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THE SCIENCE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

A

PRACTICAL GRAMMAR;

IN WHICH

WORDS, PHRASES, AND SENTENCES

ARE CLASSIFIED

ACCORDING TO THEIR OFFICES, AND THEIR RELATION TO EACH OTHER.

ILLUSTRATED BY

A

COMPLETE SYSTEM OF DIAGRAMS.

"Speech is the body of thought."

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P R E F A C E .

THE GRAMMAR of a Language, Quintilian has justly remarked, is like the foundation of a building; the most important part, although out of sight, and not always properly valued by those most interested in its condition.

In the opinion of many modern educators there is a tendency, on the part of all, to neglect this important branch of English Education—not so much from a conviction that the science is not important, as that there is a radical defect in the common method of presenting it to the attention of the scholar. This was the sentiment of the Author when, some ten years since, he was called to the supervision of a Literary Institution in which was established a department for the education of Teachers. Accordingly a recourse was had to oral instruction, and for the convenience of teachers a manuscript grammar was prepared, which embodied the principles of the science and the Author's mode of presenting it. These principles and this method have been properly tested by numerous and advanced classes during the seven years last past. The manuscript has in the mean time from continued additions unexpectedly grown to a book. It has received the favorable notice of teachers, and its publication has been, by teachers, repeatedly solicited. To these solicitations the Author is constrained to yield, and in the hope and belief that the work will “add to the stock of human knowledge,” or at least tend to that result, by giving an increased interest to the study of the English Language, it is with diffidence submitted to the public.

In revising the work for publication, an effort has been made to render it simple in style, comprehensive in matter, adapted to the capacities of the younger pupil, and to the wants of the more advanced scholar. It is confidently believed that the METHOD of teaching Grammar herein suggested is the true method. The method adopted by most text-books may be well suited to the wants of foreigners in first learning our language. They need first, to learn our Alphabet—the powers and sounds, and the proper combinations of letters—the definition of words and their classifi-

cation according to definitions. But the American youth is presumed to know all this, and be able to catch the thought conveyed by an English sentence—in fine, to be able to use practically the language before he attempts to study it as a science. Instead, therefore, of beginning with the Alphabet, and wasting his energies on technical terms and ambiguous words, he should be required to deal with thought as conveyed by sentences. Accordingly this introduction to the Science of Language begins with a Sentence, properly constructed, and investigates its structure by developing the offices of the words which compose it; making the *office* rather than the *form* of a word determine the class to which it belongs.

As an important auxiliary in the analysis of Sentences a system of Diagrams has been invented and introduced in the work. It is not claimed for the Diagrams that they constitute any essential part of the Science of Language—nor do Geometrical Diagrams constitute such a part of the Science of Geometry; Maps, of Geography; or figures, of Arithmetic. But it will not be denied that these are of great service in the study of those branches. Experience has established their importance.

Let then the use of Diagrams, reduced as they are here to a complete system, be adopted in the analyses of Sentences, and it is believed that teachers will confess that their utility is as obvious in the science of Language, as it is in the science of Magnitude; and for precisely the same reason, that an abstract truth is made tangible, the eye is permitted to assist the mind, the memory is relieved that the judgment may have a full charter of all the mental powers.

Conscious that novelty as such should not bear sway in the investigations of Science, the Author has been careful neither to depart from the ordinary method of presenting the Science, for the sake of novelty; nor has he from dread of novelty rejected manifest improvements. The old Nomenclature is retained, not because a better could not be proposed, but because the advantages to be gained would not compensate for the confusion necessarily consequent to such a change. But the terms purely technical have been introduced *as a natural inference from facts previously deduced*. Principles and Definitions are preceded by such Remarks as have fully established their propriety. The inductive method of arriving at truth has been followed throughout—with that it stands or falls.

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INTRODUCTORY EXERCISE.

“ God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform ;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.”

Quest. Who is the person concerning whom something is asserted
in the lines above ?

Ans. Something is said concerning “ *God.*”

What is said of God ?

A. “ *God moves.*”

How does God move ?

A. “ *In a mysterious way.*”

What way?

A. “ *Mysterious way.*”

What mysterious way ?

A. “ *A mysterious way.*”

“ *God moves in a mysterious way* ”—*why?*

A. “ *His wonders to perform.*”

To perform *what* wonders ?

A. “ *His wonders.*”

Concerning what is something more said ?

A. Something more is said concerning “ *God.*”

Why do you think so ?

A. Because, in this connection, “ *He* ” means God.

What is said concerning God ?

A. “ *He plants.*”

He plants *what?*

A. “ *Footsteps.*”

Q. *What* footsteps?

A. "*His* footsteps."

He plants his footsteps—*where*?

A. "*In the sea.*"

In *what* sea?

A. "*The sea.*"

What more is said of God?

A. He "*rides.*"

Rides *where*?

A. "*Upon the storm.*"

Upon *what* storm?

A. "*The storm.*"

In the lines above, what is the *use* or office of the word
"God?"

A. It is used as the name of the being who "*moves.*"

What is the use of the word "*moves*?"

A. To tell *what* God does.

Use of "*in a mysterious way*?"

A. To tell *how* God moves.

Use of "*a*?"

A. To tell *what* way.

Use of "*mysterious*?"

A. To tell what *kind* of way.

Use of "*way*?"

A. As the name of the thing in which God moves.

Use of "*his*?"

A. To tell *what* or *whose* wonders.

Use of "*wonders.*"

A. As the *name* of the things which God moves to perform.

Use of "*to perform wonders*?"

A. To tell *wherefore* God moves in a mysterious way.

Use of "*he*?"

A. As a substitute for the name of Him who plants and rides

Use of "*plants*?"

A. To tell *what* "He" does.

Use of "his?"

A. To tell *whose* footsteps.

Use of "footsteps?"

A. To tell *what* he plants.

Use of "in the sea?"

A. To tell *where* "he plants his footsteps."

Use of "the?"

A. To tell *what* sea.

Use of "sea?"

A. As the *name* of the thing in which he plants his footsteps.

Use of "and?"

A. To add a second thing which He does.

Use of "rides?"

A. To tell *what* he does.

Use of "upon the storm?"

A. To tell *where* he rides.

Use of "the?"

A. To tell *what* storm.

Use of "storm?"

A. As the *name* of the thing upon which he rides.

REMARK.—The young Pupil has seen in this exposition of the four lines written above, that *words have meaning*, and that when they are properly put together, they convey the thoughts of the person who wrote them, to those who read them.

Again: As these and all other words have appropriate sounds attached to them, they may be spoken; and persons who hear them, may have the same thoughts that they would have on reading them.

It is plain, then, that one may, by speaking or by writing, (and sometimes by motions,) communicate his thoughts to others. The process by which this is done, is called LANGUAGE.

LANGUAGE.

Definition 1. *Language* is the expression of thought and feeling.

Remark. It is customary to give to every science a *name*, by which it may be distinguished from other sciences; accordingly, people have agreed to call the science which treats of Language,

GRAMMAR.

Def. 2. *Grammar* is the Science of Language.

English Grammar is the Science which investigates the principles and determines the proper construction of the English Language.

It is also the *Art* of communicating thought by proper words.

Rem. Language consists in articulate sounds, represented by LETTERS, combined into WORDS, properly arranged in SENTENCES.

Def. 3. A *Letter* is a mark used to indicate a sound, or to modify the sound of another letter.

Rem. The science which treats of Letters, is called *Orthography*.

Def. 4. A *Word* is a combination of letters, used as the sign of an idea.

EXAMPLES—*God—mysterious—perform—wonders.*

Rem. Words are combined into *Phrases* and *Sentences*.

Def. 5. A *Phrase* is two or more words, properly arranged, not constituting a distinct proposition.

EXAMPLES—“*In a mysterious way*”—“*Upon the storm.*”

Rem. Words constitute a *Phrase*, when they collectively perform a distinct, individual office.

Def. 6. A *Sentence* is an assemblage of words, so arranged as to express a fact.

EXAMPLES—“*God moves in a mysterious way.*”

Rem. A *Sentence* always constitutes a distinct proposition.

WORDS.

A Word is a combination of letters, used as the sign of an idea.

CLASSIFICATION OF WORDS.

Remark. In a Discourse, words are used—

1. As names of persons, places, or things.
2. As substitutes for names or facts.
3. As qualifiers of names.
4. To assert a fact, *i. e.*, an *act*, *being*, or *state*.
5. To modify an assertion or qualifier.
6. To express relations of things or thoughts.
7. To introduce—or connect words and sentences.
8. To express a sudden emotion.

Hence—in respect to their *uses*,

Principle. Words are distinguished as—

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. <i>Nouns</i> , | 5. <i>Adverbs</i> , |
| 2. <i>Pronouns</i> , | 6. <i>Prepositions</i> , |
| 3. <i>Adjectives</i> , | 7. <i>Conjunctions</i> , and |
| 4. <i>Verbs</i> , | 8. <i>Exclamations</i> . |

Def. 7. A *Noun* is a word used as the name of a being, place, or thing.

EXAMPLES—*God—man—sea—way—wonders*.

Def. 8. A *Pronoun* is a word used for a noun.

EXAMPLES—*he—it—who—her—him—whom*.

Def. 9. An *Adjective* is a word used to qualify or otherwise describe a noun or pronoun.

EXAMPLES—*Mysterious* [way]—*His* [wonders]—*the* [storm.]

Def. 10. A *Verb* is a word used to express an act, being, or state of a noun or pronoun.

EXAMPLES—[God] *moves*—[He] *plants*.

Def. 11. An *Adverb* is a word used to modify the signification of a verb, an adjective, or another modifier.

EXAMPLES—[He writes] *well*—*very* [good boys.]

Def. 12. A *Preposition* is a word used to express a relation of other words to each other.

EXAMPLES—[moves] *in* [way]—[Books are] *on* [the table.]

Def. 13. A *Conjunction* is a word used to introduce a sentence, or to connect other words.

EXAMPLES—*And* [can I leave thee]—[Henry] *and* [Homer came.]

Def. 14. An *Exclamation* is a word used to express a sudden emotion.

EXAMPLES—*O!* [Liberty]—*Ah!* [the treasure.]

NOTE.—Words are often used for *rhetorical* purposes merely—having no direct, grammatical construction. Hence,

Def. 15. Words of *Euphony* are words used only for the sake of sound.

OBS.—They are used—

1. To render other words emphatic.

As, “John and Homer, and *even* Henry, came to the Lecture.”

“The moon *herself* is lost in heaven.”—*Ossian*.

2. To introduce a sentence—

As, “*Come*, pass along.” “Now *then*, we are prepared to take up the main question.” “*There* are no idlers here.”

3. To preserve the Rhythm in a line in poetry—

As, “I sit *me* down a pensive hour to spend.”

PHRASES.

A *Phrase* is two or more words properly arranged, not constituting a distinct proposition.

CLASSIFICATION OF PHRASES.

Rem.—Phrases are used as substitutes for nouns, adjectives, and adverbs: or, they are independent in their construction. Hence,

Prin. Phrases are distinguished as—

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| 1. <i>Substantive.</i> | 3. <i>Adverbial.</i> |
| 2. <i>Adjective.</i> | 4. <i>Independent.</i> |

Def. 16. A *Substantive Phrase* is a phrase used as the subject or object of a verb, or the object of a preposition.

EXAMPLE—*To obey God* [is the highest duty of man.]

Def. 17. An *Adjective Phrase* is a phrase used to qualify a noun or pronoun.

EXAMPLE—[The lips] *of the wise* [dispense knowledge.]

Def. 18. An *Adverbial Phrase* is a phrase used to modify the signification of a verb, adjective, or adverb.

EXAMPLE—[God moves] *in a mysterious way.*

Def. 19. An *Independent Phrase* is a phrase not joined to any other word going before in construction.

EXAMPLE—*The hour having arrived,* [we commenced the exercises.]

PRIN.—By their *forms*, phrases are classified as—*Prepositional, Infinitive, Participial, and Independent.*

DEF. 19, *a.*—A *Prepositional Phrase* is introduced by a preposition having a noun, or a word used for a noun, as its object of relation.

As, “*In a mysterious way.*”

DEF. 19, *b.*—An *Infinitive Phrase* is introduced by the preposition *to*, having a verb as its object of relation.

As, *To love—to study—to be diligent.*

DEF. 19, *c.*—A *Participial Phrase* is introduced by a participle, and commonly has one or more adjuncts, or objects of an action.

As, *Scaling yonder peak—wheeling near its brow.*

DEF. 19, *d.*—An *Independent Phrase* is introduced by a noun or pronoun followed by a participle depending upon it.

As, *John having lost one lesson,* the prize was given to Henry.

SENTENCES.

A sentence is an assemblage of words, so arranged as to express a fact.

ANALYSIS OF A SENTENCE.

Prin. A sentence is composed of—

1. *The Principal parts.*
2. *The Adjuncts.*

Def. 20. The *principal parts* of a sentence, are those words which are necessary to express the unqualified assertion.

EXAMPLES—*God moves—He plants footsteps [and] rides.*

Prin. The *principal parts* of a sentence, are—
The Subject, | The Predicate, | The Object.

NOTE.—Every sentence must have a *subject* and *predicate*, expressed or understood.

Def. 21. The *Subject* of a sentence, is that, concerning which something is asserted.

Obs. It is always a noun, or a word, phrase, or sentence, used for a noun. It may be—

1. A *Word*—as, *God exists—knowledge is power—man lives—science promotes happiness—birds fly—John* saws wood.*

2. A *Phrase*—*To be*, contents his natural desire—*to do good*, is the duty of all men—*his being a minister*, prevented his rising to civil power.

“*Compelling children to sit erect for a long time*, is an evil practice.”—*Cutter.*

3. A *Sentence*—“*That all men are created equal*,” is a self-evident truth.”

Def. 22. The *Predicate* of a sentence, is the word or words that express what is affirmed of the subject.

Obs.—It is always a verb, and may have added to it another

* In the example, “*John saws wood*,” *John* is the subject, because that word is the name of the person concerning whom something is asserted.

verb, a pronoun, a participle, an adjective, a noun, or a preposition.

1. A *Verb* only—John *saws** wood—God *exists*—birds *fly*—he *rides*—Animals *run*.

2. A *Verb* and *Verb*—I *shall go*—I *do remember*.

3. A *Verb* and a *Participle*—John *was injured*—the house *is being built*—the legions *were bought and sold*—James *is improving*.

4. A *Verb* and an *Adjective*—They *looked beautiful*—he *became poor*—soldiers *waxed valiant*—John *is sleepy*.

4. A *Verb* and a *Noun*—God *is love*—Friend *is treasure*.

5. A *Verb* and a *Preposition*—“Its idle hopes *are o'er*”—“the mountebank *was laughed at*.”

OBS.—The logical predicate of a sentence properly includes the object; but in a treatise on Grammar, it is proper to treat of the object as a distinct part of the sentence.

Def. 23. The *Object* of a sentence, is the word or words on which the action, asserted by the predicate, terminates.

OBS.—It is always a noun, or a word, phrase, or sentence, used for a noun. It may be—

1. A *Word*—John *saws wood*†—I have seen *him*—feed the *hungry*—“He saith among the trumpets, *Ha! ha!*”

2. A *Phrase*—I regret *his being absent*—his being a minister prevented *his rising to civil power*.

3. A *Sentence*—And God said, *Let there be light*—The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God*—I thought *I heard a voice cry*, SLEEP NO MORE.

OBS. 1.—A Prepositional Phrase always has an object of relation expressed or understood.

EXAMPLES—In a mysterious *way*—We are fond of *walking*—and of *studying grammar*—Boys love to *skate*—We love to *please our parents*.

OBS. 2.—When the object of relation is a transitive verb or a participle, it commonly has an object of an action.

EXAMPLES—We love to please our *parents*—We are fond of studying *grammar*.

OBS. 3.—A Participial Phrase has an object of an action, when the participle is transitive.

EXAMPLES—Scaling yonder *peak*—Mr. Hammond, having acquired a *fortune*, has retired from business.

* “*Saws*” is the *grammatical* predicate of “John,” because that word denotes the act of John. “*Saws wood*” is the *logical* predicate, because those two words express the complete proposition.

† In the example, “John *saws wood*,” *wood* is the object of *saws*, because that word is the name of the thing on which the action expressed by “*saws*” terminates.

EXAMPLES OF SENTENCES.

Animals run.

1.

ANIMALS

RUN.

Quest. Concerning what is something here declared?*Ans.* Something is declared concerning “animals.”*Q.* What is said of “animals?”*A.* They “run.”*Q.* Those two words thus placed form what?*A.* A *sentence*—for it is “an assemblage of words, so arranged as to assert a fact.”*“Animals run.”**Q.* In this sentence, for what is the word “animals” used?*A.* It is used to tell what “run.”*Q.* For what is the word “run” used?*A.* To tell *what* “animals” do.*“Animals run.”**“Every sentence must have a Subject and a Predicate.”**Q.* In this sentence what is the *Subject*?*A.* “Animals”—for it is the name of the things “concerning which something is asserted.”*Q.* What is the *Predicate*?*A.* “Run”—because it is the word that “expresses what is affirmed of the subject.” Let the pupil give an exposition of the following additional*Examples.*

Birds fly.

Fishes swim.

Horses gallop.

Lightnings flash.

Thunders roll.

Girls sing.

Boys play.

Waters are running.

Mary is reading.

Winter has come.

Resources are developed.

Corn is harvested.

Wheat has been sown.

Mountains have been elevated.

Lessons should have been studied.

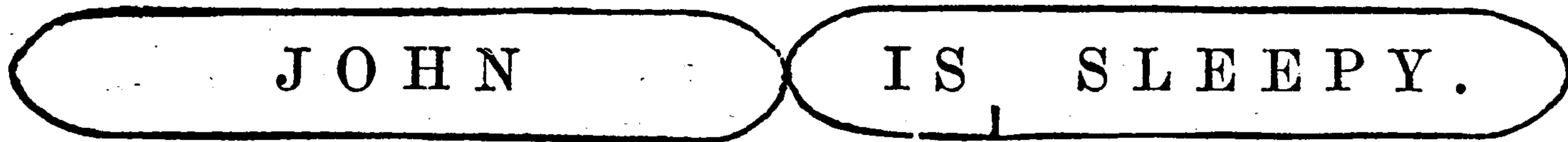
Recitations could have been omitted.

He might have been respected.

Rem.—In the last example, the four words, “might have been respected,” constitute the Predicate of “he.”

John is sleepy.

2.



A *Sentence*—because it is “an assemblage of words, so arranged as to assert a fact.”

ANALYSIS.

“*John*,” is the subject—for it is the name of the person “concerning whom something is asserted.”

“*Is sleepy*,” is the predicate—for these two words “express what is affirmed of the subject.”

Rem.—In a limited sense, a verb may be said to qualify or describe its subject.

EXAMPLES—*John sleeps.*

Here “*sleeps*” describes a condition of “*John*.”

John is sleeping.

Here “*is sleeping*” asserts a condition of “*John*.”

John is sleepy.

In this sentence, “*is sleepy*” asserts a condition as definitely as do the words, “*is sleeping* :” and the genius of the language requires the word “*sleeping*” to be added to the verb “*is*,” in order to express the fact intended; so the other fact concerning “*John*” requires the word “*sleepy*” to be added to the verb “*is*.” The sentence is not, *sleeping John is*—*i. e.* exists; nor is the other, *sleepy John is*—*i. e.* exists; but “*John is sleeping*,” and “*John is sleepy*.” “*Sleeping*” is a participle, in predication with “*is*.” “*Sleepy*” is an adjective, in predication with “*is*.”

Let the Pupil, in like manner, construe and place in Diagrams the following additional

Examples.

William is diligent.

James was weary.

Flowers are beautiful.

Mountains are elevated.

Velvet feels smooth.

Robert has become poor.

I felt languid.

Soldiers waxed valiant.

“His palsied hand wax’d strong.”—*Wilson*.

“All earth-born *cares* are wrong.”—*Anon*.

“The war is actually *begun*.”—*Henry*.

“The rolling year is full of thee.”

“The very streams *look languid* from afar.”

“The sun looked bright, the morning after.”—*Sterne*.

“Vanity often *renders* man *contemptible*.”

“When his weak hand grew palsied, and his eye

Dark with the mists of age, [it was his time to die.]’—*Bryant*.

God is Love.

3.

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A Sentence, - - - - - See Definition 6.

ANALYSIS.

“God,” the *Subject*, - - - See Definition 21.“Is Love,” the *Predicate*,* - - - See Definition 22.*Other Examples.*

“We are slaves.”

Ye are benefactors.

“Man is miracle.”

We are friends.

Thou art Peter.

Clouds are vapor.

Quadrupeds are beasts.

Homer and Henry are students.

ADJUNCTS.

Rem.—If I say, *Students deserve approbation*, I make an “unqualified assertion”—applicable to all students, and to the approbation of all persons. But if I say, *Diligent students deserve the approbation of their teacher*, I speak only of a particular class of students—and of approbation, as limited to a particular source; for the word “*student*” is limited by the word “*diligent*,” and the word “*approbation*,” by the word “*the*,” and by the phrase “*of their teacher*.” These words and phrases are necessary, not to *make the sentence*, but to *perfect the sense*; they are *joined to other words*, and are therefore called *adjuncts*.

Def. 24. An *Adjunct* is a word, phrase, or sentence, used to qualify or define another word, phrase, or sentence.

1. Word—“We were walking *homeward*.” Whither?2. Phrase—“We were walking *toward home*.” Whither?3. Sentence—“They kneeled *before they fought*.” When?

OBS.—Some adjuncts are used to qualify the principal parts of a sentence, others to qualify other adjuncts. Hence, Adjuncts are *Primary* and *Secondary*.

Def. 25. A *Primary Adjunct* is used to qualify one of the principal parts of a sentence.

* God is the name of a being—Love is a name of an attribute of that being. “Is Love,” expresses a fact concerning God; and that fact cannot well be expressed without these two words thus combined.

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In the above sentence what is the use of "Our?"	- - - - -	Ans.	To define some particular <i>national resources</i> .
"national?"	- - - - -	A.	To tell <i>what resources</i> .
"resources?"	- - - - -	A.	" <i>what are developed</i> .
"are developed?"	- - - - -	A.	" <i>what is said of resources</i> .
"by an earnest culture of the arts of peace?"	} A.	"	<i>how resources are developed</i> .
"an?"	- - - - -	A.	" <i>what earnest culture</i> .
"earnest?"	- - - - -	A.	" <i>what culture</i> .
"of the arts of peace?"	- - - - -	A.	" <i>what species of culture</i> .
"the?"	- - - - -	A.	" <i>what arts</i> .
"of peace?"	- - - - -	A.	" <i>what species of arts</i> .

Quest. What are the *principal parts* of this sentence?

Ans. "*Resources are developed*"—they "express the unqualified assertion."

What is the Subject?

A. "*Resources*"—it is the name of that, "concerning which something is affirmed."

What is the Predicate?

A. "*Are developed*"—they "express what is affirmed of the subject."

What are the Adjuncts of "*resources*?"

A. "*Our*" and "*national*."

What are the Adjuncts of "*are developed*?"

A. The complex phrase, "*by an earnest culture of the arts of peace*."

What are the Adjuncts of "*culture*?"

A. The words, "*an*," and "*earnest*," and the phrase, "*of the arts of peace*."

What are the Adjuncts of "*arts*?"

A. The word, "*the*" and the phrase, "*of peace*."

DIAGRAMS.

Prin. The office of a word in a sentence, determines its position in the diagram, according to the following

GENERAL RULES.

RULE 1. The principal parts of a sentence are placed uppermost, and on the same horizontal line; as 1, 2, 3.

2. The Subject of a sentence takes the first place; as 1.

3. The Predicate is placed to the right of the subject—attached; as 2—7—11—26

4. The Object is placed to the right of the predicate; as 3.

The object of a phrase is placed to the right of the word which introduces the phrase; as 22 to the right of 21.

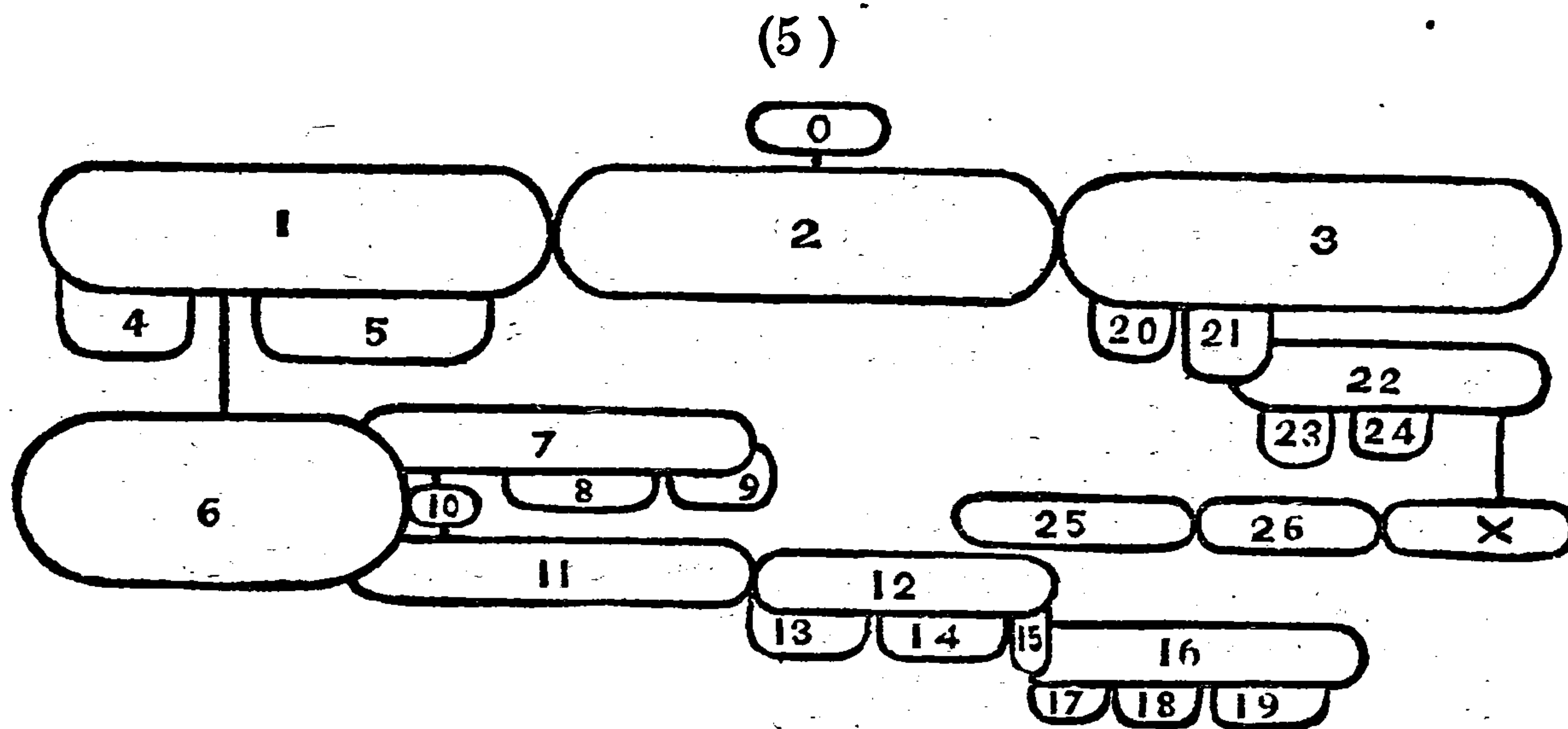
5. A word, phrase, or sentence, is placed beneath the word which it qualifies; as 4 and 5 qualify 1,—(25, 26, *x*) qualify 22.

6. A word used to introduce a phrase, is placed beneath the word which the phrase qualifies—having its object to the right

and connecting both; as 15 connecting 12 and 16—21 connecting 3 and 22.

7. A word used only to connect, is placed between the two words connected; as 10 between 7 and 11; and a word used to introduce a sentence, is placed above the predicate of the sentence, and attached to it by a line; as 0 above 2.

8. A word relating back to another word, is attached to the antecedent by a line; as 6 attached to 1, and *x* to 22.



Explanation of the preceding Diagram.

- 0—Introduces a sentence, - - - - - Rule 7.
- Principal parts.* { 1—Subject, - - - - - " 2.
- { 2—Predicate of 1, - - - - - " 3.
- { 3—Object of 2. - - - - - " 4.
- 4 and 5 individually, and 6 to 19 inclusive, collectively, qualify or define 1, - - - " 5.
- 6—Subject of 7 and 11, and relates to 1, - - - " 2 and 8.
- 7—Predicate of 6, - - - - - " 3.
- 8 and 9—Modify 7, - - - - - " 5.
- 10—Connects 7 and 11, - - - - - " 7.
- 11—Predicate of 6, - - - - - " 3.
- 12—Object of 11, - - - - - " 4.
- 13,14, (15, 16, 17, 18, 19)—Qualify or define 12, " 5.
- 20 and (21, 22, 23, 24)—Qualify or define 3, " 5.
- 21—Shows a relation of 3 and 22, - - - " 6.
- 22—Object of 21, - - - - - " 4.
- 23, 24, (25, 26, *x*)—Qualify or define 22, - " 5.
- 25—Subject of 26 - - - - - " 2.
- 26—Predicate of 25, - - - - - " 3.
- x*—Object (understood) of 26 and relating to 22, - - - - - " 4 and 8.

CLASSIFICATION OF SENTENCES.

Rem.—Some sentences assert the *being, condition, or state*, of a person or thing—or an action which does not terminate on an object. Others assert an action which terminates on an object.

Some sentences assert but one fact; others, more. Some assert an independent, or a principal proposition; others, a secondary, or qualifying proposition. Hence,

Prin. Sentences are distinguished as—

Intransitive or *Transitive*,
Simple or *Compound*,
Principal or *Auxiliary*.

Def. 27. An *Intransitive Sentence* asserts being, condition, or state—or an act which does not terminate on an object.

EXAMPLES—I am—William sleeps—James is weary—Animals run—Cora sings sweetly—God is Love.

OBS.—An Intransitive Sentence contains one or more subjects and predicates, but no object.

Def. 28. A *Transitive Sentence* asserts an act which terminates on an object.

EXAMPLES—Birds built *nests*—Bring *flowers*—John and Dennis saw *wood*—Jane studies *Grammar* and *Botany*—“The king of shadows loves a shining *mark*.”

OBS.—A Transitive Sentence has at least one subject, one predicate, and one object.

Def. 29. A *Simple Sentence* asserts but one proposition.

OBS.—It asserts but one fact concerning one person or thing. Hence, it contains but one subject, and one predicate, and (if transitive) one object.

EXAMPLES—Birds fly—John is studious—Resources are developed.

NOTE.—Two or more simple sentences, distinct in grammatical construction, may have a logical connection. Such a collection of sentences is properly called a Period.

“Wheat grows in the field—and men reap it.”

“A friend exaggerates a man’s virtues—an enemy his crimes.”

Def. 30. A *Compound Sentence* asserts two or more propositions.

OBS.—It asserts two or more facts concerning one or more persons or things.

As, Henry studies and recites grammar.

Or it asserts one or more facts concerning two or more persons or things.

As, Homer and Henry study grammar.

Or it asserts one act of one person or thing which terminates on two or more objects.

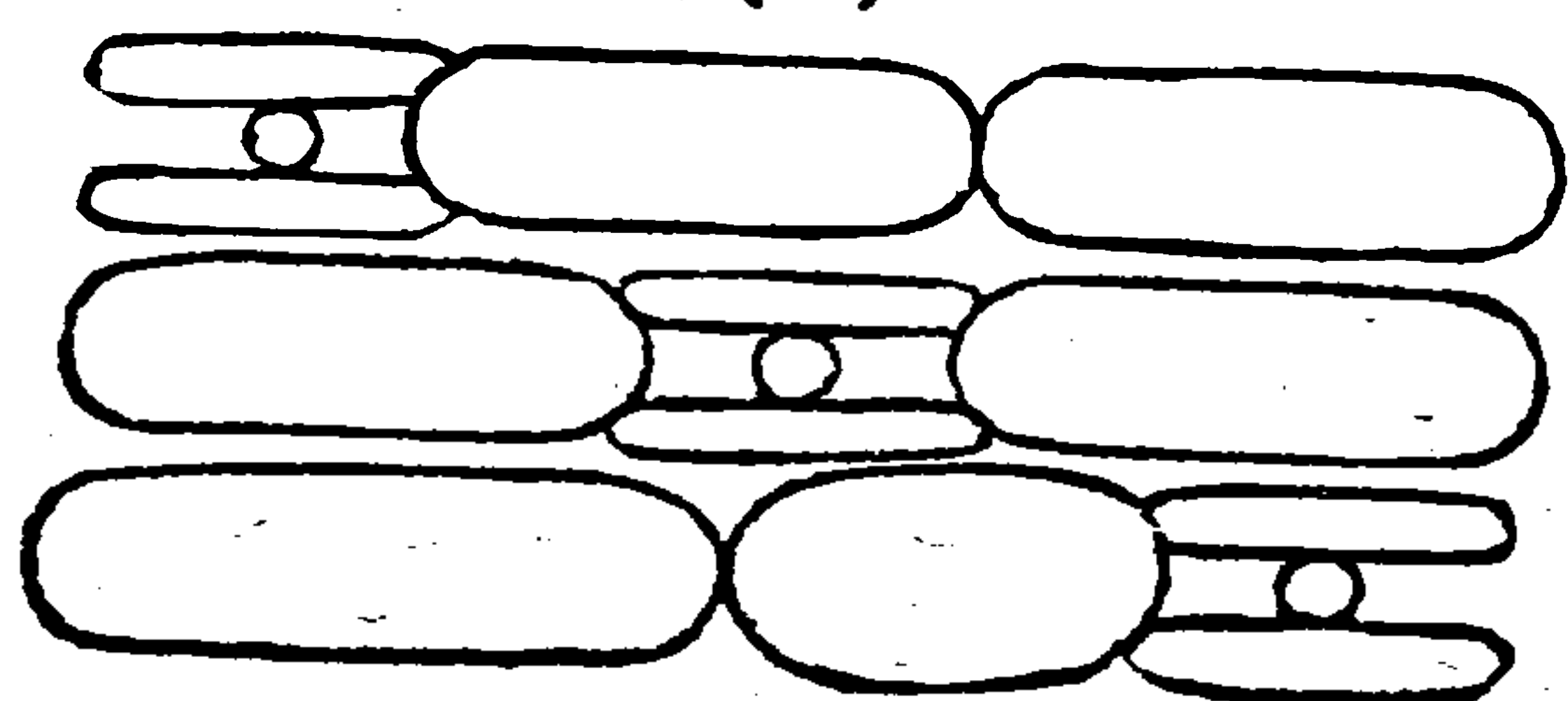
As, Henry studies *grammar* and *arithmetic*.

Hence, a compound sentence contains two or more subjects, or predicates, or objects.

DEF. 30, a.—The parts of a compound sentence are called clauses.

OBS.—The compound clauses may be—

(6.)



1. The subjects—As, *Homer and Henry* study grammar.

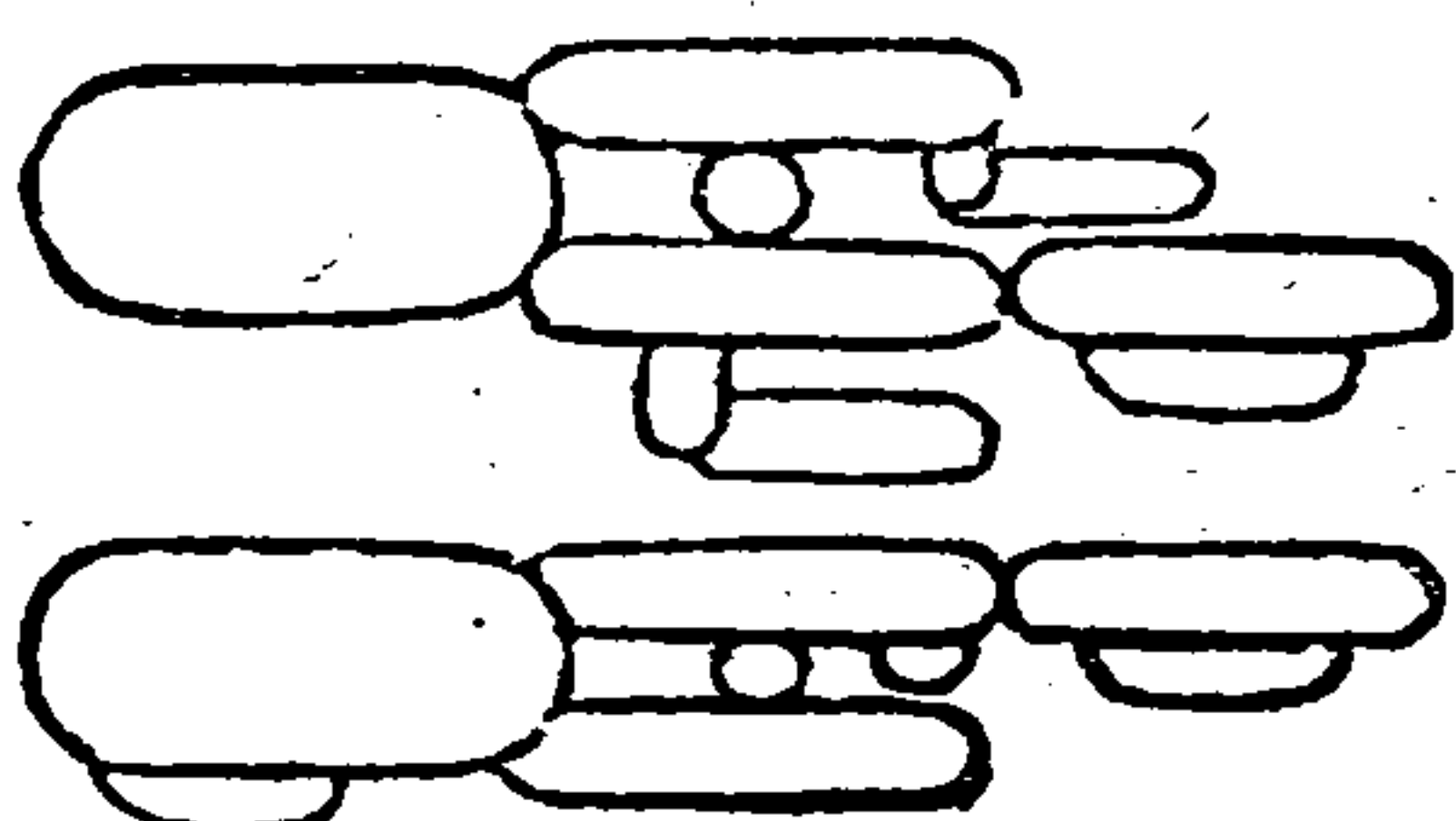
2. The predicates—Henry *studies and recites* grammar.

3. The objects—Henry studies *grammar and arithmetic*.

Rem.—Sentences which have compound predicates, often have objects applicable to only a part of them. Hence,

DEF. 30, b.—A compound sentence having one or more transitive, and one or more intransitive clauses, is a *Mixed Sentence*.

(7.)



EXAMPLES—Time slept on flowers, and lent his glass to Hope.

The stars will then lift up their heads and rejoice.

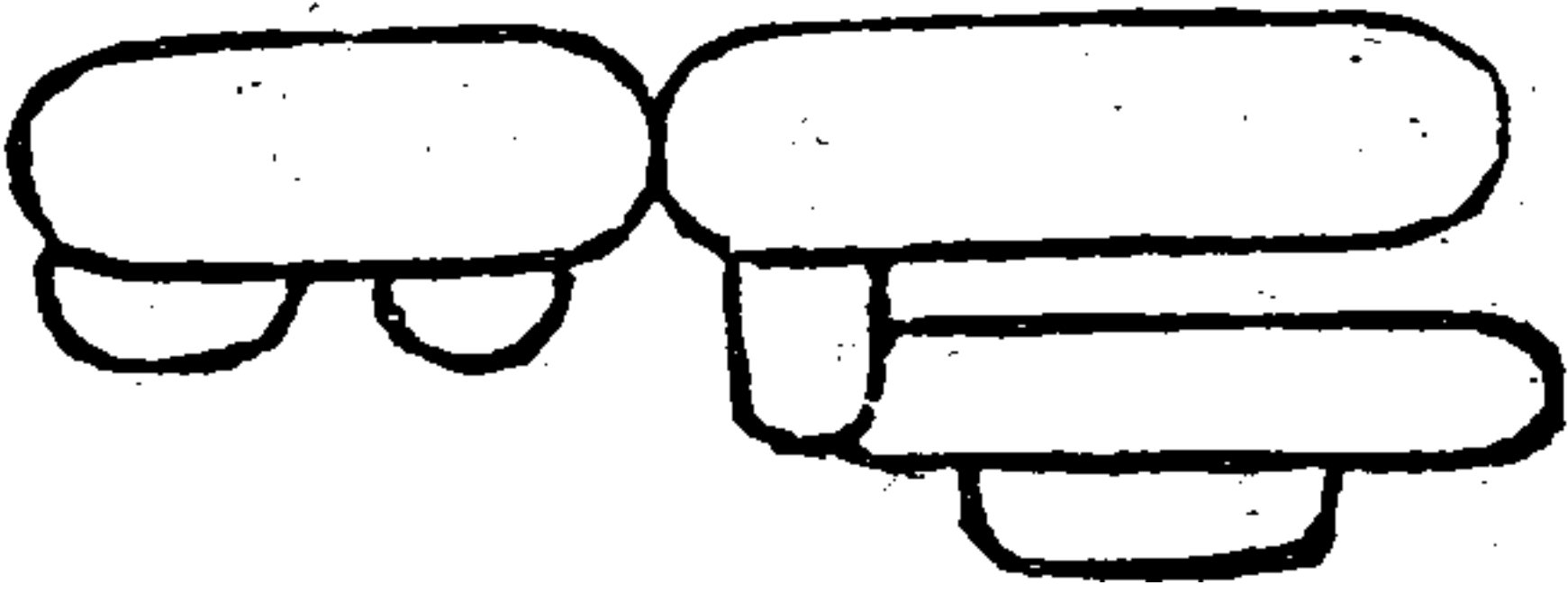
NOTE.—A compound sentence is not “a union of two or more simple sentences.” “Wheat grows in the field, and men reap it.” Here are two simple sentences, independent of each other, so far as the *grammatical* construction of them is concerned. The latter sentence is simply added to the former—and its *proximity* alone determines the word for which the word “*it*” is substituted.

Nor is a compound sentence always “made up of *parts* of two or more simple sentences.” *Oxygen and Hydrogen form water*. We may not say—Oxygen forms water and Hydrogen forms water; but as the two things, *Oxygen and Hydrogen*, must be joined chemically before they can *form water*, so the two words, “Oxygen” and “Hydrogen,” must be joined in construction, before the “subject of the sentence” is complete.

A compound sentence has at least one member of one of the principal parts common to two or more members of another of the principal parts. [See Examples above.]

Def. 31. A *Principal Sentence* asserts an independent or principal proposition: as,

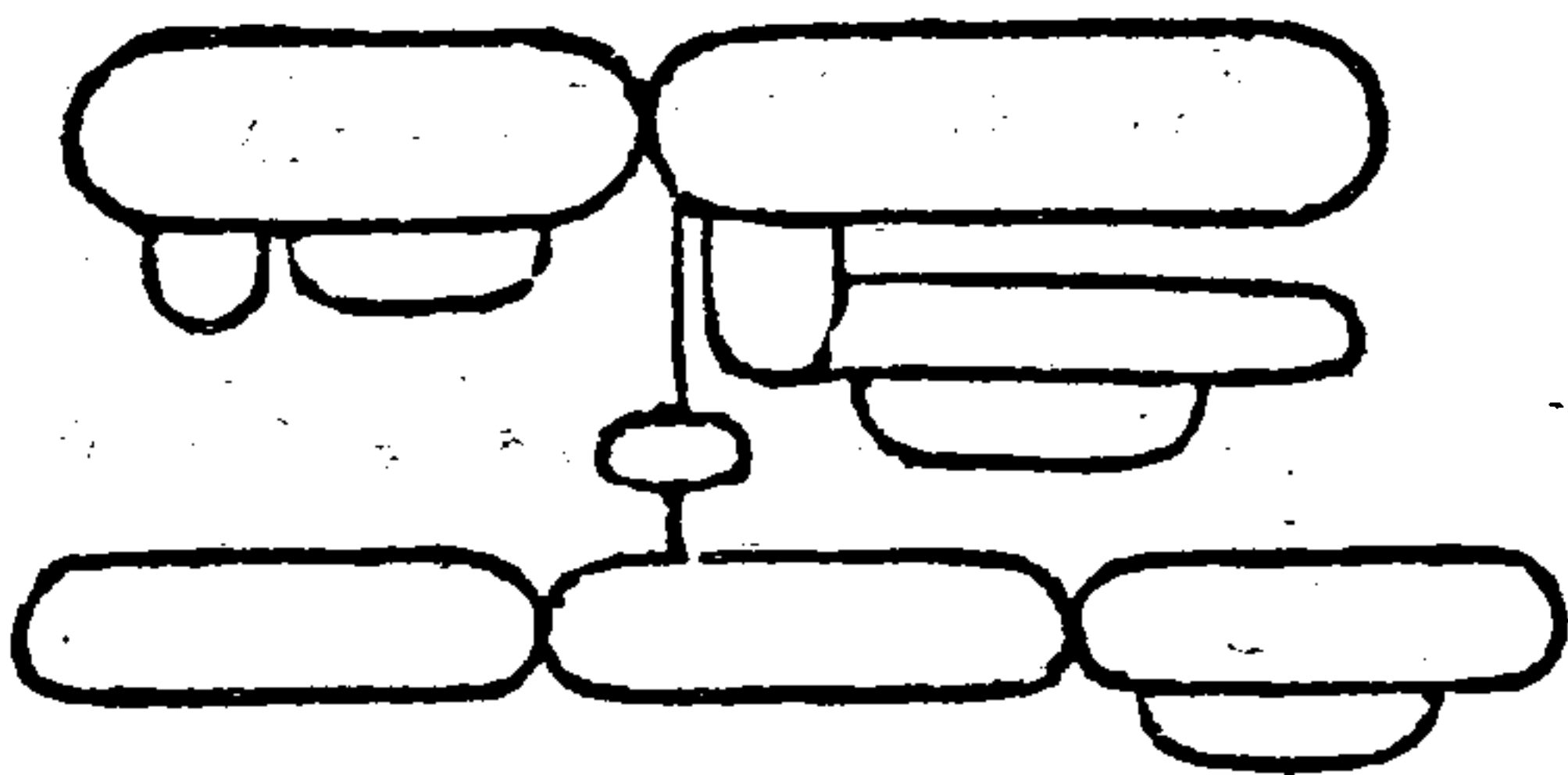
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“A mortal disease was upon her vitals.”

Def. 32. An *Auxiliary Sentence* expresses a qualifying assertion: as,

(9.)



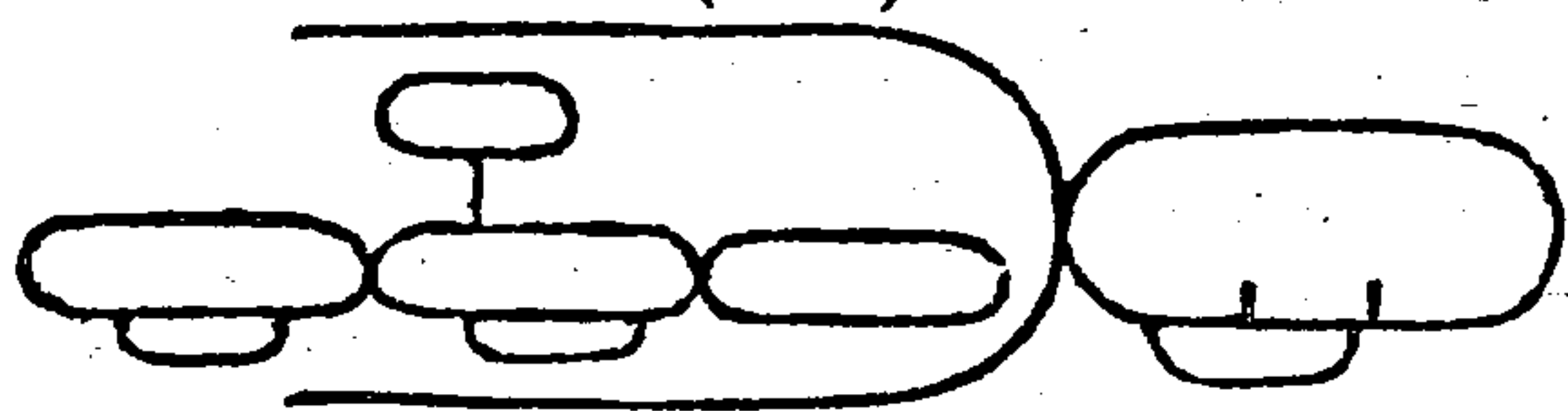
“A mortal disease was upon her vitals, before Cæsar had passed the Rubicon.”

NOTE.—An auxiliary sentence is an adjunct of a sentence, phrase, or word, going before in construction; or it is used as a substitute for a noun. Hence,

Prin. Auxiliary sentences are distinguished as *Substantive, Adjective, and Adverbial.*

DEF. 32, a.—A *Substantive Sentence* is used as the subject or object of a verb: as,

(10.)



“That good men sometimes commit faults cannot be denied.”



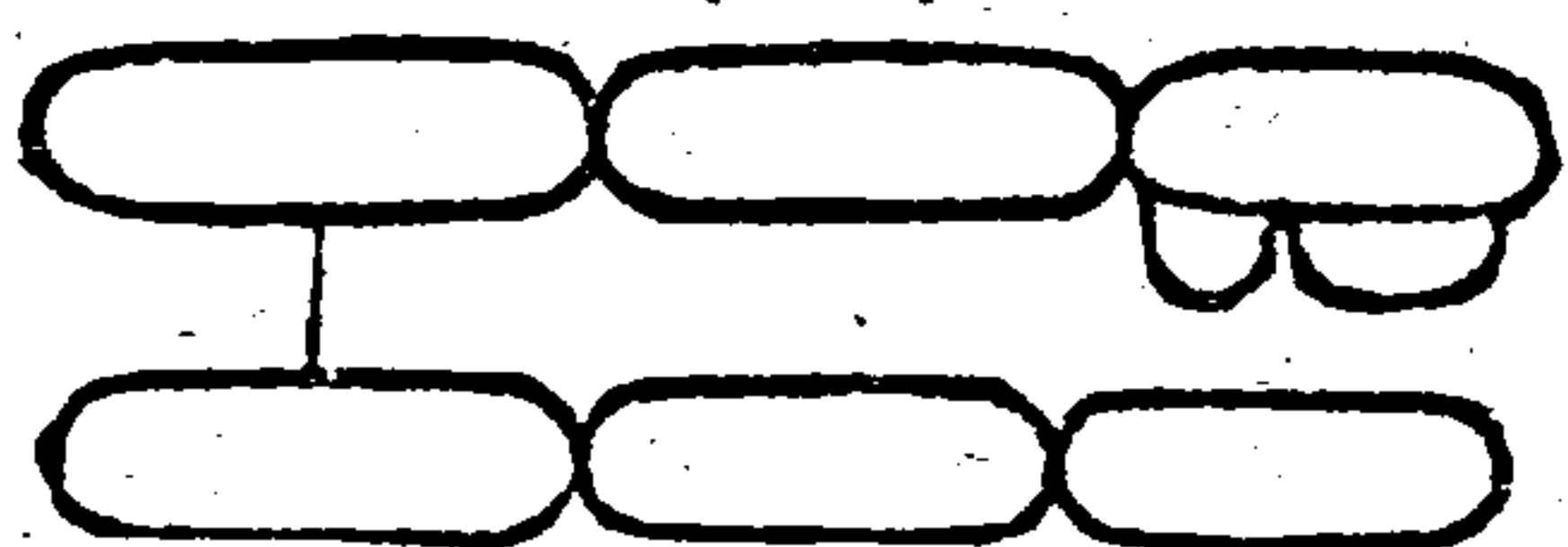
“Much learning shows how little mortals know.”

NOTE.—A sentence is sometimes used independently in construction, although explanatory of another: as,

“It echoed his text, *Take heed how ye hear.*”

DEF. 32, b.—An *Adjective Sentence* is used to qualify a noun or pronoun: as,

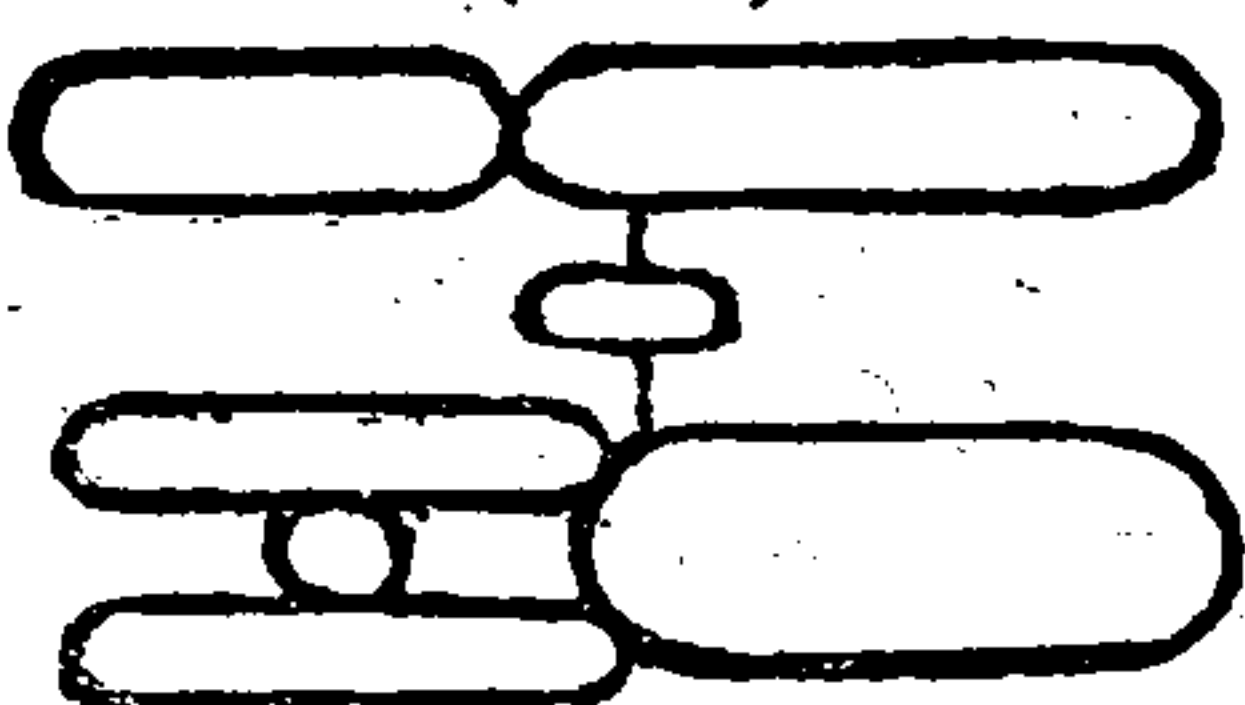
(11.)



“He that getteth wisdom, loveth his own soul.”

DEF. 32, c.—An *Adverbial Sentence* is used to modify the signification of a *Verb, Adjective, or Adverb*: as,

(12.)



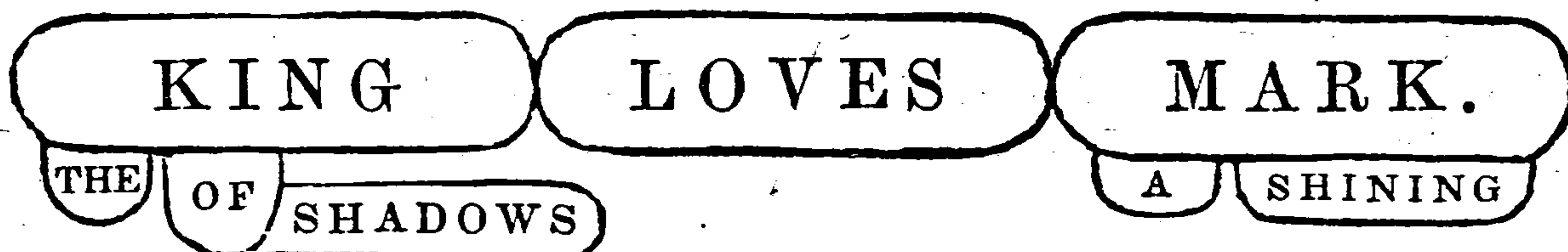
“Where wealth and freedom reign, contentment fails.”

Def. 33. A principal sentence, *with its auxiliary sentences*, constitutes a *Complex sentence*.

“ *He hears the thunder ere the tempest lowers.*”

[See Examples attached to Diagrams 9, 10, 11, and 12.]

1. “ *The king of shadows loves a shining mark.*”
(13.)



A simple sentence—transitive, - - - - See defs. 28 and 29.

ANALYSIS.

<i>Principal parts.</i>	{	King—Subject, - - - -	“	“	21.		
		Loves—Predicate, - - - -	“	“	22.		
		Mark—Object, - - - -	“	“	23.		
<i>Adjuncts.</i>	{	The	}	Adjuncts of <i>king</i> ,	“	“	24.
		Of shadows					
		A	}	Adjuncts of <i>mark</i> ,	“	“	24.
Shining							

☞ Let the *construction* of this sentence be written on the black-board.

Other Examples applicable to the same Diagram.

2. The science of Geology illustrates many astonishing facts.

☞ Let the *Analysis* of this sentence be written on the black-board.

Construction.

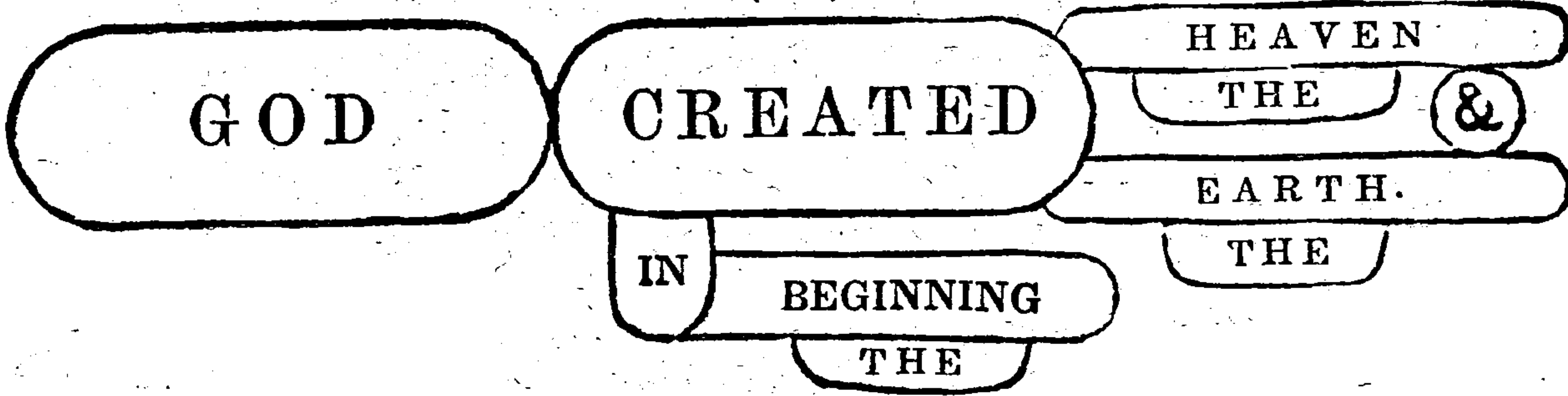
<i>Words.</i>	<i>Use.</i>	<i>Class.</i>	<i>Def.</i>
The, - - -	limits “science.”	Adj.,	9.
Science, - -	agent of the action expressed by “illustrates.”	Noun,	7.
Of, - - -	expresses a relation of “science” and “geology.”	Prep.,	12.
Geology, - -	object of the relation expressed by “of.”	Noun,	7.
Illustrates, -	expresses the action performed by “science.”	Verb,	10.
Many, - - -	limits “facts.”	Adj.,	9.
Astonishing,	qualifies “facts.”	Adj.,	9.
Facts, - - -	object of the action expressed by “illustrates.”	Noun,	7.

3. A love for study secures our intellectual improvement.
4. The habit of intemperance produces much lasting misery.
5. A desire for improvement should possess all our hearts.
6. The use of tobacco degrades many good men.
7. A house on fire presents a melancholy spectacle.
8. A man of refinement will adopt no disgusting habit.

☞ Let each pupil make a sentence adapted to the above diagram.

1. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

(14.)



A compound sentence—transitive, - - - - - Def.*

ANALYSIS.

<i>Principal parts.</i>	{	God—Subject, - - - - -	“	
		Created—Predicate, - - - - -	“	
		Heaven	} Objects, - - - - -	“
		[and]		
Earth.				
In the beginning—Adjunct of <i>created</i> ,		- -	“	
The—Adjunct of <i>heaven</i> ,		- - - - -	“	
The—Adjunct of <i>earth</i> ,		- - - - -	“	

Construction.

<i>Words.</i>	<i>Use.</i>	<i>Class. Def.</i>
In, - - -	expresses a relation of "created" and "beginning,"	Prep., 12.
The, - - -	limits "beginning,"	Adj., 9.
Beginning,	object of relation expressed by "in,"	Noun, 7.
God, - - -	agent of the action expressed by "created,"	Noun, 7.
Created, - - -	expresses the action performed by "God,"	Verb, 10.
The, - - -	limits "heaven,"	Adj., 9.
Heaven, - - -	object of action expressed by "created,"	Noun, 7.
And, - - -	connects "heaven" and "earth,"	Conj. 13.
The, - - -	limits "earth,"	Adj., 9.
Earth, - - -	object of action expressed by "created,"	Noun, 7.

2. He educated his daughter and his son, at great expense.

3. Students require of the teacher, much instruction and some patience.

4. We, at all times, seek our honor and our happiness.

5. God, in the creation, has displayed his wisdom and his power.

6. Men gather the tares and the wheat, with equal care.

7. John loves his study and his play, with equal attachment.

* Let the pupil repeat these definitions.

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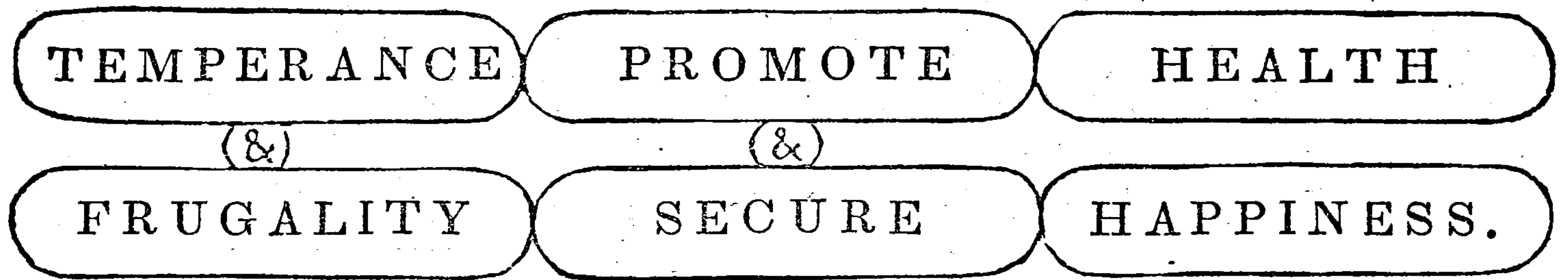
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Temperance and frugality promote health, and secure happiness.

(16.)



A compound sentence—transitive.

ANALYSIS.

<i>Principal parts.</i>	Temperance	}	Subjects of “promote” and “secure.”
	[and]		
	Frugality	}	Predicates of “temperance” and “frugality.”
	Promote		
	[and]		
	Secure		
Health—Object of “promote.”			
Happiness—Object of “secure.”			

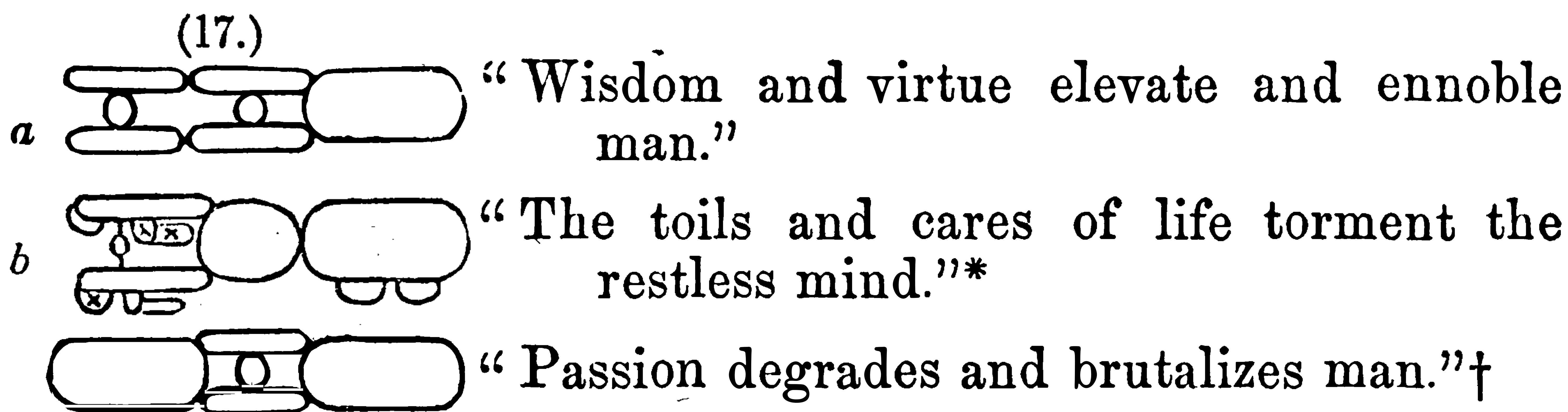
NOTE.—If I say—“*Temperance promotes health and frugality secures happiness,*” I make two distinct sentences—each “simple.” But the “and” may be taken from between “temperance” and “frugality,” and placed between “health” and “happiness,” and it remains a compound sentence. It will then read thus—“*Temperance promotes, and frugality secures, health and happiness;*”—and is thus construed:

Temperance—Subject of “promotes.”	
Promotes—Predicate of “temperance.”	
Frugality—Subject of “secures.”	
Secures—Predicate of “frugality.”	
Health	}
[and]	
Happiness	
	Objects of “secures” and “promotes.”

“There youth and beauty tread the choral ring,
And shout their raptures to the cloudless skies.”

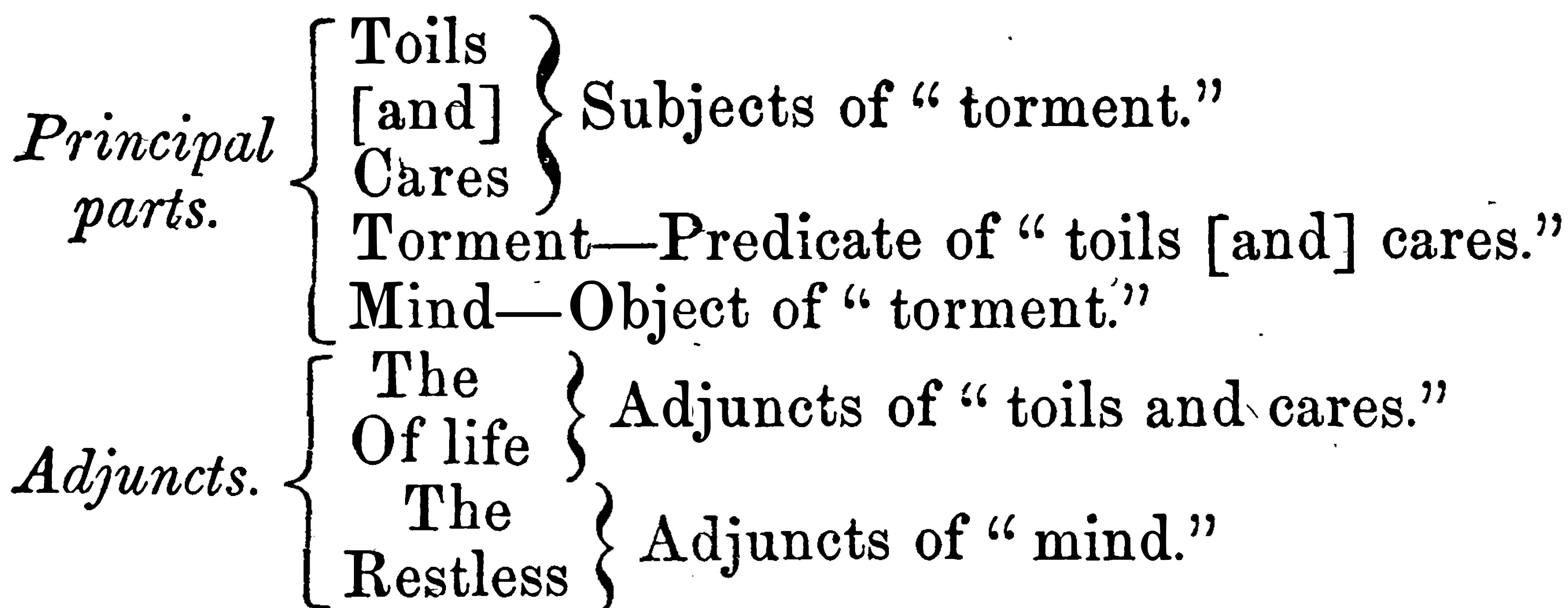
“Prayer only, and the penitential tear,
Can call her smiling down and fix her here.”—*Cowper.*

NOTE TO THE TEACHER.—The Author suggests that the Teacher give to each Pupil, a sentence to be placed in Diagram, and presented for inspection and criticism, at a subsequent recitation. It is believed that this practice, repeated every day, will be an agreeable and profitable exercise.



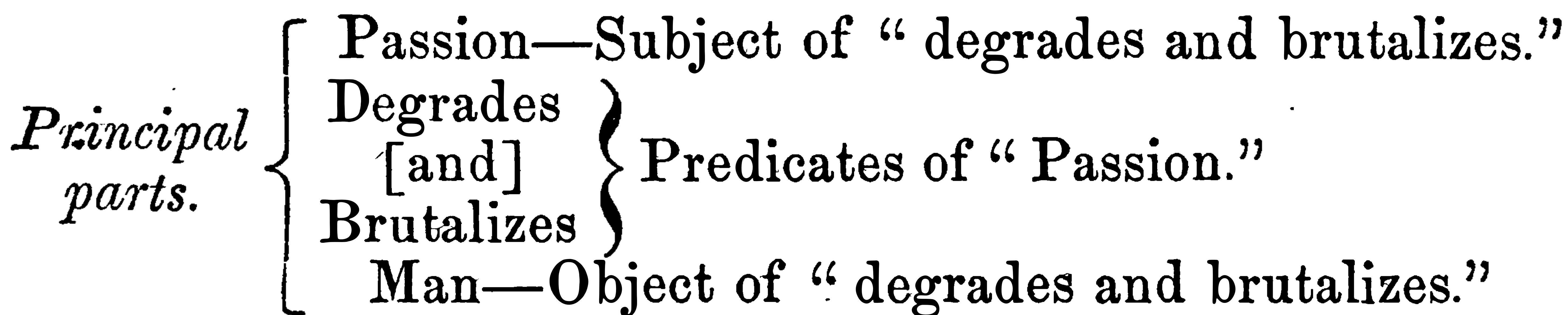
* *A compound sentence—transitive* ; having two subjects, one predicate, and one object.

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† *A compound sentence—transitive*—having one subject, two predicates, and one object.

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Miscellaneous Examples, having their Principal Parts adapted to Diagram a, b, or c, Fig. 17.

“Pride and envy accompany and strengthen each other.”

“Illuminated Reason and regulated Liberty shall once more exhibit man in the image of his Maker.”

“Here Art and Commerce, with auspicious reign,
Once breathed sweet influence on the happy plain.”

“For Hopes too long delayed,
And Feelings blasted or betrayed,
Its fabled Bliss destroy.”

“Patience and perseverance will surmount or remove the most formidable difficulties.”

“ Then Strife and Faction rule the day,
And Pride and Avarice throned the way ;
Loose Revelry and Riot bold,
In freighted streets their orgies hold.”

“ The hunter’s trace and the dark encampments started the wild beasts from their lairs.”

“ Thy praise the widow’s sighs, and orphan’s tears embalm.”

“ Their names, their years, spelled by the unlettered muse,
The place of fame and elegy supply.”—*Grey*.

“ Hence, every state, to one loved blessing prone,
Conforms and models life to that alone.”

“ Hope, like a cordial, innocent though strong,
Man’s heart at once inspirits and serenens.”—*Young*.

“ For which we shunned and hated thee before.”

“ By thus acting, we cherish and improve both.”

“ When mighty Alfred’s piercing soul
Pervades and regulates the whole.”

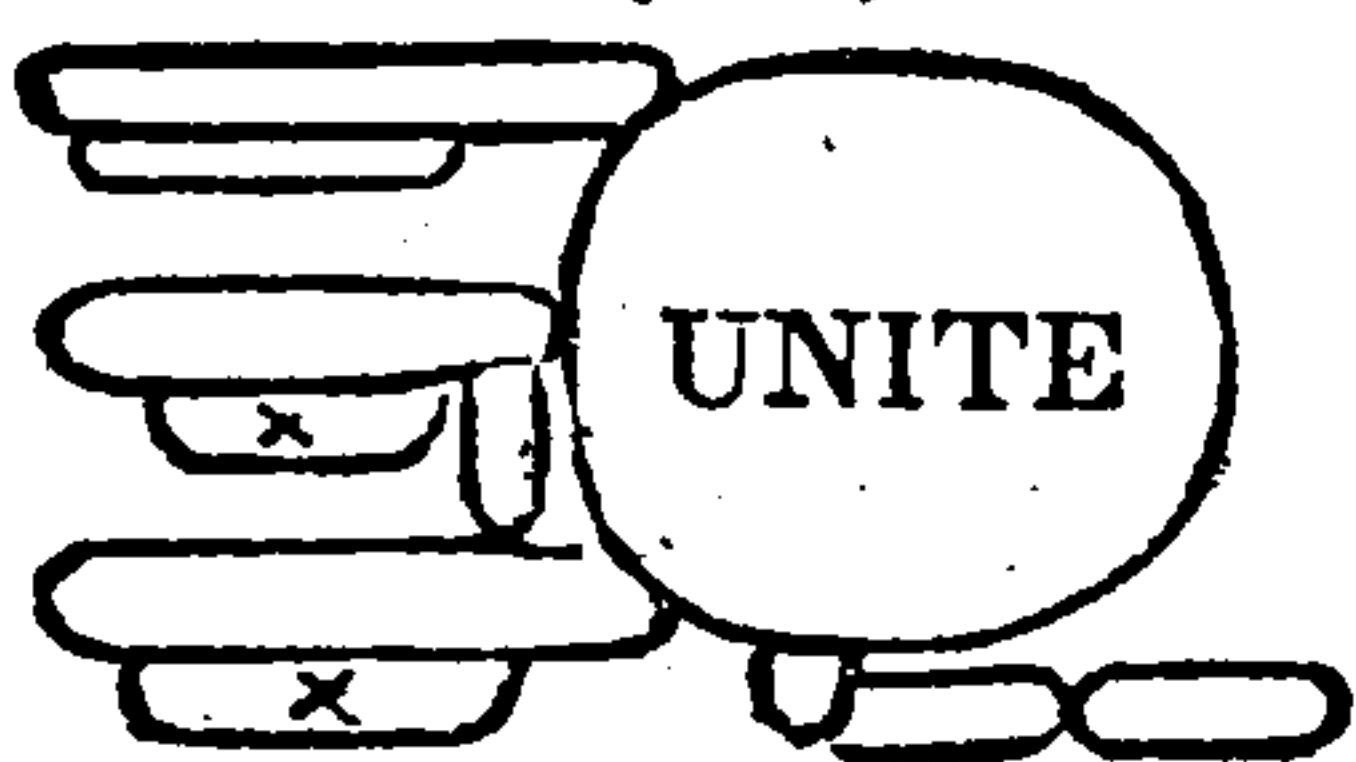
“ Knowledge reaches, or may reach, every home.”

“ Whose potent arm perpetuates existence or destroys.”

Hill and valley echo back their songs and alleluias.

“ *He tossed* not high his ready *cap* in air,
Nor *lifted* up his *voice* in servile shouts,
At sight of that great ruffian.”

(18.)



*Unnumbered systems, suns, and worlds,
unite to worship thee.*

*A compound sentence—intransitive ; containing three subjects
and one predicate.*

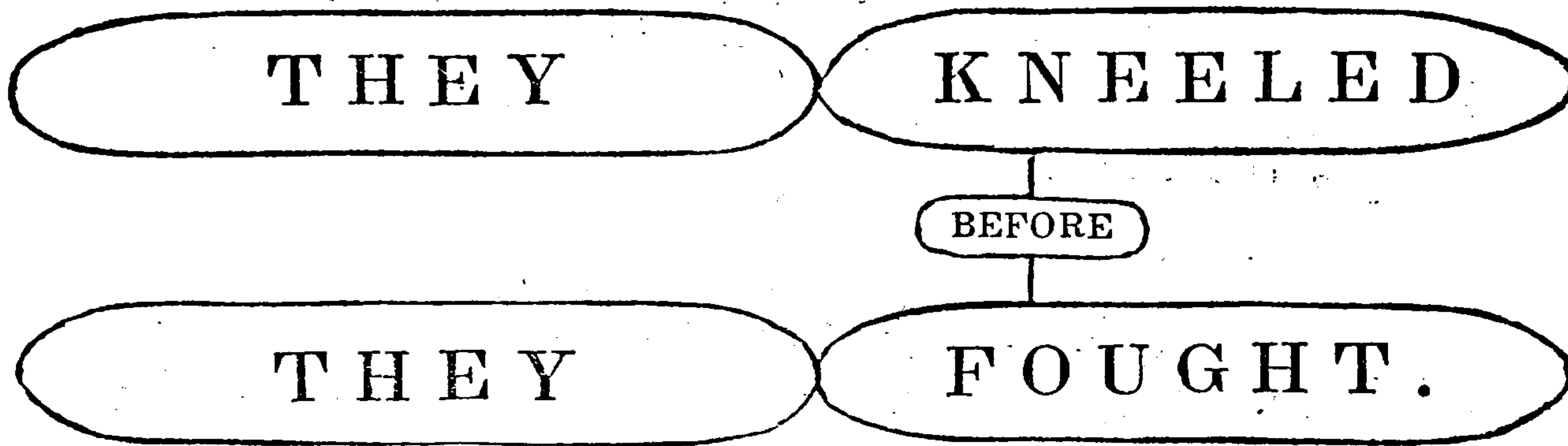
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<i>Principal parts.</i>	}	Systems, Suns, [and] Worlds,	} Subjects of “unite.”
		Unite—Predicate of “systems, suns, and worlds.”	
<i>Adjuncts.</i>	}	Unnumbered—Adjunct of “systems, suns, and worlds.”	
		To worship thee—Adjunct of “unite.”	

“ The lame, the blind, and the aged repose in hospitals.”

“ *They kneeled before they fought.* ”

(19.)



Complex sentence.—Def. 33.

ANALYSIS.

<i>Principal sentence.</i>	{	They—Subject of “kneeled.”	}	Adjunct of “kneeled.”
		Kneeled—Predicate of “they.”		
<i>Adjunct sentence.</i>	{	Before	}	Adjunct of “kneeled.”
		They		
		Fought		

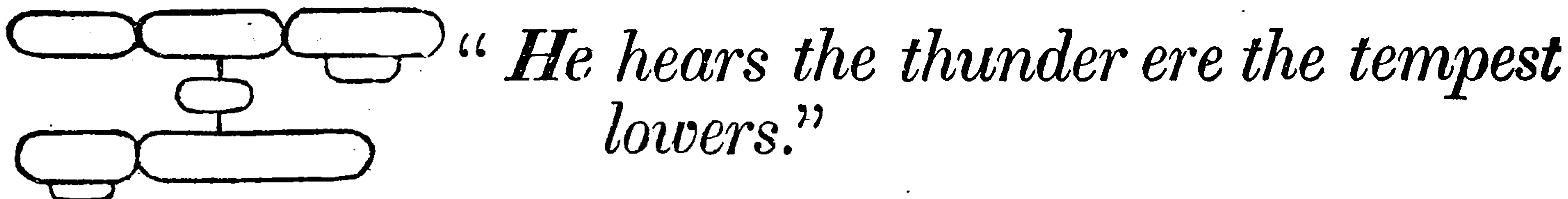
Before—Introduces a qualifying sentence.

They—Subject of “fought.”

Fought—Predicate of “they.”

☞ Let each pupil make a sentence for the above diagram.

(20.)



A complex sentence.—Def. 33.

ANALYSIS.

<i>Principal parts.</i>	{	He—Subject of “hears.”	}
		Hears—Predicate of “he.”	
		Thunder—Object of “hears.”	
<i>Adjuncts.</i>	{	The—Adjunct of “thunder.”	}
		Ere the tempest lowers—Adjunct of “hears.”	
<i>Auxiliary sentence.</i>	{	Ere—Introduces a qualifying sentence.	}
		Tempest—Subject of “lowers.”	
		Lowers—Predicate of “tempest.”	
	{	The—Adjunct of “tempest.”	}

Examples applicable to Diagram (19) or (20), with the addition of Adjuncts.

While they triumph, they expire.

While we tarried, they slept. If we fail, you perish.

“ And when its yellow lustre smiled,
O'er mountains yet untrod,
Each mother held aloft her child,
To bless the bow of God.”

“ We range us in line
As the voice of the trumpet is calling.”

“ The virtue still adorns our age,
Though the chief actor died upon the stage.”

“ He spread an open countenance, where smiles
The fair effulgence of an open heart.”

“ It will, through latest time, enrich your race,
When grossest wealth shall moulder into dust.”

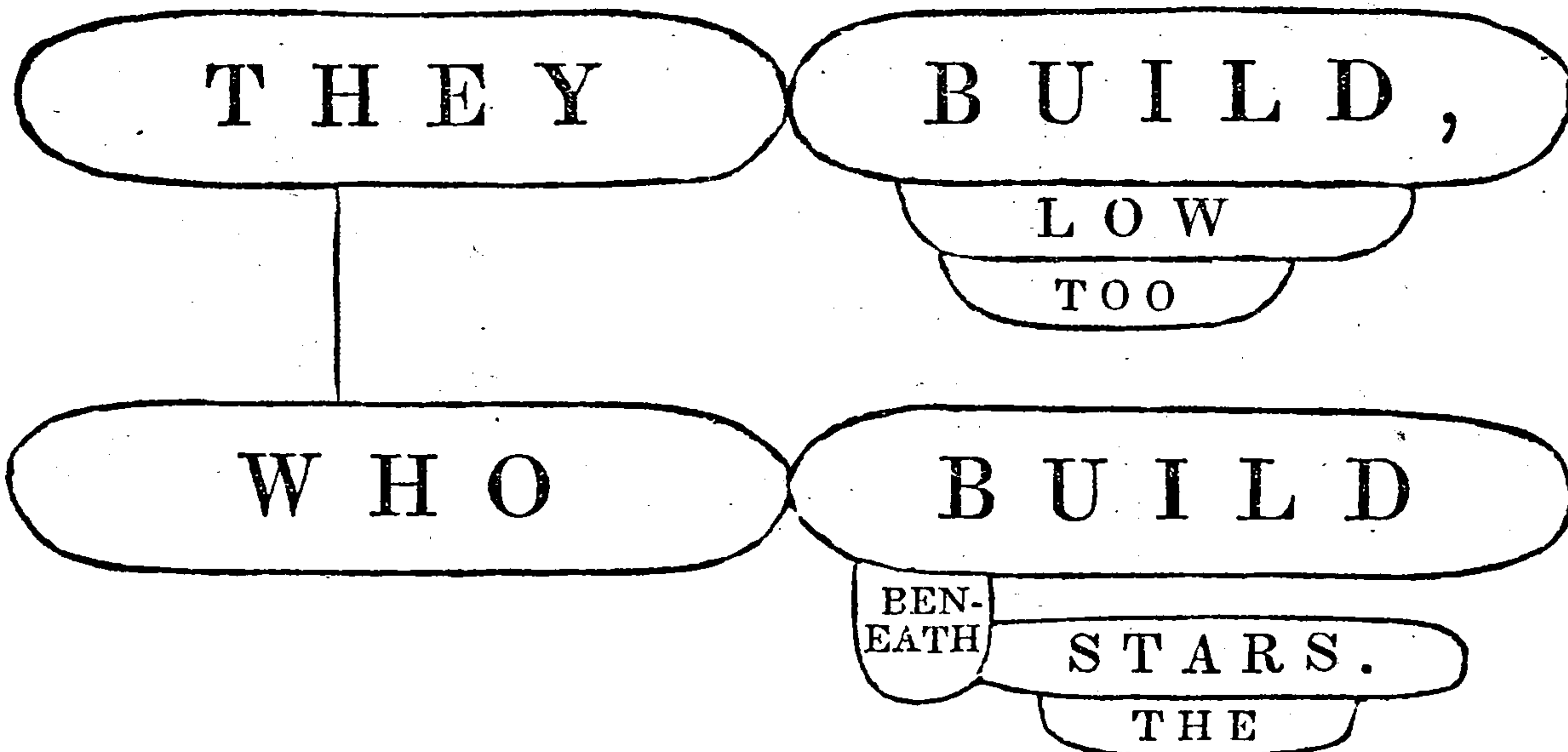
“ Heaves my heart with strong emotion,
While I go far hence to dwell.”—*Smith.*

“ Pray I cannot, though inclination
Be as sharp as 'twill.”

“ *Too low they build, who build beneath the stars.*”

YOUNG.

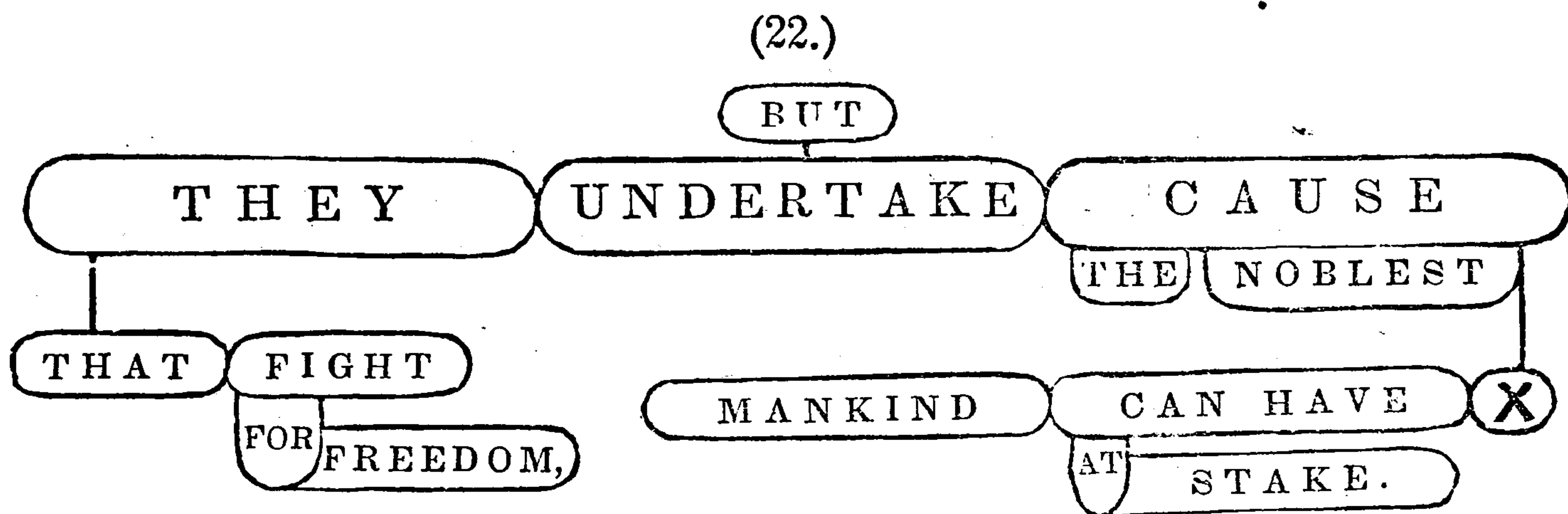
(21.)



A complex sentence—both simple and intransitive.

ANALYSIS.

<i>Principal parts.</i>	{	They—Subject of “ build.”
		Build—Predicate of “ they.”
<i>Adjuncts.</i>	{	Low—Adjunct of “ build.”
		Too—Adjunct of “ low.”
<i>Auxiliary sentence.</i>	{	Who build beneath the stars—Adjunct of “ they.”
		<i>Principal parts.</i> {
		Who—Subject of “ build.”
		Build—Predicate of “ who.”
<i>Adjuncts.</i>	{	Beneath stars—Adjunct of “ build.”
		The—Adjunct of “ stars.”



*“ But they that fight for freedom, undertake
The noblest cause mankind can have at stake.”*

A complex sentence.

ANALYSIS.

<i>Principal parts.</i>	{	They—Subject of “ undertake.”
		Undertake—Predicate of “ they.”
		Cause—Object of “ undertake.”
<i>Adjuncts.</i>	{	That fight for freedom—Adjunct of “ they.”
		The
		Noblest
		[that] mankind can have at stake
	}	Adjuncts of “ cause.”

Construction.

But,	introduces <i>an additional sentence,</i>	- - - - -	Conj.
They,	agent of action expressed by “ undertake,”	- - - - -	Pron.
That,	agent of action expressed by “ fight,”	- - - - -	Pron.
Fight,	expresses the action performed by “ that,”	- - - - -	Verb.
For,	expresses a relation of “ fight ” and “ freedom,”	- - - - -	Prep.
Freedom,	object of relation expressed by “ for,”	- - - - -	Noun.
Undertake,	expresses the action of “ they,”	- - - - -	Verb.
The,	limits “ cause,”	- - - - -	Adj.
Noblest,	qualifies “ cause,”	- - - - -	Adj.
Cause,	object of the action expressed by “ undertake,”	- - - - -	Noun.
X, [that],	object of “ can have ”—referring to “ cause,”	- - - - -	Pron.
Mankind,	agent of action expressed by “ can have,”	- - - - -	Noun.
Can have,	expresses an action of “ mankind,”	- - - - -	Verb.
At,	expresses a relation of “ can have ” and “ stake,”	- - - - -	Prep.
Stake,	object of relation expressed by “ at,”	- - - - -	Noun.

Let each pupil make a sentence for the above diagram.

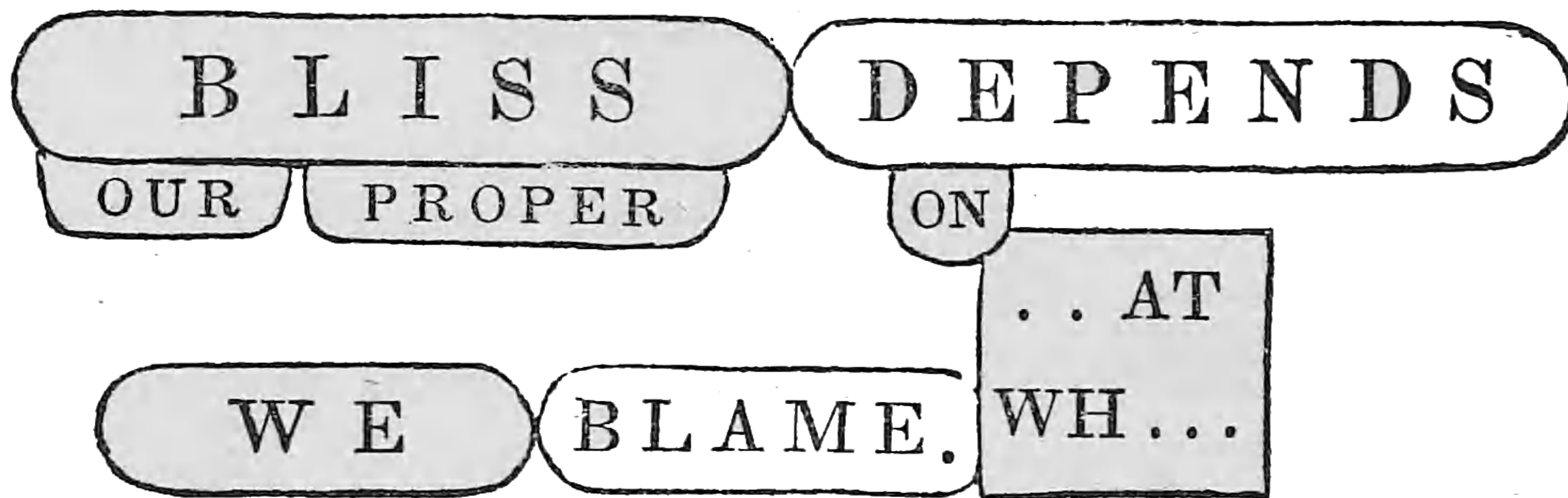
And students who love to study, merit the highest honors which teachers can give them.

Variations of Adjuncts.

“ Serious politeness is the best shield [] a young lady can have, and it is a shield [] you may need in a *tête-à-tête* with a youthful instructor. This sort of defence protects you, without offending others.”—*Young Ladies’ Friend*.

“ *Our proper bliss depends on what [that which] we blame.*”

(23.)



A Complex sentence—the Auxiliary qualifies a phrase.

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Bliss—Subject of “depends.”

Depends—Predicate of “bliss.”

Our } Adjuncts of “bliss.”
 Proper }

On what we blame—Adjunct of “depends.”

On—Expresses a relation of “depends” and “what.”

What { [That]—Object of relation expressed by “on.”
 { [Which]—Object of action expressed by “blame.”

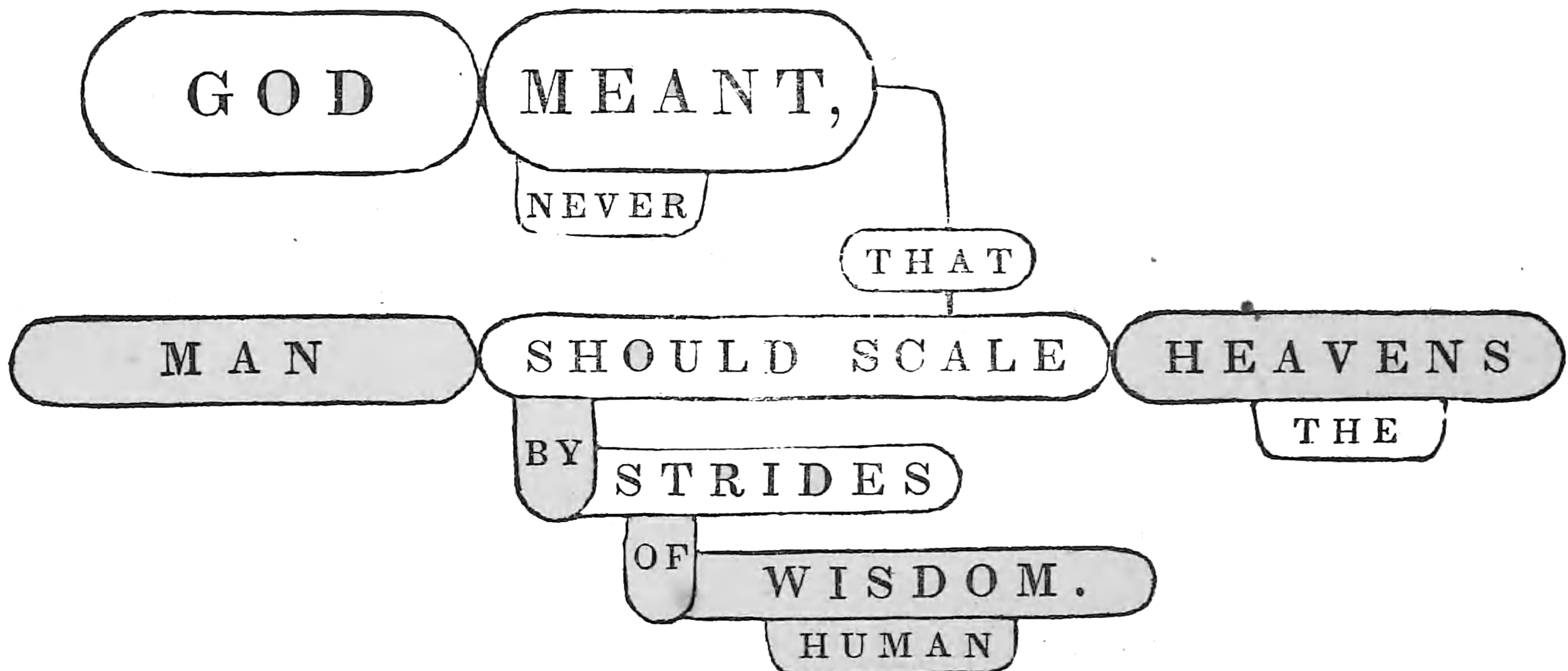
We—Subject of “blame.”

Blame—Predicate of “we.”

☞ Let sentences be made for the above diagrams.

“ *God never meant, that man should scale the heavens
 By strides of human wisdom.*” —COWPER.

(24.)



A complex sentence—the Auxiliary the logical object of the Principal.

☞ Let the Analysis of this sentence be written on the black-board.

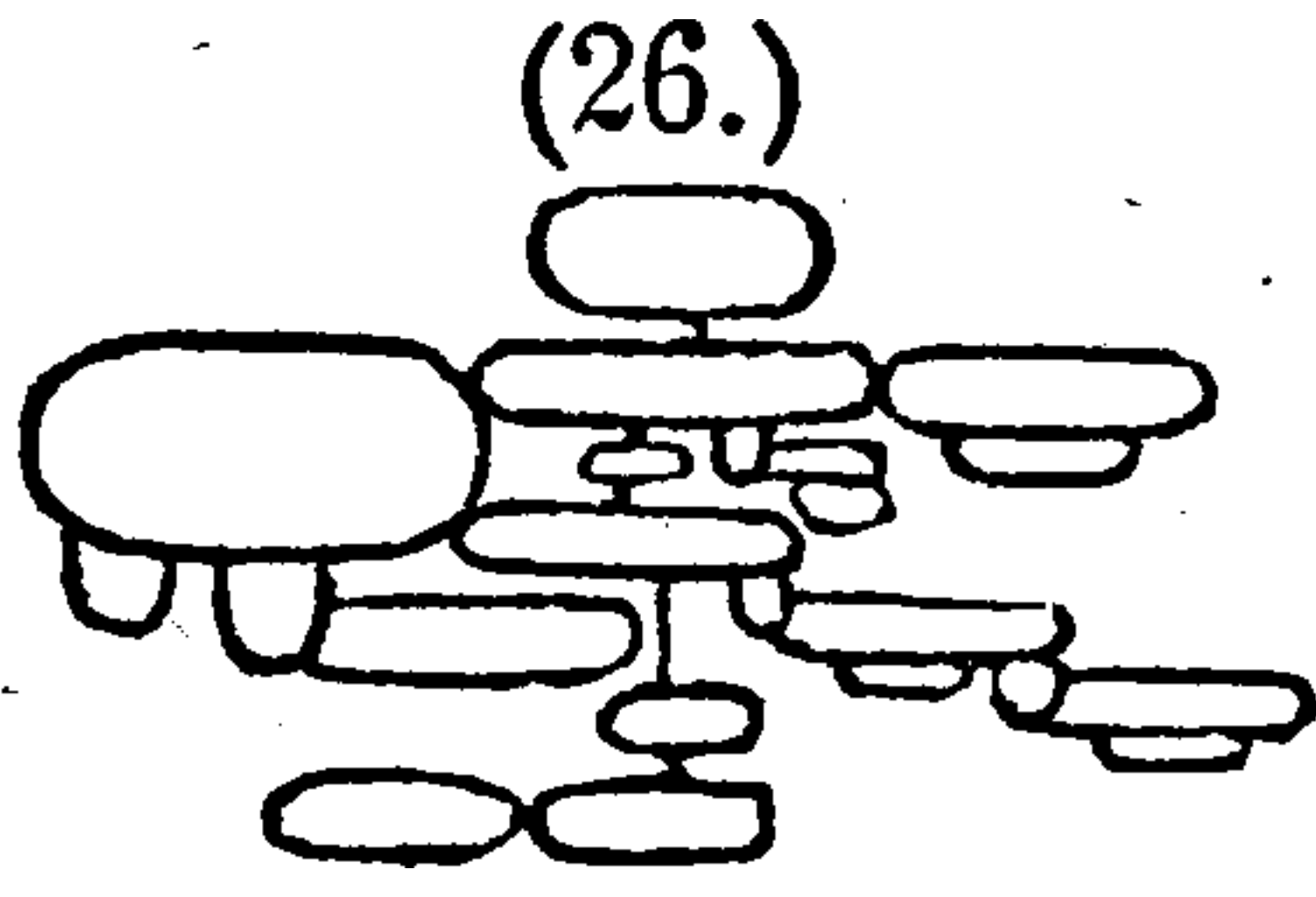
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(26.) *“For the angel of death spread his wings
on the blast,
And breathed in the face of the foe
as he passed.”*

A mixed sentence—complex.—Def. 30, b. and 33.

ANALYSIS.

<i>Principal parts.</i>	}	Angel—Subject of “spread and “breathed.”	}	Predicates of “angel.”
		Spread		
		[and]		
<i>Adjuncts.</i>	}	Breathed	}	Adjuncts of “breathed.”
		Wings—Object of “spread.”		
		The		
		Of death		
		His—Adjunct of “wings.”		
<i>Auxiliary sentence.</i>	}	On the blast—Adjunct of “spread.”	}	Adjuncts of “breathed.”
		In the face of the foe		
		As he passed		
		As—Introduces an auxiliary sentence.		
	}	He—Subject of “passed.”	}	Predicate of “he.”
		Passed—		

☞ Let the principal parts of the same diagram be written on the black-board, and vary the adjuncts to the following sentences.

*“He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.”*

The ravished eye casts its glance around on every side, and is never satisfied with gazing.

“That I might explore the records of remote ages, and become familiar with the learning and literature of other times.”

Taylor.

*“But now a wave, high rising o’er the deep,
Lifts its dire crest—and, like a vengeful fiend,
Comes as a mountain on.”*

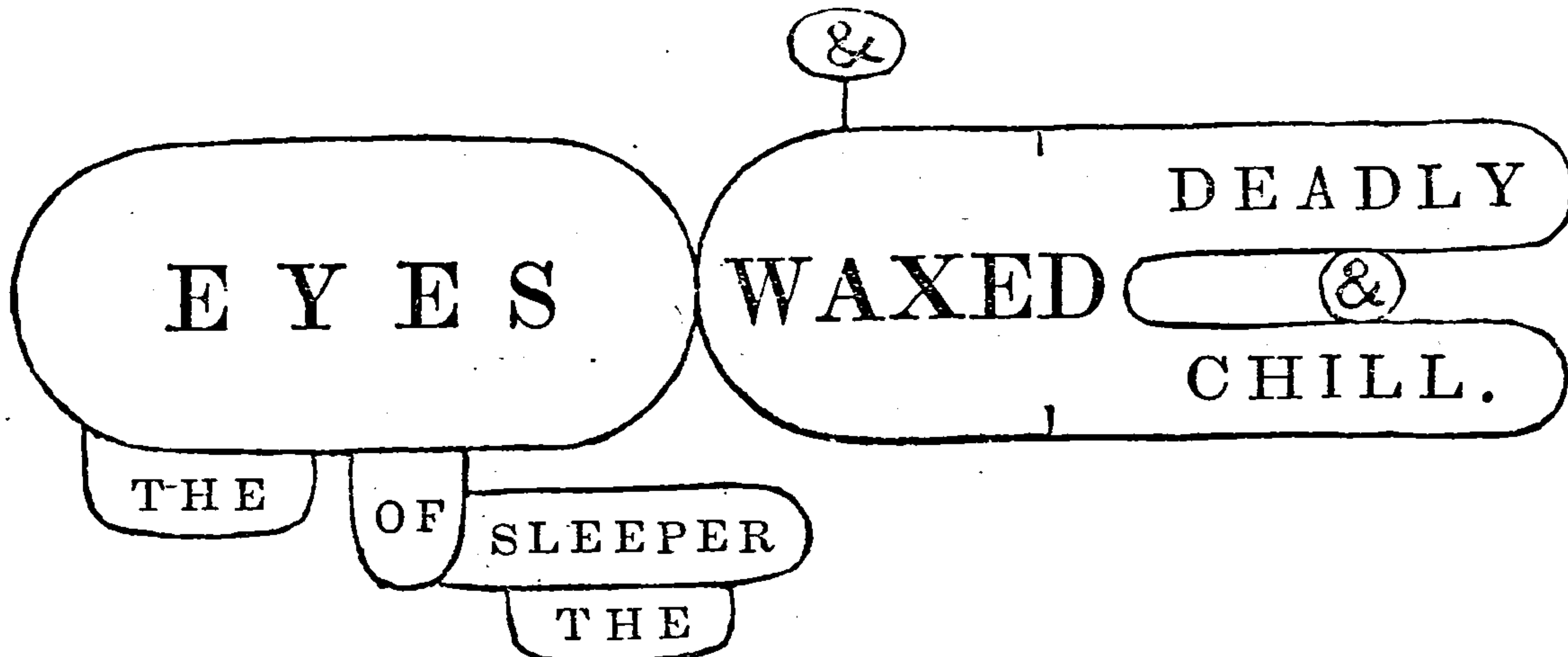
“He leaps enclosures, bounds into the world.”—Young.

*“By that dread name, we wave the sword on high,
And swear for her to live—with her to die.”*

*“The moon in the east, now her crescent displays,
And adds to the grandeur of night.”*

“ And the eyes of the sleepers waxed deadly and chill.”

(27.)



Compound sentence—intransitive.

ANALYSIS.

Principal parts. { Eyes—Subject of “waxed deadly [and] chill.”
 Waxed deadly [and] chill—Predicate of “eyes.”

Adjuncts. { The } Adjuncts of “eyes.”
 Of the sleepers }

Construction.

And,	introduces an additional sentence,	- - - - -	Conj.,	13.
The,	limits “eyes,”	- - - - -	Adj.,	9.
Eyes,	agent of “waxed deadly [and] chill,”	- - - - -	Noun,	7.
Of,	expresses relation of “eyes” [and] “sleepers,”	- - - - -	Prep.,	12.
The,	limits “sleepers,”	- - - - -	Adj.,	9.
Sleepers,	object of relation expressed by “of,”	- - - - -	Noun,	7.
Waxed,	expresses (with “deadly [and] chill”) what is affirmed of “eyes,”	- - - - -	Verb,	10.
Deadly,	used in predication with waxed,	- - - - -	Adj.,	9.
And,	connects “deadly” [and] “chill,”	- - - - -	Conj.,	13.
Chill,	used in predication with waxed,	- - - - -	Adj.,	9.

Additional Examples.

“ Age is dark and unlovely.”—*Ossian*.

“ Now, therefore, be not grieved nor angry with yourselves.”

“ Bloodless are these limbs and cold.”—*Byron*.

“ How finely diversified, and how multiplied into many thousand distinct exercises, is the attention of God.”—*Chalmers*.

“ I am perplexed and confounded.”

“ They became agitated and restless.”

“ The wares of the merchant are spread abroad in the shops, or stored in the high-piled warehouses.”

“ Rude am I in speech, and little blest
 With the set phrase of peace.”

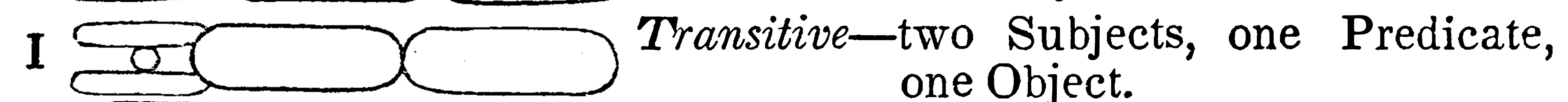
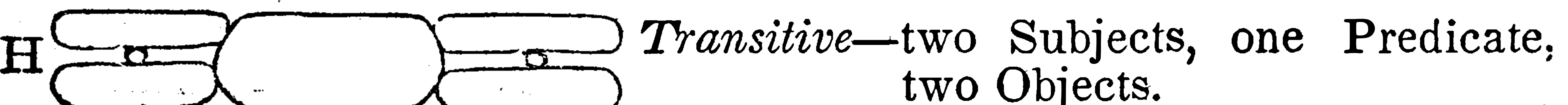
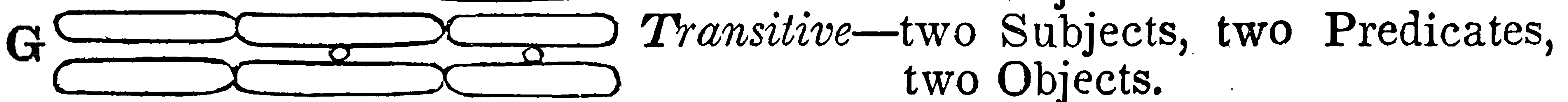
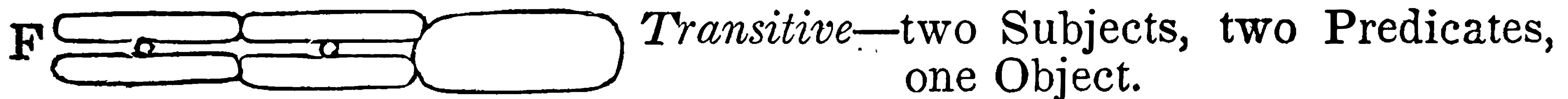
“ What bark is plunging ’mid the billowy strife,
 And dashing madly on to fearful doom.”

Diagrams of the Principal Parts of Simple, Compound, and Complex Sentences.

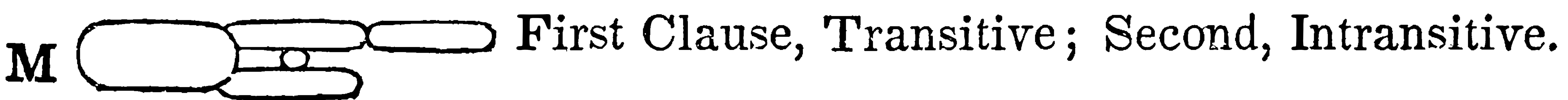
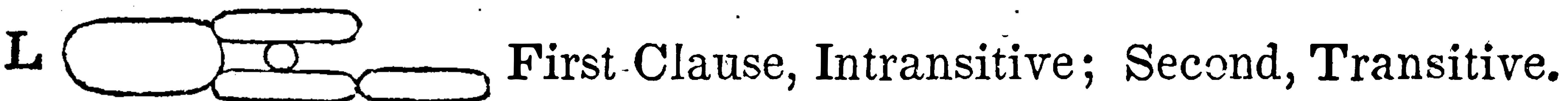
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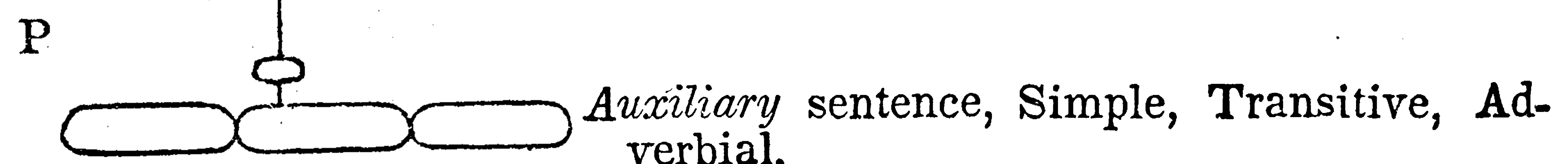
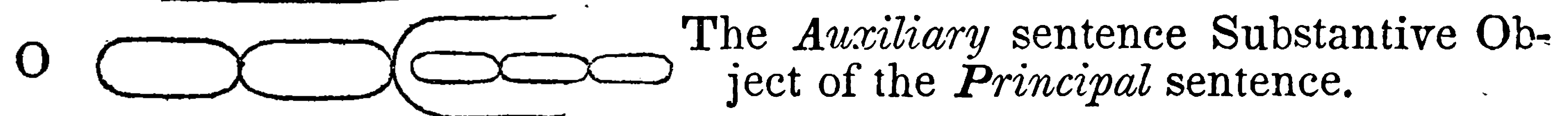
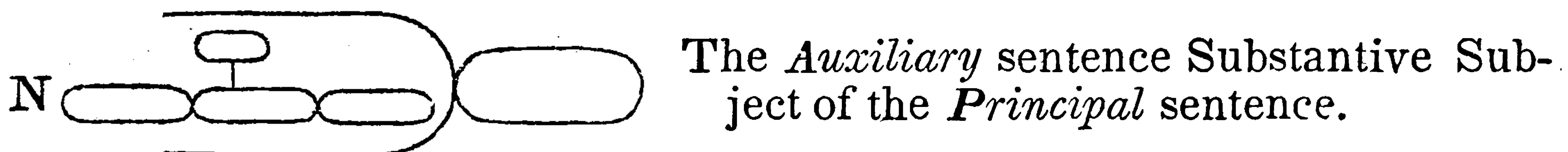
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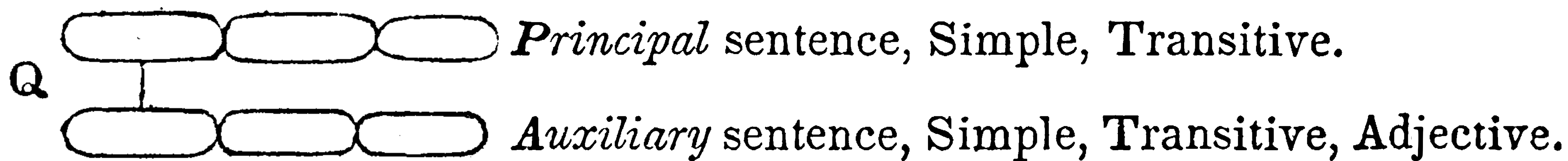


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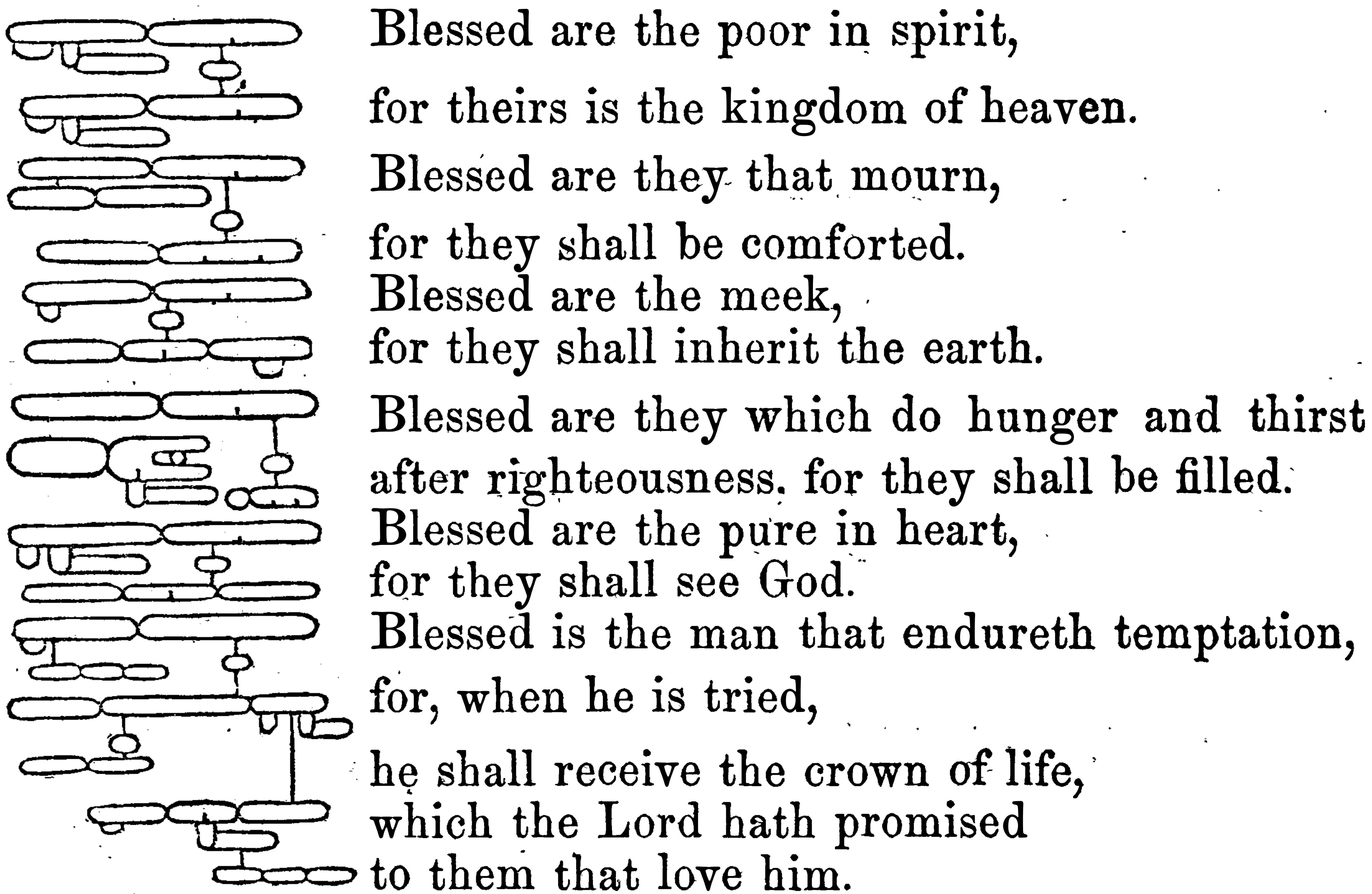
COMPLEX SENTENCES.





EXAMPLES OF COMPLEX SENTENCES.

Rem.—Let the pupil write the Diagram for each sentence on the black-board and insert the words in the proper places.



OTHER EXAMPLES, IN WHICH THE AUXILIARY SENTENCE
IS SUBSTANTIVE.

“ *That I have taken this old man’s daughter,* is most true.”

“ As they sat down, one SAID to his friend at his right, ‘ *We shall soon see who is who.* ’ ”

“ We bustle up with unsuccessful speed,
And in the saddest part, cry—‘ *Droll indeed.* ’ ”

“ Then Agrippa said unto Paul, *Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.* ”

“ A celebrated writer says—‘ Take care of the minutes and the hours will take care of themselves. ’ ”

AUXILIARY SENTENCE—ADJECTIVE.

“ There is SOMETHING in their hearts *which passes speech.* ”

“ I heard the complaints of the LABORERS *who had reaped down* ”

his fields, and the cries of the POOR whose covering he had taken away."

"The difference in the HAPPINESS *which is received or bestowed* by the MAN *who guards his temper,* and that by the MAN *who does not,* is immense."

AUXILIARY SENTENCE—ADVERBIAL.

And, *as I passed along,* I HEARD the complaints of the laborers.

"The sweet remembrance of the just,
SHALL FLOURISH *when he sleeps in dust.*"

"But *when he caught the measure wild,*
The old man RAISED his head, and SMILED."

"And *when [he was] listening to this,* he WOULD often CLASP his hands in ecstasy of delight."

"Their advancement in life and in education was SUCH *that each ought to have been a gentleman.*"

"As *they sat down,* one SAID to his friend on his right, 'We shall soon see who is who.'"

"If *you would know the deeds* of him who chews,
ENTER the house of God, and SEE the pews."

Adams.

PROMISCUOUS EXAMPLES.

Virtue secures *happiness.*

"Darkness is o'er the land—
For lo! a death-flag streams upon the breeze—
The Hero hath departed!"

"Nay, let us weep. Our grief hath need of tears—
Tears should embalm the dead.

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Throned in a nation's love he sunk to sleep,
And so awoke in heaven."—*Mrs. Stevens.*

"The perfect world, by Adam trod,
Was the first temple—built by God:
His fiat *laid* the corner-stone,
And *heaved* its pillars one by one.

"He *hung* its starry roof on high—
The broad, illimitable sky;
He *spread* its pavement green and bright,
And *curtained* it with morning light."

1. O, I have loved, in youth's fair vernal morn,
 To spread imagination's wildest wing,
 The sober certainties of life to scorn,
 And seek the visioned realms that poet's sing—
 Where Nature blushes in perennial spring,
 Where streams of earthly joy exhaustless rise,
 Where Youth and Beauty tread the choral ring,
 And shout their raptures to the cloudless skies,
 While every jovial hour on downy pinion flies.
2. But, ah! those fairy scenes at once are fled,
 Since stern Experience waved her iron wand,
 Broke the soft slumbers of my visioned head,
 And bade me here of perfect bliss despond.
 And oft have I the painful lesson conned;
 When Disappointment mocked my wooing heart,
 Still of its own delusion weakly fond,
 And from forbidden pleasures loth to part,
 Though shrinking oft beneath Correction's deepest smart.
3. And is there nought in mortal life, I cried,
 Can sooth the sorrows of the laboring breast?
 No kind recess, where baffled hope may hide,
 And weary Nature lull her woes to rest?
 O grant me, pitying Heaven, this last request!—
 Since I must every loftier wish resign,
 Be my few days with peace and friendship blessed;
 Nor will I at my humble lot repine,
 Though neither wealth, nor fame, nor luxury be mine.
4. O give me yet, in some recluse abode,
 Encircled with a faithful few, to dwell,
 Where power cannot oppress, nor care corrode,
 Nor venom'd tongues the tale of slander tell!
 O bear me to some solitary cell,
 Beyond the reach of every human eye!
 And let me bid a long and last farewell
 To each alluring object 'neath the sky,
 And there in peace await my hour—in peace to die.
5. "Ah vain desire!" a still, small voice replied,
 "No place, no circumstance can Peace impart:—
 She scorns the mansion of unvanquished Pride,
 Sweet inmate of a pure and humble heart;—

Take then thy station—act thy proper part;—

A Savior's mercy seek,—his will perform:
His word has balm for sin's envenomed smart,
His love, diffused, thy shuddering breast shall warm
His power provide a shelter from the gathering storm."

6. O welcome hiding-place! O refuge meet
For fainting pilgrims on this desert way!
O kind Conductor of these wandering feet,
Through snares and darkness, to the realms of day
So did the Sun of righteousness display
His healing beams; each gloomy cloud dispel:
While on the parting mist, in colors gay,
Truth's cheering bow of precious promise fell,
And Mercy's silver voice soft whispered—"All is well."

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DEF. 35. A word formed from a Radical, by prefixing or adding one or more letters to it, is a *Derivative Word*.

EXAMPLES—Manly—enjoy—joyous—enact—active—conform.

DEF. 36. A word that may be used separately from another word, is a *Simple Word*.

EXAMPLES—Man—money—board—stand—maker—ink.

DEF. 37. A word made of two or more words combined, is a *Compound Word*.

EXAMPLES—Money-maker—ink-stand—black-board.

PRIN. Particles used in forming Derivative Words, are
Prefixes and Suffixes.

DEF. 38. One or more letters placed before a word, is a *Prefix*.

EXAMPLES—*In*form—*con*form—*am*end—*be*dew—*un*bind.

DEF. 39. One or more letters added to a word, is a *Suffix*.

EXAMPLES—Forming—mended—dewy—active—joyous—manly.

PRIN. Prefixes and Suffixes are *Simple* or *Compound*.

Examples of Simple.

<i>Prefixes.</i>	<i>Suffixes.</i>
extend—define—conform— amend—instruct—collect.	brutal—feeling—acted— manly—harmonize—wilful.

Compound.

coextend—unconform— preinstruct—recollect.	brutality—feelingly— manfully—harmonizing.
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Prefixes and Suffixes.

affection—commotion—confutation—collective—
information—counteracted—unwilling—defamation—
preconcerted—unconformable—transubstantiation.

PRIN. The Radicals of Derivative Words are *Separable* or *Inseparable*.

DEF. 40. A *Separable Radical* constitutes a perfect word without the aid of Prefixes or Suffixes.

EXAMPLES—Man—form—feel—brute—will—joy.

DEF. 41. An *Inseparable Radical* is not used as a word in the language, without the aid of its prefix or suffix.

EXAMPLES—	pose	fect	fute	lect
	compose	affect	refute	collect
	composition	affected	refutation	collection

NOTE.—For *Derivation of Words* and a list of Prefixes and Suffixes, see Appendix, Note B.

II.—THE USES OF WORDS.

Prin. By their *uses* words are distinguished as,

<i>Nouns,</i>	<i>Adverbs,</i>
<i>Pronouns,</i>	<i>Prepositions,</i>
<i>Adjectives,</i>	<i>Conjunctions,</i>
<i>Verbs,</i>	<i>Exclamations, and</i>
<i>Words of Euphony.</i>	

NOUNS.

Def. 42. A *Noun* is a word used as the name of a being, place, or thing.

OBS. Nouns are names of—

1. material things—as, man—book—apple; or,
2. of ideas or things not material—as, mind—hope—desire—passion.

CLASSIFICATION OF NOUNS.

Remark.—Some nouns are appropriated to individual persons or places, or to things personified; others are general in their application, being used to designate classes or sorts. Hence,

Prin. Nouns are distinguished as
Proper and *Common*.

Def. 43. A name, appropriated to an individual person or place, or to a thing personified, is a
Proper Noun.

EXAMPLES—*William—Boston—Hudson—Oregon*.

Def. 44. A name used to designate one or more of a *class* or *sort* of beings or things, is a
Common Noun.

EXAMPLES—*Man—book—American—conscience—feeling*.

OBS. 1.—A Common Noun is a name by which the individuality of a being or thing is designated. But, in addition to this office, some nouns are the names of *qualities*.

DEF. 44, *a.*—Such are properly called *Abstract Nouns*.

EXAMPLES—*Goodness—excellence—rashness—moderation*.

OBS. 2.—Some nouns include many individuals in one term.

DEF. 44, b.—Such are called *Collective Nouns*.

EXAMPLES—Committee—army—company—fraternity.

OBS. 3.—Some nouns are derived from verbs, and constitute merely the names of acts.

DEF. 44, c.—Such are called *Verbal Nouns*.

EXAMPLES—[In the] *beginning*—[“ the] *triumphing* [of the wicked.”]

Rem.—The classification of nouns as Common and Proper, is one rather of curiosity than of practical utility in the Science of Language.

MODIFICATION OF NOUNS.

Rem.—Some nouns and pronouns, by their form, by their position in a sentence, or by their obvious uses, indicate—

1. The sex—as male or female, or neither.
2. The speaker, the being addressed, or the being or thing spoken of.
3. The number of beings or things—as one or more.
4. The condition, with regard to other words in the sentence—as,
 - (1.) The Subject of a sentence.
 - (2.) The Object of a sentence or phrase.
 - (3.) Independent in construction. Hence,

Prin. Nouns are modified by *Gender, Person, Number, and Case*.

GENDER.

Def. 45. Names of males are of the *Masculine Gender*.

EXAMPLES—Man—lion—ox—king—brother—preceptor.

Def. 46. Names of females are of the *Feminine Gender*.

EXAMPLES—Woman—lioness—cow—queen—sister—preceptress.

Def. 47. Names of things without sex are said to be of the *Neuter Gender*.

OBS. 1.—Strict propriety will allow the names of *animals only* to be modified by gender.

OBS. 2.—Young animals and infants are not always distinguished by gender: as, “Mary’s kitten is very playful—*it* is quite a pet with the whole family.”

“Calm as an infant as *it* sweetly sleeps.”

OBS. 3.—Things personified are often represented by nouns of the masculine or feminine gender.

EXAMPLES—“ Then Fancy *her* magical pinions spread wide.”

“ Time slept on flowers, and lent *his* glass to Hope.”

“ For the Angel of Death spread *his* wings on the blast,
And breathed in the face of the foe as *he* pass'd.”

OBS. 4.—Many nouns which denote the office or condition of persons, and some others, are not distinguished by gender.

EXAMPLES—Parent—cousin—friend—neighbor.

OBS. 5.—Whenever words are used which include both males and females, without having a direct reference to the sex, the word appropriated to males, is commonly employed.

EXAMPLES—“ The proper study of *mankind* is *man*.”

“ There is no flesh in *man's* obdurate heart—
It does not feel for *man*.”

But to this rule there are exceptions—as, geese—ducks.

Prin. The gender of nouns is determined

1. By the termination ; as,

<i>Masc.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>	<i>Masc.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>
Actor,	Actress.	Patron,	Patroness.
Administrator,	Administratrix.	Prince,	Princess.
Author,	Authoress.	Protector,	Protectress.
Governor,	Governess.	Shepherd,	Shepherdess.
Heir,	Heiress.	Songster,	Songstress.
Host,	Hostess.	Tiger,	Tigress.
Hero,	Heroine.	Tutor,	Tutoress.
Jew,	Jewess.	Tailor,	Tailoress
Lion,	Lioness.	Widower,	Widow.

2. By different words ; as,

<i>Masc.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>	<i>Masc.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>
Bachelor,	Maid.	Husband,	Wife.
Beau,	Belle.	King,	Queen.
Boy,	Girl.	Lad,	Lass.
Brother,	Sister.	Lord,	Lady.
Drake,	Duck.	Man,	Woman.
Father,	Mother.	Master,	Mistress.
Friar,	Nun.	Nephew,	Niece.

3. By prefixing or affixing other words.

<i>Masc.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>
Man-servant,	Maid-servant.
He-goat,	She-goat.
Cock-sparrow,	Hen-sparrow.
Landlord,	Landlady.
Gentleman,	Gentlewoman.

NOTE.—In the English language, less importance is attached to the gender of nouns than in the Latin, Greek, and other languages—the relation of words in sentences depending more upon *position* and less upon the terminations. Hence, in parsing Nouns and Pronouns, the gender need not be mentioned, unless they are obviously masculine or feminine.

PERSON.

Rem.—All nouns are the names of

1. The persons speaking.
2. The persons or things addressed. Or,
3. The persons or things spoken of. Hence,

Prin. Nouns and pronouns are of the
First Person, Second Person, or Third Person.

Def. 48. The name of the person speaking is
of the *First Person.*

EXAMPLES—“*I, John, saw these things.*” “*We Athenians are in fault.*”

Def. 49. The name of a person or thing addressed is of the *Second Person.*

EXAMPLES.

“*Father, thy hand
Hath reared these venerable columns ; thou
Didst weave this verdant roof.*”

Def. 50. The name of the person or thing spoken of is of the *Third Person.*

EXAMPLES—“*The hero hath departed.*” “*Honor guides his footsteps.*”

NUMBER.

Rem.—Nouns by their form denote individuality or plurality. Hence,

Prin. Nouns are distinguished as
Singular and Plural.

Def. 51. Nouns denoting but one are of the
Singular Number.

EXAMPLES—Man—boy—pen—book—mouse—ox.

Def. 52. Nouns denoting more than one are of the
Plural Number.

EXAMPLES—Men—boys—pens—books—mice—oxen.

OBS.—The Number of a noun is usually determined by the form.

1. The Plural of most nouns differs from the Singular by having an additional *s*.

EXAMPLES.

Singular.—Act, egg, book, mastiff, pen, chair.
Plural.—Acts, eggs, books, mastiffs, pens, chairs.

2. But a noun whose Singular form ends in *s*, *ss*, *sh*, *x*, *ch* (soft), and some nouns in *o* and *y*, form the Plural by the addition of *es*.

EXAMPLES.

Singular.—Gas, lynx, church, lash, glass, hero.
Plural.—Gases, lynxes, churches, lashes, glasses, heroes.

3. *Y* final, after a consonant, is changed into *ie* (the original orthography), and *s* is added.

EXAMPLES.

Singular.—Lady, folly, quality.
Old Form.—Ladie, follie, qualitie.
Plural.—Ladies, follies, qualities.

4. Many nouns ending in *f* or *fe*, change *f* into *ves*.

EXAMPLES.

Singular.—Life, wife, leaf, sheaf, half.
Plural.—Lives, wives, leaves, sheaves, halves.

To this rule there are exceptions.

5. Irregular Plurals.

EXAMPLES.

Singular.—Man, child, foot, ox, mouse.
Plural.—Men, children, feet, oxen, mice.

6. In a compound word, the principal word is varied to form the Plural.

EXAMPLES.

Singular.—Father-in-law, aid-de-camp, fellow-servant.
Plural.—Fathers-in-law, aids-de-camp, fellow-servants.

7. Some nouns have no Plurals.

EXAMPLES—Wheat—silver—gold—iron—gratitude.

8. Some nouns have no Singular.

EXAMPLES—Tongs—embers—vespers—literati—scissors.

9. Some nouns have the same form in both numbers.

EXAMPLES.

Singular.—Apparatus, news, wages, sheep, vermin.

Plural.—Apparatus, news, wages, sheep, vermin.

10. Some nouns, having a Singular form, are used in a Plural sense.

EXAMPLES—Horse—foot—cavalry—cannon—sail. One thousand *horse* and two thousand *foot*—five hundred *cavalry*—fifty *cannon*—twenty *sail* of the line—and, for supplies, five hundred *head* of cattle.

11. Some nouns, having no Plural form to indicate Number, receive a Plural termination to indicate different species.

EXAMPLES—Wines—“Most wines contain over twenty per cent. of alcohol.” Tea—“The teas of the Nankin Company are all good.”

12. Many Latin, Greek, and Hebrew nouns used in English composition, retain their original Plurals. Commonly the terminations *um*, *us*, and *on*, of the Singular, are changed into *a*, for the Plural; *x* into *ces*, and *is* into *es*.


EXAMPLES.

Singular.—Datum, genus, criterion, index, axis.


Plural.—Data, genera, criteria, indices, axes.

NOTE.—For other examples of Number, see Appendix, Note C.


Exercises in Gender, Person, and Number.

 Let the class give, 1st, the Gender—2d, the Person—3d, the Number of each of the following names—always giving a reason for the modification, by repeating the definitions.

William,	Boy,	Town,	Army,
Ganges,	Girl,	County,	Data,
Andes,	Aunt,	Troy,	Index,
Cuba,	Cousin,	City,	Question.

 Let sentences be made in which the following words shall be in the Second Person.

Father,	Stars,	Thou,	Heralds,
Mother,	Hills,	You,	Messengers,
Sun,	Rivers,	Ye,	Walls,
Earth,	Woods,	Men,	Floods.

 Let other sentences be made having the same words in the Third Person.

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Obs. 2.—Most plural nouns ending in *s*, add the apostrophe only.

EXAMPLES.

Nom.—Horses, eagles, foxes,
Pos.—Horses', eagles', foxes'.

Obs. 3.—Many nouns ending in the singular in *s*, or *ce*, add the apostrophe only.

EXAMPLES.

Nom.—Mechanics, conscience,
Pos.—Mechanics', conscience'.
 New York *Mechanics'* Association.
 He suffered for *conscience'* sake.

NOTE.—A noun or pronoun in the Possessive case is used adjectively. [For illustration, see Appendix, Note E.]

Obs. The Possessive case does not always indicate “possession or ownership.” *Children's shoes.* Here the word “children's” does not imply ownership. It simply specifies “shoes” as to size.—*Small shoes.* Here “small” specifies “shoes” in a similar manner—“small” and “children's,” performing similar offices, are similar in their etymology; “small” is an adjective—“children's” is an Adjective.

NOTE.—Nouns and Pronouns become Adjectives whenever their principal office is to specify or describe other names: and they may have the form of the Nominative, Possessive, or Objective case.

EXAMPLES.

Steel pens.—*Silver steel.*—*A he goat.*—*Our national resources.*—*New England customs.*—*Wood engravings.*—*Upland cotton.*—*A she goat.*—*Their enemies.*—*Paris fashions.*

“O, my offence is rank—it smells to heaven;
 It hath the primal, eldest curse upon it,
 A brother's murder.”

Def. 55. A noun or pronoun which is the Object of a sentence or a phrase, is in the
Objective Case.

EXAMPLES—John saws *wood*—Science promotes *happiness*.

“The king of shadows loves a shining *mark*.”

“In the *beginning* God created the *heaven* and the *earth*.”

“Scaling yonder *peak*, I saw an *eagle* wheeling near its *brow*.”

Def. 56. A noun or pronoun not dependent on any other word in construction, is in the

Independent Case.

OBS.—The Independent case includes—

1. The names of persons addressed.

EXAMPLES—O Liberty!—"Friends, Romans, countrymen!"

2. Names used to specify or define other names, previously mentioned.

EXAMPLES—Paul the *Apostle* wrote to Timothy. Here "Paul" is the subject of "wrote," hence in the Nominative case (See Def. 53). "Apostle" designates which "Paul" is intended; hence, in the Independent case.

3. Nouns used to introduce independent phrases.

EXAMPLES—The *hour* having arrived, we commenced the exercises.

4. Nouns and pronouns used in predication with verbs.

EXAMPLES—"God is *love*"—"It is *I*"—"The *wages* of sin is death."

5. Nouns and pronouns used for euphony, titles of books, cards, signs, &c.

EXAMPLES.

"The moon *herself* is lost in heaven."
"Webster's *Dictionary*"—"Munson and *Bradley*."

OBS.—In the English language, nouns are not varied in form to distinguish the cases (except for the Possessive). Commonly, the case of a noun is determined by its position in a sentence—the Subject (nominative) taking the first place, the Object (objective) the last.

EXAMPLES.

<i>Subject.</i>		<i>Object.</i>
John	assists	William.
William	assists	John.

But this natural order of position is often reversed by the poets and public speakers.


EXAMPLES.

"Now *fades* the glimmering *landscape* on the sight,
And all the *air* a solemn *stillness* holds."

" *Him*, from my childhood, *I* have known."

" *Thee* we adore."

Exercises.

 Let the class turn to pages 25 and 28, and point out the nouns—naming the cases of each, and the reason for each modification, after the following

MODEL.

I.

*“The Lord uplifts his awful hand,
And chains you to the shore.”*

Lord.. is a name; hence a Noun—for “the name of a being, place, or thing, is a Noun.”

“ Name, in this instance appropriated to an individual Being; hence Proper—for “a name appropriated to an individual person,” is a Proper Noun.”

“ Name appropriated to males; hence Masculine Gender—for “names of males are in the Masculine Gender.”

“ Spoken of; hence Third Person—for “the name of the person or thing spoken of is of the Third Person.”

“ Denotes but one; hence Singular Number—for “nouns denoting but one are of the Singular Number.”

“ Subject of the sentence; hence Nominative Case—for “the subject of a sentence is in the Nominative Case.”

Hand.. is a name; hence a Noun—for “the name of a being, place, or thing, is a Noun.”

“ Name of a class of things; hence Common—for “a name used to designate a class of things is a Common Noun.”

“ Not distinguished by sex; hence Neuter Gender—for “names of things without sex are of the Neuter Gender.”

“ Spoken of; hence Third Person—for “the name of the person or thing spoken of is of the Third Person.”

“ Denotes but one; hence Singular Number—for “nouns denoting but one are of the Singular Number.”

“ Object of the sentence; hence Objective Case—for “the object of a sentence or phrase is in the Objective Case.”

Shore.. is a name; hence a Noun—for “the name of a being, place, or thing, is a Noun.”

“ Name of a class of things; hence Common—for “a name used to designate a class of things is a Common Noun.”

“ Not distinguished by sex; hence Neuter Gender—for “names of things without sex are of the Neuter Gender.”

“ Spoken of; hence Third Person—for “the name of the person or thing spoken of, is of the Third Person.”

“ Denotes but one; hence Singular Number—for “nouns denoting but one, are of the Singular Number.”

“ Object of a Phrase; hence Objective Case—for “the object of a sentence or phrase is in the Objective Case.”

PRONOUNS.

Rem.—To avoid an unpleasant repetition of the same word in a sentence, a class of words is introduced as *substitutes for names*. Hence,

Def. 57. A word used instead of a Noun, is called a *Pronoun*.

Obs.—As pronouns are of general application, the noun for which any given pronoun is substituted is commonly determined by the context—and, because it generally precedes the Pronoun, it is called its *antecedent*.

CLASSIFICATION OF PRONOUNS.

Rem.—Some Pronouns, by their forms, denote their modification of Gender, Person, Number, and Case.

Others relate directly to the nouns for which they are used.

Others, in addition to their ordinary office, are used in asking questions.

Others describe the names for which they are substituted. Hence,

Prin. Pronouns are distinguished as

<i>Personal,</i>	<i>Interrogative,</i> and
<i>Relative,</i>	<i>Adjective.</i>

PERSONAL PRONOUN.

Def. 58. A Pronoun whose form determines its Person and Number, is a *Personal Pronoun*.

List.—The simple Personal Pronouns are, I, thou or you, he, she, it. Their corresponding Compounds are, myself, thyself, yourself, himself, herself, itself.

MODIFICATION.

Rem.—Whenever one word is used in the place of another, it is properly subjected to the same laws as the other: this is true of Pronouns. Hence,

Prin. Pronouns have the same modifications of Gender, Person, Number, and Case, as Nouns.

NOTE.—Pronouns of the First and Second Persons are not varied to denote the sex.

Rem.—To denote these several Modifications, some Pronouns are varied in form. This variation of form is called

DECLENSION OF PRONOUNS.

FIRST PERSON.

	<i>Nominative.</i>	<i>Possessive.</i>	<i>Objective.</i>	<i>Independent.</i>
<i>Singular</i>	I	my*	me	I or me†
<i>Plural</i>	we	our	us	we

SECOND PERSON.

<i>Singular</i>	You	your	you	you
<i>Plural</i>	You	your	you	you

SECOND PERSON.—*Solemn Style.*

<i>Singular</i>	Thou	thy	thee	thou
<i>Plural</i>	Ye	your	you	ye

THIRD PERSON.—*Masculine.*

<i>Singular</i>	He	his	him	he or him
<i>Plural</i>	They	their	them	they

THIRD PERSON.—*Feminine.*

<i>Singular</i>	She	her	her	she
<i>Plural</i>	They	their	them	they

THIRD PERSON.—*Neuter.*

<i>Singular</i>	It	its	it	it
<i>Plural</i>	They	their	them	they

OBS. 1.—Mine, thine, his, hers, ours, yours, and theirs, are used—in common with other definitives—substantively, *i. e.*, as the representatives of nouns which it is their primary office to specify. They are then properly called Adjective Pronouns.

EXAMPLES—“He is a friend of mine.” “Thine is the kingdom.” “Theirs had been the vigor of his youth.”

* My, thy, his, her, our, your, their, its, mine, and thine, when used to specify or otherwise describe nouns and pronouns (and they commonly are so used), are to be classed as Adjectives. They are placed here to denote their origin, and to accommodate those Teachers who prefer to call them Pronouns. [For an exposition of their true etymology, see Appendix, Note E.—See, also, Webster’s Grammar.]

† Pronouns in the Independent Case, commonly take the form of the Nominative, as “O happy *they!*” “Ah luckless *he!*” “It is *I!*”

But they sometimes take the form of the Objective, as “*Him* excepted.” “I found it to be *him.*” “It was not *me* that you saw.” “Ah *me!*”

OBS. 2.—The Pronoun *it*, is often used indefinitely.
 EXAMPLES—*It* snows—*it* rains—is *it* you?

RELATIVE PRONOUNS.

Def. 59. A Pronoun used to introduce a sentence which qualifies its antecedent, is a
Relative Pronoun.

LIST.—They are, *who*, *which*, *that*, and *what*

OBS. 1.—*Who* is varied in Declension to indicate the Cases only. *Which*, *that*, *what*, are not declined.

<i>Nom.</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Obj.</i>	<i>Indep.</i>
Who,	Whose,*	Whom,	Who or Whom.
Which,		Which,	Which.
That,		That,	That.
What,		What,	What.

OBS. 2.—*Who* is applied to man, or to beings supposed to possess intelligence.

EXAMPLES—He *who* studies will excel those *who* do not. “He *whom* sea-severed realms obey.”

OBS. 3.—*Which* and *what* are applied to brute animals and things.

EXAMPLES—The books *which* I lost. The pen *which* I use, is good. We value most *what* costs us most.

OBS. 4.—*That* is applied to man or things.

EXAMPLES—Them *that* honor me, I will honor.

“Where is the patience now,
That you so oft have boasted to retain.”—*Lear*.

OBS. 5.—*What*, when used as a Relative, is always compound; and is equivalent to *that which*, or the *things which*.

The two elements of this word never belong to the same sentence; one part introduces a sentence which qualifies the antecedent part of the same word.

“Our proper bliss depends on what we blame.”

In this example, “What” is a compound Relative, equivalent to the two words, *that which*. *That*—the Antecedent part—is the object of “on:” “which”—the Relative part—is the object

* *Whose* is always a definitive, attached to nouns, and may relate to persons or things—as “*Whose* I am, and whom I serve.” “*Whose* body Nature is, and God the soul.”

of "blame." The Auxiliary sentence, "we blame which," is used to qualify "that." [See page 32, Diagram 23.]

OBS.—The compounds, *whoever*, *whosoever*, *whichever*, *whichever*, *whichever*, *whichever*, *whichever*, and *whatsoever*, are construed similarly to *what*.

INTERROGATIVE PRONOUNS.

Def. 60. A Pronoun that is used to ask a question, is an *Interrogative Pronoun*.

LIST.—They are, *who*, *which*, and *what*.

OBS.—*Who* is applied to man; *which* and *what*, to man or things.

EXAMPLES—"Who will show us any good?" "Which do you prefer?" "Which of the officers was killed?" "What will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

OBS.—*Which* and *what* are often used as Adjectives.

EXAMPLES—*Which* book is yours? *What* evil hath he done?

ADJECTIVE PRONOUNS.

Def. 61. A definitive word used to supply the place of a Noun, which it defines, is an *Adjective Pronoun*.

EXAMPLE—"Some [] said one thing, and *some*, *another*." []

OBS. 1.—In this example, "some" defines *people* (understood), and is, therefore, used adjectively;—it is substituted for the word "people," constituting the Subject of the sentence—hence it is used substantively. But the substantive office, being the principal office, the word is properly called a Pronoun. Its secondary office being adjective, it is properly called an *Adjective Pronoun*.

OBS. 2.—The following words are often thus used:

All,	Former,	Neither,	Such,
Both,	Last,	None,	That,
Each,	Latter,	One,	These,
Either,	Least,	Other,	Those,
Few,	Less,	Several,	This.

Most specifying, and all qualifying Adjectives may be thus used.

EXAMPLES—"The *good* alone are *great*." "The *poor* respect the *rich*."
"One step from the *sublime* to the *ridiculous*."

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Exercises.

"I see them on their winding way."

- I..... is used for the name of a person; hence a Pronoun—for "a word used for a noun, is a Pronoun."
- " Its form determines its person and number; hence Personal—for "a Pronoun whose form determines its person and number, is a Personal Pronoun."
- " Denotes the speaker; hence First Person—for "the name of the person speaking is of the First Person."
- " Denotes but one; hence Singular Number—for "nouns denoting but one are in the Singular Number."
- " Subject of the sentence; hence Nominative Case—for "the subject of a sentence is in the Nominative Case."
- Them.. is used for the name of persons; hence a Pronoun—for "a word used for a noun, is a Pronoun."
- " Its form determines its person and number; hence Personal—for "a Pronoun whose form determines its person and number, is a Personal Pronoun."
- " Denotes persons spoken of; hence Third Person—for "the name of a person or thing spoken of, is of the Third Person."
- " Denotes more than one; hence Plural Number—for "nouns denoting more than one are of the Plural Number."
- Object of the sentence; hence Objective Case—for "the object of a sentence or a phrase, is in the Objective Case."

 In like manner, let the Pronouns in the following sentences be parsed.

*"That the page unfolds
And spreads us to the gaze of God and men."
"You wronged yourself," "What we honor, you despise."
"Whatever is, is right."
"She raised the napkin, o'er them spread,
Which hid them from her view."
"The rich and the poor meet together,
The Lord is the maker of them all."
"Train up a child in the way he should go;
And, when he is old, he will not depart from it."
"He that oppressteth the poor to increase his riches,
And he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want."
"Be not thou one of them that strike hands,
Or of them that are sureties for debts."
". . . . And yon clear spring that
Wells softly forth, and visits the strong roots
Of half the mighty forest, tells no tale
Of all the good it does." [See Diagram 5.]*

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

- In how many ways are words distinguished?
 By their *forms*, how are they distinguished?
 What is a *Radical word*?
 What is a *Derivative word*?
 What is a *Simple word*?
 What is a *Compound word*?
 What is a *Prefix*? What is a *Suffix*?
 What is a *Separable Radical*?—*Inseparable*?
 By their *uses*, how are words distinguished?
 What is a *Noun*?
 What is a *Proper Noun*?—A *Common Noun*?
 What are the distinctions of *Common Nouns*?
 What is an *Abstract Noun*?—*Collective*?—*Verbal*?
 How are Nouns and Pronouns modified?
 What does the term *Masculine Gender* denote?
 What *Feminine Gender*?—What *Neuter Gender*?
 How are the genders of Nouns determined?
 Why are Nouns and Pronouns varied in *Person*?
 What Nouns and Pronouns are of the *First Person*?
 What of the *Second Person*?—What of the *Third Person*?
 Why a distinction of *Number*?
 What Nouns and Pronouns are of the *Singular Number*?
 What are of the *Plural Number*?
 How is the Plural of Nouns commonly formed?
 Why are Nouns and Pronouns distinguished by *Case*?
 When are Nouns and Pronouns in the *Nominative Case*?
 When in the *Possessive*?—the *Objective*?—the *Independent*?
 Nouns and Pronouns in the Possessive Case are placed with what
 class of words?—Why?
 What is a Pronoun? Why are they used?
 What are the *classes*? Name them.
 What is a *Personal Pronoun*? Name them.
 What is a *Relative Pronoun*? Name them.
 What is an *Interrogative Pronoun*? Name them.
 What is an *Adjective Pronoun*?
 What are the modifications of Pronouns?

ADJECTIVES.

Rem.—As things possess individuality, and have points of difference from each other; so we have words which point out and describe those things, and mark their difference from other things. Hence,

Def. 62. A word used to qualify or otherwise describe a noun or pronoun is

An Adjective.

EXAMPLES—Good — amiable — the — our — earnest — falling — young — conscientious — correct — famous.

A good boy.
An amiable young lady.
Our national resources.
An earnest culture.

Falling leaves.
Conscientious Christian.
Correct expression.
Famous orators.

CLASSIFICATION.

Rem.—Adjectives are used—

1. To express a quality—as, *good boy—red rose—sweet apple.*
2. To specify or limit—as, *the book—thy pen—three boys.*
3. To express, incidentally, a condition, state, or act—as, *loving—wheeling—injured.* Hence,

Prin. Adjectives are distinguished as
Qualifying Adjectives,
Specifying Adjectives, and
Verbal Adjectives.

Def. 63. A word used to describe a noun, by expressing a quality, is

A Qualifying Adjective.

EXAMPLES—Good—sweet—cold—honorable—amiable—virtuous.

An honorable man.
An amiable disposition.
A virtuous woman.

Some good fruit.
Three sweet oranges.
Much cold water.

Def. 64. A word used to define or limit the application of its noun, is

A Specifying Adjective.

EXAMPLES—A—an—the—this—that—some—three—my.

A man of letters.
An educated man.
The question at issue.
This road.

That mountain in the distance.
Some good fruit.
Three sweet oranges.
My enemy.

OBS.—Adjectives derived from proper nouns are called *Proper Adjectives.*

EXAMPLES—Arabian—Grecian—Turkish—French.

Rem.—Adjectives may specify—

1. By simply pointing out things—by limiting or designating.
2. By denoting relation of ownership, adaptation or origin.
3. By denoting number, definite or indefinite. Hence,

Prin. Specifying Adjectives are distinguished as *Pure*, *Numeral*, and *Possessive*.

Def. 65. A word used only to point out or designate things is *A Pure Adjective*.

EXAMPLES—The—that—those—such—next—same—other

Thou art *the* man.

That question is settled.

Those books are received.

“*Such* shames are common.”

The *next* class.

The *same* lesson.

Other cares intrude.

Any man may learn wisdom.

Def. 66. A word used to describe things by indicating a relation of ownership, is

A Possessive Adjective.

EXAMPLES—My—our—their—whose—children’s—John’s—teacher’s.

My father—*my* neighbor.

Our enemies.

Their losses are severe.

Children’s shoes.

John’s horse.

Teacher’s absence.

NOTE.—When a noun or pronoun assumes the possessive form, it loses its substantive character and becomes a definitive. The following illustration will make this truth quite evident: “John purchased an Arabian horse, and William an Indian pony. But John’s horse having been injured, John exchanged it for William’s pony.”

Now, it is allowed that the word “Arabian,” in the above example, is an Adjective—it specifies “horse” as to its origin—a particular kind of horse. As truly is the word “John’s” an Adjective; for, in this connection, it specifies “horse” as to its present condition—a particular horse. It should be remembered that the words “John” and “John’s” differ quite as much, *even in form*, as do the words “Arabia” and “Arabian.” But *John* is a Noun—and so is *Arabia*; because they are used only as names. “Arabian” is an Adjective—and so is “John’s;” because, in the sentence above, they are each used to describe “horse.” Each word has a substantive origin—each, with its change of form, has changed its office.

NOTE 2.—Nouns sometimes become Adjectives, without any change of form.

EXAMPLES—A *gold* pen—an *iron* stove—*cedar* posts.

NUMERAL ADJECTIVES.

Def. 67. A word used to denote *Number*, is a *Numeral Adjective*.

EXAMPLES—One—ten—first—second—twice—fourfold—few—many.

OBS. 1.—Numeral Adjectives may be

Cardinal One—Two—Three—Four.

Ordinal First—Second—Third—Fourth.

Multiplicative Once—Twice—Thrice.

Indefinite Few—Many—Some (denoting number).

OBS. 2.—*A* and *An*, when they denote number, are to be classed as Numeral Adjectives.

EXAMPLES.

“Not *a* drum was heard, nor a funeral note.”

“Not *an* instance is on record.”

VERBAL ADJECTIVES.

Def. 68. A word used to describe a Noun or Pronoun, by expressing, incidentally, a condition, state, or act, is a *Verbal Adjective*.

O^{BS}—This class of Adjectives consists of Participles—used primarily to describe Nouns and Pronouns.

“*Scaling* yonder peak,
I saw an eagle *wheeling* near its brow.”

In this example the sentence is, “*I saw eagle* ;” and “*scaling yonder peak*,” is a phrase, used to describe “*I*.” “*Wheeling near its brow*,” describes “*eagle*.” *Scaling* and *wheeling* are Participles used to describe a Noun and a Pronoun—hence they are in their office, Adjectives. [See Def. 62.] They describe by expressing (not in the character of Predicates, but), “*incidentally, a condition, state, or act*,” of “*I*” and “*eagle*”—hence they are Verbal Adjectives.*

* Teachers who are unwilling to allow that a Participle “conveying the idea of time,” is an Adjective, will do well here to explain the subject of Participles to their classes, according to their peculiar views. I have chosen the above arrangement as being more simple; and, in my view, more fully answering to the common definition of an Adjective. For further remarks on this subject, see the article “Participles,” in its proper place.

EXAMPLES.

A running brook.	I saw a boy running to school.
A standing pond.	Another standing by the way.
Disputed territory	It is a truth undisputed.
Undoubted fact.	It is a fact undoubted.

Rem.—Participles used as Adjectives, commonly retain their verbal character, and like their verbs, may have objects after them: Hence,

Prin. Verbal Adjectives are distinguished as *Transitive* and *Intransitive*.

MODIFICATION OF ADJECTIVES.

Rem.—Most Qualifying Adjectives express, by variations in form, different degrees of quality. Hence,

Prin. Some Adjectives are varied in form, to denote *Comparison*.

There may be four degrees of comparison.

1. Diminutive,	. . .	bluish,	. . .	saltish,
2. Positive,	. . .	blue,	. . .	salt,
3. Comparative,	. . .	bluer,	. . .	salter,
4. Superlative,	. . .	bluest.	. . .	saltest.

Def. 69. The Diminutive Degree denotes an amount of the quality less than the Positive.

It is commonly formed by adding *ish*, to the form of the Positive.

Def. 70. The Positive Degree expresses quality in its simplest form, without a comparison.

Def. 71. The Comparative Degree expresses an increase of the Positive.

It is commonly formed by adding *er*, to the form of the Positive.

Def. 72. The Superlative Degree expresses the highest increase of the quality of the Adjective.

It is commonly formed by adding *est*, to the form of the Positive.

OBS. 1.—By the use of other words the degrees of Comparison may be rendered indefinitely numerous.

EXAMPLES—Cautious, *somewhat* cautious, *very* cautious, *unusually* cautious, *remarkably* cautious, *exceedingly* cautious, *too little* cautious, *uncautious*, *quite uncautious*.

OBS. 2.—Comparison descending, is expressed by prefixing the words *less* and *least* to the Adjective.

EXAMPLES—Wise, *less* wise, *least* wise; ambitious, *less* ambitious, *least* ambitious.

IRREGULAR COMPARISON.

Prin. Some Adjectives are irregular in comparison.

EXAMPLES.

<i>Positive.</i>	<i>Comparative.</i>	<i>Superlative.</i>
Good,	better,	best.
Bad,	worse,	worst.
Little,	less,	least.
Many,	more,	most.
Much,	more,	most.
Far,	{ farther,	{ farthest.
	{ further,	{ furthestmost.
Old,	{ older,	{ oldest.
	{ elder,	{ eldest.

OBS. 1.—Most Adjectives of two or more syllables, are compared by prefixing the words *more* and *most*, or *less* and *least*, to the positive.

EXAMPLES.

<i>Positive.</i>	<i>Comparative.</i>	<i>Superlative.</i>
Careful.	<i>more</i> careful.	<i>most</i> careful.
Careful.	<i>less</i> careful	<i>least</i> careful.

OBS. 2.—Some Adjectives may be compared by either method specified above.

EXAMPLES.

<i>Positive.</i>	<i>Comparative.</i>	<i>Superlative.</i>
Remote.	<i>remoter</i>	<i>remotest</i> .
Remote.	<i>more</i> remote.	<i>most</i> remote.

OBS. 3.—Some Adjectives cannot be compared—the qualities they indicate not being susceptible of increase or diminution.

EXAMPLES.—Round—square—triangular—infinite.

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- These** describes "vaults;" hence an Adjective—for "a word used to qualify or otherwise describe a noun or pronoun, is an Adjective."
- " Specifies; hence Specifying—for "an adjective used only to specify, is a Specifying Adjective."
- Dim** qualifies "vaults;" hence an Adjective—for "a word used to qualify or otherwise describe a noun or pronoun, is an Adjective."
- " Expresses a quality; hence Qualifying—for "a word used to describe a noun by expressing a quality, is a Qualifying Adjective."
- Vaults** is a name; hence a Noun—for "the name of a being, place, or thing, is a Noun."
- " Name of a sort or class; hence Common—for "a name used to designate a class or sort of beings, places, or things, is a Common Noun."
- " Spoken of; hence Third Person—for "the name of a person or thing spoken of, is of the Third Person."
- " Denotes more than one; hence Plural Number—for "nouns denoting more than one, are of the Plural Number."
- " Subject of the sentence; hence Nominative Case—for "the subject of a sentence is in the Nominative Case."
- Winding** describes "aisles;" hence an Adjective—for "a word used to qualify or otherwise describe a noun or pronoun, is an Adjective."
- " Describes, by expressing a condition; hence Verbal—for "a word used to describe a noun by expressing incidentally a condition, state, or act, is a Verbal Adjective."
- Human** describes "pomp" or "pride;" hence an Adjective—for "a word used to qualify or otherwise describe a noun or pronoun, is an Adjective."
- " Expresses a quality; hence Qualifying—for "a word used to describe a noun by expressing a quality, is a Qualifying Adjective."

[It is profitable to repeat the Definitions, until they become familiar: after that, they may be omitted—the parts of speech and the classes and modifications of the several words being simply named, as in the following exercise.]

"No fantastic carvings show
The boast of our vain race, to change the form
Of thy fair works."

		<i>Class.</i>	<i>Person.</i>	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Case.</i>
No	is an Adjective	Specifying,	_____	_____	limits "carvings."
Fantastic	Adjective	Qualifying,	_____	_____	qualifies "carvings."
Carvings	Noun	Common,	Third,	Plu.	Nom. to "show."
The	Adjective	Specifying,	_____	_____	limits "boast."
Boast	Noun	Common,	Third,	Sing.	Obj. of "show."

 The teacher will abridge or extend these exercises at pleasure. Then let four sentences be made, each containing the word *good*, so that, in the first, it will qualify the Subject—in the second, the Object—in the third, the Object of a Phrase attached to the Subject—in the fourth, the object of a Phrase attached to the Object.

In like manner use the words *amiable—honest—industrious—wise—this—some—loving—loved*.

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

- What is an *Adjective*?
- How many *classes*?—their *names*?
- What is a *Qualifying Adjective*?
- What is a *Specifying Adjective*?
- How are *Specifying Adjectives classified*?—their *names*?
- What is a *pure Specifying Adjective*?
- What is a *Numeral Adjective*?
- What is a *Possessive Adjective*?
- What is a *Verbal Adjective*?
- How are *Adjectives modified*?
- How many *Degrees of Comparison*?—their *names*?
- What does the *Diminutive Degree* indicate?
- What the *Positive*?—the *Comparative*?—the *Superlative*?
- How form the *Diminutive*?—the *Comparative*?—the *Superlative*?
- Are all *Adjectives compared*?—Why not?

VERBS.

Rem.—As all things in the universe *live, move, or have a being*, we necessarily have a class of words used to express the *act, being, or state* of those things. Hence,

Def. 73. A word used to express the act, being, state of a person or thing, is

A Verb.

CLASSIFICATION.

Rem.—The act expressed by some verbs, *passes over* to an object. Hence,

Prin. Verbs are distinguished as

Transitive, or Intransitive.

Def. 74. A verb that expresses an action which terminates on an object, is

A Transitive Verb.

EXAMPLES—John *saws wood*—God *created heaven and earth*.

Def. 75. A verb that expresses the being or state of its subject, or an action which does not terminate on an object, is

An Intransitive Verb.

EXAMPLES—Animals *run*—I *sit*—John *is* sleepy.

OBS.—Some verbs are used transitively or intransitively.

EXAMPLES—“Cold *blows* the wind.”

“The wind *blows* the dust.”

“It has *swept* through the earth.”

“Jane has *swept* the floor.”

“God *moves* in a mysterious way.”

“Such influences do not *move* me.”

OBS.—The verbs *be*, *become*, and other intransitive verbs, whose subjects are not represented as performing a physical act, are, by many grammarians, called

Neuter Verbs.

EXAMPLES—He *is*—God *exists*—we *become* wise—they *die*.

MODIFICATION OF VERBS.

Rem.—Verbs that denote action, have two methods of representing the action,

1st—As done *by* its subject—as, *Jane loves Lucy*.

2d—As done *to* its subject—as, *Lucy is loved by Jane*.

Hence—

Prin. Transitive Verbs have two *voices*—

Active, and *Passive.*

Def. 76. The *Active Voice* represents the Subject as performing an action.

EXAMPLE—Columbus *discovered* America.

Def. 77. The *Passive Voice* represents the subject as being acted upon.

EXAMPLE—America *was discovered* by Columbus.

OBS.—The subject of a verb in the active voice, commonly becomes the object of a preposition, when the verb takes the passive form; and the object of a verb in the active voice, becomes the subject, in the passive.

EXAMPLE— { William assists Charles. } The same fact stated.
 { Charles is assisted by William. }
 “William,” the subject of the Active Verb, becomes the object of “by,” when the verb becomes Passive; and “Charles,” the object of the Active Verb, becomes the subject of the Passive.

NOTE.—The Passive Voice of a verb is formed by adding the Passive Participle of that verb to the verb *be*.

EXAMPLES—Active— To love, I fear, They worship.
 Passive—To be loved. I am feared. They are worshiped.

OBS.—Most Transitive Verbs may take the Passive form.
 But few Intransitive Verbs take the Passive form.

EXAMPLE—We laughed at his clownish performance—(Active Intrans.)
 His clownish performance was laughed at.—(Passive.)

MODE.

Rem.—In addition to their primary signification, verbs perform a secondary office—*i. e.*, they indicate some attendant or qualifying circumstances. This is indicated by the variations of the form of the verb, or by prefixing auxiliary words.

1. A verb may simply express a fact.
 2. It may express a fact as possible, probable, obligatory, &c.
 3. It may express a fact conditionally.
 4. It may express a command, or request.
 5. It may express the name of an act, or a fact unlimited by a subject.
- Hence,

Prin. Verbs have five modes of expressing their signification—

<i>Indicative,</i>	|	<i>Subjunctive,</i>
<i>Potential,</i>	|	<i>Imperative, and</i>
<i>Infinitive.</i>		

Def. 78. A verb used simply to indicate or assert a fact, or to ask a question, is in the

Indicative Mode.

EXAMPLES—“God created the heaven and the earth.”

“Is he not honest?” “Whence come wars?”

Def. 79. A verb indicating probability, power, will, or obligation, of its subject, is in the

Potential Mode.

OBS.—Words which may be regarded as signs of the Poten-

tial Mode, are, may—might—can—could—must—shall—should—will—would.

EXAMPLES—I *may go*—you *might have gone*—John *should study*—Mary *can learn*—It *could not be done*.

Def. 80. A verb expressing a fact conditionally (hypothetically) is in the

Subjunctive Mode.

OBS.—*If, though, unless,* and other conjunctions, are commonly used with the Subjunctive Mode. But they are not to be regarded as the signs of this Mode; for they are also used with the Indicative and the Potential.

EXAMPLES—If the boat *goes* to-day, I shall go in it.
I *would* stay if I *could* conveniently.

The condition expressed by “if the boat goes,” is assumed as a fact—hence, “goes” is in the Indicative Mode.

NOTE.—The Subjunctive Mode is limited to Auxiliary (Adverbial) Sentences.

Def. 81. A verb used to command, or entreat, is in the

Imperative Mode.

OBS.—As we can command only a person or thing addressed, the subject of an Imperative verb must be of the Second Person; and, as a person addressed is supposed to be present to the speaker, the name of the subject is usually understood.

EXAMPLES—*Cry* aloud—*Spare* not.

But it is often expressed,

“Go *ye* into all the world.”

Def. 82. A verb used without limitation by a subject, is in the

Infinitive Mode.

OBS. 1.—The preposition *to*, is usually placed before the Infinitive verb.

OBS. 2.—As a verb in the Infinitive has no Subject, it cannot be a Predicate. It is used—

1. Substantively; as—*To do good* is the duty of all.
2. Adjectively; as—The way *to do good*.
3. Adverbially; as—I ought *to do good*.

PARTICIPLES.

Rem.—[See Appendix, Note D.]

Def. 83. A word derived from a verb, retaining the signification of its verb, while it also performs the office of some other part of speech, is called

A Participle.

Prin. Most verbs have three Participles.

Present, . . . walking, loving,

Past, walked, loved;

Compound, . having walked, . having loved.

Def. 84. The Present Participle represents time as present, when an act expressed by it *was*, *is*, or *shall be*, performed.

OBS.—It is distinguished by its form. The Present Participle of the active voice always ends in *ing*.

Def. 85. The Past (or second) Participle represents time as past, when the act expressed by it *was*, *is*, or *shall be*, performed.

OBS.—The Past Participle of a Regular Verb ends in *d* or *ed*. Those of Irregular Verbs end variously. [See list.]

Def. 86. The Compound Participle consists of the Participle of a principal verb, added to the word *having*, or *being*, or to the two words *having been*.

EXAMPLES—Having loved—being loved—having been loved.

NOTE.—Participles have no distinct etymological character. They find a place in all the “parts of speech”—being used

1. As a Noun—In the *beginning*—the *plowing*.
William maintains a fair *standing* in society.

2. As an Adjective—A *running* brook—a *standing* tree.
That tree *standing* on the common, is the Charter Oak.

3. As an Adverb—“’Tis *passing* strange”.

4. As a Preposition—"I speak *concerning* Christ and the church." "Nothing was said *touching* that question."

5. As a Conjunction—*Seeing* we cannot agree, the discussion may be dropt.

6. As an Exclamation—*Shocking!*

7. In Predication with Auxiliary Verbs—We have been *singing*. "The spring time of year is *coming*."

Prin. Participles, like the verbs from which they are derived, are

Transitive, or Intransitive.

OBS.—A Participle used as a Preposition, must be Transitive.

A Participle used as a Noun, Adjective, or in Predication, *may* be Transitive.

A Participle used as a Conjunction, or Adverb, must be Intransitive.

Rem.—To render the classification more simple, I have preferred to class all Participles used *chiefly* to describe Nouns and Pronouns, as *Adjectives*—and, because they are derived from verbs and retain more or less of the properties of the verbs from which they are derived, I use the term *Verbal Adjective*. I have given my views on this subject more fully in Note D, Appendix.

But Teachers who are unwilling to do more than simply to call it a Participle, will not find it difficult to adapt their views to the *plan* of this work;—the pupil being taught that

"Participles, like Adjectives, belong to Nouns and Pronouns."

And, in the use of Diagrams,—

Participles occupy the same position as Adjectives.

TENSE.

Rem.—Generally the form of the Verb denotes, not only the *manner*, but also the *time*, of the action or event expressed by it. Hence the distinction of Tense.

Def. 87. Tense is a modification of verbs, denoting distinctions of *time*.

Rem.—Time is present, past, or future;—It is also definite or indefinite. Hence,

Prin. Most verbs have six Tenses.

Present,

Past Definite,

Past Indefinite,

Prior Past,

Future,

Prior Future.

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Def. 92. A verb denoting that an act or event will take place hereafter, is in the

Future Tense.

EXAMPLE—James *will return* to-morrow—I *shall see* him.

OBS.—*Shall*, in the First Person, and *will*, in the Second and Third, are the signs of this Tense.

Def. 93. A verb denoting time past, after a certain future time, is in the

Prior Future Tense.

EXAMPLE—We *shall have finished* this recitation before the next class will come.

OBS.—*Shall have* and *will have*, are the signs of this Tense.

Rem.—Distinctions of time are not indicated with precision by the form of the Verb. This must be done by the use of Adjuncts.


In the Potential Mode, the Tenses are quite indefinite—one form being often used for another.

The same remarks will apply to Participles, to the Infinitive—the Subjunctive—and sometimes the Indicative.

RECAPITULATION.

VERB.	TRANSITIVE,	ACTIVE,	Indicative,	{	Present,
		PASSIVE,			Past Definite,
	INTRANSITIVE	ACTIVE,	Potential,	{	Past Indefinite,
		NEUTER,			Prior Past,
			Subjunctive,	{	Future.
			Imperative,		Prior Future.
		Infinitive,	{	Present,	
		Participle,		Past Definite,	
			{	Past Indefinite,	
				Prior Past.	
			{	Present,	
				Past.	
			{	Present.	
				Present.	
			{	Present,	
				Past.	
			{	Present,	
				Past,	
			{	Compound.	

Exercises.

 Let each Verb and Participle in the following exercises be pointed out, and its Class and Modification given.

I wrote.	Joining the multitude.	Retire.
Thou art reading.	Accustomed to study.	Let us alone.
James may recite.	Willing to be taught.	Permit me to pass.
Mary can study.	Having seen the Teacher.	Let me go.

It is pleasant to ride in a sail-boat.

We are all fond of singing.

Some are accustomed to sing by rote.

The young ladies ought to have attended the lecture.

By teaching others, we improve ourselves.

Being accustomed to study, we can learn that lesson easily.

Having been censured for idleness, John has resolved to be diligent.

By endeavoring to please all, we fail to please any.

“To be, or not to be—that is the question.”

“Spirit! I feel that thou
 Wilt soon depart—
 This body is too weak longer to hold
 The immortal part.
 The ties of earth are loosening,
 They soon will break;
 And thou, even as a joyous bird,
 Thy flight wilt take
 To the eternal world.”

“Truth crushed to earth will rise again,
 The eternal years of God are hers:
 But Error, wounded, writhes in pain,
 And dies amid her worshipers.”

Crushed.....is [a *Participle*, from the verb *crush* ;] used here to describe a condition of “Truth;” hence, a verbal Adjective.

Will rise.....asserts an act of “Truth;” hence, a Verb.

“ has no object; hence, Intransitive.

“ simply declares; hence, Indicative Mode.

“ denotes time future; hence, Future Tense.

Are.....asserts being of “years;” hence, a Verb.

“ has no object; hence, Intransitive.

“ simply declares; hence, Indicative Mode.

“ denotes time present; hence, Present Tense.

- Wounded.....is [a *Participle*, from the verb *wound* ;] used here to describe a condition of "Error;" hence, verbal Adjective.
 " describe a condition of "Error;" hence, verbal Adjective.
- Writhes.....asserts an act of "Error;" hence, a Verb.
 " has no object; hence, Intransitive.
 " simply declares; hence, Indicative Mode.
 " denotes time present; hence, Present Tense.
 " The surging billows and the gamboling storms
 Come crouching to his feet."
- Surging.....is [a *Participle*, from the verb *surge*.]
 " used here to describe "billows;" hence, a verbal Adjective.
- Gamboling...is [a *Participle*, from the verb *gambol*.]
 " used here to describe "storms;" hence, a verbal Adjective.
- Come.....asserts an act of "billows" and "storms;" hence, a Verb.
 " has no object; hence, Intransitive.
 " simply declares; hence, Indicative Mode.
 " denotes time present; hence, Present Tense.
- Crouching...is [a *Participle*, from the verb *crouch*.]
 " used here to modify the act expressed by "come;"
 " (it declares the *manner of coming*;) hence, an Adverb.
 " In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."
- Beginning....is [a *Participle*, from the verb *begin*.]
 " used here as the *name* of an event; hence, a verbal Noun.
- Created.....asserts an act of "God;" hence, a Verb.
 " act passes to objects (heaven and earth); hence, Transitive.
 " simply declares; hence, Indicative Mode.
 " denotes a particular time past; hence, Past Tense Definite.

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

- What is a Verb?
 What is the first distinction of Verbs?
 What is a Transitive Verb? Intransitive?
 What is a Neuter Verb?
 What are the Modifications of Verbs?
 When is a Verb in the Active Voice?
 When is a Verb in the Passive Voice?
 How is the Passive Voice of a Verb formed?
 What Verbs take the Passive form?
 What is denoted by the term *Mode*?
 What are the Modes?
 When is a Verb in the Indicative Mode?
 When in the Potential?—the Subjunctive?
 When in the Imperative?—the Infinitive?
 What is a Participle?

- How are Participles distinguished?
- What is a *Present Participle*?—how formed?
- What is a *Past Participle*?—how formed?
- What is a *Compound Participle*?—how formed?
- To what “Parts of Speech” do Participles belong?
- What Participles *must* be Transitive?
- What Participles *may* be Transitive?
- What Participles *must* be Intransitive?

CONJUGATION OF VERBS.

Rem.—We have seen that most verbs are varied in form to denote different *modes* and *times* of action or being.

They are also varied to correspond with their subjects in *Person* and *Number*.

The regular arrangement of the various forms of a verb, is called its *Conjugation*.

Def. 94. A Verb which may be conjugated by one regular method of variation, to indicate its different *Modes* and *Tenses*, and to correspond with its Subjects in *Person* and *Number*, is called
A Regular Verb.

Obs.—A Regular Verb forms its Past Tense Definite and Passive Participle, by adding *d* or *ed* to the root of the verb.

EXAMPLES.

<i>Present.</i>	<i>Past Definite.</i>	<i>Participle.</i>
Love	Loved	Loved.
Fill	Filled	Filled.
Recite	Recited	Recited.

Def. 95. A Verb whose conjugation is not according to the regular formula, is called
An Irregular Verb.

Def. 96. A Verb that is not used in all of the Modes and Tenses, is called
A Defective Verb.

	<i>Present.</i>	<i>Past.</i>		<i>Present.</i>	<i>Past.</i>
LIST.	{	Can,		Shall,	Should.
		May,		Will,	Would.
		Must.		Ought,	Ought.
					Quoth.

Def. 97. A Verb that is prefixed to another verb, or to a Participle, to distinguish the *Voice*, *Mode*, or *Tense*, of the principal verb, is

An Auxiliary Verb.

	<i>Pres.</i>	<i>Past.</i>		<i>Pres.</i>	<i>Past.</i>			
LIST.	{	Can,	Could.	} <i>Always</i>	{	Shall,	Should.	
		May,	Might.			} <i>Auxiliary.</i>	Must.	
		Have,	Had.			} <i>Sometimes</i>	Do,	Did.
		Will,	Would.			} <i>Principal.</i>	Be, Am,	Was.

OBS.—When used as Auxiliary Verbs—

Can, may, must, shall (used to command); and *will* (signifying volition), are the signs of the *Present, Potential*.

Could, might, should and *would*, are the signs of the *Past Tense Definite, Potential*.

Have is the sign of the *Past Tense Indefinite, Indicative*.

Shall have is the sign of the *Prior Future, Indicative*.

May have “ “ *Past Tense Indefinite, Potential*.

Might have “ “ *Prior Past, Potential*.

Had “ “ *Prior Past, Indicative*.

Shall “ “ *Future (First Person)*.

Will “ “ “ (Second and Third Persons).

*Do** “ “ *Present Indicative (intensive form)*.

Did “ “ *Past Definite, Indicative*.

Be “ “ *Passive Voice, and is used in all the Modes and Tenses*.

* *Do*, with its variations, often has a very extensive signification—as, “I think as you *do*.” “Edward studies more diligently than we *do*.”

In such instances, *do* adopts the signification of the previous verb.

“I think as you *think*.” “Edward studies more diligently than we *study*.”

FORMULÆ OF REGULAR VERBS.

Intransitive Verb, WALK.

PRESENT INDICATIVE.	{ Simple form—I	Walk.
	{ Compound —I am	Walking.
PAST DEFINITE.	{ Simple —I	Walked.
	{ Compound —I was	Walking.

DECLENSION.

INDICATIVE MODE.—(Give the Definition.)

		Singular.			Plural.		
PRESENT TENSE. (Give Definition.)	{ I	walk	1	Person	We	walk	
	{ Thou	walkest	2	"	{ Ye	walk	
	{ You	walk			{ You	walk	
	{ He	walks	3	"	{ They	walk	
PAST DEFINITE. (Give Def.)	{ I	walked	1	"	We	walked	
	{ Thou	walkedst	2	"	{ Ye	walked	
	{ You	walked			{ You	walked	
	{ He	walked	3	"	{ They	walked	
PAST INDEFINITE (Give Def.)	{ I	have walked	1	"	We	have walked	
	{ Thou	hast walked	2	"	{ Ye	have walked	
	{ You	have walked			{ You	have walked	
	{ He	has walked	3	"	{ They	have walked	
PRIOR PAST. (Give Def.)	{ I	had walked	1	"	We	had walked	
	{ Thou	hadst walked	2	"	{ Ye	had walked	
	{ You	had walked			{ You	had walked	
	{ He	had walked	3	"	{ They	had walked	
FUTURE. (Give Def.)	{ I	shall walk	1	"	We	shall walk	
	{ Thou	wilt walk	2	"	{ Ye	shall walk	
	{ You	will walk			{ You	shall walk	
	{ He	will walk	3	"	{ They	shall walk	
PRIOR FUTURE	{ I	shall have walked	1	"	We	shall have walked	
	{ Thou	wilt have walked	2	"	{ Ye	will have walked	
	{ You	will have walked			{ You	will have walked	
	{ He	will have walked	3	"	{ They	will have walked	

POTENTIAL MODE.

		Singular.			Plural.		
PRESENT.	{ I	may* walk	1	Person	We	may walk	
	{ Thou	mayest walk	2	"	{ Ye	may walk	
	{ You	may walk			{ You	may walk	
	{ He	may walk	3	"	{ They	may walk	
PAST DEFINITE.	{ I	might† walk	1	"	We	might walk	
	{ Thou	mightest walk	2	"	{ Ye	might walk	
	{ You	might walk			{ You	might walk	
	{ He	might walk	3	"	{ They	might walk	

* Can or must.

† Could, would, or should.

		<i>Singular.</i>			<i>Plural.</i>			
PAST INDEF.	{	I	<i>may</i>	<i>have walked</i>	1 Person	We	<i>may have walked</i>	
		Thou	<i>mayest</i>	<i>have walked</i>	2	"	Ye	<i>may have walked</i>
		You	<i>may</i>	<i>have walked</i>			You	<i>may have walked</i>
		He	<i>may</i>	<i>have walked</i>	3	"	They	<i>may have walked</i>
PRIOR PAST.	{	I	<i>might</i>	<i>have walked</i>	1	"	We	<i>might have walked</i>
		Thou	<i>mightest</i>	<i>have walked</i>	2	"	Ye	<i>might have walked</i>
		You	<i>might</i>	<i>have walked</i>			You	<i>might have walked</i>
		He	<i>might</i>	<i>have walked</i>	3	"	They	<i>might have walked</i>

SUBJUNCTIVE MODE.

		<i>Singular.</i>			<i>Plural.</i>			
PRESENT.	{	If I		walk	1 Person	If We	walk	
		If Thou		walk	2	"	If Ye	walk
		If You		walk			If You	walk
		If He		walk	3	"	If They	walk
PAST DEFINITE.	{	If I		walked	1	"	If We	walked
		If Thou		walked	2	"	If Ye	walked
		If You		walked			If You	walked
		If He		walked	3	"	If They	walked

IMPERATIVE MODE.

		<i>Singular.</i>		<i>Plural.</i>			
PRESENT.	{	Walk	Thou	2	{	Walk	Ye or You
		Do	Thou walk			Do	Ye or You walk

INFINITIVE MODE.

PRESENT	To	walk
PAST INDEFINITE.....	To	<i>have walked</i>

PARTICIPLES.

PRESENT.....	Walking
COMPOUND.....	<i>Having Walked</i>

Synopsis of the Regular Verb, LOVE—Active Voice.

INDICATIVE MODE.

	<i>Simple Form.</i>		<i>Compound Form.</i>	
PRESENT.....	I	love	I am	loving
PAST DEFINITE.....	I	loved	I was	loving
PAST INDEFINITE...	I have	loved	I have	<i>been</i> loving
PRIOR PAST.....	I had	loved	I had	<i>been</i> loving
FUTURE	I shall	love	I shall	<i>be</i> loving
PRIOR FUTURE.....	I shall have	loved	I shall have	<i>been</i> loving

POTENTIAL MODE.

	<i>Simple Form.</i>		<i>Compound Form.</i>	
PRESENT	I can	love	I may	<i>be</i> loving
PAST DEFINITE.....	I could	love	I might	<i>be</i> loving
PAST INDEFINITE....	I can have	loved	I may have	<i>been</i> loving
PRIOR PAST.....	I could have	loved	I might have	<i>been</i> loving

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		<i>Singular.</i>			<i>Plural.</i>				
PAST DEFINITE.	{	I	might	be	1 Person	We	might	be	
		Thou	mightest	be	2	"	Ye	might	be
		You	might	be	3	"	You	might	be
		He	might	be	3	"	They	might	be

		<i>Singular.</i>			<i>Plural.</i>				
PAST INDEFINITE.	{	I	may	have been	1 Person	We	may	have been	
		Thou	mayest	have been	2	"	Ye	may	have been
		You	may	have been	3	"	You	may	have been
		He	may	have been	3	"	They	may	have been

		<i>Singular.</i>			<i>Plural.</i>				
PRIOR PAST.	{	I	might	have been	1 Person	We	might	have been	
		Thou	mightest	have been	2	"	Ye	might	have been
		You	might	have been	3	"	You	might	have been
		He	might	have been	3	"	They	might	have been

SUBJUNCTIVE MODE.

		<i>Singular.</i>			<i>Plural.</i>		
PRESENT.	{	If I	be	1 Person	If we	be	
		If thou	be	2	"	If ye	be
		If you	be	3	"	If you	be
		If he	be	3	"	If they	be

		<i>Singular.</i>			<i>Plural.</i>		
PAST.	{	If I	were	1 Person	If we	were	
		If thou	wert	2	"	If ye	were
		If you	were	3	"	If you	were
		If he	were	3	"	If they	were

INFINITIVE MODE.

PRESENT.....To be
PAST.....To have been

PARTICIPLES.

PRESENT.....Being
PAST.....Been
COMPOUND.....Having been

Synopsis of the Verb, LOVE—*Passive Voice.*

INDICATIVE MODE.

PRESENT.....I *am* loved
PAST DEFINITE.....I *was* loved
PAST INDEFINITE.....I *have been* loved
PRIOR PAST.....I *had been* loved
FUTURE.....I *shall* be loved
PRIOR FUTURE.....I *shall have been* loved

POTENTIAL MODE.

PRESENT.....I *may* be loved
PAST DEFINITE.....I *might* be loved
PAST INDEFINITE.....I *may* have been loved.
PRIOR PAST.....I *might* have been loved

SUBJUNCTIVE MODE.

PRESENT.....If I *be* loved
 PAST DEFINITE.....If I *were* loved

IMPERATIVE MODE.

	<i>Singular.</i>	<i>Plural.</i>
PRESENT....	<i>Be</i> loved, or, <i>Be</i> thou loved	<i>Do you be</i> loved, or <i>Be ye</i> loved

INFINITIVE MODE.

PRESENT.....To *be* loved
 PAST.....To *have been* loved

PARTICIPLES.

PRESENT.....Loved, or, *being* loved
 • COMPOUND.....*Having been* loved

Synopsis of the Irregular Verb, DO.

INDICATIVE MODE.

	<i>Declarative Form.</i>	<i>Interrogative Form.</i>
PRESENT.....	I do	Do I?
PAST DEFINITE....	I did	Did I?
PAST INDEFINITE...	I have done	Have I done?
PRIOR PAST.....	I had done	Had I done?
FUTURE.....	I shall do	Shall I do?
PRIOR FUTURE.....	I shall have done	Shall I have done?

POTENTIAL MODE.

	<i>Declarative Form.</i>	<i>Interrogative Form.</i>
PRESENT.....	I may do	May I do?
PAST DEFINITE....	I might do	Might I do?
PAST INDEFINITE....	I may have done	May I have done?
PRIOR PAST.....	I might have done	Might I have done?

SUBJUNCTIVE MODE.

PRESENT.....If I do
 PAST DEFINITE.....If I did

IMPERATIVE MODE.

PRESENT.....D

INFINITIVE MODE.

PRESENT.....To do
 PAST.....To have done

PARTICIPLES.

PRESENT.....Doing.
 PAST.....Done
 COMPOUND.....Having done

Exercises.

Let the Pupils give the Class, Voice, Mode, Tense, Person, and Number of the following Verbs—and complete the sentences.

Am writing a letter.	Has walked to Boston.
Are reading poetry.	Hast wandered from home.
Didst see the eclipse.	Shall learn wisdom.
Had known duty.	Will improve in writing.
May feel the worm.	Could recite lessons.
Ought to study.	“Canst be false to any man.”
Couldst have favored him.	Wish to see home.
Thou love me.	Wilt have returned my books.
Couldst love to study.	Shall have returned from Europe.

Repeat the First Person Singular of each Mode and Tense of the following verbs:

Am,	Eat,	Neglect,	Receive,
Arise,	Fly,	Need,	Reject,
Begin,	Go,	Owe,	Select,
Blow,	Hold,	Ought,	Squander,
Come,	Know,	Practice,	Yoke,
Cut,	Lay,	Purchase,	Touch,
Do,	Lie,	Quiet,	Use,
Drink,	Make,	Qualify,	Wish.

Repeat the Third Person Plural of the same.

LIST OF IRREGULAR VERBS.

<i>Present</i>	<i>Past Def.</i>	<i>Past Part.</i>
Abide	abode	abode
Am or Be	was	been
Arise	arose	arisen
Awake	awoke, r	awaked
Bear	bore, <i>bare</i>	born
Bear (to sustain)	bore, <i>bare</i>	borne
Beat	beat	beaten, beat
Begin	began	begun
Bend	bent	bent
Bereave	bereft, r	bereft, r
Beseech	besought	besought
Bid	bade, bid	bidden, bid
Bind	bound	bound
Bite	bit	bitten, bit
Bleed	bled	bled
Blow	blew	blown
Break	broke	broken
Breed	bred	bred

<i>Present.</i>	<i>Past Def.</i>	<i>Past Part.</i>
Bring	brought	brought
Build	built, R	built, R
Burn	burnt, R	burnt, R
Burst	burst	burst
Buy	bought	bought
Cast	cast	cast
Catch	caught	caught
Chide	chid	chidden, chid
Choose	chose	chosen
Cleave	cleaved, <i>clave</i>	cleaved
Cleave	clove, cleft	cloven, cleft
Cling	clung	clung
Clothe	clothed	clad, R
Come	came	come
Cost	cost	cost
Crow	crew, R	crowed
Creep	crept	crept
Cut	cut	cut
Dare	durst, R	dared
Deal	dealt	dealt
Dig	dug, R	dug, R
Do	did	done
Draw	drew	drawn
Dream	dreamt, R	dreamt, R
Drive	drove	driven
Drink	drank	drank, drunk
Dwell	dwelt, R	dwelt, R
Eat	ate, eat	eaten
Fall	fell	fallen
Feed	fed	fed
Feel	felt	felt
Fight	fought	fought
Find	found	found
Flee	fled	fled
Fling	flung	flung
Fly	flew	flown
Forbear	forbore	forborne
Forget	forgot, <i>forgat</i>	forgotten
Forsake	forsook	forsaken
Freeze	froze	frozen
Get	got, <i>gat</i>	got, <i>gotten</i>
Gild	gilt, R	gilt, R
Gird	girt, R	girt, R
Give	gave	given
Go	went	gone
Grave	graved	graven, <i>grayed</i>
Grind	ground	ground
Grow	grew	grown
Have	had	had
Hang	hung	hung
Hear	heard	heard
Heave	hove, R	hoven, R

<i>Present.</i>	<i>Past Def.</i>	<i>Past Part.</i>
Hew	hewed	hewn, hewed
Hide	hid	hidden, hid
Hit	hit	hit
Hold	held	held
Hurt	hurt	hurt
Keep	kept	kept
Kneel	knelt, R	kneeled, knelt
Knit	knit	knit
Know	knew	known
Lade	laded	laden
Lay	laid	laid
Lead	led	led
Leave	left	left
Lend	lent	lent
Let	let	let
Lie	lay	lain
Light	lit, R	lit, R
Loose	lost	lost
Make	made	made
Mean	meant	meant
Meet	met	met
Mow	mowed	mown, R
Pay	paid	paid
Put	put	put
Quit	quit, R	quit
Read	read	read
Rend	rent	rent
Rid	rid	rid
Ride	rode	rode, ridden
Ring	rang, rung	rung
Rise	rose	risen
Rive	rived	riven, rived
Rot	rotted	rotten, R
Run	ran, run	run
Saw	sawed	sawn, R
Say	said	said
See	saw	seen
Seek	sought	sought
Sell	sold	sold
Send	sent	sent
Set	set	set
Shake	shook	shaken
Shape	shaped	shapen, R
Shave	shaved	shaven, R
Shear	sheared, R	shorn, sheared
Shed	shed	shed
Shine	shone, R	shone, R
Show	showed	shown, showed
Shoe	shod	shod
Shoot	shot	shot
Shrink	shrank	shrunk
Shred	shred	shred

<i>Present.</i>	<i>Past Def.</i>	<i>Past Part.</i>
Shut.....	shut.....	shut
Sing.....	sung, <i>sang</i>	sung
Sink.....	sunk.....	sunk
Sit.....	sat.....	sat
Slay.....	slew.....	slain
Sleep.....	slept.....	slept
Slide.....	slid.....	slidden, slid
Sling.....	slung.....	slung
Slink.....	slunk.....	slunk
Slit.....	slit, R.....	slit, R
Smite.....	smote.....	smitten, smit
Sow.....	sowed.....	sown, R
Speak.....	spoke, <i>spake</i>	spoken
Speed.....	sped.....	sped
Spell.....	spelt, R.....	spelt
Spend.....	spent.....	spent
Spill.....	spilt.....	spilt
Spin.....	spun.....	spun
Spit.....	spit, <i>spat</i>	spit
Split.....	split.....	split
Spread.....	spread.....	spread
Spring.....	sprung, <i>sprang</i>	sprung
Stand.....	stood.....	stood
Steal.....	stole.....	stolen
Stick.....	stuck.....	stuck
Sting.....	stung.....	stung
Stride.....	strode, strid.....	stridden
Strike.....	struck.....	struck, stricken
String.....	strung.....	strung
Strive.....	strove.....	striven
Strow, strew.....	strowed, strewed.....	strown, strewn, R
Swear.....	swore.....	sworn
Sweat.....	sweat, R.....	sweat
Sweep.....	swept.....	swept
Swell.....	swelled.....	swollen, R
Swim.....	swum, swam.....	swum
Swung.....	swung.....	swung
Take.....	took.....	taken
Teach.....	taught.....	taught
Tear.....	tore.....	torn
Tell.....	told.....	told
Think.....	thought.....	thought
Thrive.....	thrived, throve.....	thriven
Throw.....	threw.....	thrown
Thrust.....	thrust.....	thrust
Tread.....	trod.....	trodden, trod
Wax.....	waxed.....	waxen, R
Wear.....	wore.....	worn
Weave.....	wove.....	woven, wove
Weep.....	wept.....	wept
Wet.....	wet.....	wet
Win.....	won.....	won

<i>Present.</i>	<i>Past Def.</i>	<i>Past Part.</i>
Wind	wound	wound
Work	worked, wrought.	worked, wrought
Wring	wrung, R	wrung, R
Write	wrote	written, <i>writ</i>

OBS. 1.—Words in the above list marked R, are sometimes used as Regular Verbs. Those written in Italics are not much used by modern writers.

OBS. 2.—A Verb often has a Preposition or other prefix placed before it; the Conjugation, however, remains the same.

EXAMPLES.

Take	took	taken.
<i>Mistake,</i>	<i>mistook</i>	<i>mistaken.</i>
<i>Overtake.</i>	<i>overtook.</i>	<i>overtaken.</i>

Rem.—The class should repeat this list *in concert*—prefixing to each verb one of the Personal Pronouns. For the Third Person a Noun may be used—thus:

I write	I wrote	I have written	having written.
You tread	you trod	you have trod	having trod.
He sweeps	he swept	he has swept	having swept.
John does	John did	John has done	having done.
Men sit	men sat	men have sat	having sat.
Some hear	some heard	some are heard	having heard.
They see	they saw	they are seen	being seen.

To the Transitive Verbs, Objects may be attached—thus:

We saw wood	we sawed wood	we have sawn wood.
Birds build nests	birds built nests	birds have built nests.

Other variations in these concert exercises may be profitable—such as placing the words *now, to-day, &c.*, after the Present—*yesterday, &c.*, after the Past Tense Definite—and *heretofore, recently, &c.* after the Past Tense Indefinite. Thus—

I begin to-day	I began yesterday	I have begun recently.
The wind blows now ..	the wind blew then ..	the wind has blown often.

UNIPERSONAL VERBS.

Def. 98. A Verb used only as the predicate of the Indefinite Pronoun “*it*,” is called

A Unipersonal Verb.

EXAMPLES.

It snows,	It becomes,
It rains,	It behoves,
It seems,	It is evident.

Methinks is an anomalous form of the verb *think*.

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CLASSIFICATION OF ADVERBS.

Rem.—The classes of Adverbs are very numerous—the following are the most important:

1. *Time* Now, then, always, to-morrow.*
2. *Place* Here, there, hither, back.
3. *Degree* More, very, exceedingly, so.
4. *Manner* So, as, thus, carefully.
5. *Cause* Hence, therefore.
6. *Interrogation* Why? How? Wherefore? Whence?
7. *Number* Often, once, twice.
8. *Doubt* Perhaps, probably, possibly.
9. *Affirmation* Yes, certainly, surely.
10. *Negation* No, nay, not.
11. *Means* “Scale the heavens] by strides of human wisdom.”
12. *Effect* “ [It shrinks] *to nothing* in the grasp.”—*Young*.

MODIFICATION.

Prin. Some Adverbs are modified, like Adjectives, by comparison.

EXAMPLES.

<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Comp.</i>	<i>Superl.</i>
Soon	Sooner	Soonest.
Wisely	More wisely	Most wisely.

OBS.—Some Adverbs are used only for Euphony.

EXAMPLES—*There* are no idlers here.

“It was *now, too,* mid-winter.”

“*E'en now, where Alpine solitudes ascend,
I sit me down, a pensive hour to spend;
And, placed on high, above the storm's career,
Look downward, where a hundred realms appear.*”


Now Modifies “sit”—denoting *time*; hence, an Adverb.

Where Alpine solitudes ascend. } Modifies “sit”—denoting *place*; hence, an Adverb.

* To-morrow, to-day, yesterday, &c., are properly called Adverbs, when the phrases for which they are substituted would be used adverbially. As, “I go to-morrow.” “When?” “On the morrow.”

- A pensive hour }
to spend. } Modifies "sit"—denoting *cause*; hence, an Adverb.
- On high..... Modifies "placed"—denoting *place*; hence, an Adverb.
- Above the storm's }
career. } Modifies "placed"—denoting *place*; hence, an Adverb.
- Downward..... Modifies "look"—denoting *place*; hence, an Adverb.
- Where a hundred }
realms appear. } Modifies "look"—denoting *place*; hence, an Adverb.

Exercises.

 Let the following Adverbs be classified and their Modification given:

How,	Already,	In a moment,
Not,	Quickly,	In flower,
There,	Vilely,	O'er the ruins,
Soon,	Eagerly,	At pile.

"Noiselessly around,
From perch to perch the solitary bird
Passes."

"How is it possible *not* to feel a profound sense of the responsibility of this republic to all future ages."

"In a moment he flew quickly past."

"For *there* the shield of the mighty is *vilely* cast away."

"Thy pencil glows in every flower;
Where Sense can reach, or Fancy rove,
From hill to field, from field to grove,
Across the wave, around the sky,
There's not a spot, nor deep, nor high,
Where the Creator has not trod,
And left the footsteps of a God."

"Eternal Hope! when yonder spheres sublime
Pealed their first notes to sound the march of Time,
Thy joyous youth began—but not to fade:
When all the sister planets have decayed;
When, wrapt in fire, the realms of ether glow,
And Heaven's last thunder shakes the world below;
Thou, undismayed, shalt o'er the ruins smile,
And light thy torch at Nature's funeral pile!"

“*Earth keeps me here
Awhile ; yet I shall leave it, and shall rise
On fairer wings than thine, to skies more clear.*”

Here.....Modifies “keeps”—denoting *place* ; hence, Adverb of Place.

Awhile.....Modifies “keeps”—denoting *time* ; hence, Adverb of Time.

On wings...Modifies “rise”—denoting *means* ; hence, Adverb of Means,
(“On fairer wings than thine,” is the Modified Adverb.)

Than thine..Modifies “fairer”—denoting *degree* ; hence, Adverb of De-
gree.

To skiesModifies “rise”—denoting *place* ; hence, Adverb of Place.
(“To skies more clear,” is the Modified Adverb.)

More.....Modifies “clear”—denoting *degree* ; hence, Adverb of Degree.

“*How much better satisfied he is !*”

How.....Modifies “much ;” hence, an Adverb.

Much.....Modifies “better ;” hence, an Adverb.

BetterModifies “satisfied ;” hence, an Adverb.

PREPOSITIONS.

Def. 100. A word used to introduce a phrase, showing the *relation* of its object to the word which the phrase qualifies, is

A Preposition.

LIST.

A.....“Wild winds and mad waves drive the vessel *a* wreck.”

About.....“We walked *about* town.”

Above“There is a ferry *above* the falls.”

Across.....“*Across* the lake, through bush and brake.”

Aboard.....“They came *aboard* ship.”

Aboard of.....“We succeeded in getting *aboard of* her.”

After“He that cometh *after* me.”

Against.....“He that is not for me, is *against* me.”

Along“Winds that run *along* the summits of their hills.”

Amid.....“We stowed them *amid*-ships.”

Amidst“*Amidst* the mists, he thrusts his fists.”

Among“He became a great favorite *among* the boys.

Amongst.....“We made diligent search *amongst* the rubbish.”

Around“With his martial cloak *around* him.”

As“That England can spare from her service such men *as* him.”—*Lord Brougham*;

Aslant.....“It struck *aslant* the beam.”

Astride“He sat *astride* the beam.”

As for.....“*As for* me and my house.”

As to“*As to* that, I have nothing to say.”

- At "He was *at* work, *at* noon."
- Athwart "The dolphin leaped *athwart* her bows."
- Before "He stood *before* the people."
- Behind "*Behind* a rick of barley."
- Below "The captain was *below* decks."
- Beneath "*Beneath* the mouldering ruins."
- Beside "*Beside* its embers, red and clear."
- Besides "*Besides* punishment inflicted on this account."
- Between "*Between* whom, perfect friendship has existed."
- Betwixt "There is no difference *betwixt* them."
- Beyond "*Beyond* all doubt."
- But "All went *but* me."
- But for "And *but for* these vile guns."
- By "To sail *by* Ephesus." "They stood *by* the cross."
- Concerning "*Concerning* whom I have before written."
- Despite of "*Despite of* all opposition."
- Devoid of "You live *devoid of* peace."
- During "*During* the present administration."
- Ere "And *ere* another evening's close."
- Except "*Except* these bonds."
- Excepting "*Excepting* that bad habit, the teacher was faultless."
- For "*For* me your tributary stores combine."
- From "Playful children, just let loose *from* school."
- From among "*From among* thousand celestial ardors."
- From between "He came *from between* the lakes."
- From off "This lady fly I take *from off* the grass."
- In "*In* the beginning."
- Instead of "*Instead of* the thorn, shall come up the fir."
- In lieu of "She has that sum *in lieu of* dower."
- Into "*Into* these glassy eyes, put light."
- Like "An hour *like* this, may well display the emptiness of human grandeur."
- Near "His residence is *near* the church."
- Next "Plural nominatives should be placed *next* their verbs."
- Nigh "Come not *nigh* me."
- Notwithstanding "*Notwithstanding* this, we remain friends."
- Of "*Of* the arts of peace."
- Off "He fell *off* the bows."
- On "*On* a bed of green sea-flowers."
- Opposite "Our friend lives *opposite* the Exchange."
- Over "High *o'er* their heads the weapons swung."
- Out of "*Out of* the cooling brine to leap."
- Past "We came *past* Avon."
- Per "Twelve hundred dollars *per annum*."
- Previous to "*Previous to* this, his character has been good."
- Respecting "Nothing was known *respecting* him."
- Round "He went *round* the parish, making complaints."

- Since.....“*Since* Saturday, he has not been seen.”
 Save.....“All, *save* this little nook of land.”
 Saving.....“With habits commendable, *saving* only this—he chews tobacco.”
- Through.....“Dian’s crest floats *through* the azure air.”
 Throughout.....“Nor once, *throughout* that dismal night.”
 Than.....“*Than* whom none higher sat.”
 Till.....“He labored hard *till* noon.”
 To.....“We purpose *to* go to Rochester to-day.”
 Touching.....“*Touching* these things, whereof I am accused.”
 Towards.....“They returned? *towards* evening.”
- Under.....“Then was my horse killed *under* me.”
 Underneath.....“And *underneath* his feet, he cast the darkness.”
 Unlike.....“*Unlike* all that I had ever before seen.”
 Until.....“We shall not return *until* Saturday.”
 Unto.....“*Unto* him who rules the invisible armies of eternity.”
 Up.....“The whole fleet was sailing *up* the river.”
 Upon.....“*Upon* the word.”
- Via.....“This stage is for Buffalo, *via* Batavia.”
- With.....“*With* cautious steps, and slow.”
 Within.....“Peace be *within* these walls.”
 Without.....“*Without* it, what is man?”
 Worth.....“He possessed an estate, *worth* five thousand pounds.”

OBS. 1.—The Antecedent term of relation—the word which the Phrase, introduced by a Preposition, qualifies—may be a

- Noun.....The *house* of God.
 Pronoun... *Who* of us shall go? I care not *which* of you.
 Adjective .. It is *good* for nothing.
 Verb.....We *love* to study, we *delight* in improvement.
 Participle...*Jumping* from a precipice.
 Adverb.....He is *too* wise to err.

OBS. 2.—The Antecedent term of the relation expressed by a Preposition, is sometimes understood.”

“O refuge
 Meet for fainting pilgrims [] on this desert way.”

NOTE.—In the above and similar examples, the ellipsis of the antecedent word need not be supplied *in parsing*; unless the sense plainly requires it. But the phrase may be parsed as qualifying the word which its Antecedent would qualify, if expressed.

“*Which* flung its purple o’er his path to heaven.”

Here the phrase “to heaven,” properly modifies *leading*, or a word of similar office, *understood*. But “leading,” modified by this phrase, would qualify “path.” Hence the phrase, “to heaven”—as a *representative* of the whole phrase “leading to heaven”—may be attached to “path.”

OBS. 3.—Prepositions introducing Substantive and Independent Phrases, have no Antecedents.

EXAMPLES—“*As for* me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

“And, *on* the whole, the sight was very painful.”—*Todd*.

“O *for* a lodge in some vast wilderness.”—*Cowper*.

OBS. 4.—The Consequent term of relation may be,

A Word “He stood before the *people*.”

A Phrase “Time, spent in *receiving impertinent visits*.”

A Sentence “And cries of—*live for ever*—struck the skies.”

OBS. 5.—The Consequent term of relation—Object—is sometimes understood.

EXAMPLES—“And the waves are white below [].”

“These crowd around [] to ask him of his health.”

Many grammarians call these Prepositions, Adverbs. This is true, with this modification—they are Prepositions, having their objects understood. But, as the Phrases of which they form parts, are always used adverbially, the Prepositions—as *representatives* of their Phrases, are Adverbs. Hence, when thus used, each Preposition performs a double office—Prepositional, as leader of the Phrase—Adverbial, as representative of the Phrase.

OBS. 6.—The Preposition is often understood—generally when its Phrase follows verbs of *giving, selling, coming, &c.*

EXAMPLES—Mary gave [] me a rose—Mary gave a rose *to* me.

I sold [] Mr. Shepard my wheat—sold wheat *to* Shepard.

William has gone *from* home to-day—he will come [] home to-morrow.

These crowd *around*. Mary gave *me* a rose.

“Me” and “around” are—in the same sense, and by the same rule—Adverbs, viz.: as *representatives* of the Adverbial Phrases to which they severally belong. As words, simply, “me” is a Pronoun—object of *to* understood; “around” is a Preposition—showing a relation of “crowd” and “him,” understood.

OBS. 7.—Prepositions are sometimes incorporated with their Objects.

EXAMPLES—I go *a-fishing*. He fell *a-sleep*. Come *a-board*.

OBS. 8.—Prepositions are sometimes used in predication with Verbs.

EXAMPLES—Its idle hopes are *o'er*. That was not thought *of*.

OBS. 9.—A Preposition commonly indicates the office of the Phrase which it introduces.

In, on, under, above, &c., indicate a relation of *place*, including the idea of *rest*.

William’s hat is *in* the hall, *on* the stool, *under* the table.

From, to, into, through, out of, &c., indicate a relation of *place*, with the idea of *motion*.

“ We came *from* New York *to* Boston.”

Of, generally indicates a relation of *possession*.

“ The lay *of the last minstrel*”—the last *minstrel's* lay.

As, like, than, &c., indicate a relation of *comparison*.

“ Thou hast been *wiser* all the while *than me*.”—*Southey's Letters*.

During, till, since, &c., indicate a relation or *time*.

“ We have vacation *during the whole month of July*.”

“ *Since Saturday*, we have not seen him.”

But, as the kind of relation expressed by a given Preposition is not uniform, no perfect classification can be made.

☞ For other observations on Prepositions, see PART III—*Prepositions*.

Exercises.

“ *Where streams of earthly joy exhaustless rise.*”

Of.... Shows a relation of “ streams ” and “ joy.” .. Hence, a Preposition.

“ *O refuge
Meet for fainting pilgrims.*”

For.. Shows a relation of “ meet ” and “ pilgrims.” .. Hence, a Preposition.

“ On the plains,
And spangled fields, and in the mazy vales,
The living throngs of earth before Him fall,
With thankful hymns, receiving from His hands
Immortal life and gladness.”

On..... Shows a relation of [*existing*, understood, which qualifies] “ throngs,” and “ plains and fields.” Hence,.... a Preposition.

In..... Shows a relation of [*existing*, understood, which qualifies] “ throngs ” and “ vales.” Hence,..... a Preposition.

Of..... Shows a relation of “ throngs ” and “ earth ” a Preposition.

Before..... Shows a relation of “ fall ” and “ him.” Hence, a Preposition.

With..... Shows a relation of [*worshiping*, or some equivalent word understood, which qualifies] “ throngs,” and “ hymns.” Hence,..... a Preposition.

“ The chief fault *of* Coleridge lies *in* the style, which has been justly objected *to on* account *of* its obscurity, general turgidness *of* diction, and a profusion *of* new-coined double epithets.”

“ Southey, among all our living poets, stands aloof, and ‘ alone in his glory.’ For he alone of them all has adventured to illustrate, in poems of magnitude, the different characters, customs, and manners of nations.”

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“when,” in the above example, is an Adverb of Time, relating to the two verbs “will set,” and “come.”

We are also told (and properly), that Adverbs of *time* are those which answer to the question “*when?*”

But does “when,” in the above example, “answer to the question *when?*” Certainly not. Then it cannot be an Adverb of Time. But the Auxiliary Sentence, “when I come,” does “answer to the question *when.*” It tells when “I will set the rest in order.” Hence the *sentence*, “when I come,” is an Adverb of Time; and the word “when”—used only to introduce that sentence—connecting it to “will set,” is a Conjunction. [See the preceding observation.]

OBS. 2.—The conjunction *nor* generally performs a secondary office—that of a negative Adverb—

“Man wants but little here below,
Nor wants that little long.”

In this example, “*nor*” introduces the sentence, and also gives it a negative signification.

The conjunction “*lest*” has sometimes a similar construction.

“Love not sleep, *lest* thou come to poverty.”

OBS. 3.—DOUBLE CONJUNCTIONS.—Two conjunctions are sometimes used to introduce the same sentence.

EXAMPLES—“It seems *as if* they were instructed by some secret instinct.”

“*And yet*, fair bow, no fabling dreams.”

As though, *but that*, and some other words, are often used as double conjunctions.

OBS. 4.—*But*, *when* an Auxiliary Sentence precedes a Principal Sentence, the conjunctions introducing them are not to be regarded as double, although they may be in juxtaposition. [See this Obs.]

[For other observations, the student is referred to PART III. CONJUNCTIONS.]

Exercises.

“*God created the heaven and the earth.*”

And. . . . Connects “heaven” and “earth;” hence. a Conjunction.

“*Temperance and frugality promote health and secure happiness.*”

And. . . . Connects “temperance” and “frugality;” hence, a Conjunction.

And. . . . Connects “promote” and “secure;” hence. a Conjunction.

“*And the eyes of the sleepers waxed deadly and chill.*”

And. . . . Introduces a sentence; hence. a Conjunction.

And. . . . Connects “deadly” and “chill;” hence. a Conjunction.

*“And oft have I the painful lesson conned,
When disappointment mocked my wooing heart,
Still of its own delusion weakly fond,
And from forbidden pleasures loth to part,
Though shrinking oft beneath correction’s deepest smart.”*

And. . . . Introduces a Principal Sentence; hence. . . . a Conjunction.

When. . . . Introduces an Auxiliary Sentence (which modifies “conned”—denoting time); hence. . . . a Conjunction.

And. . . . Connects “fond” and “both;” hence. . . . a Conjunction.

Though. . . Connects “both” and “shrinking;” hence. . . . a Conjunction.

EXCLAMATION.

Def. 102. A word used to express a sudden or intense emotion, is

An Exclamation.

OBS. 1.—Exclamations may consist—

1. Of Letters—as, *O! Oh! Ah! Lo!*

2. Of Words—commonly used as Nouns, Adjectives, Verbs, and Adverbs—as, *Wo! Strange! Hark! Really! Behold! Shocking!*

3. Of Phrases—*For shame!*

4. Of Sentences—*O, Ephraim! how can I give thee up!*

OBS. 2.—Exclamations are followed by—

Words—“*O, Liberty!*” “*Ah, the treasure!*”

Phrases—“*O, for a lodge in some vast wilderness!*”

Sentences—“*O, bear me to some solitary cell!*”

Rem.—The term *Exclamation* is preferred to *Interjection*, as being more appropriate to its office.

Exclaim—“to cry out.” This we do with the use of Exclamations.

Interject—“to cast between.” We very seldom *cast* these words *between* others—they are generally placed *before* other words.

WORDS OF EUPHONY.

Def. 103. A word used chiefly for the sake of sound, is *A Word of Euphony.*

Rem.—[For the various uses of Words of Euphony, see PART I., page 10.]

OBS.—Words of Euphony may be such as are commonly used

as any other “part of speech.” In parsing, a word is to be called a Word of Euphony, only when its *chief office* is Rhetorical.

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

ADVERBS—PREPOSITIONS—CONJUNCTIONS—EXCLAMATIONS.

What is an Adverb ?

Why are they used ?

For what are they often substituted ?

Adverbs may consist of what ?

What are the classes of Adverbs ?

Are Adverbs Modified ? In what respect ?

When is an Adverb used only for Euphony ?

What is a Preposition ?

What is the “Antecedent term of relation” ?

The Antecedent may consist of what ?

Is it always expressed ? Examples ?

When is it not to be expressed ?

What is the “Consequent term of relation” ?

The Consequent may consist of what ?

Is it always expressed ? Examples ?

When not expressed, what offices does the Preposition perform ?

Is the Preposition always expressed ?

What is a Conjunction ?

What Conjunctions are used only to introduce Auxiliary Sentences ?

What is said of the Conjunctions *nor, lest, &c.* ?

What are double Conjunctions ?

What is an Exclamation ?

Exclamations may consist of what ?

Exclamations are followed by what ?

What is a word of Euphony ?

WORDS VARYING IN THEIR ETYMOLOGY.

Rem.—Words are similar in *Orthoëpy*, when they are pronounced with the same sound of the same letter.


EXAMPLES—*There, their; all, awl.*

They are similar in *Orthography*, when they are formed by the same letters, similarly arranged.

EXAMPLES—*Rēad, rēad; ex'tract, extract'.*

They are similar in *Etymology*, when they perform a similar office in the construction of a phrase or sentence.

But it is plain that words similar in *Orthoëpy* differ in their *Orthography*—and words of similar *Orthography* perform widely different offices in different connections.

 It should always be remembered by the scholar, that the OFFICE of a word—not its shape—determines its *Etymology*.

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Since.....	Conj	Since I cannot go, I will be contented here.
So.....	Adj	Solomon was wise—we are not <i>so</i> .
So.....	Adv	<i>So</i> calm, <i>so</i> bright.
Than.....	Conj	She is more nice <i>than</i> wise.
Than.....	Prep	<i>Than</i> whom none higher sat.
Than.....	Pron.....	We have more <i>than</i> heart can wish.
That.....	Adj	<i>That</i> book is mine.
That.....	Pron. Rel.	Him <i>that</i> cometh unto me.
That.....	Pron. Adj.	Forgive me my foul murder? <i>that</i> cannot be
That.....	Conj.....	I am glad <i>that</i> he has lived thus long.
Then.....	Adv	<i>Then</i> , when I am thy captive, talk of chains.
Then.....	Conj	<i>Then</i> I'll look up.
Then.....	Pron	Till <i>then</i> .
Till.....	Prep	They labored hard <i>till</i> night.
Till.....	Conj.....	<i>Till</i> I come, give attention to reading.
Until.....	Prep	From morn, even <i>until</i> night.
Until.....	Conj	<i>Until</i> the day dawn.
What.....	Adj	At <i>what</i> hour did you arrive?
What.....	Rel. Pron.	<i>What</i> Reason weaves, by Passion is undone.
What.....	Inter. Pron.	<i>What</i> does it avail?
What.....	Exclama..	<i>What!</i> is thy servant a dog!
Within...	Prep	To inscribe a circle <i>within</i> a circle.
Within...	Adj	Received on the <i>within</i> bond, five hundred dollars.

OBSERVATIONS ON SOME OF THE FOREGOING WORDS.

As..... When this word introduces a sentence, it is properly called a Conjunction.

EXAMPLE—"As ye journey, sweetly sing."

When it introduces a phrase, it is a preposition, and is then generally equivalent to the preposition *for*.

EXAMPLES—"He gave me this *as* the latest news from the army."

"I am always fearful, lest I should tell you that *for* news, with which you are well acquainted."—*Cowper*.

"*For* example."

"I mention these *as* a few exemplifications."

"And melancholy marked him *for* her own."—*Gray*.

"They will seek out some particular herb which they do not use *as* food."—*Taylor*.

"His friends were counted *as* his enemies."—*Sigourney*.

"All mark thee *for* a prey."—*Cowper*.

The above examples clearly indicate that *as* is sometimes a Preposition.

Rem.—Many Grammarians insist that *as*, in the above and similar examples, "must be a Conjunction, because, in most cases, *it connects words in apposition*."

The same is true of other Prepositions:

EXAMPLES—In the *city* of New York.

“—— thy shadowy hand was seen
 Writing thy *name* of *Death*.”—*Pollock*.
 I thought you an honest man.
 I took *you* for an honest *man*.
All, old and young, went.
All, from the *oldest* to the *youngest*, went.
 ‘ And *cries* of—*live forever*—struck the skies.’

We do not claim that these examples contain words precisely in apposition—as much so, however, as any cases claimed to be connected by *as*.

As—is often used (by ellipsis of one or more words) as a Pronoun. [See Rem. on *than*, below.]

BUT . . . This word—like most Conjunctions—is derived from a Saxon Verb signifying “*except*”—“*set aside*”—“*fail*,” &c. [See *Webster’s Improved Grammar*.]

In the list above given, the word retains its original signification and *office*.

EXAMPLES—“ I cannot *but* rejoice.”
 I cannot *fail*—*omit* to rejoice.

Here “*but*” is a Verb—Potential Mode—and “*rejoice*” is a Verb—Infinitive Mode, depending on “*but*.”

But is also used instead of the words, *if it were not*.

“ And *but* for these vile guns, he would himself have been a soldier.”

LIKE . . . When this word qualifies a word, it is an Adjective—when it represents its noun, it is an Adjective Pronoun. But when it shows a relation of two words, it is a Preposition.

EXAMPLES—“ These armies once lived, and breathed, and felt *like* us.”—*Morgan*.
 “ An hour *like* this, may well display the emptiness of human grandeur.”

THAN . . . This word always expresses comparison, and comparison implies a relation. When this relation is expressed by words, *than* is a Preposition. When it is expressed by sentences; and when words, phrases, or sentences, are merely connected by it, it is a Conjunction. The use of it as a Preposition is sanctioned by good authority—ancient and modern.

EXAMPLES—“ They are stronger *than* lions.”
 “ Thou shalt have no other Gods *than* me.”—*Com. Prayer*.
 “ But in faith, she had been wiser *than* me.”—*Southey*.
 “ Their works are more perfect *than* those of men.”—*Taylor*.

Many words are used as Prepositions or Conjunctions, according as they introduce Phrases or Sentences.

EXAMPLES—John arrived *before* me.
 John arrived *before* I did.
 John arrived a little earlier *than* I [than me].
 John arrived a little earlier *than* I did.
 John arrived as soon *as* I [as me].
 John arrived as soon *as* I did.

“Before me” . . . Is a Phrase, used to modify “arrived;” hence, an *Adverb*.
 “Before I did” . . . Is a Sentence, used to modify “arrived;” hence, an *Adverb*.
 “Than I” Is a Phrase, used to modify “arrived;” hence, an *Adverb*.
 “Than I did” . . . Is a Sentence, used to modify “arrived;” hence, an *Adverb*.
 “As I” Is a Phrase, used to modify “arrived;” hence, an *Adverb*.
 “As I did” Is a Sentence, used to modify “arrived;” hence, an *Adverb*.

Of the many words thus used as Prepositions and Conjunctions, custom allows two—*as* and *than*—to be followed by Pronouns in the *Nominative form*.

EXAMPLES—“Thou art wiser *than* I.”*

Than is also used as a Pronoun, when it is the subject or object of a Verb; as—“He does no more *than* is done by the rabbit.” “*Than*,” in this example, is the subject of “*is done*”—hence, a Pronoun. But in this and similar examples, it may become a Preposition by supplying the ellipsis; as—“He does no more *than* [that which] is done by the rabbit.” This is probably the more correct rendering.

THAT . . . This word is primarily an *Adjective*. But it is also used as a Pronoun. And, in consequence of the obscurity of an ellipsis (which may be generally supplied), it is often used as a Conjunction.

EXAMPLES—“He demanded *that* payment should be made.”

This may be resolved into two sentences.

“Payment should be made.”

“He demanded *that*.”

Here “*that*” is the object of “demanded,” and is substituted for the whole of the former sentence. But, as the sense is not

* Shall we—as some Grammarians insist—call “*than*” a Conjunction, and require the “ellipsis to be supplied?” *Thou art wiser than I am wiser!* *Thou art wiser than I am wise!*

Shall the *modification* of one word determine the *etymology* of another connected with it? Should not rather the office of each word determine its *etymology*, and the *etymology* thus determined, determine the form of another word depending on it for sense?

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“ *We use Rice’s gold pens.* ”

Here the word “gold,” being the *name* of a metal, is a Noun. But, because it is here used to indicate a *kind* of pen [not with respect to its shape or size, but] with respect to its material, it is an Adjective. And this last, being its principal office, is the office in which it is recognized—and we parse it accordingly. The Noun becomes an Adjective.

The word “Rice’s” (omitting the ’s) is a name—hence a Noun. But, because it is here used to indicate a *kind* of pen—not with respect to ownership, for Rice does not own it, but [partly with respect to its shape or size, and also] with respect to the manufactory at which it was made, and, by inference, the quality—it is an Adjective. And this last, being its principal office, is the office in which it is recognized—and we parse it accordingly. The Noun becomes an Adjective.

Nor—composed of *not* and *other*—retains the offices of its elements.

“ *Nor will I at my humble lot repine.* ”

Here “nor”—being used to modify “repine”—is an Adverb of Negation. But, because it introduces a Sentence, additional to a former Sentence, it is a Conjunction: like many other conjunctions, it indicates the office of the sentence which it introduces, making it negative.

OBS.—Some words perform an *individual* office, and at the same time a *representative* office.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring <i>hither</i> that book. 2. Bring <i>to me</i> that book. 3. Bring <i>me</i> that book. | } | Equivalent sentences,
each correct. |
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In the examples above,

<p>“Hither” modifies “bring;” hence, it is an <i>Adverb</i>.</p>		<p>“To me” modifies “bring;” hence, it is an <i>Adverb</i>.</p>		<p>[To] “me” modifies “bring;” hence, it is an <i>Adverb</i>.</p>
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“Me,” in the third example, *as a representative* for the Phrase (to me) of which it is a part, is an *Adverb*. But, being used for a *Noun*, it is a *Pronoun*; and, as the object of the phrase, is in the *Objective Case*.

“ *The captain had gone below.* ”

“Below” Shows a relation of “had gone” to *deck* understood. Hence, it is a *Preposition*.

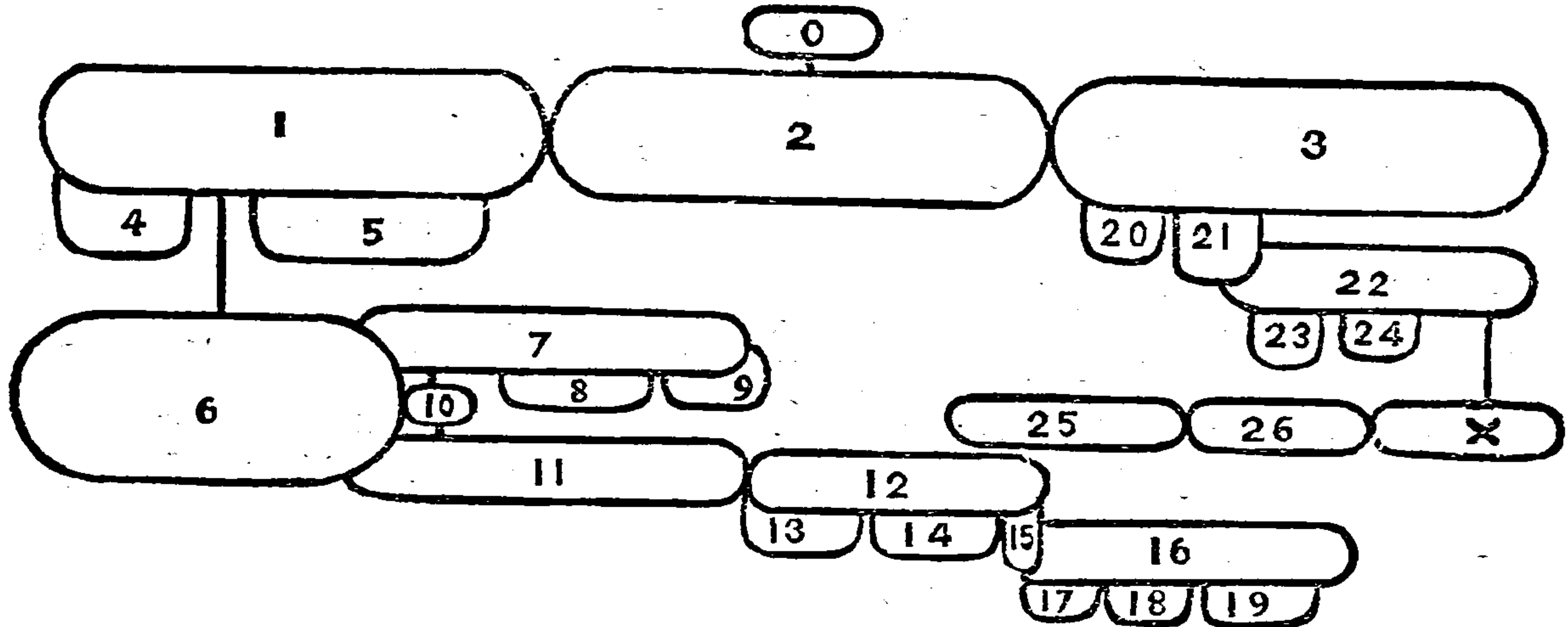
“Below [deck]” Modifies “had gone” (denoting place). Hence, it is an *Adverb*.

“Below,” *As a representative* of its (Adverbial) Phrase, modifies “had gone” (denoting place). Hence, it is an *Adverb*.

For farther illustrations, see Obs. 5 and 6, page 95.

Rem.—A careful examination of the genius of the English language will disclose the fact, that a great majority of words perform at the same time two or more distinct offices. The **RULE** to be observed in parsing is, that a word should be parsed according to its **PRINCIPAL** office in the sentence.

Prin. “The office of a word in a Sentence determines its place in the Diagram.” Then



OBS.—When a Sentence is properly placed in Diagram, the young pupil can easily determine the *office* (and consequently the *class*) of each word, and its most important modifications. Thus in the Diagram above, 1 and 25 occupy the place of Nouns or Pronouns, which must be in the Nominative Case.

2, 7, 11, and 26, are Verbs—2, 11, and 26, are Transitive—7 is Intransitive.

3 and 12 are Nouns or Pronouns, and must be in the Objective Case.

22 and 16 may be Nouns, Pronouns, or Infinitive Verbs, and are Objects of Prepositions.

4, 5, 13, 14, 20, are Adjectives.

8, 9, are Adverbs.

17, 18, 19, 23, 24, are Adjectives—if 22, 16, are Nouns or Pronouns. They are Adverbs—if 22, 16, are Infinitive Verbs.

6 and x are Relative Pronouns—6 is in the Nominative Case—x is in the Objective Case.

6 to 19, inclusive, constitute an Adjective Sentence, which describes (1.)


(25, 26, x,) constitute an Adjective Sentence, which describes (22.)

(21, 22, 23, 24,) and (15, 16, 17, 18, 19,) constitute Phrases—and, because they are attached to 3 and 12, they are Adjectives. 21 and 15 are Prepositions.

0 and 10 are Conjunctions—0 introduces a Sentence—10 connects two words.

The Sentence to which this Diagram is applicable is *Complex*. The Principal Sentence is *Simple—Transitive*—the Subject of which is qualified by two Words and one Sentence—the Object is qualified by one Word and one Phrase.

The Sentence which is Auxiliary to the Subject of the Principal Sentence is a *Compound Mixed Sentence*—its first Predicate being Intransitive, the second Transitive.

 The Teacher will find exercises of this sort beneficial chiefly to beginners, who may be associated with more advanced scholars.*

EXERCISES IN ETYMOLOGICAL ANALYSIS AND PARSING.

“Every motive therefore, of justice and of policy, of dignity and prudence, urges you to allay the ferment in America, by a removal of your troops from Boston; by a repeal of your Acts of Parliament; and by a demonstration of amicable dispositions towards your Colonies.”—*Pitt*.

“From the shore,
Eat into caverns by the restless wave,
And forest-rustling mountains, comes a voice,
That solemn sounding, bids the world prepare.”

Thomson.

“There Joy gilds the mountains, all purple and bright;
And Peace, in the vales, rests in gentle repose;
And Love, like a spirit of beauty and light,
Breathes sweetness abroad, on the air as it blows.”

F. S. Jewelle.

“There is a stern round tower of other days,
Firm as a fortress, with its fence of stone;
Such as an army's baffled strength delays,
Standing with half its battlements alone,
And with two thousand years of Ivy overgrown.”—*Byron*.

“Amidst the murmuring fountains
Of everlasting life,
Thy spirit like a bounding bark,
With song and gladness rife,
Goes gliding to the palmy shore,
That lies in sunny light before.”—*Hesperian*.

“Let me hear thy voice awake, and bid her
Give me new and glorious hopes, like sunbeams,
Gleaming thro' the dark, but scattering clouds;
And strength of soul, to outbrave the thunder blast,
And like the eagle, sunward, mount, o'er rock,
And cloud, and storm, forever.”—*F. S. Jewelle*.

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“A sound system of government requires the people to read, and inform themselves upon political subjects; else they are the prey of every quack, every impostor, and every agitator, who may practise his trade in the country.”—*Ld. Brougham*.

“His Lordship knew full well, that the circulation of Newspapers would create a spirit of inquiry, that would search all the hidden abominations of royalty; would rouse to free thought the slaves of custom and despotic favor; would strip from titled oppressors the gaudy covering which dazzles the unthinking multitude; would develop a moral power, that would sweep away every stronghold of error and wrong.”

H. T. B—.

“Greece has had most abundant cause to mourn on account of the wide-spread influence of this great enemy of the human race.”—*Dwight*.

“Our ablest patriots are looking out on the deep vexed with storms, with great forebodings and failings of heart, for fear of the things that are coming upon us.”—*Bucher*.

“It has been the work of the Coalition to destroy all; to place Italy again under the galling yoke of Austria; to take from her, with political liberty, civil and religious freedom, and even freedom of thought; to corrupt her morals, and to heap upon her the utmost degree of degradation.”—*Sismondi*.

“What we do at home, we do *for* Europe, and in Europe.”

Mitchell.

“After some hours' carnage, during which the streets ran with blood, peace was restored.”—*Sumner*.

“I firmly believe, that the salvation of our country is the hope of the world.”—*Howes*.

“Suddenly the clouds broke and the storm rolled off toward Franconia, to burst upon the plains of Saxony.”—*Schiller*.

“With peculiar satisfaction I add, that information has been received from an agent deputed on our part to Algiers, importing that the terms of a treaty with the Dey and regency of that country have been adjusted in such a manner as to authorize the expectation of a speedy peace, and the restoration of our unfortunate fellow-citizens from a grievous captivity.”

Washington.

“The Barbary States, after the decline of the Arabian power, seem to be enveloped in darkness, rendered more palpable by the increasing light among the Christian nations.”—*Sumner*.

PART III.

SYNTAX treats of the construction of sentences by determining the relation, agreement, and arrangement of words.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND DEFINITIONS TO BE NOTICED IN ANALYSIS AND CONSTRUCTION.

SENTENCES.

- I. A SENTENCE is an assemblage of words so arranged as to express an entire proposition.
- II. A SENTENCE consists of $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{PRINCIPAL PARTS} \\ \text{and} \\ \text{ADJUNCTS.} \end{array} \right.$
- III. THE PRINCIPAL PARTS of a Sentence are those words necessary to make the unqualified assertion.
- IV. THE ADJUNCTS of a Sentence are the words used to modify or describe other words in the Sentence.
- V. THE PRINCIPAL PARTS of a Sentence are $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{The SUBJECT,} \\ \text{The PREDICATE,} \\ \text{The OBJECT.} \end{array} \right.$
- VI. THE SUBJECT of a Sentence is that concerning which something is asserted.
- VII. THE PREDICATE is the word or words that assert something of the Subject.
- VIII. THE OBJECT of a Sentence is that on which the act expressed by the Predicate terminates.
- IX. THE SUBJECT of a Sentence may be $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{A WORD,} \\ \text{A PHRASE, or} \\ \text{A SENTENCE.} \end{array} \right.$
- X. THE OBJECT of a Sentence may be $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{A WORD,} \\ \text{A PHRASE, or} \\ \text{A SENTENCE.} \end{array} \right.$

- XI. A WORD used as the *Subject*-or *Object* of a Sentence may be
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| { | A NOUN, | } | Common or
<i>Proper</i> . |
| | or | | <i>Personal,</i>
<i>Relative,</i>
<i>Interrogative,</i>
<i>Adjective.</i> |
| A PRONOUN. | | | |
- XII. NOUNS and PRONOUNS are of the
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| { | MASCULINE GENDER, | } | <i>Masculine Gender,</i> |
| | FEMININE GENDER, or | | <i>Feminine Gender, or</i> |
| | NEUTER GENDER. | | <i>Neuter Gender.</i> |
- XIII. NOUNS and PRONOUNS are of the
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| { | FIRST PERSON, | } | <i>First Person,</i> |
| | SECOND PERSON, or | | <i>Second Person, or</i> |
| | THIRD PERSON. | | <i>Third Person.</i> |
- XIV. NOUNS and PRONOUNS are of the
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| { | SINGULAR NUMBER, or | } | <i>Singular Number, or</i> |
| | PLURAL NUMBER. | | <i>Plural Number.</i> |
- XV. THE SUBJECT of a Sentence is in the *Nominative Case*.
- XVI. THE OBJECT of a Sentence is in the *Objective Case*.
- XVII. THE GRAMMATICAL PREDICATE of a Sentence is
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| { | A VERB | with or without | { | ANOTHER VERB, | } |
| | | | | A PARTICIPLE, | |
| | | | | AN ADJECTIVE, | |
| | | | | A NOUN, | |
| | | | | A PRONOUN, or | |
| | | | | A PREPOSITION. | |
- XVIII. A VERB in Predication may be in the
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| { | INDICATIVE MODE, | { | <i>Present Tense,</i> | } | { | DEFINITE, | } | | | |
| | | | <i>Past Tense,</i> | | | INDEFINITE, | | | | |
| | | | <i>Future Tense,</i> | | | PRIOR. | | | | |
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- XIX. A VERB in Predication must agree with its Subject in
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| { | PERSON | } |
| | and | |
| | NUMBER. | |

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XXXIII. A PREPOSITION shows a relation of its object to the word which its Phrase qualifies.

XXXIV. AN EXCLAMATION has no dependent Construction.

XXXV. A WORD OF EUPHONY is, in its office, chiefly *rhetorical*.

II. PHRASES.

XXXVI. A PHRASE is two or more words properly arranged, not constituting an entire proposition; but performing a distinct etymological office.

XXXVII. A PHRASE consists of $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{PRINCIPAL PARTS} \\ \text{and} \\ \text{ADJUNCTS} \end{array} \right.$

XXXVIII. THE PRINCIPAL PARTS of a Phrase are those words necessary to its structure.

XXXIX. THE ADJUNCTS of a Phrase are words used to modify or describe other words.

XL. THE PRINCIPAL PARTS $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{THE LEADING WORD,} \\ \text{of a Phrase are} \end{array} \right. \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{THE SUBSEQUENT WORD.} \end{array} \right.$

XLI. THE LEADING WORD of a Phrase, is the word used to introduce the Phrase—generally connecting its Subsequent to the word which the Phrase qualifies.

XLII. THE SUBSEQUENT WORD of a Phrase, is the word which follows the Leading Word as its object—depending on it for sense.

XLIII. THE ADJUNCTS may consist of $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{Adjective} \\ \text{or} \\ \textit{Adverbial} \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{WORDS,} \\ \text{PHRASES, OR} \\ \text{SENTENCES.} \end{array} \right.$

XLIV. A PHRASE is $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{TRANSITIVE OR} \\ \text{INTRANSITIVE.} \end{array} \right.$

XLV. A TRANSITIVE PHRASE is one whose Subsequent (Infinitive Verb or Participle) asserts an action which terminates on an Object.

XLVI. AN INTRANSITIVE PHRASE is one whose Subsequent is a Noun or Pronoun, or a Verb or Participle, having no Object.

XLVII. A PHRASE is, *in form*, { PREPOSITIONAL,
PARTICIPIAL,
INFINITIVE, or
INDEPENDENT.

XLVIII. A PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE is one that is introduced by a Preposition—having a Noun, a Pronoun (Word, Phrase, or Sentence), or a Participle, for its object of relation.

XLIX. A PARTICIPIAL PHRASE is one that is introduced by a Participle—being followed by an Object of an action, or by an Adjunct.

L. AN INFINITIVE PHRASE is one that is introduced by the preposition TO—having a Verb in the Infinitive Mode as its Object of relation.

LI. AN INDEPENDENT PHRASE is one that is introduced by a Noun or Pronoun—having a Participle depending on it.

LII. A Phrase is COMPOUND, when it has two or more Leaders or Subsequents.

LIII. A Phrase is COMPLEX, when one of its Principal Parts is qualified by another Phrase.

Remark.—Words combined into a Sentence, have a relation to each other—a relation which often determines their *forms*. The principal Modifications of words as treated in Part II. of this work, are those of form—and these forms vary according to their relation to other words. Thus, in speaking of Frederick, I may say, “*he* assisted James.” Here “*he*” stands for the name of Frederick; and that *form* of the Pronoun is used to denote that Frederick was the *agent* of the action—the *Subject* of the Verb. But if I say, “*him* James assisted,” I make quite a different assertion, not because I speak of different persons or of a different act, but, because I use a different modification of the word “*he*.”

But the *form* does not always determine the office of words in a Sentence.

I may say,	Frederick assisted James,
And,	James assisted Frederick.

Here, although I use the same words, and the same *form* of those words, I make two widely different assertions. The difference in the assertions in these examples, is caused by the change of *position* of the words. Hence, the laws of AGREEMENT and ARRANGEMENT of words in the construction of Sentences.

Rem.—As Diagrams are of great service in constructing sentences, by serving as tests of the grammatical correctness of a composition, they are inserted in Part III. It is hoped that the teacher will not fail to require the class to write sentences which shall contain words in every possible condition, and in every variety of modification. Young pupils should be required to place the sentences in Diagrams.

THE SUBJECT OF A SENTENCE.

Rule 1. The Subject of a Sentence must be in the Nominative Case.

SUBJECT

OBS. 1.—The Subject of a Sentence may be a Noun, Pronoun, Phrase, or Sentence.

- EXAMPLES**—1. A Noun *Virtue* secures happiness.
 2. A Pronoun “*He* plants his footsteps in the sea.”
 3. A Phrase “*To be able to read well*, is a valuable accomplishment.”
 4. A Sentence *That good men sometimes commit faults*, cannot be denied.

OBS. 2.—The subject of an imperative verb is commonly understood.

EXAMPLE—“ [] Take each man’s censure, but [] reserve thy judgment.”

OBS. 3.—It is often expressed.

EXAMPLE—“Go *ye* into all the world.”

OBS. 4.—It is sometimes accompanied by an explanatory word.

EXAMPLE—“*Ye* rapid FLOODS, give way.” [See “Independent Case.”]

POSITION OF THE NOMINATIVE.

NOTE I. In *position*, the nominative commonly precedes the verb.

EXAMPLES—*Animals* run. *Resources* are developed.

OBS. 1.—In *Interrogative Sentences*, it is placed after the verb, when the verb constitutes a complete predicate.

EXAMPLE—“*Heeds* HE not the bursting anguish?”

OBS. 2.—When the predicate consists of two verbs, or a verb and participle, adjective, noun, &c., the Nominative is placed after the first word of the predicate.

EXAMPLES—*Is* HE injured? *Is* SHE kind? *Is* HE a scholar? *Must* I leave thee?

OBS. 3.—The Interrogatives *who*, *which*, and *what*, used as Subjects, precede their verbs.

EXAMPLES—“*Who* will show us any good?”
 “*What* can compensate for loss of character.”
 “*Which* shall be taken first?”

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OBS. 1.—This principle is violated in the following example:

“His teeth, *they* chatter, chatter still.”

OBS. 2.—But this practice is allowable, when necessary to a proper rhetorical effect.

EXAMPLES—Our *Fathers*, where are *they*? And the *Prophets*, do *they* live for ever?

Rem.—The agent of an action expressed by an Infinitive Verb, may be in the Nominative or Objective Case.

1. I purpose *to go*.

2. I invited HIM *to go*.

Rem. 2.—The agent of an action expressed by a Participle, may be in the Possessive or Objective Case.

1. I heard of YOUR *going* to Boston.

2. The *plowing* of the WICKED is sin.

Exercises.

☞ Let the class make Sentences which shall be correct examples of the several *Notes*, *Observations*, and *Remarks*, under Rule 1.

EXAMPLES FOR PARSING.

“*Friend* after friend departs ;
Who has not lost a friend ?
 There is no *union* here of hearts,
That finds not here an end ;
 Were this frail *world* our final rest,
 Living or dying *none* were blest.

* * * * *

Thus *star* by star declines,
 Till *all* are passed away ;
 As *morning* high and higher shines,
 To pure and perfect day ;
 Nor sink those *stars* in empty night,
 But hide themselves in heaven's own light.”

Montgomery.

FIRST MODEL.

“*Friend after friend departs.*”

ANALYSIS.

Principal Parts... { *Friend* Subject of “*departs.*” } Simple Sentence,
 { *Departs* Predicate of “*friend.*” } Intransitive.
 Adjunct After *friend*. Adjunct of “*departs.*”

PARSING.

- Friend..... is a name..... Hence.. a Noun.
 “ name of a class of persons.... Hence.. Common.
 [The gender is not indicated; and, whenever it is not, no mention of the gender should be made.]
 “ spoken of..... Hence.. Third Person.
 “ denotes but one..... Hence.. Singular Number.
 “ subject of departs..... Hence.. Nominative Case.
 After friend.. modifies “departs”—denoting
time, or order of time..... Hence.. an Adverb.
 After..... expresses a relation of “de-
 parts” and “friend”..... Hence.. a Preposition.
 Friend..... is a name..... Hence.. a Noun.
 “ name of a class..... Hence.. Common.
 “ spoken of..... Hence.. Third Person.
 “ denotes but one..... Hence.. Singular Number.
 “ object of the relation expressed
 by “after”..... Hence.. Objective Case.
 Departs..... expresses an action..... Hence.. a Verb.
 “ action has no object..... Hence.. Intransitive.
 “ simply declares..... Hence.. Indicative Mode.
 denotes present time..... Hence.. Present Tense.
 predicate of “friend”..... Hence { Third Person,
 Singular Number.

SECOND MODEL.

“*Who has not lost a friend.*”

ANALYSIS.

- Principal Parts.. { Who..... Subject,
 Has lost.. Predicate,
 Friend... Object, } Hence, a *Transitive Sentence*.
 Simple.
 Adjuncts..... { Not..... Adjunct of “has lost.”
 A..... Adjunct of “friend.”

PARSED.

- Who..... is a Pronoun—Interrogative—Third Person—Singular Num-
 ber—Nominative Case to “has lost.”
 “The subject of a Sentence must be in the Nominative Case.”
 Has lost.. Is a Verb—Irregular [lose, lost, losing, lost]—Transitive—Ac-
 tive Voice—Indicative Mode—Past Tense Indefinite—Third
 Person—Singular Number, to agree with its Subject “who.”
 Not..... is an Adverb—Negative—Modifies “has lost.”
 A..... is an Adjective—Specifying—Specifies “friend.”

Friend . . . is a Noun—Common—Third Person—Singular Number—Objective Case to “has lost.”

ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES.

“Rewarding and punishing actions by any other rule, would appear much harder to be accounted for by minds formed as he has formed ours.”—*Bp. Butler.*

“What time he took orders, doth not appear.”—*Life of Butler.*

“That every day has its pains and sorrows, is universally experienced.”

Rem.—For examples of False Syntax, see Appendix, Note G.

PREDICATES.

Prin. Predicates describe their Subjects by asserting facts concerning them.

SUBJECT

PREDICATE

OBS.—Every Predicate must consist of a verb.—Robert *studies*.
And, in addition, it may have

A second Verb . . . Robert *does study*.

A Participle Robert *is studying*.

An Adjective Robert *is studious*.

A Noun Robert *is a scholar*.

A Pronoun It *is I*. If I *were you*.

A Preposition Its idle hopes *are o'er*.

It may also consist of two verbs and one or more participles, &c.—We MIGHT HAVE WALKED. We MIGHT HAVE BEEN LOVED.

VERBS.

Rule 2. A verb must agree with its subject in Number and Person.

Rem.—This rule requires that the *form* of a verb be determined by its Subject. Strictly speaking, Verbs have no Number and Person. The term is used to denote a variation in the form of a verb to correspond with the Number and Person of its Subject. Thus,

In the Singular number no suffix is used for the First Person; as, I walk.

Est or *st* is added for the Second Person, solemn style; as, Thou walkest.

S is added for the Third Person; as, John walks.

In the Plural Number, verbs are not varied to denote the Person of their Subjects.

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an aggregate number taken collectively, the verb should be Singular.

EXAMPLE—*Two-thirds* of my HAIR *has* fallen off.

Here “hair”—the name of many taken collectively—is the logical Subject of “has fallen,” and requires the verb to be Singular, although “two-thirds,” the grammatical Subject, is Plural.

PERSON.

NOTE. III. Two or more Subjects taken separately and differing in Person, should have separate verbs, when the verb is varied to denote the Person of its Subject.

EXAMPLE—*You* ARE in error, or *I* AM.

OBS.—But, when the verb is not varied to denote the person, it need not be repeated.

EXAMPLES—*You* or *I* MUST GO. The *doctors* or *you* ARE in error.

NOTE IV. When the Subject of a verb differs in Person or Number (or both) from a Noun or Pronoun in predication, the verb should agree with its Subject rather than with the word in predication.

EXAMPLES—“*Thou* ART the man.” “Who ART *thou*?”
 “His *meat* WAS locusts and wild honey.”
 “The wages of sin IS *death*.”

MODE AND TENSE.

NOTE V. That Mode and Tense of a verb should be used which will most clearly convey the sense intended.

OBS. 1.—A verb used to denote a conditional fact or a contingency, should have the Subjunctive or Potential form.

EXAMPLES—“WERE *I Alexander*, I would accept the terms.”
 “So would I, WERE *I Parmenio*.”
 If we *would* improve, we must study.

OBS. 2.—But if the condition be assumed as unquestionable, the verb may be in the Indicative Mode.

EXAMPLES—“If thou *hadst* known.”
 If John *has* offended you, he will make due apology.

OBS. 3.—The variations for the Potential Mode are rather variations of form, than to indicate distinctions of tense—this mode being generally indifferent as to time.

EXAMPLE—“O *would* the scandal vanish with my life,
Then happy *were* to me ensuing death.”

OBS. 4.—The Infinitive present generally indicates indefinite time—the finite verb on which it depends, commonly determines its Tense.

EXAMPLES—“I *went* TO SEE him”—present in form, but past in sense.
“I *shall go* TO SEE him”—present in form, but future in sense.

OBS. 5.—But, generally, to indicate past time, the Past Infinitive is used, *except when the Infinitive follows verbs denoting purpose, expectation, wish, &c.*

EXAMPLES—We *ought* TO HAVE GONE.
I *purposed* TO WRITE many days ago.
I *expected* TO MEET him yesterday.

NOTE VI. A verb should not be used for its participle in predication.

EXAMPLE—James ought not to have *went*.
Corrected—James ought not to have *gone*.

NOTE VII. A participle should not take the place of its verb.

EXAMPLE—I *done* that sum correctly.
Corrected—I *did* that sum correctly.

INFINITIVE.

Rule. 3. A verb in the Infinitive Mode, is the object of the preposition TO, expressed or understood.

OBS. 1.—The Infinitive Verb partakes much of a Substantive character—generally expressing the *name* of an act.

EXAMPLES— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{We are prepared } \textit{to} \text{ ACT.} \\ \text{We are prepared } \textit{for} \text{ ACTION.} \end{array} \right.$

OBS. 2.—The Infinitive Verb is never used as a grammatical Predicate—but it is often the *logical predicate* of a Noun or Pronoun *in the Objective Case*.

EXAMPLE—I requested *him* TO GO.

OBS. 3.—An Infinitive Verb with its preposition is used as a Phrase, and may be construed as

A Noun To ENJOY *is* to obey.

An Adjective. . Henry has a *desire* TO IMPROVE.

An Adverb We *love* TO STUDY.

OBS. 4.—The Infinitive is sometimes elegantly used for one of the other modes.

EXAMPLES— { “If I AM TO SETTLE this business.”—*Arthur*.
 { I MUST SETTLE this business.
 { “The hour had come, for *him* TO GO.”—*Abbott*.
 { The hour had come, when *he* MUST GO.

“What is more necessary than for a *people* TO PRESERVE what they themselves have created.”—*Story*.

. than that a *people* SHOULD PRESERVE, &c.

OBS. 5.—An Infinitive Phrase may be an Adjunct to

1. A Noun “Isaac has a *desire* TO IMPROVE.”

2. A Pronoun “Enough for *me* TO KNOW.”

3. An Adjective “*Ready* TO DEPART on the morrow.”

4. A Verb “Students *ought* TO IMPROVE the time”

5. An Adverb “He is *too* wise TO ERR, and *too* good TO BE UNKIND.”

OBS. 6.—The Infinitive Verb often follows the words *as* and *than*.

EXAMPLES—“An object so high *as* TO BE INVISIBLE.”

“He said nothing farther *than* TO GIVE an apology for his vote.”

Rem.—In the above and similar examples, *as* and *than* are to be regarded as Prepositions, having for their objects the Infinitive Phrases following. In like manner it sometimes follows other Prepositions.

EXAMPLE—We are *about* TO RECITE.

OBS. 7.—The Infinitive Phrase, like other Phrases, is sometimes independent in construction.

EXAMPLE—“And, *to be plain with you*, I think you the most unreasonable of the two.”

OBS. 8.—The Infinitive Mode of verbs following the verbs *bid*, *but*, *dare*, *feel*, *hear*, *let*, *make*, *need*, *see*, and sometimes *behold*, *have*, *known*, *help*, *observe*, *preserve*, and some others, do not require the preposition *to*.

EXAMPLES—“I plunged in, and *bade* him FOLLOW.”—*Shakspeare*.

“Necessity *commands* me NAME myself.”—*Idem*.

He *dares* not do it. I *let* him GO.

Jane *helped* me WORK that problem.

I cannot *but* SUSPECT that she assisted Lucy too.

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EXAMPLES.

1. *Possessive*.—We have heard of *his* GOING to the falls.
In the event of *William's* GAINING a fortune.
2. *Objective*.—By the CROWING of the *cock* we knew that morning was nigh.

OBS. 2.—The definitive, *the*, should be placed before a Verbal Noun whose logical Subject is the Object of the preposition *of*.

EXAMPLE—The PLOWING of the *wicked* is sin.

OBS. 3.—The definitive, *the*, should not be placed before a Verbal Noun whose logical Subject is in the Possessive case.

EXAMPLE—You object to *my* PLOWING the garden so early.

II. *Participles used as Adjectives.*

NOTE III. A Participle used as an Adjective, belongs to Nouns and Pronouns which it describes; and may be modified by Adverbs.

EXAMPLE.

Whose visages
Do cream and mantle like a STANDING *pond*.

OBS.—A Participle used to introduce a Participial Phrase performs an office more peculiar to itself than in any other condition. But even then it answers to the definition of some other part of speech.

EXAMPLE.

“SUSPECTING *the treachery of our guide, we made preparations for* DEFENDING *ourselves from any hostile attacks.*”

Here “Suspecting” and “defending” are Participles, each used to introduce a Participial Phrase; but

“Suspecting the treachery of our guide,” shows a condition of “we.” Hence,an Adjective Phrase.

“Suspecting” describes “we,” by expressing, incidentally, an act of “we.” Hence, a Verbal Adjective.

“For defending ourselves,” limits the action expressed by “preparations.” Hence, an Adjective Phrase.

“Defending” is the *name* of an act [object of the preposition “for.”] Hence,a Verbal Noun.

SUSPICIOUS *of the treachery of our guides, we made preparations for defense.*

“Suspicious” describes “we,” by expressing a condition or state of “we.” Hence,an Adjective.

“Defense” is a *name*, object of the preposition “for.” Hence, a Noun.

III. *Participles used as Adverbs.*

NOTE IV. A Participle used Adverbially belongs to Verbs, Adjectives, or Adverbs, which it modifies.

EXAMPLE—'Tis strange! 'tis PASSING *strange*!

OBS.—Participles are seldom used Adverbially without the termination *ly*.

EXAMPLE—“He *spoke* FEELINGLY on that subject.”

IV. *Participles used as Prepositions.*

NOTE V. A Participle used as a Preposition shows a relation of its object to the word which its phrase qualifies.

EXAMPLE—“He *said* nothing CONCERNING his temporal *affairs*.”

OBS.—The young scholar often finds it difficult to determine whether a Participle is used as a Preposition or an Adjective. His difficulties on this subject will vanish when he recollects that—

1. *A Participle used as a Preposition, does not relate to a Noun or Pronoun—it generally introduces an Adverbial Phrase.*
2. *A Participle used as an Adjective, always relates to a Noun or Pronoun—it generally introduces an Adjective Phrase.*

V. *Participles used in Predication with Verbs.*

NOTE VI. A Participle used in predication asserts an act, being, or state; and may be modified by Adverbs.

EXAMPLE—“We are *anxiously* EXPECTING to hear from William.”

OBS. 1.—The Present (or First) Participle always ends in *ing*, and is limited to the Active Voice.

OBS. 2.—The Past (or Second) Participle of Regular Verbs ends in *d* or *ed*, and is limited to the Passive Voice.

OBS. 3.—The Compound (or Third) Participle is composed of the second Participle of a verb added to the word *having*—and is then Active; or to the word *being*, or the two words *having been*—and is then Passive. Hence,

NOTE VII. In the use of Participles in predication, the proper modification should be used.

- (1.) When an action is to be predicated of the Subject, *i. e.*, when the Subject performs the act, the Active Participle should be used.

EXAMPLE—*Henry* is RECITING his lesson.

- (2.) When the Subject is to be represented as receiving the action, the Passive Participle should be used.

EXAMPLE—*Henry's lesson* is BEING RECITED.

NOTE VIII. Participles should not be used as the Object of a verb when an Infinitive verb would be more elegant.

EXAMPLES—He refused *complying* with the regulations.
He refused *to comply* with the regulations.

VOICE.

NOTE IX. That form of a verb should be used which will correctly and fully express the fact intended.

1. When the person or thing which is the Subject of a sentence, is the agent of an act expressed by the predicate, the verb should be in the Active Voice.

EXAMPLE—*Columbus* was a native of Genoa. Historians represent him as having been a man of science. *He* DISCOVERED America.

2. When the person or thing which is the Subject of a sentence, is passive, *i. e.*, suffers or receives the result of the action, the verb should be in the Passive Voice.

EXAMPLE—*America* is called the new world. *It* WAS NOT KNOWN to the ancients.

OBS. 1.—Generally either voice can be used to express the same fact.

EXAMPLES.

Active *Morse invented* the Telegraph.

Passive The Telegraph *was invented* by Morse.

When the Passive Voice is used, the name of the agent becomes the object of an Adverbial Phrase.

OBS. 2.—The Passive Voice is sometimes used instead of the Active, without any other change in the construction.

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OBS. 2.—The Auxiliary Sentence may be expressed by verbs in the Indicative, Potential, and Subjunctive Modes.

- EXAMPLES—1. Indicative.... They kneeled before they *fought*.
 2. Potential..... I would go if I *could*.
 3. Subjunctive.. If I *were* a student, I should be ambitious to improve.

INDICATIVE MODE.

OBS. 3.—We use the Indicative Mode in Declarative and Interrogative Sentences.

- EXAMPLES—“God *created* the heaven and the earth.”
 Have you *been* to the Post Office ?

OBS. 4.—The Indicative form is also used in conditional Sentences, when we represent the conditional as true or granted.

- EXAMPLES—“If he *has declared*.” “If the reality *is proved*.”—*Porteus*.

POTENTIAL MODE.

OBS. 5.—This Mode properly indicates an *opinion*, or a purpose—a mental or moral emotion—or physical power.

- EXAMPLES—*I may go*—*You can go*—*He should go*—*I will go*.
 What readiest way *would* bring me to that place ?

OBS. 6.—It is also used in Interrogative Sentences.

- EXAMPLE—“And *can* I leave thee ?”
 “For what *can* war but endless war still breed ?”

SUBJUNCTIVE MODE.

OBS. 7.—This Mode is used when we express a conditional circumstance hypothetically.

- EXAMPLES—“*Were* I Alexander, I would accept the terms.”
 So would I, *were* I Parmenio.

Rem.—In this use of the Subjunctive Past Tense, a fact contrary to the assertion is always implied. Thus, “*were* I Alexander,” implies that I am not Alexander.

IMPERATIVE MODE.

OBS. 8.—When we command or entreat, we use the Imperative Mode.

- EXAMPLES—“*Awake! arise!* or be forever fallen.”
 “*Come* to the bridal chamber, Death.”

THE TENSES OF THE SEVERAL MODES.

Rem.—Perhaps no part of the Science of the English language occasions more perplexity to the student, than that which relates to the use of the Tenses—for

1. The variations of verbs to indicate distinctions of time, do not correspond to the natural divisions of time.

There are—as stated in Part I.—but three distinctions of time.

PAST.

PRESENT.

FUTURE.

Yet we have forms of the Verb, to denote six distinctions.

PRESENT,	PAST,	}	<i>Definite,</i> <i>Indefinite,</i> <i>Prior.</i>	}	FUTURE,	}	<i>Indefinite,</i> <i>Prior.</i>
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We also have different forms for the same Tense.

Simple form, Compound form,	}	PRESENT,	}	I turn, I am turning.
Simple form, Compound form,	}	PAST DEFINITE,	}	I turned, I was turning.
Simple form, Compound form,	}	PAST INDEFINITE,	}	I have turned, I have been turning.
Simple form, Compound form,	}	PRIOR PAST,	}	I had turned, I had been turning.
Simple form, Compound form,	}	FUTURE,	}	I shall turn, I shall be turning.
Simple form, Compound form,	}	PRIOR FUTURE,	}	I shall have turned, I shall have been turning.

With all these variations of the Verb to denote distinctions of time, we still have nothing which will designate time with absolute precision. Adjuncts (Words, Phrases, or Sentences) are necessary—and these we call Adverbs of time.

2. The form of a Verb appropriated to one Tense, is not always used to denote the time of its tense. Thus, *would* is the Past Tense of *will*.

EXAMPLE—John *would* not study—consequently, he had no lesson.

But the same form is also used to denote present time.

EXAMPLE—John *would* study better than he does, if he *felt* the importance of an education as he *should*.

This form may also refer to a future act.

EXAMPLE—John *will* accompany you—I *would* go myself if I had not another appointment at that hour.

Rem.—Examples might be multiplied—showing the great confusion and instability of the Tenses of English Verbs.

In the exercise of composition, special rules can be of little service to the student. The following observations on the uses of the tenses of the Indicative Mode, it may be proper to mention. They are, however, of a general character, and subject to exceptions, which may be best learned by a careful attention to the practice of the best writers and speakers.

OBS. 1.—In denoting present time, the simple form of the Present Tense should be used when the time is indefinite.

EXAMPLE—Virtue *is* commendable—Education *elevates* man.

OBS. 2.—When the act, being, or state, expressed by the verb, is to be represented as definitely present or continuing, the compound form of the Present Tense should be used.

EXAMPLES—I *am writing*—Daniel's predictions *are now being fulfilled*.

OBS. 3.—In expressing a past transaction which is finished, and which is definite in the mind of the speaker, we use the simple form of the Past Tense Definite.

EXAMPLE—I *went* to Newark, to attend the Convention.

OBS. 4.—In expressing a past event, definite and continuous (in a present and continuous state at a past time), we use the compound form of the Past Tense Definite.

EXAMPLE—I *was writing* William a letter as he entered the room.

OBS. 5.—Generally, the compound form of a tense denotes a *present state* of an event (by virtue of the office of the Present Participle in predication), but the variety of *time* when the event was, is, or shall be, is indicated by the auxiliary verb *be*.

EXAMPLES.

I am reading.

Reading denotes present time,	}	Hence, a <i>present</i> act at the <i>present</i> time.
Am " " "		

I was reading.

Reading denotes present time,	}	Hence, an act <i>present</i> at a <i>past</i> time.
Was " past "		

I have been reading.

Reading denotes present time,	}	Hence, an act <i>present</i> at a <i>past</i> time— but in a period reaching to the <i>present</i> .
Been " past "		
Have " present "		

I had been reading.

Reading denotes present time,	}	Hence, an act <i>present</i> at a <i>past</i> time terminating at a period before another <i>past</i> time.
Been " past "		
Had " " "		

I shall be reading.

Reading denotes present time,	}	Hence, an act <i>present</i> , at a time which will be <i>present</i> at a <i>future</i> time.
Be " " "		
Shall " future "		

I shall have been reading.

Reading denotes present time,	}	Hence, an act <i>present</i> at a time <i>past</i> , when some <i>future</i> time will be <i>present</i> .
Been " past "		
Have " present "		
Shall " future "		

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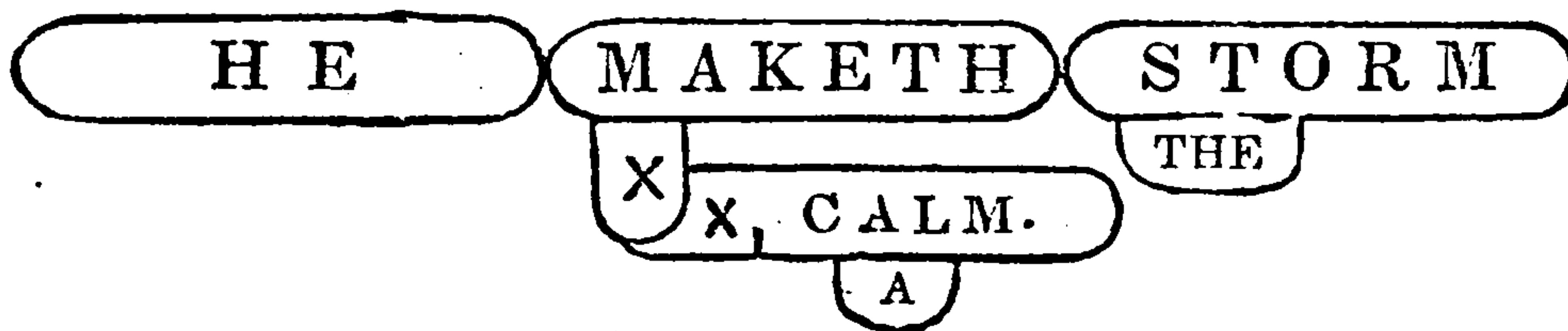
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- Saw..... asserts an act..... Hence.. a Verb.
 “ an act which passes to an object..... Hence.. Transitive.
 simply declares..... Hence.. Indicative Mode.
 denotes time past (and, in the mind of the speaker) definite... Hence.. Past Tense Def.
 .. Predicate of “ I ” [which is of the First Person, Singular Number]..... Hence { First Person, Singular Number.
 RULE—“ *A verb must agree with its Subject in Person and Number.* ”
- An..... describes “ eagle ”..... Hence.. an Adjective.
 “ simply specifies..... Hence.. Specifying.
- Eagle..... is a name..... Hence.. a Noun.
 “ name of a class of animals... Hence.. Common.
 “ spoken of..... Hence.. Third Person.
 “ denotes but one..... Hence.. Singular Number.
 .. object of action expressed by “ saw ”..... Hence.. Objective Case.
- Wheeling..... is [a Participle from the verb *wheel*] used here to describe “ eagle ”..... Hence.. an Adjective.
 “ describes by expressing, incidentally, an act of “ eagle ”... Hence.. a Verbal Adjective
 act does not pass to an object.. Hence.. Intransitive.
- Near its brow.. modifies “ wheeling; ” denoting *place*..... Hence.. an Adverb.
- Near..... shows a relation of “ wheeling ” and “ brow ”..... Hence.. a Preposition.
- Its..... describes “ brow ”..... Hence.. an Adjective.
 “ describes by simply limiting “ brow ”..... Hence.. Specifying.
 .. limits by indicating a relation of possession..... Hence.. Possessive.
- Brow..... is a name..... Hence.. a Noun.
 “ name of a class..... Hence.. Common.
 “ spoken of..... Hence.. Third Person.
 “ denotes but one..... Hence.. Singular Number.
 “ object of relation expressed by “ near ”..... Hence.. Objective Case.

“ Leaning against a tree, thoughts crowding thoughts,
 I looked far out upon the ominous plain.”

He maketh the storm a calm.



ANALYSIS.

Principal Parts.. { He..... Subject, }
 { Maketh.. Predicate, } Simple Sentence—Transitive.
 { Storm.... Object. }

Adjuncts..... { The Adjunct of "storm."
 { To become a calm—Adjunct of "maketh."
 { A Adjunct of "calm."

PARSED.

He..... is used for a Noun..... Hence.. a Pronoun.
 " its form determines its
 Person..... Hence, Personal.
 spoken of..... Hence, Third Person.
 denotes but one..... Hence, Singular Number.
 subject of maketh..... Hence, Nominative Case.
 RULE—" *The Subject of a Sentence must be in the Nominative Case.*"

Maketh..... asserts an act..... Hence, a Verb.
 " act passes to an object.... Hence, Transitive.
 " act done by its subject.... Hence, Active Voice.
 simply declares..... Hence, Indicative Mode.
 " denotes a present act..... Hence, Present Tense.
 " Predicate of " he," which
 is of the Third Person { Third Person
 Singular Number..... Hence, { Sing'r Numb.

RULE—" *A verb must agree with its Subject in Person and Number.*"

The..... describes "storm" Hence, an Adjective.
 " describes by simply specifying..... Hence, Specifying.

Storm..... is a name..... Hence, a Noun.
 " name of a class of things.. Hence, Common.
 " spoken of..... Hence, Third Person.
 denotes but one..... Hence, Singular Numb.
 object of action expressed
 by "maketh" Hence, Objective Case.
 RULE—" *The object of an action or relation must be in the Objective Case.*"

[To become] a calm.. modifies “maketh”—limiting the act as to its result... Hence, an Adverb.

A..... describes “calm”..... Hence, an Adjective.
 “..... describes by simply specifying..... Hence, Specifying.

Calm..... is a name..... Hence, a Noun.

“..... name of a class of things.. Hence, Common.

“..... spoken of..... Hence, Third Person.

“..... denotes but one..... Hence, Singular Numb.
 used in predication with

“become”..... Hence, Indep'nd't Case.

RULE—Note.—“A noun or pronoun used in predication with a verb is in the Independent Case.”

Rem.—The above is the correct grammatical construction of the sentence, and it is correctly parsed. But without the Adjunct phrase “to become a calm,” the word “maketh” could not properly have “storm” as its object. “Storm” is the Object of the *modified* Predicate “maketh [causeth to become] a calm.”

EXAMPLES FOR PARSING.

“Some deemed him [] wondrous wise.”

I do not consider him to blame.

I do not consider him to [be worthy of] blame.

The plan proved [] ineffectual.

“Man’s inhumanity to man makes countless millions [] mourn.”

Teach them [to yield] obedience to the laws.

“I found company [] an interruption, rather than a relief.”

“One of his sovereigns thought royalty so impaired in his presence that he conspired to remove him, in order to be relieved from his superiority.”

Robertson’s Character of Pitt.

“Scolding has long been considered ungenteel.”—*Y. L. Friend.*

“A scrupulous attention to politeness is not only useful to prevent hurting the feelings of others, but it is the best shield to our own delicacy.”

Young Ladies’ Friend.

“In the matter of *giving and receiving presents*, much wisdom is required.”

“Much time is frittered away in *receiving and paying unmeaning visits*, in *stopping to talk* when you ought to be *doing something useful*.—*Young Ladies’ Friend.*

“A task is rendered doubly burdensome by being done at an inconvenient time.”—*Mrs. Farrar.*

“Much learning shows how little mortals know.”—*Young.*

“Some of the crew had fastened themselves to this spar, to prevent *their being washed off by the waves*.”—*Irving.*

“Possibly, your neighbor, by *being less scrupulous* than yourself, may invent a more expeditious way of *acquiring a fortune*.—*Hawes.*

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A part of the books have been misprinted.

Why may we not say—*has been misprinted* ?

The wages of sin is death.

Why may we not say—*are death* ?

I purposed to write many days ago.

Why may we not say—I purposed *to have written* ?

We ought to have gone there yesterday.

Why may we not say—*ought to go there yesterday* ?

Why may we not say—*ought to have went* ?

I did that business according to orders.

Why may we not say—I *done* that business ?

I came yesterday and am TO RETURN to-day.

What equivalent assertion may be made by a change of Mode ?

I saw him TO rise and heard him TO speak.

What words in this Sentence are unnecessary and improper ?

Much learning doth make thee TO BE mad.

What words in this Sentence are unnecessary ?

The reasoning of a savage is not presumed to be philosophical.

What is the Subject of this sentence ?

I doubted his having been a soldier.

What is the object of “doubted ?”

The Superintendent exhibited his method of parsing.

What is the object of “of ?”

We could not avoid giving offence.

What is the object of “avoid ?”

What is the object of “giving ?”

We have heard of his going to the falls.

Why may we not say—*of him going to the falls* ?

William was censured for joining the society.

Why may we not say—for joining *of the society* ?

Why may we not say—for *the joining the society* ?

Why may we not say—for *the joining of the society* ?


Henry is reciting his lesson.

Why may we not say—Henry is *recited* his lesson ?

Why may we not say—Henry's lesson is *reciting* ?

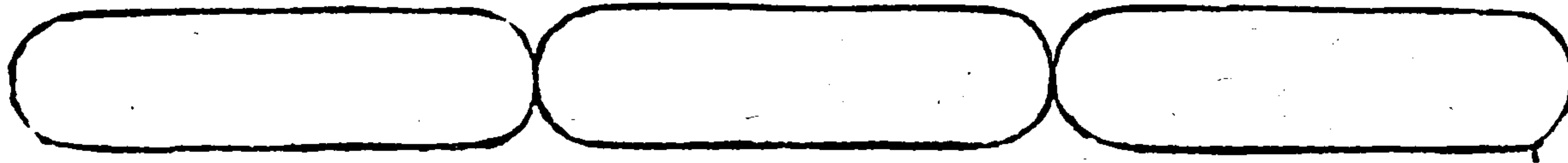
That is an example worthy to be followed.

Why may we not say worthy to follow ?

 The Teacher will extend this exercise at his pleasure, by giving examples from a reading lesson, or by calling the attention of the class to some of the most common errors in the use of Predicates.

OBJECT.

Rule 5. The Object of an action or relation must be in the Objective case.



EXAMPLES—Virtue *secures* HAPPINESS.

We are *writing* LETTERS.

“*Wishing* them much JOY, we departed.”

The book is *on* the TABLE.

Edward loves to *study* MATHEMATICS.

“*Scaling* yonder PEAK,
I *saw* an EAGLE wheeling *near* its BROW.”—*Knowles*.

Rem.—A few exceptions to this rule are noticed at page 104.

OBS. 1. *Action* is expressed by Verbs or by Participles, *Relation* is expressed by Prepositions. [See the above examples.]

OBS. 2.—The Object of an action or relation may be a Noun, a Pronoun, a Phrase, or a Sentence.

1. A Noun “I gave the *book* to *Charles*.”

2. A Pronoun . . “He received *it* from *me*.”

3. A Phrase “Avoid *wounding the feelings of others*.”

4. A Sentence . . “He said, *I go, sir*.”

OBS. 3.—An Auxiliary Sentence is often the logical Object of a Verb. [See Diagram 24.]

EXAMPLES—“And show mankind *that truth has yet a friend*.”—*Pope*.

“As foplings grin to show *their teeth are white*.”

OBS. 4.—Sometimes a Principal Sentence *is thrown in* between the parts of an Objective Sentence.

EXAMPLES—1. “Whose charms, *me thought*, could never fade.”

2. “This explanation, *I doubt not*, will satisfy him.”

3. “But confidence, *he added*, is a plant of slow growth.”

4. “Lucy’s economical education, *as you call it, sir*, has been going on all this time.”

Rem.—The scholar often finds it difficult to decide as to the proper construction of some Sentences thus placed.

Sentences of this class change by imperceptible gradations from a Principal Sentence to an unimportant Auxiliary, so that no rule can be given which will apply in all cases. Generally, however, it may be decided that when a Sentence, thus thrown in, is in its nature, as well as in its form, Principal (as Example 3 above), it should be so construed. But when it is obviously equivalent to an Adverb (as Example 2), it should be parsed as an Adjunct. “This explanation will *doubtless* satisfy *him*.”

OBS. 5.—In *position*, the Objective case is commonly after the word of which it is the Object.

EXAMPLES—Dennis *assists* JAMES
We love to *study* GRAMMAR.

By the poets, it is often placed before its Verb or Preposition.

EXAMPLES—“HIM, from my childhood, I *have known*.”

“He wanders EARTH *around*.”

“New ills that latter STAGE *await*.”—*Southey*.

“And all the AIR a solemn stillness *holds*.”—*Gray*.

OBS. 6.—A Relative Pronoun in the Objective case precedes the Verb of which it is the Object.

EXAMPLE—“The evil WHICH he *feared* has come upon him.”

OBS. 7.—Where a Relative is the Object of a Phrase it precedes the Verb which the Phrase qualifies.

EXAMPLE—I know in WHOM I have *believed*.

Rem.—“In whom,” modifies “have believed”—and relates to *person*, understood.

NOTE I. A Verb may have two or more Objects,
(1.) When they are connected by Conjunctions expressed or understood.

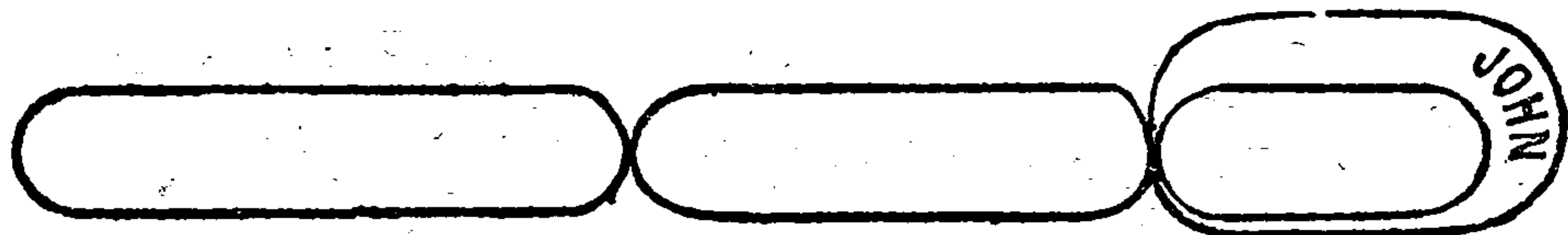
EXAMPLE—“God created the *heaven* and the *earth*.”

(2.) When they are the names of distinct titles or attributes of the same person or thing.

EXAMPLE—By this dispensation we have lost a *neighbor*, a *friend*, a brother.

(3.) When one object is the name of a person or thing, and the other a title, acquired by the action of the verb.

EXAMPLE—They named *him John*.



NOTE II. When a verb in the Active Voice is followed by two Objects, it retains the latter in the Passive.

EXAMPLE—He shall be named *John*.

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NOTE V. A few Verbs may be used Transitive or Intransitive.

EXAMPLES—The sun *set* in the west.

He *set* the inkstand on the table.

Cool *blows* the wind.

The wind *blows* the dust.

“Transitive Verbs do not *admit of* a Preposition after them.”—*Bullion's Grammar*, p. 91.

We do not *admit* spectators.

Sonorous metal *blowing* martial sounds.

POSSESSIVE CASE.

Rule. 6. A Noun or Pronoun in the Possessive Case, is used Adjectively.

EXAMPLES—*Webster's Dictionary*—*Our* neighbor.

OBS. 1.—The Possessive Case is a term applied by grammarians, with reference to the *form* of Nouns and Pronouns. Nouns and Pronouns in this Case do not always indicate possession; and they are also in the Nominative, Objective, and Independent Cases.

EXAMPLES—The pedler deals in *boy's* caps and *children's* shoes.

“And they both beat alike—only, *MINE* was the quickest.”

“He is a friend *of* *MINE*,” and lives next door *to* *SMITH's*.

“He related an anecdote *of* *Dr. FRANKLIN's*.”

“*THINE* is the kingdom.”

OBS. 2.—The sign of the Possessive Case is not always annexed to the name of the possessor.

1. It may be transferred to an attribute following the name of the possessor.

EXAMPLES—“The *Pope* of Rome's legate.

Whether it be owing to the *Author* of nature's *acting* upon us every moment.—*Bp. Butler*.

2. When two or more Possessives, immediately following each other, are alike applicable to the same word, it is attached only to the last.

EXAMPLES—George, James, and William's father.

A. S. Barnes & Co.'s publications.

OBS. 3.—But the sign of the Possessive should be repeated,

1. When one Possessive is used to specify another.

EXAMPLE—“Gould's Adams' Latin Grammar.”

2. When the Possessives describe different things.

EXAMPLE—“Heroes' and Heroines' shouts confusedly rise.”

OBS. 4.—A Noun or Pronoun in the Possessive Case, is generally equivalent to an Adjective Phrase.

EXAMPLES.

The *people's* will The will *of the people*.
Webster's Dictionary A Dictionary *written by Webster*.
A *father's* love The love *of a father*.
Boy's caps Caps *suitable for boys*.
" He heard the *king's* command. . . The command *of the king*.
And saw that *writing's* truth " . . . The truth *of that writing*.

Rem.—In the construction of Sentences, judgment and taste should decide as to the use of a Phrase, or a Possessive Adjective—no rule can be given which may be of general application.

OBS. 5.—Nouns and Pronouns in the Possessive Case often retain their substantive character, and may be qualified by other Adjectives.

EXAMPLE—" And saw *that writing's* truth." " That " specifies " writing." He saw the truth *of that writing*.

This observation is also applicable to other Adjectives, derived from Nouns.

" A *cast* IRON hinge." " Cast " qualifies " iron"—and " iron " is an Adjective.

OBS. 6.—A word in the Possessive form, is often used to specify a Phrase.

EXAMPLES—" Upon Mr. TALBOT's *being made Lord Chancellor*."
Life of Butler.
" From OUR *being born into the present world* . . . "
Butler's Analogy.

OBS. 7.—In constructions like the above, the Possessive sign should not be omitted.

Correct construction All presumption of DEATH's *being the destruction of living beings*, must go upon the supposition that they are compounded.—*Bp. Butler*.

Incorrect construction . . . " Nor is there so much as any appearance of our LIMBS *being endued with a power of moving*," &c.
Bp. Butler.

" A fair wind is the cause of a VESSEL *sailing*."
Graham's Synonymes.

Rem.—In the last example, the author intended to say that *wind* is the cause of an *act*—an act expressed by the word " sailing."

But he makes himself say that *wind* is the cause of a *thing*—a thing named by the word " vessel."

Corrected Wind is the cause of a VESSEL's *sailing*.

Position of the Possessive.

OBS. 1.—When the Possessive is used Adjectively, it is placed before the Noun or Pronoun which it specifies.

EXAMPLES—The WIDOW'S *mite*—The CULPRIT'S *confession*.
OUR *father* and OUR *mother*.

OBS. 2.—Like other Specifying Adjectives, it precedes Qualifying Adjectives belonging to the same Noun or Pronoun.

EXAMPLES—“The BROOK'S *bright wave*.” “The WIND'S *low sigh*.”
OUR *devoted* father, and OUR *affectionate* mother.

INDEPENDENT CASE.

Rule 7. A Noun or Pronoun not dependent on any other word in construction, is in the Independent Case.

Rem.—As the grammatical subject of a Sentence is limited to the Nominative Case of Nouns and Pronouns, so the Nominative Case is properly limited to the Subject of a Sentence. Hence the term “Nominative Case Independent” is inappropriate.

NOTE I. The name of a person or thing addressed is in the Independent Case.

EXAMPLES—“FRIENDS, ROMANS, COUNTRYMEN.”
“Come, gentle SPRING—ethereal MILDNESS, come.”

OBS. 1.—In the last example the word *thou*, understood, is the proper subject of “come.” The words “spring” and “mildness,” are addressed, and are independent in construction. The example is also applicable to Note II., because they explain who are indicated by the words “thou,” “thou,” understood.

NOTE II. A Noun or Pronoun used to explain a preceding Noun or Pronoun is in the Independent Case.

EXAMPLES—*Paul*, the APOSTLE, wrote to Timothy.
“Up springs the *lark*, shrill-voiced and shrewd,
The MESSENGER of morn.”

OBS. 1.—This note applies also to Phrases and Sentences.

EXAMPLES—It is our *duty* to STUDY.
“It is possible THAT WE HAVE MISJUDGED.”
“I shall be dignified with this high *honor*—TO BEAR MY
LADY'S TRAIN.

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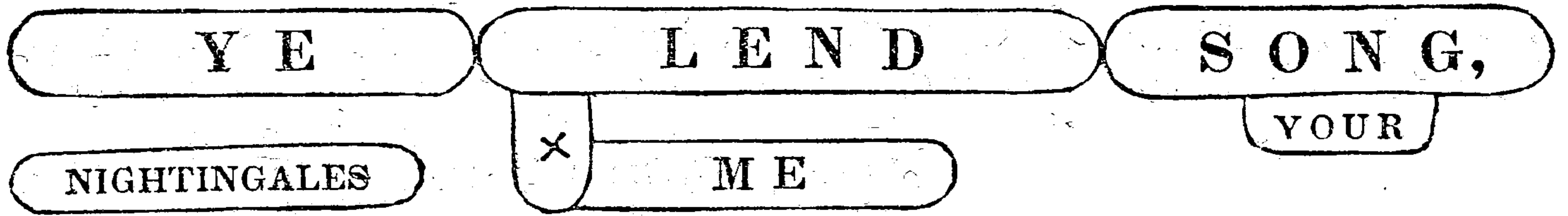
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Exercises.

FIRST MODEL.

“Lend me your song, ye Nightingales !”



ANALYSIS.

Principal Parts.. { Ye.....Subject, } Transitive Sentence,
 { Lend.....Predicate, } Simple.
 { Song.....Object, }

Adjuncts..... { [To] me.....Adjunct of “lend.”
 { Your.....Adjunct of “song.”
 { Nightingales..Adjunct of “ye.”

PARSED.

Lend.....expresses an act.....Hence..a Verb.
 “ act passes to an object.....Hence..Transitive.
 “ act, not actually done, but com-
 manded.....Hence..Imperative Mode.
 “ denotes time present.....Hence..Present Tense.
 “ Predicate of “ye”Hence { Second Person,
 { Plural Number.

RULE—“ *A Verb must agree with its Subject in Person and Number.*”

[To] me.....Phrase, modifies “lend,” limit-
 ing the act by denoting direc-
 tion.....Hence..an Adverb.

Me.....is used for a name.....Hence..a Pronoun.
 “ denotes, by its form, the person, Hence..Personal.
 “ denotes the speaker.....Hence..First Person.
 “ denotes but one.....Hence..Singular Number.
 “ object of *to* understood.....Hence..Objective Case.

RULE—“ *The Object of an action or relation must be in the Objective Case.*”

Your.....limits “song”.....Hence..an Adjective.
 “ limits by specifying.....Hence..Specifying.
 “ specifies by denoting the source
 or cause [it is put in the Pos-
 sessive form].....Hence..Possessive.

RULE—“ *A Noun or Pronoun in the Possessive Case is used Adjectively.*”

Song is a name Hence.. a Noun.
 “ name of a class. Hence.. Common.
 “ spoken of. Hence.. Third Person.
 “ denotes but one. Hence.. Singular Number.
 “ Object of the action expressed
 by lend. Hence.. Objective Case.

RULE—“*The Object of an action or relation must be in the Objective Case.*”

Ye is used for a name Hence.. a Pronoun.
 “ its form denotes its person Hence.. Personal.
 “ spoken to. Hence.. Second Person.
 denotes more than one. Hence.. Plural Number.
 Subject of “lend” Hence.. Nominative Case.

RULE—“*The Subject of a Sentence must be in the Nominative Case.*”

Nightingales. . . is a name Hence.. a Noun.
 “ name of a class Hence.. Common.
 “ spoken to Hence.. Second Person.
 “ denotes more than one Hence.. Plural Number.
 “ not dependent on any other
 word (but used incidentally
 to explain who are meant by
 “ye”). Hence.. Independent Case.

RULE—“*A Noun or Pronoun used to explain a preceding Noun or Pronoun, is in the Independent Case.*”

SECOND MODEL.

“*Our Fathers! where are they?*”

ANALYSIS.

Principal Parts.. { They Subject, } Intransitive Sentence,
 { Are. Predicate, } Simple.
 Adjuncts { Our Adjunct of “Fathers.”
 { Fathers. Logical Adjunct of “they.”
 { Where. Adjunct of “are.”

Our is an Adjective—Specifying—Possessive—Specifies “Fathers.”
 Fathers. . . is a Noun—Common—Masculine—Third Person—Plural
 Number—Independent Case—a logical Adjunct of “they.”

RULE—**NOTE**—“*A Noun or Pronoun denoting the subject of remark, is in the Independent Case.*”

Where. . . Modifies “are”—hence, an Adverb—of place—Interrogative.

Are. asserts being—hence, a Verb—Intransitive—Indicative Mode Present Tense—Third Person—Plural Number—corresponds with “they.”

RULE—“*A Verb must agree with its Subject in Person and Number.*”

They. is used for a name; hence, a Pronoun—Personal—Third Person—Plural Number—Nominative Case to “are.”

RULE—“*The Subject of a Sentence must be in the Nominative Case.*”

ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES.

“They tell me of the Egyptian asp,
The bite of which is death—
The *victim* yielding with a gasp,
His hot and hurried breath.”

“Ye crags and peaks! I’m with you once again.”

“Thus talking, hand in hand, alone they passed
On to their blissful bower.”—*Milton*.

“And hoary peaks that proudly prop
The skies, thy dwellings are.”—*Percival*.

“And echo conversations dull and dry,
Embellished with *He said*, and *so said I*.”—*Cowper*.

“He evinced the elder brother’s title to the estate, from the contradictory evidence of the witnesses, and the false reasoning of the pleaders; unraveled all the sophistry to the very bottom, and gained a complete victory in favor of truth and justice.”—*Anon.*

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

CASES.

What is the definition of the word *case*, as used in grammar?

To what class of words does the term apply?

How many cases of Nouns and Pronouns? Name them.

NOMINATIVE.

When must a Noun or Pronoun be in the Nominative Case?

The Subject of a Sentence may consist of what?

Is the Subject of a Sentence always expressed?

The Subjects of what Verbs are commonly understood?

What is the natural *position* of the Subject of a Sentence?

What its position in *Interrogative* Sentences?

The position of *who*, *which*, and *what*, used as Interrogatives?

In Declaratives Modes, when may the Subject follow the Predicate?

A Phrase or Sentence used as the Subject of a Sentence, is placed where?

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Obs. 2.—A Pronoun may consist of a Word, Phrase, or Sentence.

EXAMPLES.

1. A Word *I* have treated *him* respectfully.
2. A Phrase “ *His being a scholar* entitles him to respect.”
3. A Sentence *That good men sometimes commit faults*, cannot be denied.
“ Much learning shows
How little mortals know.”—*Young*.

NOTE I. A Pronoun should have a Singular form,
(1.) When it represents one Singular Antecedent.

EXAMPLE—*Henry* was quite well when I last saw HIM.

(2.) When it represents two or more Singular Antecedents taken separately.

EXAMPLE—“ The *oil* of peppermint, or any other volatile *oil*, dropped on paper will soon evaporate; no trace of IT will be left.”

NOTE II. A Pronoun should have a Plural form,
(1.) When it has one Antecedent indicating Plurality.

EXAMPLE—Few *men* are as wise as THEY might be.

(2.) When it has two or more Antecedents taken collectively.

EXAMPLE—*Homer* and *Henry* always accomplish what THEY undertake.

PERSONAL PRONOUNS.

NOTE III. The *form* of a Personal Pronoun, should indicate its Person and Number.

Obs. 1.—The Pronouns *I* and *we* denote the person or persons speaking or writing—“ I ” Singular—“ we ” Plural. But,

Obs. 2.—“ *We* ” is used in the Singular by Editors and Emperors.

EXAMPLES—“ *We*, Nicholas I., Emperor of all the Russias.”

“ *We* shall present *ourself* as candidate at the next election.”

Obs. 3.—*Thou* is used in Solemn Style, to denote a person addressed.

EXAMPLE—“ *Thou* didst weave this verdant roof.”

Obs. 4.—*You* was formerly limited to the Second Person

Plural; but is now used in the Second Person Singular and Plural. Its verb is commonly in the Plural form.

EXAMPLES—"You *are* come too late."
You *have* accomplished your object.

OBS. 5.—But it has sometimes a Singular form.

EXAMPLES—"On that happy day when you *was* given to the world."
Dod's Mas.
"When you *was* here comforting me.—*Pope.*
"Why *was* you glad."—*Boswell's Life of Johnson.*

OBS. 6.—The Pronoun "*it*" often has an Indefinite or undetermined Antecedent; and may then represent any Gender, Person, or Number.

EXAMPLES—"It snows." "It rains."
"It was my *father.*
It was the *students.*
A pleasant thing *it* is, to behold the sun.
"If ever there was a 'people's man' in the true sense, *it* was *Dr. Chalmers.*"—*B. B. Edwards.*

NOTE IV. Pronouns of different Persons used in the same connection, should have their appropriate position.

OBS. 1.—The Second Person is used first—the Third next, and the First last.

EXAMPLE—You and James and I have been invited.

OBS. 2.—But when a fault is confessed, this order is sometimes reversed.

EXAMPLE—"I and my people have sinned."

NOTE V. The Pronoun "*them*" should not be used Adjectively.

Incorrect.....Bring me *them* books.

Correct.....Bring me *those* books.

RELATIVE PRONOUNS.

OBS. 1.—A Relative Pronoun always performs a double office, and is used,

1. Substantively.

EXAMPLE—He *who* studies, will improve.

"Who" relates to "he," and is the Subject of studies—hence, a Substantive.

2. Conjunctively—introducing an Adjective Sentence.

EXAMPLE—He *who* studies, will improve.

“Who studies,” is a Sentence used to describe “he.”

“Who” introduces the Sentence—hence, it is used Conjunctively.

OBS. 2.—*Who* and *whom* are applied to man, and to other intelligent beings; *which*, to things; *that*, to persons or things.

EXAMPLES—“*He* THAT attends to his interior self

THAT has a heart and keeps it, has a *mind*

THAT hungers, and supplies it, and WHO seeks

A social [], [and seeks] not a dissipated life,

Has business.”

“Too low *they* build, who build beneath the stars.”

“*He* WHOM sea-severed realms obey.”

The *books* WHICH I had lost have been returned.

——— “where is the *patience* now

THAT you so oft have boasted to retain.”—*Lear*, III., 6.

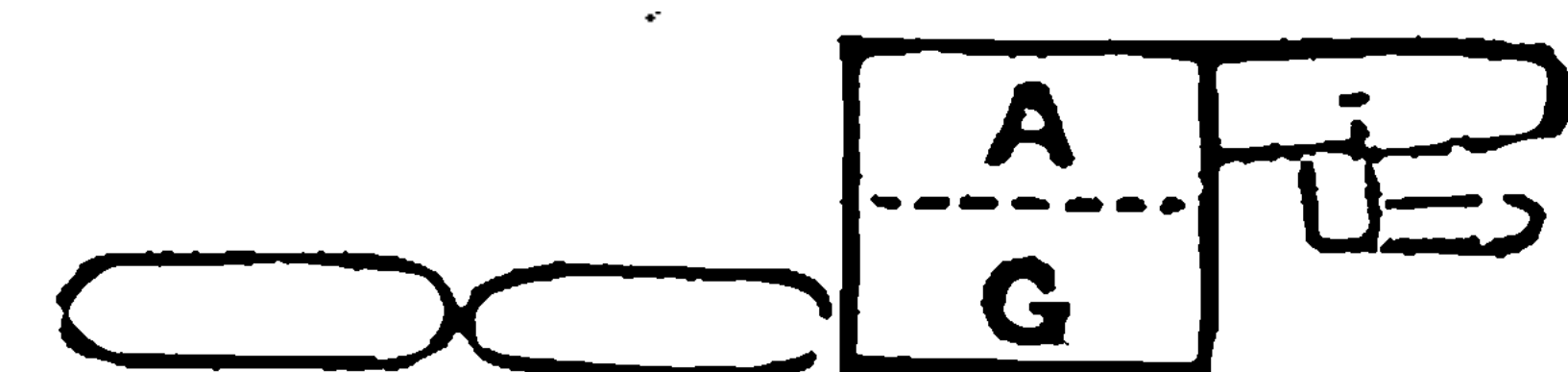
OBS. 3.—But the name of a person taken as a *name merely*, or as a title, may be represented by the Relative *which*.

EXAMPLE—*Shylock*—WHICH is but another name for selfishness.

OBS. 4.—*Which* was formerly applied to intelligent beings.

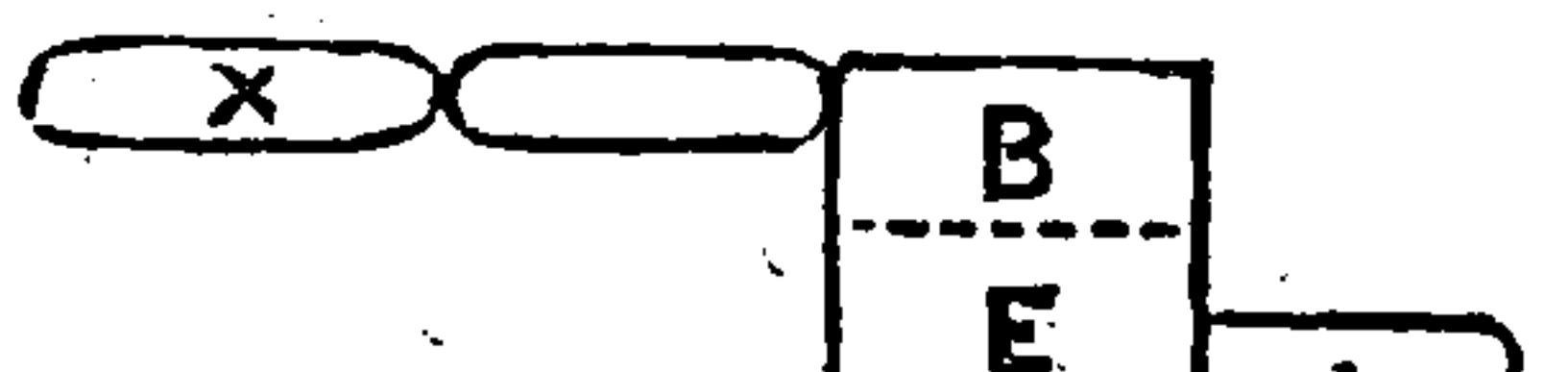
EXAMPLE—“Our *Father*, WHICH art in Heaven.”

OBS. 5.—When the Relative “*what*” is used substantively, it bears a part in the structure of two sentences at the same time. It is always equivalent to “*that which*,” or “*the things which*.” The Antecedent part may be the Subject (A) or Object (B) of a Principal Sentence, the Object (C) of a Phrase in that Sentence, or used in Predication (D). The Consequent or Relative part introduces an Auxiliary Sentence, which qualifies the Antecedent, and may be the Subject (E) or Object (G) of that Sentence, the Object of a Phrase (H), or used in Predication with a Verb (I).

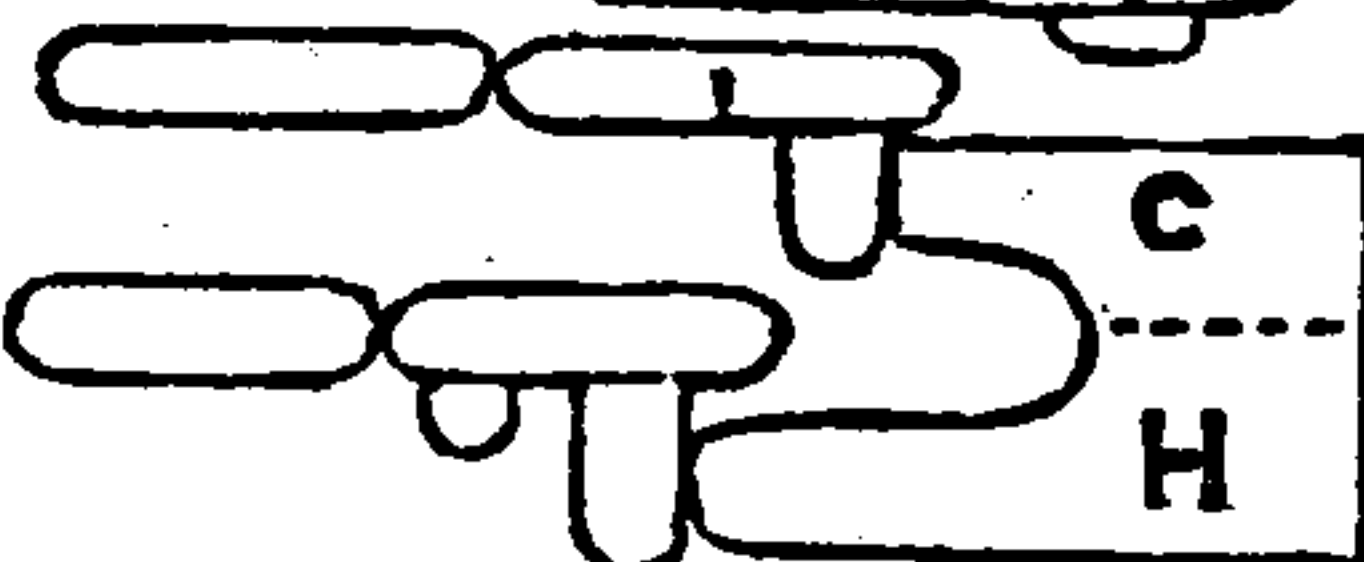


“WHAT reason weaves, by passion is undone.”

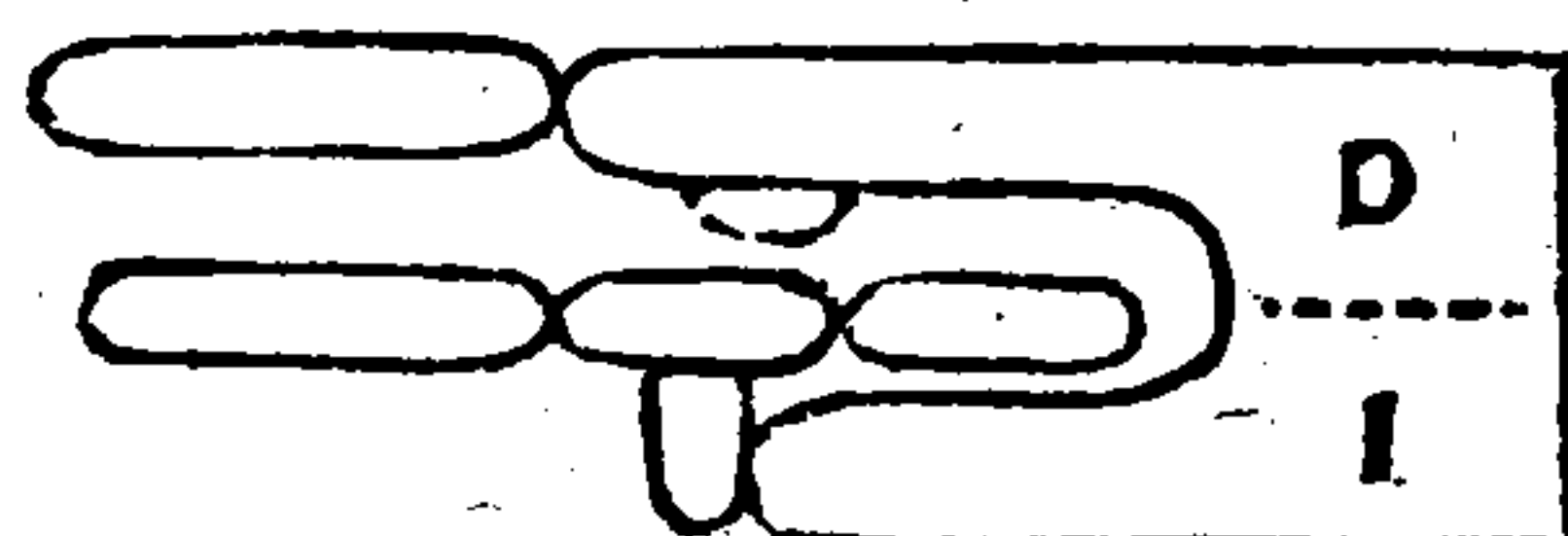
Pope.



“Deduct WHAT is but vanity.”—*Idem.*



“Each was favored with WHAT he most delighted in.”



“It is not WHAT I supposed it to be.”

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POSITION.

NOTE IV. The Position of Relative Pronouns should be such as most clearly to indicate their Antecedents.

OBS. 1.—When a Relative is the Subject or Object of an Auxiliary Sentence, it should be placed next its Antecedent.

EXAMPLES.

“Can *all* THAT optics teach, unfold
Thy form to please me so.”
“The *grave*, THAT never spoke before
Hath found, at length, a tongue to chide.”

Rem.—To this rule there are exceptions.

“O *they* love least THAT let men know their love.”—*Shakspeare*.

OBS. 2.—When the Relative is the Object of a Phrase, it comes between its Antecedent and the Auxiliary Sentence with which that phrase is construed.

EXAMPLE—We prize *that* most for WHICH *we labor* most.”

Rem.—“For which” modifies “labor”—“which” relates to “that.”

OBS. 3.—The Relative—whether the Subject or Object of a Sentence, or the Object of a Phrase—can rarely be omitted without weakening the force of the expression.

EXAMPLES—“For is there aught in sleep [] can charm the wise?”
“The time may come [] you need not fly.”
“It is a question [] I cannot answer.”
“History is all the light we have in many cases, and we receive from it a great part of the useful truths we have.”

INTERROGATIVES.

NOTE V. Interrogative Pronouns are construed like Personal Pronouns.

EXAMPLES—1. As the Subject of a Sentence—WHO *has* the lesson?
2. As the Object of a Sentence—WHOM *seek* ye?
3. As the Object of a Phrase—For WHAT do we labor?

OBS. 1.—The word which answers a question has a construction similar to that of the word which asks it.

EXAMPLES—*Whose* book have you? *Mary's*.
How long was you going? *Three days*.
Where did you see him? *In Rochester*.
Whence came they? *From Ireland*.

Rem.—“Mary's” specifies “book”—[during] “three days,” modifies

“was gone”—“in Rochester,” modifies “did see”—“from Ireland,” modifies “came.”

OBS. 2.—The Interrogative *what*, followed by the Conjunctions *though*, *if*, and some others, commonly belongs to a Principal Sentence understood, and on which the following sentence depends for sense.

EXAMPLES—“*What if* the foot aspired to be the head?”
 What [would be the consequence] if the foot, &c.
 “*What though* Destruction sweep these lovely plains.”
 What [occasion have we to despair?] *though* Destruction.

ADJECTIVE PRONOUNS.

Rule 9. Adjective Pronouns are *substituted* for the Nouns *which they qualify*.

NOTE I. When used as Subjects, *each*, *either*, *neither*, *this*, *that*, and all other Adjective Pronouns indicating *unity*, require their verbs to be in the *Singular Number*.

EXAMPLES—“*Each* believes his own.”
Either is sufficient.

NOTE II. *These*, *those*, *many*, *others*, *several*, and other Adjective Pronouns indicating *plurality*, require their verbs to be in the Plural.

EXAMPLES—“*These* are the things which defile.”
 “*Those* were halcyon days.”

NOTE III. *Any*, *all*, *like*, *some*, *none*, *more*, and *such*, may have verbs in the Singular or Plural, according as they indicate unity or plurality.

EXAMPLES—“*None* but the upright in heart *are* capable of being true friends.”—*Y. L. Friend*.
 “*None has* arrived.”
 “*All are* but parts of one stupendous whole.”
 “*What if* the field be lost? *All is* not lost.”
 “*The like were* never seen before.” “*Like produces* like.”
 “Objects of importance must be portrayed by objects of importance; *such as have* grace, by things graceful.”
 “Nestled at its root
 Is Beauty; *such as blooms* not in the glare
 Of the broad sun.”

OBS. 1.—Qualifying and some Specifying Adjectives receive the definitive “*the*” before them, on becoming Adjective Pronouns. They may be qualified by *Adjectives* or *Adverbs*, according as the *thing* or the *quality* is to be qualified.

EXAMPLES—“*The* GOOD alone are great.”

“*The* *professedly* GOOD are not always *really* so.”

“*The* *much* GOOD done by him will not soon be forgotten.”

“*Professedly*” modifies the *quality*—hence, is an Adverb.

“*Much*” limits the *things* done—hence, is an Adjective.

OBS. 2.—In the analysis of a Sentence, *each other*, *one another*, and similar distributives, are properly parsed as single words.

But in strict construction, the parts perform different offices.

EXAMPLES—They assisted each other.

They assisted each [assisted] the other.

OBS. 3.—When two things are mentioned in contrast, and severally referred to by Adjective Pronouns—*this* and *these*, refer to the *latter*—*that* and *those*, to the *former*.

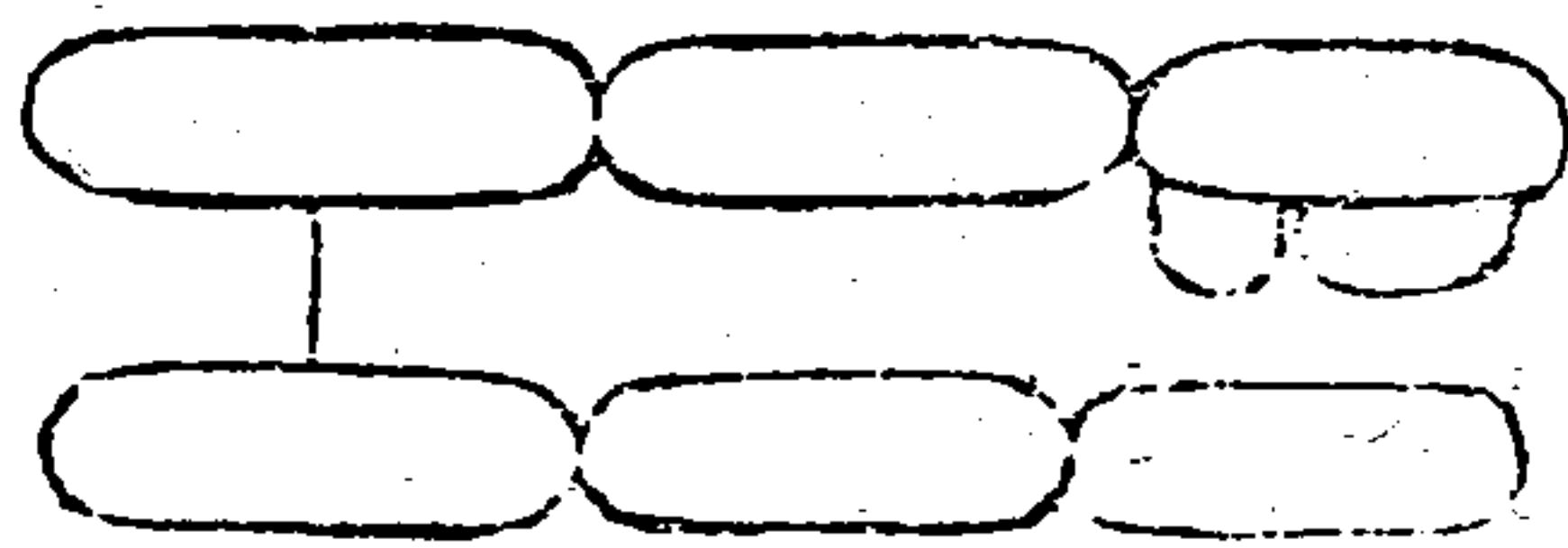
EXAMPLES.

“Here living tea-pots stand, *one arm* held out,
ONE bent; the handle THIS, and *that* the spout.”—*Pope*.

“Farewell, my *friends*; farewell, my FOES;
My peace with THESE, my love with *those*.”—*Burns*.

Exercises.

“*He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul.*”



ANALYSIS.

Principal Parts ..	{	He Subject of “loveth.”	} Complex Sentence. Principal, Simple, Transitive.
		Loveth Predicate of “he.”	
		Soul Object of “loveth.”	
Adjuncts	{	That getteth } Adjunct of “he.”	} Auxil., Simple, Transitive.
		wisdom	
		His } Adjuncts of “soul.”	
		own }	
Auxiliary Sentence.	{	That Subject of “getteth.”	} Auxil., Simple, Transitive.
		Getteth Predicate of “that.”	
		Wisdom Object of “getteth.”	

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RULE—" *A Verb must agree with its Subject in Person and Number.*"

- Hisdescribes "soul"Hence, an Adjective.
 "describes by specifyingHence, Specifying.
 "specifies by denoting possessionHence, Possessive.
 Owndescribes "soul"Hence, an Adjective.
 "describes by specifyingHence, Specifying.
 "specifies by denoting possessionHence, Possessive.
 Soulis a nameHence, a Noun.
 "denotes one of a classHence, Common.
 "spoken ofHence, Third Person.
 "denotes but oneHence, Singular Numb.
 "Object of "loveth"Hence, Objective Case.

RULE—" *The object of an action or relation must be in the Objective Case.*"

EXAMPLES.

The *man* WHO was present can give the particulars.

The *person* WHOM we met appeared very much alarmed.

I saw the *wretch* THAT did it.

We saw the *man* WHOM you described.

"Hesperus that led

The starry host rode brightest."—*Milton.*

"Mem'ry and Forecast just returns engage—

That pointing back to youth, this on to age."

"There is something in their hearts which passes speech."—*Story.*

"Behind the sea-girt rock, the star

That led him on from crown to crown

Has sunk."—*Pierpont.*

"The mountain cloud

That night hangs round him, and the breath

Of morning scatters, is the shroud

'That wraps the conqueror's clay in death."—*Pierpont.*

"Mount the horse

Which I have chosen for thee."—*Coleridge.*

"Few be they who will stand out faithful to thee."—*Idem.*

"For cold and stiff and still are they, who wrought

Thy walls annoy."—*Macaulay.*

"Ishmael's wandering race, that rode

On camels o'er the spicy tract, that lay

From Persia to the Red Sea coast."—*Pollok.*

"The king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish all the power of the people and province that would assault them."—*Bible.*

"We have more than heart could wish."

"My punishment is greater than I can bear."

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

- What is a Pronoun ?
 What is the Antecedent of a Pronoun ?
 The Antecedent may consist of what ?
 The Pronoun may consist of what ?
 Why are Pronouns varied in form ?
 When should a Pronoun have a Singular form ?
 When should a Pronoun have a Plural form ?
- What is a Personal Pronoun ?
 In what style of Composition should *thou* be used ?
 In what, *you* ? *You* is used in what Number ?
 The word *it* is used for what purposes ?
 What are the proper *positions* of the various Pronouns used in the same connection ?
 What common error in the use of the Pronoun *them* ?
- How many offices does a Relative Pronoun perform ?
 What are they ? Give examples.
 The proper use of *Who* ? *Whom* ? *Which* ? *That* ?
 What is peculiar in the use of the word *What* ?
 The Antecedent part may be used in what offices ?
 The Consequent part may be used in what offices ?
 Illustrate by examples.
 In what other offices is the word *What* used ?
 Are *than* and *as* ever used as Relatives ?
 For what are those words substituted when thus used ?
 What should be the *position* of Relative Pronouns ?
 How are Interrogative Pronouns construed ?
 When do Adjectives become Adjective Pronouns ?

ADJUNCTS.

Prin.—Adjuncts belong to the words which they modify or describe.

OBS. 1.—Adjuncts are Adjectives or Adverbs, and may consist of Words, Phrases, or Sentences.

- EXAMPLES—1. A Word—We were walking *homeward*.
 2. A Phrase—We were walking *towards home*.
 3. A Sentence—“Let me stand here *till thou remember it*.”
Romeo.

OBS. 2.—Adjuncts may belong to Words, Phrases, or Sentences.

- EXAMPLES—1. Words—Honorable *actions* ultimately *secure* the greatest good.
 2. Phrases—He went *ALMOST around the world*.
 3. Sentences—“*NOT as the conqueror comes,*
They, the true hearted, came.”

ADJECTIVES.

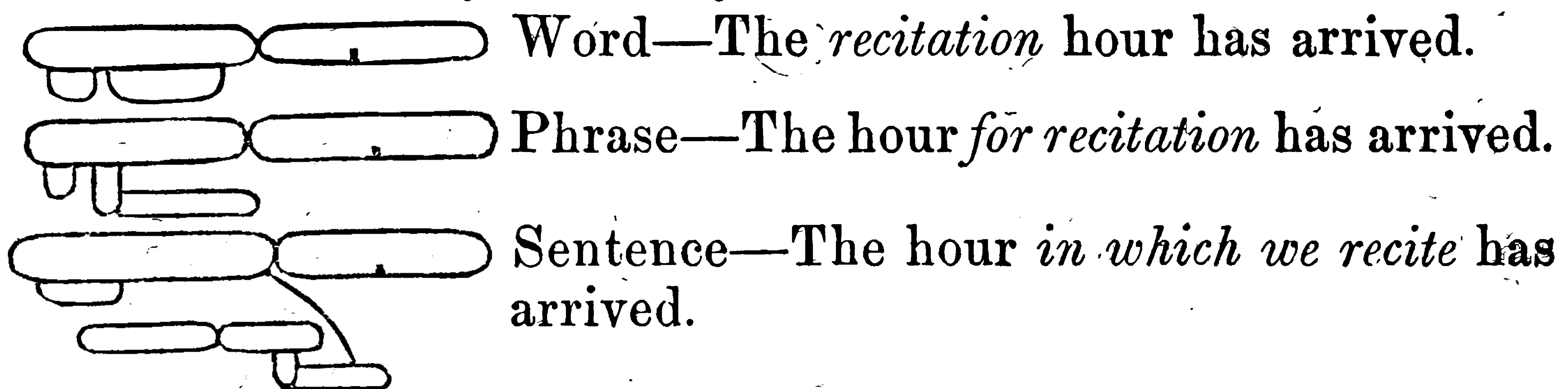
Rule 10. Adjectives belong to Nouns and Pronouns which they describe.

OBS. 1.—It should be remembered that any word whose most important office is to specify, qualify, or otherwise describe a Noun or Pronoun, is *therefore* an Adjective. See Def. 9. A word which is sometimes or generally used as some other “part of speech,” may, in certain connections, be used adjectively, and when thus used it is an Adjective.*

EXAMPLES—An *iron fence*. *Working oxen*.

Rem.—Every Adjective having its substantive understood, becomes pronominal. [See Adjective Pronouns.]

OBS. 2.—An Adjective may consist of a



POSITION OF THE ADJECTIVE.

OBS. 3.—An Adjective *Word* is commonly placed before its Noun, and after its Pronoun—an Adjective *Phrase* or *Sentence*, after its Noun or Pronoun.

EXAMPLES—An *influential* man.
A man *of influence*.
A man *who possesses influence*.

* Certain words are, by some Grammarians, called “Adjectives used as Adverbs.” But if the etymology of a word in a sentence is determined by its office in that Sentence—and there is no other proper criterion, it cannot be an Adjective when it is used as an Adverb. Some words are frequently so placed as to be somewhat ambiguous in their office, as

“*Here sleeps he now alone.*”

Does “alone,” in this connection, modify the verb “sleeps,” or does it describe the Pronoun “he?” If the former, it is an *Adverb*—if the latter, it is an *Adjective*.

If, in the opinion of the Student, it has an influence on both those words, then he is to decide whether it more fully describes the condition of “he,” than modifies the action of “sleeps”—and parse it accordingly.

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COMPARISON OF ADJECTIVES.

NOTE III. The Comparative Degree applies to two things or sets of things. The Superlative to more than two.

OBS. 1.—This rule is sometimes violated by good writers.

EXAMPLE—The **LARGEST** boat of the *two* was cut loose.”—*Cooper*.

OBS. 2.—Comparative and Superlative Adjectives require different constructions.

1. The Comparative Degree requires the former term to be excluded from the latter.

EXAMPLE—*Iron* is more valuable than *all other metals*.

Rem.—In this example, “Iron” is put as one term of comparison, and “all other metals” as the other term—two things are compared. Hence, the Comparative form.

2. The Superlative Degree requires the former term to be included in the latter.

EXAMPLE—*Iron* is the most valuable of *all the metals*.

Rem.—Here “all the metals” are taken severally. “Iron” is taken from the list, and put in comparison with the many others—more than two things are compared. Hence, the use of the Superlative form.

OBS. 3.—Adjectives whose significations do not admit of comparison, should not have the Comparative or Superlative form.

EXAMPLES—John’s hoop is much more circular than mine.

Corrected—John’s hoop is much more nearly circular than mine.

OBS. 4.—Double Comparatives and Superlatives are improper.

EXAMPLE—In the *calmest* and *most stillest* night.

OBS. 5.—But *lesser* is often used by good writers.

EXAMPLE—“The *lesser* co-efficient.”—*Davies’ Algebra*.

FORM.

OBS. 6.—Words used exclusively as Adverbs, should not be used as Adjectives.

EXAMPLES—For thine *often* infirmities.

Corrected—For thy *many* or *frequent* infirmities.

Rem.—The comparison of Adjectives is not commonly absolute, but relative. Thus, in saying this is the *sweetest* apple, I merely say that this apple possesses a higher degree of the quality than all other apples *with which it is compared*.

ADJECTIVES IN PREDICATION.

NOTE IV. An Adjective, like Participles, &c., is used in Predication with a Verb, when the Verb requires its aid to form the Predicate.

EXAMPLES—"His palsied hand *waxed strong*."

"Canst thou *grow sad*, as Earth grows *bright*?"—*Dana*.

"Vanity often *renders man contemptible*."

OBS. 1.—Participles, like Verbs, sometimes require the use of Adjectives in Predication.

EXAMPLE—"The desire of *being happy*, reigns in all hearts."

OBS. 2.—Adjectives used in Predication, should not take the Adverbial form.

EXAMPLE—I feel *badly* to-night.

Corrected—I feel *bad* to-night.

SPECIFYING ADJECTIVES.

NOTE V. Specifying Adjectives restrict their Nouns, without denoting quality.

OBS. 1.—Specifying Adjectives should not be used before Nouns taken in a general sense.

EXAMPLES—Wisdom is better than rubies—not *the* wisdom.

Iron is the most useful of metals—not *the* iron.

OBS. 2.—*Either* and *neither* always should relate to *one of two*, taken separately.

Each and *every* may relate to *one or both of two* things, taken separately.

NOTE VI. Possessive Adjectives describe Nouns and Pronouns, by indicating possession, fitness, origin, condition, &c., &c.

EXAMPLES.

Boys' caps..... "Boys'" denotes the size of the caps.

Webster's Dictionary... "Webster's" denotes the *author*.

"*Heaven's* immortal Spring shall yet arrive,

And *man's* majestic beauty bloom again,

Bright through the eternal year of *Love's* majestic reign."—*Beattie*.

"I heard of Peter's buying John's horse."

Rem.—I heard of a certain *act*—an act of which Peter was the agent—hence, it was Peter's act. The act is expressed by the word "buying"—hence, the word "Peter's" limits, describes the word "buying;" and is, therefore, an *Adjective*.

The object of Peter's act is "horse." The word "John's" is used to limit that object, not to a particular race, or color, or size, but to a particular *condition*. "John's," therefore, describes "horse"—hence, it is an *Adjective*.

NOTE VII. Possessive Adjectives derived from Pronouns, should correspond in Gender, Person, and Number to the Pronouns from which they are derived.

EXAMPLES—*I* have finished *my* work.
He has established *his* reputation.
They have accomplished *their* object.
We must attend to *our* interests.

OBS. 1.—Possessive Adjectives are sometimes qualified by Sentences introduced by Relative Pronouns, and by Phrases.

EXAMPLES.

"How various *his* employments, *whom the world calls idle.*"
Wilson's Burns.
 I have spoken of *his* eminence *as a judge.*

OBS. 2.—Possessive Adjectives, in addition to their primary office, sometimes introduce Auxiliary Sentences.

EXAMPLES.

"All are but parts of one stupendous *whole,*
WHOSE body Nature is—and God the soul."—*Pope.*
 "Heaven be *their* resource, who have no other but the charity of the world.—*Sterne.*

VERBAL ADJECTIVES.

NOTE VIII. A Participle is an Adjective, whenever its principal office is to describe a Noun or Pronoun.

EXAMPLES—*A standing* tree. *Blasted* fruit. *Crushed* sugar. For the time *being.*
 "Truth, *crushed* to earth, will rise again;
 But error, *wounded,* writhes in pain."
 "The orator, *standing* on the platform, thus began."
 "The doctor, *being* then in the house, was called to his bedside."

Rem.—That the first four Participles in the above examples, are Adjectives, all grammarians consent. But, in regard to the last form, there is not a general agreement. It is maintained that Participles having their appropriate position after the Nouns or Pronouns to which they belong, should not be regarded as Adjectives—but simply as Participles.

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- To shows a relation of "crushed" and
 "earth" Hence.. a Preposition.
- Earth is a name Hence.. a Noun.
- " name common to a class. Hence.. Common.
- " spoken of. Hence.. Third Person.
- " denotes but one. Hence.. Singular Number.
- " object of the relation expressed by
 "to" Hence.. Objective Case.

RULE—" *The Object of an action or relation must be in the Objective Case.*"

- Will rise. . . asserts an action Hence.. a Verb.
- " act does not pass to an Object. Hence.. Intransitive.
- " simply declares. Hence.. Indicative Mode.
- " denotes a future act. Hence.. Future Tense.
- " predicate of "truth" Hence { Third Person,
 Singular Number.

RULE—" *A Verb must agree with its Subject in Person and Number.*"

- Again modifies "will rise" Hence.. an Adverb.
- " denotes a future repetition Hence.. Adverb of time.

EXAMPLES FOR PARSING.

Adjective Words.

" THE WILD gazelle on JUDAH'S hills,
 Exulting, yet may bound,
 And drink from ALL THE LIVING rills,
 That gush on HOLY ground;
 ITS AIRY step and GLORIOUS eye,
 May glance in TAMELESS transport by."

Adjective Phrases.

" For the angel OF DEATH spread his wings on the blast,
 And breathed in the face OF THE FOE as he passed."

Adjective Sentences.

- " Guard us, O Thou *who never sleepest.*"
- " Thou WHOSE SPELL CAN RAISE THE DEAD,
 Bid the prophet's form appear."
- " Who is *he* THAT CALLS THE DEAD?"
- " From the last *hill* THAT LOOKS ON THY ONCE HOLY DOME."
- " O lovely *voices* of the sky,
 WHICH HYMNED THE SAVOUR'S BIRTH,
 Are ye not singing still on high,
 Ye THAT SANG, 'PEACE ON EARTH?'"
- " Among the faithless, faithful only he
 Among innumerable false."—Milton.

ADVERBS.

Rule 11. Adverbs belong to Verbs, Adjectives, and other Adverbs, which they modify.

OBS. 1.—An Adverb may be a Word, Phrase, or Sentence.

EXAMPLES.

1. A Word. . . . I will go *soon*.
2. A Phrase. . . . I will go *in a short time*.
3. A Sentence. . . . "I shall go *ere day departs*."—Taylor.

OBS. 2.—An Adverb may modify a Word, Phrase, or Sentence.

1. A Word. . . . Heman *studies* DILIGENTLY.
2. A Phrase. . . . Robert went ALMOST *to Boston*.
"Practical knowledge can be gained ONLY *in this way*."
3. A Sentence. . . . Mozart, *just before he died*, said, "Now I begin to learn what might be done in music."

NEGATIVE ADVERBS.

OBS. 3.—Negative Adverbs are used primarily to modify Verbs.

EXAMPLE—"They *wept* NOT."

2. To modify Adjectives.

EXAMPLES—NOT *one* of the family was there.

"NOT *every* one that saith unto me, Lord! Lord! shall enter into the kingdom of heaven."

3. To modify other Adverbs.

EXAMPLES—He is NOT *generally* in error.

"They died NOT *by hunger or lingering decay*,
The steel of the white man hath swept them away."

"NOT *as the conqueror comes*.
They, the true hearted, came."

Rem.—The influence of the Negatives, *not, neither, &c.*, is often exerted on Nouns, Phrases, or whole Sentences. And, generally, when a Negative occurs in connection with other Adjuncts, the influence of the Negative reaches the whole proposition, including the other Adjuncts.

OBS. 4.—The Adverbs *yes, yea, no, nay*, are independent in construction.

Rem.—The relation of these words to others in the sentence or period is *logical*, rather than grammatical.

OBS. 5.—A negation allows but one negative in the same connection.

EXAMPLE—He *did* NOT perceive them.

But double negatives are often elegantly used for an affirmative.

EXAMPLE—"Such perplexities are *not uncommon*."

OBS. 6.—The words which Adverbs properly modify are sometimes understood.

EXAMPLE—Thou canst but add one bitter wo
To those [] *already there*.

OBS. 7. Adverbs sometimes take the place of verbs, which they modify.

EXAMPLES—"Off, off, I bid you!" "To arms!"
"Back to thy punishment, false fugitive!"

OBS. 8.—Adverbs sometimes take the place of Nouns, and hence become *Pronouns*.

EXAMPLES—"Till *then*"—for, till that time.
"From *there*"—for, from that place.
"And I have made a pilgrimage *from far*."—*Hosmer*.
"Oh, let the ungentle spirit learn from *hence*
A small unkindness is a great offence."

OBS. 9.—Participles become Adverbs when they indicate the manner of an action, or modify a quality.

EXAMPLES.

"The surging billows and the gamboling storms
Come, *crouching*, to his feet."
"Now it mounts the wave,
And rises, *threatening*, to the frowning sky."
"'Tis strange, 'tis *passing* strange."
"A virtuous household, but *exceeding* poor."

OBS. 10.—A few words, commonly used as Prepositions, are sometimes used Adverbially.

EXAMPLES—"Thou didst look *down* upon the naked earth."
"And may at last my weary age,
Find *out* the peaceful hermitage."—*Milton*.

POSITION.

NOTE I. The position of Adverbs should be such as most clearly to convey the sense intended.

OBS.—In constructing a Sentence, judgment and taste are the only true criteria. No definite rule can be given. When Adverbs modify Adjectives and other Adverbs, they are commonly placed before the words which they modify. When they modify Verbs, they may generally be placed before or after. But Negatives are placed after the Verb.

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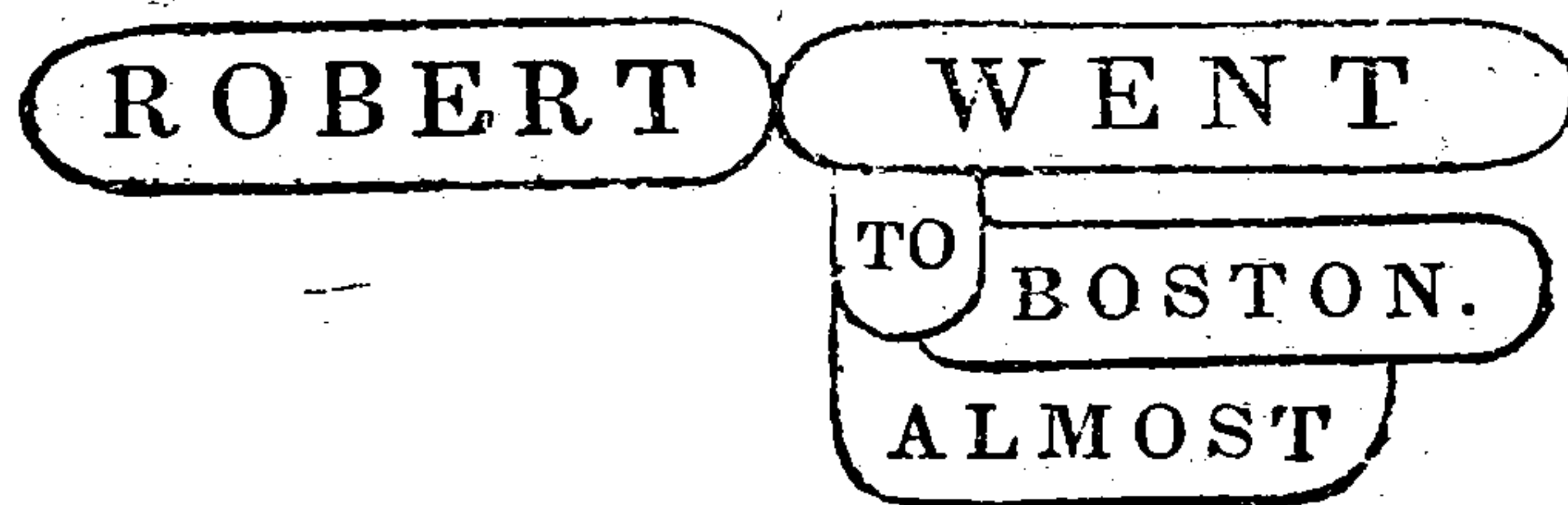
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Exercises.

“ Robert went almost to Boston.”



ANALYSIS.

Principal Parts	{	Robert Subject,	}	Simple Sentence,
		Went Predicate,		Intransitive.
Adjuncts	{	To Boston Adjunct of “ went.”		
		Almost Adjunct of “ to Boston.”		

PARSED.

Robert	is a name	Hence	a Noun.
“	appropriated to an individual	Hence	Proper.
“	denotes a male	Hence	Masculine Gender
“	spoken of	Hence	Third Person.
“	denotes but one	Hence	Singular Number.
	subject of “ went”	Hence	Nominative Case.

RULE—“ *The Subject of a sentence must be in the Nominative Case.*”

Went	asserts an act	Hence	a Verb.
“	does not pass to an object	Hence	Intransitive.
“	simply declares	Hence	Indicative Mode.
“	denotes a past act	Hence	Past Tense.
	definite in the mind of the speaker Hence		Past Tense Defin.
“	predicate of “ Robert”	Hence {	Third Person, Singular Number.

RULE—“ *A Verb must agree with its Subject in Person and Number.*”

Almost	modifies “ to Boston”	Hence	an Adverb.
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RULE—“ *Adverbs belong to Verbs, Adjectives, and other Adverbs, which they modify.*”

To Boston	modifies “ went”	Hence	an Adverb.
“	denotes place	Hence	Adverb of place.

RULE—“ *Adverbs belong to Verbs, Adjectives, and other Adverbs, which they modify.*”

To	shows a relation of “ went” and “ Boston”	Hence	a Preposition.
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- Boston is a name Hence . . a Noun.
 “ appropriated to one of many cities Hence . . Proper.
 “ spoken of Hence . . Third Person.
 denotes but one Hence . . Singular Number.
 “ object of the relation expressed by
 “to” Objective Case.

RULE—“ *The object of an action or relation must be in the Objective Case.*”

EXAMPLES.

Adverbial Words.

“ BRILLIANTLY
 The glassy waters *mirror* FORTH his smiles.”
 “ HOW LIGHTLY *mounts* the Muse’s wing,
 Whose theme is in the skies.”

Adverbial Phrases.

“ For the angel of death *spread* his wings ON THE BLAST,
 And *breathed* IN THE FACE OF THE FOE as he passed.”
 Fools *die* FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.
 “ From the last hill that *looks* ON THY ONCE HOLY DOME.”
 “ IN AN UNEXPECTED HOUR they were *startled* BY THE THUNDER OF THE
 CANNON.”

Adverbial Sentences.

“ The man that dares *traduce*, BECAUSE HE CAN WITH SAFETY TO HIMSELF,
 is not a man.”

“ And *breathed* in the face of the foe AS HE PASSED.”

“ And Truth *is hushed*, THAT HERESY MAY PREACH.”

“ WHEN THE NIGHT STORM GATHERS DIM AND DARK,
 WITH A SHRILL AND BODING SCREAM,
 Thou *rustest* BY THE FOUNDERING BARK,
 Quick AS A PASSING DREAM.”

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

- What is an Adjunct of a Sentence?
 What classes of words are used as Adjuncts?
 Adjuncts may consist of what?
 Adjuncts may belong to what?

ADJECTIVES.

- What is an Adjective?
 Adjectives belong to what classes of words?
 When is a word an Adjective?
 Adjectives may consist of what?
 What is the natural *position* of Adjectives?
 What is the *position* when it is limited by a Phrase?
 The *position* when many Adjectives belong to the same Noun?
 What is a Numeral Adjective?
 May a Singular and a Plural Adjective belong to the same Noun?

- May Numerals qualify or specify each other?
 When may an Adjective be used in Predication?
 What should be the *form* of Adjectives in Predication?
 What is the office of Specifying Adjectives?
 When is it improper to use Specifying Adjectives?
 What is the office of Possessive Specifying Adjectives?
 When is a Participle an Adjective?

ADVERBS.

- What is an Adverb?
 Adverbs modify what classes of words?
 An Adverb may consist of what?
 Negative Adverbs have what peculiarity?
 What Adverbs are Independent in Construction?
 When may two Negatives be allowed in a Sentence?
 Adverbs may take the place of what other class of words?
 When is a Participle an Adverb?
 What should be the *position* of Adverbs?
 What peculiarity in the *form* of Adverbs?
 Adverbs of Time should designate what?

PREPOSITION.

Rule 12. A Preposition shows a relation of its object to the word which its Phrase qualifies.

OBS. 1.—The object of a Preposition may be

- A Noun “ Comes there *from* Siberian WASTES *of* SNOW.”
 A Pronoun “ He that is not *for* ME, is *against* ME.”
 An Adjective “ He has faded from earth-like a star from *on high*.”
 An Adverb “ A voice, *from* WHENCE I knew not.”
 A Participle “ Cora is always delighted *with* SINGING.”
 A Verb “ TO SLEEP—perchance *to* DREAM!”
 A Phrase “ *From* AMONG THOUSAND CELESTIAL ARDORS.”
 A Sentence “ *To* WHERE the river mixes with the main.”

Rem.—A perfect construction of the last and similar examples would supply a Noun, as the object of the Preposition.

EXAMPLE.—“ To [the point] where the river mixes with the main.”

Rem.—Scholars often find it difficult to determine the Antecedent term of a relation expressed by a Preposition—examples sometimes occur in which the relation of the object of a Preposition seems to exist, not to any word, but to the whole Sentence. Generally, however, this question can be settled by ascertaining *which word is qualified by the Phrase* introduced by a Preposition—that word is the Antecedent term of relation.

EXAMPLE.—“ The doctor is a *man of science*.”

Here the Phrase “ of science ” qualifies “ man ”—hence, “ man ” is the Antecedent term of relation—and the Phrase is Adjective.

“ The lowing herd *winds* slowly o’ER the *lea*.”

Here “ o’er the lea ” modifies “ winds ”—hence, “ winds ” is the Antecedent—and the Phrase is Adverbial.

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NOTE I. Care should be exercised in the choice of Prepositions.

OBS. 1.—The particular Preposition proper to introduce a given Phrase depends—

1. Usually on the word which the Phrase is to qualify.
2. Sometimes on the object of the Phrase.

EXAMPLES.

Accommodate *to*.

Accord *with*.

Accuse *of*.

Acquit *of*.

Acquainted *with*.

Ask *of* a person.

“ *for* a thing.

Believe *in* the doctrine.

“ *on* the name.

Bestow *upon*.

Betray *to* a person.

“ *into* a thing.

Boast *of*.

Call *on* a person.

“ *at* a place.

Compare *with—to*.

Concur *with—in*.

Copy *after* a person.

“ *from* a thing.

Die *by* violence.

“ *of* a disease.

Differ *from*.

Diminish *from*.

Dissent *from*.

Engaged *to* a person.

“ *for* a time.

Engaged *in* a business.

Insist *upon*.

Made *of* a thing.

“ *by* a person.

“ *in* a place.

Rule *over* a person.

“ *in* a manner.

Unite *with—to—in*.

Abhorrence *of*.

Agreeable *to*.

Averse *to—from*.

Compliance *with*.

Conformable *to*.

Dependent *upon* a person.

“ *for* a thing.

Difficulty *in—with*.

Eager *in—for*.

Equal *to—with*.

Familiar *to* a person.

“ *with* a thing.

Need *of*.

Prejudice *against*.

Regard *to—for*.

True *to*.

Value *upon*.

Worthy *of*.

OBS. 2.—When the second term of a Comparison is expressed by a Phrase—

After a *Superlative*, the Preposition *of* is commonly used.

After a *Comparative*, the Preposition *than* is commonly used.

EXAMPLES—Grammar is the most interesting *of* all my studies.

Grammar is more interesting *than* all my other studies.

OBS. 3.—When the second term of a *Comparison of equality* is a Noun, or Pronoun, the Preposition *as* is commonly used—sometimes *like* is used.

EXAMPLES—“He hath died to redeem such a rebel *as me*.”—*Wesley*.

“An hour *like this*, may well display the emptiness of human grandeur.”

OBS. 4.—Some writers substitute the words *for* and *with*.

EXAMPLES.

“It implies government of the very *same* kind WITH THAT which a master exercises over his servants.”—*Bp. Butler*.

“Mr. Secor found means to have Mr. Butler recommended to him [Lord Talbot] *for* his chaplain.”—*Life of Dr. Butler*.

OBS. 5.—Adverbial Conjunctions are sometimes used for Adverbial Phrases.

EXAMPLES—Where—for in which.

When—for at which time.

“O impotent estate of human life,
Where Hope and Fear maintain eternal strife!”

“So said, he o’er his sceptre bowing, rose
From the right hand of glory *where* he sat.”—*Milton*.

CONJUNCTIONS.

Rule 13. Conjunctions introduce Sentences and connect Words and Phrases.

Rem.—Conjunctions differ from Prepositions in not expressing a relation of the words connected.

OBS. 1.—Conjunctions may be omitted when the connection is sufficiently clear without them.

EXAMPLES—“Unnumbered systems, [] suns, and worlds,
Unite to worship thee;
While thy majestic greatness fills
Space, [] Time, [] Eternity.”

OBS. 2.—The position of Sentences often determines their connection.

EXAMPLES—“The time may come *you need not run*.”—*Thomson*.

“Milton! thou shouldst be living at this hour—
[For] England hath need of thee.”—*Wordsworth*.

OBS. 3.—Relative Pronouns and Possessive Adjectives derived from them, serve, in addition to their primary office, to introduce Auxiliary Sentences.

EXAMPLES—“He *who* filches from me my good name

Robs me of that *which* not enriches him.”

“Lo the poor Indian whose untutored mind
Sees God in clouds or hears him in the wind.”

“Thou hadst a voice *whose* sound was like the sea.”

OBS. 4.—The Conjunction *that* often introduces a sentence which is the logical object of a verb or participle going before in construction.

EXAMPLE—“The creditor demanded *that payment should be made*.”
[See Diagram, p. 30.]

OBS. 5.—Conjunctions that introduce Auxiliary Sentences, and some others, indicate the offices of the Sentences which they introduce.

If, Unless, &c., indicate *condition*.

As, When, Before, &c., indicate *time*.

For, Hence, Therefore, &c., indicate an *inference or cause*.

But, Yet, Nevertheless, &c., indicates *restriction or opposition*.

Nor, Neither, &c., indicate a *negation*.

EXAMPLES—“*If sinners entice thee, consent thou not.*”

Speak of me *as I am*—nothing extenuate,

Nor set down aught in malice.”

OBS. 6.—The Adverb “*how*” is sometimes improperly used instead of the Conjunction “*that*.”

EXAMPLE—“She tells me *how* with eager speed

He flew to hear my vocal reed.”—*Shenstone*.

OBS. 7.—Conjunctions sometimes introduce the remnant of a Sentence.

EXAMPLE—*Though* [] *afflicted* he is happy.

OBS. 8.—Words connected by Conjunctions have a similar construction.

EXAMPLES—“God created the *heaven* AND the *earth*.”

“*Time slept* on flowers, AND *lent* his glass to hope.”

“A *great* AND *good* man has fallen.”

Rem.—“*Heaven*” and “*earth*” are alike Objects of “*created*.”

“*Slept*” and “*lent*” are Predicates of “*Time*.”

“*Great*” and “*good*” describe “*man*.”

OBS. 9.—But they have not necessarily similar modifications.

EXAMPLE—“Every teacher *has* and *must have* his own particular way of imparting knowledge.”—*McElligott*.

Rem.—“*Has*” and “*must have*” are Predicates of “*teacher*”—but they are not of the same Mode nor Tense.

OBS. 10.—*Position.*—The proper place for a Conjunction is before the sentence which it introduces, and between the words or phrases which it connects.

EXAMPLE—“AND there lay the rider, *distorted* AND *pale*,

With the *dew* on his brow AND the *rust* on his mail.”

OBS. 11.—But, in complex sentences, the Conjunction introducing the Principal Sentence is commonly placed first, and that introducing the Auxiliary Sentence immediately following.

EXAMPLE—“AND *when* its yellow *lustre* *smiled*

O'er mountains yet untrod,

Each MOTHER HELD aloft her CHILD

To bless the bow of God.”

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EUPHONY.

Prin.—Words of Euphony are in their offices chiefly rhetorical.

Rem.—The principles of Euphony are much required in the structure of all languages. For Euphony, words are altered in form, position, and office—and they are for Euphony created or omitted.

OBS.—Euphony allows—

1. The transposition of words in a Sentence.

EXAMPLE—“From peak to peak the rattling *crag*s AMONG
Leaps the live thunder.”

2. The omission of a letter or syllable.

EXAMPLE—“Hark! ’*tis* the breeze of twilight calling.”

3. The substitution of one letter for another.

EXAMPLES.

Collect.....	Syllogism.....	Immigrant.
For <i>Con</i> lect.....	<i>Sun</i> logism.....	<i>In</i> migrant.

4. The addition of a letter, syllable, or word.

EXAMPLE—“It was his bounden duty thus to act.”

5. A word to be separated into parts, and another word inserted between them.

EXAMPLE—“*How* MUCH *soever* we may feel their force.”

6. A word to be used not in its ordinary office.

EXAMPLES—“And there lay the steed with his nostril ALL *wide*.”
“THE *more* I see of this method, THE *better* I like it.”

POSITION.

OBS. 2.—Words of Euphony should be placed in their appropriate connection.

In the following examples, this principle is violated:

“To think of others, and not *only* of himself.”

Here “only” is used to render “himself” emphatic. A better position would be—“.... and not of himself *only*.”

“Joyous Youth and manly Strength and stooping Age are *even* here.”

Better—Joyous Youth and manly Strength and *even* STOOPING AGE are here.

“When our hatred is violent, it sinks us *even* beneath those we hate.”

Better—.... it sinks us beneath *even* THOSE WE HATE.

“*Even* IN THEIR ASHES live their wonted fires.”

OBS. 3.—A word *repeated* in the same connection, is to be regarded as a word of Euphony.

EXAMPLES—“Down! *down!* the tempest plunges on the sea.”
“For life! *for life!* their flight they ply.”

GENERAL RULES.

1. In constructing a Sentence, such words should be chosen as will most clearly convey the sense intended—regard being had also to variety and other principles of taste.

2. In expressing Complex ideas, judgment and taste are to be exercised in the use of Phrases and Sentences, when they may equally convey the sense—regard being had 1st, to the sense—2d, to good taste, &c.

3. That Modification of words should be adopted, which is in accordance with the most reputable usage.

4. The relative *Position* of Words, Phrases, and Sentences, should be such as to leave no obscurity in the sense.

5. Involved Complex Sentences should not be used, when Simple or Independent Sentences would better convey the sense.

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

PREPOSITIONS.

What is the office of a Preposition?

The object of a Preposition may consist of what?

How are we to determine what word is the antecedent term of a relation?

When may double Prepositions be used?

When may Prepositions be used in Predication?

What is the proper *position* of a Preposition?

How are we to determine what Preposition to use in a given Phrase?

When the Antecedent and Consequent are related by comparison, what Preposition is used?

CONJUNCTIONS.

What is the office of Conjunctions?

Wherein does the office of a Conjunction differ from that of a Preposition?

When may the Conjunction be omitted?

What other words are used to introduce sentences?

What secondary office do some Conjunctions perform?

Wherein must words connected by a Conjunction agree?

What is the proper *position* of a Conjunction?

What peculiarity of position in complex sentences?

When may double Conjunctions be used?

EXCLAMATIONS.

What is an Exclamation ?

What relation have they to other words in a Sentence ?

Exclamations are followed by what ?

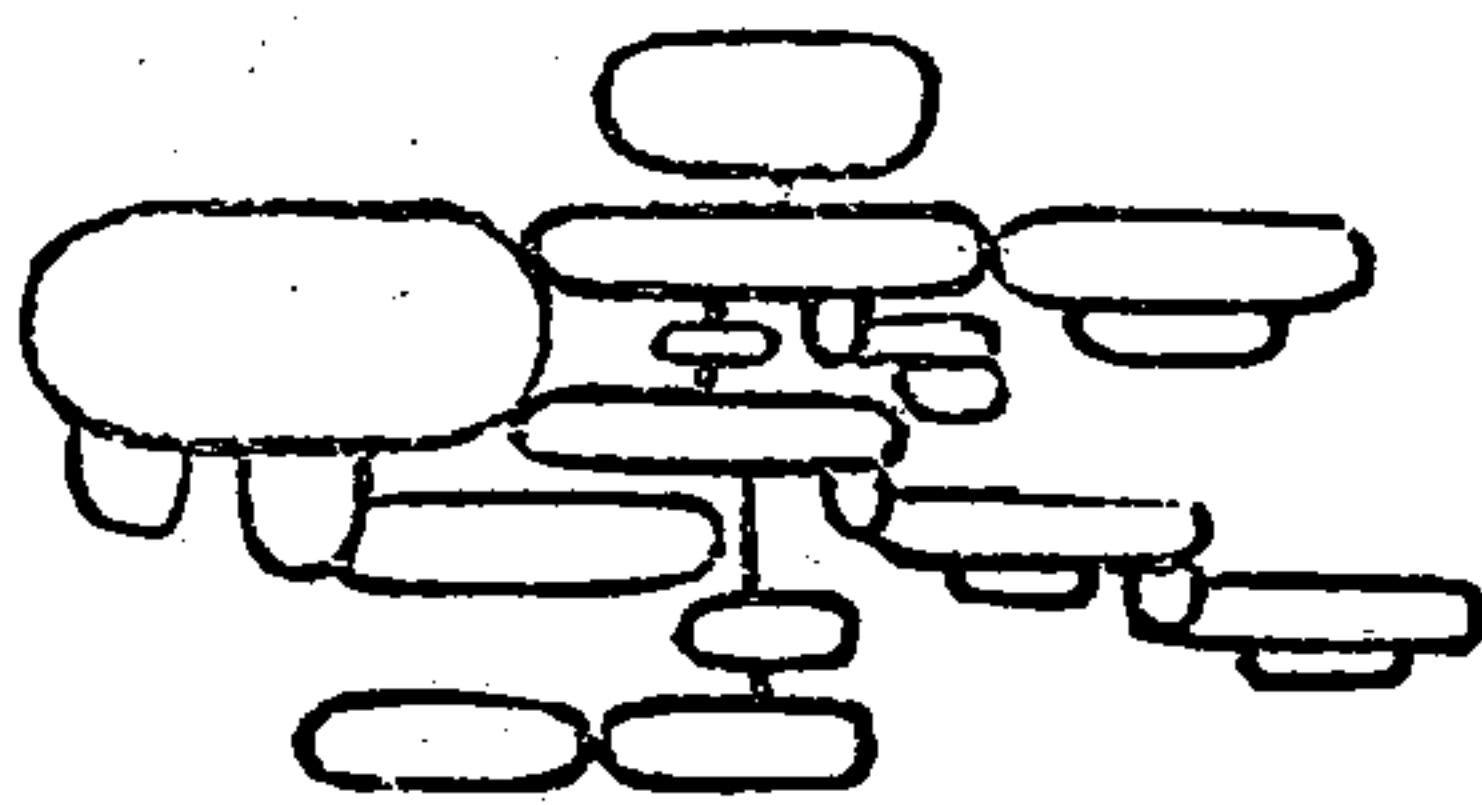
WORDS OF EUPHONY.

What is the office of a Word of Euphony ?

Principles of Euphony allow what deviations from the ordinary structure of Words, Phrases, and Sentences ?

Exercises.

*“ For the angel of death spread his wings on the blast,
And breathed in the face of the foe as he passed.”*



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Forintroduces the sentenceHence..a Conjunction.

RULE.—“ *Conjunctions introduce sentences and connect words and phrases.*”

Thespecifies "angel"Hence { an Adjective,
Specifying.

RULE.—“ *Adjectives belong to Nouns and Pronouns which they describe.*”

Angelis a nameHence..a Noun.

“ one of a classHence..Common.

“ spoken ofHence..Third Person.

“ denotes but oneHence..Singular Number.

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On the blast... modifies "spread" — denoting
place Hence.. Adv. of Place.

RULE.—“ *Adverbs belong to Verbs, Adjectives, and other Adverbs which they modify.*”

On shows a relation of “spread”
and “blast” Hence.. a Preposition.

RULE.—“ *A Preposition shows a relation of its object to the word which its Phrase qualifies.*”

The describes “blast” by specifying Hence.. Adj. Specifying.

Blast is a name Hence.. a Noun.

“ name of a class of things Hence.. Common.

“ spoken of Hence.. Third Person.

“ denotes but one Hence.. Singular Number.

“ Object of relation expressed
by “on” Hence.. Objective Case.

RULE.—“ *The object of an action or relation must be in the Objective Case.*”

And connects the words “spread” and
“breathed” Hence.. a Conjunction.

RULE.—“ *Conjunctions introduce Sentences and connect words and Phrases.*”

Breathed asserts an act Hence.. a Verb.

“ act does not pass to an object... Hence.. Intransitive.

“ simply declares Hence Indicative Mode.

denotes a past act (definite in
the mind of the speaker and
made definite to the hearer by
the Auxiliary sentence “as he
passed” Hence.. Past Tense Def.

Predicate of “angel” Hence { Third Person,
Singular Number.

RULE.—“ *A Verb must agree with its subject in Person and Number.*”

In the face } modifies “breathed”—denoting
of the foe. } place Hence.. Adv. of Place.

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RULE.—" *The object of an action or relation must be in the Objective Case.*"

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time Hence.. Adv. of Time.

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RULE.—" *Conjunctions introduce Sentences and connect Words and Phrases.*"

- He is used for a name Hence.. a Pronoun.
 “ its form determines its Person
 and Number Hence.. Personal.
 .. spoken of Hence.. Third Person.
 .. denotes but one Hence.. Singular Number.
 “ subject of “ passed ” Hence.. Nominative Case.

RULE.—“ *The Subject of a Sentence must be in the Nominative Case.* ”

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 “ Predicate of “ he ” Hence { Third Person,
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RULE.—“ *A Verb must agree with its Subject in Person and Number.* ”

ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES FOR PARSING.

—— “ He was stirred

With such an agony he sweat extremely.”—*Henry VIII.*, ii. 2.

“ But it is fit things be stated as they are considered—as they really are.”
Bp. Butler.

—— “ He, whose soul

Ponders this true equality, may walk
 The fields of earth with gratitude and hope.”—*Wordsworth.*

“ Before we passionately desire any thing which another enjoys, we should examine into the happiness of its possessor.”

“ They say ‘ this shall be,’ and it is,
 For ere they act, they think.”—*Burns.*

“ My heart is awed within me, *when I think* of the great miracle that still goes on in silence round me.”

“ Take good heed,
 Nor there be modest, where thou shouldst be proud.”—*Young.*

“ Ambition saw that stooping Rome could bear
 A master, *nor* had virtue to be free.”—*Thomson.*

“ Such expressions invest their genius with greater loveliness, *because* they throw over it the graceful mantle of humility.”

“ Though thunder-clouds the sky deform,
 Their fury cannot reach me there.”

“ Let not false pride, *lest* we should betray ignorance, prevent us from asking a question, when it can be answered.”

“ But when loud surges lash the sounding shore,
 The hoarse, rough verse should like the torrent roar.”

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Rule 5.—THE OBJECT OF A SENTENCE OR PHRASE—Noun or Pronoun.

The object of an action or relation must be in the Objective Case.

Rule 6.—POSSESSIVE CASE—Noun or Pronoun.

A Noun or Pronoun in the Possessive Case is used Adjectively.

Rule 7.—INDEPENDENT CASE—Noun or Pronoun.

A Noun or Pronoun not dependent on any other word in construction is in the Independent Case.

Rule 8.—PRONOUNS.

A Pronoun must agree with its Antecedent in Gender, Person, and Number.

Rule 9.—ADJECTIVE PRONOUNS.

Adjective Pronouns are substituted for the Nouns which they qualify.

Rule 10.—ADJECTIVES.

Adjectives belong to Nouns and Pronouns which they describe.

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A Preposition shows a relation of its object to the word which its Phrase qualifies.

Rule 13.—CONJUNCTIONS.

Conjunctions introduce Sentences and connect Words and Phrases.

Rule 14.—EXCLAMATIONS.

Exclamations have no dependent construction.

The Semicolon, a pause longer than the Comma.

The Colon, a pause longer than the Semicolon.

The Period requires a full pause.

The Dash, the marks of Exclamation and Interrogation, require pauses corresponding with either of the other marks.

Rem.—In the use of Marks of Punctuation, good writers differ; and it is exceedingly difficult for the Teacher to give Rules for their use, that can be of general application.

The following Rules are the most important.

COMMA.

RULE—Words similar in construction, having a connective understood, are separated by a Comma.

EXAMPLES.

David was a brave, martial, enterprising prince.

“There is such an exactness in definition, such a pertinence in proof, such a perspicuity in his detection of sophisms, as have been rarely employed in the Christian cause.”—*B. B. Edwards.*

OBS.—When more than two words of the same construction occur consecutively, the Comma should be repeated after each.

EXAMPLES—“Fame, wisdom, love, and power, were mine.”

“Unnumbered systems, suns, and worlds, unite to worship thee.”

Veracity, justice, and charity, are essential virtues.

RULE—The parts of a Complex Sentence should be separated by a Comma, when the Auxiliary precedes the Principal Sentence.

EXAMPLES—“*Where wealth and freedom reign, contentment fails.*”

“*If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink.*”

RULE—An Adjunct Phrase or Sentence, used to express an incidental fact, and placed between the parts of the Principal Sentence, is separated by Commas.

EXAMPLES—“The grave, *that never spoke before,*
Hath found, *at length,* a tongue to chide.”

“But now a wave, *high rising o'er the deep,*
Lifts its dire crest.”

OBS. 2.—But when an Adjunct Phrase or Sentence which is indispensable in perfecting the sense immediately follows the word which it qualifies, the Comma should not intervene.

EXAMPLE—“Every one *that findeth me,* shall slay me.”

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SEMICOLON.

RULE—The Semicolon is used at the close of a sentence, which, by its terms, promises an additional sentence.

EXAMPLES.

“The Essayists occupy a conspicuous place in the last century; but, somehow, I do not feel disposed to set much store by them.”

“The fruitless showers of worldly wo,
Fall dark to earth and never rise;
While tears that from repentance flow,
In bright exhalament reach the skies.”—*Moore*.

OBS.—By many writers, the Semicolon is used to separate short sentences, which have not a close dependence on each other.

EXAMPLES.

“He was a plain man, without any pretension to pulpit eloquence, or any other accomplishment; he had no gift of imagination; his language was hard and dry; and his illustrations, homely.”

“We are watchers of a beacon,
Whose light must never die;
We are guardians of an altar
Midst the silence of the sky;
The rocks yield founts of courage,
Struck forth as by thy rod;
For the strength of the hills we bless thee,
Our God, our fathers' God.”—*Mrs. Hemans*.

I had a seeming friend;—I gave him gifts and he was gone;
I had an open enemy; I gave him gifts, and won him;—
The very heart of hate melteth at a good man's love.”

COLON.

RULE—The Colon is used at the close of a sentence, when another sentence is added as a direct illustration or inference.

EXAMPLES.

“Let me give you a piece of good counsel, my cousin: follow my laudable example: write when you can: take Time's forelock in one hand, and a pen in the other, and so make sure of your opportunity.”—*Cowper*.

“Among relations, certainly there is always an incitement: we always feel an anxiety for their welfare.”—*H. K. White*.

“From the last hill that looks on thy once holy dome,
I beheld thee, O Sion! when rendered to Rome:
'Twas thy last sun went down, and the flames of thy fall
Flashed back on the last glance I gave to thy wall.”

Hebrew Melodies.

Rem.—The Colon is not much used by late writers—its place being supplied by the Semicolon, the Dash, or the Period.

PERIOD.

RULE—The Period is used at the close of a complete or independent proposition.

OBS.—The Period is also used after initial letters and abbreviations.

EXAMPLE—J. Q. Adams, LL.D., M. C.

DASH.

RULE—The Dash is used to indicate,

1. An abrupt transition.
2. An unfinished sentence.
3. A succession of particulars.

EXAMPLES.

“ All this dread order break—for whom ? for thee ?
Vile worm !—O madness ! pride ! impiety ! ”

“ They met to expatiate and confer on state affairs—to read the newspapers—to talk a little scandal—and so forth—and the result was—as we have been told—considerable dissipation.”—*Wilson's Burns*.

“ And is thy soul *immortal*?—What remains ?
All, all, Lorenzo !—Make immortal blessed—
Unblest immortals !—What can shock us more ? ”

“ To me the Night Thoughts is a poem, on the whole, most animating and delightful—amazingly energetic—full of the richest instruction—improving to the mind—much of it worthy of being committed to memory—some faults—obscure—extravagant—tinged occasionally with flattery.”

OBS. 1.—The Dash is often used instead of the Parenthesis.

EXAMPLE.

“ As they disperse they look very sad—and, no doubt they are so—but had they been, they would not have taken to digging.”

OBS. 2.—Many modern writers use the Dash in place of the Semicolon and the Colon—and sometimes with them.

EXAMPLES.

“ Ye have no need of prayer ;
Ye have no sins to be forgiven.”—*Sprague*.

“ What is there saddening in the Autumn leaves ?
Have they that ‘ green and yellow melancholy ’
That the sweet Poet spoke of ? Hath he seen
Our variegated woods, when first the frost
Turns into beauty all October's charms—
When the dread fever quits us—when the storms
Of the wild Equinox, with all its wet
Has left the land ———.” —*Brainerd*.

EXCLAMATION.

RULE—The mark of Exclamation is used after a word, phrase, or sentence, whose prominent office is to express sudden or intense emotion.

EXAMPLES.

“Hark! a strange sound affrights mine ear.”

“To arms!—they come!—the Greek, the Greek!”

“’Tis done! arise! he bids thee stand.”

INTERROGATION.


RULE—The mark of Interrogation is used after a word, phrase, or sentence, by which a question is asked.

EXAMPLE—“Why is my sleep disquieted?
Who is he that calls the dead?
Is it thou, O king?”

Rem.—When the Interrogation or Exclamation is used, the Comma, Semicolon, Colon, or Period, is omitted.

GRAMMATICAL AND RHETORICAL SIGNS.

OBS. 1.—The signs used in writing are

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|------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1. The Apostrophe ’ | 9. Measures | } Long —
Short ∩ |
| 2. The Quotation “ ” | 10. Caret ^ | |
| 3. The Hyphen - | 11. Diæresis .. | |
| 4. The Bracket [] | 12. Index  | |
| 5. The Parenthesis () | 13. The Section § | |
| 6. References * † | 14. The Paragraph ¶ | |
| 7. The Brace } | | |
| 8. Inflections | { Rising ‘ | |
| | { Falling ` | |
| | { Circumflex ^ | |

The Apostrophe (’) is used to indicate the omission of a letter—and to change a Noun into a Possessive Specifying Adjective.

EXAMPLES—“Hearts, from which ’twas death to sever;
Eyes, this world can *ne’er* restore.”

“How lightly mounts the Muse’s wing.”

The Quotation (“ ”) is used to inclose words taken from some other author or book.

EXAMPLES—“Southey, among all our living poets,” says Professor Wilson, “stands aloof and ‘alone in his glory.’”

A quotation quoted is indicated by single marks.

EXAMPLE—[See the latter part of the example above.]

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The Caret (^) is used between two words, to indicate the place of words omitted, and placed above the line.

EXAMPLE—"The proper study ^{of mankind} ^ is man."

Diæresis (¨) is placed over the second of two vowels, to show that they belong to different syllables.

EXAMPLES—Preëmption Coëval Reëducate.

OBS. 4.—The Hyphen is sometimes placed between the vowels, for a similar purpose.

EXAMPLE—Co-operate.

The Index (☞) is used to point out a word or sentence, considered worthy of special notice.

The Section (§) marks the divisions of a chapter or book.

The Paragraph (¶) is used when a new subject of remark is introduced.

Rem.—The sign of the Paragraph is retained in the Holy Scriptures; but in other composition, the Paragraph is sufficiently indicated by its commencing a new line on the page.

Accent is a stress of voice placed on a particular syllable in pronouncing a word.

Emphasis is a stress of voice placed on a particular word in a sentence. This mark is indicated,

1. In manuscript, by a line drawn under the emphatic word.
2. On a printed page, by the use of *Italic* letters—CAPITAL letters are used to indicate words still more emphatic.

COMPOSITION.

Def. Composition—as the word implies—is the art of *placing together* words, so as to communicate ideas.

Composition is of two kinds,

PROSE AND VERSE.

In *Prose Composition*, words and phrases are arranged with a primary reference to the *sense*.

In *Verse*, the sound and measure of words and syllables determine their position.

Among the various kinds of Prose Composition, may be mentioned the following:

Narrative, Descriptive, Didactic, Historical, Biographical.

Blank Verse consists in measured lines of ten syllables each, and which may or may not end with the same sound.

Rhyme consists in measured lines, of which two or more end with the same sound.

A *Line* in poetry, is properly called
A *Verse*.

A half verse, is called
A *Hemistich*.

Two rhyming verses which complete the sense, are called
A *Couplet*.

Three verses which rhyme together, are
A *Triplet*.

Four or more lines, are called
A *Stanza*.

Verses may end with { Rhyming *syllables*, or
Rhyming *words*.

“ We come, we come, a little band,
As children of the Nation ;
We are joined in heart, we are joined in hand,
To keep the Declaration.”

Rem.—In the above stanza, the first and third lines end with rhyming *words*—the second and fourth, with rhyming *syllables*.

A collection of syllables is called
A *Foot*.

A *Foot* may consist of { two Syllables or
three Syllables.

Feet of two syllables are the

Trochee . . . first long, second short — ◡
Iambus . . . first short, second long ◡ —
Pyrrhic . . . both short ◡ ◡
Spondee . . both long — —

Feet of three syllables are the

Dactyl one long and two short — ◡ ◡
Anapæst two short and one long ◡ ◡ —
Amphibrach . . . first short, second long, third short . . . ◡ — ◡
Tribrach three short ◡ ◡ ◡

Rem.—Most English Poetry is written in Iambic, Trochaic, or Anapæstic verse.

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ANAPÆSTIC VERSE.

1. *Four feet.*

“But we stead | fastly gazed | on the face | of the dead.

2. *Three feet.*

“And I loved | her the more | when I heard
Such tenderness fall from her tongue.”

3. *Two feet.*

“För thē night | only drāws
A thin veil o'er the day.”

DACTYLIC VERSE.

1. *Four feet.*

Come, ye dis | consolatē, | where'er ye | languish.

2. *Three feet.*

Earth has no | sorrows that | Heaven cannot | heal.

3. *Two feet.*

Free from anx | iety,
Care and satiety.

4. *One foot.*

Chēerfully,
Fearfully.

THE AMPHIBRACH.

“There is a | bleak desert | where daylight | grows weary
Of wasting its smile on a region so dreary.”

“With storm-dar | ing pinion | and sun-ga | zing eye,
The gray forest eagle is king of the sky.”

“There's pleasure | in freedom | whatever | the season,
That makes every object look lovely and fair.”

REMARKS.

1. The first syllable of a verse is sometimes omitted.

EXAMPLE.

[] “And there | lay the ri | der, distort | ed and pale,
With the dew | on his brow | and the rust | on his mail.”

2. A syllable is sometimes added to a line.

EXAMPLES.

Earth has no | sorrows that | heaven cannot | *heal*.
A guar | dian an | gel o'er | my life | presid | ing,
Doubling my pleasures and my cares dividing.

3. The different measures are sometimes combined in the same line.

EXAMPLES

“ May comes, | May comes, | we have called | her long,
 May comes | o’er the moun | tains with light | and song;
 We may trace | her steps | o’er the wak | ening earth,
 By the winds | which tell | of the vio | let’s birth.”

Sometimes the last syllable of a line becomes the first syllable in the first foot of the next.

EXAMPLE.

“ On the cold | cheek of death | smiles and ro | ses are blend | *ing*,
 And beau | ty immor | tal awakes | from the tomb.”

FIGURES.

A *Figure* of speech is a licensed departure from the ordinary structure, or use of a word in a sentence.

Figures are } Grammatical or
 } Rhetorical.

A *Grammatical Figure* is a deviation from the ordinary *form* or *office* of a word in a sentence.

A *Rhetorical Figure* is a deviation from the ordinary application of words in the expression of thought.

I. FIGURES MODIFYING THE FORM OF WORDS.

These are called

<i>Aphæresis,</i>	<i>Synæresis,</i>
<i>Apocope,</i>	<i>Diæresis,</i>
<i>Prosthesis,</i>	<i>Syncope,</i>
<i>Paragoge,</i>	<i>Tmesis.</i>

1. *Aphæresis* allows the elision of one or more of the first letters of a word.

EXAMPLES.

“ ’Mid scenes of confusion.”
 “ And therefore thou may’st think my ’haviour light.”—*Juliet*.
 “ What! have you let the false enchanter ’scape ?”—*Milton*.

2. *Apocope* allows the elision of one or more of the final letters of a word.

EXAMPLES.

“ And that is spoke. . with such a dying fall.”
 “ Tho’ the whole loosened Spring around her blows.”
 “ T’ whom th’ archangel.”—*Milton*.

3. *Paragoge* allows a syllable to be annexed to a word.

EXAMPLES.

“Withouten trump was proclamation made.”—*Thompson*.

“Nor deem that kindly nature did him wrong.”—*Bryant*.

4. *Synæresis* allows two syllables to become one.

EXAMPLE—Extra session—ordinary session—extraordinary session.

5. *Prosthesis* allows a syllable to be prefixed to a word.

EXAMPLES.

“Else would a maiden blush *bepaint* my cheek.”—*Juliet*.

“Let fall *adown* his silver beard some tears.”—*Thomson*.

“The great archangel from his warlike toil
Surceased.”—*Milton*.

6. *Diæresis* separates two vowels into different syllables.

EXAMPLES—Coöperate—reïterate.

7. *Syncope* allows one or more letters to be taken from the middle of a word.

EXAMPLES.

“Or serve they as a flow’ry verge to bind,
The fluid skirts of that same wat’ry cloud,
Lest it again dissolve and show’r the earth.”—*Milton*.

8. *Tmesis* allows a word to be inserted between the parts of a compound word.

EXAMPLE—“*How* MUCH *soever* we may desire it.”

OBS.—Sometimes two figures are combined in the same word.

EXAMPLE—“Ah, whence is that sound which now *larums* his ear?”

II. FIGURES MODIFYING THE OFFICE OF WORDS.

These are called

<i>Ellipsis,</i>	<i>Syllipsis,</i>
<i>Pleonasm,</i>	<i>Enallage,</i>
<i>Hyperbaton.</i>	

1. *Ellipsis* allows the omission of one or more words necessary to complete the grammatical construction, when custom has rendered them unnecessary to complete the sense.

EXAMPLES.

“Thou art perched aloft on the beetling crag,
And the waves are white below [] .”

“Unnumbered systems, [] suns, and worlds,
Unite to worship thee,
While thy majestic greatness fills
Space, [] Time, [] Eternity.”

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5. *Irony* makes a sentence convey a meaning the opposite of its ordinary sense.

EXAMPLE—“ And we, *brave men*, are satisfied,
If we ourselves escape his sword.”

6. *Hyperbole* exaggerates the truth.

EXAMPLE.

“ With fury driven,
The waves mount up, and *wash the face of heaven*.”

7. *Antithesis* contrasts two or more things with each other.

EXAMPLES.

“ *Zealous* though *modest*, *innocent* though *free*.

“ *By honor* and *dishonor*, by *evil* report and *good* report, as *deceivers*, and yet *true*.”

8. *Metonymy* puts one thing for another,
The cause for the effect,
The effect for the cause,
The container for the thing contained,
*An attribute or quality for the thing or person.

EXAMPLES—“ Shall the *sword* devour for ever ?”
“ Thy *hand*, unseen, sustains the poles.”
“ His *ear* is ever open to their cry.”
“ I am much delighted in reading *Homer*.”
“ He has returned to his *cups* again.”
“ I'll plunge thee headlong in the *whelming tide*.”

9. *Synecdoche* puts a part for a whole, and a whole for a part.

EXAMPLE—“ When the tempest stalks abroad,
Seek the shelter of my *roof*.”

“ Oh! ever cursed be the *hand*
That wrought this ruin in the land.”

10. *Apostrophe* is a sudden transition from the subject of a discourse to address a person or thing, present or absent.

EXAMPLE—“ This is a tale for fathers and for mothers. Young men
and young women! you cannot understand it.

E. Everett.

11. *Interrogation* expresses an assertion in the form of a question.

EXAMPLES—“ Looks it not like the king ?”
“ He that formed the eye, shall he not see ?”

12. *Exclamation* expresses a sudden or intense emotion.

EXAMPLE—“ O liberty! O sound, once delightful to every Roman ear!”

13. *Vision* represents past or future time as present to the view.

EXAMPLE—“ I see them on their winding way,
About their ranks the moonbeams play.”

Paralepsis is a figure by which a main truth is expressed incidentally, or with a professed effort of the speaker to conceal it.

EXAMPLE—"Without alluding to your habits of intemperance, I would ask, how can you attempt to justify your present inattention to business and the neglect of your family?"

Climax is that form of expression by which the thoughts are made to rise by successive gradations.

EXAMPLE—"He aspired to be the highest; above the people, above the authorities, above the LAWS, above his COUNTRY."

Anti-Climax is the opposite of the climax.

EXAMPLE—"How has expectation darkened into anxiety, anxiety into dread, and dread into despair."—*Irving*.

Alliteration is the repetition of the same letter at the beginning of two or more words immediately succeeding each other, or at short intervals.

EXAMPLES—"Up the high hill he heaves a huge, round stone."

"He carves with classic chisel the Corinthian capital that crowns the column."

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

- Of what does Prosody treat?
- Why are Pauses observed in reading?
- How many sorts of Pauses?
- How are Grammatical Pauses indicated?
- When should a Comma be used?
- When, a Semicolon?—a Colon?—a Period?—a Dash?
- When, a mark of Interrogation?—of Exclamation?
- What is the sign of Apostrophè, and when should it be used?—
- Quotation?—Hyphen?—Brackets?—Parentheses?—Reference?—Brace?
- Caret?—Index?
- What is Composition?—How many kinds?
- How are words arranged in Prose Composition?
- What are some of the various kinds of Prose Composition?
- What is Poetry?—What the most common varieties?
- What is Lyric Poetry?—Dramatic?—Epic?—Didactic?
- What is an Epigram?—an Epitaph?—a Sonnet?
- What is Versification?—What are the distinctions of Verse?
- What is Blank Verse?—What is Rhyme?
- What is a Verse?—a Hemistich?—a Couplet?—a Triplet?
- What is a Stanza?—What is a Foot?—Of what may it consist?
- What is a Trochee?—an Iambus?—a Pyrrhic?—a Spondee?
- What is a Dactyl?—an Anapæst?—an Amphibrach?—a Tribach?
- What is a Figure of Speech?
- What is a Grammatical Figure?—a Rhetorical Figure?
- What is an Aphæresis?—an Apocope?—a Prosthesis?—a Paragoge?
- What is a Synæresis?—a Diæresis?—a Syncope?—a Tmesis?
- What is an Ellipsis?—a Pleonasm?—a Syllepsis?—an Enallage?—
- a Hyperbaton?

What is a Simile?—a Metaphor?—an Allegory?—a Personation?—Irony?

What is a Hyperbole?—Vision?—Paralepsis?—Antithesis?—Metonymy?—Synecdoche?

What is an Apostrophe?—Interrogation?—Exclamation?—Climax?—Alliteration?

ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES.

“Whom the winds waft where'er the billows roll.”

“The man *who* forms his opinions entirely on that of another, can have no great respect for his own judgment.”

“I am the last of noble Edward's sons,
Of whom thy father, Prince of Wales, was first.”

“O grant me, pitying Heaven, this last request,
Since I must every loftier wish resign.”

“My heart is awed within me when I think of the great
miracle that still goes on in silence round me.”

“The smoke of their wigwams arose in every valley, from Hudson's Bay to the farthest Florida, from the ocean to the Mississippi and the lakes.”—*Story*.

“Meek Dian's crest
Floats through the azure air.”—*Byron*.

“Beneath them lay the wished-for spot.”—*Pollok*.

“My soul has ranged
By thee sustained, and lighted by the stars.”—*Young*.

“A sea
Of Glory streams along the Alpine heights.”—*Byron*.

“A wretch, from thick polluted air,
Darkness, and stench and suffocating damp
And dungeon horrors, by kind fate discharged.”—*Young*.

“His passions died—
Died, all *but* dreary solitary Pride.”—*Pollok*.

“And sorrow, and Repentance, and Despair,
Among them walked.”—*Pollok*.

“Like Murray, he did not conduct the understanding through the painful subtlety of argument—nor was he, like Townshend, forever on the rock of exertion.”—*Robertson*.

“For solidity of reasoning, force of sagacity, and wisdom of conclusion, under such a complication of difficulties, no nation or body of men can stand in preference to the General Congress of Philadelphia.”—*Pitt*.

“On every side, sweet sunny spots of verdure smile towards him from among the melancholy heather.”—*Wilson*.

“Was it the temple—with all its courts, the dazzling splendor of its materials, the innumerable multitudes, the priesthood in their gorgeous attire, the king with all the insignia of royalty, on his throne of burnished brass, the music, the radiant cloud filling the temple, the sudden fire flashing upon the altar, the whole nation upon their knees.”—*Milman*.

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OBS. Roman letters are in most common use in the English language.

Italic letters are used in words of special importance, and sometimes in sentences.

In the sacred Scriptures, words supplied by the translators to complete the construction of sentences according to the English idiom, are printed in Italics.

Old English letters are used for variety or ornament—in title pages, etc.

OBS.—The small or “lower case” letters are used in forming words, with the following exceptions, which provide for the use of

CAPITAL LETTERS.

OBS.—A word should begin with a capital letter,

1. When it is the first word of a distinct proposition.

2. When it is a Proper Name, or a word immediately derived from a Proper Name.

EXAMPLES—Boston—William—American—Vermonter.

3. When it is a name or appellation of the Supreme Being.

EXAMPLES—God—Saviour—Holy Spirit—Lord—Omnipotent.

4. When it is the first word of a line in poetry.

EXAMPLE—Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are;
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.”

5. When it is a principal word in a title of a book or office, and sometimes when it is a word of special importance, or used technically.

EXAMPLES—“Willard’s History of the United States.”

“Burke on the Sublime and Beautiful.”

“The Subject of a Verb should not take the place of the Object.”

6. When it commences a direct quotation.

EXAMPLES—“The footman, in his usual phrase,
Comes up with ‘Madam, dinner stays.’”

“Wo to him that saith unto the wood, ‘Awake’”

7. When it constitutes the Pronoun “I,” or the Exclamation “O.”

EXAMPLES—“O, I have loved in youth’s fair vernal morn,
To spread Imagination’s wildest wing.”

8. When it is a Common Noun, fully personified.

EXAMPLES—"Sure-I-Fame's trumpet hear."—*Cowley*.

"Here Strife and Faction rule the day."

OBS.—Letters are of various sizes, and have their corresponding appropriate names. The varieties of type in most common use are the following :

1. *Pica*.—ABCDEFGHIJKLMN^{OP}QRSTU^V
WXYZ. abcdefghijklmnopqrstuv^{wxyz}.

2. *Small Pica*.—ABCDEFGHIJKLMN^{OP}QRSTU^V
WXYZ. abcdefghijklmnopqrstuv^{wxyz}.

3. *Long Primer*.—ABCDEFGHIJKLMN^{OP}QRSTU^{VW}
XYZ. abcdefghijklmnopqrstuv^{wxyz}.

4. *Bourgeois*.—ABCDEFGHIJKLMN^{OP}QRSTU^{VW}XYZ.
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuv^{wxyz}.

5. *Brevier*.—ABCDEFGHIJKLMN^{OP}QRSTU^{VW}XYZ. abcdefgh
ijklmnopqrstuv^{wxyz}.

6. *Minion*.—ABCDEFGHIJKLMN^{OP}QRSTU^{VW}XYZ. abcdefghijklm
nopqrstuv^{wxyz}.

7. *Agate*.—ABCDEFGHIJKLMN^{OP}QRSTU^{VW}XYZ. abcdefghijklmnopqrstuv^{wxyz}.

8. *Pearl*.—ABCDEFGHIJKLMN^{OP}QRSTU^{VW}XYZ. abcdefghijklmnopqrstuv^{wxyz}.

WORDS.

OBS.—WORDS are composed of one or more letters, and, like *Sentences* and *Phrases*, consist of

Principal Parts and
Adjuncts.

The *Principal Parts* of a word are the letters which indicate the principal sound. They are called VOWELS.

EXAMPLES.

a in mate.
e in me.
oi in toil.
ou in sound.

ä in häť.
ë in met.
æ in aphæresis.
œ in subpœna.

The *Adjuncts* of a word are the letters prefixed or added to the *Principal Parts*, to modify their sound. They are called CONSONANTS.

EXAMPLES.

m in mâte, me.
t in mate, time.
l in toil, lame.
c in cider, cane.

h in hat, hate.
s in aphæresis, sound.
v in vile, twelve.
p in post, happy.

OBS.—When a word has but one Principal Part it is pronounced by one impulse of the voice, and is then called
a *Monosyllable*.

EXAMPLES—Hand—fall—me—so—strength.

OBS.—When a word has two Principal Parts it requires two articulations, and is then called
a *Dissyllable*.

EXAMPLES—Handsome—falling—strengthen—holy.

OBS.—Generally, a word has as many syllables as it has Principal Parts.

OBS.—Two letters may form one Principal Part of a word when they are placed together, and combine to form one sound.

EXAMPLES—*oi* in toil—*ou* in sound—*ai* in fair.

OBS.—A letter, ordinarily used as a vowel is sometimes added to a syllable or word to modify the sound of other letters, and is then an Adjunct.

EXAMPLES—*e* in time—*y* in they—*z* in claim.

OBS.—One or more of the letters constituting a word are sometimes used as the representatives of that word. These are called

ABBREVIATIONS.

The most common abbreviations are the following :

A. C.	.....	Before Christ..	from the Latin..	Ante Christum.
A. B.	.....	Bachelor of Arts	.....	.....Artium Baccalaureus.
A. D.	.....	In the year of our Lord..	“	.....Anno Domini.
A. M.	}	Master of Arts	.....	.....Artium Magister.
		In the year of the world..	“	.....Anno Mundi.
		In the forenoon	.....	.....Ante Meridiem.
B. D.	.....	Bachelor of Divinity	.....	.....Baccalaureus Divinitatis.
D. D.	.....	Doctor of Divinity	.....	.....Doctor Divinitatis.
e. g.	.....	For example	.....	.....Exempli gratia.
i. e.	.....	That is	.....	.....Id est.
LL. D.	...	Doctor of Laws	.....	.....Legum Doctor.
L. S.	.....	Place of the seal	.....	.....Locus Sigilli.
Messrs.	...	Gentlemen	.....	.....French.. Messieurs.
M. D.	.....	Doctor of Medicine	.....	.....Latin.. Medicinæ Doctor.
MS.	.....	Manuscript	.....	.....Scriptum Manus.
N. B.	.....	Take notice	.....	.....Nota Bene.
P. M.	}	Afternoon	.....	.....Post Meridiem.
		Post master.		
P. S.	PostscriptPost Scriptum.
S. T. D.	...	Doctor of TheologySanctæ Theologiæ Doctor.

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Non	<i>not</i>	nonconformable.	
Ne	<i>not</i>	never.	
Ob	}	<i>against</i>	} object.	
Oc					occur.
Op					oppose.
Out	<i>beyond</i>	outrun.	
Over	.....	<i>above</i>	.....	overlay.
Poly	.....	<i>many</i>	.....	polysyllable.
Pen	.....	<i>almost</i>	.....	penumbra.
Per	.....	<i>through</i>	.....	pervade.
Post	.....	<i>after</i>	.....	postscript.
Pre	.....	<i>before</i>	.....	predict.
Pro	.....	<i>forth</i>	.....	produce.
Re	.....	<i>make</i>	.....	refine.
Se	.....	<i>from</i>	.....	select.
Syl	}	.....	<i>with</i>	} syllogism.
Sym					symphony.
Syn					synchronism.
Sub	}	.....	<i>under</i>	} subscribe.
Suc					succumb.
Suf					suffix.
Sup	}	.....	<i>under</i>	} support.
Sus					sustain.
Super	.....	<i>over</i>	.....	superintend.
Trans	.....	<i>beyond</i>	.....	transfer.
Un	.....	<i>not</i>	.....	unknown.
Unde	.....	<i>under</i>	.....	underwrite.
Up	.....	<i>up</i>	.....	uphold.
With	.....	<i>against</i>	.....	withstand.

Rem.—The above constitute the most important Prefixes and the most common definitions. But to them there are many exceptions—exceptions almost as important as the rules. If the student would perfect himself in this department of the science, he may consult “*McELLIOT'S MANUAL OF ORTHOGRAPHY AND DEFINITION.*”

Rem.—For an extended list of Suffixes the same reference is made.

NOTE C.

Most nouns adopted from the Latin, Greek, French, and Hebrew languages, have their plural forms also in those languages. Those most commonly used in English composition are the following:

Latin or Greek words form their Plurals by changing the termination IS into ES:

Amanuensis,	amanuenses.	Axis,	axes.
Antithesis,	antitheses.	Basis,	bases.
Analysis,	analyses.	Borealis,	boreales.

Crisis,	crises.	Oasis,	oases.
Ellipsis,	ellipses.	Parenthesis,	parentheses.
Emphasis,	emphases.	Phasis,	phases.
Hypothesis,	hypotheses.	Thesis,	theses.
Metamorphosis,	metamorphoses.		

The following change IS into DES:

Ephemeris,	ephemerides.	Chrysalis,	chrysalides.
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The following change X into CES:

Apex,	{ apices. apexes.	Index,	{ indices. indexes.
Appendix,	{ appendices. appendixes.	Radix,	{ radices.
Calx,	{ calces. calxes.	Vertex,	{ vertices. vertexes.
		Vortex,	{ vortices.

Nouns in US have their Plurals in I.

Alumnus,	alumni.	Magus,	magi.
Focus,	foci.	Nucleus,	nuclei.
Fungus,	{ fungi. funguses.	Obolus,	oboli.
Genius.	{ genii. geniuses.	Radius,	radii.
		Stimulus,	stimuli.

Nouns in ON and UM have their Plurals in A.

Addendum,	addenda.	Gymnasium,	{ gymnasia. gymnasiums.
Animalculum,	animaicula.	Medium,	{ media. mediums.
Arcanum,	arcana.	Memorandum,	{ memoranda. memorandums.
Automaton.	automata.	Momentum,	{ momenta. momentums.
Criterion,	{ criteria. criteria.	Phenomenon,	{ phenomena.
Corrigendum,	corrigenda.	Scholium,	{ scholia. scholiums.
Datum,	data.	Speculum,	specula.
Desideratum,	desiderata.	Stratum,	strata.
Effluvium,	effluvia.		
Encomium,	{ encomia. encomiums.		
Erratum,	errata.		
Ephemeron,	ephemera.		

The following Nouns are thus formed:

Bandit,	{ banditti. bandits.	Lamina,	laminæ.
Beau,	beaux.	Larva,	larvæ.
Cherub,	{ cherubim cherubs.	Miasma,	miasmata.
Dogma,	{ dogmata. dogmas.	Monsieur,	messieurs.
Formula,	{ formulæ. formulas.	Nebula,	nebulae.
Genus,	genera.	Seraph,	{ seraphim. seraphs.
		Stamen,	{ Stamina. stamens.
		Viscus,	viscera.

NOTE D.

For expositions of the various offices of Participles, the student is referred to

“Verbal Nouns,” p. 44.

“Verbal Adjectives,” pp. 62, 63, and 164, 165.

“Participles,” pp. 71, 72, and 125–128.

“Exercises,” pp. 75, 76, and 133, 134.

“Twofold office of some words,” p. 105.

NOTE E.

For illustrations of the office of Nouns and Pronouns in the Possessive Case the student is referred to

“Possessive Case of Nouns and Pronouns,” pp. 49, 50, and 142, 143.

“Possessive Adjectives,” pp. 61, and 163, 164.

“Twofold office of some words,” p. 100, and p. 118, Rem. 2.

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