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ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

PART I.—INTRODUCTION.

Lesson 1.

Q. What is Language?

A. Language consists of articulate or spoken sounds which express thoughts.

Q. From whence is the word derived?

A. The term language is from the Latin, lingua, tongue, hence we say our mother tongue, or language.

Q. What is GRAMMAR?

A. Grammar is the system or body of laws and rules by which we express thought in correct language. The word is from the Greek gramma, a letter.

Q. How are these rules formed?

A. The rules of grammar are framed from old practice, and comparison of the writings of the best authors in the language.

Q. Why is it, that if we-can speak our own lan-

guage, it is necessary to learn grammar?

A. From habit we often use many unsuitable words, and incorrect modes of speech; and as dialects differ from the standard in various parts of the country, it is therefore requisite to learn grammar.

Q. What are the divisions of grammar?

A. Grammar is usually divided into four parts: ORTHOGRAPHY, ETYMOLOGY, SYNTAX and PROSODY.

Q. Of what do these branches chiefly treat?

A. Orthography treats principally of Letters; Etymology of Words; Syntax of Sentences; Prosody of Pronun-

PART II.-ORTHOGRAPHY.

Lesson 2.

Q. What is ORTHOGRAPHY?

A. The term Orthography is derived from the Greek orthos, correct, and grapho, I write, -and treats of letters, and their use in the spelling of words.

Q. How many letters are there?

A. There are twenty-six letters in English. They are ABCDEFGHIJKIMNOPQRSTUVW XYZ-abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz.

Q. What are the large letters called?

A. The large letters are called Capitals, from the Latin caput. the head, because they are used at the head or beginning of sentences, and to begin the names of persons, places, days, months, &c.

Q. What are the letters taken together ealled?

A. The letters altogether are called the Alphabet, from Alpha Beta, the first two letters of the Greek. alphabet, just as we say the A B C.

Q. How many kinds of letters are there?

A. There are two kinds of letters, Vowels and Consonants.

Q. Which of the letters are called Vowels?

A. The letters a, e. i, o, u, are called Vowels from the Latin vocalis, sounding, because they can be sounded by themselves.

Q. Which are Consonants?

A. All the other letters are consonants, and are so called from the Latin con, together, sonare, to sound, because they can only be sounded together with a vowel.

Q. Have you any thing to observe with respect to w and y?

A. W, when in the same syllable it follows a vowel and y, when it does not begin a syllable, are vowels, as in the words dew and try.

Lesson 3.

Q. What is a Diphthong ?

A. A Diphthong is two vowels placed together and sounded almost as one, from the Greek dis, double, phthongos, sound.

Q. Which are they?

A. The only real diphthongs in English are eu, oi, ou, as in the words feud, soil, sound.

Q. What is a syllable?

A. A syllable consists of one or more letters taken together, which can be distinctly sounded at once, as a, an, red, flow, &c. The word syllable is derived from sun, with, labein, to take,

Q. Can there be a syllable without a vowel?

A. There cannot be a syllable without a vowel; thus the letters c p. or, s r. require two distinct motions of the mouth to sound them, but when I place a vowel with them, as cap, sir, I can pronounce them at once.

Q. Of what are words composed?

A. Words are composed of one or more syllables.

Q. How are sentences formed?

A. Words placed together so as to give a complete meaning are called sentences.

SOUNDS OF LETTERS-VOWELS.

Lesson. 4.

Q. What have you further to say respecting vowels? A. The vowel a has four principal sounds.

Q. What are they ?

A. In fate, it has the long sound of a: in far, it is sounded ah; in fall, as au; and in fat, it has the short sound of a.

Q. What are its other sounds?

A. Sometimes it is sounded as o. as in watch or as u. in eustard.

Q. What are the sounds of e?

A. The vowel e has three sounds; long, as in we; short, as in wet; sometimes a, as in prey.

Q. How many sounds has i?

A. There are four sounds to the vowel i; long, as in wine; short, as in win; like e long as in pique; and like u short as in bird.

Q. What are the sounds of o?

A. There are three chief sounds to o, long and short, as in hope, hop, and like oo, as in lose.

Q. What sounds has the letter u?

A. The vowel u has four sounds: like oo as in rude; eu as in duke; short and close, as in push and shorter still, as in nul.

CONSONANTS WITH VARIED SOUNDS.

Lesson 5.

- Q. Name some of the other letters with more than one sound.
- A. The consonant c is prnounced hard, or with the sound of k, before a, o, and u. and before all the consonants except h: thus call, cot, cut, clash, &c.

Q. When is it pronounced differently?

A. C is soft. or like s, before e, i, æ, y, thus, cell, cinder, Casar. cypher.

Q. What other sounds?

A. O has also the sound of ts, thus, child is pronounced tshild; but in words from the Greek, ch is sounded as k, thus, chemist, echo.

Q. Is not g also changeable?

A. The letter g has generally the sound of j hefore e and i, as in George and giant, but not always; in get, give and others, it is hard.

Q. When is g always hard?

A. G is always hard before the vowels a, o, u, and the consonants t and r, as game, got, gun, glad, grow; before n, g is not sounded, as in gnaw.

Q. Give the sounds of q?

A. The letter q is generally sounded as kw, as in quarter, sometimes qu as k, thus, conquer.

Q. Has the letter & two sounds?

A. Yes: the letter s is sharp as in sing, but often flat like z at the end of a words as sings; and before e or y final, as rose, rosy.

REDUNDANT ADN DEFICIENT LETTERS.

Lesson 6.

- Q. Mention some further particulars with regard to consonants.
- A. There are some consonants which are useless, that is, which we could really do without,—these are e, j. q, and a.

Q. How should we spell without e?

A. We might use k, for c hard, or & for c soft thus, kurd expresses just the same sound as curd, and sinder as cinder.

Q. What letter might we use instead of j?

A. G soft, or dzh might be substituted for j, thus jelly would be gettly or dehelly.

Q. Could we do without q?

A. In all cases we might use kw for q, as, queen might be spelt kween.

Q. Why might & be omitted?

A. The letters he would supply the place of x. as, Essex. Esseks.

Q. Are there not some sounds in the language for which we have no letter?

A. Letters are wanted to express the simple sounds of ch, sh, zu, th, dth, ng, in such words as church, shine, azure, throng, there, and ring.

Q. Are there letters in other langauge to express

these sounds ?

A. Some languages have letters to represent these sounds, as the Greek letter theta has the same sound as the two letters th in English. Similar characters occur also in the old Anglo-Saxon alphabet.

ON SPELLING.

Lesson 7.

Q. Did you not say that one branch of Orthography is correct spelling?

A. Orthography treats principally of correct spelling. Q. How is it that many persons spell incorrectly?

A. Many persons write by car, instead of by cye; the eye sees the word, but does not observe accurately the letters of which it is composed, hence the spelling is from the sound of the word.

Q. Are there not difficulties in spelling?

A. There are difficulties is spelling many English words correctly, on account of the different sounds represented by the same letters, as slaughter taughter, dough, plough, through, tough, & c.: and also because different letters are made to give the same sound, as, peace, niece, fleece; peal, peel; her, sir, cur, & c.

Q. How is the art of cerrect spelling to be acquired?

A. The art of spelling correctly must be acquired be careful observation during reading, and by frequent practice in writing.

Q. Are there any words often improperly used?

A. There are some common words often improperly

used for others of a similar sound. To guard against error, learn correctly the following examples, by spelling the words printed in italics—As far as he has gone, He is gone to his desk,—They went there to see their dog—A part of the cover came off,—Where were you?—What did you wear in the ware-house, and in crossing the weir?—You ask me whether it is fine weather, and if I have seen your wether.

PART III .- ETYMOLOGY.

Lesson 8.

. Q. What does Etymology treat of

A. Etymology relates principally to words in their origin and in their variation.

Q. Whence is the word Etymology derived?

A. The word is from the Greek etumos, true, logos word, or discourse.

Q. How many kinds of words are there?

A. In English there are eight sorts of words,— Nouns, Verbs, Adjectives, Pronouns, Adverbs, Prepositions, Conjunctions, and Interjections.

NOUN.

Lesson 9.

Q. What is a Noun?

A. A Noun, from the Latin word nomen, name, is the name of persons, places, things, qualities, or principles.

Q. Describe this further.

A. The name of everything we can see or think of as existing is a noun, and those nouns which refer to

quality or principle are called Abstract Nouris, as brightness, beauty.

Q. What is the other division of nouns?

A. The names of things which we can see are called Proper or Common nouns.

Q. Why are they so called?

A. Proper nouns denote particular persons or places, as Roger, China: common nouns refer to the common name of a kind, as a cow, a chair; thus every cow is called a cow, every chair a chair.

Q. How may nouns generally be known?

A. Nouns generally make sense with a, an, or the before them, as a knife, an anchor, the bell, a virtue, or with an adjective, as good knife, great virtue; thus there is no sense in an into, a since, or the have, &c because these words are not nouns.

VERB.

Lesson 10.

Q. What is a Verb?

A. A Verb, from the Latin verbum, a word is a word that asserts, commands, or asks as I will; run fast; may I go? &c.

Q. Give me another meaning of a verb?

A. A verb indicates that persons or things do something, or are something, or have something done to them; as I strike-you are hurt,-he is frogged.

Q. How can you know a verb?

A. I know a verb simply by placing I or to before it, as, I read, to walk, &c. Here read and walk are verbs. There is no sense in-I apple, or to inkstand, as these are not verbs.

Q. How are verbs divided?

A. Verbs are divided into Transitive and Intransitive.

Q. What is a Transitive verb?

A. A Transitive verb, from the Latin word transire, to pass over, is a verb the action of which passes

over from the noun or pronoun which precedes, to that which follows it.

Q. What is an Intransitive verb ?

A. An Intransitive verb is one in which the action does not pass over to an object, but conveys a complete meaning in itself.

Q. Give an example of a transitive verb ?

A. When I sav Boger gathered—the verh is transitive, because I have no completed meaning in the verb gathered : but it I say - Roger gathered the grapes-then the action passing over to the object grapes, completes the sense in which the verb is to be understood.

Q. Explain the intransitive verb?

A. In I walk. John sleeps-the meaning is complete without an object for the verb to pass to; these are, therefore, intransitive verbs.

ADJECTIVE.

Lesson 11.

Q. What is an Adjective?

A. An Adjective is a word which denotes a quality in natural objects, or in personal acquirements or endowments: as-a lovely landscape, a great orator.

Q. Why is it called an adjective?

A. The word adjective is from the Latin words ad, to, and jactus. placed, because it is placed to or before a noun.

Q. How may adjectives be known?

A. An adjective may be known by its making sense when prefixed to a noun, thus, if I take the word clever. I know it to be an adjective, because it makes sense with the substantive boy as-a clever boy.

Q. May adjectives be formed from nouns?

A. Adjectives may be formed from nouns by the addition of y. ly. ful. ters and ish, as windy, snowy manly, heavenly, hopeful, fearful, lifeless, hopeless, foolish, chil dish, &c.

Q. What is a Pronoun?

A. A Pronoun is a word used in place of a noun, and is so called from the Latin pro, for, and nomen, name or noun, as—you are good. Here I use the word you instead of the name of the person addressed.

Q. Give me some examples.

A. The words he and his are pronouns in Robert went to his garden, and there he saw his flowers and are used instead of saying—Robert went to Robert's garden, and there Robert saw Robert's flowers.

ADVERB.

Lesson 15.

Q. What is an Adverb?

A. An Adverb is a word that shows manner, situation, quantity, time or affirmation and denial; as, I write well,—you go there,—he brought more,—you came late,—yes, no, &c. (See pages 60-62 Appendix.)

Q. Why is it so named?

A. It is called adverb from the Latin ad, to, and verbum, word or verb, because it is generally joined to a verb, as may be seen in the examples just given, where the adverbs follow the verbs write, go, brought, and came.

Q. How may they usually be known?

A. Adverbs may be known by their generally ending in by are not adverbs.

Q. Are they not used instead of a longer mode of

expression ?

A. Yes: an adverb generally supplies the place of two or more words: always means at all times, there signifies in that place, thrice is used instead of three times, &c.

PREPOSITION, CONJUNCTION, INTERJECTION.

Lesson 14.

Q. What is a Preposition?

A. Prepostion is a word usually placed before nouns, and is derived from the Latin præ, before, and positus, placed.

Q. Why is it so placed?

A. A preposition shews the connexion a noun has with other words in the sentences; as—I looked at the sun; I went through the gate, &c.

Q. What is a Conjunction?

A. A Conjunction, from the Latin con, together, junctus, a joining, is a word which joins sentences together, as—Victor and Charles were there,—Will you read or play?

Q. What is an Interjection?

A. An Interjection is a word which expresses excited feeling, as - hurrah! oh! dear me!

Q. Why is it so called?

A. It is named interjection from the Latin inter, between, and jacere, to throw, because it is a word, as it were, thrown in suddenly.

EXERCISES ON THE PARTS OF SPEECH.

Lesson 15.

Q. Why is the word counterfeit a noun in the following sentence?—This is not good coin, but a bad counterfeit.

A. I can say a counterfeit, or the counterfeit; and besides, it makes sense with the adjective bad before it.

Q. Why is counterfeit a verb in the following?-I

shall counterfeit sorrow.

A. Because it asserts, because it tells that I am doing something; and because I can say—I counterfeit, or to counterfeit.

Q. Why is counterfeit an adjective in this sentence?

Yours is only counterfeit praise.

A. Because I use it before the noun praise, of which it tells the kind or quality.

Q. Why are you and your pronouns in the phrase

-Gustavns, will you learn your lesson?

- A. Because I use them for the noun Gustavus, instead of saying-Gustavus, will Gustavus learn Gustavus lesson?
- Q. Why are here, together, too, and early adverbs in this sentence? You have come here together too ear-124.

A, Brezuse here marks situation, together shews manner, too denotes quantity, and early speaks of time.

Q. Why are into, among, up, and for prepositions in-George is going into the copse, among the bushes and up the hill, for his own pleasure?

A. Because they shew the relation between George's going and the nouns to which they are pre-

fixed.

Q. Why are and, also, if, and because conjunctions in the following sentence? - John and Sam will go, also the other hays, if they can, because it is fine.

A. Because they simply connect the different parts

of the sentence.

Q. Why are hurrah! and hravo! alas! and oh! interjections in-Hurrah for a holiday,-Bravo my boys -Alas!-Dear me!-Oh!

A. Because they are sudden exclamations expressive of joy, of sorrow, or surprise.

PART IV .- INFLECTION OR VARIATION.

Lesson 16.

Q. What is inflection?

A. A change made in a word is called an inflection, which is derived from the Latin inflectio, a change. Q. Give me some examples.

A. In the word folios the inflecton is from folio, in walked it is varied from walk.

Q. How many of the Parts of speech are capable

of being inflected?

A. The parts of speech capable of inflection are the Noun, the Abjective, the Pronoun, the Verb, and the Adverb. These are also called declinable.

Q. Why so?

A. They are called declinable from the Latin declinatio, a declension, or turning aside, because they are, as it were, turned aside from their original form.

INFLECTION OF NOUNS-NUMBER.

Lesson 17,

Q. How are Nouns declined?

A. Nouns are declined by Number, Gender, and CASE.

Q. What is number?

A. Number means whether one or more than one is spoken of.

Q. When we speak of one what number is it called? A. When one only is mentioned the number is singular from the Latin singulus, each or single, as-a chair, a picture.

Q. What is the other number?

A. When more than one is named, the number is plural, from the Latin plura, more, as-chairs, pic-

Q. How is the plural formed?

A. The plural is generally formed by adding & to the singular, as-one vine, two or three vines.

Q. Is the plural always formed by adding 8? A. No: there are many variations from this rule.

Q. Give me some of the other rules for forming

the plural?

A. The plural of nouns ending in ch. sh, ss, &, and o after a consonant generally have es instead of s. as bunch, bunches; wish, wishes, Miss, Misses; fox, foxes; hero, heroes, Except a few, as canto cantos; quarto, quartos: or when ch is pronounced like k, as

PLURAL OF NOUNS,

Lesson 18.

Q. Give me another rule for the plural of nouns? A Nouns ending in f or fe form their plural by changing the singular into ves, as knife, knives; half,

Q. Another rule?

A. Nouns ending with y, and which have no vowel before the y, make the plural by ies, as herry, herries; but when there is a vowel before the y, as ay, ey, oy, uy, it follows the general rule and adds only e, as bay, bays; key, keys; boy, boys; guy, guys; &c.

Q. Give me some examples of nouns which have

en in the plural?

A. These nouns retain the Anglo-Saxon plural en: man, men; woman, women, ox, oxen; child, children; in some places, house, housen; shoe, shoen.

Q. How do words adopted from other languages

form their plural?

A. Nouns from the ancient and foreign languages form their plural generally as in the original, thussingular, medium, plural, media.*

Lesson 19.

Q. What have you to say of the plural of some other nouns?

A. Some common words vary their plural in a manner different from any one of the former rules, as -foot, feet; tooth, teeth; goose, geese; mouse, mice; penny, pence,

*See page 59 Appendix

Q. Have any nouns two forms for the plural? A. Yes: there are two plurals for the following

nouns :-

Brothers—of a family. Brother Brothren - of a community. Dice-for gambling.

Die Dies-stamps for coining. Genii—imaginary beings. Genius

Geniuses-clever persons. Indexes—tables of reference. Index

Indices—signs in algebra. Q. Spell the plural of time, larch, brush, glass, box, staff, life, cherry, chimney, tray, and toy?

A. Times, larches, brushes, glasses, boxes, staves, lives, cherries, chimneys, trays, and toys.

Lesson 29.

GENDER.

Q. What is meant by Gender?

A. Gender means whether animals or things are male, female, or of neither sex. The word is from the Latin Genus, a race or sex.

Q. What are the three genders called?

A. The genders are called MASCULINE, from the Latin masculus, a male; Feminine, from femina, a female; NEUTER, from neuter, neither.

Q. Of what gender are nouns called which are ap-

plied both to male or female?

A. Nouns which refer to either sex are called of the common gender; as the one word bird or servant may be used for both sexes.

Q. How is the difference of gender shewn?

A. Difference of gender is shewn by three methods. First, by a word prefixed, as-man-servant, woman-servant-he-goat, she-goat, Secondly, by a complete change in the word as-brother, Sister-ram, ewe. Thirdly, by a different termination-as heir, heiress-governor, governess-and others,

CASE,

Lesson 21.

Q. What is Case?

A. Case is that relation which a noun has to the parts of the sentence in which it is placed.

Q. What is the origin of the term?

A. It is from the Latin easus, a fall: because the nouns in that language, when varied, were said to have fallen from their simple form.

Q. How many cases have nouns?

A. There are three cases—the Nominative, the OB-

Q. What is the Nominative case?

A. That noun which comes before a verb, is called nominative, from the Latin nomen, name, because it names the person doing any thing; as—Maria loves; here Maria is in the nominative case.

Q. What is the Objective case?

A. The noun which follows the verb, and is the object upon which it acts is called the objective case, as—Maria loves Margaret; here Margaret is the object acted upon by the verb, and is the objective case.

Q. Do you know the objective case in any other

way?

A. The objective case also follows prepositions, as— I went with Walter; Walter is the objective case, because it follows the preposition with.

Q. How may the Possessive case be known?

A. The possessive case is known by its ending in s. as—William's book, which is just the same as saying—the book of William.

Lesson 22.

Q. Why is the Nominative case so called?

A. The Nominative case is so called because it names or nominates the person or thing which does something.

Q. Why is the Objective case so called?

A. The Objective case is so named because it refers to the object acted upon.

Q. Why is the possessive case so named?

A. The possesisve case denotes possession, hence its name.

Q. Decline the nouns child and boy?

	Sing.	Plur.
A. Nom.	Child.	Children.
Obj.	Child.	Children.
Poss.	Child's.	Children's.
Nom.	Boy.	Boys.
Obj.	Bov.	Boys.
Poss.	Boy's.	Boy's.

Q. Why is s added in the possessive plural of child

and not in that of boy?

A. Words that end in s in the plural would sound unpleasantly wich the addition of another s, as—the boys's books,—therefore it is omitted.

Q. How may the nominative ease be known by another way as well as by its coming before the verb?

A. By asking the question-who or what with the verb. the answer will be the nominative case.

Q. How may the objective case be known?

A. The answer to the question whom or what with the verb will be the objective case.

Q. How may the possessive case be known?

A. By answering the question whose, taken with the objective, we have the possessive case.

Q. Explain this to me in the following example-

Johnny rides his uncle's pony. Who rides?

A. Johnny: then Johnny is the nominative, because it answers the question-who? with the verb rides.

Q. What does he ride?

A. The pony: thus pony is the objective case as it answers the question—what?

Q. Whose pony?

A. His uncle's: then uncle's is possessive, because it answers the question—whose?

COMPARISON.

Lesson 23.

Q. Are adjectives inflected like nouns with case and number ?

A. Adjectives are not declined in English, as they are in Latin, except the adjectives this, that, and other.

Q. How then are adjectives varied?

A. Adjectives are varied by Comparison.

Q. What do you mean by this?

A. Comparison means comparing the different degrees which exist in the quality spoken of.

Q. What are these called?

A. The degrees are Positive. Comparative, and Superlative.

Q. What is the positive degree?

A. That which speaks positively concerning a noun; thus-a tall man the word tall is positive.

Q. What is the comparative?

A. That which compares, as-a taller man-here taller is comparative, compared with some other man.

Q. What is the superlative?

A. That wich expresses the highest degree or quality; as-the tallest man-in this, tallest is the superlative.

Q. How are these degrees of comparison formed? A. Words of one or two syllables ending in a consonant form the comparative by adding er, and the superlative by adding est to the positive; as small, smaller, smallest.

Q. In what other way ?

A. The comparison of some adjectives is made by an entirely different form; as good, better, best.

Q. Give me a third method?

A. Words of three or more syllables are generally compared by prefixing the advertis. more and most, as -bounteous, more bounteous, most bounteous.

KINDS OF ADJECTIVES.

Lesson 24.

Q. How many kinds of adjectives are there?

A. There are three kinds of adjectives, Demonstrative, Numeral, and General,

Q. Which are the Demonstrative Adjectives?

A. The Demonstrative Adjectives are this and that.

Q. Why are they so called?

A. They are called Demonstrative because they demonstrate, or point out the nouns to which they belong; as-this desk, that stool. The word is from the Latin demonstrare, to show or point out.

Q. What are Numeral Adjectives?

A. From the Latin numerare, to number: they express both number and quantity.

Q. How many kinds are there?

A There are two kinds of numeral adjectives, the Definite and the Indefinite.

Q. What are the Definite Numerals?

A. Those which point out particular or definite numbers, as-one, two, three, four, and so on, are ealled definite numerals.

Q. What are Indefinite Numerals?

A. Those which do not refer to any particular number or quantity, as-more, some, any, &c., are called indefinite numeral adjecteves.

Q. Is there any other division of definite numerals? A. Definite numerals are further divided into Cardinal and Ordinal.

Q. What are the Cardinal?

A. The Cardinal numbers are such as answer to the question, how many? as-one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, &c., from the Latin cardinalis, principal or chief.

Q. What are the ordinal numbers?

A. Those which denote the order and rank in a series, as-first, second, third, fourth, fifth, &c., from the Latin ordinaire, to arrange in rank. These are called ordinal numerals.

Q. Which are the Indefinite?

A. The indefinite numeral adjectives are—each, every, either, neither, many, much, few, several, all, no, more, some, any, enough, other, another, and only.

Q. What are General adjectives?

A. All adjectives which are not demonstrative or numeral may be termed general adjectives.

Q. Decline the adjectives, this, that, and other?

Sing.	Plur.		Sing.	Plur
This.	These.	Nom.	Other.	Others.
That.	Those.	Pors.	Other's.	Others'

THE ARTICLES.

Lesson 25.

an and the?

A. The little words an and the, although they are usually considered as separate parts of speech, and called Articles, are in reality adjectives.

Q. How is this?

A. The word an originally signified one, and even now expresses the same as the numeral adjective one. The is equivalent to that, a demonstrative adjective.

Q. What parts of speech ought these words there-

fore to be called?

A. The should be called a demonstrative adjective, because when I use the expression.—Take the orange, I demonstrate the particular orange which I wish should be taken. An is an indefinite numeral: thus if I say—Take an orange, I do not define or point out a particular orange.

Q. Is there any rule to be observed with respect to

A. An is used before words beginning with a vowel, as—an owl; n is omitted and a only used before con-

sonants, before words beginning with h, and before the vowel u long. as—a cloud, a heap, a union.

Q. Is there any exception to this?

A. This rule is not without exception, because in some words from the Latin the letter h is not sounded and they may therefore he said to begin with vowels.

Q. Which are these words?

A. In honest, humble, hospital and hour.

Herb. humour, honour, heir, h has no power.

On this account 'tis needful to take care.

Before this words we always place an there.

INPLECTION OF ADJECTIVES.

Lesson 26.

Q. Have you anything further to lobserve respecting adjectives?

A. Many adjectives do not admit of degrees of comparison, such as—all, every, several, some, &c.: nor can the numeral adjectives be increased in signification: thus, we cannot rightly say—more all, nor most three, &c.; nor ought we to say—more perfect, as perfect implies completeness.

INFLECTION OF PRONOUNS.

Q. How many kinds of Pronouns are there?

A. There are two sorts of pronouns, Personal and relative.

Q. What are personal pronouns?

A. Personal pronouns are those which are used instead of the names of persons, as—I, you, he, we. they,

Q. Are pronouns declined?

A. Pronouns are declined with person, and with number, gender, and ease, in common with the nouns for which they are used.

Q. What is meant by person, as applied to pronouns?

A. The pronoun used instead of the name of the

person who speaks, is called of the first person; thus —I speak,—here I is the first person.

Q. What is the second person?

A. You or thou is used instead of the name of the person spoken to, and is called the second person; as —I speak to you. In this case you is the second person.

Q. What is the third person?

A. He is used instead of the nonn which denotes the person spoken of and is called the third person of the pronoun; as—I speak to you, and he hears. Here he is third person.

NUMBER AND GENDER OF PRONOUNS.

Lesson 27.

Q. How is the number of personal pronouns expressed?

A. The number of personal pronouns is denoted not as in nouns, by a change of termination, but by a different word; as—I, plural we; thou, plural you; he, plural they.

Q. How is the gender of pronouns shewn?

A. The first and second persons have no change to express different gender, as I and thou, we and you, may be applied either to male or female; but in the third person we have he masculine, she feminine, and it neuter.

CASE OF PRONOUNS.

Lesson 28.

Q. Is there any distinction by which the case of a

personal pronoun can be told?

A. Yes: a different word is used to express the case of a personal peonoun; as—I is nominative, me objective, mine possessive.

Q. Will you decline the personal pronouns in the

singular number?

SINGUI	Nom.	Obj.	poss.
A. First Person	1.	Me.	My. Mine.
Second Person	You,	You.	Your. Yours,
(Mase. Gen	der He.	Him.	His.
Third Person Fem. Gen		Her.	Hers.
Neut. Gen	der It.	It.	Its.
Q. Decline the plural	?		
PLUR	AL NUMBER.		1281/90
	Nom.	Obj.	Poss.
A. First Person	We	Us.	{Our. Ours.
Second Person	You.		Your. Yours.
Third Person Fem. Gen. Neut. Gen.	der. They. der. They.	Them.	Their.

Q. What is the use of two different words in the possessive case of some of these pronouns; as my and mine, our, ours, &c.?

A. One form is used when the possessive is followed by a noun, as this is our book: the other when the noun precedes the pronoun, or is omitted; as—this book is ours: this is ours.

Q. Do we not sometimes use another word instead

of you for the second person singular?

A. Yes: thou was formerly used justend of you, as may be seen in Scripture: and it is still used in addressing the Deity, also frequently in poetry, and generally by Quakers. You is always used in ordinary speaking or writing.

Q. Decline the personal pronoun thou?

Singular Number.

Nom. Obj. Poss.

Thou. Thee. {Thy.
Thine.

Lesson 29.

Q. What is a Relative pronoun?

A. A Relative Pronoun is one which refers or relates to a noun, or a sentence going before, which is named its antecedent.

Q. From what is it named antecedent?

A. It is called antecedent from the Latin ante, before, and cedere, to go, thus, in the sentence-The boy who talked-who is the relative pronoun, and boy the antecedent.

Q. How many relative pronouns are there?

A. There are three relative pronouns who, which, and that.

Q. How are they used?

A. Who is only used when we speak of persons, as -the boy who laughed. Which is applied either to animals or things, as -the lion which roars; the flowers which fade. That may be used indiscriminately, as-the girl that sung; the grass that grew; the dog that I lost. Q. How is the relative pronoun who declined?

A. In the relative who, no difference is made to express gender or number, but the ease is varied thus:

> I'088. Obj. Nom. Whose. Whom. Who.

Q. Decline the relative pronoun which?

Poss. Obj. Nom.

Whose. Which. Which.

The pronoun that is not declined.

INFLECTION OF VERBS.

PERSON AND NUMBER.

Lesson 50.

Q. What are the various kinds of verbs?

A. Verbs are said to be either Transitive or Intransitive, Active or Passive, Regular, Irregular, and Defective.

Q. How are verbs varied?

A. Verbs are inflected or changed in termination to express person, number, and time.

Q. Explain what is meant by person in connexion

with verbs? A. Verbs, in common with pronouns, have three persons, as-I talk, thou talkest, he talks. Here talk is the first person, talkest second, and talks third.

Q. What have you to observe respecting one of the

persons of verbs ?

A. The second person plural of verbs, as well as of pronouns, is almost always used instead of the second person singular, as-you talk-instead of-thon talkest.

Q. Is it right so to use the verb ?

A. In consequence of the general use of the second person plural, in place of the old form of the singular, we consider it now as being really a definite singular, as well as a plural form, and as such we use it.

Q. In what cases is it proper to retain the singular? A. Generally in poetry, and always in our addresses

to the Deity, the original singular form must be used.

Q. What are the numbers of verbs?

A. The numbers of verbs are the same as of substantives, singular and plural, as-thou lovest, ye love. Lovest is second person, singular number and love is second person plural.

Q. What is the verb called in its simple form?

A. The verb in its simple form is called the infinitive, from the Latin infinitivus without limit, because it has no restriction of number or person, but expresses a general condition, as—advise, or to advise.

Q. Has it any other signification?

A. With the prefix to, the infinitive often becomes a nonn, as—to advise me was kind.

Q. What other form has the verb?

A. The verb in one of its simple forms is called the imperative, from imperare, to command, as—advise him.

ON TENSE.

Lesson 51.

Q. What is meant by the tense of verb?

A. The tense of a verb is the time to which it refers.

Q. Under how many forms or periods can we think of time?

A. We can think of three periods of time-time gone by time existing now, and time to come

Q. What names do we give to these periods of time?

A. We distinguish these periods of time as—the pust, the present, and the future.

Q. How are these times or tenses in which the

verb acts expressed?

A. The past tense of a verb is formed by a change in the termination of the present tense: as—from I love, the present tense, is formed I loved, the past tense.

Q. How is the future tense formed ?

A. The future tense of a verb is not formed by inflection, but by the addition of another verb, shall or with: thus, there are in reality only two tenses in English formed by inflection, the present and past.

Q. Is it so in all languages?

A. This is not the case in all languages, as in

Latin, for instance, we have various forms of words to express the different times and relations of verbs.

O. Give me some examples.

A. Rego, I rule.
Rexi, I ruled.
Regam, I shall rule. Rexissem, I would have ruled.
Regam, I shall rule. Rexissem, I would have ruled.

These are truly tenses formed by inflection, but in English we have only the past tense so formed.

PARTICIPLES.

Lesson 32.

Q. What is a Participle?

A. A Participle is a word so called from the Latin participare, to partake of, because, although it is considered to be a form of the verb, it partakes also of the nature of an adjective, and is sometimes called a verbal adjective.

Q. Give me an example of a participle.

A. In the sentence—a running stream—the word running is not an adjective, although it tells the kind of stream, nor can it strictly be called a verb. although it says the stream is doing something; therefore the word is called a participle, because it has the character of both adjective and verb.

Q. How many participles are there ?

A. There are two kinds of participles, the imperfect or active participle, and the perfect or passive participle.

Q. What is the imperfect participle?

A. The imperfect or active participle ends in ing, and denotes imperfect or unfinished action, as—wat-king.

Q. What is the other participle?

A. The perfect or passive participle ends in ed or d, and shews a perfect or completed condition of the verb, as—walked.

Q. Why is one participle called active ?

A. The active participle is so named because it always denotes some action going on, as—ruling, trying &c.

Q. Why is the other participle called passive?

A. The passive participle is so called because it shews an endured or suffered action as—ruled, tried, &c. The word passive is from the Latin patior passus, to suffer.

ON CONJUGATION.

Lesson 55.

Q. What is meant by cojugating a verb?

A. The conjugating, or the conjugation of a verb, is naming and joining together its principal forms—from the Latin con, together, jungere, to join?

Q. Conjugate the verb to advise?

PRESENT TENSE.

Sing.

1st per. I advise
2nd per. You advise.

2nd per. He advises.

2nd per. He advises.

2nd per. They advise.

5rd per. They advise.

PAST TENSE.

Sing.

1st per. I advised
2nd per. You advised.

2nd per. He advised.

1st per. We advised.

2nd per. You advised.

3rd per. He advised.

5rd per. They advised.

FUTURE TENSE.

Sing.

1st per. I shall advise.

2nd per. You will advise.

2nd per. He will advise.

3rd per. He will advise.

5rd per. They will advise.

PARTICIPLES.

Imper.

Perf.

Advising.

Imperative, Advise.

Q. In conjugating the future tense, you used the word shall and will; cannot the future be conjugated without them?

A. The future tense, or any other manner of the verb in English cannot be expressed, except with shall and will, or other signs prefixed, unless in the past tense, which is inflected.

Q. What are these signs called?

A. These signs are called Auxiliary or helping verbs. from the Latin auxiliari, to help.

Q. Which are they?

A. The Irregular Verbs have, be, and do: and the Defective Verbs shall, will, may, can, let, and must, are the Auxiliary Verbs.

REGULAR AND IRREGULAR VERBS

Lesson 34.

Q. What are Regular Verbs?

A. Verbs are called regular when their past tenses and their perfect participles end in ed, as in the verb advise.

Present Tense. Past Tense. Perfect Participle, Advise. advised, advised.

Q. How do you find the past tense of a verb?

A. By thinking of what I was doing at some time gone by, I find the past tense of a verb, as—from present advise, I say for the past—Yesterday I advised.

Q. How do you find the perfect participle?

A. By prefixing the auxiliary I have, I find the perfect participle, as-I have advised.

Q. What is an irregular verb?

A. An irregular verb is one in which the past tense and perfect participle do not end in ed.

Q. What is a defective verb?

A. A defective verb is either without a form for the past tense, or the perfect participle, as -may.

Present Past. Participle, may might.

Lesson 35.

Q. Conjugate the irregular verb, to give?

PRESENT TENSE.

A. Singular. 1st per. I give. 1st per. We give. 2nd per. You give. 2nd per. You give. 3rd per. He gives, 3rd per, They give.

Singular, 1st per. I gave. 2nd per. You gave. 3rd per. He gave.

Plural. 1st per. We gave. 2nd per. You gave. 3rd per. They gave,

Plural.

FUTURE TENSE. Singular. Plural.

PAST TENSE.

1st per. I shall give. 1st per. We shall give. 2nd per. You will give. 2nd per. You will give. 3rd per, He will give. 3rd per. They will give.

PARTICIPLES.

Imperfect. Giving. Imperative give,

Perfect. given. Infinitive. To give,

THE AUXILIARIES, TENSES &C.

Lesson 56.

Q. Is it necessary to have a knowledge of the auxiliary verbs ?

A. it is necessary to have a perfect knowledge of. the use of the auxiliaries, to be, and to have, because they are prefixed to verbs, to point out the various tenses with greater certainty than could without them be expressed.

Q. Illustrate your meaning?

A. The present, past and future tenses already given, denote the time uncertainly, that is, the action is incomplete when we say-I love; but when we say

-I have loved-the time expressed is complete and perfect.

Q. Explain this more fully?

A. With the addition of the auxiliaries, we can indicate the action of the verb, in relation to time as either unfinished or imperfect, or as finished and perfect, without changing its character as past, present, or future.

Q. Then may tenses be formed differing from those

already mentioned ?

A. Besides the simple tenses already mentioned, other tenses may be formed by taking the participles and prefixing the auxiliary signs; thus we have the following

Imper. Tenses. Pres. I have loved, &c. Pres. I am loving. &c. Past, I had loved, &c. Past. I was loving &c. I shall be loving. &c. Fut. I shall have loved, &c.

Q. Can other tense be formed by other signs prefixed

A. By signs prefixed, many other tenses of verbs may be formed to express every degree or relation of time and action, -as I shall have been advising, &c.

SHALL, WILL, AND HAVE.

Lesson 37.

Q. Conjugate the verbs shall and will,

SHALL.

PRESENT TENSE.

Plural, Singular, 1st per. We shall, 1st per. I shall. 2nd per. You shall. 2nd per. You shall. 3rd per. They shall, 3rd per. He shall.

PAST TENSE.

Plural. Singular. 1st per. I should. 1st per. We should. 2nd per. You should. 2nd per. You should. 3rd per. He should. 3rd per. They should. Singular.

1st per. I will. 2nd per. You will.

3rd per. He will.

Plural. 1st per. We will. 2nd per. Yeu will. 5rd per. They will.

PAST TENSE.

Singular.

1st per. I would. 2nd per. You would. 3rd per. He would.

Plural.

1st per. We would. 2nd per. You would. 3rd per. They would,

Q. Conjugate the auxiliary to have.

TO HAVE.

PRESENT TENSE.

A. Singular.

Phulal.

1st per. I have. 2nd per. You have. 3rd per. He has,

1 1st per. We have. 2nd per. You have. 5rd per, They have,

PAST TENSE,

Singular.

Plural.

1st per. I had.
2nd per, You had.
2nd per. You had.
3rd per. He had.
5rd per. They had.

FUTURE TENSE,

Singular. - 1st per. I shall or will have.

2nd per. You shall or will have, 3rd per, He shall or will have.

Plural. - 1st per. We shall or will have. 2nd per. You shall or will have. 3rd per. They shall or will have,

PARTICIPLES.

Imperfect. Having. Perfect.

Imperative, Have

Infinitive, To have

CONJUGATION OF TO BE.

Lesson 38.

Q. Conjugate the verb to be, in connexion with the auxiliaries ?

TO BE.

PRESENT TENSE IMPERFECT.

Singular. 1st per. I am. 2nd per. You are. 3rd per. He is.

Plural. 1st per. We are. 2nd per. You are. 3rd per. They are.

PAST TENSE IMPERFECT.

Singular. 1st per. I was. 2nd per. You were.

3rd per. He was.

1st per. We were. 2nd per. You were. 3rd per. They were.

Plural.

FUTURE TENSE IMPERFECT.

Singular.

Plural. 1st per. I shall be. | 1st per. We shall be. 2nd per. You shall be.

2nd per. You shall be. 3rd per. He shall be.

3rd per. They shall be.

PRESENT TENSE PERFECT.

Singular.

Plural. 1st per. I have been. 1st per. We have been. 2nd per. You have been, 2nd per. You have been. 3rd per. He has been. 3rd per. They have been.

PAST TENSE PERFECT.

Singular.

Plural.

1st per. I had been. 1st per. We had been. 3rd per. He had been.

2nd per. You had been. 2nd per. You had been. 3rd per. They had been. Singular.—1st per. I shall have been.

2nd per. You will have been.

5rd per. He will have been.

Plural—1st per. We shall have been.

2nd per. You will have been.

2nd per. You will have been.

5rd per. They will have been.

PARTICIPLES.

Imperfect. Being.

Perfect. been.

Infinitive, To be.

Imperative, Be.

ON THE TENSES.

Lesson 39.

Q. What does the present tense imperfect denote?

A. The present tense imperfect shews an action going on at this present time, but not finished; as—I am advising you now.

Q. What does the past imperfect shew?

A. The past tense imperfect shews an action past, but not finished at the time spoken of; as—I was advising you yesterday.

Q. What does the future imperfect shew?

A. The future tense imperfect shews a future action that will not be finished at the time spoken of; as—I shall be advising you to-morrow.

Q. What does the present tense perfect denote?

A. The present tense perfect shews an action finished, but still in effect existing; as—I have advised you now.

Q. What does the past verfect express?

A. The past tense perfect expresses an action as finished some time ago; as-I had advised you before yesterday.

Q. What is the suture tense persect?

A. The future tense perfect declares that an action will be finished at some future time; as—I shall have advised you before this time to-morrow.

ON MOOD.

Lesson 40.

Q. Have you anything further to state respecting the verb to be?

A. The verb to be has an inflection to express a manner or condition, which no other verb has. This inflection is called mood, which means mode or manner.

Q. Have not English verbs, then, generally that which is called mood?

A. With the single exception of to be, verbs have no change by which a different mode of action can be expressed.

Q. Explain this by an example?

A. For instance—I may or can love—is said to be the verb love in the Potential Mood, as implying liberty or power, but in reality it is the word may or can, which expresses liberty or power, and not the verb love.

Q. How, then, is it that Grammars generally have verbs arranged under moods?

A. Because learned men have endeavoured to make our language conform to the structure of the Latin language, which has such moods.

Q. Give an illustration?

A. In Latin we have.

Indicative Mood. P. Moneo, I advise. Monean

Moneam, I may or can advise.

where there is a difference in the word which expresses advise, but in English there is none.

Lesson 41.

Q. Will you now give the inflection of the verb

TO BE.

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

PRESENT TENSE.

1st per. If I be.
2nd per. If you be.
5rd per. If he be.

1st per. If we be.
2nd per. If you be.
3rd per. If they be.
PAST TENSE.

Singular.

1st per. If I were.

2nd per. If you were.

5rd per. If he were.

5rd per. If he were.

5rd per. If they were.

5rd per. If they were.

Q. What is the meaning of subjunctive?

A. The term subjunctive is derived from the Latin sub, under, and jungere, to join, because it is usually joined to another sentence or dependent upon another verb, and implies a condition; as—I would go, if he were ready.

Q. Give another example?

A. Another form of the subjunctive mood is contained in the following sentence—If he be there, and if he say anything, give him this.

Q. What have you to observe respecting this form?

A. The same meaning is conveyed without the subjunctive; as—If he is there and if he says anything give him this,—because the doubt or contingency is expressed in the word if, which is merely a contraction of the old English gif, or give.

Q. Will you explain still further?

A. The word if means just the same as gwe that, or allow: so that when I say—If he is there—it is equal to saying—Give that he is there, or—Allow he is there.

Lason 42.

Q. Is the subjunctive frequently used?

A. The subjunctive form of the verb is scarcely ever used now in conversation, or by the best writers of the present day.

Q. When should the subjunctive be used ?

A. The subjunctive should only be used when future contingency is to be expressed.

Q. Give an explanation?

A. It would be wrong to say—If an effort is now made it would be successful—because this is as much as affirming that an effort now at this present is made, when the true meanig of the expression is—If an effrot should be made, or were to be made, it would be successful.

Q Is there any real need for the subjunctive?

A. There is no need of the subjunctive for expressing past or present doubt and contingency, as in these cases I can take the usual past and present tenses of the verb. To express future contingency, must use the auxiliaries, shall and should, with the infinitive be.

Q. Give some examples in the present and past

tenses?

A. Speaking in the present tense, I need not use the subjunctive, but may say—If the boy is good be will have a reward.—He shall be punished if he has taken it. And in the past tense—If it was true I am sorry to hear it—Tell me if Gustavus has been there.

Q. Give an example of the future?

A. The subjunctive must be used in speaking of future contingency, as -We shall go to-morrow, if it be fine; or more properly—if it should be fine.

PASSIVE VERBS.

Lesson 43.

Q. Are not some verbs called passive?

A. Some verbs are called passive, but not properly so, as they do not become passive in meaning by in-

flection but by the addition of an auxiliary; as—I advised—is active, but by prefixing the word am, it is said to become passive; thus—I am advised.

Q. Did you not say that participles are sometimes called active and passive?

A. The participles when they are used with the various tenses of the verb to be are called active or passive, according as they give an active or a passive signification to the expression.

Q. Conjugate the active and passive participles advising and auvised, in connexion with the tenses of to be? (See verb to be, page 37.)

ACTIVE.

PRESENT TENSE IMPED

	0. ,	IMPERFE	31.
1st per. 2nd per.	Tou are anvising.	and per.	Plural. We are advising. You are advising. They are advising.

Singular. 1st per. I was advising. 1st per. We were advising.
2nd per. You were advising. 2nd per. You were advising.
5rd per. He was advising. 5rd per. They were advising.

PUTURE TENSE IMPERFECT.

Singular.—1st per.	I shall be advising.
2nd per.	You will be advising.
5rd per.	He will be advising.
Plural.—1st per.	We shall be advising.
2nd per.	You will be advising.
3rd per.	They will be advising

PRESENT TENSE PERFECT.

Singular.—1st per.	I have been advising.
2nd per.	You have been advising.
3rd per.	He has been advising.
Plural.—1st per.	We have been advising.
2nd per.	You have been advising.
3rd per.	They have been advising.

PAST TENSE PERFECT.

Singular.—1st per. 2nd per.	I had been advising. You had been advising,
3rd per.	He had been advising.
Plural.—1st per. 2nd per.	We had been advising. You had been advising.
3rd per.	They had been advising,

FUTURE TENSE PERFEGT,

Singular.—1st per.	I shall have been advising,
2nd per.	You will have been advising,
3rd per.	He will have been advising.
Plural.—1st per.	We shall have been advising,
2nd per.	You will have been advising.
3rd per.	They will have been advising.

PASSIVE.

PRESENT TENSE IMPERFECT,

2nd	ner.	Singular. I am advised, You are advised. He is advised.	1st per. 2nd per.	Plural. We are advised, You are advised. They are advised,
2nd	per.	I was advised. You were advised. He was advised,	1st per. 2nd per.	We were advised. You were advised,

FUTURE TENSE IMPERFECT

Singular.—1st pe	er. I shall be advised, er. You will be advised,
3rd pe	r. He will be advised.
2nd pe	er. You will be advised,

2nd per. You have been advised.
3rd per. He has been advised.

Plural.—1st per. We have been advised,

2nd per. You have been advised.

3rd per. They have been advised,

PAST TENSE PERFECT.

Singular. -1st per. I had been advised.

2nd per. You had been advised.

3rd per. He had been advised.

Plural.—1st per. We had been advised.

2nd per. You had been advised.

3rd per. They had been advised.

FUTURE TENSE PERFECT.

Singular.-1st per. I shall have been advised.

2nd per. You will have been advised.

3rd per. He will have been advised.

Plural.-1st per. We shall have been advised.

2nd per. You will have been advised.

3rd per. They will have been advised,

INFLECTION OF ADVERBS.

Lesson 46,

Q. Are adverbs inflected?

A. There are not many adverbs varied by inflection; some, however, have degrees of comparison similarly to adjectives; the comparison is chiefly made by adding er or est to the positive form,

Q. Give some examples,

ACVERBS.

A. Positive. Badly, Late, Little, Much, Near' Often, Soon, Wall	Comparative. Worse, Later, Less, More, Nearer, Oftener, Sooner, Retter	Superlative. Worst. Latese. Least. Most. Nearest & next. Oftenest. Soonest. Best.
Well,	Better,	Best.

Q. Are not some adverbs called Compound?

A. Some adverbs are called Compound adverbs and are formed of two or more words, as—anywhere (any where); thenceforth (thence forth); to-day; now-a-days,—and many others.

Q Which adverbs are derived from adjectives?

A Adverbs derived from adjectives are principally adverbs of manner. and are generally formed by adding by to the adjective; as—wretched, wretechedly: righteous, righteously, &e.

Q. How is the adverb formed if the adjective ends

in y and le?

A. When the adjective ends in y the adverb is formed by changing y into i and adding ly to it as—happy, happily. When the adjective ends in le, the adverb is formed by changing e into y, as—terribly.

(See appendix 2.)

PART V.-SYNTAX.

Lesson 47.

Q. What is Syntax?

A. Syntax consists of those rules of grammar, which teach us to place words together in such arrangement as to form correct sentences. The word is derived from the Greek syn, together, and taxis, to arrange, or place together.

Q. Which is the first rule of syntax?

A. Rule 1. A verb must be in the same number and person as the nominative case.

Q. Is this expression correct ?—He talk very much. A. The sentence—He talk very much—is not correct, because the verb talk not being the third person singular number, is not in agreement with the naminative case He, which is the third person, singular number.

Q. Give some other examples?

A. The expression—One of my rabbits are dead should be - One of my rabbits is dead -in order that the verb may agree with the nominative case, one.-H' knowledge of Greek and Latin shew his learning-should be-His knowledge of Greek and Latin shews his learning -that the verb shews may be in the same number an person as knowlepge, the nominative.

Q. Give another application of this rule?

A. When the nominative case is a noun which although singular in form, speaks of many, the rule must be applied according as the idea of singular or plural is intended to be conveyed; thus we say-the public is informed-mankind is governed by appearances-because we think of the public and mankind as one body; but we may say-the people are suffering,-because we think of the suffering being that of a number of persons.

Lesson 48.

Q. What is the second rule of syntax?

A. Rule 2. The Objective case of nouns and of pronouns must follow an active verb or preposition.

Q. Give an example of this rule? A. Johan struck Charles, because he disliked him. In

this sentence, the noun Charles is objective, after the verb struck: and the pronoun him is the objective after the verb distiked.

Q. Another example?

A. In the phrase-He sat by Victor-the noun Victor is said to be the objective case, after, or governed by the preposition by.

Lesson 49.

Q. Which is the third rule of syntax ?

A. Rule 5. The verb to be requires a nominative case of a pronoun or noun after it, as well as before it.

Q. Do we mean only the words to be?

A. We mean by the verb to be, that verb in all its inflections, as the words am, is, are, was, were, &c. which are parts of the verb to be.

Q. Correct the phrase-Charles is him-and explain

why it should be altered ?

A. The phrase-Charles is him-is not correct; it should be-Charles is he-because the noun Charles being in the nominative case, I must put the same case after is, (a part of the verb to be,) according to the rule; therefore I use the nominative pronoun he.

Q. Correct the following sentences-It is me. It was

not her who did it ?

A. To speak correctly, I must say-It is I. It was not she who did it.

Q. Is there a reason for this rule?

A. The reason why the nominative case must follow the verb to be, is because that verb implies being or existence only, and not action.

Q. Explain this further?

A. If to be, were an active verb, I should completely alter the meaning of any sentence by changing the places of the nouns or pronouns; as in-I love you, -love being an active verb, by transposing the pronouns I should have to say-You love me-but in the phrase -Newton was a wise man-I make no alteration in the sense by saying-A wise man was Newton-because to be expresses only being or existing.

Q. What is the next rule of syntax?

A. Rule 4. When two nouns with different meanings come together, the first must be in the possessive case; but when the nouns signify the same person or thing, they must be in the same case.

Q. Give some examples?

- A. If I say—this is Sidney's kite—the noun Sidney is in the possessive case. Sidney being the possessor of the kite—so also—Alfred's book—the lion's mane, & c.
- Q. Now some examples of the other part of this
- A. When two nouns signify the same thing, they must be put in the same case: in—Byron the poet—both nouns are uominative, as they point out the same person.

Lesson 51.

Q. Give another rule of syntax?

A. Rule 5. When two verbs come together, the latter must be put in the infinitive, as I try to write.

Q. Is anything applying to this rule to be obser-

ved ?

A. The to of the infinitive must be omitted after the verbs bid, ean, dare, feel, hear, let, make, may, must, need, shall, see and will.

Q. Explain this further, ?

A. We must say—I can write—not—I can to write

-You may go—not—You may to go.

Lesson 52.

Q. What is the next rule of syntax ?

A. Rule 6. When verbs relating to time are in connexion with each other, the proper tense of each must be used.

Q. Explain the rule by an example?

A. It is wrong to say-I meant to have writtenwe ought to say-I meant to write.

Q. Illustrate the rule still further?

A. We often say—I should have liked to have gone—instead of—I should have liked to go—for at the time spoken of, to go was the thing desired, not—to have gone.

Lesson 55.

Q. Give another rule of syntax ?

A. Rule 7. Pronouns must agree in number gender, case, and person with the nouns, instead of which they are used.

Q. Shew me an example of the rule ?

A. In the sentence—the boy learns his lesson—the pronoun his is of the singular number, masculine gender, possessive case, third person, as the noun boy's would be, for which the pronoun his is used.

Q. Correct the phrase-Every one to their seats?

A. This should be—Every one to his seat—because one being in the singular number, &c. the pronoun his agrees with it, and not the pronoun their.

Lesson 54.

Q. Which is the next rule of syntax?

A. Rule 8. Conjunctions must connect the same cases together; as—Sam and I went.—He called Sam and me.

Q. Why do you say Sam and I in one case, and Sam and me in the other?

A. Because the word Sam in the first sentence is in the nominative case, and in the second it is in the objective case, after the verb called. Therefore. I put the pronouns which follow the conjunction and in the same cases. The first is equivalent to saying—Sam went, and I went—the other is the same as—He called Sam, and he called me.

Q. Are there many other rules of syntax?

A. There are many other rules of syntax, but they are at present of minor importance, and may be left for study until some future time. The rules already given are the principal ones, and if they are clearly understood, will enable any one to guard against gross mis-

PUNCTUATION OR POINTING.

Lesson 55.

Q. What are the points and stops made use of in writing?

A. The stops used in writing and in printing are the Comma (,), the Semi-colon (;), the Colon (:), the Period or Full Stop (.), the Interrogation (?), and the Exclamation, or Note of Admiration (!).

Q. What is the use of the comma?

A. The comma shews the shortest pause that we usually make in speaking.

Q. What is the use of the semi-colon?

A. The semi-colon implies a longer pause than the comma denotes, and is used to divide portions of a sentence which the comma would be insufficient to keep

Q. What is the colon?

A. The colon marks the end of a sentence, when there is another sentence beyond, which renders the sense complete.

Q. What is the full stop?

A. The period, or full stop, is used at the end of every completed sentence; and after abbreviated words, as Nom. for Nominative, S. for South, Q. and A. for question and answer.

Q. What is the use of the interrogation?

A. The interrogation is used to denote that a question is asked.

Q. What does the note of admiration or exclamation shew?

A. The exclamation shows which words or sentences are to be taken as exclamatory,

Q. Is it necessary to know how to use these stops?

A. It is desirable to be able to use the points in a proper manner, because the meaning of a sentence may semetimes he completely altered by the pointing.

Q. Give an example of incorrect pointing?

A. Julius Cæsar landed twice upon the island the first time; he did little more than debark his troops and drive off the natives the second time; he advanced into the country and crossed the Thames.

Q. Correct the pointing in the above sentence?

A. Julius Cæsar landed twice upon the island; the first time he did little more than debark his troops, and drive off the natives; the second time he advanced into the country and crossed the Thames.

Q. Are there any rules for using the stops?

A. There are no precise rules for pointing, it must be left to the taste and judgment, and depends upon the sense in which the subject is to be understood.

MARKS USED IN WRITING AND.

PRINTING.

Lesson 56.

Q. What other marks are used in writing and printing ?

A. The Parenthesis (), the Apostrophe ('), the Asterisk (*), the Cross (+), the Parallels (||), the Paragraph (¶), and the Section (§).

Q. What is the parenthesis used for ?

A. The parenthesis is used to enclose one sentence within another; as-He appeared and waved his bonnet (the signal agreed on) on the summit of the hill.

Q, For what purpose is the apostrophe used?

A. The aportrophe is used to contract a word; as-

boro' for borough, and to mark the possessive case, as

Q. For what are the other signs used?

A. The other signs are generally used to refer to some note at the bottom of a page; the ¶ is also used to mark off a paragraph in the Bible, and § is sometimes used instead of the word section.

Q. What is a hyphen?

A. A hyphen is a mark used to join syllables or words together; as al-ready, semi-colon; it is thus mar-

Q. What is a caret?

A. The caret is a sign of something left out and of a contracted syllable; it is marked thus (A).

ON PARSING.

Lesson 57.

Q. What is Parsing?

A. Parsing is telling to what part of speech any word belongs, what are its inflections, and what relation it has to other words in a sentence.

Q. How is par ing to be learnt?

A. A knowledge of parsing cannot be altogether acquired from rules, or from lists of words of the various parts of speech.

Q. How can this be?

A. In the exercises on the parts of speech (page 15) the same word was seen to be an adjective, a noun, and a verb, according to its relation with the other words in the sentence.

Q. If, then, there is this uncertainty as to what part of speech a word belongs, how are we able to parse?

A. By careful attention to the principles and rules which have been given, we may generally be able to tell to what part of speech any word belongs,

PARSING TABLE

CONTRACTOR AND STRUCTURE AND S	Rule
VERB.	Kind? Tense? Person? Number? Agreement? Syntax?
Noun.	Kind? Gender? Number? Case?
PRONOUN.	Kind? Gender? Person? Number? Case? Rule?
ADJECTIVE.	Kind? Comparison? Referring to what Noun?
PARTICIPLE.	Kind? Referring to what Noun? From what Verb?
ADVERB.	Kind? Comparison? From what Adjective?
PREPOSITION. CONJUNCTION. INTERJECTION.	Muh ,

Lesson 58.

Q. Parse the following sentence-A bee amongst the flowers in spring is one of the most cheerful objects; its life appears to be all enjoyment?

A. A-is an indefinite numeral adjective, referring

to the noun bee.

bee-common noun; common gender; singular number; nominative case to the verb is. (Answers to question What is? see page 21.

amongst-preposition, shewing the relation between bee

and flowers.

the-adjective, pointing out the noun flowers.

flowers-common noun; neuter gender; plural number; objective case; after preposition amongst. Rule 2, Syntax. The objective case of nouns, pronouns, &c.

in preposition, shewing the relation between flowers and

spring-proper noun; neuter gender; (in poetry sometimes feminine.) singular number; objective case;

after preposition in Rule 2.

is-auxiliary verb, inflection of to be; present tense; third person; singular number; agreeing with the nominative case bee Rule 1. A verb must be &c.

one-numeral adjective; cardinal; no ounparison.

of-preposition.

the-adjective, demonstrating most cheerful objects.

most—adverb of quantity; superlative degree; from much. cheer/ul-adjective.

most cheerful-general adjective; superlative degree, referring to noun objects.

objects-common noun; neuter gender; plural number, objective case. Rule 2.

its-pronoun; personal; common gender; third person, singular number; possessive case.

life-noun abstract; singular number; nominative

case to verb appears. (What appears? Ans, life appears. See page 21.)

appears-verb, regular intransitive; present tense; third person; singular number; agreeing with nominative ease life. Rule 1.

to be-verb in the infinitive after verb appears. Rule 5. When two verb come together, &c.

all-indefinite numeral adjective; no comparison; refer-

ring to noun enjoyment.

enjoyment-abstract noun; singular number; objective* case after the compound verb appears to be. (What does life appear to be? Ans. all enjoyment; therefore enjoyment is objective. Rule 2, syntax).

CAUTIONS.

Lesson 59.

Q. Give me some examples of improper and inelegant expression and correct them

A The present tense is often improperly used instead of the past; as-He come home yesterday,- which

should be-He came home yesterday.

The present tense should not be used instead of the future; as-I hope he comes to-morrow-for-I hope he will come home to-morrow-Who preaches to-night? -instead of-Who will preach to night?

The past tense of an irregular verb must not be used instead of the perfect participle; thus-He has took it—instead of—He has taken it. I should have went -ought to be-I should have gone.

^{*} Although an intransitive verb does not take an objective case after it, yet there are some exceptions to this rule, of which the above is one; in fact the compound verb (appears to be) gives no completed meaning and therefore repuires an accusative after it.

The participle must not be used for the past tense, as—He done it, should be—He did it.

Q. How should the past tense and the participle

A. The perfect participle follows the verbs have and be, the past tense does not; as, past tense, I advised. Perfect participle, To be advised. Past tense, They spoke. Perfect participle, They have spoken.

Q. Are not adjectives sometimes inproperly used in-

A. Yes: we ought not to say—She plays beautiful,—but—She plays beautifully. He is a particular good boy—should be—He is a particularly good boy. He knows his lesson perfect—ought to be—He knows his lesson perfectly.

Q. Correct the following expressions-I got a new

knife.—He has got book?

- A. Got is a vulgar and generally redundant word often used instead of the verb to have. Instead of the above phrases, we should say—I have a new knife. He has my book.
- Q. Correct this expression—John has been and struck me?
- A. This should be—John has struck me—or—John came and struck me.
- He laid there all day?

A. Lie down on the grass. He lay there all day.

Q. Name the past tenses and perfect participles of lay and lie?

A.

Present Tense. Past Tense. Participle.

(I) lay, to place. (I) laid. (I have) laid.

(I) lie, to lie down. (I) lay. (I have) lain.

Q. Correct these expressions—Set down. He set there?

A. Sit down. He sat there.

Q. Name the past tenses and perfect participles of set and sit?

Present Tense. Past Tense. Participle.

(I) set (a trap). (I) set. (I have) set

(I) sit (down). (I) sat. (I have) sitten.

PART VI.- PROSODY.

Lesson 60.

Q. Whati s Prosedy?

A. Prosody, from Pros, to, and ode, a song is that branch of Grammar which relates to pronunciation and versification.

Q. What is pronunciation?

A. Pronunciation is the tone of voics, and manner of speech which we use in reading or speaking.

Q. What further have you to say of pronunciation?

A. That branch of prosody which relates to pronunciation is divided into accent and intonation.

Q. What is accent?

A. Accent is the emphasis of greater stress of voice which is used in pronuncing certain syllables; the word is from the Latin accentus, a tone.

Q. How is the accent marked?

A. The principal is marked ('), and denotes that a greater stress is to be laid on a syllable; as—rapture. The inferior accent, marked thus ('), shews a lesser degree of force, as—accèss,

Q. What is intonation?

A. Intonaion is the rising or the falling of the voice, suitably to the subject which is being read or spoken; from the Latin in, in; tonare to sound loud.

Q. What is versification?

A. Versification is the art of poetry, or the arrangement of words into sentences of regular accented intervals, Q. Will it be necessary to enter fully into the subject of prosody?

A. At present, it will be scarcely useful to enter more fully into the subject of prosody, especially as pronunciation may be considered to belong properly to the art of rhetoric.

Q. What is Rhetoric?

A. Rhetoric is an advanced kind of Grammar, from rhetorike, oratory, the art of speaking and writing with elegance,

APPENDIX.

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1. NOUNS DERIVED FROM THE ANCIENT.

LANGUAGES.

Singular.	Plural.	Singular,	Plural.
Antithesis	Antitheses	Erratum	Errata
Appendix	Appendices*		Genii *
Arcanum	Arcana	Genus	Genera
Automaton	Automata *	Hypothesis	Hypotheses
Axis	Axes	Index	Indices *
Basis	Bases	Lamina	Lamince
Calx	Calcess	Magus	Magi
Cherub	Cherubim	Medium	Media *
Crisis	Crises	Memorandum	Memoranda *
Criterion	Criteria	Metamorphosis	Metamorphoses
Datum	Data	Phenomenon	Phenomena
Dieresis	Dicereses	Radius	Radii
Effluvium	Effluvia	Seraph	Seraphim
Ellipsis	Ellipses	Stamen	Stamina
Emphasis	Emphases	Stratum	Strata
Encomium	Encomia *	Vortex	Vortices

. Those marked thus * form their plural also regularly,

II-ADVERBS,

In order to facilitate the progress of the pupil in parsing, the following lists of Adverbs, Prepositions, and Conjunctions are given for raference, as being word; less easily recognised than the other parts of speech.

ADVERBS OF MANNER,

Answering to how?

Adverbs of manner are very numerous, and are mostly formed from adjective by adding the terminaton ly and may generally be compared by the words more and most prefixed.

APPENDIX. Alone Covertly At once Desperately Alternately Despondingly Awkwardiy Daringly Fast Badly Blindly Boldly Carefully Foolishly Gracefully Carelessly Incautiously Madly Calmly

Cautiously
Openly
These and all other adverbs formed from their corresponding adjectives, answer to the question how? How did
they go? Ans. Alone, or at once, or alternately. All
the above adverbs may be used in reply.

Rapidly Recklessty

Resolutely Swiftly

Slowly

Singly

Timidly

Stealthily

Separately Thoughtfully

ABSWERING to whome 2

Auswering	O where ? whomas	9 1
Abed	Down ! whence	
About		Near
Above	Downward	Nigh
Abroad	Elsewhere	Nowhere
	Everywhere	Off
Across	Far	On
After	Forth	Onward
Along	Forward	Over
Inywhere	Further	Out
part	Hard by	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE
Around	The second secon	Outside
side	Hence	Outward
	Here	Round
t hand	Herein	Somewhere
it home	Hereabouts	Thence
way	High	There
ack	Hither	Thereabouts
ackward	Hitherward	Thither
efore	Home	THE SHOP STATE OF THE STATE OF
ehind	WILLIAM AND THE PARTY OF THE PA	Thitherward
	Homeward	Throughout
elow	In	Together
eneath	Inward	Under
y	Low	Undermost

'Adverbs of Situation-Continued.

Underneath	Upward	Without
Up	Whithersoever	Wherever
Uppermost	Within	Yonder

PRINCIPAL ADVERBS OF TIME.

Answering to when?

Ago	Hereafter	Now-a-days
Already	Henceforth	Perpetually
Always	Henceforward	Presently
Anon	Hitherto	Soon
At present	Instantiv	Some time ago
Before	Incessantly	Speedily
Continually	Immediately	Still
Early	Lately	Till
Eternally	Last	Thenceforth
Ere now	Late	Thenceforward
Ere long	Long	To-day
Ever	Long ago	To-morrow
First	Next	Until
Formerly	Now	Yesterday

PRINCIPAL ADVERBS OF QUANTITY.

Answering to how much?

Almost	Least	Scarcely
Altogether	Much	Something
Downright	More	Thus
Enough	Most	Too
A little	Quite	Very
Less	Scarce	

Answering to how often?

Oft	Now-and-then	Hourly
Often	Never	Daily
Frequently	Once	Weekly
Sometimes	Twice	Monthl
Seldom	Thrice	Yearly

ADVERBS OF AFFIRMATION.

Certainly Doubtless Really	Surely Truly Verily	Yea Yes Undoubtedly
No	ADVERBS OF DENIAL Not no-wis	
When	Why Where	
Perhaps Perchance	Peradventure Probably	Possibly
III	PRINCIPAL PREPOSIT	IONS.
About	Betwixt	Round
Across	Beyond By	Since
After	Down Throughout	
Against	During Till Till	
Along	For	To
Amidst	From Towards	
Amongst	In	Upon
Around	Into Near	Until
Before	Of	Unto
Behind	Off	Underneath
Below	On	With
Beneath	Out	Within
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Over

Beside

Between

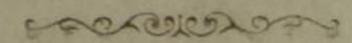
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APPENDIX.

Some of these prepositions have alrady been given in the list of adverbs, as according to their use in any sentence, many words vary in their character, and belong sometimes to one part of speech, sometimes to another; the pupil, by analyzing the sentence, will soon be able to tell accurately the proper character of each word,

IV .- PRINCIPAL CONJUNCTIONS.

As	However	Only
And	Hence	Still
Also	Indeed	Since
Although	If	So
Besides	Lest	Too
But	Likewise	Though
Both	Moreover	Therefore
Because	Nevertheless	Than
Consequently	Now	Then
Even	Nor	Unless
Else	Neither	While
Either	Notwithstanding	Whereas
Except	Or	Yet
For	Otherwise	



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