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It is no great merit to *spell* properly; but a great defect to do it incorrectly.

Jacob worshiped his Creator, leaning on the top of his *staff*.

We may place too little, as well as too much, stress upon dreams.

* A regular explanation of the Exercises in Parsing, would occupy a great portion of this volume; and, after all, would perhaps be of little use to the learner: a Key to Part I. is therefore omitted. General directions, respecting the mode of Parsing, may be seen in the *twelfth*, or any subsequent, edition of the Duodecimo Grammar, page 215. The reader may also peruse pages 42 to 52 of the Second Volume of the third, or any later, edition of the OCTAVO Grammar.