on us, but upon the praiseworthy*  
*actions which we perform.*

But the most common discordances are those which arise from the wrong use of tenses, as in this sentence :

Il regarde votre malheur comme une punition du peu de complaisance que vous avez eu pour lui, dans le temps qu'il vous pria etc.

Because the two preterits, definite and indefinite, cannot well agree together ; it should be :

Que vous eûtes pour lui dans le temps qu'il vous pria.

There is discordance in this sentence :

On en ressentit autant de joie que d'une victoire complète dans un autre temps.

Because the verb cannot be understood after the *que* which introduces the second member of the comparison, when that verb is to be a different tense ; it should be :

On en ressentit autant de joie qu'on en aurait senti, etc.

This line of Racine,

Le flot, qui l'apporta, recule épouvanté.

is also incorrect, because the form of the present cannot associate with that of the preterit definite ; it should have been : *qui l'a apporté.*

## OF AMPHIBOLOGIES.

436. Amphibology, in language, is when a sentence is so constructed as to be susceptible of two different interpre-

tations: this must be carefully avoided. As we speak only to be understood, perspicuity is the first and most essential quality of language; we should always recollect that *what is not clearly expressed in any language, is no language at all.*

Amphibology are occasioned,—1. By the misuse of—moods, and—tenses. 2. Of—personal pronouns, *il, le, la,* etc. 3. Of—possessive pronouns, *son, sa, ses,* etc. 4. By giving a wrong place to nouns.

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EXAMPLES.

*Of an Amphibology of the first Kind.*

Qu'ai-je fait, *pour venir* accabler en ces lieux  
Un héros, sur qui seul j'ai pu tourner les yeux?—RACINE.

*Pour venir* forms an amphibology, because we do not know whether it relates to the person who speaks, or to the person spoken to: it should have been: *pour que vous veniez.*

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EXAMPLES.

*Of an Amphibology of the second Kind.*

César voulut premièrement surpasser Pompée; les grandes richesses de Crassus *lui* firent croire, qu'*il* pourrait partager la gloire de ces deux grands hommes.

This sentence is faulty in its construction, because the pronouns *il* and *lui* seem to relate to *César*, although the sense obliges us to refer them to *Crassus*.

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EXAMPLE.

*Of an Amphibology of the third Kind.*

Valère alla chez Léandre; il y trouva *son* fils.

The pronoun *son* is ambiguous, because we do not know which it relates, to *Valère*, or to *Léandre*.

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EXAMPLE.

*Of an Amphibology of the fourth Kind.*

J'ai envoyé les lettres, que j'ai écrites, à la poste.

*A la poste*, thus placed, is equivocal, because we do not know whether it is meant that the letters have been *written at the post-office, or sent to the post-office.*

## OF GALLICISMS.

In the "Grammaire Philosophique et Littéraire," four sorts of Gallicisms have been pointed out. Notice will be taken here of those only which have reference to construction.

The gallicisms of construction are, in general, irregularities and deviations from the customary rules of syntax: there are some, however, which are mere ellipses, and those which can only be attributed to the caprice of custom.

**GENERAL PRINCIPLE.** Every gallicism of construction, which renders the meaning of the sentence obscure, ought to be condemned. Those only ought to be allowed which do not impair perspicuity, by introducing irregularity of construction, and which are, at the same time, sanctioned by long practice.

According to this principle, this elliptic gallicism is now rejected:

Et qu'ainsi no soit, *meaning ce que je vous dis est si vrai que,*

because it renders the sentence obscure. For instance:

J'étais dans ce jardin, *et qu'ainsi ne soit, voilà une fleur que j'y ai cueillie, that is, et pour preuve de cela, voilà une fleur, etc.*

Molière and La Fontaine seem to have been the last great writers that have used this expression.

One of the most common gallicisms is that in which the impersonal verb *il y a*, is used for *il est, il existe*. These expressions:

Il y avait une fois un roi;—il y a cent à parier contre un, are gallicisms. There are two in the following sentence:

il n'y a pas jusqu'aux enfants, *even children will meddle with it, qui ne s'en mêlent,*

The verb *falloir* forms a sort of gallicism with the pronoun *en*, when it is conjugated like pronominal verbs with the double pronouns *il se*.

**EXAMPLE.**

Il s'en faut, il s'en fallait, etc.

It then means *to be wanting*, and when preceded by an adverb of quantity, the first pronoun is omitted.

## EXAMPLE.

Peu s'en faut, tant s'en faut.

These several manners of using the verb *falloir* will be found in the following sentences :

## EXAMPLES.

il s'en faut bien qu'il soit aussi habile qu'il croit l'être,	<i>he is far from being so clever as he thinks.</i>
peu s'en est fallu qu'il n'ait succombé dans cette entreprise,	<i>he was very near falling in that undertaking.</i>
il ne s'en est presque rien fallu qu'il n'ait été tué,	<i>he was as near as possible being killed.</i>
vous dites qu'il s'en faut vingt livres que la somme entière n'y soit, mais vous vous trompez, il ne peut pas s'en falloir tant,	<i>you say it wants twenty pounds to complete the sum, but you are mistaken, it cannot want so much.</i>
son rhume est entièrement guéri, ou peu s'en faut,	<i>his cold is entirely cured, or very near.</i>
que s'en est-il fallu que ces deux amis ne se soient brouillés ?	<i>how near were these two friends quarrelling ?</i>
je ne suis pas content de votre application à l'étude, tant s'en faut,	<i>I am not satisfied with your application to study, far from it.</i>
tant s'en faut que cette comédie me plaise, elle me semble au contraire détestable,	<i>so far from this play pleasing me, I think it insufferable.</i>
il s'en fallait beaucoup que je vous approuvasse dans cette circonstance,	<i>I was far from approving your conduct on that occasion.</i>

## The sentences :

il n'est rien moins que généreux, vous avez beau dire, à ce qu'il me semble,	<i>he is far from being generous. you may say what you please, but, etc. by what I can see, as the matter appears to me, etc.</i>
nous voilà à nous lamenter,	<i>we began to lament, here we are lamenting, crying, etc.</i>
qu'est-ce que de nous !	<i>what wretched beings we are, etc. etc.</i>

are also gallicisms.

The use which is made of the preposition *en*, in many sentences, is likewise another source of gallicisms ; some of this kind will be found in the following expressions :

à qui en avez-vous ?	<i>whom are you angry with ?</i>
où en veut-il venir ?	<i>what does he aim at ? what would he be at ?</i>
il lui en veut,	<i>he owes him a grudge.</i>

The preposition *en* changes, also, sometimes, the signification of verbs, and then gives rise to gallicisms.

The conjunction *que* pro- duces as great a number of gallicisms.

## EXAMPLES.

*c'est une terrible passion que le jeu,* *gaming is a terrible passion.*  
*c'est donc en vain que je travaille,* *it is in vain then that I work.*  
*ce n'est pas trop que cela,* *that 's not too much.*  
*il n'est que d'avoir du courage,* *there is nothing like having courage.*

See No. 426.

Many others will be found in the use which is made of the prepositions *à, de, dans, après,* etc. but enough has been said on this subject.

Gallicisms are of very great use in the simple style: therefore La Fontaine and Mme. de Sévigné abound in them. The common style has not so many, and the solemn oratorical but few, and these even of a peculiar nature. Only two examples of this kind, both taken from the tragedy of Iphigenia, by Racine, will be here inserted.

*Avez-vous pu penser qu'au sang d'Agamemnon  
 Achille préférât une fille sans non,  
 Qui, de tout son destin, ce qu'elle a pu comprendre,  
 C'est qu'elle sort d'un sang, etc.*

And,

*Je ne sais qui m'arrête et retient mon courroux,  
 Que par un prompt avis de tout ce qui se passe,  
 Je ne cours des dieux divulguer la menace.*

In the first sentence, *qui* is the subject though without relating to any verb; and in the second, *je ne sais qui m'arrête que je ne cours*, is contrary to the rules of common construction. "But," says Vaugelas, "the extraordinary phrases, far from being faulty, possess the more beauty, as they belong to a particular kind of language."

## FREE EXERCISES.

## I.

## MADAME DE MAINTENON TO HER BROTHER.

We can only be 1 unhappy by our own fault; this shall always be my text, and my reply to your lamentations. Recollect 2, my dear brother, the voyage to America, the misfortunes of our father, of our infancy and our youth 3; and you will bless Providence instead of murmuring against fortune. Ten years ago, we were both very far (below our present situation 4;) and our hopes were so feeble 5, that we limited our wishes to an (income of three thousand livres 6.) At present we have four times that sum 7, and our desires are not yet satisfied! we enjoy the happy mediocrity which you have so often extolled 8; let us be content. If possessions 9 come to us, let us receive them from the hand of God, but let not our views be 10 too extravagant 11. We have (every thing necessary 12) and comfortable 13; all the rest is covetousness 14; all these desires of greatness spring from 15 a restless heart. Your debts are all paid; and you may live elegantly 16, without contracting more 17. What have you to desire? must 18 schemes 19 of wealth and ambition occasion 20 the loss of your repose and your health? read the life of St. Louis; you will see how unequal 21 the greatness of this world is to the desires of the human heart; God only can satisfy them 22. I repeat it, you are only unhappy by your own fault. Your uneasiness 23 destroys your health, which you ought to preserve, if it were 24 only because I love you. Watch 25 your temper 26; if you can render it less splenetic 27 and less gloomy, (you will have gained a great advantage 28). This is not the work of reflection only;

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1. On ne être—que. 2. Songer à. 3. The misfortunes of our infancy and those of our, etc. 4. Du point où nous sommes aujourd'hui. 5. Si peu de chose. 6. Trois mille livres de rente. 7. That sum, en. . plus. 8. Have so often extolled, vanter si fort, ind-2. 9. Possessions, biens. 10. Let us not have views. 11. Trop vaste. 12. Le nécessaire. 13. De commode. 14. Covetousness, cupidité. 15. Spring from, partir du vide de. 16. Déli-cieusement. 17. Constructing more, en faire de nouvelles. 18. Must, faut-il que. 19. Projet. 20. Occasion, coûter, subj-1. 21. Unequal, au-dessous de. 22. Satisfy them, le rassasier. 23. Uneasiness, inquiétude pl. 24. If it were, quand ce être, cond-1. 25. Travailler sur. 26. Humeur. 27. Bilieux. 28. Ce être

exercise, amusement, and a regular life, (are necessary for the purpose 29.) You cannot think well (whilst your health is affected 30; when the body is debilitated 31, the mind is without vigour. Adieu! write to me more frequently, and in a style less gloomy.

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II.

THE CONVERT.

AN EASTERN TALE:

Divine mercy 1 had brought a vicious man into a society of sages, whose morals were holy and pure. He was affected by their virtues; it was not long 2 before 3 he imitated them and lost his old habits: he became just, sober, patient, laborious and benevolent. His deeds nobody could deny, but they were attributed 4 to odious motives. They praised his good actions, without loving his person: they would always judge him by what he had been, not by what he had become. This injustice filled him with grief; he shed tears in the bosom of an ancient sage, more just and more humane than the others. "O my son," said the old man to him, "thou art better than thy reputation; be thankful to God for it. Happily the man who can say: my enemies and my rivals censured in me vices of which I am not guilty. What matters 5 it, if thou art good, that men persecute thee as wicked?—Hast thou not, to comfort thee, the two best witnesses of thy actions, God and thy conscience?"

SAINT-LAMBERT.

Mr. de Montausier has written a letter to Monseigneur upon the taking of Philipsbourg, which very much pleases me. "Monseigneur, I do not compliment you on the capture of Philipsbourg; you had a good army, bombs, canon, and Vauban; neither shall I compliment you upon your valour; for that is an hereditary virtue in your family, But I rejoice that you are liberal, generous, humane, and that you know how to recompense the services of those who behave well: it is for this that I congratulate you."

SÉVIGNÉ.

un grand point de gagné. 29. Il y faut de. 30. Tant que vous se porter mal. 31. *Debilitated*, dans l'abattement.

1. Miséricorde. 2. Ne pas tarder. 3. A inf. 4. On donner des motifs. 5. Importer.

## III.

## THE GOOD MINISTER.

## AN EASTERN TALE.

The great Aaron Raschild began to suspect that his vizier Giafar was not deserving of the confidence which he had reposed in him. The women of Aaron, the inhabitants of Bagdad, the courtiers, the dervises, censured the vizier with bitterness. The calif loved Giafar; he would not condemn him upon the clamours of the city and the court; he visited his empire; every where he saw the land well cultivated, the country smiling, the cottages opulent, the useful arts honoured, and youth full of gaiety. He visited his fortified cities and sea-ports; he saw numerous ships, which threatened the coasts of Africa and of Asia; he saw warriors disciplined and content; these warriors, the seamen and the peasantry, exclaimed: "O God, pour thy blessings upon the faithful, by giving them a calif like Aaron, and a vizier like Giafar." The calif, affected by these exclamations, enters a mosque, falls upon his knees, and cries out: "Great God, I return thee thanks: thou hast given me a vizier of whom my courtiers speak ill, and my people speak well."

SAINT-LAMBERT.

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Providence leads us with so much goodness through the different periods of our life, that we (are not sensible of our progress 1.) This loss takes place gently 2, it is imperceptible, it is the shadow of the sun-dial whose motion we do not see. If, at twenty years of age, we could see 3 in a mirror the face we shall have at three-score, we (should be shocked at the contrast 4) and terrified at our own figure; but it is day by day that we advance: we are to-day as we were yesterday and shall be to-morrow as we are to day; so we go forward without perceiving it, and this is a miracle of that Providence which I adore.

SÉVIGNÉ.

## IV.

## THE MAGNIFICENT PROSPECT.

This beautiful house was on the declivity of a hill, from whence you beheld the sea, sometimes clear and smooth as

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1. Ne le sentir quasi pas.      2 Va doucement.      3. On nous faire voir.      4 Tomber à la renverse.

glass, sometimes idly 1 irritated against the rocks on which it broke, bellowing 2 and swelling its waves like mountains. On another side was seen a river, in which were islands bordered with blooming limes, and lofty poplars, which raised their proud heads to the very clouds. The several channels, which formed those islands, seemed sporting 3 in the plain. Some rolled their limpid waters with rapidity; some had a peaceful and still course; others, by long windings, ran back again, to reascend as it were, to their source, and seemed not to have power to leave these enchanting borders. At a distance were seen hills and mountains, which were lost in the clouds, and formed, by their fantastic figure, as delightful a horizon (as the eye could wish to behold. 4) The neighbouring mountains were covered with verdant (vine branches, 5) hanging in festoons; the grapes brighter than purple, could not conceal themselves under the leaves, and the vine was overloaded with its fruit. The fig, the olive, the pomegranate, and all other trees, overspread the plain, and made it one large garden. FENELON.

Long hopes wear out 7 joy, as long maladies wear out pain.

All philosophic systems are only good when one (has no use for them 8.)

### A GENERAL VIEW OF NATURE.

With what magnificence does nature shine 1 upon earth! A pure light, extending from east to west, gilds successively the two hemispheres of this globe; an element, transparent and light, surrounds it; a gentle fecundating heat animates, gives being 2 to the seeds of life: salubrious running streams contribute to their preservation and growth; eminences diversified over the level land, arrest the vapours of the air, make these springs inexhaustible and always new; immense cavities made to receive them divide the continents. The extent of the sea is as great as that of the earth: it is not a cold, barren element; it is a new empire, as rich, as populous as the first. The finger of God has marked their boundaries.

The earth, rising above the level of the sea, is secure 3

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1. Ne briller pas. 2. Faire éclore. 3. A l'abri de.

from its eruptions: its surface, enamelled with flowers, adorned with ever-springing verdure, peopled with thousands and thousands of species of different animals, is a place of rest, a delightful abode, where man, placed in order to second nature, presides over all beings. The only one among them all, capable of knowing and worthy of admiring. God has made him spectator of the universe, and a witness of his wonders. The divine spark with which he is animated enables him to participate in the divine mysteries: it is by this light that he thinks and reflects; by it he sees and reads in the book of the universe, as in a copy of the Deity.

Nature is the exterior throne of the divine Majesty: the man who contemplates, who studies it, rises by degrees to the interior throne of Omnipotence. Made to adore the Creator, the vassal of heaven, sovereign of the earth, he ennobles, peoples, enriches it; he establishes among living beings order, subordination, harmony; he embellishes nature herself; he cultivates, extends, and polishes it; lops off the thistle and the briar, and multiplies the grape and the rose.

BUFFON.

#### IV.

#### ANOTHER GENERAL VIEW OF NATURE.

Trees, shrubs, and plants are the ornaments and clothing 1 of the earth. Nothing is so melancholy 2 as the prospect of a country naked and bare 3, exhibiting to the eye nothing but stones, mud, and sand. But, vivified by nature, and clad 4 in its nuptial robe, amidst the course of streams and the singing of birds, the earth presents to man, in the harmony of the three kingdoms, a spectacle full of life, of interest and charms, the only spectacle in the world of which his eyes and heart are never weary 5.

The more a (contemplative man's soul is fraught with sensibility 6), the more he yields to the extacies which this harmony produces in him. A soft and deep melancholy then takes possession of his senses, and, in an intoxication of delight, he loses himself in the immensity of that beautiful system, with which he feels himself identified. Then, every particular object escapes him, he sees and feels nothing but in the whole. Some circumstance must contract his ideas and circumscribe his imagination, before 7 he can observe by parcels that universe which he was endeavouring to embrace.

J. J. ROUSSEAU.

1. Vêtement    2. Triste.    3. Pelé.    4. Revêtu.    5. Se  
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## VII.

## CULTIVATED NATURE.

How beautiful is cultivated nature ! And, by the labours of man, how brilliant it is, and how pompously adored ! Life himself is its chief ornament, its noblest part ; by multiplying himself, he multiplies the most precious germ ; she also seems to multiply with him ; by his art, he (brings forth to view 1) all that she concealed 2 in her bosom. How many unknown treasures ! What new riches ! Flowers, fruits, seeds brought to perfection, multiplied to infinity ; the useful species of animals transported, propagated, increased without number ; the noxious species reduced, confined, banished : gold, and iron more necessary than gold, extracted from the bowels of the earth ; torrents confined 3, rivers directed, contracted 4 ; the sea itself subjected, explored 5, crossed, from one hemisphere to the other ; the earth accessible in every part, and every where rendered equally cheerful and fruitful : in the vallies, delightful meadows ; in the plains, rich pastures and still richer harvests ; hills covered with vines and fruits ; their summits crowned with useful trees and young forests ; deserts changed into cities inhabited by an immense population, which, continually circulating, spreads itself from these centres to their extremities ; roads opened and frequented, communications established every where, as so many witnesses of the strength and union of society : a thousand other monuments of power and glory sufficiently demonstrate that man, possessing dominion over the earth, has changed, renewed the whole of its surface, and that, at all times, he shares the empire of it with nature.

## VIII.

## THE SAME SUBJECT CONTINUED.

However, man only reigns by right of conquest : he rather enjoys than possesses, and he can preserve only by means of continued labour. It this ceases every thing droops, every thing declines, every thing changes and again returns 1 under the hand of nature ; she reassumes her rights, erases the work of man, covers with dust and moss his most pompous monuments, destroys them in time, and leaves him nothing but the regret of having lost, through his fault what his ancestors had

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conquered by their labours. Those times, in which man loses his dominion, those barbarous 2 ages, during which every thing is seen to perish, are always preceded by war, and accompanied by scarcity and depopulation. Man, who can do nothing but by number, who is strong only by union, who can be happy only by peace, is mad enough to arm himself for his misery, and to fight for his ruin. Impelled by an insatiable thirst of having, blinded by ambition still more insatiable, he renounces all the feelings of humanity, turns all his strength against himself, seeks mutual destruction, actually 3 destroys himself; and, after these periods of blood and carnage, when the smoke of glory has vanished, he contemplates with a sad eye, the earth wasted, the arts buried, nations scattered, the people weakened, his own happiness ruined, and his real power annihilated.

BUFFON.

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IX.

INVOCATION TO THE GOD OF NATURE.

Almighty God whose presence alone supports nature, and maintains the harmony of the laws of the universe: Thou, who from the immoveable throne of the empyrean, seest the celestial spheres roll under thy feet, without shock or confusion: who, from the bosom of repose, reproducest every moment their immense movements, and alone governest, in profound peace, that infinite number of heavens and worlds; restore at length tranquillity to the agitated earth! let it be silent at thy voice; let discord and war cease their proud clamours! God of goodness, author of all beings, thy paternal eye takes in 1 all the objects of the creation; but man is thy chosen being; thou hast illumined 2 his soul with a ray of thy immortal light: complete the measure of thy kindness by penetrating his heart with a ray of thy love: this divine sentiment, diffusing itself every where, will reconcile opposite natures; man will no longer dread the sight of man; his hand will no longer wield the murderous steel 3; the devouring flames of war will no longer dry up 4 the sources of population: the human species, now weakened, mutilated, mowed down in the blossom, will spring a new and 5 multiply without number; nature, overwhelmed under the weight of scourges 6, will soon re-assume, with a new life, its former

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fruitfulness; and we, beneficent God, will second it, we will cultivate it, we will contemplate it incessantly, that we may every moment offer thee a new tribute of gratitude and admiration.

BUFFON.

X.

Happy they who are disgusted with 1 turbulent pleasures, and know how to be contented 2 with the sweets of an innocent life! Happy they who delight in being instructed 3, and who take a pleasure 4 in storing their minds with knowledge! Wherever adverse fortune may throw them, they always carry entertainment with them; and the disquiet which preys upon others, even in the midst of pleasures, is unknown to those who employ themselves in reading. Happy they who love to read, and are not like me deprived of the ability. As these thoughts were passing in my mind, I went into a gloomy forest, where I immediately perceived an old man holding a book in his hand. The forehead of this sage was broad, bald, and a little wrinkled: a white beard hung down to his girdle; his stature was tall and majestic; his complexion still fresh and ruddy, his eyes lively and piercing, his voice sweet, his words plain and charming. I never saw so venerable an old man. He was a priest of Apollo, and officiated 5 in a marble temple, which the kings of Egypt had dedicated to that God in this forest. The book which he held in his hand was a collection of hymns in honour of the Gods.

He accosted me in a friendly manner; and we discoursed together. He related things past so well, that they seemed present, and yet with such brevity that his account never tired me. He foresaw the future by his profound knowledge, which made him know men, and the designs of which they are capable. With all this wisdom he was cheerful and complaisant, and the sprightliest youth has not so many graces as this man had at so advanced an age. He accordingly loved young men when they were teachable 6, and had a taste for study and virtue.

FENELON.

XI.

THOUGHTS ON POETRY.

Wherever I went, I found that poetry was considered as

1. Se dégôûter de. 2. Se contenter de. 3. S'instruire.  
4. Se plaire. 5. Servir. 6. Dccile.

the highest learning 1, and regarded with a veneration (somewhat approaching to 2) that which men would pay to angelic nature.

It yet fills me with wonder, that, in almost all countries, the most ancient poets are considered as the best; whether (it be that 3) every kind of knowledge is an acquisition gradually attained, any poetry is a gift conferred at once, or that the first poetry of every nation surprised them as a novelty, and retained the credit by consent, which it received by accident at first, or whether, as the province 4 of poetry is to depict nature and passion, which are always the same, the first writers (took possession 5) of (the most striking objects for description 6) and (the most probable occurrences for fiction 7,) and left nothing to those that followed them, but transcription 8 of the same events, and new combinations 9 of the same images. Whatever be the reason, it is commonly observed, that the early writers are in possession of nature, and their followers 10 of art: that the first excel in strength and invention, and the latter in elegance and refinement.

I was desirous to add my name to this illustrious fraternity 11. I read all the poets of Persia and Arabia, and was able to repeat by memory the volumes that are suspended in the mosque of Mecca. But I soon found that no man was ever great by imitation. My desire of excellence 12 impelled 13 me to transfer 14 my attention to nature and to life 15. Nature was to be my subject, and men to be my auditors: I could never describe what I had not seen: I could not hope (to move those with delight or terror 16) whose interests and opinions I did not understand 17.

## XII.

### THE SAME SUBJECT CONTINUED.

Being now resolved to be a poet, I saw every thing (with a new purpose 18 :) my sphere of attention was suddenly magnified: no kind of knowledge (was to be overlooked 19.) I ranged mountains and deserts for 20 images and resemblances and (picture upon my mind 21) every tree of the forest

1. Partie la plus sublime de la littérature. 2. Qui tenait de. 3. Ce vienne de ce que. 4. But. 5. S'emparer. 6. Objets qui fournissaient les plus riches descriptions. 7. Evénements qui prêtaient le plus à la fiction. 8. De copier. 9. Faire de nouvelles combinaisons. 10. Successeurs. 11. Famille. 12. Exceller. 13. Engager. 14. Reporter sur. 15. Tableau de la vie. 16. Réveiller le plaisir ou la terreur dans ceux. 17. Ne connaître ni. 18. Sous un nouveau jour. 19. Je ne devais négliger. 20. Pour recueillir. 21. Pénétrer mon

and flower of the valley. I observed with equal care the crags of the rock and the pinnacles of the palace. Sometimes I wandered along the mazes of the rivulet and sometimes watched the changes of the summer-clouds. To a poet nothing can be useless. Whatever is beautiful, and whatever is dreadful, must be familiar to his imagination; he must (be conversant 22) with all that (is awfully vast or elegantly little 23). The plants of the garden, the animals of the wood, the minerals of the earth, and the meteors of the sky, must all concur to store his mind with inexhaustible variety; for every idea is useful for the (enforcement or decoration 24) of moral or religious truth; and he who knows most, will have most power 25 of diversifying his scenes. 26, and gratifying his reader with remote allusions and unexpected instructions.

All the appearances of nature (I was, therefore, careful to study,) 27, and every country which I have surveyed has contributed something to my poetical powers.

In so wide a survey, interrupted the prince, you must surely have left much unobserved. I have lived, till now, within the circuit of these mountains, and yet cannot walk abroad without the sight of something which I had never beheld before, or never heeded 28.

## XIII.

## THE SAME SUBJECT CONTINUED.

The business of a poet, said Imlac, is to examine, not the individual, but the species; to remark general properties and (large appearances 29;) he does not number the streaks of the tulip, or describe the different shades in the verdure of the forest. He is to exhibit, in his portrait nature, such prominent and striking features, as 30 recal the original to every mind; and must neglect the minuter discrimination 31, which one may have remarked, and another neglected, for those characters 32 which are alike obvious 33 to vigilance 34 and carelessness 35.

But the knowledge of nature is only half 36 the task of a

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Itself unseen, but in th' effect remains. 3  
 Some, to whom heav'n in wit has been profuse,  
 Want as much more to turn it to its use :  
 For wit and judgment often are at strife,  
 Tho' meant each other's aid, like man and wife. 4  
 'Tis more to guide, than spur the muse's steed ;  
 Restrain his fury, than provoke his speed : 5  
 The winged courser, like a gen'rous horse,  
 Shows most true mettle, when you check its course. 6

3. So in a fair body, unseen itself, but always sensible by its effects, the soul continually acting, feeds the whole with spirits, fills it with vigour, guides every motion of it, and sustains every nerve.

4. Some to whom heaven has given wit with profusion, want as much yet to know the use they ought to make of it; for wit and judgment, though made, like man and wife, to aid each other, are often in opposition.

5. It is more difficult to guide than spur the courser of the muses, and to restrain its ardour than provoke its impetuosity.

6. The winged courser is like a generous horse: the more we strive to stop it in its rapid course, the more it shows unconquerable vigour.

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### 437. EXAMPLES OF PHRASES ON THE PRINCIPAL DIFFICULTIES OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.

N.B.—It is strongly recommended that these examples be learnt by heart. They will also be found very useful, in point of reference, whenever the learner is at a loss on some point of grammar or construction. The better to enable him to find what he wants, the different chapters have been numbered, and will be found minutely described in the Table of Contents.

#### 1. *Sur les Collectifs Partitifs.*

La plupart des fruits verts sont d'un goût austère.

La plupart des gens ne se conduisent que par intérêt.

La plupart du monde se trompe.

Il méprise par philosophie les honneurs, que la plupart du monde recherche.

Il devait me fournir tant d'arbres ; mais j'en ai rejeté la moitié qui ne valait rien.

Un grand nombre de spectateurs ajoutait à la beauté du spectacle.

Toute sorte de livres ne sont pas également bons.

Beaucoup de personnes se sont présentées.

Bien des personnes se font des principes à leur fantaisie.

#### 2. *Sur quelques Verbes qu'on ne peut conjuguer avec Avoir sans faire des barbarismes.*

Il lui est échu une succession du chef de sa femme.

Il est bien déchu de son crédit.

Ne sommes-nous pas convenus du prix ?

N'est-il pas intervenu dans cette affaire, comme il l'avait promis ?

Il est survenu à l'improviste.

#### On the Collective Partitives.

*The greater part of green fruit is of a harsh taste.*

*Most people are guided only by interest.*

*The greater part of mankind are in error.*

*As a true philosopher he despises those honours which mankind in general court.*

*He was to furnish me so many trees, but I refused half of them which were good for nothing.*

*A considerable number of spectators added to the splendour of the scene.*

*Every kind of books are not equally good.*

*Many people presented themselves.*

*Many persons form principles to themselves, according to their fancy.*

#### 2. On some verbs which cannot be conjugated with the verb Avoir, without making barbarous phrases.

*An estate fell to him in right of his wife.*

*He has lost much of his credit.*

*Have we not agreed about the price ?*

*Did he not interfere in that affair as he had promised ?*

*He came up unawares.*

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Toutes les dents lui sont tom-  
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Ce propos n'est pas tombé à  
terre.

Etes-vous allé voir votre ami ?

Ils sont arrivés à midi et sont  
repartis de suite.

Ces fleurs sont à peine écloses.

Il est né de parents vertueux,  
qui n'ont rien négligé pour son  
éducation.

Mademoiselle votre sœur est-  
elle rentrée ?

Madame votre mère n'est-elle  
pas encore venue ?

3. Sur les Mots de Quantité.

Il a beaucoup d'esprit, mais  
encore plus d'amour-propre.

Il a assez d'argent pour ses  
menus plaisirs.

Il y avait bien du monde à  
l'Opéra.

Il y avait hier au Parc je ne  
sais combien de gens.

Il boit autant d'eau que de  
vin.

Il a tant d'amis qu'il ne man-  
quera de rien.

Personne n'y a plus d'intérêt  
que lui.

Il n'a pas plus d'esprit qu'il  
n'en faut.

Trop de loisir perd souvent la  
jeunesse.

J'y ai bien moins d'intérêt que  
vous.

4. Sur les Pronoms Personnels.

Sors et te retire.

Cours vite et ne t'amuse point

Il dit aujourd'hui une chose et  
demain il se démentira.

Il s'est démenti lui-même.

The snow which fell this morn-  
ing has softened the weather.

How much snow has fallen this  
morning !

All his teeth have fallen out.

That remark was not allowed  
to escape.

Have you been to see your  
friend ?

They arrived at noon and set  
out again immediately.

These flowers are scarcely  
blown.

He was born of virtuous pa-  
rents, who bestowed on him the  
best education.

Is your sister returned ?

Is not your mother come yet ?

On Words of Quantity.

He has a great deal of sense  
but still more vanity.

He has pocket-money enough  
for his pleasures.

There were a great many people  
at the Opera.

There were I do not know how  
many people in the park yester-  
day.

He drinks as much water as  
wine.

He has so many friends that he  
will want for nothing.

Nobody has more interest there  
than he.

He is not overburthened with  
sense.

Too much leisure time is fre-  
quently the ruin of youth.

I am much less concerned in it  
than you.

On the Personal Pronouns.

Go out and retire.

Go quick and do not loiter.

He advances a thing to-day,  
and will contradict himself to-  
morrow.

He has contradicted himself.

La jeunesse est naturellement emportée ; elle a besoin de quelque entrave qui la retienne,

Il ne peut voir personne dans la prospérité sans lui porter envie.

Ce que vous me dites est une énigme pour moi,

C'est un homme extrême en tout ; il aime et il hait avec fureur.

Si vous n'y avez jamais été, je vous y mènerai.

Je l'ai connu doux et modeste ; il s'est bien gâté dans le commerce de ses nouveaux amis.

Elle n'est pas encore revenue du saisissement, que lui a causé cette nouvelle.

Il menace de l'exterminer, lui et toute sa race.

Si vous n'avez que faire de ce livre-là, prêtez-le-moi.

Je lui avais envoyé un diamant, il l'a refusé, je le lui ai renvoyé.

Il apprend facilement et oublie de même.

Je lui pardonne facilement d'avoir voulu se faire auteur ; mais je ne saurais lui pardonner toutes les puérilités dont il a farci son livre.

Je me plains à vous de vous-même.

Si vous ne voulez pas être pour lui, au moins ne soyez pas contre.

Quand sera-ce que vous viendrez nous voir ?

5. Sur soi, lui, soi-même, et lui-même.

Quand on a pour soi le témoignage de sa conscience, on est bien fort.

L'estime de toute la terre ne sert de rien à un homme qui n'a pas le témoignage de sa conscience pour lui.

Un homme fait mille fautes, parce qu'il ne fait point de réflexions sur lui.

*Youth is naturally hasty, it needs some curb to restrain it.*

*He can see the prosperity of nobody, without envying them.*

*What you tell me is a perfect riddle to me.*

*He is a man that carries every thing to excess ; he is alike violent in his love and in his hatred.*

*If you have never been there, I will take you.*

*I knew him when he was gentle and modest ; he has been much corrupted by associating with his new acquaintances.*

*She is not yet recovered from the consternation into which that news threw her.*

*He threatens to exterminate him and all his family.*

*If you have done with this book, lend it me.*

*I had sent him a diamond, and he refused it, but I sent him it back again.*

*He learns easily and forgets the same.*

*I can easily pardon him for having attempted to turn author ; but I cannot pardon him all the absurdities with which he has struffed his book.*

*I complain to you of yourself.*

*If you will not be for him, at least do not be against him.*

*When will you come to see us ?*

*On soi, lui, soi-même, and lui-même.*

*The approbation of our conscience imparts great courage.*

*The good opinion of the whole world is of no use to a man who has not the approbation of his own conscience.*

*A man commits a thousand faults, because he does not reflect on future consequences.*

On fait mille fautes, quand on ne fait aucune réflexion sur soi.

*We commit a thousand faults, when we neglect to reflect on ourselves.*

Il aime mieux dire du mal de lui-même, que de n'en point parler.

*He had rather speak ill of himself, than not talk of himself at all.*

L'égoïste aimera mieux dire du mal de soi-même, que de n'en point parler.

*The selfish man prefers speaking ill of himself rather than not be the subject of his own conversation.*

On a souvent besoin d'un plus petit que soi.

*We frequently want the assistance of one who is below ourselves.*

Un prince a souvent besoin de beaucoup de gens plus petits que lui.

*A prince frequently needs the assistance of many persons inferior to himself.*

C'est un bon moyen de s'élever soi-même, que d'exalter ses pareils; et un homme adroit s'élève ainsi lui-même.

*It is an excellent method of exalting ourselves to exalt our equals, and a man of address by this means exalts himself.*

6. Sur les Pronoms Relatifs.

On the Relative Pronouns.

Il n'y a rien de si capable d'affaiblir le courage, que l'oisiveté et les délices.

*Nothing is so calculated to enervate the mind as idleness and pleasure.*

Il faut empêcher que la division, qui est dans cette famille, n'éclate.

*The dissension in that family must be prevented from becoming public.*

Il y a bien des événements que l'on suppose se passer pendant les entr'actes.

*There are many events in a piece which are supposed to happen between the acts.*

Je le trouvai qui s'habillait.

*I found him dressing.*

Qui le tirera de cet embarras, le tirera d'une grande misère.

*Whoever extricates him from this difficulty, will relieve him from much distress.*

Ceux-là sont véritablement heureux, qui croient l'être.

*Those are really happy, who think themselves so.*

Il n'y a que la vertu, qui puisse rendre un homme heureux en cette vie.

*Virtue alone can render a man happy in this life.*

Il n'y a règle si générale, qui n'ait son exception.

*There is no rule so general but it admits of exceptions.*

C'est un orateur qui se possède et qui ne se trouble jamais.

*He is an orator who is master of himself, and who is never embarrassed.*

Il n'y a pas dans le cœur humain de repli, que Dieu ne connaisse.

*There is no recess of the human heart but God perceives it.*

On n'a trouvé que quelques fragments du grand ouvrage qu'il avait promis.

*Only some fragments of the great work he had promised have been found.*

La faute, que vous avez faite, est plus importante que vous ne pensez.

*The error you have committed is of more consequence than you imagine.*

Les premières démarches qu'on fait dans le monde, ont beaucoup

*The first steps we take on entering the world have consider-*

d'influence sur le reste de la vie.

Cette farce est une des plus risibles qu'on ait encore vues.

Amassez-vous des trésors que les vers et la rouille ne puissent point gâter, et que les voleurs ne puissent point dérober.

L'incertitude, où nous sommes de ce qui doit arriver, fait que nous ne saurions prendre des mesures justes.

Je m'étonne qu'il ne voie pas le danger où il est.

L'homme dont vous parlez n'est plus ici.

Celui de qui je tiens cette nouvelle ne vous est pas connu,

Celui à qui ce beau château appartient ne l'habite presque jamais.

Ce sont des événements auxquelles il faut bien se soumettre.

C'est ce à quoi vous ne pensez guère.

#### 7. Sur le pronom Démonstratifs.

Ne point reconnaître la divinité, c'est renoncer à toutes les lumières de la raison.

Mentir, c'est mépriser Dieu et craindre les hommes.

Il y a des épidémies morales, et ce sont les plus dangereuses.

Je crois que ce que vous dites, est bien éloigné de ce que vous pensez.

Les hommes n'aiment ordinairement que ceux qui les flattent.

Celui qui persuade à un autre de faire un crime n'est guère moins coupable que celui qui le commet.

Penser ainsi, c'est s'aveugler soi-même.

Ce qu'on rapporte de lui est inconcevable.

Ce qui m'afflige, c'est de voir le triomphe du crime.

able influence on the rest of our lives.

That farce is one of the most truly comic that ever was seen.

Lay up for yourselves treasures which neither moth nor rust can corrupt, and which thieves cannot steal.

Our uncertainty as to what shall happen makes us incapable of properly providing against it.

I am astonished he does not see the danger he is in.

The man whom you are speaking of, is not here now.

The person from whom I received the intelligence is not known to you.

The proprietor of that beautiful seat seldom resides there.

These are events to which we must submit.

It is what you seldom think of.

#### On the Demonstrative Pronouns.

Not to acknowledge the divinity, is totally to renounce the light of reason.

To lie is to despise God and to fear man.

There are moral contagious diseases, and they are the most dangerous.

What you advance is, I think, widely different from your sentiments.

Men in general love only those who flatter them.

He who persuades another to the commission of a crime, is hardly less guilty than he who commits it.

To think in this manner is to be wilfully blind.

The reports concerning him are hardly conceivable.

What distresses me is to see guilt triumphant.

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Connaissez-vous la jeune Emilie; c'est une enfant dont tout le monde dit du bien.

Imitez en tout votre amie; elle est douce, appliquée, honnête et compatissante.

*Do you know little Emily? she is a child of whom every body speaks well.*

*Imitate your friend in every thing; she is gentle, assiduous, polite and compassionate.*

8. Sur le Verbe avoir employé à l'Impersonnel.

Remarque.—Quand le verbe avoir s'emploie à l'Impersonnel, c'est dans le sens d'être, et alors il se joint toujours avec y.

Il y a un an que je ne vous ai vu.

Y a-t-il des nouvelles?

Non, il n'y en a pas, du moins que je sache.

N'y a-t-il pas cinquante-quatre milles de Londres à Brighton?

Il y avait déjà beaucoup de monde lorsque j'arrivai.

Il n'y avait hier presque personne au Parc.

Y avait-il de grands débats?

N'y avait-il pas beaucoup de curieux.

Je l'avais vu il y avait à peine vingt-quatre heures.

Il n'y avait pas deux jours qu'il avait dîné chez moi.

Y avait-il si long-temps que vous ne l'aviez vu?

Il y eut hier un bal chez Mr. A. tel,

Il n'y eut pas hier de spectacle.

Y eut-il beaucoup de confusion et de désordre?

N'y eut-il pas un beau feu d'artifice?

Il y a eu aujourd'hui une foule immense à la promenade.

Il n'y a pas eu de bal, comme on l'avait annoncé.

Est-il vrai qu'il y a eu un duel?

N'y a-t-il pas eu dans sa conduite un peu trop d'emportement?

Quand il y eut eu une explication, les esprits se calmèrent.

N'y avait-il pas eu un plus grand nombre de spectateurs?

On the Verb Avoir, to have, employed impersonally.

*When the verb avoir is used impersonally it signifies être, to be, and in this sense it is always accompanied by the adverb y.*

*It is a twelvemonth since I saw you.*

*Is there any news?*

*No, there is none at least that I know.*

*Is not it fifty-four miles from London to Brighton?*

*There were already a great many people when I arrived.*

*There was hardly any body in the Park yesterday.*

*Were there violent debates?*

*Were there not many spectators?*

*I had seen him scarcely four-and-twenty hours before.*

*He had dined with me not two days before.*

*Was it so long since you had seen him?*

*There was yesterday a ball at Mr. A's.*

*There was no play yesterday.*

*Was there a great deal of confusion and disorder.*

*Were there not beautiful fire-works?*

*There was an immense crowd to-day in the public walks.*

*There has not been any ball as had been mentioned.*

*Is it true that there has been a duel?*

*Was there not rather too much hastiness in his behaviour?*

*After there had been an explanation, tranquillity was restored.*

*Was not there a greater number of spectators?*

*Il y aura demain un simulacre de combat naval.*

*Il n'y aura aucun de vous.*

*Y aura-t-il une bonne récolte cette année ?*

*N'y aura-t-il pas quelqu'un de votre famille ?*

*A coup sûr il y aura eu bien du désordre ?*

*Sur cent personnes, il n'y en aura pas eu dix de satisfaites.*

*Y aura-t-il eu un bon souper ?*

*N'y aura-t-il eu pas de mécontents ?*

*Il y avait de la malhonnêteté dans ce procédé.*

*Il n'y aurait pas grand mal à cela.*

*Y aurait-il quelqu'un assez hardi pour l'attaquer ?*

*N'y aurait-il pas quelqu'un assez charitable pour l'avertir de ce qu'on dit de lui ?*

*Il y aurait eu de l'imprudence à cela.*

*Il n'y aurait pas eu tant de mésintelligence, si l'on m'en avait cru.*

*Il n'y aurait pas eu dix personnes.*

*Y aurait-il eu de l'inconvénient.*

*N'y aurait-il pas eu de jaloux pour le traverser dans ses projets ?*

*Je ne crois pas qu'il y ait un spectacle plus magnifique.*

*Je désirerais qu'il y eût moins de fausseté dans le commerce de la vie.*

*Je n'ai pas oui-dire qu'il y ait eu hier des nouvelles du continent.*

*Auriez-vous cru qu'il y eût eu tant de personnes compromises dans cette affaire ?*

*To-morrow there will be a mock sea-fight.*

*There will be none of you.*

*Will not there be a good harvest this year ?*

*Will not there be some of your family ?*

*There must certainly have been much disorder.*

*Out of a hundred persons there will not have been ten satisfied.*

*Will there have been a good supper ?*

*Will there not have been some dissatisfied people ?*

*Such a step would have been uncivil.*

*There would be no great harm in that.*

*Would there be any one bold enough to attack him ?*

*Would there be nobody kind enough to acquaint him with what is said of him ?*

*There would have been some imprudence in that.*

*There would not have been so great a misunderstanding had I been believed.*

*There would not have been ten persons.*

*Would there have been any inconvenience ?*

*Would there not have been some envious persons to thwart him in his designs ?*

*I do not think there can be a more superb spectacle.*

*I wish there was less duplicity in the concerns of life.*

*I have not heard that there was any news from the continent yesterday.*

*Could you have thought so many persons would have been exposed in that affair ?*

### 9 Phrases Diverses.

*Sa vie, ses actions, ses paroles, son air même et sa démarche, tout prêche, tout édifie en lui.*

### Promiscuous Phrases.

*His life, his actions, his very look and deportment, every thing in him instructs and edifies.*

On craignait qu'il n'arrivât quelque désordre dans l'assemblée, mais toutes choses s'y passèrent fort doucement.

La vigne et le lierre s'entortillent autour des ormes.

On ne disconvient point qu'il ne soit brave, mais il est un peu trop fanfaron.

Le cadet est riche, mais l'aîné l'est encore davantage.

Le ciel est couvert de nuages, et l'orage est prêt à fondre.

Après qu'il eut franchi les Alpes avec ses troupes, il entra en Italie.

La frugalité rend les corps plus sains et plus robustes.

Ce discours est peut-être un des plus beaux morceaux d'éloquence, qu'il y ait jamais eus.

C'est un homme qui aime la liberté; il ne se gêne pour qui que ce soit.

Il est plus haut que moi de deux doigts.

Irez-vous vous exposer à la barbarie et à l'inhospitalité de ces peuples?

A la longue, les erreurs disparaissent, et la vérité surnage.

Si vous le prenez avec moi sur ce ton de fierté, je serai aussi fier que vous.

C'est un homme rigide, qui ne pardonne rien, ni aux autres ni à lui-même.

Les uns montent, les autres descendent, ainsi va la roue de la fortune.

Je ne vois rien de solide dans tout ce que vous me proposez.

L'art n'a jamais rien produit de plus beau.

Lequel est-ce des deux qui a tort?

On aime quelquefois la trahison, mais on hait toujours les traîtres.

*It was apprehended some disorder would take place in the assembly, but every thing went off very quietly.*

*The vine and the ivy twist round the elms.*

*They do not deny that he is brave, but he boasts rather too much.*

*The youngest is rich, but the eldest is still more so.*

*The sky is covered with clouds, and the storm is preparing to burst.*

*After having crossed the Alps with his troops, he entered Italy.*

*Temperance imparts an increase of health and strength to the body.*

*This speech is perhaps one of the finest pieces of eloquence that were ever delivered.*

*He is a man fond of liberty, he will be constrained by nobody.*

*He is taller than I by two inches.*

*Will you go and expose yourself to the barbarity and inhospitality of those nations?*

*In time, errors vanish and truth survives.*

*If you treat me with that haughtiness, I can be as haughty as you.*

*He is a stern man, who pardons nothing either in himself or others.*

*Some rise, others descend; thus goes the wheel of fortune.*

*I see nothing certain in all you propose to me.*

*It is one of the finest productions of art.*

*Which of the two is in the wrong?*

*We sometimes like treason, but we always hate the traitor.*

## 10 Continuation.

L'éléphant se sert de sa trompe pour prendre et pour enlever tout ce qu'il veut.

Plus j'examine cette personne, plus je crois l'avoir vue quelque part.

La nuit vint, de façon que je fus contraint de me retirer.

Il faut vivre de façon qu'on ne fasse tort à personne.

Elle sut qu'on attaquait son mari; elle courut aussitôt tout éperdue pour le secourir.

Je trouvai ses parents tout éplorés.

Cet arbre pousse ses branches toutes droites.

J'en ai encore la mémoire tout fraîche.

Il a voulu faire voir par cet essai qu'il pouvait réussir en quelque chose de plus grand.

Il fut blessé au front et mourut de cette blessure.

Ces chevaux prirent le mors aux dents et entraînent le carrosse.

C'est un homme qui compose sans chaleur, ni imagination: tout ce qu'il écrit est froid et plat.

Ce bâtiment a plus de profondeur que de largeur.

Cet homme est un prodige de savoir, de science, de valeur, d'esprit et de mémoire.

Il est attaché à l'un et à l'autre, mais plus à l'un qu'à l'autre.

Ils ont bien l'air l'un de l'autre.

Si l'on ruine cet homme-là, le contre-coup retombera sur vous.

Il serait mort, si on ne l'eût assisté avec soin.

Ce poème serait parfait, si les incidents, qui le font languir, n'interrompaient la continuité de l'action.

## 11. Continuation.

Quand je le voudrais, je ne le pourrais pas.

## Continuation.

*The elephant makes use of his trunk to take and lift anything he pleases.*

*The more I look at that person, the more I think I have seen him somewhere.*

*Night came on, so that I was obliged to retire.*

*We must live in such a manner as to injure nobody.*

*She knew her husband was attacked, and in a state of distraction, ran to his assistance.*

*I found her relations all in tears.*

*The branches of that tree grow quite straight.*

*It is still quite fresh on my memory.*

*He wished to show by that attempt that he could succeed in an enterprise of more consequence.*

*He was wounded in the forehead, and died of his wound.*

*Those horses ran away with the carriage.*

*He is a man that writes without the least warmth or animation; all his productions are cold and insipid.*

*That building has more depth than it has breadth.*

*That man is a prodigy of knowledge, judgment, courage, sense, and memory.*

*He is attached to both, but to one more than the other.*

*They very much look like one another.*

*If that man is ruined, his misfortune will recoil upon you.*

*He would have died if he had not been kindly assisted.*

*That would be a perfect poem, if the incidents which give a heaviness to it, did not break the connexion of the subject.*

## Continuation.

*If I were disposed, I could not do it.*

Je serai toujours votre ami, quand même vous ne le voudriez pas.

*I shall ever be your friend, even though you should not wish it.*

Quand vous auriez réussi, que vous en serait-il revenu ?

*Though you had succeeded, what were you to have derived from it ?*

Quand on découvrirait votre démarche, on ne pourrait la blâmer.

*Should the steps you have taken be discovered they could not be blamed.*

Quand vous auriez consulté quelqu'un sur votre mariage, vous n'auriez pas mieux réussi.

*Had you consulted somebody about your marriage, you could not have succeeded better.*

Le tonnerre et l'éclair ne sont sensibles que par la propagation du bruit et de la lumière jusqu'à l'œil et à l'oreille.

*Thunder and lightning are only perceptible by the transmission of sound and light to the ear and eye.*

Le langage de la prose est plus simple et moins figuré que celui des vers.

*Prose language is much more simple and less figurative than poetry.*

Le commencement de son discours est toujours assez sage ; mais, dans la suite, à force de vouloir s'élever, il se perd dans les nues : on ne sait plus ni ce qu'on voit, ni ce qu'on entend.

*The beginning of his speech is always tolerably sensible: but afterwards, by affecting the sublime, he loses himself, and we no longer understand either what we see or hear.*

C'est une faute excusable dans un autre homme, mais à un homme aussi sage que lui, elle ne se peut pardonner.

*This fault would be excusable in another man, but in a man of his sense it is unpardonable.*

Il ne suffit pas de paraître honnête homme, il faut l'être.

*It is not enough to appear to be an honest man, we must be so.*

Il nous a reçus avec bonté, et nous a écoutés avec patience.

*He received us with kindness and heard us patiently.*

Tout y est si bien peint qu'on croit voir ce qu'il décrit.

*Every thing in it is so well delineated you think you see what he describes.*

On ne pense rien de vous, qui ne vous soit glorieux.

*They think nothing of you but what is to your honour.*

Les eaux de citernes ne sont que des eaux de pluie ramassées.

*Cistern water is generally only rain water collected.*

S'il n'est pas fort riche, du moins a-t-il de quoi vivre honnêtement.

*If he is not rich at least he has enough to live upon respectably.*

Quel quantième du mois avons-nous ?

*What day of the month is it ?*

Il lui tarde qu'il ne soit majeur, il compte les jours et les mois.

*He longs to be of age and counts the days and months.*

Des qualités excellentes, jointes à de rares talents, font le parfait mérite.

*Excellent qualities joined to distinguished talents constitute perfect merit.*

Il a une mauvaise qualité, s'est qu'il ne saurait garder un secret.

*He has one bad quality, he cannot keep a secret.*

12. *Modèles de Phrases dans lesquelles, on doit faire usage de l'Article.*

*L'Homme* est sujet à bien des vicissitudes,

*Les hommes* d'un vrai génie sont rares.

*Les hommes* à imagination sont rarement heureux.

*L'homme* dont vous parlez, est un de mes amis.

*La vie* est un mélange de biens et de maux.

*La perfection* en tout genre est le but auquel on doit tendre.

*La beauté, les grâces et l'esprit* sont des avantages bien précieux quand ils sont relevés par la modestie.

Voilà des tableaux d'une grande beauté.

Faites-vous des principes, dont vous ne vous écartiez jamais.

Cet arbre porte des fruits excellents.

Ces raisons sont des conjectures bien faibles.

Servez-vous des termes établis par l'usage.

On doit éviter l'air de l'affectation.

*Le Jupiter* de Phidias était d'une grande beauté.

*Continuation des mêmes Phrases.*

*La mémoire* est le trésor de l'esprit, le fruit de l'attention et de la réflexion.

J'achetai hier des gravures précieuses et rares.

*La France* est le plus beau pays de l'Europe.

L'intérêt de l'Allemagne était opposé à celui de la Russie.

*La longueur de l'Angleterre* du nord au sud est de 360 milles et sa largeur de l'est à l'ouest est de 300.

Il arrive de la Chine, du Japon, et des Indes Orientales, etc.

Il arrive de l'Amérique, de la Barbade, de la Jamaïque, etc.

Examples of Phrases in which the Article is used.

*Man* is liable to a variety of changes.

*Men* of real genius are scarce.

*Men* of visionary character are seldom happy.

*The man* you speak of is a friend of mine.

*Life* is a compound of good and evil.

*Perfection* in every thing ought to be our object.

*Beauty, gracefulness, and wit,* are valuable endowments when heightened by modesty.

*These* are very beautiful pictures.

*Establish* rules for yourself, and never deviate from them.

*This tree* bears very excellent fruit.

*These* reasons are very idle conjectures.

*Use* the expressions established by custom.

*We* ought to avoid the appearance of affectation.

*The Jupiter* of Phidias was extremely beautiful.

*The same Phrases continued.*

*Memory* is the treasure of the mind, the result of attention and reflection.

*I* yesterday bought some valuable and scarce engravings.

*France* is the finest country in Europe.

*The German* interest was contrary to the Russian.

*The length* of England from north to south is 360 miles, and its breadth from east to west is 300.

He comes from China, Japan, and the East Indies.

He comes from America, Barbadoes, Jamaica, etc.

Il vient de la Flandre Française.

Il s'est établi dans la province de Middlesex.

Des petits-mâîtres sont des êtres insupportables dans la société.

C'est l'opinion des nouveaux philosophes.

Elle a bien de la grâce dans tout ce qu'elle fait.

Cette étoffe se vend une guinée l'aune.

Ce vin coûte 70 livres sterlings la pièce.

13. Modèles de Phrases dans lesquelles on ne doit pas faire usage de l'Article.

Nos connaissances doivent être tirés de principes évidents.

Cet arbre porte d'excellents fruits.

Ces raisons sont de faibles conjectures.

Évitez tout ce qui a un air d'affectation.

Ces exemples peuvent servir de modèles.

Il a une grande présence d'esprit.

La mémoire de raison et d'esprit est plus utile que les autres sortes de mémoire.

Peu de personnes réfléchissent sur la rapidité de la vie.

Que d'événements inconcevables se sont succédés les uns aux autres !

Il y a plus d'esprit, mais moins de connaissance, dans ce siècle que dans le siècle dernier.

On ne vit jamais autant d'effronterie.

Je pris hier beaucoup de peine pour rien.

Candie est une des îles les plus agréables de la Méditerranée.

Il arrive de Perse, d'Italie, d'Espagne, etc.

Il est revenu de Suisse, d'Allemagne, etc.

He comes from French Flanders.

He has settled in the county of Middlesex.

Coxcombs are insufferable beings in society.

It is the opinion of the new philosophers.

She does every thing most gracefully.

This stuff sells at a guinea the ell.

This wine costs seventy pounds the hoghead.

Examples of phrases in which the Article is omitted.

Our knowledge ought to be derived from evident principles.

This tree produces excellent fruit.

These reasons are idle conjectures.

Avoid whatever bears the appearance of affectation.

These examples may serve as models.

He has great presence of mind.

The memory of reason and sense is more useful than any other kind of memory.

Few people reflect on the rapidity of life.

How many inconceivable events have followed in succession !

There's more wit but less knowledge in this age than in the last.

So much assurance never was met with.

I took a great deal of trouble yesterday about nothing.

Candia is one of the most agreeable islands in the Mediterranean.

He comes from Persia, Italy, and Spain, etc.

He is returned from Switzerland, Germany, etc.

Les vins de France seront chers cette année; les vignes ont coulé.

L'empire d'Allemagne est composé de grands et de petits états.

Les chevaux d'Angleterre sont excellents.

Après mon départ de Suisse je me retirai à Rome.

14. Continuation des mêmes Phrases.

Vous trouverez ce passage page 120, livre premier, chapitre dix.

Il s'est retiré en Angleterre.

Il vit dans sa retraite en vrai philosophe.

Quand il réfléchit sur sa conduite, il en eut honte.

C'est un homme qui cherche fortune.

Il entend malice à tout.

Ne portez envie à personne.

Si vous promettez, tenez parole.

Dans les affaires importantes ne vous décidez jamais sans prendre conseil.

Courage, soldats, tenons fermes; la victoire est à nous.

Cette femme n'a ni grâce ni beauté.

Monseigneur le duc, etc. prince du sang, alla hier à la campagne.

Montrer tant de faiblesse, c'est n'être pas homme.

Cet homme est une espèce de misanthrope, dont les brusqueries sont quelque fois très-plaisantes.

L'ananas est une sorte de fruit très-commun aux Antilles.

C'est un genre de vie qui ne me plaît point.

15. Continuation des mêmes phrases.

Cette dame plaît à tout le monde par son honnêteté et sa douceur.

Tout homme a des défauts plus ou moins sensibles.

French wines will be dear this year; the vines have ran.

The German empire is composed of great and small states.

The English horses are excellent.

On my leaving Switzerland, I retired to Rome.

Continuation of the same Phrases.

You will find this passage in page 120, book the first, chapter the tenth.

He has retired to England.

He lives in his retreat, like a real philosopher.

When he reflected on his conduct, he was ashamed of it.

He is a man that seeks fortune, he his a fortune hunter.

He puts a malicious construction on every thing.

Envy nobody.

If you promise, keep your word.

In matters of consequence never decide without advice.

Cheer up, soldiers, let us continue firm, the day is our own.

This woman is destitute both of grace and beauty.

The duke of, etc. a prince of the blood, went yesterday into the country.

To shew so much weakness is not a thing like a man.

This man is a kind of misanthropist, whose oddities are sometimes comical.

The pine-apple is a kind of fruit very common in the Antilles.

It is a kind of life that is not agreeable to me.

The same sentences continued.

This lady pleases every one for her good breeding and mildness.

Every man has defects more or less obvious.

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*Cette conduite augmentait chaque jour le nombre de ses amis.*

*Tout les biens nous viennent de Dieu.*

*Vénus était la déesse de la beauté, et la mère de l'amour et des grâces.*

*Selon les païens Jupiter était le premier des dieux.*

*Apollon était frère jumeau de Diane.*

*Rubens a été un grand peintre.*

*Homère et Virgile sont les deux plus grands poètes épiques.*

*London est la plus belle ville que je connaisse.*

*L'eau de rivière est douce, et l'eau de mer est salée.*

*C'est un excellent poisson de mer.*

*Voilà une superbe table de marbre.*

*L'eau de Seine est celle qu'on préfère à Paris.*

*Pauvreté n'est pas vice.*

*Citoyens, étrangers, grands peuples, se sont montrés sensibles à cette perte.*

*This behaviour daily increased the number of his friends.*

*Every blessing comes from God.*

*Venus was the goddess of beauty and the mother of love and the graces.*

*According to the Heathens, Jupiter was the first of the gods.*

*Appollo was twin brother to Diana.*

*Rubens was a great painter.*

*Homer and Virgil are the two greatest epic poets.*

*London is the finest city that I know.*

*River water is sweet, and sea water is salt.*

*It is an excellent sea fish.*

*There is a suberb marble table.*

*The water of the Seine is preferred at Paris.*

*Poverly is not a vice.*

*Citizens, strangers, grandees, people, have shown themselves sensible of this loss.*

16. *Modèles de Phrases sur le pronom Le.*

*Est-ce là votre opinion?—ne doutez point que ce ne la soit.*

*Sont-ce là vos domestiques?—oui, ce les sont.*

*Mesdames, êtes-vous les étrangères qu'on m'a annoncées?—oui, nous les sommes.*

*Madame, êtes-vous la malade pour laquelle on m'a appelé?—oui, je la suis.*

*Madames, êtes-vous la mère de cet enfant?—oui, je la suis.*

*Mesdame, êtes-vous contentes de cette musique?—oui, nous le sommes.*

*Elles est malheureuse, et je crains bien, qu'elle ne le soit toute sa vie.*

*Madam, êtes-vous mère?—oui, je le suis.*

Forms of Phrases upon the pronoun *Le*.

*Is that your opinion?—do not question it.*

*Are those your servants?—yes, they are.*

*Ladies, are you the strangers that have been announced to me? yes, we are.*

*Madam, are you the sick person for whom I have been called? yes, I am.*

*Madame, are you the mother of this child?—yes, I am.*

*Ladies, are you pleased with this music?—yes, we are.*

*She is unhappy, and I much fear she will continue so for life.*

*Madam, are you a mother?—yes, I am.*

Madame, depuis quel temps êtes-vous mariée ?—je le suis depuis un an.

Y a-t-il long-temps que vous êtes arrivée ?—je le suis depuis quinze jours.

Aristote croyait que le monde était de tout éternité ; mais Platon ne le croyait pas.

Quoique cette femme montre plus de fermeté que les autres, elle n'est pas pour cela la moins affligée.

Cette femme a l'art de répandre des larmes dans le temps même qu'elle est le moins affligée.

17. *Modèles de Phrases sur les différentes règles du participe passé.*

La nouvelle pièce a-t-elle été applaudie ?

Vos y parents seront-ils arrivés à temps ?

Elle s'est donné de belles robes.

Elles nous ont apporté de superbes œillets.

Cette ruse ne lui a pas réussi.

La vie tranquille que j'ai menée depuis dix ans, a beaucoup contribué à me faire oublier mes malheurs.

Les lettres que j'ai reçues, m'ont beaucoup affligée.

Que de peines vous vous êtes données !

Quelle tâche vous vous êtes imposée !

C'est une satire que j'ai retrouvée dans mes papiers.

Les lettres qu'a écrites Pliny le jeune, quelque agréables qu'elles soient, se ressentent néanmoins un peu de la décadence du goût parmi les Romains.

Je ne serais pas entré avec vous dans tous ces détails de grammaire, si je ne les avais crus nécessaires.

L'Égypte s'était rendue célèbre par la sagesse de ses lois, long-

Madam, how long have you been married? I have been married a year.

Have you long been arrived?—a fortnight.

Aristotle believed the world to have been from all eternity, but Plato did not.

Although this woman shows more resolution than the others, she is nevertheless not the least distressed.

This woman had the art of shedding tears, even when she is least distressed.

Forms of Phrases upon the different rules of the participle past.

Did the new piece meet with applause?

Will your relations arrive there in time?

She has given herself fine gowns.

They have brought us beautiful pinks.

He has not succeeded in this stratagem.

The quiet life I have led these ten years has greatly contributed to make me forget my misfortunes.

The letters I have received have greatly distressed me.

What a deal of trouble you have given yourself!

What a task you have imposed on yourself!

It is a satire that I have again found within my papers.

The letters which the younger Pliny has written, however agreeable they may be, savour nevertheless a little of the decline of taste among the Romans.

I would not have entered into these grammatical details with you, had I not thought them necessary.

Egypt had become celebrated for the wisdom of its laws, long-

temps avant que la Grèce sortit de la barbarie.

C'est une des plus grandes merveilles qu'on ait vues.

L'homme de lettres, dont vous m'avez parlé, a un gout exquis.

Vous avez très-bien instruit vos élèves.

Lucrece s'est donné la mort.

La sécheresse qu'il y a eu au printemps a fait pûrir tous les fruits.

Je n'ai point réussi, malgré les mesures que vous m'avez conseillé de prendre.

Quelle aventure vous est-il arrivé ?

Cette femme s'est proposée pour modèle à ses enfants.

Cette femme s'est proposé d'enseigner la géographie et l'histoire à ses enfants.

18. *Modèles de Phrases sur les principaux rapports des modes et des temps.*

Je l'attendais depuis long-temps quand il vint me joindre.

Il sortit au moment même que j'entraî.

Je commençais à avoir des craintes sur la réussite de votre affaire, lorsque j'ai reçu votre lettre.

Dès que j'eus fait quelques visites indispensables, je rentraî chez moi, et je ne sortis plus.

J'avais déjà tout préparé pour mon départ, lorsque des affaires imprévues m'ont forcé à le différer de quelques jours.

Vous étiez déjà sorti, quand je me présentai chez vous.

J'avais déjà livré à l'impression mon ouvrage, lorsque vous me demandiez si je le donnerais bientôt au public.

Lorsque j'ai eu terminé mon affaire, vous avez commencé la vôtre.

Lorsque j'eus déjeûné, je montai à cheval, et je fus à Londres.

before Greece had emerged from barbarism.

It is one of the greatest wonders that has ever been seen.

The man of letters you spoke to me of has an excellent taste.

You have taught your pupils extremely well.

Lucretia killed herself.

The dry weather we had in the spring has destroyed all the fruit.

I have not succeeded notwithstanding the steps you advised me to take.

What adventures have you met with ?

This woman proposed herself as a model for her children.

This woman proposed to teach geography and history to her children.

Forms of Phrases upon the principal relations of moods and tenses.

I had waited a long time for him, when he came to me.

He was going out at the time I was entering.

I was beginning to be apprehensive of the success of your business when I received your letter.

As soon as I had paid some indispensable visits, I went home and did not go out afterwards.

I had already made every preparation for my departure, when some unexpected business occurred that obliged me to defer it for some days.

You were already gone out when I called upon you.

My work had been sent to be printed, when you asked me if I should soon bring it out.

When I had terminated my business, you began yours.

When I had done breakfast, I got on horseback, and went to London.

Lorsque j'aurai lu la nouvelle pièce, je vous dirai avec franchise ce que j'en pense.

19. *Modèles de Phrases sur l'emploi des Auxiliaires aller, venir de, à voir, pouvoir.*

Je vais partir à l'instant même.

Nous allons vous expliquer cela en deux mots.

Nous allons nous mettre à table lorsqu'il est entré.

J'allais lui offrir mon bras, lorsque je m'aperçus de ma méprise.

On allait en venir aux mains, mais la nuit venant à tomber, on remit l'attaque au lendemain.

Je viens de les voir ensemble.

Elle vient de se marier avec un homme fort riche.

Leur père vient de mourir, ainsi il n'est pas probable qu'elles aillent en société.

Mon frère venait de sortir.

Nous venions de diner.

Si vous avez quelque chose à leur dire, je m'en chargerai, je dois les voir aujourd'hui.

Vous ne devez pas lui répondre ainsi.

Dois je attendre ?

Elle doit avoir quinze ans au moins.

Il doit être à la maison car je ne l'ai pas vu sortir.

Je devais sortir, mais le mauvais temps m'en a empêché.

Ne deviez-vous pas vous mettre en route lundi dernier.

Ils devaient m'en prévenir.

Cela devait être le meilleur parti.

Vous devriez lui dire la vérité.

Devrais-je obéir à des ordres si injustes.

Il aurait dû revenir de suite.

When I have read the new play, I will candidly give you my opinion of it.

Examples on the use of the Auxiliaries *aller, venir de, devoir, pouvoir,*

*I am off this very instant.*

*We will explain it to you in two words.*

*We were going to sit down w table when he entered.*

*I was on the point of offering my arm to her, when saw my mistake.*

*They were on the moment of engaging, but night falling, they put off the attack until the next day.*

*I have this moment seen them together.*

*She has just married a very rich man.*

*Their father has recently died, it is not likely therefore they should go into company.*

*My brother had just gone out.*

*We had not long dined.*

*If you have any message to send to them, I will take it, for I am to see them to-day.*

*You are not to answer him in this manner.*

*Am I to wait, or must I wait ?*

*She must be fifteen at least.*

*He must be at home, for I did not see him go out.*

*I intended to go out, I was to have gone out, but the bad weather prevented me.*

*Where were you not to have set off on Monday last.*

*They ought to have told me of it.*

*That must have been the best determination.*

*You should speak the truth to him.*

*Ought I to obey such unjust orders ?*

*He ought to have returned directly.*

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Nous n'aurions pas dû dépenser follement.

Mon frère pourrait vous reconduire.

Nous pourrions lui en parler, lorsqu'il sera moins occupé.

Ne pourrions-nous pas passer par Bath ?

Il me semble qu'elle aurait pu mieux faire.

Les troupes auraient pu débarquer sur nos côtes.

We ought not to have spent extravagantly.

My brother must see you home.

We might mention it to him when he is less engaged.

Might we not return through Bath ?

It appears to me that she might have done better.

The troops might have landed on our coasts.

20. Models to show how to render will, shall, would, should, elliptically used.

Iriez-vous à Rome, si vous le pouviez ? — oui, j'irais.

Auriez-vous consenti à ces conditions, si on vous les avait proposées ? oui, sans doute.

Irez-vous demain à Londres, si vous le pouvez ? — oui, j'irai.

Il sera sûrement parti, si vous l'avez voulu.

J'ai bien dormi, mais non pas lui.

N'a-t-il pas une jolie terre en Normandie ? oui, Monsieur.

Nous avons été au spectacle hier au soir. Vraiment ! or ah !

Elle n'a pas de fortune. Vraiment !

Mes compliments chez vous. Je n'y manquerai pas.

Je dis qu'il y était ; mais ma sœur dit que non.

Je vous dis que oui, et moi, je vous dis que non.

Vous eussiez laissé échapper une occasion si favorable, si l'on ne vous eût averti à temps.

Would you go to Rome if it were in your power ? yes, I would.

Would you have agreed to these terms, had they been proposed to you ? Yes I would.

Shall you go to London tomorrow, if you can ? yes, I shall.

He will certainly have set out, if you have wished it.

I have slept well, but he has not.

Has he not a pretty estate in Normandy ? yes, he has.

We went to the play last night. Did you ?

She has no fortune of her own. Has she not ?

My compliments at home. I will.

I say he was there, but my sister says he was not.

I tell you it is, and I tell you it is not.

You would have let so favourable an opportunity slip, had you not been warned in time.

21. Continuation des mêmes Phrases.

On dit que vous partez aujourd'hui pour Paris.

Tout le monde soutient que vous accepterez la place qu'on vous offre.

On soupçonne que vous aviez hier reçu cette agréable nouvelle quand on vous rencontra.

The same Phrases continued.

It is said that you set off to-day for Paris.

Every one maintains that you will accept the place that is offered to you.

It is suspected that you had received this agreeable intelligence when you were met yesterday.

Beaucoup de vos amis croient que vous partîtes hier pour la campagne.

Le bruit se répand que vous avez fait une grosse perte.

J'apprends dans l'instant que vous fussiez parti il y a trois jours, si des engagements, que vous aviez contractés depuis long-temps, ne vous avaient retenu.

N'est-il pas vrai que vous partiriez aujourd'hui, si vous le pouviez ?

Est-il vrai que vous seriez parti depuis long-temps pour la campagne, si votre amour pour les arts ne vous avait retenu à la ville ?

Je ne crois pas que vous partiez, quoique tout le monde l'assure.

Je ne croyais pas qu'il fût si-tôt de retour.

Il a fallu qu'il ait eu affaire à bien des personnes.

Je doute que votre ami fût venu à bout de ses projets, s'il n'avait pas été fortement protégé.

Il n'est point d'homme, quel que mérite qu'il ait, qui ne fût très-mortifié, s'il savait tout ce qu'on pense de lui.

Vous ne vous persuadiez pas que les affaires pussent si mal tourner.

## 22. Modèles de Phrases sur la Négative Ne.

Il n'y a pas beaucoup d'argent chez les gens de lettres.

Il n'y a point de ressource dans une personne qui n'a point d'esprit.

C'est à tort que vous l'accusez de jouer ; je vous assure qu'il ne joue point.

Entrez dans le salon ; vous pourrez lui parler ; il ne joue pas.

Many of your friends believe that you set out yesterday for the country.

There is a report that you have met with a considerable loss.

I have this moment learnt that you would have set out three days since, had not engagements which you had formed long ago, detained you.

It is not true that you would set out to-day, if you could ?

Is it true that you would have set out for the country long since, had not your love for the arts detained you in town ?

I do not imagine that you will set out, although every body asserts it.

I did not believe he had gone back so soon.

He must have had business with a great many people.

I doubt that your friend would have succeeded in his plans, had he not been strongly patronised.

There is not a man, whatever merit he may possess, that would not be very much mortified, were he to know every thing that is thought of him.

You never persuaded yourself that matters could have taken so unfortunate a turn.

## Forms of Phrases upon the negative Ne.

There is not much money to be found among men of letters.

There are no resources in a person deprived of sense.

You accuse him wrongfully of gaming ; I assure you he never does.

Go into my room, you may speak to him ; he is not playing.

Si pour avoir du bien, il en coûte à la probité, je n'en veux point.

Rien n'est sûr avec les capricieux: vous croyez être bien en faveur; point du tout: l'instant de la plus belle humeur est suivi de la plus fâcheuse.

Vous ne cessez de nous répéter les mêmes choses.

Je n'aurais osé vous en parler le premier.

Malgré ses protections il n'a pu réussir dans ses projets.

Cet ouvrage serait fort bon, n'était la négligence du style.

Y a-t-il quelqu'un dont elle ne médise?

J'ai pris tant de goût pour une vie retirée, que je ne sors presque jamais.

Voilà ce qui s'est passé; n'en parlez à personne.

Mon parti est pris; ne n'en parlez plus.

N'employez aucun de ces moyens; ils sont indignes de vous.

Rien n'est plus joli.

Je ne dis rien que je ne pense.

Je ne fais jamais d'excès que je n'en sois incommodé.

23 Continuation des mêmes Phrases.

C'est un homme pour qui je n'ai ni amour, ni estime.

Il n'est ni assez prudent ni assez éclairé.

Je vous assure que je ne le fréquente ni ne le vois.

Ne faire que parcourir les différentes branches des connaissances humaines sans

*I do not wish to make a fortune, if it can only be done at the expense of honesty.*

*Nothing is certain with capricious people: you think yourself in favour, by no means: the moment of the best humour is followed by that of the worst.*

*You are constantly repeating the same thing to us.*

*I should not have dared to be the first to speak to you of it.*

*With all his interest he has not been able to succeed in his plans.*

*This work would be very good, were it not for the negligence of the style.*

*Is there any one she does not slander?*

*I have acquired so great a taste for retirement, that I seldom go out.*

*This is what has passed; do not mention it to any one.*

*My resolution is fixed; talk to me no more of it.*

*Do not employ any one of these measures, they are unworthy of you.*

*Nothing is more beautiful.*

*I never speak but what I think.*

*I never commit any excess without suffering by it.*

Continuation of the same Phrases.

*He is a man for whom I have neither love nor esteem.*

*He is neither sufficiently prudent nor enlightened.*

*I assure you I neither associate with him nor see him.*

*To go through the different branches of human knowledge only, without fixing upon any,*

s'arrêter à aucune, c'est moins chercher à s'instruire, qu'à tuer le temps.

*Que n'êtes-vous toujours aussi complaisant ?*

Il ne le fera pas à moins que vous ne l'y engagiez.

Il n'ira pas, si vous ne l'en priez.

Il nous a menacés de se venger; nous n'avons fait qu'en rire.

Trop d'insouciance ne peut que nuire.

Que devenez-vous ? il y a trois mois que nous ne vous avons vu ?

Comment vous êtes-vous porté depuis que nous ne vous avons vu ?

C'est bien pire qu'on ne le disait.

Peu s'en faut que je n'aie donné tête baissée dans le piège.

Dites la vérité en toute occasion; on méprise toujours ceux qui parlent autrement qu'il ne pensent.

Ne désespérez pas que la vérité ne se fasse jour à la longue.

Je ne disconviens pas que la chose ne soit ainsi.

Prenez garde qu'on ne vous entraîne dans quelque fausse démarche.

J'empêcherai bien qu'on ne vous nuise dans cette affaire.

Il craint qu'on ne le soupçonne d'avoir trempé dans ce complot.

On lui a donné d'excellents conseils, de crainte qu'il ne manquât l'occasion de faire connaître ce qu'il est en état de faire.

*one of them, is not to seek for instruction, but to kill time.*

*Why are you not at all times equally obliging ?*

*He will not do it, unless you persuade him to it.*

*He will not go, if you do not request it of him.*

*He has threatened us with vengeance; we only laughed at him.*

*Too great supineness cannot but be hurtful.*

*What has become of you ? we have not seen you these three months.*

*How have you been since we saw you ?*

*It is much worse than was said.*

*I was near running headlong into the snare.*

*Tell the truth on all occasions: those who speak what they do not think are always despised.*

*Do not despair that truth will appear in time.*

*I do not deny but the thing may have been so.*

*Take care that you are not led into some false step.*

*I shall prevent them from doing you any harm in this business.*

*He is apprehensive that he is suspected of being concerned in this plot.*

*They have given him excellent advice, lest he should lose the opportunity of showing what he was capable of doing.*

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*I have been long employed  
about it ; I cannot accom-  
plish it.*

Vous feriez mieux de vous  
taire ; vous ne savez ce que  
vous dites.

*You had better be silent,  
you do not know what you are  
saying.*

Vous ne sauriez me faire  
un plus grand plaisir.

*You cannot do me a great-  
er favour.*

24. *Phrases sur quelques Dé-  
licatesses de la Langue  
Française.*

Phrases on some Niceties of  
the French Language.

Irez-vous ce soir à l'opé-  
ra ?—oui, j'irai.

*Shall you go to the opera  
this evening ?—yes, I shall.*

Iriez-vous avec plaisir à  
Rome ?—oui, j'irais.

*Would you cheerfully go to  
Rome ?—yes, I would.*

La justice qui nous est  
quelquefois refusée par nos  
contemporains, la postérité  
sait nous la rendre.

*Posterity knows how to do  
us that justice which is some-  
times refused us by our con-  
temporaries.*

Cette grandeur qui vous  
étonne si fort, il la doit à vo-  
tre nonchalance.

*That greatness which so  
much astonishes you he owes  
to your indifference.*

Il périt, ce héros, si cher à  
son pays.

*That hero, so dear to his  
country perished.*

Je l'avais bien prévu que ce  
haut degré de grandeur serait  
la cause de sa ruine.

*I foresaw that the greatness  
of his elevation would be his  
ruin.*

Citoyens, étrangers, enne-  
mis, peuples, rois, empereurs,  
le plaignent et le révèrent.

*Citizens, strangers, ene-  
mies, nations, kings, empe-  
rors, pity and respect him.*

L'assemblée finie, chacun  
se retira chez soi.

*The assembly being over,  
each returned home.*

Heureux le peuple qu'un  
sage roi gouverne.

*Happy are the people who  
are governed by a wise king.*

Il refusa les plus grands  
honneurs, content de les mé-  
riter.

*He refused the greatest hon-  
ours, satisfied with having  
deserved them.*

Prières, remontrances, com-  
mencements, tout est inutile.

*Entreaties, remonstrances,  
injunctions, all are useless.*

Le vent renverse tours, ca-  
banes, palais, églises.

*The wind overturns towers,  
cottages, palaces, churches.*

Notre réputation ne dépend  
pas du caprice des hommes ;  
mais elle dépend des actions  
louables que nous faisons.

*Our reputation does not de-  
pend on the caprice of men,  
but on the commendable ac-  
tions we perform.*

Il y a beaucoup de choses qu'il n'importe point du tout de savoir.

La vue de l'esprit a plus d'étendue que la vue du corps.

Ce qui sert à la vanité, n'est que vanité.

Tout ce qui n'a que le monde pour fondement, se dissipe et s'évanouit avec le monde.

C'est le privilège des grands hommes de vaincre l'envie ; le mérite la fait naître, le mérite la fait mourir.

L'amour-propre est plus habile que le plus habile homme en monde.

En quittant le monde, on ne quitte le plus souvent ni les erreurs, ni les folles passions du monde.

*They are many things which it is of no consequence at all to know.*

*The eye of the mind reaches much farther than the bodily eye.*

*What promotes vanity is only vanity.*

*All that is confined to this lower world disperses and vanishes with the world.*

*It is the prerogative of great men to conquer envy : merit gives it birth, and merit destroys it.*

*Self-love is more ingenious than the most ingenious man in the world.*

*In renouncing the world we generally renounce neither the errors nor foolish passions of the world.*

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