

woman,' should be, They were more beautiful than any other woman, or, the most beautiful of all women.

'My health is better than it was when you was here.' If you use you as plural, say were.

Don't is a contraction of do not, and must not be used in the place of does not; as, 'He don't understand French'—a very common error.

We say, 'The house is building,' and not is being built; but authorities disagree on this point. 'The money was divided between fifty.' Say, among fifty.

'This is none other but the house of God.' Than the house of God.

The disjunctive nature of or must be borne in mind in construction of sentences. And joins particulars but or disjoins them. We say, 'William and Sarah are coming;' but 'William or Sarah is coming.'

Many persons are too refined to use the past participle of the verb to drink, to begin, to run, and substitute the imperfect tense; as, 'I have drank,' 'he has begun,' 'they have ran.' These are errors, who ever may furnish the examples. Say, I have drunk, he has begun, they have run.

'The dinner was ate in silence.' Say eaten, and correct the following examples by the same rule:

'The meeting was soon broke up.'  
'He has trod on my toes.'  
'Jane has fell down stairs.'  
'She has chose very wisely.'  
'The boys have broke a window.'  
'The French is spoke in Belgium.'  
'Disputes have frequently arose.'  
'The book was gave to Luc.'  
'The sun had rose.'  
'Peter has wrote a very good letter.'  
'He has forgot his lesson.'  
'I have always gave him good advice.'  
'The cloth was was wave in Lowell.'  
'The pond is froze.'  
'Some one has took my book.'  
'The cow was drove home.'

'The doctor has not yet came.' You should say come.

'I see him last week,' should be, I saw him last week.

'He boldly asserted that there was no God.' That there is no God.

'He was no sooner departed than they expelled his officers.' Say, He had no sooner, etc.

'Was you reading when I came in?' Say, Were you reading.

'She can read better than me.' Say, than I.

The comparative degree of adjectives relates to two things only, the superlative to more than two. 'The richest of the two,' 'The best of the two,' and 'The eldest of the two' are therefore incorrect phrases. Say, the richer, the better, and the elder.

When pointing out a person, do not say, 'That is him,' or 'That is her,' but, 'That is he,' or 'That is she.'

'This much is certain,' should be, Thus much is certain, or So much is certain.

'At some time or another,' should be, At some time or other.

'You are mistaken.' Say, 'You mistake.' If I mistake not, should also be used instead of the common but erroneous form, 'If I am not mistaken.'

'She has such a bad temper.' You should say, So bad a temper.

'The murderer was hung last week.' Hang, to take away life is a regular verb, and makes hanged in the past tense.

'I have not been there this twenty year.' It should be, these twenty years.

'Which house do you live in? It is better to say, In which house do you live?

'Say, The first two, and not The two first. There can be but one first. Say, also, The last two, for same reason.

'I have a new pair of gloves.' Which is 'new,' the pair or the gloves? Say, A pair of new gloves.

Right and wrong do not admit degrees or comparison, therefore do not say, 'Very right,' or 'Very wrong.'

'Was I in your place I would go.' Were I.

'James lost near ten dollars.' Say, Nearly ten dollar.

'I eat heartily this morning,' should be, I ate heartily, etc.

Say, A summer morning, and not, 'A summer's morning.'

She said, 'I can not tell whether he loves me or no.' She should have used not instead of no.

Say, My eldest brother, and not 'My oldest brother.' Elder and eldest are applied to persons, older and oldest to things.

Landlords often increase the rent of their houses and call the process raising it. 'I am going to raise your rent,' one of them said to his tenant. 'Thank you,' was the reply, 'for I am utterly unable to raise it myself.'

'I intended to have written yesterday.' Say, I intended to write, etc.

'Such another victory, and we should be ruined,' should be, Another such victory.

It is better to say relatives than relations.

'He is very much the gentleman.' Say simply a gentleman, or very gentlemanly.

'You have not done the work good.' Good what? Say well.

'The rapidity of his movements were beyond example.' Rapidity is a noun in the nominative case, and should govern the verb; but rapidity is of the singular number, while the verb were has the plural form. It should be was. The intervening noun, movements, which is plural, led to the error; but movements is in the objective case, and is governed by the preposition of.

'Everybody are kind to her.' Is kind.

'Wisdom or folly govern us.' Governs us.

'If I was a Greek I should resist Turkish despotism.' If I were a Greek.

'Had I ought to do it?' No. Say, Ought I to do it?

'Whom they sat at defiance.' Set.

'Neither riches nor fame render a man happy.' Say renders; nor disjoin words.

'Many die annually from the cholera.' Say, of the cholera.

[To be Continued.]

[For the Deseret News.]

### WINE:

The draught they drink, who pledge to death,  
The demon with the tainted breath;  
The cup of wo, the seed of pain,  
The viper that consumes the brain.

Heard ye those bursts of revelry, which came  
From the proud fancies, reared to the god of wine?  
And knew ye not, they were the hands of flame,  
Which blind the slaves of error to her shrine?  
And felt ye not, by every maddening shout,  
The purity of some weak heart was slain?  
The last pale light, in some dark road went out!  
Or some new victim bowed to folly's chain?

Those peals of boisterous mirth, oh! sound they not  
Like the wild knell, that rings the notes of doom  
O'er hearts, whose conscience tones are all forgot,  
And makes men victims for an early tomb?  
Stay! enter not the demon's hall of power,  
Step not within the subtle web he weaves,  
Nor linger in the tainted air an hour,  
Which death's cold milder on the spirit leaves!

Peace!—mark the wretched victim, lingering still,  
S riving in vain to tear himself away,  
And feebly raising his poor wasted will  
'Gainst the stern mandates of a tyrant's sway;  
He stills the wild reproaches of his heart  
At last, and bows without the power to strive—  
And vacantly he hoes, and acts his part,  
A trembling aspen, powerless, yet alive.

Go to the home, o'er which the demons' breath  
The fell simoon of misery hath swept!  
Gaze on the altar, where the fire of death  
Hath o'er the wreck of pure affection crept!  
G! see the pale, worn mothers' tear,  
Bathe the hot forehead of her starving child!  
Then, if ye can, go toss the cup and sneer  
At the pure joys on folly's altar piled.

G.S.L. CITY, May, 1859.

S. E. C.

We present to the people the Deseret Alphabet, but have not adopted any rules to bind the taste, judgment or preference of any. Such as it is you have it, and we are sanguine that the more it is practised and the more intimately the people become acquainted with it, the more useful and beneficial it will appear.

The characters are designed to represent the sounds for which they stand, and are so used. Where one stands alone, the name of the character or letter is the word, it being the only sound heard. We make no classification into vowels, consonants, &c., considering that to be of little or no consequence; the student is therefore at liberty to deem all the characters vowels, or consonants, or starters, or stoppers, or whatever else he pleases.

In the orthography of the published examples, Webster's pronunciation will be generally followed, though it will be varied from when general usage demands. All words having the same pronunciation will be spelled alike, and the reader will have to depend upon the context for the meaning of such words.

Since the arrival of the matrices, &c., for casting the Deseret Alphabet, it has been determined to adopt another character to represent the sound of Ew, but until we are prepared to cast that character, the characters Ew will be used to represent the sound of Ew in NEW. The characters Ew are sounded as AI in HAIR, for which one character will also be used, so soon as it can be procured.

### DESERET ALPHABET.

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SWAMPED.—The Legislature of California dispatched business with such rapidity, towards the close of the session, that Gov. Weller, who is reported as being a fast man, was completely overwhelmed with the verbose nature and multiplicity of the bills that were sent to him for his consideration and approval.

Altho' extremely annoyed with the presentation of such an amount of Legislative productions at that late hour, much of which was so mystified and obscurely written that it was no easy matter to ascertain the true intent and meaning, his Excellency took it coolly and what he had not time to read and fully comprehend, he returned, accompanied with a message of which the following were the closing paragraphs:—

"I have to remark that in many of these bills there are clerical errors, which ought to have been corrected before presentation to me, but I have not felt at liberty to withhold my approval on that account. In some of them words have been erased and others substituted, whether with or without the consent of the Legislature I cannot determine. Sixty five bills—some of them of great length—were placed in my hands on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Of this number thirty eight were delivered on yesterday, and notwithstanding I devoted the whole of Sunday to their consideration, I find this morning that it is physically impossible to read, much less understand, them all.

The enclosed list will show your honorable body the number and character of the bills which I have been able to read by their titles only. It is probable that nearly all these would have received my approval if an opportunity had been afforded to examine them. But it will be seen by their titles that many of them are of an important character and require investigation. As a matter of course it cannot be expected that I will approve an act until I comprehend its contents. As I learn, unofficially, however, that the Legislature is about to adjourn, I have deemed it my duty to advise you of these facts.

There is another subject to which I must respectfully call your attention. I have made every effort in my power to secure the passage of some law which would settle the State Prison difficulty. But the Legislature is about to adjourn without disposing of this question, and under the decision of the Supreme Court, unless reversed on rehearse, the Prison in a few days will pass into the hands of the lessee, McCauley. In the meanwhile the Governor, and some of his friends who happened to be with him when he took possession under the order of the last Legislature, will be harassed with lawsuits.

The system of leasing the convicts and giving the control of them to private individuals, is as obnoxious to the people as it is to me; and I must earnestly invoke your honorable body to take the necessary steps to prevent this calamity. To suffer that prison to fall again into the hands of the lessees will, in my opinion, be a disgrace to the State. The State has already expended a large sum of money in an effort to break up this system, and I hope the good work will not be abandoned.

There is still another subject to which I must call your attention. There are outstanding Controller's warrants and audited claims against the State, amounting to some \$175,000, for the payment of which no provision has been made. The honor of the State demands that some act should be passed to satisfy these just demands.

It may not be amiss to add that during the past three months, nearly six hundred convicts at San Quentin have been almost wholly unemployed, because of the failure of the Legislature to authorize the Directors to purchase or condemn lands adjacent to the prison."

SAMPLE OF MODERN LEGISLATION.—Among the bills passed by the California Legislature and sent to the Governor for approval near the close of the session, was one relating to pilots in San Francisco. On the morning of the day of adjournment, the Executive returned it to the Assembly, in which branch of the Legislature it had originated, unapproved, with the following reasons for the veto:—

"The gentleman who has been looking after the interests of the pilots this session, on the 18th of last March wrote a letter to one of his friends in San Francisco, which has been shown to me, in which the following language is used in reference to this bill:—

"Its passage will be recommended by the Committee, and I think it will become a law, for I have bought up everybody, and used the

whole appropriation to do so. My promises are all distributed in the right places, and I feel more like success to-day than I have any day since I have been up here. I suppose that when this bill gets to voting that all the clique will be up here, and unless they have got over \$5000 to offer, I think that they will go down with their fingers in their mouths."

"The genuineness of this letter has been admitted to me by the author. I cannot approve a bill passed under such circumstances."

ANOTHER MODEL LEGISLATOR.—We clip the following from a New York paper:

"An affair of an exciting nature occurred in the New York assembly on Monday. After an unsuccessful effort on the part of Mr. Rutherford to speak in favor of a resolution, the previous question was about being put by the speaker, when he exclaimed, 'Why, you set of thieving dogs, do you mean to choke me down altogether?' The Speaker ordered Mr. Rutherford to keep silent, which he refused to do. A call was then made by the Speaker on the house to protect the chair and preserve order, when Mr. Rutherford said, 'Go to hell, all of you, you dogs.' Mr. Rutherford was removed, struggling violently, by the sergeant-at-arms and two assistants, and held under arrest for the remainder of the evening."

THE MOHAVE EXPEDITION.—The latest accounts received at San Francisco from Colonel Hoffman's expedition to the Mohave country, up the Colorado, were not so very flattering. Of the four month's provision for the campaign, one half was used up before leaving Fort Yuma. On the 4th of April, the party were only forty miles above the Fort, and it took six days to make that distance. It took two months to get from the mouth of the river up to the Fort, after all that has been said about the susceptibility of the Colorado for navigable purposes. The supplies had not all arrived at the point made by the troops, and the Col. was waiting for them at latest dates.

Under these circumstances, it was thought impossible to march the entire force into the Mohave country, and their was a strong probability that the expedition would be an entire failure.

PROGRESS OF CRIME.—The commission of crime continues to furnish matter for editorial notice and comment, and the papers from all parts of California are filled with accounts of murders, manslaughter, burglary, robbing, arson, seduction, rape, theft and the whole catalogue of crimes, and with the proceedings of the courts on the trials of those who have been arrested for those offenses.

There are about six hundred persons now in the penitentiary, according to Gov. Weller's statement, and the prospect for the number to be materially increased this year is quite promising.

—HENRY H. JOHNSON was murdered in a house of ill fame at Quincy, Illinois. After the examination of the murderers a crowd of men and boys proceeded to the house and "riddled it inside and out." Ten other similar establishments were "wiped out"—one of them burned to the ground. Next day—Sunday—other houses of the same character were served in the same way.

—BALTIMORE, says the Patriot, has never for years "enjoyed the quiet and freedom from disorder that she now does." This improved condition is accredited to the "re-organization of the fire department, the observance of the laws prohibiting the sale of liquor on Sundays, the vigilance of the police, the wholesome dread inspired by just verdicts, the awful sentence of the law," etc.

—LOUISIANA, according to a recent census, has a population of 325,007 whites, 303,800 slaves, and 18,164 free colored—an aggregate increase, since the national census in 1850, of 129,200. In 1830 the number of slaves in Louisiana was 109,588. The slave population of the United States is said to exceed half a million.

—THE first ground of the Tehuantepec railroad was broken on March 5. The work is to be vigorously prosecuted. The occasion was commemorated by military escort, salutes, speeches and a public dinner. Several distinguished Americans and Mexican gentlemen were present.

—AN EXCHANGE says that "Health is pursued by the shadow of disease; happiness by the shadow of misery; hope by the shadow of despair; fame by the shadow of ignominy; honor by the shadow of disgrace; wealth by the shadow of want; and life by the grim shadow of death."

—THE remains of Lord Howe, killed at the battle of Lake George, were found at Albany, while the workmen were excavating the grounds lately covered by St. Peter's church.