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PREFACE.

THE following features, among others, will, it is believed, commend this spelling-book to the favor of teachers:—

1. The selection of the words. Only such as are met with in ordinary reading have been taken.
2. The classification and arrangement.
3. The dictation exercises.
4. The variety in the kind of lessons.
5. The treatment of the few really useful rules for English spelling.

The pronunciation is shown by the headings of the lessons, by marked letters, and by re-spelling whenever thought necessary.

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KEY TO THE MARKED LETTERS.

Vowels.

ā, āpe; ē, ēve; ī, Ice; ō, ōld; ū, ūse.
ä, äp; ö, öll; y, yn; ö, öp; u, ūp.

ä, ärm; ä, äst;		ô (= öö in ööze or ú in rúde), móve;
á (= aw), fáll;		ô (= ū) sôn;
á (= e in there), fáre;		öö, ööze.
ö (= ü in für and y in fir), här;		öö, gööd.
î (= ē or ee), machíne;		û (= öö in gööd), füll;
ö (= á or aw), ör;		û (= ô or öö), rúde.

Consonants.

ğ, get; ƒ (= gz), exámples; s (*italic*) = z, muse;
th (*italic*), thís; ch (*unmarked*), usúally as in chin.

VOWEL SOUNDS.

Long Vowels.

1. ē as in eve.
2. æ " ape.
3. ä " arm.
4. â " all.
5. ō " old.
6. oo " ooze.
7. ū* " urn.

Short Vowels.

8. ĭ as in ill.
9. ě " end.
10. ă " and.
11. ȝ " on.
12. ȝo " good.
13. ŭ " up.

Compound Vowels.

14. ī as in ice like $\overline{ä ē}$.
15. oi " oil " $\overline{ä ĭ}$.
16. ou " out " $\overline{ä oo}$.
17. ū " use " $\overline{y oo}$ or $\overline{ĭ oo}$.†
18. â " ask, past, class, dance.

This sound is not so thin as a in fat, nor so broad as a in far.

19. á as in fare, air, there.

Either short e prolonged before r (in England), or short a gliding into the sound of slight u before r (in the United States).

* This sound is a little longer and closer than its corresponding short sound, u, as in up.

† See Remarks in Lesson 66, page 40.

CONSONANT SOUNDS.

Vocal and Liquid.

r as in roar.

l " lull.

Vocal and Nasal.

m as in maim.

n " noon.

ng " hang.

Aspirates and Vocals.

s as in sun.

z " zeal.

sh " shall.

z(=zh) azure.

f " fife.

v " valve.

th " thin.

th " this.

p as in pipe.

b " babe.

t " tent.

d " did.

k " kick.

g " gag.

ch " church.

j " judge.

Vowel Consonants

y as in yard.

w " war.

Pure Aspirate.

h as in hut.

wh = hw.

ROMAN AND SCRIPT ALPHABETS.

A	a	<i>A</i>	<i>a</i>	N	n	<i>N</i>	<i>n</i>
B	b	<i>B</i>	<i>b</i>	O	o	<i>O</i>	<i>o</i>
C	c	<i>C</i>	<i>c</i>	P	p	<i>P</i>	<i>p</i>
D	d	<i>D</i>	<i>d</i>	Q	q	<i>Q</i>	<i>q</i>
E	e	<i>E</i>	<i>e</i>	R	r	<i>R</i>	<i>r</i>
F	f	<i>F</i>	<i>f</i>	S	s	<i>S</i>	<i>s</i>
G	g	<i>G</i>	<i>g</i>	T	t	<i>T</i>	<i>t</i>
H	h	<i>H</i>	<i>h</i>	U	u	<i>U</i>	<i>u</i>
I	i	<i>I</i>	<i>i</i>	V	v	<i>V</i>	<i>v</i>
J	j	<i>J</i>	<i>j</i>	W	w	<i>W</i>	<i>w</i>
K	k	<i>K</i>	<i>k</i>	X	x	<i>X</i>	<i>x</i>
L	l	<i>L</i>	<i>l</i>	Y	y	<i>Y</i>	<i>y</i>
M	m	<i>M</i>	<i>m</i>	Z	z	<i>Z</i>	<i>z</i>

SPELLING LESSONS.

FIRST SECTION.

1.

a in mat.

back	<i>back</i>	shall	<i>shall</i>
sack	<i>sack</i>	scalp	<i>scalp</i>
lack	<i>lack</i>	scan	<i>scan</i>
black	<i>black</i>	scant	<i>scant</i>
slack	<i>slack</i>	cramp	<i>cramp</i>
smack	<i>smack</i>	thank	<i>thank</i>
track	<i>track</i>	prank	<i>prank</i>
quack	<i>quack</i>	chap	<i>chap</i>
act	<i>act</i>	scrap	<i>scrap</i>
fact	<i>fact</i>	crash	<i>crash</i>
tact	<i>tact</i>	sash	<i>sash</i>
tract	<i>tract</i>	flax	<i>flax</i>