



Grammatical Insanity Exercise

DP and complete the following form, in ink. Read each line carefully, using rhyme to help you supply the missing word.

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is _____,
But the plural of ox becomes _____, not oxes.
One fowl is a goose, but two are called _____,
Yet the plural of _____ should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of _____,
Yet the plural of house is _____, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called _____,
Why shouldn't the plural of _____ be called pen?
If I speak of my foot and show you my _____,
And I give you a _____, would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are _____,
Why shouldn't the plural of _____ be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be _____,
Yet _____ in the plural would never be hose,
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.

Now the masculine pronouns are he, _____, and _____,
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!
But she, _____, and _____, are the pronouns we render
Whenever referring to the feminine _____.

And why is it that writers _____ and singers sing,
But at least in English, fingers don't fing,

We speak of a _____ and also of brethren,
And though we say _____, we never say methren.

And, in closing, one more thing I wish we drop
If Mother's not Mop, why should Father be Pop?