The Parser

This implements the basic s-expression syntax along with some sugar, like let bindings.

The result of one of the top-level parsing functions is a Parser (Expr a) value from which the Expr value may be extracted and given to the evaluator.

This is probably sub-optimal; parsec is a harsh master.

```
module Parser where
```

Booleans are represented by the atoms #t and #f.

```
parseBoolean :: Parser (Expr a)
parseBoolean = do
    char '#'
    b <- char 't' <|> char 'f'
    case b of
        't' -> return $ Free $ ABoolean True
        'f' -> return $ Free $ ABoolean False
```

Symbols are like "atoms" in other lisps or Erlang. They are equivalent only to themselves and have no intrinsic value. They are mostly used to bind values in lambda abstractions.

Lamba abstractions, or *functions*. A function definition is a list of symbols to bind to the elements of the argument list, and a psilo expression to evaluate in the context of the arguments.

```
parseFn :: Parser (Expr a)
parseFn = do
    reserved "\\"
    optional whitespace
    (Free (AList arg)) <- parens parseQuotedList
    optional whitespace
    body <- parseExpr
    return $ Free $ ALambda (expr2symlist arg) body</pre>
```

let bindings are formally equivalent to wrapping an expression in an outer closure and immediately evaluating it, like so:

```
parseLetBinding :: Parser (Expr a)
parseLetBinding = do
    optional whitespace
    sym <- parseSymbol
    optional whitespace
    val <- parseExpr
    return $ Free . AList $ [sym, val]

parseLetBindings :: Parser (Expr a)
parseLetBindings = fmap (Free . AList) $ parens parseLetBinding `sepBy` whitespace

parseLet :: Parser (Expr a)
parseLet = do
    reserved "let"
    optional whitespace
    (Free (AList assns)) <- parens parseLetBindings</pre>
```

```
body <- parseExpr <|> return (Free (AList []))
(args,operands) <- (flip mapAndUnzipM) assns $ \(Free (AList (x:y:_))) -> return (x,y)
operands' <- return $ Free $ AList operands
fun <- return $ Free $ ALambda (expr2symlist args) body
return $ Free (AApply fun operands')</pre>
```

The application of a function to a list of arguments, a single symbol, or an arbitrary expression value.

Regular list created by the quote (') operator. Enters a state where everything is treated as a literal - no applications allowed.

```
parseQuotedList :: Parser (Expr a)
parseQuotedList = fmap (Free . AList) $ parseExprInQuote `sepBy` whitespace
```

Similar to a quoted list, except a comma operator (,) may be used to go back into a state where application is allowed.

```
parseUnquotable :: Parser (Expr a)
parseUnquotable = fmap (Free . AList) $ parseExprInQuasi `sepBy` whitespace
```

Many things may be quoted, not just lists.

```
parseQuote :: Parser (Expr a)
parseQuote = do
    x <- parseSymbol <|> parseNumber <|> parens parseQuotedList
    return $ (Free . AList) [(Free . ASymbol) "quote", x]
```

You can quasi-quote anything you can quote, though this is of dubious utility.

```
parseQuasi :: Parser (Expr a)
parseQuasi = do
    x <- parseSymbol <|> parseNumber <|> parens parseUnquotable
    return $ (Free . AList) [(Free . ASymbol) "quasi", x]
parseComma :: Parser (Expr a)
parseComma = do
    x <- parseSymbol <|> parseExpr
   return $ (Free . AList) [(Free . ASymbol) "comma", x]
Top level expression parser
parseExpr :: Parser (Expr a)
parseExpr = parseBoolean
        <|> parseSymbol
        <|> parseNumber
        <|> (try (char '\'') >> parseQuote)
        <|> (try (char '`') >> parseQuasi)
        <|> parens ( parseFn <|> parseLet <|> parseApp )
Expression parser inside a quoted list
parseExprInQuote :: Parser (Expr a)
parseExprInQuote = parseBoolean
               <|> parseSymbol
               <|> parseNumber
               <|> (try (char '\'') >> parseQuote)
               <|> parens ( parseQuotedList )
Expression parser inside a quasiquoted list
parseExprInQuasi :: Parser (Expr a)
parseExprInQuasi = parseBoolean
               <|> parseSymbol
               <|> parseNumber
               <|> (try (reserved "'") >> parseQuote)
               <|> (try (reserved "`" ) >> parseQuasi)
               <|> (try (char ',') >>
                                           parseComma)
               <|> parens ( parseUnquotable )
contents :: Parser a -> Parser a
contents p = do
   whitespace
   r <- p
    eof
    return r
```

```
topLevel :: Parser [Expr a]
topLevel = many $ do
    x <- parseExpr
    return x

doParse :: String -> Either ParseError (Expr a)
doParse s = parse (contents parseExpr) "<stdin>" s

parseTopLevel :: String -> Either ParseError [Expr a]
parseTopLevel s = parse (contents topLevel) "<stdin>" s
```