

## *A Word*

### *The Needs of Needs*

The needs of *needs* are fairly fraught –  
But who remembers being taught?  
And yet, we all correctly guess  
Whenever *needs* won't need that *S*.

And why, untaught, do we know better  
Than they who may misplace a letter?  
We say – hurray! – *he needs*, but what  
Then insists on *he need not*?

Who decided to decree  
This *S* dispensability?