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PREFACE.

THIS book, containing more than *six thousand* test-words for spelling and pronunciation, is designed to supply a want long felt by school-examiners, teachers, and advanced pupils in all grades of schools.

The book will be found convenient by teachers and superintendents in selecting words for tests in examination, as well as for imparting instruction in both orthography and orthoepy.

It will be found convenient by such others also as are desirous of spelling correctly, and of pronouncing our language according to the best usage of cultured English-speaking people.

The selection of a number of words for spelling or pronunciation, or both, as a daily exercise, will prove not only an excellent discipline, but will also serve to correct many popular errors, particularly in pronunciation, even among educated people.

The plan of the book may be readily learned by a brief examination of its contents.

The alphabetic arrangement will make it convenient as a work of reference.

The definitions given to the words are not meant to be

comprehensive. They are inserted merely that the meaning of the word may not be mistaken. If a more critical definition is desired, the student should refer to the dictionary.

To the test-words is added a short discussion of geographical names and affixes, with the hope of awakening an interest in the use and signification of names. The list thus given, though brief, will prove of great value in creating an interest in classes studying history or geography.

In compiling the book the latest editions of Webster and Worcester have been taken as authority, but the latest and most reliable British orthoepists also have been consulted to confirm American authorities.

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PART I.

TEST-WORDS FOR SPELLING.

Ab er'rance , a deviation from truth.	Ab struse' , difficult to understand.
Ab er ra'tion , a wandering.	A bu'ti lon , a kind of shrub.
A bet'tor , one who abets; an accomplice.	A byss' , a bottomless depth.
A bey'ance (-bā-), expectation.	Ab ys sin'i an , a native of Abyssinia.
Ab lu'tion , the act of washing.	A ca'ci a (-kă'shī-), a shrub.
Ab nor'mal , irregular.	A cad'e my , a school.
Ab o rig'i nes (-rij-), the first inhabitants.	Ac cel'er ate (ăk sĕl'-), to hasten.
A brade' , to rub off.	Ac cep'tant , one who accepts.
A bra'dant , that which abrades.	Ac cess'i ble , easy of access.
A bridg'ment (-brĭj-), a shortening.	Ac cil'mate , to habituate to a climate.
Ab'scess (-sĕs), a collection of pus.	Ac cil'ma tize , same as <i>Acclimated</i> .
Ab sol'sion (-sĭzh-), the act of cutting off.	Ac oliv'i ty , a slope.
Ab'sence , a being away.	Ac com'pa ni ment , that which accompanies.
Ab sinthe' (-sĭnth), a cordial of brandy and wormwood.	Ac com'plice , an assistant.
Ab ste'mi ous , sparing in diet.	Ac cor'di on , a musical instrument.
Ab'sti nence , the act of abstaining.	Ac count'ant , one skilled in accounts.

- Al lege's ble** (-*lej*-), that may be alleged.
Al le'gi ance, loyalty.
Al'leys, passage-ways or streets.
Al li ga'tion, a tying together.
All'spice, the berry of the pimento.
Ally', a confederate.
Allys'sum, a kind of flower.
Al lies', confederates.
Al'mond (*ã'mund*), a nut.
Al'oe (*ã'l'õ*), a plant.
Al pao'a, a kind of cloth.
Al'tar, a communion-table.
Al'ter, to change.
Am a teur', one who has a taste for the arts.
Al've o lar, pertaining to the sockets of the teeth.
Am'ber gris (-*grees*), gray amber.
Am'bro type, a kind of picture.
Am'e thyst, a kind of quartz.
A mor'phous, without regular form.
Am phib'i ous, having two natures.
A myg'da loid, a kind of rock.
An a bap'tist, one who denies the validity of infant baptism.
An ach'ro nism (-*ãk*-), an error in computing time.
A nal'o gous, bearing resemblance.
A nal'y sis, a dissolving.
An'a lyze, to resolve into elements.
An'arch y, want of government.
- Anch'o rite**, a hermit.
An'cient (*ãn*-), old.
An'oil la ry, subordinate.
A nem'o ne, the wind-flower.
An'eu rism, a soft, pulsating tumor.
An'gli cism, an English idiom.
An'i line, a color.
An i mos'ity, enmity.
An'ise, a kind of plant.
An ni'hl ate, to reduce to nothing.
An'nu al, yearly.
An'nu tar, ring-shaped.
An'o dyne, stilling pain.
A noint', to spread over.
A nom'a lous, irregular.
A non'y mous, nameless.
A'n't, a contraction of *am not*.
An te ced'ent, preceding.
An'thra cite, a kind of coal.
An'ti mony, a metal.
An tip'o des, those on opposite sides of the globe.
An tique' (-*teek*), ancient.
An tiq'ui ty (-*ãk'wõ*-), ancient times.
An tith'e sis, contrast.
Ap'en nine, a ridge of the Alps.
Ap'erture, an opening.
Aph'o rism (*ãf*-), an axiom.
A poo'a lypse, disclosure.
A poo'ry phal, fictitious.
A pol'o gize, to make an apology.
A pol'o gy, an excuse.
A pos'ta sy, a desertion of one's principles.
A pos'tro phe, the mark used