



Notice this is not the same kind of **head incorporation** used earlier. The mechanics of the operation are left up to the **strategy**. In this implementation, **select** of a `cPdat[pdat]` category causes the *selectee* to restructure, essentially eliminating the PP shell[^strategyimpl]. Since **stage_25** is still in a “react” state, as a result of the **merge**, it will attempt its final **=D[] probe** on its **constituents** list (as there are no items in the **lexical array**). What happens here depends greatly on implementation details.

The obvious thing to happen is for the probe to work backward through the **constituents** array (as this directly corresponds to hierarchy). In this case, the **probe** will find a match on **Mary** and stop, ultimately crashing the derivation (as there are no more D-category items in the **derivations** remaining inventory of lexical items). This will happen again at the T stage - the T probe will find **Mary** first and stop. T will never find a match for its **selector** feature (an EPP violation) and **John** will never get case. The derivation will assemble a complete tree, but with unvalued features. The interfaces will reject the result.

There are plausible ways to save the derivation, however. One could model a system where