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## SHORTHAND IN TEN EASY LESSONS.

### LESSON VI.

#### The Halving Principle.

As a thorough knowledge of the alphabet is essential to the student, the same should be written out from twenty-five to fifty times every day until the student is perfectly familiar with the various signs.

We now come to a highly important and, at first sight, perhaps rather difficult principle of our art—that of having a consonant to express the past tense of verbs, or the addition of *t* or *d*. In order that you may thoroughly understand this important principle, we must ask your ear and attention to the following comments, illustrations and exercise. Referring to the remarks on page 31 of the "Teacher," we find that a thin consonant is made one half its usual size to indicate the addition of *t*. A thick letter when halved expresses the addition of *d*.

A vowel before a half-sized consonant is read before both letters, as *o east* — *act*. A vowel after a half-sized consonant is read next to the primary single, double, or treble letter; thus, *o God*, *o cot*. The half-length consonants are named *ket*, *jet*, *art*, *elt*, *emt*, *end*,

*will*.

The half-lengths *m*, *n*, *l* and downward *r* written thick, express the addition of *d*; thus, *mate*, *made*. *Ld* and *rd*, like all the other

thick letters, are written downward, but are not used when a vowel intervenes; *ll* and *rr* are most frequently written upwards, and the upward form of the latter letter is used in preference to the downward character, as a much better distinction is thereby obtained in quick writing; thus, *w felt*, *w sold*. Such words as *lead* and *read* should be written  .

When a circle *s* follows a half-sized consonant it must be read after the *t* or *d* added to the primary letter; thus, *pat*, *pats* (not *past*). No final vowel can be placed after the *t* or *d* added by halving. This rule requires the learner's particular attention.

Here you should make yourself an exercise by writing out two or three times all the letters of the phonographic alphabet that may be halved for *t* or *d*. This exercise will suggest such words as *pat*, *pet*, *pil*, *pot*; *chit*, *chat*, *art*, *late*; *mat*, *mad*, *knit*, *mid*, *mud*, &c. Wherever possible, form words by inserting a vowel rather than leave a more consonantal outline.

The halving principle for the expression of *t* or *d* applies equally to hooked and unhooked letters

*pate*, *prate*. In each case the added *t* or *d* is read last, that is, as a final sound. A consonant with a circle *s* or loop *st* prefixed or suffixed, or even with circle *s* at both ends, may be halved.

Work for this month to end of Exercise 51.

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## ABRÉVIATIONS MÉDIALES ANGULAIRES DE T.D.

	P-B	T-D	F-V	K-G	L-R	M	N-Gn	J-Ch	S-Z
P-B	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	冮	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ
	potable	petite	pontife	botique	pendue	baptême	badine	potage	potence
T-D	ㄣ	━	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ
	dédouble	détente	d'étoile	d'antique	total	tentâmes	détone	détache	tendance
F-V	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ
	vendable	fondante	fautif	fatigue	fidèle	fantôme	fontaine	fantoché	vitesse
G-K	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ
	compliable	cantale	chézive	cantique	couture	coutume	cantine	cottage	comtesse
L-R	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ
	reliable	redite	retif	l'attaque	retire	redimes	latine	l'adare	l'hotesse
M	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ
	montable	maudite	motif	modique	modèle	madame	matines	montage	mentense
N-Gn	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ
	notable	n'entende	native	nautique	nature	n'estame	n'flonne	n'estache	notice
J-Ch	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ
	chantable	j'édite	chetif	j'indique	j'adore	j'estame	chataigne	chantage	judis.
S-Z	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ	ㄣ
	steppe	s'en fette	Self	syndic	soudard	centime	centaine	sondage	sentence

## EXEMPLES D'ABRÉVIATIONS CONVENTIONNELLES

USUELLES	COMMERCIALES	PARLEMENTAIRES	JUDICIAIRES
c'est à dire	━	adjudication	ordre du jour
peut-être	━	compte courant	propos. de loi
au mil. de vous	━	domm.-intérêts	exp. des motifs
au fur et à mesure	━	lettre d'avis	syndic ouvrier
par et simple	━	main d'œuvre	contrib. directes
tout de suite	━	de gré à gré	prévis. de recettes
faudra que	━	rinq. et perils	dépenses ordin.
sténographe	━	en partie double	compagny d'assur.
			plainte à tribunal

## NOTIONS DE DROIT COMMERCIAL

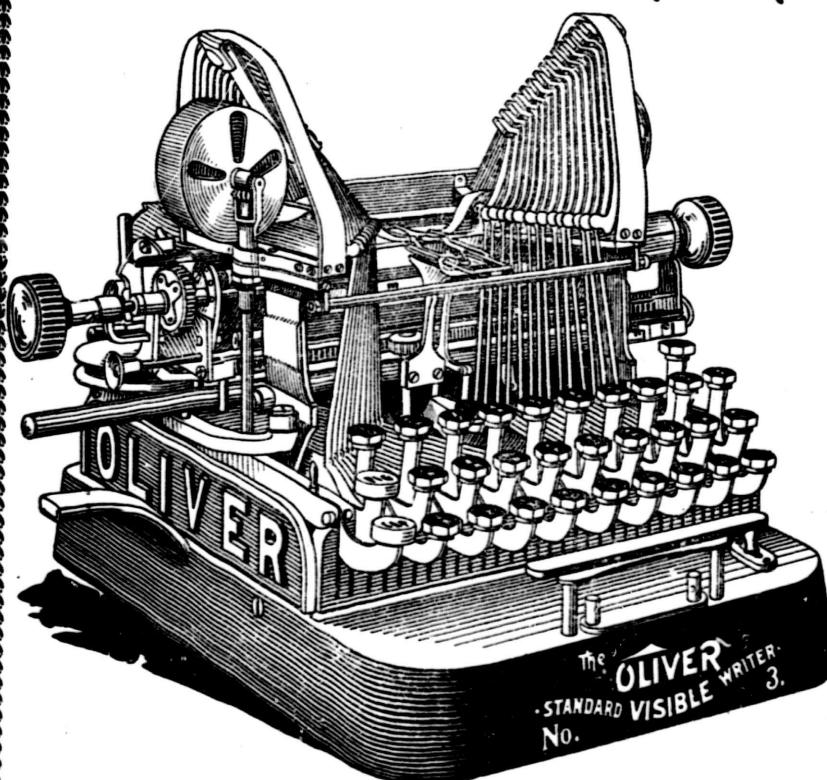
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o o u - u - s e s , - z / i , v r  
! g m , z e e - k . v , c u g h  
- v , - u l i , - v d , m x  
v u e s , g e g g , - z e s , - z  
w t - o n v v u , e - g e , - z  
• q , s , g m g - u e s - u l .  
v v v - m g - e - u e s - u l .  
u e s , l e g , g e g g , - p e s -  
v l , - v l  
v v v - m g - e - u e s - u l .  
v v v - m g - e - u e s - u l .  
l . v , g g , g g , g g , v , v , v  
v v v - m g - e - u e s - u l .  
v - v - v .  
2 . v v v , g g , g g , g g , v , v , v  
g g , g g , g g , g g , v , v , v  
v , v , v .  
3 . v v v , g - g - g , v , v , v  
v , v , v .  
4 . v v v , v , v , v , v , v , v , v

(La suite dans le prochain numéro).

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