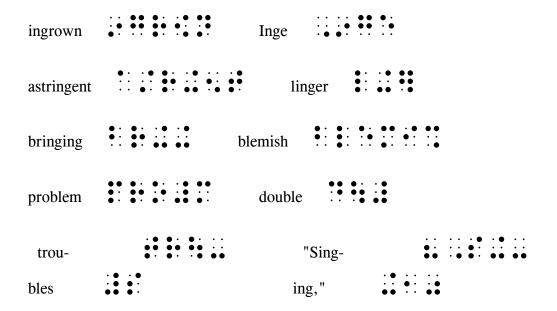
RULE XII — ONE-CELL PART-WORD SIGNS

Sign	Contraction	Sign	Contraction	Sign	Contraction
••	and	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	sh	· • · · • ·	st
•••	for	• • • • • •	th	· • · •	ar
• •	of	• · · • · •	wh	· • · •	ble
· • • ·	the	••	ed	· • · ·	ing
	with	••	er	· · ·	en
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	ch	•••	ou	· · · • ·	in
• •	gh	· •	ow		

38. The one-cell signs above must be used as parts of words wherever the letters they represent occur, except when specific rules limit their use. (See Rule X.) Ex:

stand	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	••••	often	• · · • · · · • · · · · · · · · · · · ·
theater	· • • · · • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	without		
cherish	• · • • · • • • • · · · · · · · · · · ·	wharf	• · · • • • · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
showerin	ng	allow	able :: 8	
sighed	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	invent		•

a. The contractions for "ble" and "ing" must never begin a word. However, they may be used in the middle or at the end of a word, and at the beginning of a line in a divided word. Ex:



b. The part-word contractions "and," "for," "of," "the," and "with" should be used in preference to other contractions, provided their use does not waste space. **Ex:**

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office (not "ff")

bathed (not "th" "ed")

other (not "th" "er")

then (not "th" "en")

calisthenics (not "th" "en")

Leander (not "ea")

Leander (not "ea")
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wither (not "the")

thence (not "the")

afford (not "ff")
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c. The contraction for "st" may be used for the abbreviations St. (Saint) or St. (Street); however, the contraction may not be used if print omits the period. **Ex:**

- **d.** Part-word signs which have no whole-word meanings may be contracted when they stand alone, e.g., "Ed" (name), "er" (vocal sound), "Ow!" (exclamation). However, the contractions for "en" and "sh" must not be used alone, since these contractions represent the whole-words for "enough" and "shall."
- **e.** In proper names, when the letters "gh," "sh," and "th" are pronounced as one sound, these contractions should be used. However, where a syllable division occurs between these letters, the contractions should not be used. **Ex:**

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Townshend ("sh" pronounced in second syllable)

Brigham

Chatham

Chisholm
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