A NEW METHOD
OF MAKING
Common-Place-Books;
WRITTEN
By the late Learned Mr. John Lock,
Author of the ESSAY concerning
Humane Understanding.

Translated from the French.

TO WHICH
Is added Something from Monseur Le
Clerc, relating to the same Subject.

A TREATISE necessary for all Gentle-
men, especially Students of Divinity, Physick,
and Law.

There are also added Two Letters, containing a
most Useful Method for instructing Persons that
are Deaf and Dumb, or that Labour under any
Impediments of Speech, to speak distinctly; writ
by the late Learned Dr. John Wallis, Geometry
Professor, Oxon, and F. R. S.

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End of Cornhil, next Stocks-Market, 1706.
TO
Mr. Edward Northey,
OF
HACKNEY.

SIR,
I Here Present you with a Method of making Common-Places, for which I need make no Apology, when I shall have told you that it was writ by that Great Master of Reason and Method, the late Learned Mr. Lock.
I know very well that nothing of that Great Man's can fail of meeting with a kind Reception from you, who have so often expressed the Pleasure and Advantage you receive from his Writings, and I make no doubt but his Method will have its Share in your Esteem, by being observed in the Future Course of your Studies.

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Epistle Dedicatory.

I shall forbear saying any Thing of the Usefulness of Common-Places in General, it being Foreign to my present Purpose; neither is it my Business here to relate how favourably the Learned, both Ancient and Modern, have spoken of them, and with what Success they have us’d them.

It will be abundantly sufficient towards their Recommendation if I tell you that Tully was One among the Former, and Mr. Lock among the Latter.

But I shall refer you to what I have extracted from the very Learned Monsieur Le Clerc concerning this Matter.

It may be expected that I should give some Account of this Method; all that I shall say at present is, That Mr. Lock having drawn it up during his Travels abroad, communicated it to several of his Friends, who mightily importun’d him to make it Publick; but he for a long Time declin’d it, (for Reasons which you will find in his Epistle prefixed to this Treatise) till at last, in Compliance with their repeated Requests, he gave it to Monsieur Le Clerc, who in the Year 1686 Publish’d it in French, in the Second Tome.
Epistle Dedicatory.

This Method having met with General Approbation from the Learned, I thought it a Pity that any Thing of Mr. Lock's should be hid from any of his Country-men, in an unknown Tongue: I have therefore made it speak English, and taken the Freedom of Dedicating it to you, with the Addition of Two Letters, (because of their Publick Use) containing an extraordinary and most useful Method how to Teach Deaf and Dumb Folks to Speak and Write a Language, invented by that Great Man John Wallis, Dr. in Divinity, Geometry Professor in Oxford, and Fellow of the Royal Society: VVho, let it be Recorded to his Immortal Honour, was the First in England that made Art supply the Defects of Nature, in learning Persons that were Deaf and Dumb to Speak and Write distinctly and intelligibly. The Method that the Doctor prescribes is so Plain, Familiar and Demonstrative, that any Person of Common Ingenuity may attain this Art with Ease, and abundance of Pleasure.

But
Epistle Dedicatory.

But I am afraid, Sir, I have been too tedious, therefore I shall only add this, May you go on, as you have already begun, to Cultivate a strict Friendship with Virtue and Learning; and while many Young Gentlemen mind nought but the Gratifying their foolish Inclinations, may you pursue the Rational Pleasures of the Mind, whose Fruits are Solid Joy and Comfort; incited thereto on the one Hand by the good Example of your Worthy Parents, as on the other by that of your very Learned Uncle, who so Gloriously Adorns the Great Post he is in.

This, Sir, is the Hearty Wishes and Desire of

Your Friend and most Humble Servant,
Monsieur Le Clerc's Character of Mr. LOCK's Method,

WITH HIS

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About the

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OF

Common-Places.

In all Sorts of Learning, and especially in the Study of Languages, the Memory is the Treasury or Store-house, at the Judgment the Disposer, which arranges in Order whatever it hath drawn from the Memory: But left the Memory should be Oppressed, or Over-burthen'd
Mr. Le Clerc's Advice about then'd by too many Things, Order and Method are to be called in to its Assistance. So that when we extract any Thing out of an Author which is like to be of future Use, we may be able to find it without any Trouble. For it would be to little Purpose to spend our Time in Reading of Books, if we could not apply what we read to our Use. It would be just for all the World as serviceable as a great deal of Household-Stuff, when if we wanted any particular Thing we could not tell where to find it. * It is an Old Saying, That that is the Truest Poverty, when if you have Occasion for any Thing, you can't use it, because you know not where 'tis laid. Many have Wrote much on this Subject, and I have made Trial of them, but I have never met with a better and more easy Method, than that which I receiv'd from a * Friend, and publish'd in French some Time since.

And I have found, upon several Years Experience, this Method, which is very well adapted, not only to the Latin, but also to the Greek Tongue, to be extraordinary useful. Neither do I ever look upon my Latin or Greek Collections, but I call to mind the Kindness of that Ex-

* Columella out of Cicero, L. 12. Cap. 11.
† He speaks of this Method of Mr. Leck's.
the Use of Common-Places.

Excellent and Learned Person, who taught me that Method.

At the Entrance indeed upon any Study, when the Judgment is not sufficiently confirm'd, nor the Stock of Knowledge over large, so that the Students are not very well acquainted with what is worth Collecting, scarce any Thing is Extracted, but what will be useful but for a little while; because as the Judgment grows Ripe, those Things are despis'd which before were had in esteem. Yet it is of Service to have Collections of this Kind, both that Students may learn the Art of putting Things in Order, as also the better retain what they Read.

But here are Two Things carefully to be observed; the First is, that we extract only those Things which are Choice and Excellent, either for the Matter itself, or else for the Elegancy of the Expression, and not what comes next; for that Labour would abate our Desire to go on with our Reading; neither are we to think that all those things are to be writ out which are called maxims, or Sentences. Those Things alone are to be picked out, which we cannot so readily call to mind, or for which we should want proper Words and Expressions.
Mr. Le Clerc's Advice about

For Instance, although the Story in that Place of Virgil where these Words are,

Discite Justitiam moniti, & non temere Divos.

Being warn'd, by all these Things, learn to do that which is Just, and not to despise the Gods,

is worth taking Notice of, yet I would not have you Write these Words down, because there is Nothing in the Thing it self, or in the Manner of Expression, that is above the Reach of any Ordinary Capacity.

The Second Thing which I would have taken Notice of, is, that you don't Write out too much, but only what is most Worthy of Observation, and to mark the Place of the Author from whence you Extract it, for otherwise it will cause the Loss of too much Time.

Neither ought any Thing to be Collected whilst you are busied in Reading; if by taking the Pen in Hand the Thread of your Reading be broken off, for that will make the Reading both Tedious and Unpleasant.
the Use of Common-Places.

The Places we design to extract from are to be marked upon a piece of Paper, that we may do it after we have read the Book out; neither is it to be done just after the First Reading over of the Book, but when we have read it a second time.

These Things it's likely may seem Minute and Trivial, but without 'em great Things cannot subsist; and these being neglected cause very great Confusion both of Memory and Judgment, and that which above all Things is most to be valued, Loss of Time.

Some who otherwise were Men of most extraordinary Parts, by the Neglect of these things have committed great Errors, which if they had been so happy as to have avoided, they would have been much more serviceable to the Learned World, and so consequently to Mankind.

And in good Truth, They who despise such Things, do it not so much from any greater Share of Wit that they have than their Neighbours, as from Want of Judgment; whence it is that they do not well understand how Useful Things Order and Method are.
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Mr. Lock's Letter to Monfieur Toi-
nard, containing a New and Easie
Method of making Common-Place
Books, an exact Index of which may
be made in Two Pages.

Do at length, Sir, obey you in Pub-
lishing my Method of making Com-
mon-Place Books. I am ashamed
that I should be so backward in Comply-
ing with your Desires, but that which
you requested of me, seemed to me a
Thing so inconsiderable, that I thought
it not worthy of publick View, espe-
ially in an Age so abounding with Fine In-
ventions as ours.

You know that I voluntarily commu-
nicated this Method to you, as I have
done to many others, to whom I believ'd
it would not be unacceptable. It was
not then, as if I design'd it for my own
private Use alone, that I have hitherto re-
sus'd the making of it Publick. I was of O-
pinion, that the Respect which One ought
to have for the Publick, would not suffer
me to present it with an Invention of
so small an Importance; but the Obliga-
tions which you have laid me under, and
our Common Friendship, do not permit
me any longer to decline the following
your Advice. Your laft, Sir, has wholly
determin'd me, and I believe that I ought
not
Before we come to the Matter in Hand, it may not be amiss to remark, that this Method is put in the same Order that the Collections ought to be put in. You will perceive by the Reading of that which follows what the Heads mean, which you see at the Top of the Back of every Leaf, and at the Bottom of this Page.

IONITES.] In the Gospel of the Ebionites, which they called the Gospel according to the Hebrews, the History which is in Matthew XIX. 16. and the following ones, was thus alter'd; One of the Rich Men said unto him, Master, What good thing must I do that I may have Eternal Life? Jesus said unto him, obey the Law and the Prophets. He answered, I have done it. Jesus said unto him, go sell...
I take a White Paper Book of what Size I think fit, I divide the Two First Pages which face one another, by parallel Lines, into Five and Twenty equal parts, with Black Lead; after that, I cut them perpendicularly by other Lines, which I draw from the Top of the Page to the Bottom, as you may see in the Table or Index, which I have put before this Writing. Afterwards I mark with Ink every Fifth Line of the Twenty Five that I just now spoke of.

[The other Lines are made with Red Lead, but for Convenience one may make them with Black Lead, which is better for Use than Red Lead.]

I put at the Beginning of every Fifth Space, or before the Middle, One of the Twenty Letters which are design'd for this Use; and a little farther in every Space, One of the Vowels in their Natural Order. This is the Index or Table of the whole Volume, be it of what Size soever.

The Index being thus made, I mark out, in the other Pages of the Book, the Margin with Black Lead; I make it about the bigness of an Inch, or a little bigger, if the Volume be in Folio, but in a less Volume the Margin is proportionally less also.

If I would put any Thing in my Common-Place Book, I look a Head to which I may refer it, that I may be able to find it,
it when I have Occasion. Every Head ought to begin with some Considerable Word that is Essential to the Matter treated of; and of this Word one must carefully observe the First Letter, and the Vowel which follows it; for upon these Two Letters depends the whole Use of our Index.

I leave out Three Letters of the Alphabet as useless, to wit, K, Y, W, which are supplied by C, I, U, Letters of a like Power. I put the Letter Q, which is always followed by an U in the Fifth Space of Z. By this throwing of the Letter Q into the last Space of my Index, I preserve its Uniformity, and do not at all shorten the Length of it: For it very seldom happens that one meets with an Head that begins with Z U, and I have not found so much as One for the Space of five and Twenty Years, during which Time I have made use of this Method. Yet nevertheless, if it be needful, nothing will hinder but that you may put it in the same Space with Q U, provided you make some Sort of Distinction.

But one may, for more Exactness, assign Q a Place at the Bottom of the Index, which I have done formerly.

When I meet with any thing worth putting into my Common-Place-Book, I present
fently look for a proper Head. Suppose, for Example, the Head were Epistle; I look in the Index the First Letter with the Vowel that follows, which in this Case are E I. If there is found any Number in the Space marked E I, that shows me the Space design'd for Words which begin with E, and whose Vowel that immediately follows is I, I must refer to the Word Epistle in that Page what I have to take notice of. I write the Head in pretty large Letters, so that the principal Word is found in the Margin, and I continue the Line in writing on what I have to remark. I constantly observe this Method, that nought but the Head appear in the Margin, and go on without carrying the Line again into the Margin. When one has thus preserv'd the Margin clear, the Heads present themselves at First Sight.

If in the Index I find no Number in the Space E I, I look in my Book the First Backside of the Page that I find blank, which Backside in a Book where there is nothing else but the Index, must be the Second Page.

I write then in my Index after E I the Number 2, and the Head EPISTLE at the Top of the Margin of the Second Page, and all that is to be put under this Head in the same Page, as you see I have done in the Second Page of this Writing.
Since the Clafs E I does solely take up the Second and Third Page, one may make Use of those Pages only for Words which begin with E, and whose next Vowel is I, as Epicurus, Ebionites, Epigram, Edict, &c. * See the Bottom of the Third Page.

The Reason why I always begin at the Top of the Back of the Page, and that I assign to one Clafs the Two Pages which face one another, rather than a whole Leaf, is that the Heads of this Clafs may appear all at once, otherwise you must be at the Trouble of turning over the Leaf.

Whenever I would write a new Head, in my Common-Place-Book, I look presently in my Index for the Characteristica Letters of the Word, and I see by the Number which follows them where the Page assign'd to the Clafs of this Head is. But if there be no Number to be found, I must look the First Back of the next Blank Page, I mark its Number in the Index, and so I preserve this Page, with the Right Side of the following Leaf, for this new Clafs. Let the Word be for Example Adversaria, if I see no Number in the Space A E, I look the First Empty Back of a Leaf, which finding in the Fourth Page, I put in the Space A E the Number 4, and in the 4th Page the Head Adversaria, with all that ought to be put under this Head, as I have already done.

After that, this Fourth Page with the Fifth that follows it, is serv'd for
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the Class A E; that is to say for Heads which begin with A, and where the following Vowel in the Word is E, as Agesilaus Aeberon, Anger, &c.

When the Two Pages design'd for this Head are quite full, then look for the Back of the next Blank Page: If it is that which immediately follows, I write at the Bottom of the Margin in the Page that I have last filled up, the Letter V, that is Verte, Turn over, and likewise at the Top of the Page following. If the Pages which immediately follow are already taken up by other Classes, I write at the Bottom of the Page last filled up the Number of the next Back of the Page. I set down again the Head of which it treats, under which I go on to write what I have to put into my Common-Place-Book, as if it were in the same Page. At the Top of this new Back I set down also the Number of the Page which has been last filled up. By these Numbers, which refer to one another, the 1st of which is at the End of one Page, and the 2d at the Beginning of another, one reads the Matter which is separated as well as if there was nothing between them. For by this Reciprocal Reference of Numbers, one turns over as one Leaf all those which are between them, as if they were join'd together.
You have an Example of it in the Third and Fourteenth Pages.

Every Time I put a Number at the Bottom of a Page, I put it also in the Index; but when I put only V, I make no Alteration in the Index; the Reason of which you will learn by Use.

If the principal Word of the Head be a Monosyllable, (or a Word of One Syllable) and begins with a Vowel, this Vowel is at the same Time both the First Letter of the Word, and the Characteristic Vowel; so I write the Word Art in A a, and Elf in E e.

It may be seen by what I have said, that one is to begin to write every Class of Words on the Back of the Page. It may from thence happen that the Backs of all the Pages may be full, while there may be Right Sides enough which do yet remain empty. If you have a Mind then to fill up the Book, you may assign these Right Sides, which are yet entirely blank, to new Classes.

If any one thinks that these Hundred Classes are not sufficient to take in all Sorts of Subjects without Confusion, he may, following the same Method, increase the Number to Five Hundred, by adding a Vowel. But having try'd both the one and the other Method, I prefer the former, and Use will convince those that shall make Tryal of it that it is sufficient for all Subjects, especially
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ly if they have a Book for every Science, in which they make their Collections, or at least Two, for the Two Heads to which we may refer all our Knowledge, to wit, Moral and Natural Philosophy.

One may also add to them a Third Book, which you may call the Science, or Knowledge of Signs, which respects the Use of Words, and is of far larger Extent than the Ordinary Critical Art.

As for the Language in which one ought to express the Titles, I believe the Latin Tongue to be the most Convenient, provided one always observes the Nominative Case, least in Disyllables, (or Words of Two Syllables) or in Monosyllables which begin with a Vowel, the Change which happens in the Oblique Cases should cause Confusion. But it does not much matter what Language you make Use of, provided you do not mix the Heads of different Languages together.

To remark a Place in an Author from whom I would collect any Thing I make Use of this Method: Before I write down any thing I put the Name of my Author in my Common-Place-Book, and under that Name, the Title of the Treatise I am reading, the Volume, the Time and Place of the Edition, and (what ought never to be omitted)
mitted) the Number of the Pages that the whole Book contains. For Example, I put in the Clafs *M. A. Marshami Canon Chronicus, Ægyptiacus, Græcus, &c. Disquisitiones, Fol. Lond. 1672, p. 626. This Number of the Pages serves me for the future to mark the Particular Treatise of the Author, and the Edition that I make use of. I have no more Need to mark the Place otherwise, than by putting in the Number of the Page from whence I have Collected what I have writ over the Number of the Pages of the whole Volume. You will see an Example of it in *Acherusia*, where the Number 259 is over the Number 626, that is to say, the Number of the Pages where the Place is that is treated of, over the Number of the Pages of all the Volume. So I not only avoid the Trouble of writing Canon, &c. but I can also, by the Help of the Rule of Three, find the same Passage in any other Edition whatever, by looking the Number of Pages that the Edition I have not made use of contains; since the Edition which I have used having 626 Pages, hath given me 259. I confess one does not always hit upon the very Page, because of the Spaces which may be made in different Editions, which are not always proportionably equal; but nevertheless you are never very far off of the Page; and it is much
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much better to find out the Passage within some few Pages of the Place, than to be at the Trouble of turning over the whole Book to find it; as you must do if the Book has no Index, or where the Index is not very correct.

ACHERUSIA. Pratum, ficta mortuorum Habitatio est Locus prope Memphis, juxta Paludem, quam vocant Acherusiam, & c. This is a Passage taken out of the First Book of Diodorus Siculus, the Sense of which is this: The Fields, where they feign the Habitation of the Dead to be, is a Place not far from Memphis, near the Marsh called Acherusia, where there are most Delightful Fields, with Lakes and Woods of Lotus and Calamus.

It is not without Reason then that Orpheus says the Dead inhabit those Places, because it is there that the most and greatest Funeral Solemnities of the Egyptians are Celebrated; they carry the Dead over the River Nile, and the Marsh Acherusia, and lay them in Subterraneous Vaults.

There are other Stories among the Grecians concerning the Shades below, which are very like those Stories which are invented at this Day in Egypt. For they
they call the Boat which carries over the Dead Daris, and a Piece of Money is given to the Waterman for his Passage, whose Name in the Language of that Country is called Charon. Not far from this Place there is the Temple of Gloomy Hecate, also the Gates of Cocytus and Lethe, shut up with great Brass Bars; there are also other Gates, called the Gates of Truth, before which stands the Statue of Justice without an Head. Marsham.
EBIONITES. ] Sell all that thou hast, and give it to the Poor, then come and follow me: But at that the Rich Man began to scratch his Head, and was not at all pleas'd with the Advice that Jesus gave him. And the Lord said unto him, how say you I have fulfilled the Law and the Prophets, since it is written in the Law, thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy Self; and lo there are many of thy Brethren, the Children of Abraham, who have bad Raiment, and die with Hunger, while no Help is administered to them from you, tho' your House abounds with all Good Things? And having turn'd to Simon, his Disciple, who sat next him, Simon, thou Son of Johanna, said he, it is easier for a Camel to go through the Eye of a Needle, than for a Rich Man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Ebion alter'd this Passage of the Gospel, because he did not acknowledge Christ to be the Son of God, nor a Law-giver, but a bare Interpreter of the Law which was given by Moses. Grotius 44. 44.
HERETICKS.] Nostrum igitur fugere & optare meliora, ut ad vestra
correctionem aditum haberemus. Aug.
finus Tom. VI. Col. 116. fol. Basle
1542. contra Epist. Manichaei, quam va
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perceiving Truth, which is the Sun
20the Soul. Let:
CONFESSION OF FAITH.] Periculosum nobis admodum atque etiam miserabile est, tot nunc fides existere, quot voluntates, & tot nobis doctrinas esse quot mores, &c. Hilarius, p. 211. in Lib. ad Constantium Augustum. Basil. 1570, Fol. It is a Thing both Deplorable and Dangerous, that there are now as many Confessions of Faith as there are Wills, as many Opinions as Inclinations, and as many Sources of Blasphemy as there are Vices, whilst we make as many Confessions of Faith as we please, and Glos upon them as we think fit. And as there is but One God, One Lord, and One Baptism, so there is but One Faith, which One Faith we Renounce when we make many different Confessions; and certainly this Diversiti is the Cause that there is no more true Faith to be found. We are convinced, that after the Council at Nice there was nothing, either on one Side or t’other, but writing Confessions of Faith. And while they contend about Words, while they debate about Novel Questions, while they dispute about Equivocal Terms, while they complain of Authors, while every Body endeavours to advance his own Party, while
HERETICKS.] Let those Persons rigorously treat you, who know not how many Sighs and Groans it costs before one can attain to any small Knowledge of the Divine Being. Finally, let those Persons rigorously treat you, who were never seduc'd by such Errors as they see you have been deceive'd by. I pass by that most pure Wisdom, to the Knowledge of which very few Spiritual Persons arrive at in this Life; yet although they know it but in very small Measure, because they are Men, yet they know it without doubting. For in the Catholic Church it is not Penetration of Wit, nor Depth of Knowledge, but the Simplicity of the Faith, which makes People sure and safe.

Barbari quippe homines Romanæ, imopotius humane eruditionis expertes, quinibil omnino sciant, nisi quod a Doctorebus suis audiunt; quod audiunt hoc sequuntur, &c. Salvianus. The Sense of which take as follows. This Bishop speaking of the Arian Goths and Vandals, They are a Barbarous People, says he, who have not any Taste of the Roman Learning, and who are ignorant even of those Things with which almost all the rest of Mankind are acquainted; they know nothing but what they have learnt from their Doctors, and mind nothing but what they have heard from them. Whence People so ignorant as these
these are, find themselves under a Necessity of learning the Mysteries of the Gospel, rather from the Instructions which are given them, than from the Reading of Books. Therefore the Tradition and receiv’d Doctrine of their Masters are the only Rule that they follow, because they know nothing but what they have taught ’em. They are Hereticks but they know not that they are so. They are so indeed in our Esteem, but they don’t at all believe it; yea, on the contrary, they reckon themselves to be true Catholics, and Brand us with the Title of Hereticks. They judge therefore of us just as we do of them. We are persuaded with our selves that they do Wrong to the Divine Generation, in maintaining the Son to be inferior to the Father. They imagine that we derogate from the Glory of the Father because we believe them to be Equal. The Truth is, on our Side, but they pretend it is on theirs. We give all due Honour to God, and they think that their Belief tends more to the Honour of God than ours. They are wanting in their Duty to God, but this they count the highest Duty of Religion, and they make true Piety to consist in that which we have a quite contrary Opinion of. They are then in an Error, but yet they are Sincere; and it proceeds not from an Hatred, but Love of God.
HERETICKS.] For they pretend that by it they do better testify the Respect they have for God, and their Zeal for his Glory. Therefore although they have not a right Faith, yet they nevertheless look upon it as a perfect Love of God. How these Persons will be punished for their Errors at the Day of Judgment the great Judge of the Universe alone knows. In the mean Time I believe that God exercises his Patience towards them, because he sees that their Heart is more right than their Faith; and that when they do deceive themselves, it is an Affection for Piety that is the Cause of their Error.
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CONFESSION OF FAITH. While no one can agree, while they Anathematize one another, there is scarce any that sticks close to Jesus Christ. What Change was there in the Confession of Faith but last Year? The First Synod of the Nicene Council ordains that nothing should be said concerning the Homousion; the Second orders and ordains that they should speak of it; the Third excuses the Fathers of the Council, and pretends that they took the Word ὄντος simply; lastly, the Fourth, instead of excusing, condemns 'em. As to the Resemblance of the Son with his Father, which is the Confession of Faith of these unhappy Times, they dispute whether he is like in the Whole, or only in Part. Behold what Fine Inquirers these are into the Secrets of Heaven! In the mean while, it is upon the Account of these Confessions of Faith about the invisible Mysteries, and about our Faith in God, that we thus Calumniate one another. We make Confessions every Year, and also every Month; we Repent of what we have done, we Defend those that Repent of 'em, and afterwards Anathematize those we have defended: So we Condemn either the Opinions of others in our selves, or our own Opinions in others; and in thus Tearing one another to Pieces, we have been the Cause of each other's Ruin.

FINIS.
A Letter of Doctor John Wallis to Robert Boyle, Esq; concerning the said Doctors Essay of Teaching a Person Dumb and Deaf to Speak, and to Understand a Language; together with the Success thereof, made apparent to his Majesty, the Royal Society, and the University of Oxford.

SIR,

Did acquaint you a while since, That (beside the Consideration of ...... which I had in Hand) I had undertaken another Task, (almost as Hard as to make Mr. ...... understand Reason) to Teach a Person Dumb and Deaf, to Speak, and to Understand a Language. Of which if he could do either, the other would be more easy; but his knowing neither makes both harder: And tho' the former may be thought the more difficult, the latter may perhaps require as much of Time. For if a considerable Time be requisite, or him that can speak One, to learn a Second Language, much more for him that knows None, to learn the First.
I told you in my last, that my Mute was now at least *Semivocalis*; whereof because you desire a more particular Information, I thought my self oblig'd to give you this brief Account of that whole Affair, that you may at once perceive, as well upon what Considerations I was induced to Attempt that Work, and what I did propose to my self as Feasible therein, as what Success had hitherto attended that Essay.

The Task it self consists of Two very different Parts, each of which doth render the other more difficult. For, beside that which appears upon the First View, to teach a Person who cannot *Hear* to *Pronounce the Sound of Words*; there is that other, of reaching him to *Understand a Language*, and know the Signification of those Words, whether Spoken or Written, whereby he may both express his own Sense, and understand the Thoughts of others; without which latter, that former were only to speak like a Parrot, or to write like a Scrivener, who understanding no Language but English, transcribes a Piece of Latin, Welsh, or Irish; or like a Printer of Greek or Arabick, who knows neither the Sound nor Signification of what he Printeth.

Now though I did not apprehend either of these impossible; yet, that each of them doth render the other more hard, was so obvious as that I could not be ignorant of it. For how easily the Understanding
ing of a Language is attain'd by the Benefit of Discourse we see every Day; not only in those who knowing One Language already, are now to learn a Second; but (which doth more resemble the present Case) in Children, who as yet knowing none, are now to learn their First Language.

For it is very certain, that no Two Languages can be so much different the one from the other, but that the Knowledge of the one will be subservient to the Gaining of the other; not only because there is now a Common Language, wherein the Teacher may Interpret to the Learner the Signification of those Words and Notions which he knows not, and express his own Thoughts to him; but likewise (which is very considerable) because the Common Notions of Language, wherein all or most Languages do agree, and also so many of the Particularities thereof as are common to the Language he knows already, and that which he is to learn, (which will be very many) are already known, and therefore a very considerable Part already dispatch'd of that Work, which will be necessary for the Teaching of a First Language to him who as yet knows none.

But to this Disadvantage (of teaching a First Language) when that of Deafness is superadded it must needs augment the Difficulty, since it is manifestly evident from Experience, that the most Advanta-
geous Way of Teaching a Child his First Language is that of *Perpetual Discourse*; not only what is particularly address'd to himself, as well in pleasing Divertisements, or delightful Sportings, (and therefore insinuates itself without any irksome or tedious Labour) as what is directly intended for his more serious Information: But that Discourse also which passeth between others, where, without Pains or Study, he takes Notice of what Actions in the Speaker do accompany such Words, and what Effects they do produce in those to whom they are directed; which doth, by Degrees, insinuate the Intentions of those Words.

And as that Deafness makes it the more difficult to teach him a Language, so on the other Hand that Want of Language makes it more hard to teach him how to speak or pronounce the Sounds. For there being no other Way to direct his Speech, than by teaching him how the Tongue, the Lips, the Palate, and other Organs of Speech are to be apply'd and mov'd in the Forming of such Sounds as are required; to the End that he may, by Art, pronounce those Sounds which others do by Custom, they know not how. It may be thought hard enough to express in Writing, even to one who understands it very well, those very Nice Curiosities and Delicacies of Motion, which must be observed (though we heed it not) by him, who without Help.
Help of his Ear to guide his Tongue, shall form that Variety of Sounds we use in Speaking: Many of which Curiosities are so Nice and Delicate, and the Difference in Forming those Sounds so very Subtle, that most of our selves, who pronounce them every Day, are not able, without a very Serious Consideration, to give an Account by what Art or Motion our selves form them; much less to teach another how it is to be done. And if, writing to one who understands a Language, it be thus difficult to give Instructions, how, without the Help of Hearing, he must utter those Sounds, it must needs increase the Difficulty, when there is no other Language to express it in, but that of Dumb Signs.

These Difficulties (of which I was well ware) did not yet so far discourage me from that Undertaking, but that I did conceive it possible that both Parts of this task might be effected.

As to the First of them; Tho’ I did not doubt but that the Ear doth as much guide the Tongue in Speaking, as the Eye doth the Hand in Writing, or Playing on the Lute; and therefore those who by Accident do wholly lose their Hearing, lose all their Speech, and consequently become dumb as well as Deaf; (for it is in a manner the same Difficulty, for one that ears not, to speak well, as for him that Blind, to write a fair Hand). Yet since
we see that it is possible for a Lady to attain so great a Dexterity, as, in the Dark, to play on a Lute, though to that Variety of nimble Motions, the Eyes Direction, as well as the Judgment of the Ear, might seem necessary to guide the Hand; I did not think it impossible, but that the Organs of Speech might be taught to observe their due Postures, though neither the Eye behold their Motion, nor the Ear discern the Sound they make.

And as to the other, that of Language, might seem yet more possible: For since that in Children, every Day the Knowledge of Words, with their various Constructions and Significations, is by degrees attain'd by the Ear, so that in a few Years they arrive to a competent Ability of expressing themselves in their First Language, at least as to the more usual Parts and Notions of it; why should it be thought impossible that the Eye (though with some Disadvantage) might as well apply such Complication of Letters, or other Characters, to represent the various Conceptions of the Mind, as the Ear, a like Complication of Sounds? For though, as things now are, it be very true that Letters are, with us, the immediate Characters of Sounds, as those of Sounds are of Conceptions, yet, is there nothing, in the Nature of the Thing itself, why Letters and Characters might not as properly be applied to represent immediately, as by the
the Intervention of Sounds, what our Conceptions are.

Which is so great a Truth, (though not so generally taken Notice of) that it is practiced every Day; not only by the Chinese, whose whole Language is said to be made up of such Characters as to represent Things and Notions independent on the Sound of Words; and is therefore indifferently spoken by those who differ not in the Writing of it; (like as what, in Figures, we write 1, 2, 3, for One, Two, Three; a Frenchman, for Example, reads Un, Deux, Trois) But, in Part, also amongst our selves, as in the Numeral Figures now mentioned, and many other Characters of Weights and Metals, used indifferently by divers Nations to signify the same Conceptions, though expressed by a different Sound of Words; and more frequently in the Practice of Specious Arithmetick, and Operations of Algebra, expressed in such Symbols, as to little need the Intervention of Words to make known their Meaning, that, when different Persons come to express, in Words the Sense of those Characters, they will as little agree upon the same Words, tho' all express the same Sense, as Two Translators of one and the same Book into another Language.

And though I will not dispute the Practical Possibility of introducing a Universal Character, in which all Nations, tho'
of different Speech, shall express their common Conceptions; yet that some Two or Three (or more) Persons may, by Consent, agree upon such Characters, whereby to express each to other their Sense in Writing, without attending the Sound of Words, is so far from an Impossibility, that it must needs be allowed to be very Feasible, if not Facile. And if it may be done by new-invented Characters, why not as well by those already in use? Which though to those who know their common Use may signify Sounds; yet to those who know it not, or do not attend it, may be as immediately applied to signify Things or Notions, as if they signified nothing else; and so long as it is purely Arbitrary by what Character to express such a Thing or Notion, we may as well make use of that Character or Collection of Letters, to express the Thing to the Eyes of him that is Deaf, by which others express the Sound or Name of it to those that Hear. So that indeed that shall be to him a real Character, which expresseth to another a Vocal Sound, but signifieth to both the same Conception, which is to understand the Language.

To these Fundamental Grounds of Possibility in Nature, I may next add a Consideration which made me think it Morally possible; that is, not impossible to succeed in Practice. And because I am now giving an Account to One who is so good a
a Friend to Mathematicks, and Proficient therein, I shall not doubt but this Consideration will have the Force of a great Suasive. Considering therefore from how few and despicable Principles the whole Body of Geometry, by continual Consequence, is inforced; if so fair a Pile, and curious Structure, may be rais'd, and stand fast upon so small a Bottom, I could not think it incredible, that we might attain some considerable Success in this Design, how little soever we had first to begin upon; and from those little Actions and Gestures, which have a kind of Natural Significancy in them, we might, if well managed, proceed gradually to the Explication of a Compleat Language, and withal direct to those Curiosities of Motion and Posture in the Organs of Speech, requisite to the Formation of a Sound desired, and, so to effect both Parts of what we intend.

My next Inducement to undertake it, was a Consideration of the Person (which, in a Work of this Nature, is of no small Concernment) who was represented to me as very Ingenious and Apprehensive, and therefore a very fit Subject to make in Essay upon) and so far at least a Mathematician as to draw Pictures; wherein, was told he had attain'd so good Ability, which did induce me to believe that he was not incapable of the Patience, which will be necessary to attend the Curiosity of those
those little Varieties in the Articulation of Sounds, being already accustomed to observe and imitate those little Niceties in a Face, without which it is not possible to Draw a Picture well.

I shall add this also, That, once, he could have spoken, though so long ago that (I think) he doth scarce remember it. But having, by Accident, when about Five Years of Age, lost his Hearing, he consequently lost his Speech also; not all at once, but by degrees, in about half a Year's Time: Which though it do confirm what I was saying but now, how needful it is for the Ear to guide the Tongue in Speaking, (since that Habit of Speaking, which was attain'd by Hearing, was lost with it) and might therefore discourage the Understanding; yet I was thereby very much secured, that his Want of Speech was but a Consequent of his Want of Hearing, and did not proceed originally from an Indisposition in the Organs of Speech to form those Sounds. And tho' the Neglect of it in his younger Years, when the Organs of Speech being yet tender, were more pliable, might now render them less Capable of that Accurateneß which those of Children attain unto, (whereof we have daily Experience, it being found very difficult, if not impossible, to teach a Foreigner well in Years the Accurate Pronouncing of that Sound or Language, which, in his tender Years, he had.
had not learned) yet if he can attain to speak but so well, as a Foreigner, at his Years, may learn to speak English; what shall be farther wanting to that Accurate-ness which a Native from his Childhood attains unto, may, to an indifferent Esti-
mate, be very well dispenc'd with?

Having thus acquainted you with those Considerations which did induce me to at-
tempt it, lest you may think I build too confidently there upon, and judge me guil-
ty of too much Vanity, in promising my self a greater Success than can in Reason be hoped for, it will next be necessary to give you some Account what Measure of Success I might propose to my self as prob-
able in such an Undertaking.

And as to the First Part of it, (that of Speaking) though I did believe, that much more is to be effected than is commonly thought Feasible; and that it was possible for him to speak as to be understood; yet I cannot promise my self that he shall speak so Accurately, but that a Critical Ear may easily discern some Failures, or little Differences from the ordinary Tone or Pronunciation of other Men; (since that we see the like every Day, when not Foreigners only, but those of our own Nation in the remoter Parts of it, can hardly speak so Accurately, as not to dis-
cover a considerable Difference from what is the common Dialect or Tone at London.) And this not only upon the Consideration last
last mentioned, concerning the Organs of Speech, less pliable to those Sounds to which they were not from the First accustomed) but especially upon that other Consideration, concerning the Ears Usefulness to guide and correct the Tongue. For as I doubt not but that a Person who knows well how to Write, may attain by Custom such a Dexterity as to Write in the Dark tolerably well, yet it could not be expected that he should perform it with the same Elegancy as if he saw the Motions of his Hands; so neither is it reasonable to be expected, that he who cannot Hear, tho' he may know how to Speak truly, should yet perform it so Accurately as if he had the Advantage of his Ear also.

Nor can I promise, nor indeed hope, that how Accurately soever he may learn to Speak, he should be able to make so great Use of it as others do. For since that he cannot Hear what others say to him, as well as express his own Thoughts to them, he cannot make such Use of it in Discourse as others may. And though it may be thought possible that he may in Time discern by the Motion of the Lips, visible to the Eye, what is said to him, (of which I am loth to deliver a positive Judgment, since much may be said conjecturally both Ways) yet this cannot be expected, till at least he be so perfectly Master of the Language, as that, by a few Letters known, he may be able to sup-
ly the rest of the Word, and by a few Words, the rest of the Sentence, or at least the Sense of it, by a probable Conjecture, as when we Decipher Letters written in Cipher.) For, that the Eye can actually discern all the Varieties of Motion in the Organs of Speech, and see what Sounds are made by these Motions, (of which many are inward, and are not expos'd to the Eye at all) is not imaginable.

But as to the other Branch of our Design, concerning the Understanding of a Language, I see no Reason at all to doubt, but that he may attain this, as perfectly as those that Hear; and that, allowing the like Time and Exercise, as to other Men's requisite to attain the Perfection of a Language, and the Elegance of it, he may Understand as well, and Write as good Language as other Men, and (abating only what doth directly depend upon Sound, as Tones, Cadencies, and such unctilio's) no whit inferior to what he may attain to, if he had his Hearing as others have. And what I speak of him in particular, I mean as well of any other Ingenious Person in his Condition; who, I believe, might be taught to use their Book and Pen as well as others, if a right Course were taken to that Purpose.

To tell you next, what Course I have hitherto used towards this Design, it will not be so necessary. For should I descend to particulars, it would be too tedious; es-

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pecially since they are to be used very differently, and varied as the present Case and Circumstance do require; and as to the General Way, it is sufficiently intimated already.

As to that of Speech, I must first, by the most significant Signs I can, make him to understand in what Posture and Motion I would have him apply his Tongue, Lips, and other Organs of Speech, to the forming of such a Sound as I direct. Which if I hit right, I confirm him in it; if he miss, I signify to him in what he differed from my Direction, and to what Circumstances he must attend to mend it. By which Means, with some Trials and a little Patience, he learns first One, then another Sound; and, by frequent Repetitions, is confirm’d in it; or (if he chance to forget) recovers it again.

And for this Work I was so far prepared beforehand, that I had heretofore, upon another Occasion, (in my Treatise De Loquela, prefixed to my Grammar for the English Tongue,) considered very exactly (what few Attend to) the Accurate Formation of all Sounds in Speaking, (at least as to our own Language, and those I knew) without which it were in vain to set upon the Task. For, if we do not know, or not consider, how we Apply our own Organs in forming those Sounds we speak, it is not likely, that we shall, this Way Teach another.
As to that of Teaching him the Language, I must, (as Mathematicians do from a few Principles first granted) from that little Stock (that we have to begin upon) of such Actions and Gestures as have some kind of Natural Significancy, or some few Signs, which himself had before taken up to express his Thoughts as well as he could, Proceed to Teach him what I mean by somewhat else; and so, by Steps, o more and more: And this, so far as well I can, in such Methods, as that what he knows already may be a Step to what he is next to learn; as in Mathematicks, we make use, not of Principles only, but Propositions already demonstrated, in the Demonstration of that which follows.

It remains now, for the Perfecting the Account which at present you desire of me, only to tell you, what Progress we have already made; which had not your Desires commanded from me, I should have repeated a while longer, till I might have made it somewhat Fuller.

He hath been already with me somewhat more than Two Months, in which Time, though I cannot be thought to have Finished such a Work, yet the Success is not so little as to Discourage the Undertaking, but as much as I could hope for in so short a Time, and more than I did expect. So that I may say, the greatest Difficulty of both Parts being almost over, what Remains, is little more than the Work of
Time and Exercise. There is hardly any Word, which (with Deliberation) he cannot speak, but to do it Accurately, and with Expedition, we must allow him the Practice of some considerable Time, to make it familiar to him.

And, as to the Language, though it were very indifferent to him, who knew none, which to begin withal; yet since it is out of Question, that English, to him, is like to be the most Useful and Necessary, it was not adviselable to begin with any other. For though he can pronounce the Latin with much more Ease, (as being less perplexed with a Multitude of concurring Consonants) yet this is a Consideration of much less Concernment than the other.

To this therefore having apply’d himself, he hath already Learned a great many Words, and, I may say, a considerable Part of the English, as to Words of most frequent Use: But the whole Language being so Copious, tho’ otherwise Easie, will require a longer Time to perfect what he hath begun.

And this, Sir, is the full History of our Progress hitherto. If you shall hereafter esteem our future Success worthy your taking notice of, you may command that, or what else is within the Power of

Oxford, S I R, Your Honour’s
March 14. very Humble Servant
1662.

JOHN WALLIS.
The following Account was Writ by the late Ingenious Mr. Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society.

The Person, to whom the foregoing Letter doth refer, is Mr. Daniel Whaley, (Son of Mr. ... Whaley, late of Northampton, and Mayor of that Town) He was (soon after the Date of this Letter) on the 21st of May 1662, present at a Meeting of the Royal Society, (of which the Register of that Day's Proceedings takes particular Notice) and did in their Presence, to their great Satisfaction, pronounce distinctly enough such Words as by the Company were proposed to him; and though not altogether with the usual Tone or Accent, yet so as easily to be understood: Whereupon also the said Doctor was, by the same Assembly, encouraged to pursue what he had so ingeniously and successfully begun. About the same Time also, (his Majesty having heard of it, and being willing to see him) he did the like several Times at Whitehall, in the Presence of His Majesty, his Highness Prince
Prince Rupert, and divers others of the Nobility, tho' he had then employ'd but a small Time in acquiring this Ability. In the Space of One Year, which was the whole Time of his Stay with Dr. Wallis, he had read over a great Part of the English Bible, and had attain'd so much Skill, as to express himself intelligibly in ordinary Affairs; to understand Letters written to him, and to write Answers to them, tho' not Elegantly, yet so as to be understood; and in the Presence of many Foreigners (who out of Curiosity have come to see him) hath oft-times not only read English and Latin to them, but pronounced the most difficult Words of their Languages (even Polish itself) which they could propose to him. Since that Time, tho' he hath not had Opportunity of making much farther Improvement, for want of an Instructor, yet he doth yet retain what he had attain'd to; or wherein he may have forgot the Niceness requisite in the Pronunciation of some Sounds, doth easily recover it with a little Help.

Nor is this the only Person on whom the said Doctor hath shewed the Effect of his Skill, but he hath since done the like for another, (a young Gentleman of a very good Family and a fair Estate) who did from his Birth want his Hearing. On this Occasion I thought it very suitable to give Notice of a small Latin Treatise, of this same Author, first Published in the Year
Year 1653, intituled *De Loquela*, [of Speech] prefixed to his *Grammar of the English Tongue*, written also in Latin. In which Treatise of Speech, (to which he refers in this Discourse, and on Confidence of which he durst undertake that difficult Task) he doth very distinctly lay down the Manner of Forming all Sounds of Letters usual in Speech, as well of the English as of other Languages; which is, I think, the First Book ever Published of that Kind; (for tho' some Writers formerly have here and there occasionally aid something of the Formation of some particular Letters, yet none, that I know of, had before him undertaken to give an Account of all.) Whether any since him have with more Judgment and Accurate-ness performed the same, I will not take upon me to determine. In his *Grammar of the English Tongue*, (to which this of Speech is prefixed) he hath so briefly and clearly given an Account of this Language, as may be very Advantageous, not only to Strangers, for the easie Attainment thereof, but even to the English themselves, for the clear Discovering (which Iew take Notice of) the true Genius of their own Language.

*A Translation of this Treatise of Speech, or likewise of the Grammar, with some considerable and useful Additions, is preparing for the Press; the Whole will be looked over by several Learned Men, both of Town and the Universities. If any Gentlemen that have made Observations on the English Tongue, will be pleas'd to communicate them to the Bookseller, they shall be carefully inserted in their proper Places.*
A Letter of Dr. John Wallis, (Geom. Prof. Oxon, and F. R. S.) to Mr. Thomas Beverly, concerning his Method for instructing Persons Deaf and Dumb.

SIR,

I have receiv'd your Letter of Sept. 22, wherein you tell me the Case of a Family, wherein you are concern'd, which is really very sad. Of Eight Children now living, Five are Deaf and Dumb. (And, I suppose, Dumb because Deaf.)

You desire my Directions, how best to supply that Defect: Having had some Acquaintance (I understand) with Mr. Alexander Popham, (whó, I think, is yet living) whom (being Born Deaf) I taught (about Four or Five and Thirty Years ago) to speak distinctly, (though I doubt he may now have forgot much of it) and to understand a Language, so as to express his Mind (tolerably well) by Writing, and to understand what is written to him by others. As I had, before, taught Mr. Daniel..
Daniel Whaley: Who was Deaf also, but is lately dead.

Others, who were not Deaf, but had great Impediments in their Speech, (who stutter'd extremely, or who have not been able to pronounce some Letters,) I have taught to Speak very Distinctly, and to pronounce those Letters which before they could not: So as perfectly to Conquer that Difficulty; at least so as that it was very little (if at all) discernable.

Some other Deaf Persons, I have not attempted teaching them to Speak; but only so as (in good Measure) to understand a Language, and to express their Mind (tolerably well) in Writing. Who have thereby attained a much greater Measure of Knowledge in many Things, than was thought attainable to Persons in their Circumstances; and become capable upon farther Improvement) of such further Knowledge as is attainable by Reading.

The former Part of this Work (teaching to Speak, or to speak Plain) is to be one, by Directing them to Apply their Tongue, Lips, and other Organs of Speech, to such Postures and Motions, as are proper for the Formation of such and such sounds (respectively) as are used in Speech. and, then, the Breath, emitted from the lungs, will Form those Sounds: whether the Person Speaking do hear himself, or not.
Of which respective Formation of all Sounds commonly used in Speech, I have given a full Account (and, I think, I am the First who have done it) in my Treatise De Loquela, prefixed to my Grammar of the English Tongue; first Published in the Year 1653. In Pursuance of which, I attempted the Teaching of Deaf Persons to speak.

And this is indeed the shorter Work of the Two. (However looked upon the more Stupendous.) But this, without the other, would be of little Use. For, to pronounce Words only as a Parrot, without knowing what they signify, would do us but little Service. And it would by Degrees (without a Director to correct Mistakes) come to be lost in Part. For, like as one who Writes a fair Hand, if he become Blind, would soon forget the exact Draught of his Letters, for want of an Eye to direct his Hand: So he, who doth not Hear himself Speak, must needs be apt to forget the Niceness of Formation, (without a Prompter) for want of an Ear to regulate his Tongue.

The other Part of the Work (to teach a Language) is what you now inquire about.

In order to this; it is Necessary in the First Place, That the Deaf Person be taught to Write. That there may be somewhat to express to the Eye, what the Sound (of Letters) represents to the Ear.
Twill next be very Convenient (because Pen and Ink is not always at Hand) that he be taught, How to design each Letter, by some certain Place, Position, or Motion of a Finger, Hand, or other Part of the Body; (which may serve instead of Writing.) As for Instance, The Five Vowels a e i o u; by pointing to the Top of the Five Fingers: And the other Letters b c d, &c. by such other Place or Posture of a Finger, or otherwise, as shall be agreed upon.

After this, a Language is to be taught this Deaf Person, by like Methods as Children are at first taught a Language; (tho' the Thing perhaps be not heeded.) Only with this Difference: Children learn Sounds by the Ear; but the Deaf Person is to learn Marks (of those Sounds) by the Eye. But both the one and the other, do equally signify the same Things or Notions; and are equally (significantia ad placitum) of meer Arbitrary Signification.

'Tis then most natural (as Children learn the Names of Things) to furnish him (by Degrees) with a Nomenclator; containing a competent Number of Names of Things common and obvious to the Eye; (that you may shew the Thing answering to such a Name.) And these digested under convenient Titles; and placed (under them) in such convenient Order, (in several Columnes, or other orderly Situation.)
on in the Paper) as (by their Position) best to express, to the Eye, their Relation or Respect to one another. As, Contraries or Correlatives, one over against the other; Subordinates or Appurtenances, under their Principals. Which may serve as a kind of Local Memory.

Thus, (in one Paper) under the Title Mankind, may be placed, (not Confusedly, but in Decent Order) Man, Woman, Child, (boy, girl.) And, if you please, the Names of some known Persons, (of the Family, or others,) with Spaces left to be supplied with other like Names or Words, as after there may be Occasion.

Then (in another Paper) under the Title Body, may be written (in like convenient Order) Head, (hair, skin, ear,) Face, forehead, eye, (eye-lid, eye-brow,) cheek, nose, (nostril,) mouth, (lip, chin,) Neck, (throat,) Back, Breast, Side, (right-side, left-side,) Belly, Shoulder, Arm, (elbow, wrist, hand, (back, palm,) finger, (thumb, knuckle, nail,) Thigh, knee, leg, (shin, calf, ankle,) foot, (heel, sole,) toe. With like Spaces, as before, for more to be added, as there is Occasion.

And when he hath learned the Import of Words in each Paper, let him write them (in like manner) in distinct Leaves or Pages of a Book (prepared for that pur-
purpose) to confirm his Memory, and to have Recourse to it upon Occasion.

In a Third Paper, you may give him the Inward Parts. As, Scul, (brain,) Throat, (wind-pipe, gullet,) Stomach, guts, heart, lungs, liver, spleen, kidney, ladder, (urine,) vein, (blood,) bone, marrow,) flesh, fat, &c.

In another Paper, under the Title Beast, may be placed; Horse, (stone-horse, gelding,) mare, (colt,) Bull, (ox,) cow, alf. Sheep, ram, (wether,) ew, (lamb,) dog, boar, sow, pig. Dog, (mastiff, bound, grey-bound, spaniel,) bitch, (whelp,uppy,) Hare, rabbit. Cat, mouse, at, &c.

Under the Title Bird, or Fowl, put cock, (capon,) hen, chick. Goose, (gander,) gosling. Duck, (drake,) Swan, Crow, Lite, Lark, &c.

Under the Title Fish, put Pike, Eel, laice, Salmon, Lobstar, Crab, Oifler, rawfish, &c.

You may then put Plants or Vegetables under several Heads, or Subdivisions of the same Head. As, Tree, (root, body, bark, bough, leaf, fruit;) Oak, ash, apple-tree, pear-tree, vine, &c. Fruit, apple, pear, plum, cherry, grape, nut, orange, lemon. Flower; rose, tulip, gilo. Herb, (weed,) grass. Corn; wheat, barley, rye, pea, bean.

And the like of Inanimates. As, Heaven; sun, moon, star. Elements; earth, water,
water, air, fire. And (under the Title Earth;) clay, sand, gravel, stone. Metal; gold, silver, brass, (copper,) iron, (steel;) lead, tin, ( pewter,) glass. Under the Title Water; put Sea, pond, river, stream. Under that of Air; put Light, dark, mist, fog. Cloud; wind, rain, hail, snow, thunder, lightning, rainbow. Under that of Fire; Coal, flame, smoak, foot, ashes.

Under the Title Clothes; put Woollen, (cloth, stuff,) Linnen, (holland, lawn lockarum) Silk, (Satin, Velvet.) Hat, cap, band, doublet, breeches, coat, cloak, stocking, shoe, boot, shirt, petticoat, gown, &c.

Under the Title House; put Wall, roof, door, window, (casement,) room.

Under Room; put Shop, hall, parlour, dining-room, chamber, (study, closet,) kitchen, cellar, stable, &c.

And, under each of these, (as distinct Heads,) the Furniture or Utensils belonging thereunto; (with Divisions and Sub-divisions, as there is Occasion;) which I forbear to mention, that I be not too prolix.

And, in like manner, from time to time, may be added more Collections or Classes of Names or Words, conveniently digested under distinct Heads, and suitable Distributions; to be written in distinct Leaves or Pages of his Book, in such Order.
Order as may seem convenient: Which I leave to the Prudence of the Teacher.

When he is furnished with a competent Number of Names, (though not so many as I have mentioned:) it will be reasonable to teach him (under the Titles Singular, Plural,) the Formation of Plurals from Singulars; by adding s or es. As, Hand, hands; Face, faces; Fish, fishes; &c. with some few Irregulars; As, Man, Men; Woman, women; Foot, feet; Tooth, teeth; Mouse, mice; Louse, lice; Ox, Oxen, &c.

Which (except the Irregulars) will serve for Possessives (to be after taught him,) which are formed from their Primitives, by like Addition of s or es. Except some few Irregulars; As My, mine; Thy, thine; Our, ours; Your, yours; His, Her, hers; Their, theirs, &c.

And in all those, and other like Cases, it will be proper first to shew him the Particulars, and then the General Title.

Then teach him (in another Page, or Paper,) the Particles; A, an; The, this, that; These, those.

And the Pronouns; I, me, my, mine; Thou, thee, thy, thine; We, us, our, ours; Ye, you, your, yours; He, him, his; She, her, hers; It, its; They, them, their, theirs; Who, whom, who's.

Then, under the Titles Adjective, Substantive, teach him to connect these. As, My
My hand, Your head, His foot, His feet, Her arm, arms, Our hats, Their shoes, John’s coat, William’s hand, &c.

And, in order to furnish him with more Adjectives; Under the Title Colours, you may place Black, white, gray, green, blue, yellow, red, &c. And, having shewed the Particulars; let him know, These are called Colours.

The like for Taste, and Smell; As, Sweet, bitter, sour, stink.

And for Hearing; Sound, noise, word.

Then, for Touch or Feeling: Hot, (warm,) Cold, (cool,) Wet, (moist,) Dry, Hard, soft; Tough, brittle; Heavy, light, &c.

From whence you may furnish him with more Examples of Adjectives with Substantives; As, White bread, Brown bread, Green grass, Soft cheese, Hard cheese, Black hat, my black hat, &c.

And then, inverting the Order, Substantive and Adjective (with the Verb Copulative between:) As, Silver is white; Gold is yellow; Lead is heavy; Wood is light; Snow is white; Ink is black; Flesh is soft; Bone is hard; I am sick; I am not well, &c. Which will begin to give him some Notion of Syntax.

In like manner, when Substantive and Substantive are so connected. As; Gold is a Metal; A Rose is a Flower; We are Men; They are Women; Horses are Beasts; Geese are Fowls; Larks are Birds, &c. Then
Then, as those before relate to Quality, you may give him some other Words relating to Quantity. As, Long, short; Broad, narrow; Thick, thin; High, (right,) low; Deep, shallow; Great, (big,) small, (little;) Much, little; Many, few; Full, empty; Whole, part, (piece;) All, some, none; Strong, weak; Quick, slow; Equal, unequal; Bigger, less.

Then, Words of Figure; As, Streight, crooked; Plain, bowed; Concave, (hollow,) convex; Round, square, three-square, sphere, (globe, ball, boul,) Cube, (dye,) plane, sloping; Leaning forward, leaning backward; Likely, unlike.

Of Gesture; As, Stand, lye, sit, kneel, pop.

Of Motion; As, Move, (stir,) rest, walk, (go, come,) Run, Leap, Ride; all, rise; Swim, sink, (drown,) Slide, creep, (crawl,) Fly; Pull, (draw,) thrust, row; Bring, fetch, carry.

Then, Words relating to Time, Place, Lumber, Weight, Measure, Money, &c. (in convenient time) to be shewed distinctly. For which the Teacher, according to his Discretion, may take a convenient Season.

As likewise, the Time of the Day, The Days of the Week, The Days of the Month; the Months of the Year; and other things relating to the Almanack. Which he will luckily be capable to understand, if once methodically shewed him.
As likewise, the Names and Situations, of Places, and Countries, which are convenient for him to know. Which may be orderly written in his Book; and shewed him in Maps of London, England, Europe, the World, &c.

But these may be done at leisure; As likewise the Practice of Arithmetick, and other like pieces of Learning.

In the mean Time, (after the Concord of Substantive and Adjective,) he is to be shewed (by convenient Examples) that of the Nominative and Verb. As for Instance, I go, You see, He fits, They stand, the Fire burns, the Sun shines, the Wind blows, the Rain falls, the Water runs; and the like: with the Titles in the Top, Nominative, Verb.

After this (under the Titles, Nominative, Verb, Accusative,) give him Examples of Verbs Transitives; As, I see you, You see me, The Fire burns the Wood, The Boy makes a Fire, The Cook roasts the Meat, The Butler lays the Cloth, We eat our Dinner.

Or even with a Double Accusative; as You teach me (Writing, or) to write. John teacheth me to Dance, Thomas tells me a Tale, &c.

After this, you may teach him the Flexion or Conjugation of a Verb; or what is equivalent thereunto. For, in our English Tongue, each Verb hath but Two Tenses, (the Present and the Preter) and Two
Two Participles, the Active and the Passive. All the rest is performed by Auxiliaries. Which (Auxiliaries) have no more Tenses, than the other Verbs.

Those Auxiliaries are, Do, did; Will, would; Shall, should; May, might; Can, could; Must, ought to; Have, had; Am, (be,) Was. And if, by Examples, you can inferuate the signification of these Few Words: you have taught him the whole Flexion of the Verb.

And here it will be convenient, (once for all,) to write him out a full Paradigm of some one Verb, (suppose, to See.) through all those Auxiliaries.

The Verb itself, hath but these Four Words to be learned; See, saw, seeing, seen. Save that, after Thou in the Second Person singular (in both Tenses) we add est; and in the Third Person singular (in the Present Tense) eth or es: Or, instead thereof, st, th, s. And so in all Verbs.

Then, to the Auxiliaries, Do did, Will would, Shall should, May might, Can could, Must, ought to, we adjoin the Indefinite See. And, after Have had; Am (be) was, the Passive Participle Seen. And so for all other Verbs.

But the Auxiliary Am or Be, is somewhat Irregular; in a double Form;

Am, art, is; Plural, Are. Was, wast, was; Plural, Were.
Be, beest, be; Plural, Be. Were, were; Plural, Were.

Be (am,) was, being, been. Which (attended with the other Auxiliaries) make up the whole Passive Voice.

All Verbs (without Exception) in the Active Participle, are formed by adding ing; As, See, seeing; Teach, Teaching, &c.

The Preter Tense, and the Passive Participle, are formed (regularly) by adding ed. But are oft subject to Contractions, and other Irregularities, (sometime, the same in both; sometime, different.) And therefore it is convenient, here, to give a Table of Verbs (especially the most usual) for those Three Cases. (Which may, at once, teach their Signification, and Formation.) As, Boil, boiled, boiled; Roast, roasted, roasted; Bake, baked, baked, &c. Teach, taught, taught; Bring, brought, brought; Buy, bought, bought, &c. See, saw, seen; Give, gave, given; Take, took, taken; Forsake, forsook, forsaken; Write, wrote, written, &c. With many more, fit to be learned.

The Verbs being thus dispatched, he is then to learn the Prepositions. Wherein lies the whole Regimen of the Noun. (For Diversity of Cases we have none.) The force of which is to be insinuated by convenient Examples, suited to their different Significations. As, for instance,

Of, A piece of bread; A pint of Wine; The cover of a pot; The colour of gold;
A ring of gold; A cup of Silver; The Mayor of London; The longest of all, &c.
And in like manner for, Off, on, upon; To, unto, till, until; From; At; In (within,) out (without;) Into, out of; About, over, under; Above, below; Between, among; Before, behind, after; For, By; With, through; against; Concerning; And, by this Time, he will be pretty well habled to understand a Single Sentence.

In the last Place; he is (in like manner) to be taught Conjunctions. (Which serve to connect, not Words only, but Sentences.) As, And, also, likewise; Either, or, whether; Neither, nor; If, then; Why, (wherefore,) because, therefore; or, through, yet, &c. And these illustrated by convenient Examples, in each Case, is,

Because I am cold; therefore I go to the Fire; that I may be warm; For it is old Weather.
If it were fair, then it would be good talking: But (however) though it rain, I must go; because I promised. With her like Instances.
And, by this time, his Book, (if well furnished with plenty of Words; and one well digested, under several Heads, and in good Order; and well recruited, from time to time, as new Words occur;) will serve him in the Nature of a Dictionary and Grammar.

And
And, in Case the Deaf Person be otherwise of a good Natural Capacity; and the Teacher of a good Sagacity; By this Method (proceeding gradually, step by step,) you may (with Diligence and due Application, of Teacher and Learner,) in a Year's Time, or thereabouts, perceive a greater Progress than you would expect: and a good Foundation laid for further Instruction, in Matters of Religion, and other Knowledge which may be taught by Books.

It will be convenient, all along, to have Pen, Ink and Paper ready at Hand, to write down in Words, what you signify to him by Signs; and cause Him to write, (or shew him how to write) what He signifies by Signs. Which way (of signifying their Mind by Signs) Deaf persons are often very good at. And we must endeavour to learn their Language, (if I may so call it) in order to teach them ours: By shewing what Words answer to their Signs.

'Twill be convenient also, as you go along, (after some convenient progress made) to express (in as plain Language as may be) the import of some of the Tables. As, for instance,

The Head is the Highest part of the Body; the Feet, the Lowest part; The Face is the Fore-part of the Head; The Forehead is Over the Eyes; The Cheeks are Under the Eyes; The Nose is Between the Cheeks;
Cheeks; The Mouth is Under the Nose, and Above the Chin, &c.

And such plain Discourse, put into Writing, and particularly explain'd, will teach him by Degrees to understand Plain Sentences. And like Advantages, a Sagacious Teacher, may take as Occasion offers it self from time to time.

Thus I have, in a long Letter, given you a Short Account of my Methods, (used, in such Cases, with good Success,) which to do at Large, would require a Book.

I have taken the pains to draw up this Method, (which is what I have pursued my self in the like Case,) as apprehending it may be of use to some others when I am dead. And I am not desirous it should die with me.

And I have done it as plainly as I could, that it may be the better understood.

I have given only some short Specimens of such Tables as I had made for my own Use, and the Use of those whom I was to instruct; but to give them at large, would be more than the Work of a Letter; and they are to be varied, as the Circumstances of the Persons, and the Places may require, or the Prudence of a Teacher shall find expedient.

It is adjusted to the English Tongue, because such were the Persons I had to deal with.
To those of another Language, it must be so altered as such Language requires. And perhaps will not be so easily done for another Language as for the English. The Flexion of Nouns, the Conjugation of Verbs, the Difference of Genders, the Variety of Syntax, &c. doth in other Languages give a great deal of Trouble; which the Simplicity of our Language doth free us from. But this is not my present Business.

I Am,

SIR,

Yours to Serve You,

JOHN WALLIS.

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