V. R.	Vuestra Real,	your Royal.
Ult.º	Ultimo,	last.
V. V.°	Venerable,	venerable.
V. A.	Vuestra Alteza,	your highness.
V. B.4	Vuestra Beatitud,	your beatitude.
V. I.	Vuestra Il.ma,	your grace.
V. E. or V. Ex.	Vuecelencia,	your excellency.
V. G.	Verbi gracia,	for example.
Vm. Vmd. V. Vd.1	Vuestra, vuesa merced,	you, your worship, your
	or usted,	favor.
V. P.	Vuestra Paternidad,	your paternity.
V. R.ª	Vuestra Reverencia,	your reverence.
V. S.ª, Usía,	V.ª Señoría,	your lordship, honor.
V. S. I.	Vueseñoría Ilustrísima,	your most illustrious
		reverence.
V. S.ª	Vuestra Santidad,	your holiness.
V, on	Real vellon,	real of bullion, coin.
Vol.	Volumen,	volume.
V. S. G.	Vuelta si gusta,	please turn over.
Vro. vra.	Vuestro, vuestra,	your.
X.mo	Diezmo,	tenth and tithe.
Xp.to	Cristo,	Christ.
Xpt.no	Cristiano,	Christian.
Xptóbal,	Cristóbal,	Christopher.

In the Old Books,-

ā st	ands f	or an or am.	1	ō st	ands f	or on or om.
ē	"	en or em.	BILL PARTY	ū	"	un or um.
ī	"	in or im.		. q	. 66	que.

OTHER ABBREVIATIONS.

δ is read Párrafo, a paragraph.

Mil, a thousand.

J. M. J., at the beginning of writings of religious persons, means Jesus, María, José.

The Jesuits always begin and finish their letters and other writings with Jhs, which means and is read Jesus.

ETYMOLOGY.

THERE are in Spanish nine sorts of words, or, as they are commonly called, Parts of Speech; namely, the ARTICLE, the Noun, the PRONOUN, the Verb, the Participle, the Adverb, the Preposition, the Conjunction, and the INTERJECTION.

The meaning of a word must be first ascertained, in order to classify it. Example: -Claro, clear. Ese claro (a substantive) es muy pequeño, that skylight is very small. Un dia claro, (an adjective,) a clear day. El no habla claro, (an adverb,) he does not speak plain.

Take notice, that henceforth the numbers placed thus (1) after a word or at the end of a sentence or a paragraph, refer to the page which the learner must consult in the preceding Method.

ARTICLE.

There are two articles: the Indefinite and the Definite.

INDEFINITE ARTICLE.

Masculine	Sing.	A or an.	Un, (38.)	Plur.	Some.	Unos or algunos.
Feminine	66_	** **	Una, (162.)	, "	**	Unas or algunas.

DEFINITE ARTICLE.

Masculine	Sing.	The.	El, (9.)	Plur.	The.	Los, (26.)
Feminine	"	"	La, (159.)	66	66	Las, (159.)

When the masculine definite article el comes after the preposition \hat{a} (to) or de, (ef, from,) the e is suppressed, and the two words are written as one; thus, al, del, instead of á el; de el. The pronoun él (he, it) is distinguished by the accent, and it is always written separately from the said prepositions; thus á él, de él.

Obs. El, los, (34,) la, las, are articles when they are before a noun, to point out how far its signification extends; but they are pronouns when él is the subject of a verb, or comes after a preposition; and la, (her, it,) los, las, (them,) are governed by a verb; as-

The bed of Don Quixote was fore- | El lecho de Don Quijote estaba most, and next to it Sancho made his.

primero, y luego junto á él hizo Sancho el suyo.

Don Quijote, cap. xvi. pt. i.

NOUNS.

Nouns are either substantive or adjective. Nouns Substantive have Persons, Numbers, Genders, and Cases.

An s is added to these abbreviations when more than one person is addressed; and then they stand for vuéstras mercédes, vuésas mercédes or ustedes, in the plural. At present the word usted and its plural are expressed by a V. or VV.

PERSONS.

There are three persons: namely, the speaker, who is called the first person; the person spoken to, who is styled the second person; and the person or thing spoken of, which is said to be the third person: as-

person,) and tell (second person) that Lady of the hawk, (third person,) that I, the knight of the lions, (first person,) send my respects to her exceeding beauty.

Make haste, son Suncho, (second | Corre, hijo Sancho, y di à aquella señora del azor, que yo, el caballero de los leones, beso las manos á su gran fermosura.

Don Quijote, cap. xxx. pt. ii.

The speaker seldom refers to himself by name.

When brutes, or inanimate objects, stand as speakers or persons spoken to, they are said to be personified; as-

Oh Jars of Toboso, which have re- | ; O tobosescas Tinajas, que me hacalled to my mind the dear object of my greatest sorrow!

beis traido á la memoria la dulce prenda de mi mayor amargura! Don Quijote, cap. xviii. pt. ii.

NUMBERS.

There are two numbers, the Singular and the Plural. (Less. IX. p. 26.) RULE 1. Nouns ending in a short vowel, that is to say, a vowel having no accent over it, form their plural by adding s to the singular; as, head, cabeza, heads, cabezas; eye, ojo, eyes, ojos.

RULE 2. Nouns terminating in a long vowel, that is to say, a vowel having an accent over it; or in any consonant, or in y, add es to the singular; as, ruby, rubi, rubies, rubies; lion, leon, lions, leones; law, ley, laws, leyes. Except papá, mamá, pié, &c. Maravedi, the smallest Spanish brass coin, has three plurals, maravedies, maravedis, maravedises. Nouns terminating in z change it into c, or retain it and add es to form the plural; as, cross, cruz, crosses, cruces, or cruzes.

RULE 3. Nouns of two syllables ending in s, being accented on the penultimate, admit of no change for the plural, and distinguish it by means of the article; thus, Monday, lúnes, Mondays, los lúnes:-

addition of a pigeon on Sundays.

He had lentils on Fridays, and an | El tenia lentejas los viérnes, y algun palomino de añadidura los domingos.

Don QUIJOTE, cap. i. pt. i.

The same is to be observed with nouns compound of a verb, and a noun plural; as, the penknife, el cortaplumas, the penknives, los cortaplumas.

There are some nouns with a plural termination without reference to any singular; as,

Alfileres. ladies' pinmoney. Esposas, handcuffs.

Albricias, a present for good news. Alicates, pincers.

Grillos. fetters. Preces, prayers, &cc. Zelo, (zeal,) has no plural; Zelos, (jealousy,) has no singular.

Don and Doña, as Spanish titles for a gentleman or lady, are not used in the plural; and in conformity with the present custom they are placed only before prenomens, or baptismal names; as, Messrs. Nicholas and Leandro F. Moratin, Don Nicolas y Don Leandro Fernandez de Moratin. Mr. Capmany, el Señor Capmany, and not Don Capmany.

GENDER.

There are two genders, the masculine and the feminine.

Every he, or male animal, is of the masculine gender; as, boy, muchacho; lion, leon. Every she, or female animal, is of the feminine gender; as, girl, muchacha; lioness, leona.

The collective nouns gente, people; turba, torpa, crowd; multitud, multitude; plebe, common people; juventud, youth, vejez, old age; asamblea, assembly; ave, bird; bestia, beast, &c., require the articles, the adjectives, and the pronouns that agree with or refer to them, to be of the feminine gender : as-

The coach must belong to some | El coche debe de ser de alguna travelling people.

gente pasagera.

Don QUIJOTE, cap. viii. pt. i.

Nouns signifying dignities, offices, trades, professions, &c., proper to men, are masculine; and those proper to women, feminine.

REMARK. There are some nouns of animals which custom1 has made to express both genders, under either the masculine or feminine termination, preceded by the corresponding article. Nouns of this description are called in the grammatical language epicenos, epicene. Such are the following:-

MASCU	LINE.	FEMININE.		
El avestruz,	the ostrich.	La ardilla,	the squirrel.	
El buitre,	the vulture.	La becada,	the woodcock.	
El cisne,	the swan.	La calandria,	the lark.	
El cuervo,	the crow.	La grulla,	the crane.	
El gilguero,	the goldfinch.	La perdiz,	the partridge.	
El ruiseñor,	the nightingale.	La tortuga,	the turtle.	
The rest of these	e nouns will be fou	nd in the dictions	ıry.	

The word macho, male, or hembra, female, with the corresponding article, is prefixed to any noun of this kind when it is necessary to distinguish the sex; as, the partridge, la perdiz-the male, or he partridge, el macho de la perdiz; the sparrow, el gorrion-the female, or she sparrow, la hembra del gorrion.

Obs. A. The pronouns he or she, and the nouns male and female, are not translated into Spanish when the gender may be distinguished by changing the termination of the noun masculine; as,

A wolf,	un lobo.	A she wolf,	una loba.
A male servant,	un criado.	A female servant,	una criada

¹ Si volet usus, quem penes arbitrium est, et jus, et norma loquendi.-

RULES TO FORM THE FEMININE OF COMMON NOUNS OF ANIMATE BEINGS.

RULE 1. Common substantives ending in o, and the most part of those in e, change the o or e into a to form the feminine; as,

Son, hijo. Daughter. hija. Brother, hermano .. Sister. · hermana. A male relative, pariente. A female relative, parienta.

Except testigo, (witness,) that admits of no change, and distinguishes the gender by the article; thus, el, or la testigo.

Obs. B. The feminine nouns formed out of the substantives signifying dignity, trade, &c., mean not only the female who enjoys the dignity, or follows the same trade or profession, but most frequently the wife, and even the daughter of the person that has the dignity, or follows the trade, &c.; as,

Superiora. a female superior. | Confitero, confectioner. Capitana, a captain's wife. | Confitera.

Confitera, may signify a female confectioner, or a confectioner's wife or

RULE 2. Most of the common nouns ending in an and on, add an a for the feminine; as,

Capitan, captain. Capitana, a female commander. Patron, patron. Patrona, a patroness. Pastor, shepherd. Pastora, a shepherdess.

Rule 3. National nouns, that is, nouns that express the nation or country of persons, or where the thing is produced, or comes from, whether they be substantive or adjective, if they terminate in o, change it into a; and if they end in a consonant, add an a to form the feminine; as,

Americano, Americana, American. | Español, Española, Spaniard.

Rule 4. Common substantives ending in a, and most of those terminating in en or ir, admit of no change, and distinguish the gender by the articles-(Obs. D, 162;) as,

Un pensionista, a pensioner. El martir, the martyr. Una pensionista, La martir, the female martyr.

RULE 5. Almost all words compound of the substantives man or woman, and an adjective, distinguish their gender, in Spanish, by prefixing to them the corresponding article and omitting said substantives; as,

a young man. Una jóven. a young woman. Los Ingleses, the Englishmen. Las Inglesas, the English women. Man and woman are translated when a particular emphasis is placed on

Obs. C. Many of the nouns compound of said substantives, or of an adjective, are translated in Spanish by a single word, to be found in the dictionary, in the masculine gender, out of which the feminine may be formed in conformity with the foregoing rules; as,

El lechero, the milkman. | La lechera, the milk-woman. Un naranjero, an orange-man. Una naranjera, an orange-woman.

Rule 6. Some nouns express their gender by different terminations. (See Lesson LVI., page 246.)

RULE 7. Some nouns distinguish their gender by different words. (See Lesson LVI., page 247.)

GENDER OF NOUNS NEUTER IN ENGLISH.

The nouns that are neuter in English are masculine or feminine in Spanish, according to their signification or their termination.

BY THE SIGNIFICATION.

Arte, canal, capital, corte, dote, frente, guardia, orden, mar, &c., are masculine or feminine according to their meaning, to wit:

Arte, (art,) in the singular, may be used in either gender; in the plural, only in the feminine. Should arte be qualified by an adjective, the latter agrees with it in the feminine termination; as,

El delicado gusto de V. en el arte | Your fine taste in the rhymic art. MORATIN, Comedia Nueva.

Mar, (sea,) when it is alone, may be used in either gender. When it is accompanied by the adjectives Mediterranean, White, Red, &c., it is masculine; as, el or la mar; el mar Rojo. With other adjectives it is generally feminine: la mar estaba algo mas sosegada, (CERVANTES.) However, the use is not fixed.

Orden (order) is masculine when it signifies arrangement, or refers to architecture; as, -

All was in good order. The edifice is of the Ionic order.

Todo estaba en buen órden. El edificio es del órden Jónico.

Orden, signifying command, or a religious or military institution, is feminine; as,

I received your order.

Two friars of the order of St. Benedict.

Yo recibi la orden de V. Dos frailes de la órden de San Be-CERVANTES. nito.

Dueño, (master, owner, lord, mistress, lady,) in a figurative sense, is used only in the masculine termination for both sexes; as,

From that instant I made her mis- | Desde aquel instante la hice dueño tress of my heart.

(señora) de mi corazon. Don Quijote, cap. xliv. pt. i.

MASCULINE.

Canal, Erie canal, el canal Erie.

Capital, a stock of funds. Corte, the sharp edge of a tool, a pattern for a dress, means, &c. Dote, a gift of nature, endowment. Frente, the front.

FEMININE.

Canal, the gutter, or leader of water from the roof of a house. Capital, the chief city of a country. Corte, the court, the persons that compose it, courtship, attendance. Dote, dowry, dower. Frente, the forehead.

Mente,

mind.

MASCU	LINE.		FEMININE.
Guardia, a soldie guard.	er of the king's	Guardia, a gu	ard, a body of soldiers.
Margen, the margi	in of a book, &c.	Margen, the b	oank of a river.
Parte, a report, in		Parte, the par	
	ic.	&c.,	&c.
anathema : azúcar	, sugar ; cisma, sc	hism; cútis, the	(little used;) anatema, e fine skin; emblema, used as masculine or
	BY THE TE	RMINATION.	
they stand alone, a España está casi del continente. But when they ar	are generally of the aislada del resto e qualified by com	gender of their Spain is alm rest of the omon nouns of	nces, cities, &c., when r termination; as, ost insulated from the continent. different terminations,
	em accordingly; a		
Toledo es una e	intigua ciudad.	Toledo is an a	
Sevilla fué un 1	eino poderoso.		powerful kingdom.
The following	general rules are s	ubject to many	exceptions, of which
only the most usua	al are pointed out.		2015 KALLEDY -
Rule 1.—Noun	s ending in a are fe	eminine, (162.)	
Except most of	those derived from		
Antipoda.	antipode.	Clima,	climate, &c.
And also the follow	wing:—	A COLOR HEAT	
Dia,	day.	Guarda-costa	i, custom-house cutter.
Mapa,	map.	Paragua,	umbrella.
Idioma,	idiom.	Viva,	huzza.
Poema,	poem.	1 &c.	&c.
Rule 2Noun	s ending in d or ad	l are feminine.	Except—
Ardid,	stratagem.	Sud,	south.
Césped,	turf.	&c.	&c.
N. BA great	many of the words	ending in Engl	ish in ty, may be trans-
lated into Spanish	by changing it int	o dad; as—	
Activity,	actividad.	Veracity,	veracidad.
Rule 3Noun	s ending in e, i, o,	or u, are mascu	line. Except-
Calle,	street.	Noche,	night.
Carne,	flesh, meat.	Tarde,	afternoon.
· Clase,	class.	Llave,	key.
Especie,	speciés.	Leche,	milk.
Suerte,	chance.	Nieve,	snow.
Hambre,	hunger.	Nave, nao,	vessel.
Costumbre,	custom.	Mano,	hand.

&c.

Rule 4.—Noun	s ending in l , n ,	on, r, s, or z, are	masculine. Except-
Miel,	honey.	Luz,	light.
Col,	cabbage.	Flor,	flower.
Imágen,	image.	Nariz,	nose.
Razon,	reason.	Niñez,	childhood.
Voz,	voice.	Vejez,	old age.
Tos;	cough.	Nuez,	nut.
Cruz,	cross.	Paz,	peace.
&c.	&c.	&c.	&c.
RULE 5 Noun	s ending in ion a	re feminine. Ex	ccept—
Sarampion,	measles.	Turbion,	shower.
Bastion,	bastion.	&c.	&c.
	Mark & Mark	CASES.	arilys at house all the

There are three cases: the Subject, or nominative case; the Object, or the direct objective case; and the Complement, or the indirect objective case, (69.) The object is the accusative in Latin; and the complement answers to the dative, or any of the oblique cases, except the vocative, which in Spanish is a subject absolute.

When two pronouns, object and complement, come together in a sentence, the complement is always set before the object. When they are governed by a verb in the infinitive, or in the imperative mood, they are placed after it, and written so as to form one word with it; as-

He promised to send them to me. | El prometió enviármelos.

In cases where the stress of the voice is on the last syllable of the verb, it is preserved on the same syllable; which, on account of changing its place, requires the mark of the accent; thus, dan, danme, dánmelos, they give them to me.

REMARK.-When the object of a transitive verb is the noun of a rational being, or a proper noun, or a thing personified, it must be preceded by the preposition á, (which in that case being an idiom, is not translated into English;) but the preposition is not required in other cases.

The same	Ottavou	-	11 O HILLOCK	
woman.				
The surgeon	dressed	the	woman's	
wound.	Talk its			ı

There is a God in heaven, who takes care to chastise the wicked, and to reward the righteous.

His impatience killed Chrysostom.

The surgeon cured the wounded | El cirujano curó á la mujer herida.

El cirujano vendó la herida de la mujer.

Dios hay en el cielo que no se descuida de castigar al malo, y de premiar al bueno.

Don Quijote, cap. xxii. pt. i. Su impaciencia mató á Crisóstomo. Ditto, cap. xiv. pt. i.

¹ Idiom is the peculiar construction of a language which distinguishes it altogether from others.-Crabb.

It was known there that Signor Don | Se supo en ella que el Señor Don Juan had taken Tunez.

We must, in slaying giants, kill

Juan habia tomado á Tunez. Don Quijote, cap. xxxix. pt. i.

Nosotros hemos de matar en los gigantes á la soberbia.

Ditto, ditto.

ADJECTIVES.

Adjectives have persons, cases, numbers, and genders; they admit, besides, several degrees of signification.

The person and case of the adjectives are the same as those of the nouns or pronouns which they qualify; as,

Art thou come to rejoice at the cruel | Vienes á ufanarte en las crueles exploits of thy character, and behold, like another merciless Nero, the flames of his burning Rome?

hazañas de tu condicion, ó ver. como otro desapiadado Nero, el incendio de su abrasada Roma? Don Quijote, cap. xiv. pt. i.

NUMBERS.

The plural number of the adjectives is formed by the same rules laid down for the substantives, (26,) as,

> White. Crimson. Natural. Prudent. Happy.

Blanco, blancos; blanca, blancas. Carmesi, carmesies. Natural, naturales. Prudente, prudentes.

Feliz, felices, or felizes, (78.)

GENDERS.

RULE 1. Adjectives ending in o are of the masculine gender, and change the o into a to form the feminine; as, fine, fino, fina, (161.)

Rule 2. Most of the adjectives ending in an, on, or, add an a for the feminine; as,

Haragan, haragana, idle. | Griton, gritona, RULE 3. Adjectives ending in any other letter are common to both genders; as,

A prudent man. A prudent woman. A Persian story.

Un hombre prudente. Una mujer prudente. Un cuento persa.

A Persian anecdote.

Una anécdota persa, (161.)

Rule 4. National adjectives ending in a consonant, add an a to form the feminine; as,

A Spaniard.

A Spanish lady.

Un Español. Una señora española. Oro español.

Plata española.

Spanish gold. Spanish silver. DEGREES OF SIGNIFICATION OR COMPARISON.

The comparative of superiority is formed by translating more, MAS, than,

Honor is more precious than riches.

El honor es mas precioso que las riquezas. (108-9.)

When the comparative in English is formed by the addition of the termination er, as fairer, it must be translated as if written more fair; thus, He is richer (more rich) than his | El es mas rico que su hermano. brother.

The comparative of inferiority is formed by translating literally the adverbs less, ménos, than, que; as,

La plata es ménos útil que el hierro. Silver is less useful than iron. It may also be expressed negatively; as,

La plata no es tan útil como el hierro. Silver is not so useful as iron.

More - than, less - than, before a noun signifying quantity or number, are rendered by mas de, ménos de; as,

They spent more than five hundred | Ellos gastáron mas de quinientos dollars.

pesos.

He gains less than what he says.

El gana ménos de lo que dice.

More than, less than, preceded by no, may be translated mas que; as, He earns no more than twelve shil- | El no gana mas que doce reales al lings a day.

The comparative of equality is formed by translating the adverbs as or so, TAN, before the adjective, and the second adverb as, como; as,

as an April morning.

She is as tall as a spear, and as fresh | Ella es tan grande como una lanza, y tan fresca como una mañana de Abril.

Don Quijote, cap. xiii. pt. ii.

It may also be expressed by not less - than; as,

He was from the coast of St. Lucar, | El era de la playa de San Lúcar, not less of a thief than Cacus, and not less mischievous than a student or a page.

no ménos ladron que Caco, ni ménos maleante que estudiante, ó page. Ditto, cap. ii. pt. i.

COMPARATIVES WITH NOUNS AND VERBS, (108-9.)

As much, (with reference to a \ tanto, (masculine,) So much, substantive sing. tanta, (feminine.) with reference to a \ tantos, (masculine,) As many, substantive plur. (tantas, (feminine,) Not so much, no tanto, (mas.) no tanta, (fem.) as, como. Not so many,

no tantos, (mas.) no tantas, (fem.) as, como.

He has as much honor, and as much | El tiene tanto honor, y tanta instrucinstruction as his competitor; but he has neither so many years of service, nor has given so many proofs of his practical knowledge.

conocimientos prácticos. So as is rendered by de modo que, de suerte que, de manera que; as-Do (you) it, so as to please him. Hágalo V. de modo que él quede contento.

As much - as, as many - as, with reference to a noun, are translated by tanto or tanta - como, cuanto, or cuanta, according to the gender and number of the noun they refer to; as-

He spends as much money as he re- | El gasta tanto dinero como, or ceives.

As for dolls, Anastasia has as many En cuanto a muñecas, Anastasia as she wants.

You have here as much as you want.

cuanto recibe.

cion, como su competidor; pera

él no tiene tantos años de servicio.

ni ha dado tantas pruebas de sus

tiene tantas cuantas quiere.

Usted tiene aquí cuanto (or tanto cuanto) ha menester.

As much, or so much, with reference to a verbal adjective, is translated tan-como; as,

They are as much interested as you. | Ellos estan tan interesados como V.

When the second as, in this kind of phrases is followed by a verb in the present of the infinitive mood, it must be translated que, and the verb in the indicative mood; as,

She is so charitable as to deprive | Ella es tan caritativa que se priva herself even of the most necessary things to give them to the poor.

aun de las cosas mas necesarias para darlas á los pobres.

The most-the least, (109,) with reference to verbs, must be translated only by mas or ménos, omitting the article the; as,

He is the man they praise the most. | El es el hombre que ellos mas ala-

ban.

Such is the person they oppose the least.

Tal es la persona á quien menos se oponen.

Obs. When the adjective in the comparative degree, in English, (whether it be formed through the adverbs more or less, or through the affixes r or er,) is preceded by the definite article the, and the same article (the) is repeated in the second part of the sentence, before an adjective in the comparative degree; the article the is omitted in both parts, and cuanto is used instead of it in the first, and tanto in the second part of it; as,

The shorter (more short) time is, the more precious it is. CUANTO mas breve el tiempo es, TANTO mas precioso él es.

The more, or the less, (110,) repeated in the same sentence with reference to a verb, must also be translated cuanto mas or ménos, tanto mas or ménos; as,

cise exceeds all others, and that it ought to be the more esteemed, because it is the more exposed to danger.

Now there is no doubt that this exer- | Ahora no hay que dudar sino que este ejercicio excede á todos los otros, y tanto mas se ha de tener en estima, cuanto á mas peligros está expuesto. Don Quijote, cap. xxxvii. pt. i.

The more, the less, may be also rendered by mientras mas or menos; as, The more he plays, the less he | Miéntras mas juega, ménos aprende, or tanto ménos aprende.

When the more and the least relate to a noun, cuanto and tanto change their number and gender so as to agree with it; as,

enemies he makes.

The more pride he shows, the more | Cuanta mas soberbia muestra él, tantos mas enemigos se hace.

Tanto may be omitted in the second part of the sentence; as, The more he has, the more he wants. | Cuanto mas tiene, mas quiere, or

tanto mas quiere.

So or such - as, followed by a verb in the infinitive mood, is rendered by tan - que, placing the verb in the same tense as the one that precedes it in the same sentence; as,

His friend's failure was so unexpect- | La quiebra de su amigo fué tan ed, as to oblige him to stop his business.

inesperada, que le obligó á suspender sus negocios.

SUPERLATIVE.

The Superlative is absolute or relative.

The superlative absolute (1.10) is formed by prefixing the adverb muy (very) to the adjective; as-

Fair. Very fair, fairest.

Hermoso, hermosa. Muy hermoso, muy hermosa.

It is also formed by adding the termination isimo to the adjective, which drops the last letter, if it be o or e; as-

Very fair, most fair, fairest.

Hermosísimo, hermosísima.

Alegre. Alegrísimo, alegrísima.

Very merry, most merry, merriest. Useful.

Util.

Very useful, most useful.

Utilisimo, utilisima.

(ble change ble into bil; as, amable, amabilisimo. Adjectives " qu; " rico. riquisimo. terminating gu; " largo, larguísimo. " c; " feliz, felicísimo. Z

The most part of the dissyllables in io, double the i; as-

pious. Piísimo, Pio, most pious.

Adjectives in iente, drop the i; as-

Valiente, valiant.

Valentísimo, most valiant.

The adjective in the superlative degree, in English, whether formed by the terminations st or est, or by the adverbs most or least, being preceded by the article the, (which constitutes it a superlative relative,) must be translated by the definite article, and the adverbs mas or menos, according to the gender and number of the substantive it refers to; as-

He has the finest broadcloth, but | El tiene el paño mas fino, pero ellos quieren el ménos costoso. they want the least expensive.

N. B.—The adverbs mas or ménos must always be placed immediately before the adjective; thus-

The most innocent pleasures are al- | Los placeres mas inocentes son ways the most pure.

siempre los mas puros, or los mas inocentes placeres, &c., but not los mas placeres inocentes.

An adjective in the superlative degree, in English, preceded by the definite article the, taken substantively, must be translated by the superlative formed by the termination isimo; as,

The Highest (or the Most High) or- | El Altísimo lo dispuso así.

An adjective in the superlative degree, preceded by the article, being used with a reference to a verb, or a sentence, must be translated by using the pronoun lo instead of the article, and placing the adjective in the comparative degree; as,

The best that he can do, is to pay | Lo mejor que puede hacer, es pagar inmediatamente. immediately.

For the irregular comparatives and superlatives, consult page 111.

CARDINAL NUMBERS.

One.	Uno, m. Una, f.	Eleven.	Once.
Two.	Dos.1	Twelve.	Doce.
Three.	Tres.	Thirteen.	Trece.
Four.	Cuatro.	Fourteen.	Catorce.
Five.	Cinco.	Fifteen.	Quince.
Six.	Seis.	Sixteen.	Diez y seis.
Seven.	Siete.	Seventeen.	Diez y siete.
	Ocho.	Eighteen.	Diez y ocho.
Eight.	Nueve.	Nineteen.	Diez y nueve.
Ten.	Diez.	Twenty.	VEINTE.

¹ From dos, (two,) up to ciento, (hundred,) inclusively, the numbers are plural, and common to both genders; as-

| Four women, tres hombres. Three men,

I wenty-one.	vernitano.	Dixty.	DESENTA.
Twenty-two.	Veintidos.	Seventy.	SETENTA.
Twenty-three.	Veintitres.	Eighty.	OCHENTA.
Twenty-four.	Veinticuatro	Ninety.	NOVENTA.
Twenty-five.	Veinticinco.	A or one hundred.	CIENTO.
Twenty-six.	Veintiseis.	Two hundred.	Doscientos.1
Twenty-seven.	Veintisiete.	Three hundred.	Trescientos.
Twenty-eight.	Veintiocho.	Four hundred.	Cuatrocientos.
Twenty-nine.	Veintinueve.	Five hundred.	Quinientos.
Thirty.	TREINTA.	Six hundred.	Seiscientos.
Thirty-one.	Treinta y uno.	Seven hundred.	Setecientos
Thirty-two, &c.		Eight hundred.	Ochocientos.
Forty.	CUARENTA.	Nine hundred.	Novecientos.
Fifty.	CINCUENTA.	A or one thousand.	
	ousand and one.	Mil y	uno.

One thousand and eleven. Mil y once. One thousand one hundred and one. Mil, ciento y uno. One thousand five hundred. Mil y quinientos. Two thousand. Dos mil. Five hundred thousand. Quinientos mil. A Million. MILLON, (cuento.)

Two numbers coming together in an inverted order in English, are translated by placing the highest in the first place; thus,

Three and thirty.

| Treinta y tres.

Eleven hundred, fifteen hundred, and the like expressions, are always translated one thousand one hundred, one thousand five hundred, &c.; thus, mil y ciento, mil y quinientos, and not once cientos, &c.

The cardinal numbers are used instead of the ordinal in speaking of the days of the month, excepting the first; as,

The fourth of July. El cuatro de Julio. The first of May. El primero de Mayo.

(See Obs. A, p. 46.)

The words o'clock (65, Obs. B,) are omitted in reference to the hours of the day, which are expressed by the cardinal numbers, preceded by the article las or la with reference to una, one; as,

Three hundred miles. | Trescientas millas.

In that railroad many thousands | En ese Ferro-carril se han gastado have been spent. muchos miles.

From doscientos to novecientos, inclusively, the termination os is changed into as for the feminine; as-

² Mil has neither gender nor number; but it may be used in the plural, speaking, as in English, in a vague sense; as-

What time is it? It is one o'clock. It is two o'clock.

¿ Que hora es? Es la una. Son las dos.

ORDINAL NUMBERS.

| Second, First, primero, segundo, &c. (46.)

Ordinal numbers change o into a for the feminine, and admit the same variation of numbers as the adjectives.

Obs. The adjectives uno, one, primero, first, (46,) alguno, some, ninguno, none, bueno, good, malo, bad, postrero, (little used,) last, drop the o when they are immediately followed by a substantive alone, or preceded by an adjective in the singular. Ciento, hundred, loses the last syllable before nouns of either gender, (Obs. A, p. 139.) Grande, great, generally loses the last syllable when it is not applied to size; as, el Gran Capitan, (Obs. C, p. 97.) Santo, saint, also drops the last syllable before nouns masculine in the singular, except Domingo, Tomas, &c.

The ordinal numbers are used in speaking of the chronological order of kings, &c., but the article is suppressed; as,

Isabel the First, queen of Castile. | Isabel primera, reina de Castilla.

AUGMENTATIVE AND DIMINUTIVE NOUNS. (31-2.)

REMARK. Many of the nouns signifying relationship, as sister, hermana, as well as the baptismal, and even family names, such as Luis, Catalina, Rivero, Gonzalez, are used, in colloquial and familiar style, with the terminations ito or ita; but for the most part they are not diminutive nouns, for they have no reference to the size, beauty, age, or moral qualities of the persons. They are, properly, endearing words, that express affection, friendship, or regard. Therefore, hermanita, Luisito, Catalinita, Riverito, or Riverita, Gonzalitos, do not signify precisely little sister, but rather a beloved sister, esteemed Luis, dear Catalina, friend Gonzalez.

These names are not always regularly formed by the addition of ito or ita; they frequently have other terminations, and are even changed into other odd words.

Examples. From Maria, (Mary or Maria,) are derived Mariquita, Mariquilla, Maruca, Maruja. From MARIA DE LA CONCEPCION, Concepcion, Concha, Conchita, Chona, Cota, Cotita. From MARIA DE JESUS, Jesusa, Jesusita, Chucha, Chuchita. From Francisco, (Francis,) Francisquito, Frazco, Frazquito, Paco, Paquito, Pacorro, Pancho, Panchito, Curro, Currito, &c. FRANCISCA (Frances) changes the o of the above names into a

PRONOUNS.

Pronouns are divided into personal, possessive, relative, interrogative, demonstrative, and indefinite.

The personal pronouns are, singular-I, yo, thou, tú, you, (your honor or worship,) usted, he, él, she, ella, it, él, ella, ello, or lo. Plural-we, nosotros or nosotras, you, vosotros, vosotras, or vos, you, (your honors or worships,) ustedes, they, ellos, ellas. (See table of personal pronouns, p. 70.)

Vos is used in addressing a single person, and vosotros, when speaking of or to more persons than one. The objective case of vos after a preposition, is also vos; as,

And what share of it falls to you, | Pues que parte os alcanza á vos, Sancho?

Sancho?

Don Quijote, cap. xxxi. pt. i.

The use of usted is explained in Observation A, pages 9 and 10, which the learner is desired to consult. What is said there about usted, is likewise applicable to usia, (V. S.,) your lordship, or ladyship; vuecelencia, (V. E.,) your excellency, &c.

Me, te, se, nos, os, le, los, la, las, les, are governed by verbs; and (in conformity with the present use) never placed after prepositions.

When mi, ti, si, nosotros, nosotros, vosotros, vosotros, él, ellos, ella, ellas, are used as objects, they are to be preceded by prepositions.

When mi, ti, si, come after the preposition con, (with,) they are converted into conmigo, contigo, consigo, and admit no change in gender or number.

Mismo (self) is sometimes added to the personal pronouns to give them a particular energy. It changes its number and gender in conformity with the rules laid down for adjectives.

selves.

We must love our neighbor as our- | Debemos amar á nuestro prójimo como á nosotros mismos.

The objective cases of the pronouns are generally placed before the verb when it is either in the indicative or in the subjunctive mood; and after the verb, and joined to it, so as to form one single word, when the verb is m the infinitive, or in the imperative mood; except when the verb in the imperative mood is preceded by an adverb of negation; as,

Let him who terms me a fierce basi- | El que me llama fiera y basilisco, lisk, shun me as an evil being; let him who calls me ungrateful, refuse me his services.

déjeme como cosa perjudicial y mala; y el que me llama ingrata, no me sirva.

Don Quijote, cap. xiv. pt. i.

When two pronouns, object (the direct objective case) and complement, ('ndirect objective case,) come together, the complement must be placed before the object, (Obs. A, p. 69;) as,

He paid it to me.

El me le pagó.

Should both pronouns, object and complement, be of the third person, the complement, or that which in English is governed by to, expressed or understood, must be rendered by se; as,

El se le llevará. He will carry him to him. El se la llevará. He will carry her to him. El se los (las) llevará. He will carry them to him. He will not carry it to him. El no se le llevará. ¿ Se la llevará él? Will he carry her to him? Will he not carry them to them? | No se los (las) llevará él?

In order to avoid the ambiguity arising sometimes from such phrases, the other pronoun of the same person is frequently repeated after the verb; thus, él se le llevará á él, á ella, á ellos, &c.

You, when it is translated usted, must be rendered by se; as, He presented him to you. | El se le presentó à V.

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS.

Possessive pronouns are conjunctive or absolute.

The possessive pronouns conjunctive are so called because they cannot be used alone, but must be accompanied by a noun. They have numbers, but admit no variation of gender. (160.)

SINGULAR.	PLURAL.		SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
My, mi,	mis.		su or de él,	sus or de ellos.
Thy, tu,	tus. sus or de ellos.	Its.	su or de ella,	sus or de ellas.
His, su or de él, Her, su or de ella.				sus or de ellas.

These pronouns agree in number with the noun that comes after them; as,

He paid his expenses. El pagó sus gastos.

They fulfilled their promise. Ellos cumpliéron su promesa.

When you is translated usted or ustedes, your is to be rendered by su or sus, de usted or ustedes; as,

He thinks that the letter is yours. | El piensa que la carta es de V.

REMARK. The use of su and sus (your) without the addition of usted, in addressing respectable persons, is considered vulgar and impolite. No person accustomed to good society will ever say, Señor N. ¿ como está su hermana? Mr. N. how is your sister? Amigo, ¿ digame que hora es? Friend, tell me what o'clock it is? instead of, Señor N. ¿ como está su (or la) hermana de V.? or la Señora hermana de V. Amigo, ¿dígame V. que hora es? or sírvase V. decirme que hora es.

The following quotations from the celebrated modern dramatist, Moratin, who wrote in Madrid, and frequented the best society of that court, will corroborate this remark.

I do not know your mother.

Yo no conozco á su madre de usted EL SI DE LAS NINAS, act ii. sc. 17

this means.

How do you do, good man ?-I would speak more politely, answered Don Quixote, were I you; is that the language used in this country to knights errant ?-you blockhead.

Your uncle wishes to know what all | Quiere saber el tio de usted lo que hay en esto.

> Ditto, act iii. sc. 10. Como va, buen hombre ?- Hablara yo mas bien criado, respondió Don Quijote, si fuera que vos. ¿ Usase en esta tierra hablar de esa suerte á los caballeros andantes?-majadero.

> > D. QUIJOTE, cap. xvii. pt. i.

The possessive pronouns absolute (244) may be used with or instead of the noun to which they refer; when used with a noun, they are placed after it, (31;) as,

Your hat cost five dollars, mine three | El sombrero de usted costó cinco dollars, and John's only twenty shillings; but his is better than yours, and as good as mine.

pesos, el mio tres, (pesos,) y el de Juan solumente veinte reales; pero el suyo (de él) es mejor que el de usted, y tan bueno como el

Come here, my Anastasia.

Ven acá, Anastasia mia.

Mine. mio, mios, mia, mias. Thine, tuyo, tuyos, tuya, tuyas. suyo, suyos, suya, suyas. el suyo, los suyos, la suya, las suyas. His, hers, its, theirs, el de él, los de él; el de ella, los de ella. los or las de él, &c.

nuestro, nuestros, nuestra, nuestras. Our, ours, vuestro, vuestros, vuestra, vuestras

> de Usted or de Ustedes. el, los, la, las de V. or de VV.

suyo, suyos, suya, suyas; as-

I am your servant, sir.

Your, yours,

Yo soy servidor de V. caballero.

When mine, thine, &c., stand instead of the noun they refer to, they must be preceded by the corresponding article; as,

Has the postman brought the letters? | ¿Ha traido el cartero las cartas?

Yes, he brought thine, but not St, él trajo las tuyas pero no las mias.

These pronouns agree in gender and number with the substantives expressing the thing possessed; as,

These houses are his.

The gardens were hers, but now they are theirs.

Estas casas son suyas, (de él.) Los jardines eran suyos, (de ella;) pero ellos son ahora suyos, (de ellos or ellas.)

The conjunctive pronouns are used in speaking of, and the absolute in addressing to; as,

My friends, these are my children. | Amigos mios, estos son mis hijos. When the noun is accompanied by an adjective, either of them may be

My dear brother, farewell!

Mi querido hermano, (querido hermano mio,) pásalo bien!

Vuestro is not used in colloquial, polite style, therefore your and yours must be translated de usted or de ustedes, or suyo, suya, according to the sense of the phrase; as,

street, and you brought yours from London.

He bought his umbrella in Pearl- | El compró su paragua en la calle de la Perla, y V. trajo el suyo (el de V.) de Londres.

RELATIVE PRONOUNS. (73.)

The relative pronouns simple, are quien, que, cual, and cuyo; and the compound, quienquiera and cualesquiera.

Quien, in the plural quienes or quien, (who, which, that,) admits of no change for the gender, and is used only with reference to persons, or objects personified. (73.)

Que (who, which, what, that) has no variation of gender or number, and is used with reference both to persons and things.

Cual, in the plural cuales, (who, which, what, that,) refers to persons or things, without any change of gender; but it requires the corresponding article whenever it is necessary to distinguish it; thus, el cual, los cuales; la cual, las cuales.

Cuyo (whose, which) forms its number and gender like the adjectives in o, and agrees with the noun that comes after it.

Cualquiera, in the plural cualesquiera, (whoever, whichever, whatever,) has no change for the gender, and is common to persons and things. It generally drops the last letter when the noun following begins with a vowel, or an h.

Quienquiera (whoever, whichever) is applied to persons, or personified nouns of either gender. The Academy sets it down as invariable in number; but quienesquiera is found in classic authors.

INTERROGATIVE PRONOUNS.

The relative pronouns are called interrogative when they are used in asking a question; as,

Who wrote the letter? To whom did you write? Which of the two does he want? Of what does she complain? Whose image and inscription is this? Cæsar's.

¿ Quien escribió la carta? ¿ A quien escribió V.?

¿ Cual de los dos quiere él?

¿ De que se queja ella ?

¿ Cuya (de quien) es esta imagen é inscripcion? Del César.

DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS, (21, 28, 161.)

	This.	These.	sing. That.	PLUR. Those.	That.	Those.
Masculine.	Este.	Estos.	Ese.	Esos.	Aquel.	Aquellos.
Feminine.	Esta.	Estas.	Esa.	Esas.	Aquella.	Aquellas.

Este denotes proximity; ese, some distance; and aquel, remoteness of place or time. (24.)

Esto, (this,) eso or aquello, (that,) and ello or lo, (it,) are used only in the singular, with reference to whole sentences, or to the actions expressed by the verbs, and frequently to avoid the repetition of a verb or a noun; as,

Be that as it may.

He was one of those, who being no princes by birth, know not how to direct those who are princes to act as such.

Brother, if you are buffoon, keep your jokes for a place where they may turn to account.

Sea lo que se fuere.

El era uno de estos que como no nacen principes, no aciertan á enseñar como lo han de ser, los que lo son.

D. QUIJOTE, cap. xxxi. pt. ii. Hermano, si sois juglar, guardad vuestras gracias para donde lo parezcan. Ditto, ditto.

INDEFINITE PRONOUNS.

The most commonly used are the following:-

It. This. Esto. That. Each one. Every one. Todos, todas. Each. Every. One. Some. Such.

Such a one, or Mr. such a one. Such a one and such a one.

Both. Everybody. Somebody Nobody. Several. Something. Somewhat. Nothing. One says, or it is said. They assure. It is believed.

Lo, ello. (See table, p. 70: Obs. E. [97; Obs. A, 126.) Eso. Aquello.

Cada uno, or una, (182.)

Cada, (m. & f., sing.) Todo, toda. Todos los, todas las, (81, 186.) Uno, una. Alguno, alguna, (143.)

Unos, unas. Algunos, algunas. Tal (m. & f.) un, una tal.

Fulano, or Un don fulano de tal, (262.) Fulano y mengano. Zutano y men-

Ámbos, ámbas. Ámbos (ámbas) á dos, (48.)

Todos. Todo el mundo, (182.) Alguien, (m. & f.) Alguno, alguna. Nadie, (m. & f.) Ninguno, ninguna

Algunos. Varios, (51.) Algo. Alguna cosa, (13.)

Nada.

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Dicen, or se dice, (143.) Se asegura, aseguran.

Se cree, creen.